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## Coyne's center gets a grilling

By Tom McPheeters

At the first of the seven "public information meetings" on the proposed Albany County Civic Center, held in downtown Albany, the first eight speakers were business people and labor leaders enthusiastically in favor of the idea.

At the final hearing last Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, the first three speakers were Republican legislators who were, to say the least, skeptical. And the tone didn't improve from there — twice as many people expressed serious reservations as supported the project.

Jim Coyne's civic center isn't playing as well in the suburbs.

There has been opposition in Albany, but most of it has come from downtown residents concerned about parking, traffic and other "quality of life issues." There has also been some concern about the 18 historic buildings that would be demolished to make way for the \$40 million complex.

The Bethlehem meeting, the most heavily attended of the suburban hearings, had a different thrust: do the numbers add up? Will a civic center in downtown Albany draw the kind of massive crowds needed to pay off the debt? That skeptical attitude, evident

also in Voorheesville and elsewhere throughout the county, hardly seems to have fazed the county executive.

Speaking to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce just prior to the Bethlehem hearing, Coyne again rejected the concept of a referendum on the civic center proposal, calling it "hogwash." He cited his overwhelming victory in the 1983 election, during which he championed the civic center concept.

"That to me was the referendum."

Indeed, Coyne has been careful not to leave the impression that the project depends on a favorable response at the hearings. He has announced that he intends to finance the county's \$27 million share through industrial development bonds, which are not subject to approval by the county legislature. But he and his assistants have also repeated that the numbers they are using now, contained in the interim environmental impact statement, are preliminary and subject to change. In most cases, they said, the numbers are "conservative."

Nevertheless, it was evident at the Bethlehem hearing that the

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## Holiday profiles

### The play's the thing

By Ann Treadway

Pat DeCecco pulled off what many considered a minor miracle last spring. Under her direction, a variety show in honor of the Bethlehem Central School District's 50th anniversary turned out to be a smashing success.

It played to two packed houses in the BCHS auditorium, made a profit of about \$4,000, and generated a spirit of fun and togetherness among both participants and spectators.

So successful was the show, in fact, that many of the participants decided soon after to form a new local theater group and keep the spirit alive. The name of the group is The Village Stage, Inc. and its first president is Pat DeCecco.

A Slingerlands resident with a husband and three children, and a full-time job as a speech pathologist for the South Colonie School District, DeCecco now calls the variety show "the biggest thing I've ever done," and says she worried a lot during the months of preparation that it might be "a howling failure."



Pat DeCecco

But she "wanted to do something for the community" and has always loved "anything to do with theater," so she proposed a production plan to the High School Parent-Faculty Organization, got its approval, and then recruited helpers and set to work.

One of those backstage volunteers observed recently: "At first, you might think Pat is just 'too much,' but then you realize she's totally for real. There was never any friction or fighting — she kept everybody happy."

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### A country premiere

By Lyn Stapf

World premieres are nothing new to the Capital District these days, what with Albany's "Cotton Club" gala, but five Voorheesville musicians and their enthusiastic fans will certainly never forget a less publicized debut. On Dec. 16 Country FM station WGNA hosted a party at the Schodack Country Club to introduce the new album and video recently recorded by Southbound.

Much has happened to the progressive country quintet which first appeared at a concert in the village park in August, 1982. Although the five — Dave Burnham on lead vocals, Bob Kendall, Billy Montana and Doug Bernhard on guitar and Doug Bernhard on drums — have remained in their regular jobs, which range from teacher to student to pharmacist to agricultural manager, they have built quite a following during the last year.

The group has appeared with many top country groups during

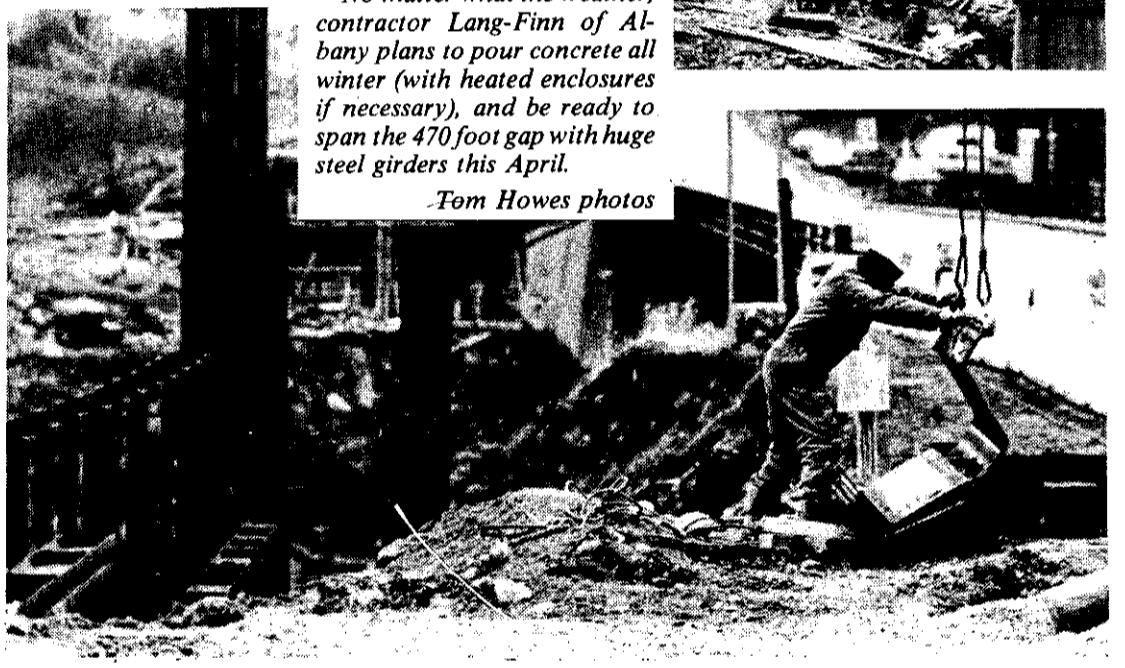
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### Bridge abuilding

The forms are up and concrete is being poured for the first of two bridges that will span the Normanskill at Rt. 9W in Glenmont. "We're coming along fairly well — the weather has been good," says William Piurek, the DOT's project engineer.

No matter what the weather, contractor Lang-Finn of Albany plans to pour concrete all winter (with heated enclosures if necessary), and be ready to span the 470 foot gap with huge steel girders this April.

Tom Howes photos



Members of Southbound, are, clockwise from bottom center, Dave Burnham, Dave Flint, Bob Kendall, Doug Bernhard and Billy Montana.



B.J. Lornell, left, Bethlehem Central School District social worker, Dorothy Seim, school nurse and teacher for Bethlehem, help with the sorting and packing of food for the Bethlehem Festival.

The annual drive will provide holiday turkeys and food for 67 families — 320 people. The Bethlehem Middle School won the prize for collecting the most food — 4,257 cans. Tom Howes

# BC board weighs income, safety

By Caroline Terenzini

A proposed investment policy for the Bethlehem Central School District that "picks up where the guidelines in state law leave off" has drawn praise from the school board, including two members who also threw up some red flags.

The policy, drafted by a volunteer committee made up of professionals in state government, banking and private investment, was framed as a response to the jeopardy of some \$390,000 in district funds invested with a New York City firm that has gone bankrupt. That sum was invested through a repurchase agreement (repo), under which the seller agrees to buy back the securities at a later date at an agreed price including interest. The committee, working since September, put together an eight-page document (including a glossary) intended to provide protection for school district investments while maintaining yield.

The district, operating in the current year under a \$16.3 million budget, has large sums to invest because the taxpayers' three-quarters share of the district's revenue comes in all at once and state aid payments also are made in lump sums several times a year.

The red flags put up by board member Bernard Harvith signaled his concern about diminished interest income as a result of the additional administrative costs associated with the more stringent investment standards in the draft policy, and he pressed Eugene Sunshine, who is deputy commissioner and treasurer of the state Department of Taxation and Finance and who acted as spokesperson for the committee, for an assessment of the trade-off of income for security. Board member John Clyne also expressed concern.

"How much in interest might we lose in terms of the banks' willingness to comply with our requirements? What is your gut feeling?" Harvith asked.

Sunshine, while noting that the committee had sought not to put Bethlehem "in its own little world" with respect to investing, pointed out that the proposed policy was believed to be a first in the state and therefore its effect would be difficult to gauge. In addition, market conditions would be an important factor in the trade-off. Sunshine added that modifications to the policy could be necessary.

James McGlynn, a vice president at Key Bank and a member of the committee, raised the "worst case scenario" of no bids being received for district investments and said there may be "some

resistance in certain sectors not to comply (with the district's provisions) until the dust settles."

The proposed policy does not prohibit the use of repurchase agreements as investment vehicles for the district, but does stipulate that the securities involved be limited to U.S. Treasury bills or notes and that the collateral be held by an agent bank. The need for an agent bank with future repos is one area where the district would incur additional cost, estimated by Sunshine at \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.

Another concern raised by Harvith was the "what if" of fraud. Sunshine observed that no policy can protect against fraud but, under the policy, the district would have "clear legal recourse."

"Nothing here is fail-proof," Sunshine said. "What we're dealing with is degrees of comfort — it's subjective, to some extent. Developing such a policy is an art, not a science."

George Hartman, a member of the committee who is a vice president at Norstar Bank, noted that committee members had disagreed over some stipulations in the policy concerning banks dealing with the district, but "we have struck a balance that we can live with, from a banker's perspective." Under the policy, for example, banks holding district funds would be required to make book entry or physical delivery of the collateral to a BC trust account, agent bank or joint custody account; enter into master agreements with the district governing the investment, and maintain the value of the underlying securities. Other safeguards pertaining to agent banks were written into the policy.

The draft policy was endorsed by the board by a vote of 6 to 1, with Harvith opposed in order "to think about it some more." Two more "readings" of the policy at regular business meetings are required before it can take effect. Once adopted, the policy is to be phased in over a period of six months.

The committee's work was praised by board members including Clyne, who said, "It's great to have such talent working for the school district for nothing," and Barbara Coon, who also was a member of the panel.

Committee members in addition to Sunshine, Hartman, McGlynn and Coon were F. William Valentino, vice president and treasurer of the state Energy Research and Development Authority; David Vigoda, president of Associated Investment Management, a private investment firm; James R. Boyle, vice president of the state Job Development Authority, and Franz K. Zwicklbauer, business administrator for the district.

## Bus plan falls through

By Caroline Terenzini

A plan to bus Bethlehem Central High School students who live in Westchester Woods to avoid traffic hazards along Elm Ave. in Delmar has gone bust. Last week concerned parents thought an arrangement had been worked out under which the Town of Bethlehem would hire a bus to pick up older students — who under district policy do not get transportation if they live within a mile and a half of the school — at one central location in the development. The parents would have paid the town, which in turn would have reimbursed the school district for its costs, similar to the arrangement under which children are bused to recreational programs during the summer.

Monday it all fell apart, according to Martha Lazarus, a resident of Hurlersfield Rd. who has been active in the campaign. According to Mrs. Lazarus, town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz told the group the state law allows towns to transport only senior citizens or residents involved in recreational programs — not educational programs.

Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan confirmed Thursday that he had been prepared to implement

the plan until he asked Kaplowitz to approve it. Kaplowitz did some research and told Corrigan the town couldn't do it.

"It's a dead issue," Mrs. Lazarus declared Thursday. "And it's an abomination!"

More than a year ago, residents of that area had approached the Bethlehem school board asking for busing for their high schoolers because of the hazard posed by traffic along Elm Ave. From the development to Delaware Ave. the roadway is tortuous. It also sees heavy truck traffic, particularly at the early hour students set out, Mrs. Lazarus said — then. Compounding the problem are the snowbanks that occasionally narrow the roadway, forcing walkers into the street and impairing visibility.

When the school board pointed out that the state education commissioner has in the past ruled that busing cannot be based on hazard, the parents asked the town to install a sidewalk along that portion of the road. This summer a sidewalk was built between Delaware Ave. and Murray Ave., but the parents are unhappy that part of the walk is next to the road because the town was unable to obtain easements.

The section south of Murray Ave. won't be done until next spring, Corrigan said, and easements may be a problem there also.

Currently, some students are driven to school by their parents or by other students, but traffic congestion at the building in the early morning makes private transportation a less-than-desirable solution.

The most recent suggestion has been that the concerned parents form a corporation and rent a bus, but the \$200 filing fee for incorporation — for starters — puts that alternative pretty low on the list.

Parents of pupils of Elsmere Elementary School who also are concerned about the safety of walkers on Delaware Ave. and also have asked for busing in excess of district policy have been keeping close tabs on what develops for Westchester Woods.

### Music and moods

Children 5 to 12 years and their parents are invited to a special music program at Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 6 from 1:15 until 2 p.m.

Conductor Victoria Bond of the Empire State Youth Orchestra will play selections by Wagner, Copland, Rossini and Bizet to demonstrate how music can set many moods in a story. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to speak with Bond after the program.

