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Town trying to hold tax line

Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan Friday unveiled the town's first computerized budget, designed to provide more information as the town board mulled its decisions. But the new budget still has a few blanks — and no bottom line.

However, some old-fashion pen and paper calculations indicate that if there is a tax increase in the general and highway funds this year it will be fairly small, probably under a dollar. Both the water and sewer rates should see more substantial increases as the town begins to pay off major

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improvements in those systems.

The current general town and highway tax rate is \$26.62 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

In presenting his tentative 1985 budget to the town board, Corrigan reported a projected increase of 7.3 percent in the general fund, up \$354,100 to \$5.22 million, and a projected increase of 3.5 percent in the highway fund, up \$64,300 to \$1.92 million. He

added, however, that he is recommending an across-the-board six percent increase for all non-union town employees (the town and PBA are currently negotiating a new contract), an amount not included in the tentative budget numbers.

Balancing those increases are projected revenue gains — a gain of 3½ percent in the town's total assessed valuation which adds an estimated \$76,000 to the general and highway funds, \$200,000 to \$222,000 more in county sales tax revenue, a \$25,000 hike in mort-

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New Scotland decrease seen

By Theresa Bobear

Members of the New Scotland Town board received copies of a tentative 1985 budget last Wednesday to study and revise before presenting a preliminary budget to the public at an Oct. 30 hearing. According to the tentative budget figures, residents of New Scotland who do not live in the Village of Voorheesville could expect a tax rate of \$32.90 for 1985, down from

\$33.22 last year.

If the tentative budget remains unchanged, the tax rate for the entire town will be \$21.57 plus \$11.33 for the part of the town not within the boundaries of Voorheesville. In 1984 the town wide tax rate was \$20.17 and the part town tax rate was \$13.05.

A tentative total of \$399,220.58 is listed as the total taxes to be collected. Last year the town

raised \$389,375.95 in taxes. The proposed increase is largely attributed to the proposed 6 percent wage increase for appointed employees and payments for closing the landfill, Supervisor Steve Wallace said. The town plans to pay for the \$300,000 closing of the landfill during the next five years.

The assessed value of property (Turn to Page 6)



Forming their own constituency, Daniel Winters, 5, left, his sister Jessica, 4, and Heather Tice, 5, took a break from the body politic at the annual New Scotland Democratic steak roast in New Salem Sunday. Daniel and Jessica are great-grandchildren of town councilman Kenneth Tice, former town chairman, and Heather is a grandchild.
Tom Howes

A weekend house raising brings out the neighbors

By Caroline Terenzini
"I'm going to sleep THERE tonight," said Calvin Harter with a gesture toward the shell of a three-bedroom home erected over the weekend on Orchard Hill Rd. in Unionville. The roof trusses were up and there was a good chance the windows would go in

that day, so that Harter, laboring in the October sunshine, could indeed spend his first night in the family's new home.

Young Erik Harter also hoped to be under a roof finally, after a summer spent mostly in a tent. The tent he had shared with his stepbrother Michael has seen better days and the thought of a

floor below and a roof overhead brought forth a big grin. Richard, 17, who was in charge of the tape player, also wore a happy smile as he watched the roof go on. After months living in a loaned camper, the family, now at six members with newborn Matthew, found special joy in the weekend house-raising.

Eight months ago a tragic fire claimed the lives of Laura Harter, 2, and Laverne Weatherwax, her grandfather. Now, 50 yards from the charred remains of their former home, the Harters, aided by friends and neighbors, were seeing a new home go up. The tragedy that struck the family had drawn offers of aid from many quarters, including members of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and of the Onesquethaw Fire Department, and many were on hand Saturday when the first nail was driven by Patricia Harter.

The house is a super-insulated prefabricated design developed at the Rensselaerville Institute, in Rensselaerville, after Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma asked the institute for help with housing. The prefabs are being manufactured and marketed by Pond Hill Homes in Blairsville, Pa., a company in business only a year. In addition to simplified construction that calls for super-insulated panels to be attached to a post-and-beam frame, the house promises energy bills of around \$200 during the heating season. In fact, the house is so air-tight that an air-to-air heat exchanger is provided in the package, to bring fresh air into the home. The house was attractive to the Harters for its energy-efficiency and also because of its cost.

Joe VanValkenburg of Clarks-ville, who is construction foreman on the job for Van Woert and Sons of Delmar, and who donated his time over the weekend for the

house-raising, called the construction technique "ideal." If everything keeps to schedule, the family should be in by Nov. 1, he said. VanValkenburg, also a volunteer firefighter, was on the scene last February when the devastating fire struck.

Work on the new home began Sept. 20, according to a photo album the family is putting together, and the Pond Hill Homes truck delivered all the necessary pieces Oct. 5. Mason Ed Duncan "dropped everything" to get the foundation ready, VanValkenburg said. Mrs. Harter said she hadn't known the date of the house-raising until she read about it in the Oct. 3 *Spotlight*. Word also went out in other quarters, so that Peter Tonge, a staff writer for *The Christian Science Monitor* in Boston, who had written about Pond Hill Homes, came to observe Saturday . . . and stayed to help.

A number of others came to observe Saturday, including local television camera crews, but by Sunday things had calmed down considerably. In fact, it was possible to joke a little by then: "What'd you do with the 2-by-4s?" one worker asked. "Build a fort?" Patricia Harter had dashed out to buy 10 boxes of doughnuts for the raising Saturday, and, by Sunday, Erik Harter could say, "I'm sick of doughnuts!"

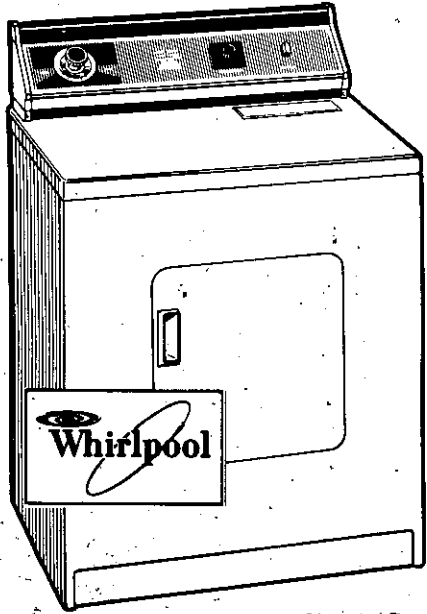
Calvin Harter, who is a truck driver in Selkirk, is just glad to see the house going up. "I'm going to sleep THERE tonight."



It's almost up! Sunday afternoon found Calvin and Patricia Harter and friends well along on last

Sunday's house-raising project on New Scotland South Rd.
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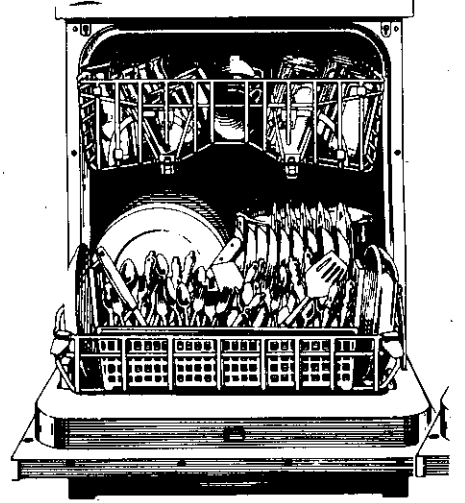
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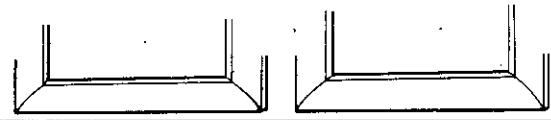


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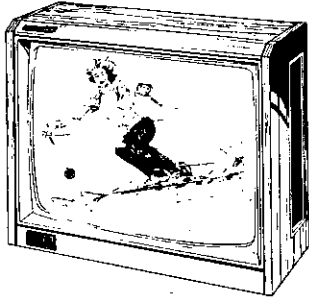
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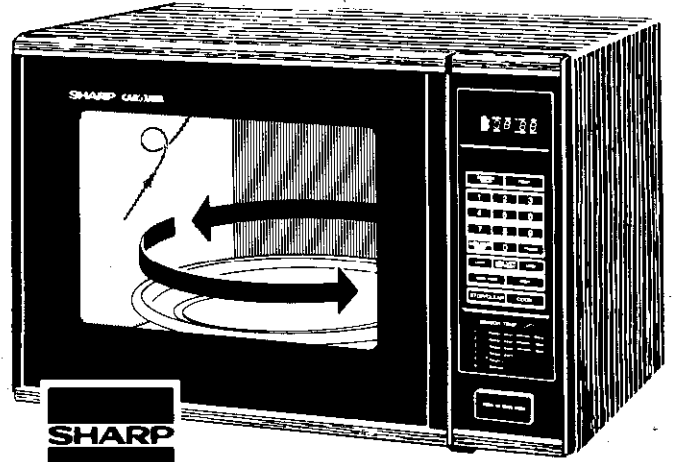
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Challenge study group set

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem Central School District's Challenge Program Review Committee is scheduled to get down to brass tacks Thursday evening in a meeting at the Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar. The school board last Wednesday officially appointed the nine-member panel that is to review the three-year-old enrichment program for the district's "exceptionally capable" students.

Members of the committee chosen as representatives of community residents who do not have children in the schools are Sherwood Davies, John Klim and Reynard McClusky; members with children in school are Karen Fein, Susanne Hudacs and John Kaplan, and members who volunteered from the staff are Penelope Heath and Evonne Lutkus, teachers, and Slingerlands School Principal David Murphy.

In other business, the board asked Superintendent Lawrence Zinn for more information before discussing any change in policy concerning charges for use of school facilities. The board's written policy now requires charging groups, including school

parent organizations, for custodial services when they are using district facilities for fund-raising events. Beverly McGrath, president of the Glenmont School Parent-Teacher Association, had asked the board to give school-related volunteer organizations a "financial break" and also to provide "clear guidelines" for implementation of its policy. The Glenmont PTA had donated more than \$8,000 to the school in the past two years, she said, so that charges by the district of more than \$200 for the PTA's use of the building last year had created some feelings of ill will.

Zinn said no alternative fee system to cover the district's costs that would be fair to all groups had been developed, but "we'll keep hammering away at it trying to find something." The board tabled discussion of the policy until its Oct. 17 meeting.

The board also:

- Agreed to repay \$72,490 to the state in 10 annual installments beginning next March, a payment required because of the district's intended withdrawal from the state health insurance program. The withdrawal is subject to approval of the Bethlehem Central Tea-

cher's Association, which is being negotiated now. The money was given the district in 1977-78 from the state's health insurance program reserve fund in lieu of some state aid, hence must be repaid on withdrawal.

- Accepted the report of auditors for the year ended June 30 with the comment by board member Robert Ruslander that business administrator Franz Zwicklbauer should be commended because, despite "difficult times during the past year, the report shows we're on a good basis."

- Heard a report from Assistant Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews on two models for effective teaching that about a dozen district staff members had studied this summer. McAndrews, English supervisor Eugene Duffy and math supervisor Phil Gibbons were among presenters at the summer workshop.

- Appointed Christopher Rutschmann as a part-time physical education teacher at the Clarksville Elementary School. Rutschmann has a bachelor's degree from the State University College at Cortland.



Planning the Oct. 16 Bethlehem Central High School Open House are, from left, Damon Woo, student representative; Tom Cunningham, faculty representative; Tania Stasiuk, student representative and Martha Memmott, president. Tom Howes

Caution the word

The Bethlehem Central School District, which had \$390,000 invested through Lion Capital Group when it went bankrupt this spring, is investing the nearly \$12.3 million it has received from district taxpayers this fall only with banks.

Franz Zwicklbauer, district business administrator, said the funds will be in accounts with acceptable collateral that will be under the district's control. In litigation stemming from the Lion investment, collateral is to be one of the issues to be resolved. Zwicklbauer said this fall's investment strategy represents a change "in that we're not doing any repos (repossession agreements such as the district had with Lion) and we're not dealing with anyone other than banks."

An annual audit report by Teal Becker & Chiamonte, Albany, termed the problem with the Lion investments as "not easily avoidable," and noted that the investment advisor "was described as suitable by the state comptroller's office."

Zwicklbauer Tuesday was scheduled to get interest rate bids from four banks on "a big chunk" of tax revenue that was transferred to the district from the town tax collector on Friday. (Oct. 1 was the last day to pay without penalty.) The banks being asked for bids are Key Bank, Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank and Manufacturers Hanover, institutions that "had been the most competitive in the past," Zwicklbauer said. Maturities have been scheduled between 25 and 67 days, he said.

The business administrator reported that the \$2.5 million paid before the last minute had been placed with Chase Manhattan at a rate of 10½ to 10%.

A six-member investment policy advisory group for the district is scheduled to have its second meeting Thursday. The ad hoc group is gathering information in order to propose investment guidelines to the board.

Shot by arrow

A 10-year-old Selkirk boy was taken to St. Peter's Hospital Sunday afternoon after he was hit in the hand by an arrow, Bethlehem police reported. Their investigation revealed that two boys, ages 12 and 13, were playing with a bow and arrows in a nearby field and that the injury had been accidental. Three stitches were required to close the wound, according to the report. The older boy's parents were informed of the incident by police.

Driver gives chase

When a car collided with his car and then sped away, a Delmar man gave chase Friday evening, but lost his quarry near a Guilderland mall, according to Bethlehem police reports. Bethlehem officers located the fugitive car at the mall and took the driver into custody. He faces charges of driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor, failure to keep right, leaving a scene of an accident and driving while his license was suspended, the report said.

BCHS open house set

The Bethlehem Central High School Community Organization will sponsor an open house for parents of high school students on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. Parents will have an opportunity to follow their student's schedule on an abbreviated basis.

In announcing plans for the open house, BCBS-CO president Martha Memmott discussed the newly reorganized committee. "We expanded our board this year to include more segments of the community with high school concerns. We have two students and a Chamber of Commerce businessman plus increased faculty representation. Our goal is to increase the number of projects which will support the high school educational program."

Serving on the 1984-85 are Martha Memmott, president; Pam Taft, vice president; Barbara Bartoletti, secretary; Pat Fritts, treasurer; Charles Gunner, principal; and Ann Marie Pryle and Tom Cunningham, faculty members. Also serving on the board are Asta Roberts, faculty alternate, Thomas thorsen, representative of the business community, and students Tania Stasiuk and Damon Woo. High school parents serving on the board include Maureen Bartkus, Holly Billings, Lois Dorman, Sherry Einhorn, Madelon Kesselman, Lynne Perry, Sally Peyrebrune, Elizabeth Pratt, Gloria Rivenburgh, Mary Ellen Saba and Carolyn Tweedie.

Board meetings are listed on the Bethlehem Central School District calendar and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

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When they fought the battle of Slingerlands

by William F. Howard

Although opposing armies have ever disturbed the peaceful serenity of Slingerlands, a "battle" of sorts did take place on the rolling fields of the village in 1895. In his book, *Seventy-Five Years With the Tenth Regiment Infantry*, New York National Guard published in 1935, Maj. Clarence J. Martin recalled the details of military manouevers in Slingerlands just a few years prior to United State involvement in the Spanish-American War.

Maj. Martin remembered: "The Tenth battalion held a practice march on Aug. 9, 1895; which lasted a week, called the Battle of Slingerlands and everybody had a good time. Detailed with the battalion on this occasion was Captain N.B. Thurston, 22nd Engineers, Lieutenant Wood, Inspector of Rifle Practice, Major Hilton of the Third Brigade staff and Colonel G. James Green.

"The first camp was pitched at McKownsville on the outskirts of Albany. It took an hour and a half to get up the tents and then the men did not have anything to do until dinner time. The cooks were a half hour late serving a meal which consisted of pea soup, roast beef, stewed tomatoes, potatoes, apple pie and coffee. In the afternoon Major Stacpole gave the men their first taste of outpost duty. The day had been hot but the first night it was cold and practically all members of the battalion spent their time around the cook fires.

"... The second leg of the hike took the battalion to Guilderland Center, which was reached at 10:30 a.m. An extended order drill was held in the afternoon. That night the band gave a concert. The battalion camped near Voorheesville on the third day.