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# Civic center

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impact statement had received a lot of study over the last several weeks. The hearing, which drew about 65 people, featured some of the sharpest questioning of the series, and generated some new information. For instance:

• County Legislator Gordon Morris of Elmsere established, apparently for the first time, how Coyne expects to keep the county's debt obligation to \$2.4 million a year. After Morris explained that his own calculations on bonding for \$27 million couldn't bring the numbers anywhere close to the \$2.4 million debt service figure in the impact statement, a Coyne assistant explained that the plan is to sell bonds with a five-year limit, counting on the short term to gain a AAA rating and a very favorable 8.5 percent interest rate. At the end of the five years another set of bonds would be sold.

• The county and the city of Albany, according to a number of statements at the hearing, have been quietly negotiating on two crucial points — the parking facility and the question of

compensation for the local impact of the civic center in the downtown area. County Planner Lawrence Smith said the impact statement proposes an \$82,000 payment to the city to compensate for additional police, fire and other costs, but that so far there has been no response to that figure. Similarly, there has been no response to the proposal that the city parking authority construct a \$5 million garage, despite the county's contention that such a garage would be a money maker. Coyne told the chamber he is now looking to the private sector — specifically two hotel chains — to build the garage. But Smith said the city is still interested.

Speaking to the chamber, Coyne was far more optimistic than the impact statement or his own planners. The civic center, he told the business people, should attract about 40 major shows (rock concerts as well as "family shows") and draw some 800,000 people. If the county puts a \$1 surcharge on ticket sales, at least \$1 million of the annual debt service can be covered.

"If we could have a banner year,



W. Gordon Morris

there is a very good chance that we could cover the debt service," he said.

At the hearing, Delmar resident Sherwood Davies took the opposite view. After careful questioning of the planners on their attendance projections, Davies agreed that neither he nor they were in a position to know how things would go in five years time.

"With all due respect to the experts," he said, "if there is a shortfall the county taxpayers will pick it up."

## New Scotland: Little support

New Scotland residents who attended the Dec. 17 public information meeting on the proposed Albany County Civic Center made it clear they do not support it.

Before an audience of only 15, Albany County planners held their fifth of seven meetings at the Resource Development Center in Voorheesville to "discuss and gather input" for County Executive Jim Coyne's campaign promise, a civic center. "It's a sound idea," said Coyne, "but we won't get 100 percent agreement."

He didn't.

Of the eight residents who spoke, only one, James Leonard, a member of the Operating Engineers of Albany County, was supportive. "I'm proud of a project like this," he said. "Do we have to go to Boston or Glens Falls to enjoy ourselves?"

At least seven others, including Voorheesville Mayor Richard Lennon, disagreed. "I think it's a creative idea, but in business, it often takes many creative ideas before you find the right one," Lennon said. He added that businessmen and promoters will make money while "county taxpayers are burdened for twenty or thirty years."

Other county residents said that the planners have been unrespon-

sive to the public. Voorheesville's Donald Meacham noted "a lack of responsiveness from elected officials," and Harold Sugar of Loudonville said "I'm against the undemocratic procedure of bypassing the Albany Legislature."

The success of the civic center would depend largely on its ability to attract major professional sports teams to Albany. Some county taxpayers had doubts as to whether that could be done in a city so close to Glens Falls, which already has professional baseball and hockey. "Won't Glens Falls have anything to say about that?" asked Meacham.

People at the meeting were also concerned with the accuracy of the cost estimates for the project. Current estimates are based on the costs of the recently constructed Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, a facility built on the campus of the University of Iowa in 1983 for \$18.5 million.

Mayor Lennon said, "If the \$40

million estimate is as accurate as the estimate of the cost for the South Mall, it will be between \$80 and \$100 million before we're done."

Charles Casey

### Early deadlines

The advertising and editorial deadline for the Jan. 2 issue of *The Spotlight* is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27. The paper will be delivered on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

### Students to march

Bethlehem Students for Peace and Survival, an organization of students dedicated to creating a nuclear-free, secure world by non-violent means, will sponsor a demonstration at Capitol Park, Albany, on Thursday, Dec. 27, at noon. All are welcome. For information call Seth Brandon at 439-4332.

### Break-in probed

Sheriff's department investigators are probing a break-in Dec. 13 at the Stewart's shop in Voorheesville. The incident occurred about 4 a.m. that Thursday, a spokesman for the department reported.

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# Pat DeCecco

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Pat DeCecco was born in Albany, but spent many of her growing-up years in New Jersey before her salesman father relocated the family in the Capital District. A graduate of Holy Names Academy and the College of St. Rose, she met her husband, Dominick, Social Studies supervisor of the Bethlehem Central School District, when both were active in the now-defunct Slingerlands Players.

Part of her concern about being responsible for the school district variety show was that she might embarrass her kids: Andrea, 16, David, 15, and Michael, 9. But she credits her family with making her participation in it possible. "Dom did a lot of cooking, and I was ordering the kids off the phone a lot," she says.

When David told her afterwards that "it wasn't a bad show," she felt that meant even more than the applause ringing in her ears and the flowers presented by a grateful cast and crew.

Now DeCecco is excited about the new theater group she helped get started, although she "won't have anything to do with" its first production. "The Fantasticks" is scheduled for presentation on March 1 and 2, under the direction of Charles Losacco, another Slingerlands Players alumnus.

A cast of eight for the popular musical including two high school students, has already been selected and recently began rehearsals.

The Village Stage, Inc. is also soliciting members, both to become involved on production committees and for dues-paying support. The membership fee is \$10 and the group has set a membership drive deadline of Jan. 10.

"Royalty payments for good plays are very high," DeCecco said, "so we all hope to get a lot of both individual and business memberships." Applications can be obtained by writing The Village Stage, Inc., 24 Dumbarton Dr., Delmar.

The new local theater group is starting out, according to DeCecco, with a two-dollar footstool and a few costumes. The profits from last spring's variety show went, as planned, back to the school district. Of the \$4,000 raised, \$2,000 went to four gra-

duating seniors as \$500 scholarships, \$1,800 bought technical equipment for the school auditorium, and \$200 was donated to the BCHS senior class for graduating expenses.

DeCecco says The Village Stage, Inc. "will live or die on its own," and hopes to attract "young blood." She thinks it will succeed, even though its members may have many other commitments, because "If a lot of us had our druthers, we'd be doing this sort of thing full-time."

She prefers to call the group "avocational" rather than "amateur," and said its goal is "the three E's — to entertain, enrich, and educate."

Other officers of the group, which held its first official meeting in late November, are Lars Allanson, vice president, Arlene Ainsworth, corresponding secretary, Anne Marie Dullea, recording secretary, and Joanne Davies, treasurer. Also on the nine-member Board of Directors are Judy Lamprecht, Bill Schoonmaker, Muriel Welch and Helen Scott. Heading up the membership committee is Norine Vancans.

All of these local residents gave their time and talents to the successful variety show, and are now enthusiastic about future plans. DeCecco said there are also about 10 former Slingerlands Players among the group's charter members and "there's a lot of talent there to be tapped."

She's sure many Village Stage participants, like herself, "have a love for theater in our genes." Hers came from her father, she thinks, because acting and salesmanship are closely aligned. A favorite part of her school job is putting on in-service programs, "because I have a captive audience."

But mainly she and her new cohorts are interested in promoting a spirit of community togetherness through working together on projects and then attracting appreciative audiences.

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# Playing for others is their pleasure

By Theresa Bobear

Nearly 900 Albany County senior citizens are part of RSVP, a network of volunteers who "help themselves by helping others." But one unit of that network can truly be said to derive as much enjoyment from its volunteer effort as it gives — the Albany Area Senior Citizens Orchestra.

The group's 100 members are people over 60 years of age who have been involved with music throughout their lives. "Most of the members have at one time or another been professional musicians and are still very skilled," says Clifford Allanson, the Delmar resident who is president of the organization.

They are "concerned with providing excellence in music for enjoyment."

The orchestra acts as a unit of the county's Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), but is not controlled by the volunteer network. "From the onset," says Allanson, who founded the organization 12 years ago, "the intent of the orchestra has been to be a non-profit organization and devote much of its efforts to entertaining the elderly in nursing homes and other places where seniors are gathered."

Members enjoy the group, he said, because it provides a challenging musical environment, a support network and an opportunity to make new friends, and because it performs a needed service.

The group is actually an organization of approximately 15 performing units, including an orchestra, a string ensemble, a German band, a melody maker (combination dance band and concert band), two sing-along groups, a kitchen band, the troubadours, a triad and other groups and individual performers.

Between 12 and 14 people attended the first rehearsal in February of 1972. The group now has approximately 100 active members with roughly 50 members participating in the orches-



Clifford A. Allanson of Delmar, right, conductor of the Albany Area Senior Citizens Orchestra, is greeted by Assemblyman Larry Lane before a program at the Legislative Office Building in Albany. The orchestra plays all over the area, in many different sizes and styles.

tra. Many members have grandchildren and are retired. They want to feel free to skip a rehearsal, Allanson said. The musicians are skilled and versatile enough — most play more than one instrument — to substitute for absentees.

At any given orchestra performance, Allanson estimates, 40 members will participate. "The organization grew by word of mouth," Allanson said, "because it's a fun thing."

Clifford and Estelle Allanson each devote approximately 40 hours per week to organizing music, and staging and scheduling events for the Albany Area Senior Citizen's Orchestra. Estelle Allanson acts as secretary, treasurer and librarian of the organization. Last summer, the Allansons sponsored a chicken dinner at the Elm Ave. Park for all members of the group. Entertainment for the event was provided by orchestra members.

Clifford Allanson founded the organization after retiring from his executive position with the

New York State Council of Retail Merchants. He developed as a musician by playing the cornet with bands at his high school and college. He played in the U.S. Navy band during WWI. He also plays baritone, bass viol and trombone. Allanson has played with many musical organizations including the Cyprus Shrine Band of Albany and is a member of the Colonie Town Band and the Delmar Community Orchestra.

During an average month, the president estimates, the 15 performing units of the Albany Area Senior Citizens Orchestra stage approximately 60 events at between 45 and 50 locations, with some members performing once or twice during the month and others performing between four and six times during the month. The orchestra gives approximately 14 performances each year at a half-dozen places in the area that can readily house the full group. "Many places can use only the smaller groups," Allanson said. "We receive many requests in advance," he explained, "sometimes as much as six months in

advance for a particular party, holiday, or festival."

"Relations with many nursing homes and senior adult homes are such," Allanson said, "that we have a standing request for monthly entertainment. We schedule events with a degree of rotation, taking into consideration the size and character of the particular center at which we're entertaining."

Most of the 100 members of the organization reside within a 30-mile radius of the Senior Service Center of the Albany Area on Delaware Ave. in Albany, where weekly rehearsals are held for the orchestra and the bell ringers. Approximately 12 members of the organization are residents of the Delmar area.

The organization's brass ensemble, string ensemble, triad and individual performers play both classical and popular music. The other groups, Allanson said, tend to play more popular music. The organization has a library of classical and popular music thanks to donations from other orchestras which have dissolved. The library and the orchestra units are housed at the Senior Citizen Center.

Any senior members of the community who play an orchestral instrument are welcome to attend one of the 9:30 a.m. Tuesday orchestra rehearsals at the center, 25 Delaware Ave. During the 10:30 a.m. coffee break, visitors will have an opportunity to meet the group. Persons who are interested in joining the organization but are unable to attend a Tuesday rehearsal may call 465-3322 or write to the Senior Service Center c/o Clifford Allanson. Pianists are especially encouraged to apply.



Jane E. Conron

## New job at St. Peter's

Jane E. Conron of Slingerlands has been appointed to the newly created position of manager of emergency and outpatient services at St. Peter's Hospital.

Conron has been Patient Care Coordinator for the Emergency Room, Clinic and St. Peter's Alcohol Rehabilitation Center (SPARC) since September, 1973.

## On Reyes Syndrome

The National Reyes Syndrome Foundation urges parents to be alert for the symptoms of Reyes Syndrome. The disease affects children from infancy through adolescence and can develop three to five days after the onset of chicken pox, an upper respiratory illness or other viral infections. It affects the liver and brain, is non-contagious and has been shown to be associated with the use of aspirin for treating influenza-like illnesses, chicken pox and colds.

Parents should watch for symptoms such as persistent or continuous vomiting, listlessness (loss of pep and energy), personality change, disorientation, delirium and/or convulsion. Reyes Syndrome could also be suspected in any child with chicken pox who vomits repeatedly.

There is a 90 percent chance of recovery from the disease, which affects the liver and brain, if treatment is given during the earliest stages. Parents who suspect Reyes Syndrome should get their child to their physician or to an emergency room promptly.

## Learn vital signs

The Albany Area chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a self-help course on vital signs at the chapter house, Hackett Blvd., Albany, on Monday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 14 and 17, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Participants may be family members, high school and college students, persons employed or seeking employment in the health field, Red Cross volunteers and others who are interested in or need to learn self-care skills. They will learn to take temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure. A course fee of \$10 covers the cost of books and materials. To register call 462-7461.

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# Dover Estates gets planners' go ahead

By Theresa Bobear

After considering concerns raised by residents of Laurelana Heights during an earlier public hearing, the Bethlehem Planning Board last week granted preliminary approval for Rudolf Paulsen's Dover Estates subdivision of 26 lots located in an A and AA-Residential zone at Elm Ave. and Feura Bush Rd.