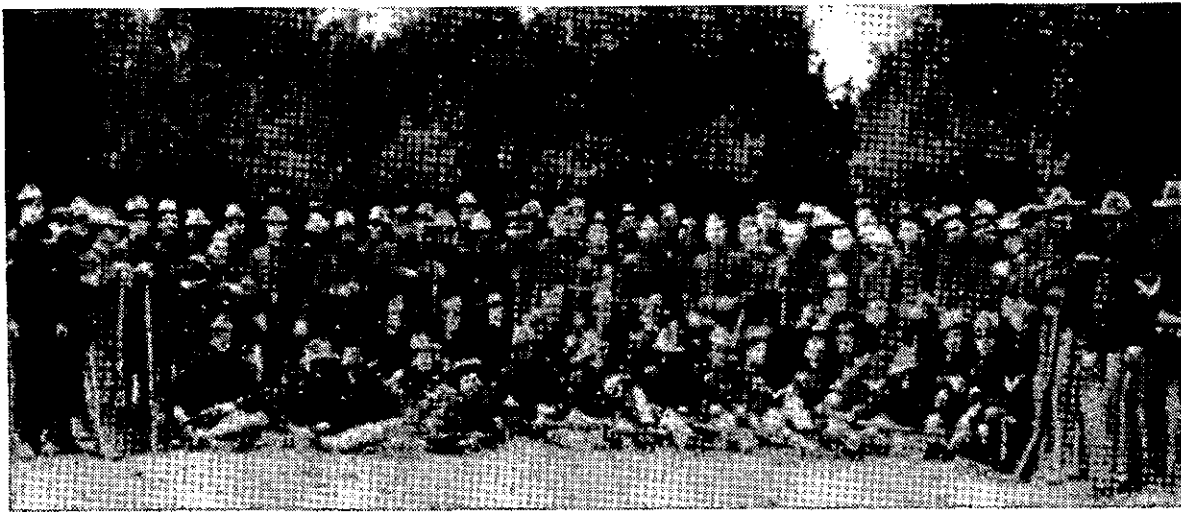
"On the fourth day, Aug. 22, the battalion neared its objective, Slingerland. The sun was up and

hot when the march started at 9 a.m. and a rather fast past was set. There were several cases of sore feet and a few cases of exhaustion before the camping place was reached at 11:30 o'clock. It was not until 3 o'clock that dinner was served but it was worth waiting for when mess call finally sounded. Just as the meal was over, Fred Hinckel showed up with a load of beer but Colonel Fitch put it on ice and kept it there until supper time.

"There was an early reveille on the morning of August 23. Company D had its breakfast and marched out of camp. Details from the other companies were sent out on every road. There were rumors afloat that the enemy was approaching in numbers and the battalion could not let that happen without knowing something about it and sent out scouts. It was said the enemy was after the beer which was left over from the night before.

"The scouts did not find the enemy, for he suddenly appeared on the top of the hill overlooking the camp in the person of Captain Denison and the members of Company D and they fired a volley of blank cartridges right into the Battalion. The slaughter was terrible. The sharpshooters of the enemy had singled out the staff officers, who made good targets because of their gaudy uniforms.

"Colonel Fitch ordered Major Stacpole to deploy his battalion and attack the enemy. As the battalion moved forward the enemy charged down the hill directly into it, but in doing so lost its left wing. A soldier who had sore feet was placed as guard over the prisoners. The right wing retreated, the battalion sent in its reserves, drove back the beer seeking enemy, and Slingerland was saved. You can visit the place anyway."



Photograph of Company A, First N.Y. Infantry. Many of the men in this photo participated in the taken during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Slingerlands encampment.

The "battle" of Slingerlands was a bloodless affair, a military exercise turned comedysideshow. Still, the operation was not without its redeeming qualities in training and preparing the citizen soldier for the battlefield. Many of the guardsmen involved in the Slingerlands march later played important roles in the Spanish-American War. George E. Graham, a former member of the Tenth Battalion, was the Associated Press correspondent aboard Commodore Schley's flagship, *Brooklyn*, during the battle of Santiago Bay. Graham's wire service account of the fight later inspired a Congressional investigation.

Although it has been 89 years since the Tenth Battalion marched into the Town of Bethlehem and encamped at Slingerlands to wage their peculiar battle for the brew, the story of the time the soldiers came to town still survives. While it may be a humorous footnote to local history, it is sad to reflect that so many of the men who once tramped the local landscape playing soldier would find their spirits

tested in real war not two years later on the shores of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Israeli festival planned

The Israeli Chassidic Song and Dance Festival, sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the auditorium of the Capital District Psychiatric Center, New Scotland Ave., Albany.

The group will present a program of popular Israeli music. \$5 and \$7 tickets may be obtained by calling 438-6651.

AARP meets

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

Dr. Arnold Rapaport and Chris Raffo will give a slide presentation about hearing problems entitled "Have You Heard."

Peace breakfast

The Delmar Peace Breakfast group will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. At the meeting, Gus Cadieux will discuss his planned trip to Nicaragua as a "witness for peace." The group, which welcomes newcomers, also will discuss its garage sale planned for Oct. 20. For information, call 439-2941.

Higher math

A workshop about Spreadsheet, a program that turns the Apple microcomputer into an automated calculator, will be held at Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. To register for the free program, call 439-9314.

Flu shots available

The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, in Albany is offering flu vaccinations on weekdays from 10 a.m. until noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. through Oct. 26. To schedule an appointment for the \$3 vaccine call 465-4771.

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League schedules candidate forums

The Albany County League of Women Voters will host a series of candidates' forums during October to help voters learn about the views of the candidates.

New Scotland residents will have an opportunity to hear Richard J. Connors, Paul Silverstein and Will Korn, candidates for the 104th district assembly seat, speak at Albany Public Library on Oct. 24 at noon.

Howard C. Nolan, Joseph Frangella and G. Scott Morgan, candidates for the 42nd district senate seat, which covers all of Albany County, will gather at the Christ Lutheran Church in Albany on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The candidates for Albany County family court judge, Anthony

POLITICS

Cardonna and Dennis Irwin, will meet at Harmanus Bleeker Hall, Albany Public Library, on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem residents will have an opportunity to hear Clarence Lane and Michael Yusko, Jr., candidates for the 102nd district assembly seat, at the Bethlehem Public Library on Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. That meeting will be telecast later on the Bethlehem channel.

The Albany County League of Women Voters will provide voters with a non-partisan summary of the candidates' views on major issues entitled "Facts For Voters."



Newly elected officers of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee are, from left, James R. Boyle, treasurer; Susan Shipherd, secretary; Arthur

Brown, vice chairman, and William Burkhard, chairman. The officers were elected last Tuesday night at the Starlite Inn. Tom Howes

Extra lines for 2

Two Democratic candidates have picked up additional lines on the Nov. 6 ballot, one by turning back a strong challenge from his Republican opponent and the other with a petition drive.

After weeks of court deliberations, incumbent County Court Judge John G. Turner Jr. last week was ruled the winner of the Conservative primary, ending the challenge of Steven M. Gates, the Glenmont attorney who is his Republican challenger. Gates had succeeded in getting enough of the primary vote thrown out to draw ahead in the race, but absentee ballots put Turner in by two votes.

In the 102nd state assembly district, Democrat Michael Yusko

has announced that he has filed petitions with 2,443 signatures for an independent line on the ballot. Yusko, who is mayor of Hudson, said the heavily Republican district is almost one third independent voters. The 102nd covers all of Greene County, part of Columbia County and the Town of Bethlehem in Albany County and is represented by Republican Larry Lane, who is running for reelection.

Equipment on display

In observance of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 7 to 13), members of the five Bethlehem fire departments Thursday will display and demonstrate equipment, including eight fire units, two ambulance units, a rescue van, a snorkel and a jaws of life. The equipment will be at the Delaware Plaza parking lot from 7 to 9 p.m. Visitors will see the jaws of life pry open a car.

Quilters meet

Quilters United In Learning Together (QUILT) will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Nancy Halpin of Notch, Mass., will speak about "Nature, Landscapes and Quilting." A \$3 guest fee will be collected at this meeting.

GOP stands pat

Obviously unwilling to break up a winning combination, the Bethlehem Republican Committee retained its entire slate of officers for another two-year term at its biannual election meeting last week.

Reelected were Delmar attorney Bernard Kaplowitz as chairman, Thomas W. Scherer of Slingerlands as vice chairman, Kathleen Becker of Delmar as secretary and Dixon S. Welt, also a Delmar attorney as treasurer. The Bethlehem Republicans hold all local offices in the town.

Double-digit DWIs

It was like Grand Central Station around the Intoximeter at Bethlehem police headquarters this week, with 11 arrests for driving while intoxicated, all misdemeanors. In one case, an 18-year-old Albany resident was stopped on Delaware Ave., leading to violation reports being filed with the State Liquor Authority against the Delmar establishment where the underage imbibor told police he had been drinking.

In another DWI case, when a Spanish-speaking Albany driver was stopped, Bethlehem police had to ask a police official in Coeymans to act as an interpreter and to read the man his rights. However, when the man showed up to claim his car, which had been towed, authorities learned he could speak English, police said.

Food drive starts

On Oct. 12 and 13 the Albany County Emergency Food Task Force will hold its fall food drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shoppers will be asked to donate a food item for distribution to one of the 24 food pantries in Albany County. Volunteers may call 462-3459 for information. Donations can be made at Price Chopper, 20 Mall, and at Grand Union, Delmar.

Support group starts

St. Peter's Hospital will be offering a new program called SHARE — Source of Help in

Airing and Resolving Experiences — to all parents who have experienced the loss of a baby through early infant death, stillbirth or miscarriage.



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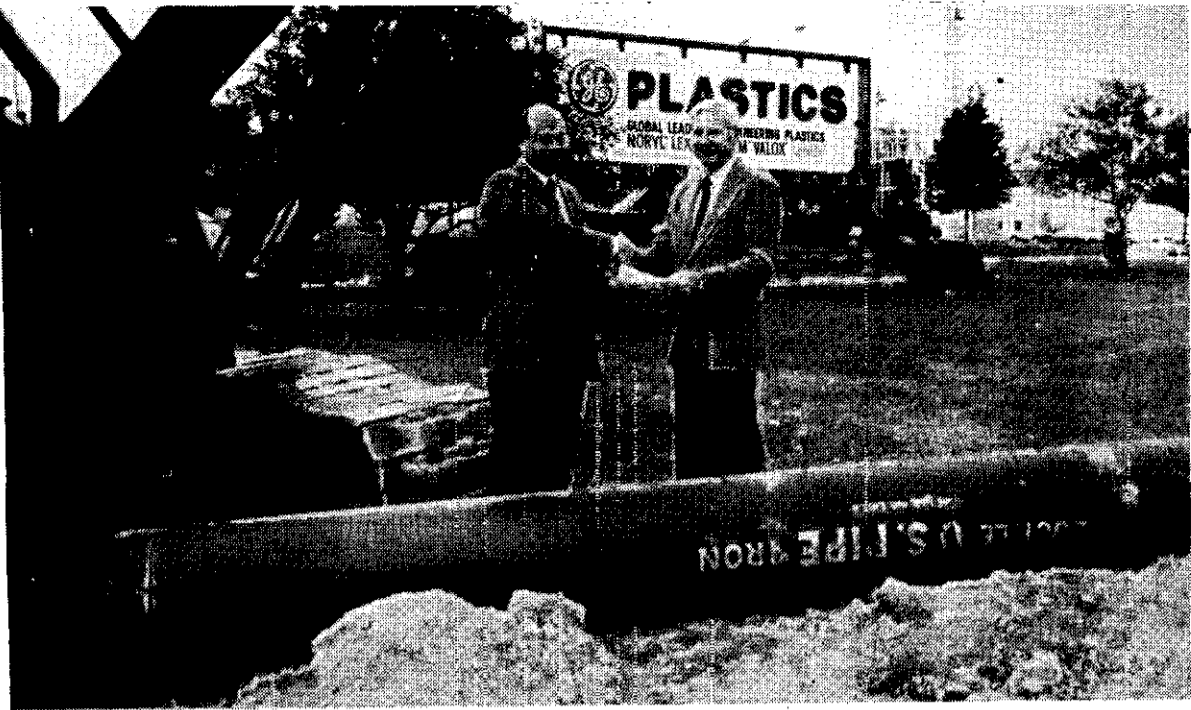
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Philip Gross, General Electric vice president and general manager of the company's Selkirk plant, poses with Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan as

construction gets under way on a second connection hooking the Bethlehem water system to the Albany system.

Woodhill plans get one more approval

The Bethlehem Planning Board granted conditional preliminary approval to Vincent Riemma for his proposed Woodhill subdivision of approximately 90 lots off Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont at last week's meeting. Riemma will be required to comply with modifications developed during the State Environmental Quality Review process.

The board held two public hearings. After a hearing consider a three-lot subdivision for lands owned by Gertrude Prater and located in an AB zone at Hoyt Ave. and Center La., off Kenwood Ave., the board granted conditional final approval of the subdivision.

The board took no action following a public hearing to consider a proposed subdivision of two or three lots on Beaver Dam Rd., Selkirk, owned by Andrew W. Koonz, Sr. The proposal will be discussed at the Oct. 23 meeting.

After considering possible extension of the CC-Commercial district at Glenmont Rd across from Town Squire Shopping Center to the cemetery, the board decided to stay with an earlier decision and recommend the rezoning of only two lots owned by Robert and Esther Atchinson. A public hearing before the town board will be held at a future date to consider the proposed change in zoning.

The planners also rescheduled their next three meetings. The Oct. 16 meeting has been postponed to Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The November meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 and Nov. 27.

At the next meeting, the board may informally discuss the proposed Glen Manor subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. and the previously approved Dover Estates subdivision off Elm Ave. The board will discuss the Delwood Acres proposed subdivision of approximately 33 lots off Rockefeller Rd.

Theresa Bobear

Bethlehem gets a GE connection

Construction has begun on the second interconnection between the Bethlehem and Albany water systems, a project being financed by General Electric's Noryl plant in Selkirk but expected to benefit both the company and the town.

The connection on Long Lane will give the town the ability to draw treated water from the line bringing water from Albany's Alcove Reservoir to the city. The first interconnection on Kenwood Ave. was established in 1980 following Bethlehem's agreement to purchase two million gallons a

day from the city.

The new interconnection will cost \$225,000 and involves more than a mile of new pipe that will allow the town to close a loop in the water system. That means that GE, which consumes some three quarters of a million gallons of town water a day, will be less vulnerable to loss of water due to a break in the system.

In addition to financing the project, GE is providing an easement across its property. Bethlehem provided the design work, commissioned the necessary en-

gineering tests and provided town workers complete the job.

Philip Gross, vice president and general manager of the Noryl Products Division, said the project is "an excellent example of how good planning and communication have helped both the town and GE be more productive with available funds."

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the GE-financed project allows the town to make a necessary improvement without cost to the taxpayers. It will "benefit us both," he said.

New Scotland down

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in the Town of New Scotland but not within the Village of Voorheesville is currently \$9,266, 778.00,

up from \$9,090,093.00 in 1984. The assessed value of property in the Village of Voorheesville has increased from \$4,331,868.00 in 1984 to \$4,372,672.00 for 1985.

A special meeting of the town board has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12, at the New Scotland Hall to discuss the tentative budget and adopt a preliminary budget. A public budget hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the New Salem Senior Citizens Center.

Prior to last Wednesday's meeting, the town signed the closing papers for the purchase of town park land in Feura Bush. Wallace said the town will consult with residents of the area before beginning the project next spring.

The board granted a request from Hope House for a \$520 1985 budget increase for Project Hope, a student counseling program. The board voted to apply for state aid for Project Hope, the Clarksville summer playground and the Voorheesville swim program.

Town budget

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gage tax revenue and \$100,000 more in interest earnings. All of these figures, Corrigan emphasized, are projections based on the first half of 1984.

Councilman John Geurtze asked Corrigan whether there will be a tax decrease but Corrigan said it was still too early to tell. The board set a work session for Oct. 17.

In the water and sewer funds, there is no question that an increase is in the works. Reflecting the town's massive sewer improvement project, the sewer fund is due to go up 68 percent to \$2.69 million. That increase of just over \$1 million will be partially offset by a federal grant of \$670,000.

The town board has already increased water rates to offset improvements to the distribution system, and Corrigan's budget shows a 20 percent increase in that fund to \$2.3 million.

The most noticeable feature of the new budget is that it weighs a

good deal more — almost a pound — because the computer generates one page for each account line. But the advantage for councilmen — and other budget watchers — is that there will be columns now showing last year's actual budgeted amount for each account, the current year's budgeted amount, revisions to the current year, the amount spent so far, what department heads want for next year, what the supervisor recommends to the board and, later, the final budget figure. Later, Corrigan said, he plans to add a column for encumbered funds, a useful tool particularly now that the town is planning to establish a separate purchasing department.

Other changes in the budget include a new data services account for \$84,000 (now shared by user departments) and some revisions in the parks and recreation accounts to consolidate activity lines.

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Arbitration session set

A hearing is scheduled Nov. 12 before arbitrator Norman Brand on the question of interpretation of contract terms relating to overtime compensation in the Police Benevolent Association's agreement with the Town of Bethlehem. Brand, a Troy attorney, was appointed by the state Public Employment Relations Board after the town and PBA agreed the contract language needed clarification. Brand's decision will be binding.

The contract terms came into question when Police Chief Paul Currie in June began requiring officers called in for court appearances that took less than four hours to do police work for the full four hours overtime for which they were to be paid. The town in the past has paid the four hours of overtime while, as a practice, letting the officer leave when he was through in court.

On another front, the cases of three officers disciplined by the town for refusing to comply with Currie's overtime directive have been consolidated in the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court, where they will be reviewed together. No date has been set for the court's review.

Justice is topic

Lawrence Kurlander, director of criminal justice for Gov. Mario Cuomo, will be the keynote speaker at a forum on "New Directions in Criminal Justice, Beyond 1984" planned Oct. 16 in Albany. The event, open to the public, will be held at the Thruway House, Washington Ave., beginning at 9 a.m.

Registration is \$10 for the program and lunch; or \$3.00 for the program only and \$7.50 for lunch only. Call Mary Anne Weinman at 438-6681 or Ann Brandon at 439-4332 for information and registration.



Ethel Birchenough poses with new library director Barbara Mladinov and the grand Kawai piano that Mrs. Birchenough donated to the Bethlehem Public Library. Tom Howes

Library gets a piano

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Birchenough of Slingerlands have donated a grand piano to the Bethlehem Public Library. Mrs. Birchenough, chairman of the library's board of trustees for two decades, said the gift came about because she was well aware of the library's need for a piano and, when the opportunity arose, she asked herself: "Instead of leaving a memorial gift, why not do it now?" Mr. Birchenough agreed, she said.

"I love music," she added. "It's probably the biggest single thing in my life. And I've always felt badly over the years that the library has never been able to have fine musical programs" requiring a piano. Thus, when the opportunity to purchase a grand piano presented itself, "it was just something I thought I'd like to do," she said.

Mrs. Birchenough credited the Delmar Progress Club with "starting the ball rolling" by looking for a piano for the library over the past several years.

Library director Barbara Mladinov said the staff was excited about the generous gift and what it would mean to the library and the community.

What's doing for kids

Parents and children are invited to an informational session on local children's organizations planned for Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar. The event, sponsored by the Home-School Association at the school, is an opportunity for organizations for children to provide information about registration, requirements and costs.

Auxiliary get together

The regular meeting of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, American Legion Auxiliary, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the postrooms, Poplar Dr., Delmar.

A dinner honoring past Albany County Chairman Marcia Turner and her officers will be held at the postrooms on Oct. 23. For information and reservations call Pauline Ouderkirk at 439-9287.

They're a vital link for hearing impaired

By Theresa Bobear

Judy Zonitch, a teacher at Westmere Elementary School, is one of a small group of local people who give their time and energy to help children with hearing impairments to enjoy each day more thoroughly. She helps children with and without noticeable handicaps to get around obstacles and go on to greet life with enthusiasm and full appreciation.

Through her summer program for the hearing impaired, Zonitch acted as a connecting link between five hearing impaired children and a world full of interesting people and places.

The privately run school was in session at the Delmar Lutheran Church on Elm St. for five weeks in July and August. During that time, Zonitch and Karen Spring, a speech pathologist, encouraged the children to improve their communication skills and social skills, advance academically and become an integral part of daily life. With a highly individualized program, Zonitch and Spring taught the importance of functioning effectively in the everyday world and going an extra step to reach others.

While the program is in session, the instructors meet with the children four times a week to help them with mathematics, reading, writing and speech using visual aids.

The students write about their experiences, read their stories aloud, revise them and read them again. Often, one of the instructors will read a story and have the children act it out. By constantly reading, writing and gesturing, the children develop vital communication skills.

Once a week, the children have a ballet lesson. Zonitch said that

by feeling the vibration of the music through the floor and imitating the teacher, the young people stay with the beat of the music better than most ballet classes. The children use their highly developed senses of sight and touch to hear the music.

Throughout the summer, Zonitch and Spring took the children to interesting places including the Heldeberg Workshop, the Rensselaer County Junior Museum, a performance of *Pinnocchio* at the Colonie Coliseum and the NYS Museum. During each field trip, the instructors helped the children to observe everything around them.

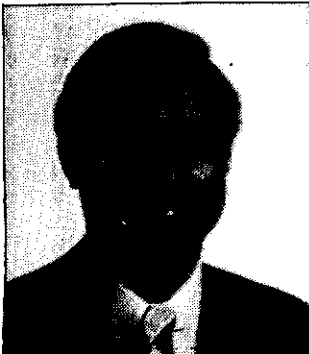
The instructors brought the children to a restaurant for a review of table manners and to Central Park in Schenectady for a lesson in the basic of baseball. Each day the students enjoyed a cooking lesson as they prepared their own lunch and snacks.

In the Guilderland district, Zonitch teaches first and third grade and acts as a writing graduate. She has taught her students sign language. Zonitch shows her hearing students how deaf children develop special skills and overcome their handicap to enjoy and appreciate life. She helps her students to mature by seeing beyond themselves to the needs of others.

Zonitch hopes to expand the program so that the second year will be even more successful than the first. Next summer Zonitch plans to mainstream the deaf children with hearing children from 5 to 12 years of age with assistance from parent volunteers. She encourages parents to register their children during the beginning of June by writing to Judy Zonitch, 51-B Knightsbridge La., Guilderland 12084.

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Salem Hills rates aired

By Theresa Bobear

At a sparsely attended first public hearing to discuss the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Salem Hills Sewerage Disposal Corp., last week Voorheesville Mayor Richard Lennon said each family in the sewer district can expect to pay approximately \$34 per month for village sewer service.

According to Lennon's estimates, about \$21 of the monthly charge would cover acquisition and rehabilitation of the plant and \$13 would cover operation and maintenance. Lennon stated he plans to approach owners Rosen and Michaels with a contract they have drafted for the \$387,500 purchase of the plant and sewer lines.

District residents' monthly charge will include an annual operating cost of approximately \$45,000 for the facility, Lennon said.

After acquiring the plant, the village will obtain a bond anticipation note and make approximately \$100,000 in repairs necessary to make the plant operational, the mayor said. When the initial rehabilitation has been completed, the village will inspect the facility and determine what other repairs are necessary for proper maintenance of the facility, Lennon explained. After the village has a final total for acquisition and rehabilitation of the facility — probably in a year

or two — a second public hearing will be held to discuss how the costs should be distributed, he said.

Lennon said the village will place an employee at the plant Jan. 1 to learn about the everyday operations. The village plans to assume full responsibility for plant operations by April 1, he added.

Ernest Kitchen, chairman of the village's sewer advisory committee, said the monthly bills sent to district residents will list a breakdown according to principal, interest, and operation and maintenance in order to allow residents maximum tax benefits.

At the hearing, Sean Feltman of Clough Harbor and Associates, consulting engineers for the village, presented Lennon with a sealed proposal for study of the inflow and infiltration problem to determine the parts of the problem which could be eliminated in a cost effective manner. Kitchen said residents may be required to connect their foundation drains to the village storm drains to relieve strain on the overloaded sewer system.

Most of the questions from the 10-member audience centered on concern about who would have to disconnect their storm drains from the sewer system, who would pay for expansion of the storm drain system. These questions could easily become issues in the

future, Kitchen said. Lennon said he would be inclined to think the district would have to pay for expansion of the storm drain system for the purpose of alleviating strain on the sewer system.

In response to one resident's concern for the larger problem for sewage disposal in the village, Lennon said expansion of the Salem Hills facility would have to be considered at a later date.

In his address to the audience Kitchen presented estimated cost figures that were slightly more conservative than Lennon's. Kitchen said about \$68,000 in repairs would be necessary just to make the plant operational.

Lennon said he hoped the members of the sewer advisory committee would continue to serve the community by helping to draft a sewer use ordinance, finding a way to distribute costs equitably and solving the inflow and infiltration problem in a fair way.

Lennon said the village would get the facility in "tip top" condition and keep it that way so that it would last longer. Lennon mentioned that the village had been advised by officials at the state Department of Environmental Conservation not to expect aid for operation and maintenance of the facility because the funds would probably be discontinued.

Previously, Rosen and Michaels asked \$550,000 for the plant. After learning that the disposal facility had an appraised value of \$310,000, the town negotiated a final purchase of \$387,500 with the owners.

One resident in attendance noted that the audience was small. He asked Lennon where the residents were and why they had not heard about the public hearing. Lennon said the date and time of the public hearing appeared on the front page of the village report and in the legal notices of The Altamont Enterprise. Lennon said he felt the residents to have been properly notified and said he could only assume that a large number of residents did not attend the meeting because the majority in the village had no objection to the acquisition of the facility. Village officials did not notify The Spotlight of the scheduled public hearing in time for publication prior to the hearing.

Voorheesville NEWS NOTES

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Invitation to firehouse

October is Fire Prevention Month and as tradition has it the Voorheesville Fire Department invites the community to stop by the fire house on Sunday, Oct. 14, between 1 and 3 p.m. to tour the facility and pick up some informative literature on keeping fire-safe. Refreshments will be provided and there will be balloons, movies and rides on the fire truck for the younger set. Equipment and members from neighboring fire departments are also expected to be on hand. Everyone is welcome.

Veterans to hear Connors

Attention all area veterans. Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will sponsor an open house on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m., at which time Assemblyman Richard Connors will explain and answer questions about the new veterans real property tax exemption bill which will go into effect in 1985. The new law concerns veterans from World War II to Vietnam and can mean as much as a 25-percent reduction in assessed property value. Voorheesville post Commander Leo Burgoon urges all veterans come to the open house. Refreshments are also planned.

Ethnic buffet at church

St. Matthew's Church is holding an Italian Night on Friday, Oct. 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the church on Mountainview Rd. Tickets include an Italian buffet, beer, wine and music by Ronnie Nelson's one-man band. For tickets contact Barb or Jack Toritto at 765-4667.

Auxiliary to meet

The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Food drive this weekend

St. Matthew's Human Concerns Committee will take part in the food drive to be held this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13. The drive, sponsored by the Albany County Emergency Food Task Force, encourages shoppers at area supermarkets to buy an additional item and donate it to the group which in turn will use the provisions to stock area food pantries to help the needy this

winter. Members of St. Matthews will be at the Price Chopper at Twenty Mall.

The Human Concerns meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16, has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Lewis, Georgetown Ct.

Benefit bike event Saturday

A Wheels-for-Life Bike-A-Thon to support St. Jude's Hospital will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Rt. 85. The fund-raiser to assist in fighting cancer is sponsored by the youth group of the church and is open to children up to age 9.

Students may secure sponsors who will pledge contributions per one-tenth mile to the youngsters who will bike around the church's parking lot. Proceeds will be forwarded to St. Jude's Children who collect over \$25 will be awarded a T-shirt, while those who collect over \$75 will earn a tote bag. Sponsor forms are available at the grade school or may be obtained by calling youth groups moderator Jane Thornton at 872-0227. Raindate is Oct. 14.

PTSA making plans

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School. The PTSA budget will be discussed and voted on and the calendar of activities will be planned at that time. The future of several important fund-raisers such as the Book Fair and Variety Show will also be addressed. All members are urged to attend.

Foreign trip open to all

There will be an informational meeting for residents interested in traveling to Spain, Portugal and Tangiers on a special trip sponsored by the high school foreign

Student photos scheduled

There will be a lot of smiling faces in Voorheesville next week — it's time for school photos again! On Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15-16, students in grades K-6 will have individual and class photos taken. High school pic-

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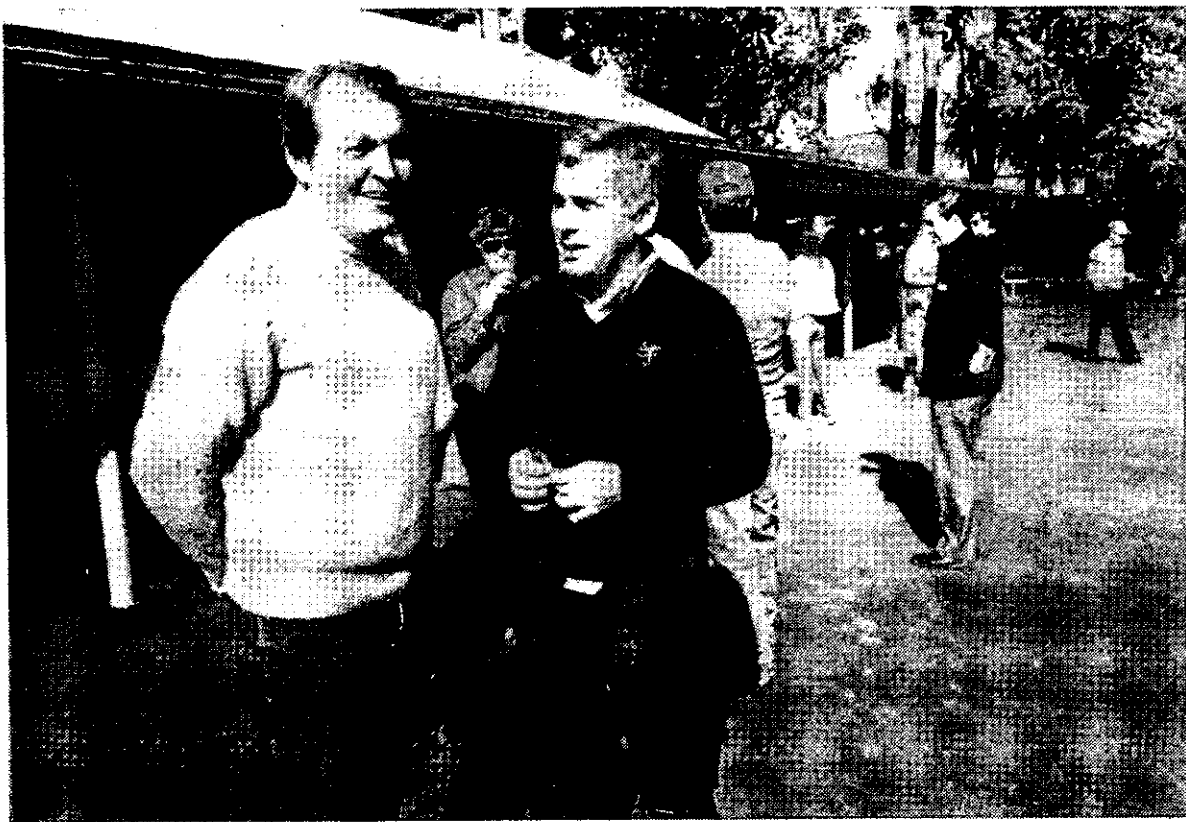
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New Scotland Democrats gathered early in the warm Sunday sunshine at Picard's Grove in New Salem to enjoy clams and chowder along with other activities prior to a steak dinner at the annual party

outing. Among those on hand were Tom Dolin, right, the party's town chairman, and Michael Burns of Voorheesville, a new town committeeman. Tom Howes

tures will be taken on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

This year the procedure will be a bit different with photos being pre-paid. Information will go home with students concerning the various prices and options available. Make-up pictures for those who miss photo sessions and such will be available at a later date. All children in the grade school will sit for a class picture since this will also be used in the annual that will come out in the spring. Those having questions should contact Diane Relyea at 765-3681 about grade school pictures and Barbara Joyce at 765-4336 concerning high school photos.

Task force gets to work

The New Scotland Substance Abuse task-force will meet on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Voorheesville High School to discuss the four priorities it plans on addressing during this school year. The year-old committee formed as an offshoot of the Chemical People series last fall hopes to start a peer group for teens as well as re-establishing a parent support group begun in June.

Two other areas the committee plans on working in deal with setting up further educational programs on drugs and alcohol to inform the community, and formation of a safe spring program encouraging non-alcoholic after-prom and graduation parties. All interested persons are invited. For information contact Phil Joyce at 765-4336.

language department. The 16-day trip will start on June 26 and costs \$1,399 including transportation, accommodations and many meals.

The meeting for those interested in more detailed information will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the high school. Registration deadline is Dec. 15 with fees payable in April. Persons wanting information may contact language department head Robert Streiffer at 355-4470 or the high school at 765-3314.