At the public hearing, residents were opposed to having Dover Rd. connected to Elm Ave. and expressed concern about drainage in the area. Board Chairman Charles Redmond asked the board members for comments addressing the issues raised at the hearing.

Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works and owner of adjacent lands, said he would connect a drainage pipe on his property with a pipe to be installed by the developer on the south side of the lots near Elm Ave. Secor said the system would drain the area behind existing houses on Elm Ave. near the proposed intersection.

Regarding the ravine on the west side of the subdivision, the town "will size the pipe assuming that the entire area will someday be developed," Secor said.

"There really are no technical problems here that are insurmountable," Secor told the board.

Board member William Johnston reported that the route from Elm Estates through Laurelana Heights to Feura Bush Rd. is twice as far as the straight run down Elm Ave. to Feura Bush Rd. Johnston recommended that stop signs be installed at both ends of Dover Dr.

Secor said Laurelana Heights is "in dire need of another exit." Redmond noted that most other subdivisions in the town with one exit have stub streets that will eventually be connected to provide easier access.

"I feel comfortable with it," said one area resident, noting that the proposal would take care of 90 percent of the problem.

The board also granted preliminary approval to civil engineer Lindsay Boutelle for Westphal Gardens, Extension No. 1 located in an A and AA-Residential zone on Westphal Dr. near Feura Bush

Rd. Area residents voiced objection to the proposal at the public hearing because of drainage problems in the vicinity.

When considering development of the three lots, under contract for sale to David VanDenburg, town engineering consultant Alvah Worth said problems with the drainage and sanitary sewer would have to be "ironed out as the final plot is prepared."

"Someone is going to have to bite the bullet and take the sewer out to the interceptor to the south," Secor said. He explained that the three lots could "just barely be sewered to the north." The land to the north is higher in elevation.

Lindsay Boutelle, representing Gerald and Judith Dievendorf, informally discussed a proposal for a one-lot subdivision on Hudson Ave. east of North St. Boutelle said he would submit a formal proposal at the Jan. 8 meeting.

The next meeting of the planning board has been scheduled for Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. At that meeting the board may consider a proposed Planned Residence District for approximately 80 acres of land owned by Howard Nolan and Norris McFarland. The land, zoned A and AA-Residential, is located between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St.



Sixth grade Spanish students at Bethlehem Central Middle School, including, from left, Bill Parry, Scott Strohane, Kevin Clark and Kathy Leonard,

came up with many unusual designs when they made pinatas for the holidays. Tom Howes

## Woodhill apartments get extension

Extending the construction deadline to February of 1990, the Bethlehem Board of Appeals gave final approval to ABCO Builder's request for a modification of a special exception. The action allows the developers five additional years to complete construction of 15 four-unit apartment buildings in a section of the Woodhill subdivision, Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont.

The original permit allowed the builders three and one-half years to complete construction. The project is still under review by the town's planning board.

In other business, the board:  
• Informally granted a variance

from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to Mr. and Mrs. Mark reamer, 232 Krumkill Rd., Slingerlands, after holding a public hearing to consider the request.

• Scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. to consider a request from William R. Swift Builders, Inc., for a side yard variance to allow an existing chimney at 37 Daniel St., Slingerlands.

• Scheduled a public hearing to consider Norman and Kathryn Mokhiber's request for a variance to permit construct of a duplex at 514 Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont for Jan. 16 at 8:30 p.m. Since the Mokhibers purchased the parcel,


the land was rezoned from A to AA-Residential.

• Tabled discussion of Dan and Andrea Formica's request for a special exception to permit installation of a drive-in window at the Elsmere McDonald's Restaurant.

• Tabled discussion of Donna Lee's request for a special exception to permit a dog kennel at 1691 Delaware Ave., Delmar.


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# Southbound

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the year, and had hoped to record an album at some point. But that hope became a reality very quickly last summer.

Auditioning at Showcase, where bookings are made for the summer fair circuit, the group met producer Joe Waters. After listening to a tape of their songs, he encouraged the group to make the album, which includes 12 original songs written by Southbound.

The recording process was long and complicated and included three separate taping sessions in different places. It began with a group of studio musicians, many of whom provide back-up for such country greats as Alabama, Reba McEntire and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band laying down the rhythm track in Nashville. Then Burnham and Montana traveled to Nashville to tape the voice tracks.

Finally the entire group traveled to Ohio to record, add-in, dub over and such — a process that took the better part of August.

With the record now in the hands of the producers, Waters decided that a video would add to the exposure of the group and be much more cost efficient than going "on the road" to promote the album.

The song "Southbound Fever" was selected since it could introduce the whole group. After spending several months screening other videos, the producers decided on a different approach, much removed from the rock vignettes or taped live performances of country singers — comedy.

Playing the roles of children, women and doctors, the five who confess to being "hams" filmed the video using props they brought with them, including a Blackbird football shirt Burnham sports in the opening sequence, and medical gear borrowed from Voorheesville pediatrician Dr. Michael Kieserman. The filming took 14 hours.

And what the prognosis? Well according to video's toughest critics, the tape is hilarious — at least that's what Dave Burnham's sixth graders thought when they previewed the video, which will be appearing on the Nashville network and hopefully HBO and MTV.

And, Burnham says, parents are not to worry — this video is devoid of the sex and violence found in many others.

"We're a family oriented band," says Burnham. "We never do anything on stage — or film for that

matter — that would embarrass our parents or our families."

Which must be true considering the support of the group's families. Burnham's wife Patty and Montana's wife Donna oversee the sale of retail products such as hats and T-shirts bearing the Southbound logo. Doug's mother, Connie Bernhard, along with Sandy Debis act as co-presidents of the group's ever-growing fan club, "The Rowdies."

"We belong to the public," says Burnham. "After all, they are the ones who put you where you are." The band members have gone out of their way to remember their roots. They have done annual benefits for the Voorheesville PTSA, this year to be held Feb. 8, as well as concert in the park shows, which last year netted over \$800 in music scholarship funds for Voorheesville High School students.

They plan on keeping close contact with their fans by appearing at local night spots such as Motty's on Western Turnpike. They'll also be branching out to include parts of Vermont and Massachusetts, hoping to promote their album, which will be on sale at Record Town and Records 'N Such as well as through Southbound members.

No easy task to be sure. "The northeast is the hardest area in the nation (to sell) country music," says Burnham. "A major group like Alabama will barely fill the RPI Field House yet go down south they'll draw crowds of 35,000."

But Southbound hopes to change all that. With another album due to be taped in February and plans to do a video on "Kentucky Blue" to be filmed on location on a riverboat in Ohio, the group plans to take the northeast by storm, hoping people will catch "Southbound Fever."

## Performers preview

The Schenectady Arts Council will present a "Showcase For Young Audiences" on Monday, May 13, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady. The program will feature local performing artists who wish to present programs in area schools. The audience will include school administrators, teachers, PTA representatives and representatives of other groups active in supporting the performing arts for young people.

Performing artists, including musicians, actors, mimes, magicians and storytellers, are invited to contact the Schenectady Arts Council office, 432 State St., Schenectady, at 374-3321



Voorheesville Postmaster John Follos reviews plans for the new post office with members of Webelos Den 1 from Voorheesville Cub Pack 73. The boys toured the construction sites to meet one of the requirements for their engineering badge. Lyn Staff

## Voorheesville honors

The following students at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School received honors for the first marking period. The (\*) indicates high honor roll.

### Grade 9

Renay Arbour\*, Susan Arthur, Matthew Bates\*, Kelli Brennan, William Connell, John Corcoran\*, Kristen Deeley, Melissa Donnelly\*, Darrin Duncan\*, John Elmendorf\*, Sara Fike\*, Lisa Foley, Gardner Foster, Michael Galusha\*.

Also Kathleen Glastetter\*, Denise Gobelille\*, Bradley Goldstein\*, Thomas Hampston\*, Joseph Harding, Megan Hladun, Renee Hunter\*, Christopher Jeffers\*, Jeanette Kiegle, Bruce Kinisky, Staci Loewy\*, John Martin, Rachel Martin\*, Ann Mattfeld\*, Jennifer Meilenger\*, Meredith Messina\*, Heather Michalak\*, Jennifer Miller, Jennifer Mistretta\*, Laura Munyan, Wayne Oliver, Aaron Parsons\*, Todd Porter\*, Michael Race, Tiffany Ranalli, Lucretia Rathke\*, Robert Raynsford and Andrew Rockmore.

Also Edwin Sapienza\*, Dominick Schoonmaker, Jennifer Schwartz\*, Lisa Semenick\*, Tanya Severino\*, Chad Smith, Stephen Smith, Jeffrey Smolen, Kevin Tyrrell, David Veeder, Mark Veeder\*, Michael Vink\*, William Warnken\*, Jayson White\*, Mark Wight, Kathryn Wilbur, Kelli-Anne Wilkins, Debora Winne, and Shannon York.

### Grade 10

Bridgette Adams, Ward Breeze\*, Heather Brennan\*, Courtney Burns, Vicky Chamberlain\*, Jay Curtix, Dean Decker, Thomas Donohue, David Dunning\*, Lisa Fedele, Jonathan Flanders\*, Karrie Ford\*, Phillip Genovese, Benjamin Greenberg\*, Jill Guyer\*, Sandra Hawkins\*, Lynn Herzog, Kristin Houghton, Kyle Larabee\*, Erin Martelle, Dea Martin, Jill Martin, Laura Martin\*, Daniel McKenna\*, Donna Mensching\*, Cheryl Nendza,

Judith Olsen, Jennifer Ramsey\*, Kenneth Rivers, Matthew Rose\*, Michelle Schaff, Shara Smith, Kevin Smolen, Alexis Steinkamp\*, Adina Taluto, Cynthia Tanner, Edward Teuten, Pamela Tibbits, Marthamary Wagner, Yolanda Walker, Laurie Warner\* and Betsy Zeh.

### Grade 11

Amy Allen, Margaret Arthur\*, Lawrence Bach, Lisa Baker\*, Martin Burke, Melissa Campbell, Justin Corcoran\*, Daniel Darpino, Meredith Englander\*, Lisa Follos, Kirsten Haff\*, Edward Hampston\*, Edward Kiegle\*, Bradley Kranz\*, Jennifer Kurkjian\*, Jill Lawrence\*, Christine Martin\*, Kathleen Michalak, Bonnie Mitchell\*, Carrie Murdoch, Matthew Ramsey\*, Lynne Richbart\*, Elizabeth Rourke\*, Christina Shuff\*, Gretchen Storm\*, Alissa Van Zutphen\*, Colleen Vaughn\* and James Volkwein.

### Grade 12

Douglas Aurthur, Theresa Balfe\*, Debra Bausback\*, Lewis Bernstein\*, Mark Bibbons\*, Christopher Biernacki\*, Courtney Brennan\*, Jeffrey Caimano, Peter Chapman\*, Thomas Corcoran, Katherine Danforth\*, Christine Fernandez\*, Peter Fisch, Adrienne Fitzgerald, Ann Flansburg, timothy Godin, Ann Grassucci\*, Shawn Houck\*, Suzanne Hunter, Dianne Jackson, Andrew Keal, Suzanne Kernozeck, and Kenneth Kerton.

Also Williamlee Kraus\*, Michael Larabee, Karen Lonnstrom, Sharon McKenna\*, Linda Mensching\*, Susan Merritt\*, Edward Mitzen\*, Lorraine Mullins, Susanne Munyan\*, Neighmond Erin\*, John Paradise, Jacqueline Perry\*, Liza Petrone, Sandra Ponce, Kerry Rapp, Bertrand Romagne, Victoria Ross\*, Heather Sanderson\*, Cynthia Sauer\*, Christopher Smolen\*, Elizabeth Sommer, Jeffrey Stein, Peggy Tassone, Maureen Thomas\*, Christine Toritto, Robert Vanderveer, Clinton Wagner\* and Thomas Wight.

## Pleasant St. to be studied

By Charles Casey

A sewer subcommission for the Pleasant St. area has been formed, the Voorheesville Village Board learned at its regular meeting last week.

Trustee Edward Donohue said the subcommission will be headed by Steven Schreiber, a resident of Pleasant St., and Harvey Huth. Mayor Richard Lennon mentioned that as ad hoc members especially Pleasant St. homeowners are encouraged to join.

Pleasant St. is located above Main St. and its sewer drainage has long been a concern of the Village Sewer Commission. Donohue said there is now a state mandate to solve the problem.

As the village's new Post Office on Voorheesville Avenue is nearing completion, Lennon said he has been in contact with the Albany Area Postmaster to discuss the possibility of installing up to three drop boxes for outgoing mail. Although not all three may be granted, Lennon listed the possible sites for the boxes: lower Main St., Village Hall and the Voorheesville Shopping Plaza.

In other business, Trustee Susan Rockmore said there are no plans to provide a free snow and trash removal service to village seniors, at least not yet. Of the over 200 questionnaires sent to seniors, only one had been returned, said Rockmore. "We haven't decided not to provide the service, we're waiting for a response," she said.

Rockmore also reported that CDTA officials had not yet responded to the Community Service Council's request for a mid-day bus to the village.