School advisory units forming

The administration at both the high school and the elementary school has put a call out for residents interested in becoming members of the advisory councils at both schools. The council at the high school will meet on Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. and the grade school council on Oct. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Those interested in joining the groups, which discuss all areas of school policy, should call the respective school — high school at 765-3314 or grade school at 765-2382.

Night courses have openings

There are still some openings in the candy-making course to be held on Thursday, Oct. 11, at Voorheesville Central High School in conjunction with the continuing education program. Another one-evening candy course also taught by Marilyn Dergosits will be held on Monday, Oct. 29. Both begin at 7 p.m. For information call the high school at 765-3314.

An estate-planning seminar also sponsored by continuing edu-

cation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the high school. The course, which will include all phases of estate planning, will be offered by area attorney Thomas Dolin.

Cub Scouts plan ceremony

Scouts in Voorheesville Cub Pack 73 will shed a new light on this month's pack meeting, which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, on the land of Howard Coughtry on Hilton Rd. In conjunction with the monthly theme, "The Wild and Wooly West," the cubs and their families will gather for an old-fashioned campfire. During the course of the evening Webelos scouts will hold their crossover ceremony. In case of rain the meeting will be moved to the grade school.

Also on scouting, registration is still being accepted for the Tiger Cub program, a parent-child introduction to scouting, for boys who are in second grade. For information call Nareen Copeland, 765-2390.

The pack is looking for used or new Cub Scout uniforms that people would like to sell or donate. Those with such uniforms should also contact Copeland.

Service for firefighters

The Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, will hold a worship service to recognize and honor the members of the Selkirk Fire and First Aid Departments on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Panhellenics meet

Members of the Panhellenic Association will gather for lunch at the Sign of the Tree, Empire State Plaza, Albany, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at noon. The group will tour the Shaker Museum after lunch. All alumni of collegiate sororities are invited to participate. Reservation should be made before Oct. 13 by calling Mrs. Edward Green at 459-2570.

Progress Club dinner

The Delmar Progress Club has scheduled a fall dinner for 6 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar. Club members will model "Fashions in Fiber" under the direction of Mrs. Harry K. Spindler. Reservations should be made by calling Mrs. Richard Hartigan at 439-5513.

Retirement planning

Anthony Riccardi of Albany Financial Group will discuss long-range financial planning methods at a pre-retirement planning seminar to be held at Bethlehem Public Library on Oct. 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Riccardi will discuss tax and estate planning with an emphasis on the needs of those in the State or Teachers' Retirement System.

Walk in the wild

Michael Matthews, state Department of Environmental Conservation wildlife specialist, will lead a morning walk beginning at Rt. 155 and Old State Farm Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. The trip is free and all are welcome. For information call Matthews at 439-0943.

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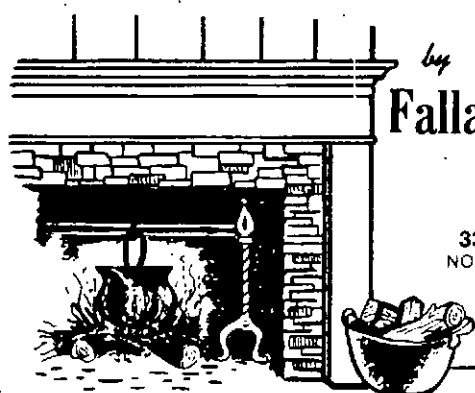
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Bethlehem Memorial Auxillary Post #3185, V.F.W. third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Temple Chapter 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Card Party and Fashion Show, all welcome, sponsored by Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m., \$2.50 tickets, 439-3228.

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, meets at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Open House, Bethlehem Central High School, for parents of BCHS students, sponsored by BCHS Community Org., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Starlite Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

Blood Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Free; information, 439-3650.

Legion Auxillary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Voorheesville PTSA, Bethlehem Public Library community room, 7:30 p.m.

AARP, "Have You Heard," lecture and slide presentation by Dr. A. Rapaport and Chris Raffo, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Delmar Peace Breakfast, third Tuesday of month, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 a.m. Information, 439-2941.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Order of Eastern Star, Onesquethaw Chapter, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m., first and third Wednesdays.

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, fall banquet at Normanside Country Club, 6 p.m.

Reser Writing Workshop, with career counselor Adrienne Rockwood, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Video Editing," by George Guarino, 6 p.m.; Physicians for Social Responsibility report on the consequences of nuclear war, 7 p.m.

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Delmar Fire District, regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lions Club, meeting first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant III, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3318.

Visit Spain, informational meeting, Voorheesville High School, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

Autumn Star Watch, sponsored by Albany Area Amateur Astronomers and Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

Covered Dish Dinner, St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society, St. Thomas school auditorium, 7 p.m. Information, 439-1713.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Anne Marie Capone, 71 The Crossway, Elsmere, for a variance to permit enclosure of front entrance at premises, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Registration, Bethlehem Babe Ruth, for players born between Aug. 1, 1969 and July 31, 1972, returning players must register, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Ave., 7-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon.

Bethlehem Historical Assoc., meeting at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

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Pre-retirement Planning Seminar, with Anthony Riccardi of Albany Financial Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

"The Jail Break Artist," talk by Peter Christoph, Bethlehem Historical Assoc. Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

Rummage Sale, St. Stephen's Church, Poplar Dr. and Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mask Making Workshop, for children under 3, Bethlehem Public Library, children's room, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

"A Walk Through Haunted Mansion," for younger children, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Elsmere.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bethlehem Bijou," Carole Lillis discusses Alfred Hitchcock's "Marnie," 6 p.m.; "Real George's Back Room," 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Toy Sale, by Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., 9:30-noon.

Bethlehem Cable College, Dr. Floyd Brewer talks about work of the Bethlehem Archaeology Group, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Toy Sale, Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., 9:30 a.m.-noon.

American Legion Auxillary, dinner honoring Marcia Turner and her officers, N.A. Blanchard postrooms, Poplar Dr., Delmar. Reservations, 439-9287.

Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Job Interview Workshop, with Adrienne Rockwood, career counselor, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Stories with Grandma Edna," with Edna Salkever, 6 p.m.; "Physicians for Social Responsibility" report on the consequences of nuclear war (part 2 of 6), 7 p.m.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxillary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Noon Talk, with slides, "Hardware Restoration," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Gansevoort Chapter, pot luck dinner, Frederick Mynderse House, Guilderland Center, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 869-7068.

Farmer's Market, outdoors, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., led by pediatric nurse practitioner Katharine Gracely-Kilgore, 169 Mohawk St., Cohoes, 9:30-10:30 p.m.; South Ferry and Green Sts., Albany, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free.

Mothers Without Custody, monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 436-1190.

Reception and dinner, for congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Dr. Laman H. Brunner, rector, will speak about "Germany and Freedom of Conscience, the Forgotten Gift of Martin Luther," State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 5:30 p.m.

Fundraising Luncheon, Vanguard, Albany Symphony Orchestra, Inc., Albany County Club, 11:30 a.m. Reservations, 732-4510.

Membership Meeting, Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, 314 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Sale, to benefit the needy of the Albany diocese, St. Patrick's Parish Center, 283 Central Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 11-13.

"Hawaii — Her Volcanos and Valleys," lecture by Dorothy A. Flood, CSJ, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 454-5105.

Films, "With Babies and Banners" and "Hunger," New York State Museum auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 11, 12:10 p.m.; Oct. 14, noon. Free.

Fall Musical, Mohawk Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, home of Mrs. Bernard Corners, Loudonville, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1653.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help and support group for parents of substance abusers, meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information, 465-2441.

Vanguard Prevue, of forthcoming Albany Symphony Orchestra Concert, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m.

Film, "450 Years of French Presence in North America," New York State Museum auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8 p.m. Free.

Hilltowns and Energy Expo, Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central High School, 6-9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Third Party Politics, lecture by John B. Anderson, chairman of National Unity Party, Memorial Chapel, Union College, 8 p.m., \$2 and \$4 tickets.

Christian Singles Over 25, covered dish supper, lecture by Rena Mayberry, financial planner, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 456-0441.

Home Energy Expo, Convention Hall, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 12-14 (noon-10 p.m., Fri. and Sat.; noon-7 p.m. Sun.—, \$2.50 and \$1.50 tickets.

Symposium, Macrobiotics, Health for the Whole Family," Junior College of Albany, campus center, room 224, 7:30 p.m. \$5 admission.

Fundraiser, music by Phil Restifo Quintet, to benefit St. John's-St. Ann's Church, Mercy High School, South Manning Blvd., Albany. \$9 tickets, 449-5922.

Harvest Festival, booths and roast beef dinner, First Congregational Church, Woodlawn Ave. and Quail St., Albany, Oct. 12, 4:30-8 p.m.; Oct. 13, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Dizzy Gillespie Quartet, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8 p.m. Tickets, 474-4020.

"The Multi-Cultural Society," with Monica McGoldrick, Russel Sage College, Albany, 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

Reunion, Troy High School class of 1959, Mario's Theater Restaurant, Troy, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, Mrs. David Snover, Box 28, R.D. #1, Croseyville, N.Y. 12052.

Craft Demonstration, "Woodworking and Restoration," with Walther Fleming, Glen-Sanders Mansion, 1 Glen Ave., Scotia. Information, 377-8839.

State Lumberjack Championships, New York State Museum, 1-5 p.m. Free.

New York Wheelchair Sports Expo, Hudson Valley Community College, gymnasium, 10 a.m. 9:30 a.m. registration; information, 283-1100.

Conference, "Changes, Challenges and Champions," to address issues confronting women's achievement, Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 473-1931.

Workshop, "Creative Movement for Kids," led by Sharon Negri, The Fitness Studio, 299 Hamilton St., Albany, 1 p.m. \$10 registration, 462-4206.

South End Octoberfest, food donations accepted for St. John-St. Ann's food pantry, Elizabeth St. and Third Ave., Albany, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Field Trip, to West Branch Nature Preserve in Hamden, sponsored by Nature Conservancy, meet 8 a.m. at Key Bank, Star Plaza, Rts. 20 and 155, bring a lunch.

Wood Heat Safety Class, all welcome, Garden Way Living Center, Troy, 11 a.m. Free; information, 237-8430.

October Festival, music, beer garden, wines, crafts, and more, downtown Schenectady, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

Right to Life Convention, Ramada Inn, Erie Blvd., Schenectady, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations, 372-0003.

Conference, "Reducing the Risk: Questions and Answers for the Nuclear Age," Albany High School, 8 a.m.-8:45 p.m. Information, 463-2356.

Craft Fair, Burnt Hills-Ballstown Lake High School, Lake Hill Rd., off Rt. 50, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Field Trip, to Limestone Rise, Waitecliff, sponsored by Nature Conservancy, meet at former Altamont train station, 1 p.m.

Bicycle Race, 11 miles, 22 miles and 44 miles, prizes, Baresfords Farms, Delanson, 9 a.m. Information, 355-4683.

Symposium, "Living with M.S.," American Red Cross Chapter House, Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Information, 459-5118.

Fall Foliage Tour, on Lake George, sponsored by River Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., 2:30 p.m. Information, 392-4269.

Fried Dough Breakfast, sponsored by Court Prague #1322, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Knights of Columbus Hall, 95 Main St., Ravena, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Open House, Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, 2-4 p.m.

Information Session, Empire State College of SUNY, 455 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 447-6746.

Lecture, "The Persian Gulf," State Museum, Albany, 7:30 p.m., \$5 tickets.

Lecture, "Prayer in Public Schools: The Church-State Relation," Russel Sage College, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2336.

World Food Day, sponsored by CARE.

Slide Lecture, "Owls of New York State," SUNY at Albany, Lecture Center 7, 8 p.m. Free.

Daughters of the American Colonists, Fort Orange Chapter, luncheon at Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Restaurant, Western Ave., Albany, noon.

Book Review, Erastus Corning III reviews: "Russia: Broken Idols, Solemn Promises" by David Shipley, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, noon.

Film, "Black Pirate," with Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Justice Forum, Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Registration, 439-4332.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Slide Talk, "Historic House Paint Analysis and History Threatened: Arson," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

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Widowed Persons Service, meeting at Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

American Assoc. of University Women, Laura Chodos, New York State Regent, guest speaker, Americana Inn, Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 237-4086.

Field Crop Dealer Meeting, Kozel's Restaurant, Ghent, 9:15 a.m. Information, (607) 256-2177.

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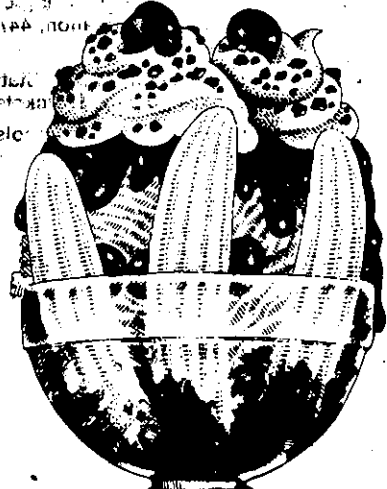
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Farm accidents topic

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service is sponsoring a farm seminar this Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Allen Farm in Stuyvesant, N.Y. The seminar will be conducted by a former member of the ambulance squad, and will include instruction on how to stop various pieces of farm equipment and vehicles in the event of an accident, how to disassemble different kinds of farm equipment to remove an accident victim, and how to deal with silo gases and certain chemicals.

The ambulance service is inviting anyone who would benefit from the seminar to attend... individuals, groups and neighboring fire companies. The seminar will be from 1 to 5 p.m., with a car pool leaving from Selkirk Firehouse 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk. Registration is \$1 a person. Further information may be obtained by contacting Linda Schacht, 767-2924.

Elks to celebrate

In observance of their 23rd anniversary, Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 of Selkirk is having a

dinner-dance Saturday, Oct. 20. The celebration begins at the lodge at 6:30 p.m. with a Dutch-treat cocktail hour. The family style roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., with music and dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets for the occasion are available at the lodge, and must be obtained by Oct. 13.

Youth Group maps hayride

The Youth Group of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem had its first fall meeting last Sunday, and have begun making plans for future activities. The first will be an old-fashioned hayride scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20. Any junior or senior high school-age teen who would like to participate is invited. The group will leave from the church at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.50 a person. Reservations may be made by calling the group advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fourman, 767-9013.

Colonial crook considered

Samuel Bugby, a one-man crime wave in colonial times, will be the subject of Peter Christoph's

talk at the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18. Christoph, head of manuscripts and special collections in the New York State Library in Albany, discovered the rollicking tale of Bugby's talents for escaping custody while editing the "New York Historical Manuscripts" series for the Holland Society of New York. The public is invited to attend the 8 p.m. meeting in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk. Refreshments will be served.

Five find homes

Winners in the drawing for the five Cabbage Patch dolls offered by the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service are: Mary Conger of Delmar, Paul Farard of Watervliet, M. Russell of Colonie, Faith Wengerter, Nassau and D.J. Karyn, Albany.

Volunteers at the ready

The new adult volunteer program for the RCS elementary schools will go into effect next week. Beginning Oct. 15, teachers in the elementary schools will have available adults who have volunteered their time to assist in such ways as monitoring children using computers, listening to children read, helping with special projects, and researching information for teachers. The pilot program tested last spring proved successful. Overall coordinator of the program for the district is Colleen Janssen. Coordinators for the schools are Joyce Layman, A.W. Becker School; Tina Irwin, Pieter B. Coeymans, and Janet Mantymen, Ravena.

Seniors head for hills

Time is running short for any senior citizen who would like to make reservations for the South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens' fall foliage trip scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16. The group will leave the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem parking lot at 8:30 a.m. heading for the Lake George area.

RCS board debates computer purchase

Following a close vote on the purchase of new computer hardware, the RCS Board of Education has decided to consider long-term plans for the district's computer system.

At last week's meeting, Board President Anthony Williams asked members of the board's education committee to formulate a list of specific recommendations after investigating the various options. The education committee will consider what type of computers the district should be buying, whether or not the district should purchase different types of units and whether or not all of the district's computers should be compatible.

Discussion of the district's long-term computerization plans began after Victor Carrk, principal of RCS Senior High, requested the board's permission to purchase 25 IBM microcomputers for the school's business education department through a four-year lease-purchase plan. In a 5-4 vote, the board approved the purchase, calling for the expenditure of \$7,139 for each of the four years.

Previously, the board had approved the purchase of 12 microcomputers for business education with the option of approving 12 more later. The \$10,700 set aside for the first 12 units will be applied to the revised purchase plan.