## 'Country Cooking'

A cookbook entitled "Country Cooking," featuring favorite family recipes of New York farm wives has been compiled by the New York Farm Bureau Women's Committee. The book contains recipes for appetizers, desserts, main courses, soups, breads and more. To obtain a copy send \$6 plus \$1 for postage and handling to Country Cooking, New York Farm Bureau, PO Box 100, Glenmont, NY 12207. Proceeds will benefit the group's youth citizenship fund.

## Flag donated

Mrs. Max Privler of Delmar, representing the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars, recently donated a flag to Home and Savings Bank in memory of Leroy Griffin Jr., of Bethlehem VFW Post 3185. The flag was given by the Griffin family.

# Voorheesville News Notes

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## Yuletide spirit at the library

A reminder that there is still a week left to take advantage of the Voorheesville Public Library's fine-free week, which begins today (Wednesday) and runs through Jan. 2. During that time all overdue books may be returned to the library without paying a penalty. Also, people who have fines on the books may have their outstanding fines rounded up to the nearest dollar and then halved. It's a good way to start the year with a clean slate!

Children on vacation may wish to take advantage of the free movies to be held this week. On Wednesday and Thursday *Winnie The Pooh*, and *The Cat in the Hat* will be shown at 10:30 a.m. each day. *The Legend of the Lone ranger* will be shown at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, and *Summer Stock* will be shown at 2 p.m. on Thursday. All are welcome.

## Get your historic calendars

The new year is almost upon us and the New Scotland Historical Society reminds everyone that the beautiful and educational calendars they have published are still for sale at local stores. The calendars, which cost \$2, feature historic photos of New Scotland, Voorheesville and New Salem.

## Woodworkers win prizes

Santa and his elves weren't the only ones busy making toys this month. As usual, Jim Hladun's Wood Tech I class was giving the joy of woodmaking a bit of competition in the annual contest held by the group at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. As in past years students must design and build an object, usually a toy, from wood scraps using only hand tools. Each is judged on workmanship, workability of the design, and whether the design is suitable for young children.

This year's winners selected by a panel of faculty judges were: Bill LeGere, first place with a Packard LaMans car; Charles Collins, second place with a steam shovel; honorable mention, Sharon Smith for a Star Wars battleship; Jim Tommel for a helicopter; Carla Dembrowski for a movable frog and Mike Trombley for a funny car.

Prizes were again donated by Dick Crannell of Crannell Lumber Co., of Voorheesville.

## Kiwanians honor their coaches

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland held a dinner at St. Matthew's Church recently to

honor the men and women who have coached various Kiwanis-sponsored sports teams, including soccer and grasshopper baseball and softball.

Each of the coaches received a gift and certificate of appreciation from the Kiwanians. Well over 100 students in grades 2 through 8 participated in the summer leagues.

## Community opens its hearts

The holiday season wouldn't be complete without the spirit of giving found in Voorheesville each year at this time. As in the past, many church, school and community groups have donated time and goods to help others during the month of December.

The faculty at the Voorheesville Elementary School with the help of some students again adopted a family through the Albany County Department of Social Services and provided that family with food and gifts for the holidays, including toys for the four boys in the household.

The Junior and Senior High School religion classes at St. Matthew's Church also provided gifts for needy families both in Voorheesville and Albany, while the children in the elementary grade religion program brought in food for the Human Concerns Food Pantry based at the church.

The boys of Cub Scout Pack 73 and some Brownie and Girl Scout troops from the Voorheesville Neighborhood also donated canned and boxed goods to the food pantry, as did the New Scotland Senior Citizens.

Children and adults alike at the Voorheesville Methodist Church assisted area children with gifts brought to their Birthday Party for Jesus. The money they placed in the traditional red stockings was donated to help the children at the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

The Kiwanians assisted the Human Concerns group in providing Christmas baskets for needy people in the area.

## Party for Senior Citizens

New Scotland Senior Citizens will not hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday because of the holidays. They will, however, usher in the New Year with a social on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m. at the center located at the Old New Salem Schoolhouse. Punch and finger foods will be the menu. Those wishing to make reservations and to sign up



Expert toymakers from Jim Hladun's Wood Tech I class at Clayton A. Bouton High School include, from left, Bill LeGere, Sharon Smith, James

Tommel, Carla Dobrowski, Wayne Oliver, Mike Trombley and Charles Collins.

to bring items should call Martha Navillia at 439-4039.

## Case of mistaken identity

Chris Luczak's Brownie troop was delighted to see a picture of their group at the Senior Citizen party hosted by the Voorheesville Neighborhood group that appeared in this column. They were also surprised and not at all delighted to find that the caption identified them as members of another Brownie troop. To set the record straight those girls who appeared in the "Elves that Saved Christmas" were Kristin Dougherty, Letita Rowe, Christina Gaudic, Chandra Luczak and Jessica Reed.

## Local swimmers do well

Several members of the Voorheesville Swim Team finished off the year in great form when they took part in the Chenango Aquatic Invitational meet in Binghamton. Fifth graders David Washburn and Cathy Jo Dedrick placed high, with Washburn taking five first place awards and Dedrick winning two firsts and two seconds. Erin Martelle won two firsts, one second and a third, while Angela Washburn won a second, two thirds and two fifths.

## Honored at HVCC

Two area residents were honored for their service to Hudson Valley Community College at a recent awards ceremony at the college's campus center.

Carol Gaafar of Voorheesville received an award for 15 years of service. Albert Potter of Delmar received an award for five years of service.

## Apply for award

Soroptimist International of Albany is accepting applications for a \$250 training award. The money will be awarded to a woman over 30 years who plans to enter or re-enter the labor market and will be applied toward formal schooling or training to improve the recipient's job prospects.

Winners of the local awards will be candidates for the \$1,250 awards made by Soroptimist International of the Americas.

Applicants must show financial need and a specific employment goal. Application deadline is Jan. 10. For information contact Mrs. Ann McCarville, 151 Brevator St., Albany, 12206.

## Lamaze classes offered

A series of eight Lamaze childbirth classes begins today (Dec. 12) at Albany Medical Center and on Jan. 2 at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady. Classes will be offered by Tri-Cities Childbirth Instruction. Evening, day and weekend classes will be directed by registered nurses who are specialists in the field of maternal/child health and are ASPO certified Lamaze instructors.

A special class to prepare expectant mothers for Caesarean section birth is offered every fourth Sunday at the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing, Samson auditorium, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. To register call Anne T. Rose at 456-0303.

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Mike Malark, right, presents New Scotland Kiwanis certificates of appreciation to Rich Kane, left, and Mike Munyon.

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# Board decides on computers

By Theresa Bobear

Computers were again the topic when the RCS Board of Education met last week. The board approved the purchase of a software package from Roger Creighton Associates, Delmar, to provide computerized bus routing for the district. The board also approved the purchase of 21 Commodore computers with accessories from Ray Supply, Inc., Latham, for the three elementary schools in the district.

The computerized routing system was approved by a vote of six to two, with board members Ronald Selkirk and Robert VanEtten opposing and board member Susan Gottesman absent.

Superintendent of Schools Milton Chodack said \$5,000 from the 1984-85 budget will be applied to the project; \$20,000 will be budgeted for the purchase in 1985-86. Chodack said the district can expect to be reimbursed by the state for approximately 90 percent of the purchase price next year.

"I can't say as I'm completely sold on it," said Selkirk, referring to the proposed \$25,000 expenditure. VanEtten said "I'd rather see it in a new bus. We need buses desperately... We've got 16 buses down there that are in very bad shape."

"The time element will be shortened immeasurably," said Chodack. He asserted that the purchase would result in a savings of both time and money. James Hughes, assistant clerk for the board, reported that the Bethlehem and Averill Park School

Districts were pleased with the system and support services offered.

Board member Frank Filipone favored the purchase as one possible way to alleviate the district's year-to-year problems with transportation.

The plan would allow for the purchase of a basic routing program with no yearly licensing fee.

A motion to grant final authorization for the purchase of 21 Commodore computers with accessories was approved unanimously by the board. Seven computers will be placed in each of the three elementary school buildings for use in a unified computer education program now being drafted. Chodack reported that 12 of the units will be purchased with federal funds and nine will be purchased with \$6,771 set aside in the 1984-85 budget.

Principal Al Keating of the A.W. Becker Elementary School said he hopes to use the computers during the Feb. 1 staff development day.

William Schwartz, assistant superintendent, viewed the purchase as the first phase of installing a computer education program. Filipone expressed concern about the cost of an accompanying software package. "I'm concerned about the goal of the program — that we're not just keeping up with the Joneses," Filipone suggested that the district bring the computer program up to the requirements of the

Regents Action Plan and "proceed from there."

Anthony Williams, board president, said the district could not "sit back and let others be the fore-runners" all the time.

At an earlier meeting, Dominic Nunciforo, principal of Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School, outlined a program that would allow children to master a specific list of computer skills without being graded or pulled out of regular classes.

In other business, the board:

- Received a list of new regulations adopted as part of the Regents Action Plan. Chodack said members of the district's administrative staff and education committee would assess the changes and determine their impact on the RCS school system.

- Tabled one mother's request to move a bus stop off Rt. 9W to Miller Ave. Williams urged members of the board to look at the bus stop before the next meeting.

- Approved nine leave requests after and during school vacations. The board's personnel committee is reviewing a plan to prevent the overscheduling of leaves before and after school vacations.

- Approved a special overnight field trip to Roger's Conservation Center, Sherburne, NY, for the fifth grade students of Ravena and A.W. Becker elementary schools. Principal George Montone of Ravena Elementary School said the opportunity for students to learn about health, meal planning and conservation will cost the district the price of transportation. He has asked the PTO for funding to help pay the center's charge of \$3.60 per student. No students will be left out for financial reasons, and no student will be forced to participate.

## Award for graduate

Applications are being accepted for the annual youth citizenship award offered by Soroptimist International of Albany. The Albany group is part of an international organization of business and professional women concerned with community service.

Applicants for the \$300 award must be graduating from a high school and must be under 21 as of next July 1. The purpose is to help the winners achieve their goals in education. Local winners may compete for a \$1,250 regional award. The application deadline is Dec. 30 and forms and information are available from Elizabeth E. Walters, 1071 Regent St., Schenectady, 12309.

## News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225

### Musicians perform at plaza

The Senior Band and Senior Chorus of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District performed at the Empire State Plaza last Wednesday. The concert began at 1 p.m. in the South Gallery on the concourse level, sponsored by the New York State Gallery on the concourse level, sponsored by the New York State Office of General Services. The Senior Chorus under the direction of Martin Ainspan sang selections that featured Holly Wilkie and Darrin Kibbey, soloist Benjamin Stillwell, flutist Carrie Selkirk. The Senior Band, conducted by Brent D. Wheat, also performed. Many parents and members of the community were in the audience.

### BC senior cited by Elks

Teenager of the Month, the program sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks to recognize outstanding youths in the area, has announced the names of Teenage Boy and Girl of the Month from Bethlehem Central High School. They are Kathleen Manzella and Damon Woo.

Kathleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Manzella of Slingerlands. A senior at BCHS, Kathy is president of Key Club, a member of SCATT and vice president of the Student Senate. While maintaining high scholastic standards, Kathy still finds time for two part-time jobs. Looking forward to attending college, she anticipates a career in the field of law.

A senior, Damon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Woo of Delmar. He is a member of the New York State Youth Council, president of the Student Senate, sports editor of the school newspaper and a member of the BCHS Community Organization. He also is on the varsity in swimming, soccer and track besides Math Club, senior play and Chess Club. Damon has recently been awarded a National Merit Letter of Commendation, and has previously received awards for outstanding achievement in Latin and Social Studies.

### New Year's at church

Finding last year's event such a pleasant way of ushering in the New Year, members of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church are again making plans for a party on New Year's Eve to be held at the church on Willow

brook Ave. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper. An evening of music, dancing, refreshments and fun will follow. At midnight there will be a short break to greet the new year with a relatively informal communion service. Anyone who would like to attend is cordially invited. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass and to sign up at the church or contact one of the following people: Jean Canetson 767-9058, Alice Haskell 767-2259 or Lorri Vaber 767-9821.

### Elks entertain youngsters

Member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge of Selkirk devoted almost the entire weekend of December 15 and 16 bringing pleasure to many area youngsters. Some 80 children were guests at the lodge on Rt. 144 at two separate parties Saturday and Sunday afternoon. In addition to the main attraction — Santa Claus, of course — the children enjoyed bountiful refreshments and a special puppet show presentation.

### Scouts hear state engineer

The Weblos of Boy Scout Troop 81, Selkirk, were given a brief lesson in engineering recently. Visiting the site of the new bridge to be constructed on Rt. 9W spanning the Normanskill, the boys were given a tour of the area by the state project engineer. The scouts hiked under the existing bridge, were shown where the new bridge would be located, were shown pictures of the original bridge when it was first constructed and what the new one on completion will look like. They were also instructed on the importance of mathematics and science in the development of an engineering project.

Visiting the construction site were Mike Acker, Jim Banahan, Josh Britell, Paul Cross, Jim Kendall, Randy Gemlick, Joe Salin, Bill Spinner, Giles Wagoner, Mike Van Slyke and their scout leader, Terry Layman.

### Business women meet

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 2 at the Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Marilyn Cline, director of volunteer services at Child's Hospital will speak about "A Little Time — A Lot of Care." Membership is open to women currently employed or retired less than two years.

For information call 439-3483.

### Staying off

Trying to stay off cigarettes? Finding it hard? Take heart. Help is within a phone's reach.

The American Lung Association of New York State, in cooperation with the American Lung Association of the Finger Lakes Region and the University of Rochester, is offering a new service called Freedom Line, a 24-hour telephone hotline service for persons who have stopped smoking and are trying to stay stopped. Persons who call Freedom Line (489-LUNG) can listen to a tape recorded message intended to assist them in coping effectively with their urges to smoke and bolster their desire to remain non-smokers. Freedom Line complements the Lung Association's "Freedom From Smoking" program which includes self-help manuals and support groups for ex-smokers.

## Health Views



### DEALING WITH HOLIDAY DEPRESSION

Why is it that during the period around the Holidays, most people start "feeling their age?" All of a sudden, it seems that they tire more easily and can't quite cope with all the confusion and merriment.

The common response is "Christmas used to be great, but nowadays it's so commercialized. I feel like I have to do things just because they are expected of me."

Well, Christmas may be commercial and expensive, but the problem you face is "New Year Fatigue." Psychologists say it comes from the realization that another year has passed and you have one less year to look forward to in your life. Where the Holidays would appear to be a time for celebration, depression seems to take the bluish off the bloom.

There's a good deal of basis to the psychology of watching a year pass, that gives a let down. But there's more to be considered from a physiological standpoint.

The truth of the matter is most people suffering from plain old fatigue. They find themselves on a tighter schedule than ever, trying to squeeze in the shopping, the entertaining, the visiting, and all the other Yuletide and New year activities.

They eat more; drink more, and sleep less. And so, all of a sudden, they start to feel older than they are, and less satisfied with themselves.

The American Chiropractic Association has made a study of the situation. It has a recommendation that will make all the difference in the world as to how you feel.

Start by eating nutritionally. Don't eat sweets and "junk" foods in spite of the fact that it is not in keeping with the Holiday spirit. Be sure that your cereals and breads are vitamin-loaded. Get plenty of proteins, milk, and fruit. Bananas and raisins, both in rich in natural sweeteners are a great pick-me-up.

In addition to watching your diet, you should also drink plenty of water. Maintain a regular exercise schedule in spite of the distractions of the Holidays. An occasional ten-minute session of strenuous activity is especially invigorating. After exercise, treat yourself to a cool shower. And at night, relax in a warm bath.

When you're ready for sleep, make sure your mattress is in good condition. Don't confuse softness with comfort. If your spine sags in bed, your back muscles are being strained. The result? A tiring, uneasy night.

It is equally important to care for your posture when you arise. Stand up straight and face the world. Slouching crowds the lungs, making the breath shallowly. Your lungs don't fill fully with air, you don't get enough oxygen; you end up feeling fatigued.

If possible, take rest breaks during the day. Relaxing with your eyes closed provides about 80% as much rest as you would get if you were actually sleeping.

Your doctor of chiropractic, who offers preventive and rehabilitative counsel in addition to corrective health treatment, recommends that you follow this list of fatigue fighting measures. They should give you the energy to not only cope with the Holidays, but approach the New Year with enthusiasm.

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Amy D'Aprix

**Heads aid project**

Amy D'Aprix, formerly of Delmar, has been named coordinator of the Albany County Aid to Families with Dependent Children Homemaker/Home Health Aide Demonstration Project.

The project, which provides training for fulltime positions as home health aides, alleviates welfare dependence of recipients and prevents institutionalization for the elderly and disabled. D'Aprix will conduct activities related to client recruitment, evaluation and supervision.

She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Albany. She resides in Albany.

**BC students learn CPR**

Over 2,000 Bethlehem Central students have taken cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes since 1979 when the Board of Education mandated the program. All eleventh grade health students are required to learn CPR, and to date, 2,036 juniors have taken the course.

Raymond Sliter, director of physical education, said several years ago a student who had taken CPR in school was successful in keeping his father alive until he reached the hospital.

Fifth grade students are also learning important first aid procedures. All fifth graders learn mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and what to do for someone who is choking. Additionally, some of the fourth grade classes learn mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as part of a Red Cross first aid class.

**Jazz man on cable**

The Bethlehem Channel (16) will feature Walter Donnaruma in a jazz appreciation program on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. The program will also feature the artwork of Edward Mayer, a professor at State University at Albany.

Donnaruma, a Delmar attorney, appears as a keyboardist with the Walter Donnaruma Trio every Friday and Saturday night at Justin's in Albany.

**The night after Christmas**

**Family MATTERS**

Norman G. Cohen



'Twas the night after Christmas and all through the house  
The family lay sleeping, including my spouse.  
I rose from the bed in the wee hours' chill,  
Peeked in at the children, so peaceful, so still.  
The hint of a smile could be seen on their faces,  
Probably dreaming of fantasy places.

Slowly I trudged down the carpeted stairs  
Into mountains of gift wrap all over the chairs.  
Clothing and toys and gadgets galore  
Were strewn wall-to-wall 'cross the living room floor.  
The dish with some crumbs was still on the mantle  
Where Santa had snacked near the bayberry candle.

All that was left 'neath the Christmas tree now  
Were needles and ornaments that fell off a bough.  
I picked up a reindeer our eldest had made  
When he was just seven and in second grade.  
As I looked through the tinsel at the tree's decorations,  
I knew they would last for many generations.

I walked to the kitchen for some coffee to brew  
And maybe some fudge and a cookie or two.  
The counter was cluttered from the postponed chore  
Of Christmas feast cleanup the evening before.  
I cleared a few dishes with considerable poise,  
So no one would waken from clattering noise.

When all of a sudden from the chimney I heard  
A rustling, perhaps, of a misguided bird.  
With thoughts of a rescue prepared in my mind,  
I turned toward the living room to see what I'd find.  
As I looked 'round the corner at the fireplace screen,  
The sight I beheld I'm sure no one has seen.

There on the hearth stood a little old lady,  
Her round, wrinkled face made her seem at least eighty.

But the way that she moved, so lightly, so spry,  
reminded me how an appearance can lie.  
I peered 'round the corner not making a sound  
Like she was the one wanting not to be found.  
Her small, chubby frame stood five feet at most,  
Her outline was hazy not unlike a ghost.  
The silvery strands of her hair shone like sun  
And were neatly drawn back to a doughnut-sized bun.  
Her long, grayish coat nearly dropped on the floor  
As she flitted about so engrossed in her chore.  
With one tiny hand that was reddened with cold  
She took out some paper which began to unfold.  
A little red pencil was held by the other,  
And somehow, I think, she resembled my mother.  
But looking more closely, the mystery grew  
As she starting resembling every mother I knew.

With feelings of warmth I continued to gaze  
At the spectacle before me, completely amazed.  
The little old lady checked gift after gift,  
As she'd set down, another she'd lift.  
And with each little mark she made on her paper,  
She chuckled and hummed while cutting her caper.

I can't say she saw me, but as I had feared,  
She suddenly turned and, poof, disappeared.  
I ran to the window and there in the dawn  
I caught a brief glimpse just before she was gone.  
And from her small sleigh pulled by two tiny deer,  
She cried: "May the spirit of Christmas live on through the year!"

**Cable College draws on local talent**

The Bethlehem Cable College, produced by the Bethlehem Channel, is a continuing series involving the talents and interests of local people who lecture on and demonstrate a variety of subjects.

The programs are intended to be both entertaining and instructional and bibliographies are available at the Bethlehem Public Library on the subjects presented.

So far the Cable College has presented programs on Trout Fishing, with John Rowen; Pottery Making, with Liz Vigoda; Archaeology, with Dr. Floyd Brewer; the teachings of Dr.

Sinichi Suzuki, with Mary Lou Saetta and Irvin Gilman; sewing, with Stephanie Pouliott and Jodi Phillips; and a series of video tapes on how to make video tapes which was made possible by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program.

Also, within the Cable College format, the Bethlehem Channel has presented a series of eight programs in conjunction with the Library's 1984 summer film series "Get Chilled." The series title for that program is "Bethlehem Bijou" and is hosted by Carole

Lillis. Mrs. Lillis will continue with this series throughout 1985, discussing the men and women who made the movies.

On Jan. 28, Mrs. Lillis will talk about the work and life of D.W. Griffith.

Also planned for continuation in 1985 is a series of programs by the Capital Chamber Artists. Each month, the group will present a preview music appreciation program in conjunction with the 1984-85 concert season. On Jan. 21, "Vienna Then, New York Now" will preview the concerts which the Chamber Artists will

present on Jan. 26 and 27. On Feb. 11, members of the group will present a preview of "A Handel Spectacular," which will be performed on Feb. 16 and 17.

On Jan. 14, the Five Rivers Environmental Center will present "Winter Birdfeeding" with Alan Mapes and Jeff Reubens. This program will focus on the methods and materials needed to feed birds during the winter season.

On Feb. 4, Bill Byron of the Bethlehem Art Association will present "The Art of Watercolor."



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**Town of New Scotland**, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

**Village of Voorheesville**, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

**Bethlehem Board of Education** meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

**The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education** meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

**Voorheesville Board of Education** meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt 85A, Voorheesville.

**Bethlehem Landfill**, open at 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

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**Bethlehem Recycling town garage**, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m.-noon; Thursday and Friday noon-4 p.m., Saturday 8-noon.

**Food Pantry**, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

**Project Hope**, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

**Project Equinox**, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

**American Legion** meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elmsere, at 8 p.m.

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Kay Valentino at 439-9686.

**FISH**, Tri-Village 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year 'round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elmsere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

**Welcome Wagon**, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Bethlehem Youth Employment Service**, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

**La Leche League of Delmar**, meets one Wednesday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breastfeeding information, 439-2343.

**Assemblyman Larry Lane's** district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Wednesdays at 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

**Cartoon**, "Hey There, It's Yogi Bear," all welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Free.

**Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary**, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Elks Lodge**, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, readings for the hard of seeing, from *The Spotlight* and *Newsweek*, noon and 5:30 p.m.; "Conversation," Denise Pipkin discusses her work as writer of Regency Romances, 6:30 p.m.

**Films**, *Winnie the Pooh* and *The Cat in the Hat*, 10:30 a.m.; *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*, 2 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library. Free.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

**Films**, *Winnie the Pooh* and *The Cat in the Hat*, 10:30 a.m.; Summer Stock, 2 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library. Free.

**Recovery, Inc.** Self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

**Pen Pal Club**, meet every other month to discuss letters received and hear guest speakers from other countries, for people 8 years and older, the children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Stories with Granma Ena," Edna Salkever reads and illustrates her original, "The Close Call Adventure," 6:30 p.m.; "Real George's Back Room," 7:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

**New Year's Eve**, Bethlehem Public Library, Voorheesville Village Hall closed.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1985

**Bird Count**, basic introduction to bird ecology and identification. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 9 a.m. Information, 457-6092.

**New Year's Day**, Bethlehem Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall, New Scotland Town Hall, Bethlehem Public Library closed.

**Organizational Meeting**, New Scotland Town Hall, 1 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

**Orientation**, for parents of grade 8 students, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

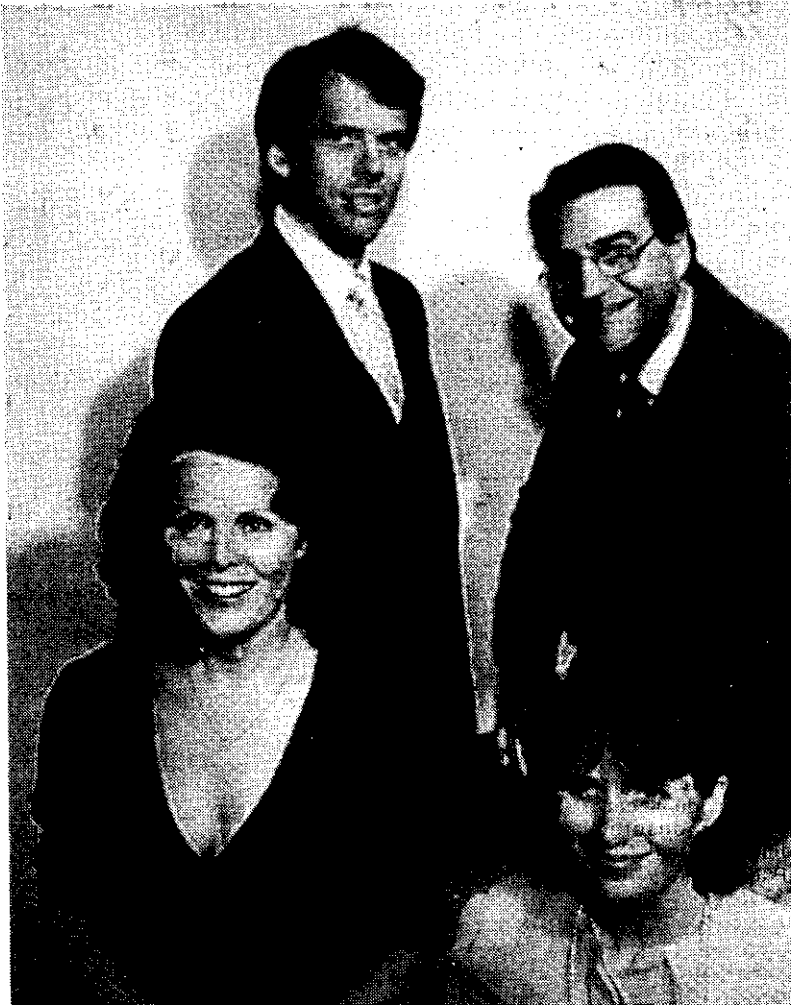
**Bethlehem Business Women's Club** meets first Wednesday of month at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, readings for the print handicapped, noon and 5:30 p.m. "Conversations," Norman Cohen, psychotherapist, discusses biofeedback, 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

**Delmar Progress Club**, creative arts and garden group will remove decorations from Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

**Diet Workshop**, open house to review "New 1985 Diet," men, women and teens welcome, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elmsere Ave. and Poplar Dr., 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 458-9616.