Dr. Milton Chodack, superintendent of schools, called the lease-purchase plan the quickest way to get a complete system with the best available software. Chodack added that the district has been advised to purchase a system based on available software rather than according to hardware.

Noting the school's other computers were made by Radio Shack, board member Wayne Fuhrman questioned the wisdom of buying different types of systems that might not be compatible. The district might encounter problems when switching the equipment to a different department in future years, he said.

Assistant Clerk James Hughes said the IBM computers were being purchased because they have the most suitable software for business education, they are the brand of computer most likely to be encountered by students entering the business world and they present fewer networking

problems. A variety of systems, Carrk added, would offer students an opportunity to learn about different types of systems.

Board members Marcia Muller, Patricia March, Ronald Selkirk and Susan Gottesman voted against the purchase commitment.

Gottesman said she believes the board should look at the needs of other departments in the district before committing to the expenditure of \$7,139 plus repairs for the next four years. Muller questioned Carrk's assertion that the terminals would be in use during seven periods of the school day. She believed fewer students would take business electives in the future as a result of the Regents action plan's stricter requirements.

Fuhrman qualified his vote by saying he wanted to see a long-range plan before approving the expenditure of any more large sums of money.

In another matter, the board unanimously denied the Ravena Bible Training Center's request to meet with students at the school based on the legal advice of district attorney Simeo Gallo. In a letter to the board, Gallo said the recently enacted Federal Equal Access Act makes it unlawful for any public secondary school that receives federal aid and which allows non-curriculum related student groups to meet on school property during non-instructional time to discriminate against any students who want to conduct a meeting on school grounds on the basis of the religious nature of the meeting. But, Gallo explained, the act further states that "nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of students groups."

At the beginning of the meeting, school principals introduced all first year teachers in the district. The board members talked informally with the teachers over coffee.

In other business, the board adopted pilot teacher evaluation forms as the official district evaluation documents for probationary teachers, announced Nov. 23 and Dec. 24 as paid CSEA holidays, and announced total building enrollments. As of Sept. 26, student enrollment totals were: Ravena Elementary, 374; P.B. Coeymans Elementary, 320; A.W. Becker, 363; RCS Junior High, 629, and RCS Senior High, 829.

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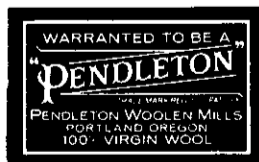


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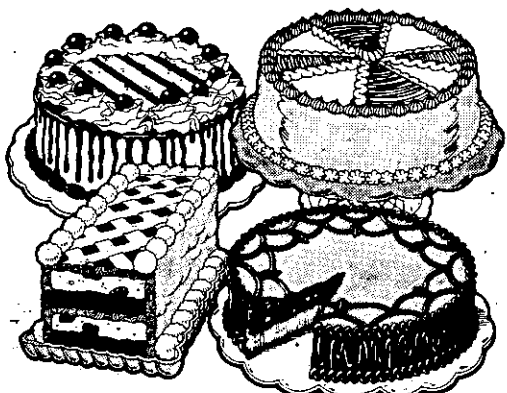
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Business in a family way

By Lorraine C. Smith

Before her daughter Emily was born, Rachel Criscione was an elementary school teacher. A little over a year ago, when Emily celebrated her third birthday, Rachel acted on her intention to have "something to do while staying home." From a lifelong avocation in sewing machine clothes, Rachel marketed one child's dress in two colors. This "something to do" clothing business spiraled so successfully it now handles thousands of orders from 27 states, and the mother-daughter relationship is riding the crest of it all.

Now into its third season, Gingersnips, Ltd. features individually hand stenciled designs on young girls' fashions. Husband Sal is vice-president, and Rachel president of the company represented across the country by three agents and 135 accounts. She shares a partner-like relationship with Scotia contractor Melinda Maggs, whose company, Sunnyside Stencilers, produces each of the hand-painted stenciled collars.

The small office at 135 Adams Place showcases dress samples at wholesale prices. Among the 135 shops carrying the Gingersnips line are such boutiques as New York's Chocolate Soup, Boston's Vermont Classics at Copley Square and San Francisco's Mudpie.

knew the clothes would fit. I started embellishing and spending more time on detail: putting in a lining, making it reversible, appliqueing a pocket."

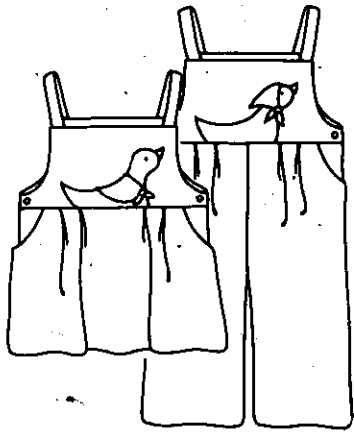
Her first sales were to local stores such as Robinson Square's Craftwork Gallery, Christopher's Tree House, and Little Folks of Delmar. Her pricing was hit and miss. "I was buying retail fabric, the very best accessories like buttons and lace, then forgetting to consider expenses like gas and my time in all of this."

Still, Rachel continued selling her handwork, and those of her friends as well. As orders came in steadily, Rachel realized she didn't want a "one woman sweatshop." When she approached a local manufacturer to make the clothing for her, the smallest order

tucks put in. So distinctive are they, Gingersnips dresses have been featured in House Beautiful's 1984 spring layout, as well as being part of the children's wardrobe on the daytime television soap "Another World."

Rachel has developed a feel for consumer demand. "Jumpers do better in sizes 4-6x. Overalls do better in 2-4T. The cotton cranberry print will sell better as a spring style rather than in the fall." These sales projections translate into business decisions — knowing how much fabric to order, how many pieces to cut, how many collars to stencil. This season, Gingersnips is presenting 12 fashions in its line.

To engage an attorney for legal advice on incorporating the business, the new entrepreneur simply consulted the yellow pages. To set up bookkeeping procedures when second orders were doubling first orders, and single month's sales were surpassing those of the previous quarter, Rachel called the Small Business Administration. As a result, two marketing students from the Small Business Institute at the State University at Albany devoted a full semester internship to Gingersnips. They provided marketing research, expansion anticipations and an accounting system. Their help was invaluable and their term's end report won an award in their college.



they would accept was 300. Nevertheless, she decided it was time to step up production. Then I had to sell them!"

The business has been a learning experience for everyone involved. The product begins with Rachel's original designs, which are converted into commercial patterns by Spectrum Sewing in Schenectady. Sample materials are ordered from New York City, then selected fabrics shipped for cutting in Catskill, and on to Hudson where they are constructed. Each article coordinates with several of Melinda's stenciled collars. As simple as a cat, a cow, or a tree, the country look sketches are imaginatively drawn and painted.

Once finished, every garment has the necessary "hangar appeal," even if a sash must be added, a sleeve change, or some

Rachel has more than dealt with the demands of a thriving business. Time pressures for instance. She is actively involved as a board member and regular mother helper with Emily's cooperative nursery school. In fact, this became one consideration in choosing the Adams Pl. location as the Gingersnips showroom. "It's on the way to nursery school and I can be home in five minutes."

Another difficulty surmounted involves traveling. Rachel once was reluctant to go to New York City. Now she welcomes the trip — often by herself — to cover trade shows or to consult with her sales representative.

Flick away the months from that "something tangible" to her present responsibilities of overseeing every detail of the manufacturing process. "If you don't check



Part of the Gingersnips team, Emily and Rachel Criscione.

Tom Howes

on things, 500 dresses might have wrong buttons."

Rachel takes it all in stride, and Emily is almost always by her side. "I blame all this on the fact that Emily never slept, my need to do something else. I never had to say my child was sleeping — we just went! Once I started doing this, I realized how wonderful it was to have a part time job and include Emily. I looked at the time with her to experiment, to give this thing a try."

Rachel shared some of her successful working-while-mothering techniques such as taking train rides for Emily's amusement so she and Melinda (mother of a school age child) can talk. When Rachel schedules her day — business meetings with contractors, sewing the sample for a new item, a loan interview at the bank — she keeps Emily's attention span in mind.

Sal, the father in the house, is especially helpful in this home-based business, and assists with everything from packing boxes to recording invoices. When he makes plans to spend his whole day with Emily in Rachel's especially busy days, Emily cheers, "Oh good, we get to go to McDonald's."

Rachel approaches all her

commitments positively. "I never thought of the business as having to give up anything." Although she does admit "something's got to give." Sometimes, that's house-cleaning. "If \$2,600 of dresses have to be packed and picked up by U.P.S. by 4 o'clock, and it's been one of those days of constant phone calls — "Where are the labels?" "I need four boxes of hangars," "You sent the wrong type of interfacing," — you don't say — "I had to vacuum!"

Rachel's ambitions for her company reveal a practical business acumen with a balanced sense of personal priorities. "The only defined thing is that this business is unpredictable. A lot of helpful people have a vested interest in it, and I'd like to see how far it can go. If I didn't give it a try, I'd always wonder. I'll go as far as I can without compromising my family."

Expecting her second child this month, she revealed a little nervousness as to how everything will work out. But with an easy smile, and an accomplished confidence, Rachel emphasized, "If I didn't love Emily, I wouldn't be doing any of this. And we came through okay."

Then the business side comes through "That's the purpose of having a boy. We need to start a line for boys!"

The clothing also appears in national catalogs such as Kids Stuff and Children's Gallery. And it is sold through the Artisans Cooperative, an organization featuring high-caliber artists and craftsmen in brochure and shops throughout the Northeast. On one occasion, Emily modeled her mother's designs for a catalog layout. (Emily, however, was unimpressed with her modeling debut: "I get to wear those dresses all the time!")

Rachel's initiative in garment construction began with her hand-sewn items for Emily. "If I could put 40 minutes into something and then hang it up, it made me feel so good. I needed something tangible in my day," explained Rachel, a soft-spoken, easy going woman in her thirties.

Rachel preferred to make loose fitting clothes, now characteristic of Gingersnips styles. "When I

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For-words and back-words

I believe in the ancient Chinese view that there is an inherent order and balance to the universe. That view, symbolized by the yin-yang sign, professes that the nature of all things contains opposing attributes which must be recognized and accepted, each in its place, each in its time.

Such a view enables me to find silver linings around dark clouds as well as ulterior motives in supposed "nice guys." It helps me keep my bubbles from growing too large and banging loudly against my well-being. It also helps me to avoid digging my ruts too deep by turning my gaze to the light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how faint its glow.

Looking for order in what often appears to be a chaotic world can be a trying task at times. We seem prone to believe that when we are on a lucky streak, it will never end, and we keep on throwing the dice. And when life turns sour, we may say "trouble comes in threes," but it feels more like "a hundred and threes."

The search for meaning in a world full of opposites has led me to look at language. With the experience of having studied the right-to-left language of Hebrew for many years of my youth, I became somewhat adept at being able to visualize and then pronounce left-to-right English words backwards. Some very interesting observations resulted which have confirmed my belief in a meaningful order in the universe, even when it is apparently unintentional.

For example, we naturally shy away from unfriendly people. In fact, the only kind of person we allow to sit in our lap is a pal. Yet, when an unfriendly individual turns into a vicious liar, that person is likely to rail (speak bitterly) against others. And unless the navigator of a boat or aircraft is aware of the yaw of the

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



vessel, that vessel will lose its way; that is, if a vessel yaws, it will sway off course.

My earliest memory of this forward/backward thing in language was tied to the 1950's love affair between teenagers and their disc jockeys. Rock and roll music vaulted not only its stars into the

tion I have noticed other similar ploys to entice us to buy things. *Strohs*, for instance, spelled backwards is *shorts*, which could refer to short beers or, more likely, to that image of the good life on the yacht, the golf course or beside the luxurious pool which beer manufacturers would have us all believe is associated with their product. And the *Canon Sureshot* camera is obviously for us technological imbeciles with *no nac* for photography.

Even foreign languages are subject to the phenomenon. *Reggae* music which is rock-oriented

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forefront of teen society, but also the DJ's on radio stations in every corner of the land. One of ours was a fellow named Bob Trebor. I don't even remember if he was highly regarded or not, but his name sticks to the intrigue of my mind, because at some point during those hazy, lazy, crazy days of one summer, I realized that his name was a palindrome, i.e., a word, verse or sentence which reads the same backward or forward. Robert Trebor. Neat. Wonder what his real name was.

from south of the border, attracts some of the more *eager* dancers of the nightclub scene. *God* spelled backwards is *dog*, and when those two words are combined in Italian, i.e., "Dio-cane," you have just uttered one of the highly charged expletives that tongue has to offer. And when we come across an inept fellow who is likely to spill the milk, flood the car engine, and forget appointments, and who is commonly referred to as a *yo-yo*, our typical response comes from the studied wisdom of

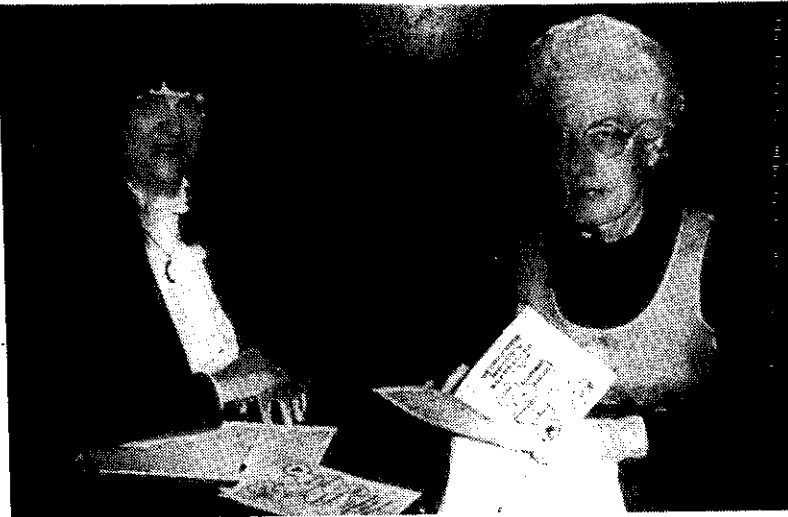
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Palindromes are fascinating in and of themselves. The dictionary provides one example: "able was I ere I saw Elba." Backwards or forwards. It also suggests that no matter which way you look at it, *Mom is Mom* and *Dad is Dad* and they always will be. You see, this isn't a joke or a mind game; it's on the level.

The commercial world of consumer products has gotten in on the act, also. One of the first trade names that comes to mind is *Serutan* which was touted as "Nature's best." Since that revela-

tion I have noticed other similar ploys to entice us to buy things.

With some minor re-spelling, it is clear that there is meaning in realizing that when we take a *detour*, we have been *routed*. If our *elbow* isn't planted solidly on the arm rest of the chair, we are likely to *wobble*. More than a few students must *cram* to get good marks. Many of our four-footed friends *walk* on the *klaw*, and in the Middle Ages every *droll* (a jester) was associated with the *lord* of a manor. *Air raid* is a phrase that carries an image of people rushing for safety. Pro-



Sheila Gavin, left, project coordinator, and Pat Pappert, president, make plans for the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club fall party and fashion show to be held in the auditorium of Bethlehem Town Hall on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

J.W. Campbell

nounce it backwards for a different slant of that same image.

Many folks believe the *devil once lived*. If so, by recognizing the relationship of opposing attributes, we also recognize that we have choices to make. For instance, to be a good person we must recognize our *worth* so we don't *throw* it away carelessly. Whenever you are *reviled* by conditions in this life, *deliver* yourself from the dark side by seeing the light, choosing it, and reaffirming your goodness, your worth, and your ability to pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again. You will become known as a *reviver*.

PSAT coming up

A number of Bethlehem Central High School students, most of them 11th graders, will be hunched over the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) Saturday morning, Oct. 20, at the high school. Their scores on PSAT will help the students and their guidance counselors plan the student's education beyond high school. PSAT scores also can be used to estimate a student's performance on the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which is required for admission to many colleges, because the PSAT is a shortened version of the SAT. Results of the PSAT also are used to determine National Merit Scholarship Program rankings.

Registration information can be obtained from the high school guidance office.

Toys go on sale

On Oct. 22 and 23, the Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School will host a toy sale at the Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., from 9 a.m. until noon. Orders will be taken for the toys on display.

Honors for scholars

Twenty-four Bethlehem Central High School seniors have earned commendations in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program testing. They are Timothy Belden, Nina Deibel, Delia Easton, Brenda Gravlee, Rachel Greene, Jennifer Grierson, Lisa Henrikson, Jared King, Rachel King, Krista Mackey, Karin McCoy.