In Capital Repertory Company's production of Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* are, clockwise from bottom right, Kathleen Masterson, Marie Wallace, Daren Kelly and William Kuhlke starring as Honey, Martha, Nick and George. Directed by Peter Clough, Albee's award-winning drama opens Dec. 29 and runs through Jan. 27 at the Market Theatre in downtown Albany. For ticket information call 462-4534.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

**Elmwood Fire District**, first Fridays, N. Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

**Free Legal Clinic**, for Bethlehem senior citizens first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

**Tri-Village Squares**, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

**Music Program**, conductor Victoria Bond will discuss how music can set many moods in stories, for children 5-12 and parents, tickets available at children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:15 p.m.

## area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

### THEATER

"Torch Song Trilogy," Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Box Office, 346-6204.  
"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Capital Repertory Company, The Market Theatre, Dec. 29 through Jan. 27 (Tues.-Fri. 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 9 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.), Tickets, 462-4531.

### MUSIC

Chamber Music, with cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, Union College Memorial Chapel, Jan. 5, 7 p.m. Box Office, 382-7890.  
The Canadian Brass, quintet, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Box Office, 465-4663.  
Albany Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concert, Palace Theatre, Albany, Jan. 13, 2 p.m. Box Office, 465-4755.

Allan Alexander, lute and classical guitar, Cafe Capriccio, 49 Grand St., Albany, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 6 p.m. Information, 465-0439.

Lynn Miller, folksinger, Eighth Step Coffee House, Albany, Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

Stan Sabik and Friends, jazz band, Lake Shore House, Kinderhook Lake, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 9 p.m. Information, 784-2461.

Gerald Hansen, organist, and Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, Cathedral of All Saints, 62 Swam St., Albany, Jan. 6, 4:30 p.m. Free.

### ART

Roman Vishniac, "A Vanished World," New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 13.  
Walter Launt Plamer, "Poetic Reality," Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 6.

Thomas Hart Benton, Milton and Sally Avery Arts Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, through Dec. 31.

"Happy Times," (new permanent exhibit of 19th century pastimes) Farmers Museum, Cooperstown.

Estelle Kontoleum Sauter, Learning Resources Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through January.

"True Tale of a Tinsmith," Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., Albany, through April.

Joan Paul, Gallery at Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, through Jan. 6.



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**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

**Delmar Kiwanis** meet Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

**Al-Anon Group**, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

**Delmar Progress Club**, monthly business meeting, community room, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

**Bethlehem Cable College**, "Jazz Notes with Walter Donnaruma," Donnaruma performs and discusses music of Thelonius Monk, 7 p.m.

**Mother's Time Out**, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

**Delmar Progress Club**, literature group, Rae Mossin will review William Kennedy's book *Legs*, community room, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

**Clarksville PTA**, meeting at Clarksville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

**Elsmere School Community Org.**, Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

**Slingerlands Home Bureau**, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Slingerlands Fire District**, at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

**Story Hour**, children 3-5 will hear stories about monsters, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Curriculum Meeting**, for parents of BCCHS students. Information, 439-3650.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

**Delmar Progress Club**, creative arts group, Alice Azzam will demonstrate making of Palestinian pastry, community room, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

**New Scotland Democratic Social Club**, all welcome, meets second Wednesday at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m.

**Red Men**, (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary**, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m., second Wednesday of month.



Alias, a Capital District rock band, will provide the music at a New Year's Eve gala at Bethlehem Central High School.

Allison Bennett's book *Times Remembered* now available at *The Spotlight*

Norman Cohen's book *Family Matters* now available at *The Spotlight*

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**Magic Show**, with Jim Snack, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

**Slide/Tape Program**, "The Victorian House: Identification and Conservation," sponsored by Capitol Hill Improvement Corporation, Albany Public Library, 155 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**Film, Robinson Crusoe**, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

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

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**Film, Younger Than Ever**, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

**Candlelight Tours**, view Christmas decorations at Boscobel, Rt. 9D, Garrison-on-Hudson, Dec. 28-30, 5-7:30 p.m., \$4 and \$2 admission. Information, (914) 265-3638.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29**

**Film, My Side of the Mountain**, 13-year-old boy survives in mountain wilderness, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

**Racquetball Party**, sponsored by Capital District Racquetball Players Assoc., nine courts open for challenge play, one court reserved for beginners to receive instruction, Club East, East Greenbush, 7 p.m. - midnight, \$4.50 and \$3 admission. Information, 462-5113.

**Christmas Bird Count** in Rensselaer County sponsored by Albany County Audubon Society, Inc. Information, 439-0006.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

**Catskill Puppet People**, with John Potanik, appearing at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**New Year's Eve**, Albany Public Library will close at 5 p.m. and remain closed through Jan. 1.

**Film, Swiss Family Robinson**, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

**New Year's Eve Gala**, auction, dinner and dancing, all proceeds to benefit Albany Symphony Orchestra, Well of Legislative Office Building, 10 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**New Year's Eve Dance** and party, hosted by Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, Duane Silver will call mainstream dancing with plus tips, Dennis Viscanti will cue rounds, Ponderosa Hall, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-3689.

**Personal Appearance**, members of Canadian Brass quintet will autograph albums and answer questions at Records 'n' Such, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, 4-4:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1985**

**Greater Albany Professional Singles**, welcome New Year with 1987 Music Machine Band, light supper offered, all welcome, Regency Park Club House, 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$6 admission. Information, 436-0602.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2**

**Slide/Tape Program**, "Wallpaper and the Historic House," sponsored by Capitol Hill Improvement Corp., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

**Late Registration** for evening division of Russell Sage College, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Jan. 2-3, noon-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

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## 'Alias' New Year's Eve

For those who wouldn't dream of ringing in the New Year alone, there's going to be a party at Bethlehem Central High School. The alcohol-free event, beginning at 9 p.m. Monday, will feature the rock band Alias. A buffet breakfast at 1 a.m. will wind up the event. In addition, refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU), sponsor of the event, has arranged for popular dance music to be played in the

cafeteria for those to whose ears rock isn't music.

The party is a bargain at \$2 a ticket, sponsors said, and tickets may be purchased at the high school, middle school or town park office, as well as the door that evening. BOU is sponsoring the event in keeping with its commitment to offer entertainment alternatives and family events to the community, a spokesman for the group said. For information, contact Phil Mahar at 439-4131.

## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Schedule resumes after Jan. 1

- Mondays:** Bowling for senior women, Del Lanes, 1 p.m.
- first and third Tuesdays:** AARP assistance with Medicare forms. Appointments, 439-2160 or 439-3305.
- third Tuesday:** Blood Pressure Clinic.
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- First Wednesdays:** Senior Bowling, Del Lanes, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursdays:** Senior Citizens Organization meetings, town hall, 12:30 p.m.
- First Fridays:** Free legal clinic, 1 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955

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**Every Thursday:** Grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, South Bethlehem, Selkirk area, 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
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## BUSINESS



Theresa Conery

### Heads realty unit

Theresa Conery of Slingerlands has been named branch manager of the Delmar office of Picotte Realty USA. A graduate of The College of Saint Rose, Ms. Conery has been involved in real estate for 10 years and has been licensed as a broker since 1979. She has been with Picotte since 1979. A graduate of the Real Estate Institute, Ms. Conery was a million-dollar sales associate in 1983.

In her new position, she will direct the efforts of 16 realtors and realtor associates who work at

Picotte's Delmar office, at 205 Delaware Ave.

Picotte Realty USA was formed Sept. 1 following a merger of Picotte Real Estate and Blake Realty Inc. for residential sales in Albany County. As a result of the merger, Picotte Realty USA is part of a real estate network of 25 offices in eight counties.

### McDonald's awards

At a recent Christmas party for store employees, Dan and Andrea Formica, owners of the McDonald's Restaurants in Delmar and Ravena, presented the management team at the Ravena store with an award for being the most improved in sales, profits and people during 1984. The management team at the Delmar store was rewarded for being the most improved in quality, service and cleanliness during 1984. Various employees were presented with awards for service to the company.

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C. Theodore Carlson

### Takes insurance post

C. Theodore Carlson has been appointed general counsel for the Lawrence Insurance Group of Schenectady.

Carlson, a member of the firm of Tabner and Carlson in Albany, is a native of Cleveland and a graduate of Albany Law School. He has served as chairman of the Albany County Bar Association's insurance committee, as director of Mohawk National Bank, and as a member of the trusts and estates section of the State Bar association, the council of the

State University at Albany and the National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. He is a member of the Council of School Attorneys, National School Boards Association and serves on the Schenectady Advisory Board of Norstar Bank of Upstate New York.

Carlson and his wife, Marie, a librarian at Bethlehem Public Library, reside in Delmar. Their daughter, Robin De Magistris, is an economist with Citicorp in New York City. Their son, Paul Carlson, is a systems analyst for Trans Systems Corporation in Woburn, Mass.

### Training offered

The Albany County Department of Human Resources, North Lake and Central Aves., Albany, will present a series of free office and business related training programs. Training for office occupations, word processing, data entry and nurse's aides will be offered to residents of Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties who are income eligible.

Pre-vocational training will be provided and participants will be invited to join the organization's Job Club. Early application is advised. For an appointment to determine eligibility call 434-5200.



David De Porte

### Consultant for agency

David De Porte of Slingerlands, former president of Van de Carr, De Porte & Johnson, Inc., has joined the Albany advertising agency as an active consultant. He will be working at the firm's Lark St. offices.

De Porte, who studied the fine arts at Yale University, has received national awards for advertising design and copywriting. He served on a national advisory panel for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and is listed in *Who's Who in the East* and *Who's Who in America*.

### Holiday schedules

With New Years on a Tuesday, area municipalities and other institutions are making different decisions about Monday hours.

Bethlehem Town Hall will remain open on Dec. 31 and will be closed for Jan. 1. Voorheesville Village Hall will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. New Scotland Town Hall will be closed for business on Jan. 1.

Area post offices will remain open Dec. 31. Area banks will be open for regular or limited hours on New Years Eve.

There will be no town garbage collection on Jan. 1. Tuesday collections will be made on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The Town of Bethlehem's 1985 organizational meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Bethlehem Town Hall. The Town of New Scotland's 1985 organizational meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 1, at New Scotland Town Hall, Rt. 85, New Scotland.

### Open house for dieters

The Diet Workshop will offer free open houses to review the "New 1985 Diet" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays during the month of January at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Delmar. Men, women and teens are welcome. For information call 458-9616.

### Heads institute board

At a recent organizational meeting Prentiss Carnell III of Slingerlands was elected president of the Albany Institute of History and Art Board of Directors.

Carnell, president of Albany Business College, has served as chairman of the institute's financial committee. He has also served as president of Child's Hospital and Nursing Home, a board member of the Historic Albany Foundation, a board member of the Rotary Club of Albany and an advisory board member of the Mechanics Exchange Division of Dime Savings Bank.

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Recently, a radio psychologist was talking about the tremendous creative playing ability of children. His theme was a familiar one to parents who frequently hear a child proclaim, "I'm bored!" However, he added, if that same child is observed playing alone, his creative genius will have materialized a playmate, fluid conversation for both, dragons for them to slay and boxes that become rockets carrying them to another time. This, the psychologist suggested, is the child gazing into the "Middle Distance."

Somewhere in time, most adults have lost or misplaced their creativity of the "Middle Distance." When we gaze into that mystical zone we fail to experience any magical mystery due to seeing our unpaid bills, taxes soon to be

**Another New Year is with us. What do you see when you look at the "Middle Distance" of this year?**

calculated and paid, a mortgage calculated and paid, a mortgage that hypnotically comes due with work, a superior who is ready to blame us when the project bombs, but readily accepts the credit for our masterpiece. What do you see when you look at the "Middle Distance" of this year? Do you only envision the monotonous repetition of last year dressed a little different? Does the cadence and the creativity (or lack thereof) of this year have to be the same as last year?

Life this year certainly is different for William J. Schroeder. He not only has a "New Year" but a "New Heart." With his new heart came a new purpose, Schroeder said, "I have a real, new purpose in life. That purpose is to be with God and I feel like He is number one. He saved me." (The medical personnel did a thing or two also).

"Heart" is something that champions like Jack Dempsey are said to have a lot of. It certainly seems to be true of him. Just before his title bout with Jess Williard in 1919, Dempsey's Dad's words of wisdom were: "You don't have a chance!" (Do you suppose that remark sparked Dempsey to take Williard in three rounds?)

When the world is against you and even your Daddy won't back you, that's when it is necessary for us to reach out to that creative "Middle Distance" for that something extra. Perhaps this kind of "reaching out" is sometimes called faith. Indeed, the writer to the Hebrews said, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Well, that sure does fit for the unknown quality we call the New Year. Faith in a Power greater than the circumstances in which we find ourselves is that something extra that has a timeless quality about it that made it possible for the Abram (O great fatherless one) of history to become Abraham (Father of many nations). Faith then, properly placed, can transform a barren situation into unlimited possibilities. Become, really, alive

goin' nowhere... You ought to go back to drivin' a truck." Now that, for a country performer was a blow of gigantic proportions in the Fifties. Country music was a limited market then. You didn't make it with the folks in Nashville, you just didn't make it. But old Heartbreak Hotel Elvis looked into the "Middle Distance" and took his case to another court. We now know, he became a fairly famous "truck driver." But what about "then." What if he had taken Jim Denny as the final word for his musical future? What if Jack Dempsey had accepted his dad's words as ultimate authority? What if you... fail to believe

in yourself, your abilities, your opportunities that will come to you this year, in your opportunities that will come to you this year and in your Greater Power that has promised to be with you every step.

In 1973 the man who was the governor of California said, "The thought of being President frightens me. I do not think I want the job." That man is our current President.

I like that in a person. He was not limited by what he said or by what he was another year. You do not have to be limited by what you were another year.

Take heart! The year is new and so are you!

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## New Years Squares

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# Eagles pull it off in overtime

Whatever happens from here on, there's no taking away Bethlehem Central's bench talent when it comes to winning nail-biters that are dangerous to cardiac systems.

With winless Niskayuna playing over its head, it remained for Tom VanDermark and Mike Gibbons to supply the life-support systems that resuscitated the Eagles in an overtime 57-56 win on the road Tuesday night. BC trailed throughout, and was down 10 as the fourth opened.

Coach Gary Przybylo had this to say about his latest heroes: "VanDermark did a good job on the point of the press and got us back in the game. He got some steals and harassed their offense. Gibbons came off the bench and scored 17 points in the second and third quarters, and made three foul shots at the end of regulation time that tied it."

In the overtime, Bethlehem's

third extra-inning affair in four nights. Andy Kasius hit three clutch free throws and Gibbons connected on a baseline jumper with two seconds left that turned out to be the winning basket. That beauty made it 57-54 and kept the Eagles out of reach despite a last-second Nisky jumper.

That wasn't the only excitement of the evening. The team bus was on Balltown Rd., two miles from the Niskayuna campus when a JV player evacuated his most recent meal. The bus pulled off the road, tipped on its side in the soft shoulder, and had to be emptied in the second evacuation of the trip.

On the basketball court a while later, there was more trouble, caused by the home team, supposedly patsies, getting hot and shooting a blazing 70 percent from the floor in the first three quarters while Bethlehem was playing sloppy ball.

But it all turned to gold in the frantic finish. Kasius finished with 15 points and was strong under the boards, and John Allen contributed nine rebounds.

Allen was high scorer in a 64-48 loss to Burnt Hills, Gold Division leader, in a home game Friday. The 6-foot-4 forward had 13 in the first half. The Eagles led by 31-28 early in the third period but could not sustain the momentum.

The Eagles have drawn Voorheesville for the first night of the Helderberg Holiday Classic, starting tonight (Wednesday) in the spacious shed at Albany State. The Blackbirds, who knocked off the Eagles last year, have been having their problems so far this season, but will have a height advantage over their neighbors. The BC-VC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. following the Guilderland-Catskill matchup. The championship and consolation games will be Thursday at 7 and 8:30.



The Blackbird's no. 44, Gerald Borg, recovers his own rebound for two points against Schalmont. Vince Foley, 40, looks on. R.H. Davis

# Indians pay for mistakes

By Dan Tidd

The Ravena Indians' basketball team had one job to do this past weekend — that was to win a basketball game. But instead the Indians slipped three games under the .500 mark for the season. Ravena needed a win badly last Friday night against a struggling Cohoes High team, but the Tigers clawed their way to an easy 58-54 victory.

Let's not be fooled by the score. Ravena led this one 28-24 at the half, but you could see the Tigers gaining momentum on every Indian turnover. That's right, turnover — the key reason why Joe Loudis' Tigers grabbed control of this game in the second half.

"We just can't seem to control ourselves and our passing game at certain points during a game," said Indian coach Jim Gorham. "It wasn't a case of who made the most mistakes," said Gorham.

"We made them all and paid dearly for them."

It didn't help matters any when Ravena found out on Thursday night that leading scorer Dekovan Bowie would miss the Cohoes game for school disciplinary reasons. Without Bowie to clog the middle, the Indians were clearly outrebounded on the offensive and defensive boards. This was especially true in the third and fourth quarters when the Tigers took control of a close game. Cohoes finally went ahead to stay with three minutes left in the third quarter after two listless Indian passes.

Steve Biernacki finally hit a corner jumper to end a three-minute Indian scoring drought in the third quarter to cut the Tiger lead to 44-34. Midway through the final quarter the Tigers really had a chance to put this one away. After three straight Indian turnovers, the Tigers promptly missed

three easy layups that could have put a nail in the Indian coffin.

With 2:15 to play, Ravena guard Jim Nichol stole a Tiger inbound pass and scored to make it 50-44. Thirty seconds later Nichol did the exact same thing and made it 52-48. After Cohoes missed a free throw at the other end, Ravena couldn't connect on three straight shots and the party was over. The Tigers hit six straight free throws in the last minute of play to ice the game.

Ravena's next game is Jan. 4 at Voorheesville. The Indians are at 1-4 in the Colonial Council and 3-5 overall.



Brian Rubin, no. 32, drives into the basket for a Voorheesville score against Schalmont. R.H. Davis

# Blackbird hoopsters let another slip away

Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds have been having trouble finding the hoop in early games, and until they develop better marksmanship they are destined to live in the lower echelons of the Colonial Council.

Coach Bob Crandall is wondering how to separate his studs from several bad habits, one of which is getting out to significant leads and then letting games slip away in the late stages. To make matters more gloomy, the Blackbirds several times have had clear advantages in all the important statistics except the final score. Take Tuesday's game against Schalmont, an improved team but certainly not an overpowering one. The Blackbirds, in front by 18-10 midway in the second period and 41-36 only 5½ minutes from the end, shot 39 percent from the field to 31 for the visitors, and outrebounded their guests by 42-27. They also canned nine of 12 free throws.

Yet they lost by seven points, 56-49, and it might have been worse if Brian Rubin hadn't had the presence of mind to score 15 of Voorheesville's 16 points in the final period. The fiery little redhead hit five baskets and five of eight from the charity stripe in the last eight minutes, but his teammates couldn't connect. The Sabres took the lead for the first time at 44-43 with 2:37 remaining and went up 48-45 with 1:08 left.

The Blackbirds missed two shots from close range and were charged with five personals in the

final minute. "We can play a lot better ball than that," Crandall said after the game. "They pressured the ball and took us out of the game. Our shooting was poor and our shot selection was questionable. We didn't use our height advantage, either. It wasn't an up evening for us."

On Friday the Blackbirds lost to first-place Albany Academy, 60-55.

Rubin wound up with 25 points and Brett Hotaling had 11. The Birds go into this week's Helderberg Tournament at 1-4 in the league, 2-5 overall, and will face Bethlehem Central in the second game (8:30) at Albany State tonight (Wednesday).

## "B-ball Classic"

Gary Przybylo, Bethlehem Central's varsity basketball coach, is putting out a call for BC graduates to play in the first annual Bethlehem Alumni basketball "classic."

There will be a double-header starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29. The first game will feature alumni under 30, the second will have the "old grads" of 30 and up.

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# The lady is a ref

By Ann Treadway

A newcomer to town, Nancy McKenna, went to a BCHS basketball game the other night. But she didn't look for a seat in the bleachers — in fact, she didn't sit down at all. She refereed the JV game.

McKenna is the only female official for Section 2 boys basketball games. And now that she and her family have moved from Saratoga County to Elsmere, she's sure to become a familiar sight on Capital District courts.

"It's a hobby that I love," McKenna said recently about sports officiating, "but I guess you do have to be a little crazy to get out there and blow your whistle, knowing that half the people in the gym are disagreeing with you."

Since she started working boys' games "up north" about eight years ago, McKenna has gradually become accepted by players, coaches and fellow officials. She attained varsity status two years ago, so gets her share of feature event assignments.

"Sure, everyone was a bit leery of me at first," she said, "but I work hard, know all the rules and stay in shape by running almost every day."

Her husband, Bob, and children, Tory, 10, and Rob, 8, go to games with her whenever they can. The children are now enrolled at Elsmere Elementary School, and both Nancy and Bob are in the life insurance business — she with Northwestern Mutual and he with Connecticut Mutual.

Nancy McKenna is a graduate of New Paltz, with a degree in physical education, and she has loved playing basketball all her life — in high school, college, and then for various women's leagues around the country. "My husband was in the military, so we lived in many different places," she said.

She's also an active and well-known official for college women's basketball, field hockey and lacrosse competitions throughout the Northeast. Depending on the season, she averages four to six officiating assignments per week.

About her basketball duties, McKenna said, "The bigger the crowd, the easier it is." She thinks lots of noise and excitement is beneficial, because then she can concentrate only on the game and not be distracted by hearing what anyone is saying.

She admitted, too, that she's made mistakes. "But in this business, you have to make quick decisions and, once you blow that whistle, it's gone. You've made it." On occasion, like other refs, she's talked quietly to players afterwards whom she's felt she may have unfairly penalized.

Few, if any, mistakes were



Nancy McKenna informs the desk of a foul.



Nancy McKenna, a graduate of State University College at New Paltz with a degree in physical education, enjoys the responsibilities of sports

officiating. An insurance salesperson and mother of two, she is the only woman in the area officiating at boys basketball games. R.H. Davis Photos

made by McKenna at that recent BCHS game. The players were impressed with her "air of authority," as one put it. If they'd had any qualms about a lady ref, they quickly recognized this one's take-charge capabilities.

Although sports officiating doesn't pay much, McKenna has found it a good way to keep active on the athletic scene while raising

young children. "I even did some officiating when I was pregnant with Robbie," she said.

She's also proven you don't have to be big and burly to command respect on the gym floor. Though most high school hoopsters look down on her small frame, they look up to her as a fair and knowledgeable arbiter of the action.

## Aerobics class offered

A program for adults wanting to participate in a high aerobic activity is being offered in Bethlehem. The program, "Awake, Aware and Active," will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and/or Thursdays, beginning Jan. 7 and ending March 11, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School girls gym.

Participants can choose to attend either or both nights and there will be a limit of 40 per night. Fees are \$11 Mondays or Thursdays only, \$22 both nights.

The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem

and Bethlehem Central School District and pre-registration is required, in person or by telephone, 439-4131, at the Elm Ave. Park Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

## Fair posts

At the recent organizational day for the Altamont Fair, board members and associate members were elected. Walter Miller of Slingerlands was elected to serve as a director. Frederick Edmunds and Clara Marsh of Voorheesville, and Roger Smith of Delmar were selected to serve as 1985 members.



Nancy McKenna and Chuck St. Lucia check the amount of time remaining at the Bethlehem boys basketball game.

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## Recreational swims

The Bethlehem Central Middle School pool will be the site of Sunday afternoon recreational swims from Jan. 5 through April 14. Residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District may participate in the program, which is sponsored by the town's Parks and Recreation Department.

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# 'Birds record finally goes into the black

By Peter J. Fisch

The hardest part is over — temporarily — for the Voorheesville High School wrestling squad. They chalked up the season's first win Thursday over Lansingburgh.

With a 29-27 victory over the Knights on the road, the Blackbirds opened up the left-hand column of the standings. "It was our first win and it was important to us," remarked veteran VCHS mentor Dick Leach. "We're beginning to wrestle better."

Down 27-23 and with one last chance, junior Rich Kane clinched the win with a pin in the heavy-weight bout. In addition, freshman John Troutt, sophomore Ward Breeze, juniors Bill Kelly and Mark Gillenwalters, and senior Jeff Genovesi registered wins. Kelly looked especially impressive and is rising in Leach's estimation.

"Bill (Kelly) is starting to wrestle well," noted Leach. "It's just like I expected. He just needed time on the mat."

The Tuesday before, Corinth had a different gift for the Birds. On the road, the Blackbirds suffered a loss to one of Class C's traditional powerhouses. "They were better and more experienced than we were," said Leach. "We could've wrestled better than we did."