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Energy expo in hills

The Hilltown Housing and Energy Expo, sponsored by the Albany Rural Housing Alliance, Inc. and the Hilltown Housing Program, will be held at Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central High School on Oct. 11 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Sellers and installers of storm windows, insulation, passive and active solar installations, siding, heating systems, wood burning devices and more will display their products. Businesses interested in participating may call 765-2365.

Star watch planned

An autumn star watch will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, with the cooperation of the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers, on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. This evening of celestial exploration will include naked-eye observation, star folkors and glimpses of deep-sky objects through telescopes. Binoculars and cold weather apparel are suggested. For information about the free program call 457-6092.

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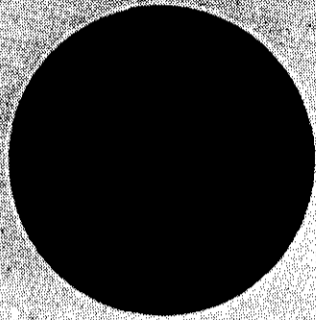
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Gremlins can't hold up Indians

The gremlins were abroad in Cocksackie last weekend, three weeks before Halloween, doing tricks with the time clock and, on one occasion, the optical acuity of an official.

But none of these happenings could deter Ravena's football team from posting a convincing 21-0 victory over Cocksackie-Athens, still winless in the Capital Conference. It just took a little longer, that's all.

Take the first half, which ended 0-0 and may have contained the shortest quarter in Section 2 history. RCS Coach Gary VanDerzee was suspicious that at least four minutes disappeared from the clock in the second period, and when he ran the game films Sunday he found it was closer to six. In the alleged quarter the combatants ran a combined total of 11 plays, a difficult feat to accomplish in the regulation 12-minute period without drawing 10

or 15 delay-of-game penalties and not counting incomplete passes.

But the Indians' chief shrugged all that off when his braves manufactured three touchdowns in the second half. The third quarter started with Ravena halting a Cocksackie drive on fourth-and-one on the RCS 39. The Indians, frustrated for two periods, seemed to be on their way when Doug Keyer threw to Matt Rodd on a play that was ruled a completion and a fumble. Cocksackie then drove to the Ravena 35, and this time the Indians not only stopped their hosts, but scored in seven plays. The big play was another pass to Rodd, who took it on the 10 and went in. "It was supposed to be a slant, but the coverage adjusted and Rodd turned in, and Keyer put it up," VanDerzee commented.

Keyer kicked the point, and moments later when DeKoven Bowie recovered a fumble, the

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Indians were back on the warpath from the Cocksackie 35. On the fifth play Bob Baranska broke through the right side and cut across the middle for 26 yards. Keyer was about to boot the extra point when Bob Dorrance, holding, fumbled the snap, but Dorrance picked up the pork and ran it in for 15-0.

The Indians got another in the final stanza starting with a fourth-down Cocksackie snap that sailed over the punter's helmet. Steve Boxley accounted for the TD four plays later, slamming through left guard and breaking several tackles on a jaunt into the end zone from the 33. This time the kick was off target.

The offensive line drew praise from the coaches, springing Boxley for 67 yards on seven carries and Baranska for 45 on eight. In the air Keyer had nine completions in 13 attempts with no interceptions and one TD for a total of 114 yards. Rodd had six receptions for 95 and a touchdown. The defensive standouts were DT Mike Keel, credited with 14 tackles, and cornerback Eric Opalka with eight.

After two on the road, the Indians come home for the next two. Cobleskill comes in this Saturday for a non-league engagement before another big test, Watervliet, the following week. The Cannoneers are tied with Albany Academy atop the Colonial Division. Ravena is 2-2.

Hoop league forming

Applications are now being accepted for the Albany YMCA winter basketball program. The league, which is in its 19th year, will start in November and run for 10 weeks, including playoffs.

The league is open to the public, 18 years or older. Entry deadline is Nov. 10 for a maximum of eight teams. For information contact Gary Fahey at the Albany Y, 449-7196.

Buckley hopes home is for his Blackbirds

After two weeks on the highways Voorheesville's football Blackbirds will stay at home this Saturday for what may be an exciting if not artistic game.

The opponent is Mohonasen, back in the league after two seasons, a team that has been up-and-down since knocking off Rensselaer in the opener. If that pattern continues, points out Tom Buckley, this is an "up" week for them. It's a young team that lost its quarterback early in the season.

Meanwhile Buckley's Blackbirds have had two "down" weeks in a row after a semi-promising start. Last week they walked into a grinder at Canajoharie, losing by 34-8. They avoided a wipeout by scoring on the last play of the game.

"We didn't play well," remarked Buckley, conceding the possibility that even if the Birds had been in top form they might not have beaten their hosts. "We met a better team, no question. We had some inconsistencies, missing the assignments, missing execution of the block. They (Canajoharie) can throw very well. We were just short of getting to the quarterback. A couple of times we went for the interception, and when we missed it went for scores."

The Blackbirds were down 6-0 before they could run a play, thanks to an 85-yard touchdown return of the opening kickoff. It was 20-0 at the half.

Skipping the gruesome details, the Blackbirds got their TD in the waning minutes, helped by two penalties and eight — count 'em, eight — completions by Vince Foley. The scrappy quarterback threw no fewer than 16 times in the final drive, starting on the Voorheesville 30 after a punt. The key play was a pitch to Jim Hensel, a junior split end, that covered 25 yards and got the Blackbirds to the 4-yard line. Two plays later

Foley went in from the 2. For the conversion Ed Mitzen took a pitchout on the quarterback option and ran in.

Foley's numbers overall were 16-for-35 and 152 yards and two interceptions. Lee Krause caught 11 of the 16, good for 92 yards. That performance gave Krause 22 receptions for the season, well ahead of Mitzen's one-season school record of 35 established last year.

On the ground the Blackbirds had a net of 97 yards, 68 of them by Bill Kelly in 13 carries. On defense, not too much to say other than Mark Gillenwalters blocked a punt and an extra point.

Halloween benefit

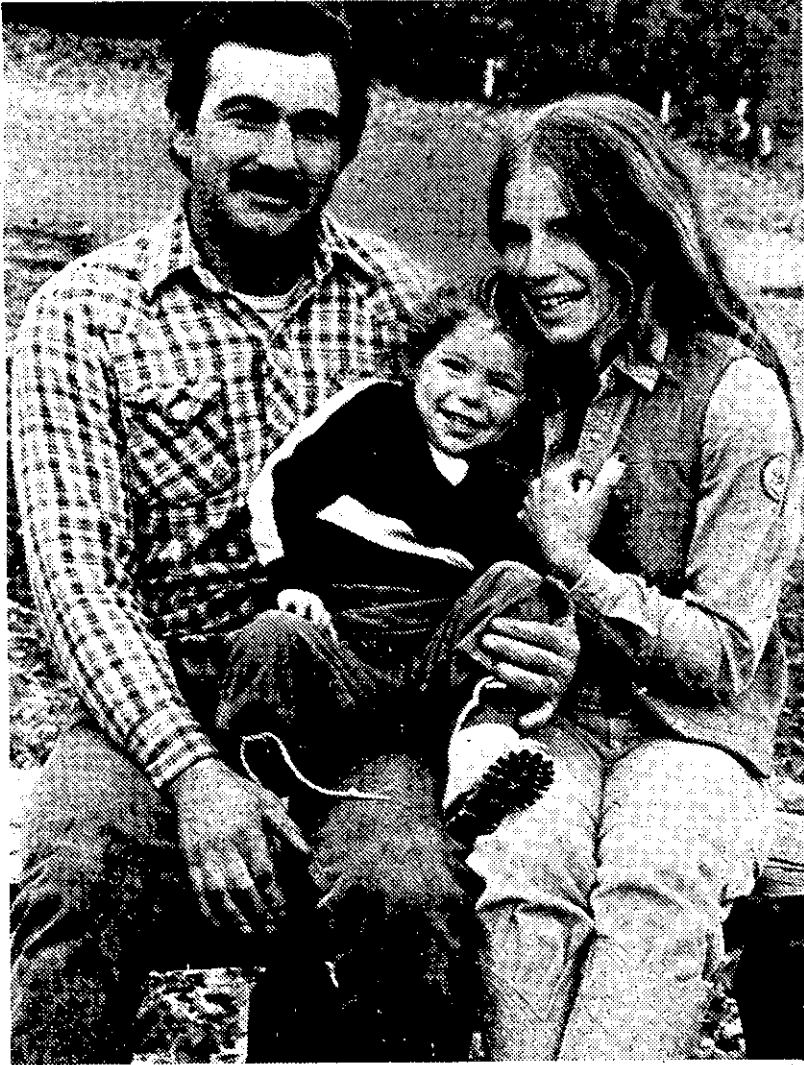
Parent and physician groups throughout upstate New York are hailing the McDonald's Halloween Gift Certificate Booklet program, set to begin Friday and continue to Oct. 31. The Capital District PTA, Vermont PTA and the Upstate New York American Academy of Pediatrics have fully endorsed the "safe" Halloween program that will be offered at each of the 53 local McDonald's restaurants in the area.

Those purchasing the certificate booklets, which 12 of McDonald's famous food products at a cost of only \$1, can also use a "safe" Halloween door sticker enclosed in each booklet. Fifty cents from the sale of each booklet will also be donated to the Albany Ronald McDonald House by the restaurants. The Ronald McDonald House, located at 139 S. Lake St., Albany, is the home-away-from-home for families of children who receive medical treatment at Albany Medical Center.

Still 'critical'

Margaret Watson, 41, of Coeymans Hollow remained in critical condition Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital after an accident last Wednesday night that claimed the life of Sandra Chalk, 42, of Ravena. Bethlehem police said the accident occurred about 10:30 p.m. on Rt. 144 near Wheeler Rd. when Chalk swerved the pickup truck she was driving to avoid a disabled car at the edge of the road. The pickup spun around several times before crashing into a tree, authorities said. Both women were taken by a Delmar Ambulance crew to the Albany hospital, where Chalk was pronounced dead. Police said neither occupant of the vehicle was using a seatbelt.

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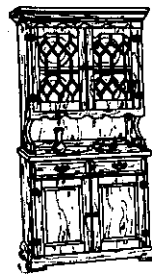
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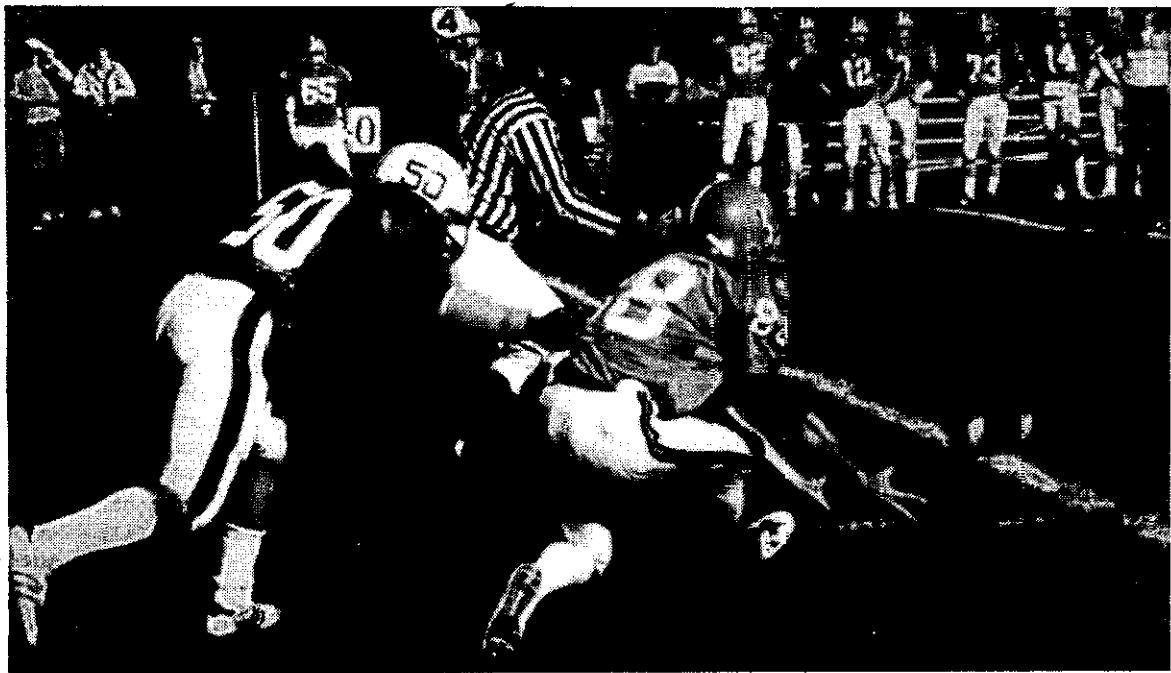
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Scott Bonanno (88), Bethlehem Central wide receiver, got a short gain scooping up this "infield pass" from Steve Mendel in Friday's Suburban Council

football game at Saratoga. Bonanno made a diving catch at his shootups.

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BC's got 2nd half blues

Bethlehem Central football coaches were looking this week for some kind of gimmick to break what has become an embarrassing pattern. For the first four weeks of the season the Eagles have played a strong first half, then gone into a swoon the second half.

Last week's game at Saratoga was a carbon copy of the Niskayuna game the week before. Good first half, touchdown, tied at half-time. Dreadful second half, no offense, leaky defense. Blowout.

Week before that it was Colonia, 7-6 at the half and 27-6 final.

Maybe this week's gala Homecoming with Guilderland will be different. Spirit Week, pep rally, marching band, alumni players on hand, and other kinds of hype. But just when Coach John Sodergren was anticipating a good opportunity against Guilderland, the Suburban Council's other 0-4 team this Saturday, the scouting reports show the Dutchmen to be decisively tough with a strong passing attack.

That's just what BC, with a porous pass defense, doesn't need. Sodergren himself watched Guilderland give up two early TD's, then hold Shenendehowa dead even Saturday night.

The 1984 Battle of Saratoga was a heart-wrencher. Playing a Friday afternoon game on a sun-drenched field, the Eagles looked like a finely tuned machine, taking the opening kickoff and moving 53 yards to the Saratoga 17 before a holding penalty killed the drive. (The coaches later ran the play six times on the game film without finding a foul anywhere on the screen, let alone the player flagged.) Steve Mendel hit on his first two short passes, the offensive line used a newly installed fullback draw to spring Jon Tonetti for nice gains twice, and Jeff Masline peeled off 25 yards on four carries.

With the period clock winding down, the Eagles stopped a lone Saratoga drive on the BC 18. A holding call and a sack by Chris

Oberheim forced a punt, and BC started again on their own 28. Another fullback trap sprung Tonetti for a first down, Masline added 7 more yards, and on third down Mendel threw a 35-yard spiral deep to his left. Oberheim, shaking two defenders off his back, went into the air, took the toss, went on his fingers and went in from the 23. The play covered 55 yards. The snap was mishandled and the kick blocked.

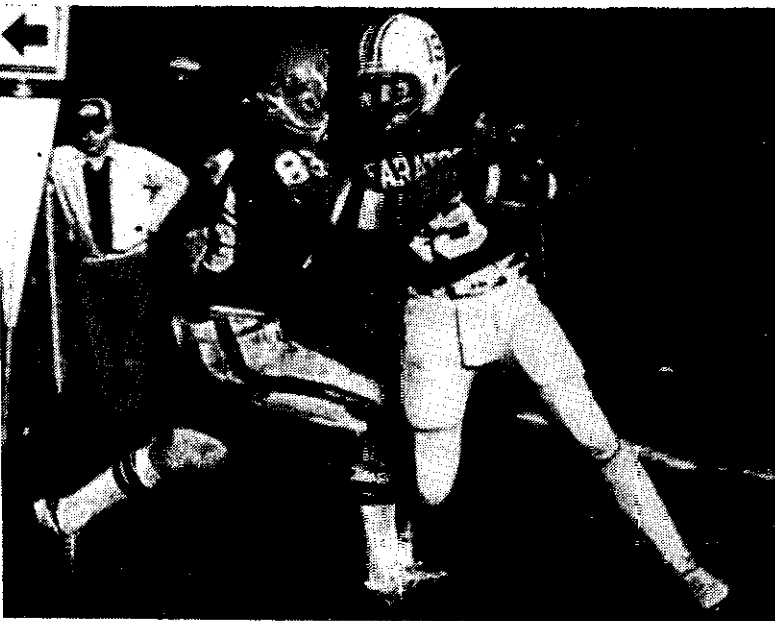
That beauty, coming on the second play of the second quarter, ended Bethlehem's offensive production for the afternoon. They had the ball only one more time in the period, three plays for minus 14 and a punt. Saratoga, running the quarterback option with success, tied the score with 58 seconds left in the half, and when Ed Perry blocked the conversion kick, it was 6-6. (A week earlier Niskayuna tied the score 12 minutes before intermission.)

Saratoga scored again on the

first scrimmage of the second half on a 52-yard run that included three missed tackles. Again it was three BC plays and a punt, and the Eagles didn't get the ball back for seven minutes. When they did the score was 20-6.

That third Saratoga touchdown was a real downer. A fine punt by Masline rolled to the Saratoga 8, but in four plays the Blue Streaks were on the BC 43. Four more to the 30 and a penalty back to the 45. Here Scott LaFarr, Saratoga's slippery 130-pound junior quarterback, threw for the TD on a play that exposed BC's defensive vulnerability. LaFarr rolled to his left, and was cornered by two Bethlehem defenders, but neither tackled. Downfield the pass was tipped, but with the receiver wide open two steps in the clear, it was an easy catch. For the conversion, LaFarr, holding for the kick, pulled a perfect fake and threw to the same receiver untouched.

Two minutes later Saratoga



Bethlehem's Chris Oberheim (83) stopped a Saratoga drive with this fourth-down sack of the enemy quarterback on the BC 27-yard line in the third period. Three plays later Saratoga got the ball back on a fumble on the 29.

R.H. Davis

was back in business after a third-down interception return to the Bethlehem 32. With a freshman quarterback getting a baptism for Saratoga, the Eagles had the Streaks stopped, but a fake punt caught BC napping and it was another first on the 23. On second down the Streaks pulled a pitch-out, and the Eagles missed three tackles, but the touchdown was nullified by a clipping call. Oberheim perpetrated a 12-yard sack on the fourth down to stop the threat.

Saratoga's reserves, playing the fourth quarter, got a gift touchdown on the last sequence of the game, compliments of Bethlehem coaches who opted to throw on fourth and 10 on the Eagle 18. "Why?" asked the dozen-plus BC boosters in the stands. "Why not?" asked Sodergren. The Eagles ended the second half with a net of 57 yards in the air and minus 3 on the ground, compared to 62 and 44 in the first half. "We can't seem to sustain the kind of intensity we need," said Sodergren.

These second-half cave-ins have been doubly disappointing to Sodergren, who began the season with high hopes. Bethlehem has yet to score in the second half while yielding 42 points to four opponents. A year ago the Shenendehowa game was the only time BC trailed an opponent by more than one touchdown.

On the plus side the offense has shown it can move the ball. At Saratoga Sodergren showed well-executed draws for good yardage, and a varied passing game that not only had Ed Perry, the sophomore

quarterback, throwing a 24-yard strike to Oberheim on a rollout, but also had Masline, a running back, firing a 20-yard option spiral that barely eluded the fingertips of Andy Kasius in the clear.

Sodergren's summary: "Our outside tackling was poor, and our secondary play was not what we need to win with. We were beaten on passes because we were out of position."

Oberheim, possibly the best player on the field that day, became a medical casualty at the finish after playing both offense and defense (except for special teams) for most of the 48 minutes. He was helped from the field with a muscle pull in his leg, and reportedly had 10 stitches in his chin after the game. His status for this week's game is uncertain.

Oberheim was the clear winner of the coaches' Player of the Week award. Other citations were: defensive lineman, Stefan Weinman; specialist, Perry (blocked two extra points), and bench player, Andy Kasius.

Race in the pool

A competitive swim program for those who are able to swim at least 25 yards is being offered by the Town of Bethlehem. The 45-minute sessions will be conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Bethlehem Central High School pool, beginning Oct. 17 and ending Dec. 20. Fee is \$15.

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Victors

Bethlehem's two Pop Warner football teams came out of the weekend with an even split in sunny weather at Hamagrael. A fumble recovery by Brian VanAernem on the 1-yard line early in the first quarter led to a touchdown and a hard-fought Hawk victory over East Greenbush, 9-7. Kevin Riegel scored the extra point. Scott Bullock had a two-point safety to clinch the victory. Coach Bob VanAernem described the game as a "defensive gem." Boe Acquario and Peter Klein played excellent games, Klein with three interceptions. Brian Applebee and Stewart Newman anchored the offensive line.

The PeeWee Falcons were overpowered by the North Colonie Raiders, 18-0. The game was highlighted by Kyle McCarthy's interception with a 15-yard run-back. Tim Mooney had six unassisted tackles and Gary Hurd had three.

Melissa Klein



Bethlehem Hawks quarterback David Sodergren hands off to Mike Blanchard for a short gain in this Pop Warner football action last Sunday on the Hamagrael School field. Above, Brian VanAernem and Peter Klein raise the "No. 1" sign as the Hawks defeated East Greenbush 9-7.

Melissa Klein

Burgh ties Birds for championship

By Peter J. Fisch

Just as everything seemed to be turning up roses for the Voorheesville girls tennis squad, the frost of fall struck. With Lansingburgh dealing out a 6-1 loss last Friday, the Birds will have to be content with a Colonial Council co-championship.

After rain forced postponement on Wednesday, the girls went to Lansingburgh minus two key players. "We were put in a position where the match had to be made up," reported veteran mentor Tom Kurkjian. "We were missing a few key players, but it had to be played."

Earlier in the season, the Birds virtually assured themselves a league championship with a convincing win over the Knights. Fate played its role, thought, as Burgh handed the local netters their first league loss and moved into a first-place tie. "They couldn't have beaten us if we had everybody, but what can you do?" theorized Kurkjian.

Besides two routine league matches remaining on the schedule, the Birds are setting their sights on the Class C team Sectionals tomorrow (Thursday). Last night, a committee was scheduled to name a site and draw matchups for the tourney. Each team is allowed to take three singles players and two doubles teams to the eliminations. Kurkjian is planning on meshing his No. 4 player, junior Sue Merritt, and No. 5, senior Kathy Danforth, as a doubles combo. At the Colonial Council tournament, the duo managed to capture the doubles crown.

Kurkjian is optimistic about the contest. "Unless we have a bad draw, I see us reaching the final on Saturday. You never know what will happen in the draw. Since we have a good record (4-2 overall), we could be positioned away from the best team."

Following the team Sectionals will be the Regionals next Wednesday. Competing in the singles ranks for VCHS will be freshman Paige Hotaling, eighth grader Michelle Petre and a third player to be named. Seniors Courtney Brennan and Adrienne Fitzgerald will team together along with Merritt and Danforth, and freshman Kathy Tarullo and eighth grader Denise Hoagland, for doubles competition. The tourna-

TENNIS

ment is played at both SUNY-Albany and Schenectady's Central Park, with the top eight from each group competing against each other for the right to advance to the state tourney.

BC clinches second spot

The final week for Bethlehem Central's tennis team ended on a good note. The last two matches were 9-0 sweeps against Burnt Hills and Guilderland. In the Burnt Hills match, the doubles team of Amber Cole and Kristi Burkart won their match at the No. 3 position.

The team ended the regular season in second place in the Gold Division with a record of 7 wins and 2 losses. Their first Sectional match will be played on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Roxanne Chin

RCS netters even record

By Marisa Nunziato
A 4-3 win over Ichabod Crane in a non-league tennis match enabled the RCS tennis team to even its season record at 4-4 overall, 2-2 in the Colonial Council. Individual winners for the Indians were Susan Gleason by 8-4, Michelle Van Alstyn by 8-5 and Marie Setford by 8-4. Courtney Butler and Laurie Sutton won their doubles match, 8-4.

In the Colonial Council tournament Gleason reached the quarter-finals before dropping a 6-2, 6-0 decision to Adrienne Fitzgerald of Voorheesville. Van Alstyn won her first-round match, 6-1, 6-0, over Watervliet.

In doubles action Jill Penk and Marie Setford finished second overall.

This week the team was matched against Schalmont at home on Monday and Lansingburgh away today (Wednesday). On Thursday Cobleskill travels to RCS for a non-league match.

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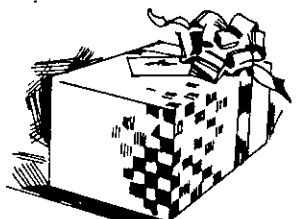
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Wins put Eagles in tie for Gold

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Playing the five strongest teams in the Suburban Council within a span of eight days is a formidable assignment for any soccer team, but Gene Lewis and his surprising Bethlehem Central booters feel they can hold their own.

The Eagles last week did what they had to do, polishing off a good Mohonasen team, 5-1, and getting by Columbia, 2-1, in a lackluster contest.

Now comes the test, starting with Scotia yesterday (Tuesday) at home and Guilderland away Thursday. After that in rapid succession come potent Shenendehowa for the Homecoming game Saturday (10 a.m.) and Niskayuna and Burnt Hills.

BC entered the week 6-2 in a triple tie with Niskayuna and Burnt Hills atop the Gold Division. They played one of their best games of the campaign last Tuesday in wind and rain at Rotterdam, giving up an early goal on a defensive mistake, then storming back for four goals of their own by halftime. The short-passing game controlled the Mohons as Mat Dunmore hit the first two scores. Damon Woo and Paul Stracke

booted the next two, and in the second half Woo connected again.

Dunmore's 30-yard line drive tied the score, and his second came on an indirect free kick from outside the box. With a 5-1 bulge, Lewis inserted his bench players for the last 25 minutes and was pleased to see them hold their own.

Bethlehem played Columbia without Dunmore, who was ill, and the second half without his brother, Toby, who was hobbled by a leg injury incurred just before intermission. Jeremy Manning, a starting halfback, also was ill. Lewis shifted Bob Keens to the middle to replace Mat Dunmore, and put Lee Petherbridge and Knute Hvalsmarken on the flanks.

Stracke put a header into the cage five minutes into the game, and seven minutes later Brett Zick headed another goal off a corner kick. Columbia had only one shot on goal in the first half, but with the wind at their backs in the second they pushed the ball well and got a goal for a 2-1 final.



Beth White (white jersey), striker for the Ravens girls soccer team, almost got a "hat trick" on this shot in Friday's Colonial Council game against

Watervliet. The ball narrowly skimmed over the net, but Beth's two earlier goals gave the Indians a 2-0 win. Tom Howes

BC girls win 3

Three victories in one week have given Bethlehem Central's girls soccer varsity a major lift, but three hard games this week will tell whether the Eagles are for real.

The biggest tests are Scotia, leading the Suburban Council, in a home game yesterday (Tuesday) and a Homecoming game at 10 a.m. Saturday with powerful Shenendehowa. In between there is an away game at Guilderland Thursday.

Last week's successes were at Colonie, 3-2, at home against Mohonasen, also 3-2, and at Columbia, 4-2. Last Monday Colonie was the first to score, but Jill Kaplowitz evened things up with a goal to the corner of the net. Debbie Blodgett scored the lead goal, and Karen Burke booted home the eventual winner on a corner kick from Kara Matarrese.

Against the Mohons the Eagles again had to come from behind in a 1-0 situation. Burke got the equalizer early in the second half, and Blodgett tallied the go-ahead goal on the business end of a header from Lisa Luther to Jill Kaplowitz, who fed a perfect pass to Blodgett. Amy Zick scored the winner on another assist from Kaplowitz, and Eagles survived a late goal by the visitors.

At East Greenbush it was BC who took an early lead on two goals by Blodgett with assists from Matarrese and Nancy Boyle. Kaplowitz made it 3-0 shortly after intermission, but when Columbia pulled up to 3-2, Lynette Stracke set up Blodgett's third goal of the game.

Goalie Chris Valentine had 38 saves for the week. Defenders Nina Lempert, Leann Stokoe, Jen Grierson, Wendy Vogel and Sue Church have backed up the offense.

RCS girls lead council race

By Kevin Hommel

Last Tuesday the RCS girls soccer team was supposed to play Watervliet but the game was rained out. In order to make up the Colonial Council bout it was rescheduled for Friday, forcing cancellation of the match against Averill Park. The girls were victorious anyway, with Senior

Beth White scoring both goals in the 2-0 win.

The following day the team shut out Emma Willard 3-0 for another win. The first score was made by Freshman Paulette Morehouse and the other two by White. The wins brought Ravena's overall record to 7-2-1. They are in first place in the Colonial Council with

a league record of 5-0-1, which just edges out Mechanicville at 4-0-2.

The girls had a game against Lansingburgh Tuesday and another match on Thursday at home versus Holy Names Academy. This Saturday they will be away at Cohoes for a non-league game.

Last week, however, was not a winning one for the boys soccer team. The game with Cohoes last Monday was postponed to Oct. 9 because of bad weather. On Wednesday the team lost to Waterford 3-1 with the only RCS goal being made by Joey Rotello.

Friday's 3-0 loss to Schalmont may not look good on paper but according to Coach Ron Racey it was the boys' best performance all season. Junior Mark DiAcetis had 24 saves playing goalie and Joey Rotello had eight shots on goal.

Upcoming games for the team include a match today at home versus Albany Academy followed by a game Friday at home against Voorheesville. Next Monday the boys will be on their home field playing Watervliet.

A 'disappointing week'

By Mike Larabee

What a difference a week can make in high school sports. It was just seven days ago that Voorheesville soccer coach Bob Crandall was praising his team's improvement and talking about a winning season.

However, following an 0-4 week during which the Blackbirds were outscored 13-1, dropping their season record to 1-5-2 in Colonial Council games and 2-7-2 overall, the chances of turning around Voorheesville's soccer program this year look bleak at best.

"I'm very disappointed, I just don't know how to express it and be kind in any way," said Crandall. "I just don't think that the kids are working hard."

Whether or not that is the case, the Blackbirds' play on the field has not been up to ability for the past week. VCHS was shut out in

Ombudsman at BC

The Bethlehem Central High School Community Organization has established an ombudsman program to answer questions or complaints about high school policies, programs or procedures that a member of the school community might have. The group also would be happy to receive word of commendation for anyone at the school. For information, contact Sherry Einhorn, 439-7059, or Barbara Woodruff, 439-5030.

Correction

Leonard W. Bryant, 74, of Latham who remains in serious condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital, was charged with failure to yield right of way in an accident Sept. 27 at Rt. 32 and Elm Ave. It was incorrectly reported in last week's Spotlight that a Fort Plain truck driver was charged after the crash that injured Bryant. The error was due to inaccurate information on the police report of the accident.

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Perry leads Indians in rain-soaked meet

By Bart Gottesman

The RCS Indians cross country team traveled to Albany Academy last Tuesday hoping to get on the winning track. RCS runners ran hard but fell to both Academy, 19-43, and Lansingburgh, 20-36, in the three-way meet.

As all 55 runners waited at the starting line, the rain began to fall, making the three-mile course wet and slippery. The first three runners crossing the finish line were separated by only three-tenths of a second. The three runners were Dave Douglas of Academy (17:02), Mike Cooney of Lansingburgh (17:04) and Brian Perry of Ravena (17:05).

CROSS COUNTRY

Once again, the Ravena sophomore runners gave a strong performance. Lance Tucker, Ken Newkirk, Jim Ritter and Mark Albright finished 12, 17, 18 and 23.

Ravena's second meet of the week against Catskill was canceled. The Indians' next meet was scheduled for Tuesday of this week with Schalmont and Watervliet. The final match before the Colonial Council championships will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16 against Cohoes at Cohoes.

A race for the muffins

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Keenan takes a personal interest in the well-being of race participants. He gets up before dawn on the day of the event to bake muffins for the runners as a post-race reward. Thus, he's

relieved that the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club cut the four-mile race out of the event this year. After all, how many muffins can one guy make?

The race, scheduled for 9 a.m., begins and ends at Selkirk No. 3 firehouse on Rt. 396. Dennis Northrup of Selkirk, record-holder for the 14-mile course with 1:16:54 in 1982, will pass up the New York City event this year in favor of the South Bethlehem run, Keenan said. Anny Stockman of Rensselaer laid claim to the record for women with a 1:56 in 1983.

Keenan is looking for volunteers to handle water stations and to keep runners on the course. Those willing can call him at 767-3031 evenings. Runners can register at the firehouse the morning of the race.

Runners will take off from the firehouse down Rupert Rd. to Barick and Collabek, and uphill on Rowe and Biers Rds., with Stanton Rd. providing a steep downhill and Bushendorf and Jarvis Rds. leading to the finish line.

BC field hockey team can't find the goal

By Tania Stasiuk

This season can only be called disappointing for Bethlehem Central's varsity field hockey team. So far their record is one win and eight losses, with only four games left to play.

What happened to the team that was so optimistic at the start of the year? Obviously, not the expected. Only one goal has been scored by Bethlehem in nine games, and that single goal led to BC's only victory. That was scored by Cindy Lovelace in the

match against Columbia on Sept. 24.

BC's best consolation is their expectation for next year. Ten of the 16 varsity players are juniors and will be returning as a more experienced team in 1985. They can view 1984 as a "building season," one where their experience working together will enable them to begin the '85 season with improved teamwork.

This week's matches are both at home at 3:45 — today (Wednesday) against Niskayuna and Friday against Columbia.

Cyclists in Delanson

Cyclists from New York and New England will compete this Sunday at Beresford Farms, Delanson. A 22-mile race for novice riders will begin at 10 a.m., and an 11-mile race for first-time racers will begin at 10:15 a.m. Both events are open to the public.

Races for United States Cycling Federation license holders will begin at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. For information and entry forms visit Carman Bicycles, 3728 Carman Rd., Guilderland, or call 355-4683.

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An encore for Dexter

Former Bethlehem Eagles' standout Tom Dexter will be making a homecoming of sorts this weekend when the Cortland State football team visits the Capital District to challenge Albany State.

Dexter, son of Thomas and Theresa Dexter, 11 Pine Tree Dr., Delmar, has played extensively at cornerback this season and also is a punt returner and holder on extra points and field goals for the Red Dragons. Cortland will bring a 3-2 record into Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game at the Great Danes' field. The 5-foot-9, 175-pound junior, a physical education major at Cortland, wears jersey No. 5.

Dexter is a 1982 graduate of BC, where he lettered in football and basketball for three years and baseball for two.

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Thurs., Oct. 11	Soccer, Boys, Guilderland, away 3:45 Soccer, Girls, Guilderland, home 3:45	Field Hockey, Icabod Crane, away 4:00 Golf, Sectionals, away	Tennis, Girls, Cobleskill, home 4:00 Soccer, Girls, Holy Names, home 3:45
Fri., Oct. 12	Field Hockey, Columbia, home 3:45	Field Hockey, Waterford, away 4:00 Soccer, Boys, Ravena, away 4:00	Field Hockey, Icabod Crane, away 3:45 Soccer, Boys, Voorheesville, home 4:00
Sat., Oct. 13	Football, Guilderland, home 2:00 Soccer, Boys, Schenendowa, home 1:30 Soccer, Girls, Schenendowa, home 1:30	Cross Country, Boys & Girls, Marist Col. Invit., away 9:00 Football, Mohonasen, home 1:30	Soccer, Girls, Cohoes, away 10:00 Football, Cobleskill, home 1:30
Mon., Oct. 15	Soccer, Girls, Niskayuna, home 3:45	Field Hockey, Coxsackie-Athens, away, 4:00 Soccer, Boys, Waterford, home 4:00	Soccer, Boys, Watervliet, home 3:30
Tues., Oct. 16	Soccer, Boys, Niskayuna, away 3:45	Cross Country, Boys & Girls, Alb. Acad./Watervliet, home 4:00	Soccer, Girls, Schalmont, home 3:45

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Speaker at library

The Delmar Progress Club will sponsor an illustrated presentation on "The New York State Capitol and its Restoration" on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library. The public is invited.

Guest speaker will be Dennis McFadden, newly appointed executive director of the Temporary State Commission on the restoration of the Capitol. He will discuss the background and planning of the restoration of the Capitol.

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Charles B. Fritts
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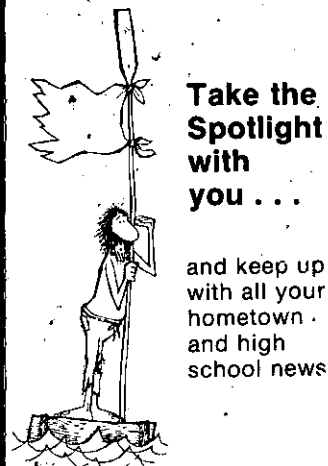
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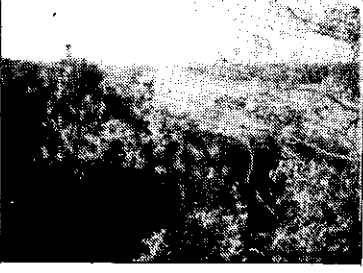
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Road plan blasted

Editor, The Spotlight:

Slingerlands, brace yourself! It seems that our elected town officials can't let go of their long-lasting obsession to connect the high-speed traffic of Rt. 32 with New Scotland Rd. For all of us — and there are many — who walk, jog, and bike Fisher Blvd. and enjoy the cool silence of an early morning fog, the dusk grazing of deer or a friendly chat with the "Pumpkin Lady," the town fathers have a proposal which will make this real pleasure history.

For our family and, I believe, surrounding families up and down New Scotland Rd., our town visionaries plan to deposit more cars on our front lawns — perhaps, literally, on Saturday nights — is about as welcome as the dead mouse a cat proudly lays at his master's feet. In defense of the cat, it is helplessly a victim of certain primitive, involuntary instincts.

For those people feeling less threatened on Carstead, Font Grove, etc., don't believe for a moment that you're not part of this plan. This \$2-million-plus "limited access road" isn't going to terminate at New Scotland Rd. forever, unless these planners want a quick route for an ice cream cone at Tollgate or a means to get the jump on the daily opening of Stonewell's.

For the moment the unmentioned but inevitable course of this new highway will be to connect it to Rt. 85 next to the Blue Cross building where this high-speed route sits poised and ready for the westward thrust into Slingerlands. Eventually, with this accomplished, who knows what visions our town officials may have for their highway.

All of the "progressive" planning will be slipped to us in a sugar-coated placebo of promises to plant a few trees (to replace the 100-year-old ones, which were cut down), comforting noise level impact studies touting low decibel figures (an interesting alternative to near zero decibel levels in most of the areas which will be affected), improved traffic flow in town (this should be a real boon for Slingerlands' residents who enjoy the auto racing on TV who can now turn off their sets and open their windows). It may be of some comfort for Slinger-

lands residents to know that our reduced lots and home equity values have provided someone in a new housing development in some other town a 15-minute trip home from work rather than 20 or 25.

Perhaps some day, when the bulldozers have stopped, the settled dust is reseeded, our Slingerlands' lots have found a permanent place of importance on a filed Department of Transportation blueprint, the grazing deer have been replaced with deer crossing signs and the six-foot maples are taking root on the shoulders of this new visionary highway, the residents "across town" will applaud our elected officials for their perseverance. For myself, a look at an old photograph of what we once had and lost may be of greater importance. I'll gladly trade off a quicker trip to work for the enjoyment my kids get from visiting the "pumpkin lady."

George W. Hemstead

Slingerlands

Get out and cheer!

Editor, The Spotlight:

Do you remember those high school days in the fall? The school spirit was strong and Saturdays of football and pageantry got everyone involved and excited.

This week (Oct. 9-13) is Spirit Week at Bethlehem Central High School and will culminate with the pageantry and excitement of the homecoming parade from the Town Hall to the football field on Van Dyke Rd. It will feature players and cheerleaders of all ages, the BC marching band, Homecoming Queen Kim Riley and her court, Liz Gray, Sonja Bjurstrom and Jennifer Lockman. The 2 p.m. game pits the BC Eagles against Guilderland and will include a halftime show of band and cheerleader performances, the queen and court introductions, alumni football players and a tribute to former coach, Art Ritchko.

Make this a Homecoming Day full of spirit. Come on out and see the parade and be part of the excitement of the homecoming game. See you there!

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Medical costs

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a physician, I feel compelled to respond to the letter of Daniel Maffeo ("Curb medical costs" - Oct. 3), which I believe is misleading.

First of all, the law creating the "participating physician program" is being challenged in the courts as unconstitutional and discriminatory. As the law stands, no physician will be able to increase fees to Medicare beneficiaries above June of 1984 fees until at least October of 1985. At that time, new rules, as yet unclear, will no doubt be made by Congress. Nothing in the law prevents physicians from increasing charges to persons not covered by Medicare, i.e., private payers, Blue Cross, Blue Shield and other insureds. Increases to these patients are likely to be greater than they would be if the rising cost of delivering medical care could be distributed fairly over all recipients. As usual, the working middle class will pay the bills.

The public should also realize that the "reasonable" fee that physicians are being "encouraged" to accept is based upon typical fees charged in 1982 with no regard to inflationary costs during the subsequent three years the law covers.

By freezing the fee schedule of Medicare reimbursement, the gap between reasonable reimbursement and outdated reimbursement has only been widened and may result in a reduction of the number of physicians who now voluntarily accept assignment, as has been the case with Medicaid in New York State. If you then end up receiving your care from a non-participating physician, this will result in an increase in the out-of-pocket costs to the beneficiary who has to pay that which Medicare doesn't pay.

In reality, medical costs to society are not reduced by these measures, only shifted from a failing Medicare fund to both the retired and working public.

Mr. Maffeo's statement that Congress has provided financial incentives to physicians to be participating physicians is also misleading. Allowable charges for participating and non-participating physicians will continue to be based on the same formula as in the past, no different for either group and fixed at 1982 customary rates. The participating physician will have to accept these rates in full payment, the non-participant can continue to charge rates equal to those he charged in June 1984. Does this sound like a financial incentive to be a participant?

For those of us who have usually accepted assignment of charges for Medicare beneficiaries, the new law is but a sham. For those who don't accept assignment, this law is no incentive to change. Should this legislation not be overturned in the courts, the lesson to all physicians will be to keep fees up to avoid being trapped in the next discriminatory freeze.

Norman R. Romanoff, M.D.
(participating physician; for now)
Albany

Fire fighters hailed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Since the week of Oct. 8 has been proclaimed Fire Prevention Week, I feel it is a most appropriate time to praise the efforts of volunteer fire fighters in the Town of Bethlehem. There are 315 active volunteers from the town who drop whatever they are doing when they hear the alarm to protect the lives and property of their friends and neighbors.

It is important to note that the alarm sounded 499 times last year and 9,295 man-hours were spent answering those calls and 15,922 man-hours were spent in training. Additionally, many members of the Elsmere, Delmar and Slingerlands fire departments also serve on the Delmar Rescue Squad, while others belong to the Bethlehem Ambulance Service.

These people devote many hours to their community. To put their time and effort into perspective, it averaged out to almost 80 hours apiece not including rescue squad time away from families by Bethlehem's volunteer fire fighters last year. That's a lot of missed dinners and interrupted sleep.

Fire Prevention Week gives us reason to pause and reflect on the contribution made by these dedicated people on a year-round basis, at any hour of the day or night. Our volunteer fire fighters make the town a better and safer place to live and we all owe them a great deal of gratitude.

C.D. "Larry" Lane
R. 102nd Assembly District
Albany

Bridge fall fatal

Bethlehem police were called to the scene early Thursday when Michele C. McDonald, 31, of Quail St. in Albany went off the Rt. 32 bridge over the Norman-skill, falling about 110 feet to her death. Her death was ruled a suicide by the Albany County coroner's office. The woman had been an employee of the state Health Department.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



Marine Lance Cpl. Martin W. Robbins, son of Carol I. Robbins of Delmar, recently participated in a military exercise in Korea. He is a member of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Army National Guard Pfc. Tina L. Byers, daughter of William R. and Karen M. Byers, 12 Sheffield, Delmar, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. She is a 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Coast Guard Capt. Philip J. Bull, son of Barbara Bull of Delmar, was promoted to his present rank while serving in the Coast Guard 3rd District, Governors Island, N.Y.

Army National Guard Pvt. Roger J. Marr, son of Floyd L. and Lois E. Marr of Delmar, has completed basic training at Ft. Leonard, Wood, Mo.

Army Pfc. Thomas J. Oro, son of Marion Oro of Delmar, has arrived for duty in Bamberg, West Germany. Oro is a cannon crewman with the 1st Armored Division.

Air National Guard 2nd Lt. April L. Richardson-Moore, daughter of Mary and Charles D. Richardson of Centereach, has completed the Air Force's military indoctrination for medical service officers at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex. Her husband, J. Lance, is the son of John O. and Elizabeth Moore of Voorheesville.

Pvt. Wayne D. Shearer, son of Douglas T. and Judith A. Shearer of Voorheesville, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

PFC. Sandra J. Shelmerdine, daughter of James J. and Shirley A. Shelmerdine of Clarksville has graduated from the combat area surveillance radar repair course at the Army Intelligence Center and School, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

Navy Midshipman Clement B. Edgar III, son of Christina H. and Clement B. Edgar Jr. of Glenmont, has undertaken training at sea. He is a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. He is a 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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Married in Delmar

Jackelyn Claffy, daughter of Mrs. Josephine King of Troy, and Leonard F. Tompkins, son of Marie and Leonard Tompkins of Delmar, were married July 28 at the Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar.

Joyce Hoinski served as matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Colleen Claffy, daughter of the bride, Joanne Spain, sister of the groom, Darlene Bell, sister of the groom, and Janice Piche, cousin of the bride. Edwin Tompkins served as best man for

his brother, and ushers were Brian Claffy, son of the bride, Art Mosley, James Kerr and Jeff Voorhees.

The bride is a secretary for the Project Development Bureau at the State Department of Transportation. She is also a member of the Air National Guard, 109th MAPF, Scotia. The groom, a graduate of the Bethlehem Central High School, is a computer operator for Shop Rite in East Greenbush. The couple will reside in Delmar.

Police officers marry

Cynthia A. Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertie C. Reed, Jr. of Delmar, and James W. Kerr, son of Mrs. Jean Kleinhans Kerr of Delmar, were married Sept. 8 at the Delmar Reformed Church.

Lois K. Miller was matron of honor for her sister. Kathy Cooke, Carolyn Milette, Teresa Ravita and Jackelyn Tompkins were bridesmaids. Kyla LaMounain served as flower girl. Leonard F.

Tompkins was best man, and ushers were Mark Reed and Michael Reed, brothers of the bride, Joseph Mosca, Jr. and Scott Quintana. Matthew Reed, brother of the bride, served as ring bearer.

The bride and groom are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. Both are employed as police officers for the Town of Bethlehem.

Officer to speak

Officer James Corbett of the Bethlehem Police Department will speak about child kidnapping at the Monday, Oct. 15, meeting of Mother's Time Out.

The Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers meets every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. New members are welcome, and babysitting is provided. For information call Mary Ann Wierks at 439-9929.

Safe Halloween

The Capital District Easter Seal Society has initiated a "Safe Halloween" campaign for the month of October to provide "tamper-proof" treats to children.

The Easter Seal Society will provide coupon books with nine coupons from local businesses redeemable for free items as listed. Locally, the \$1 coupon books will be available at Convenient Food Mart in Slingerlands.

The event is being co-sponsored by WNYT, Channel 13, and WROW. All proceeds from the sale of the books will be donated to the Easter Seal Society. For information call 434-4103.

Lost cash turned in

A wallet containing \$340 in cash was turned over to Bethlehem police Thursday by a New York City man who had found it in the back of a taxi, according to police reports. Police contacted the owner, a Perry, Ohio, man.

Ft. Orange DAR meets

The Fort Orange chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn Restaurant, Western Ave., Albany, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, for a noon luncheon. The group will plan projects for the year, including work at Veteran's Administration Hospital. Mrs. Carlton Covell and Mrs. Alton V. Hotaling will present slides of the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Washington.

Peace trip fundraiser

A garage sale will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church parking lot, 386 Delaware Ave., on Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Delmar Peace Breakfast to send Gus Cadieux on a witness for peace trip to Nicaragua. For information call 439-2941.

Open house at school

Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, will offer open houses for prospective applicants, parents and friends on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to tour the school and talk with faculty members. For information call 465-5222.

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On Sunday, Oct. 14 at noon, members of the Delmar Fire Department and the Elsmere Volunteer Fire Co. will begin their annual house-to-house donation drive. The volunteer firemen will use the funds to meet fire department and ambulance squad expenses. The fire and ambulance volunteers are there when you need them. Be sure to give generously and show your appreciation.

Don't forget to stop by the Delaware Plaza parking lot this Thursday around 7 p.m. when the five Bethlehem fire departments will display and demonstrate their equipment, including the rescue van, snorkel and jaws of life.



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Royalty for BC's Homecoming

The four class representatives for Saturday's Homecoming are, from left, Jennifer Lockman, Liz Gray, Sonja Bjurstrom and Kim Riley. See Page 30 for details.