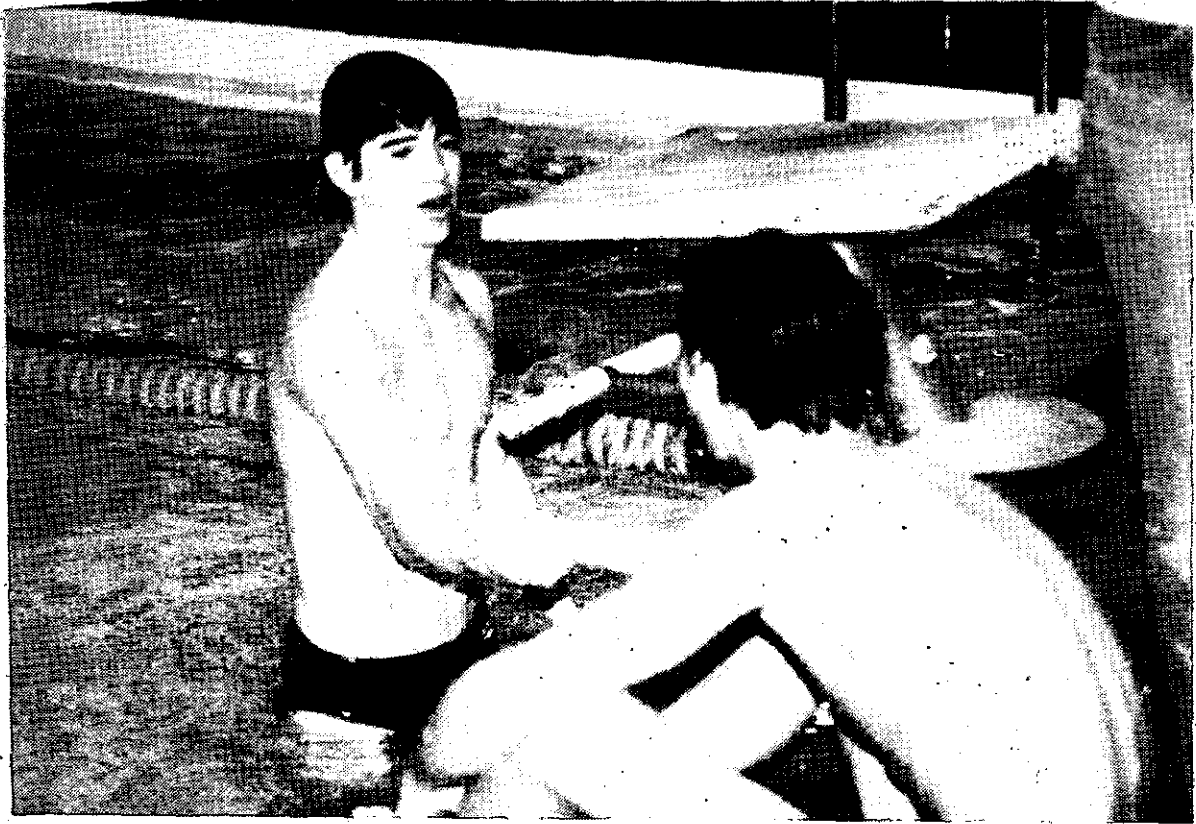
## WRESTLING

Only Genovesi, Kelly, and Kane scored victories for the Blackbirds. With the defeat also came the disappointment of injury. Freshman Matt Cillis, one of Voorheesville's lightweights, suffered a sprained shoulder against an aggressive Corinth wrestler. "Cillis's injury took the wind out of our sails for the rest of the night," explained Leach. "We were flat after that."

The Birds will have another shot at Corinth when they travel to Queensbury this Saturday for the annual Queensbury Holiday Tournament. Due to a lack of officials, the match against Cobleskill on Jan. 5 has been postponed.

## Swim for speed

The Town of Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department will offer a competitive swim program for students, featuring instruction and training in competitive swim strokes. The program will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 2 through March 27, at pools in the Bethlehem Central middle and



Eric Patrick, a senior co-captain on Bethlehem Central's powerhouse swim team, gets a congratulatory handshake from teammate Damon Woo after a first in the 50 yard free style in a meet against Albany Academy last week. BC won, 55-27. Tim Meester

high schools. Participants must be able to swim at least 25 yards.

The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and pre-registration is required in person or by telephone, 439-4131, at the Elm Ave. Park office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. There is a fee of \$22 per swimmer.

## Diving program set

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer instruction in springboard diving at the Bethlehem Central High School pool Mondays, Jan. 7, through March 25. All participants must be able to dive from a board. Beginners will meet from 6 to 6:45 p.m., intermediate and advanced divers will meet from

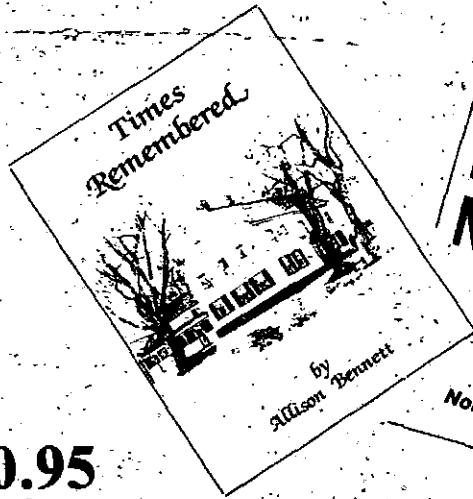
6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The program will be limited to 10 divers in each section and is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District. Pre-registration is required and can be made at the Elm Ave. Park Office, in person or by telephone, 439-4131, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. There is a fee of \$13 per diver.

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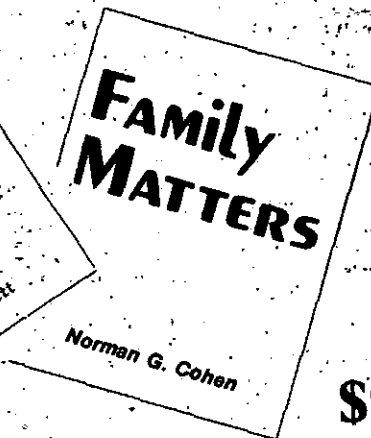


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# Reaching diving's heights

By Nina Barringer

At age 17, Melissa Martley of Glenmont has had an illustrious diving career.

"I started out as a gymnast, but I found myself 'in the middle of the pack' — needed to excel," Melissa explained.

Following her gymnastics coach's recommendation, Melissa decided to pursue diving. She attended diving camp at Cornell University during the summer before she started eighth grade. "I knew that I wanted to dive right at the start," Melissa asserted, "and I made the Bethlehem freshman team in eighth grade."

Being the only female and freshman on the boys' varsity swim team was "a real challenge," according to Melissa. "I had to really prove myself to gain their respect. But they were very supportive and even protective of me."

Melissa didn't allow being the only female competing to intimidate her and she placed second at sectional meets in both the ninth and tenth grades. "I missed States' (intersectionals) by one-tenth of a point!" Melissa lamented.

In 11th grade, however, Melissa won the sectionals and qualified for (boys') intersectionals, where she placed third, the highest ranking for a girl in boys' competition.

During this past season, Melissa was a member of the girls'



Melissa Martley

varsity swim team for the first time. Finishing with an undefeated record, she also broke BC graduate Jessica Follet's five-year sectional record by more than 25 points.

At intersectionals in November, Melissa had an upset — seeded first, she finished ninth.

"I believe that it was, possibly, the combination of both inconsistent judging as well as diving, although I'm usually pretty consistent," Melissa added.

Some of the many highlights of Melissa's diving career include winning the invitational Adirondack swimming and diving championships in both 1983 and 1984 and winning the Junior Olympics at Marist College. Melissa is also the

1984 tri-state champion.

Melissa is a member of A.A.U., a national age group diving team, and of Marist Divers, which is affiliated with the college.

"I placed 12th at age group national trials in '83," Melissa continued enthusiastically, "which is important to me because I was competing against over 100 people and qualifying was a feat in itself."

Melissa qualified for the Empire State Games in 1982, '83 and '84. In 1982, her "first big meet," she placed 6th on the 3-meter board and 10th on the 1-meter.

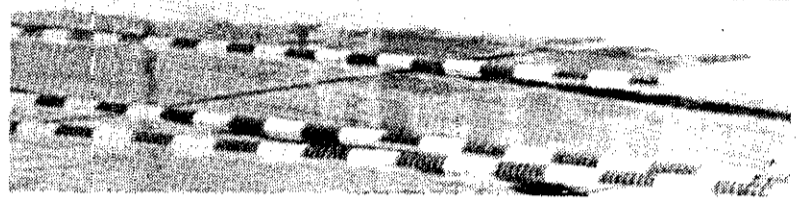
In '83, Melissa won the one-meter and placed second in the same event in 1984, losing to the winner by one point.

"Diving is an individual sport and so there is a lot of pressure — both physical and psychological — on the individual," Melissa commented.

Melissa is looking anxiously to her future, which will include the continuation of her diving career. Melissa is hoping to receive a college scholarship for diving.

Melissa's goal is to one day qualify for the national team and she believes she has "a good chance."

"Diving has been great for me. Not only as a competitor, but as a person," Melissa explained, "I've learned to deal with the agony of defeat as well as the triumph of winning."



A member of the Bethlehem Central Senior High boys diving team, Melissa Martley displays her winning form in competition.

## STAR BOWLERS



Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 16, 1984 at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Women — Donna Snyder - 221, 630.

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Major Girls — Michelle DeVoe - 219, 550.

Jr. Boys — Tony Forrester - 223, 615.

Jr. Girls — Sue Cox - 188, Suzanne Brown, 454.

Prep Boys — Lee Arizza - 190.

Prep Girls — Chrissy Demarest - 170, 424.

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## Hoop for grownups

Adults who enjoy basketball are invited to participate in a basketball program offered by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. Participants in the program can play Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 8 to 10 a.m., Jan. 7 through March 25, at the Bethlehem Central High School lower gym.

This program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and pre-registration is required, by telephone, 439-4131, or in person, at the Elm Ave. Park office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Fees are \$11 for Mondays or Wednesdays only, \$22 for both Mondays and Wednesdays. Participation will be limited to 35 players per night.

## Elected at HVCC

John M. Fields of Albany has been elected vice president of the Hudson Valley Community College chapter of the Society of Civil and Construction Technicians. He is a 1977 graduate of Voorheesville High School.

# Honors for BC students

The following students at Bethlehem Central High School have been named to the high honor roll for the first marking period:

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### Tenth Grade

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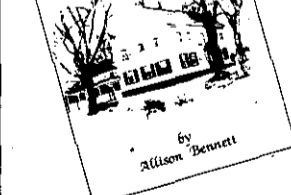
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## Fire and Rescue Calls from Thursday, Dec. 13 to Wednesday, Dec. 19

Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type Call
Dec. 13	12:09 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Overdose or poisoning
Dec. 13	12:17 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal accident
Dec. 13	8:12 a.m.	Selkirk Fire	Structure fire
Dec. 13	8:12 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Emergency Stand by
Dec. 13	9:08 a.m.	Elsmere Fire	Structure fire
Dec. 13	9:08 a.m.	Delmar Fire	Mutual aid
Dec. 13	9:08 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Emergency stand by
Dec. 13	9:21 a.m.	Selkirk #2	Stand by in quarters
Dec. 13	12:08 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Dec. 13	5:29 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire	Structure fire
Dec. 13	5:29 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Emergency stand by
Dec. 14	3:32 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal accident
Dec. 14	4:17 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Vehicle acci. (canceled)
Dec. 14	4:17 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 14	7:11 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Dec. 14	7:16 p.m.	Slingerlands Rescue	Vehicle, acci. (canceled)
Dec. 14	7:16 p.m.	Elsmere Fire	Wash down (canceled)
Dec. 15	1:19 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Violence or mental care
Dec. 16	8:22 a.m.	Voorheesville	Unknown emergency
Dec. 16	12:24 p.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Unknown emergency
Dec. 16	6:05 p.m.	N. Bethlehem EMS.	Violence or mental case
Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Breathing difficulty
Dec. 17	5:46 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Breathing difficulty
Dec. 17	6:10 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 17	6:21 p.m.	Selkirk Fire	Stand by with accident
Dec. 17	7:46 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Unknown emergency
Dec. 17	8:51 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal accident
Dec. 18	6:24 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Dec. 18	8:36 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 18	8:44 a.m.	Voorheesville	Transport
Dec. 18	3:32 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Breathing difficulty
Dec. 18	5:54 p.m.	Onesquethaw	Transport
Dec. 18	6:41 p.m.	Selkirk Fire	Vehicle fire
Dec. 19	6:54 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 19	6:41 p.m.	Delmar Fire	Structure fire
Dec. 19	6:41 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Emergency stand by
Dec. 19	9:52 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 19	9:58 p.m.	Selkirk #2	Wash down

Fire Fighters Corner welcomes items of interest to fire and rescue volunteers. Send information to Cathy Cooke, 321 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054, or to *The Spotlight*.

### College leader

Julie Weinstein of Delmar, has been selected to serve as a parent orientation leader at Plattsburgh State University College. Plattsburgh State's orientation program brings incoming students and their parents to the campus for several days during the summer to familiarize them with the college.

Weinstein, a senior elementary education major at Plattsburgh

State, is a member of the campus chapters of Kappa Delta Pi, the national honor society in education, and Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honorary society. She is a resident assistant on campus. She is currently student teaching in the AuSable Valley Central School District, where she is also coaching the girls' junior varsity basketball team. She is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central School.

### J. Isabelle Johnston

J. Isabelle Johnston, 86, a retired physical education teacher with the New York State Teacher's College, died Dec. 18 after a brief illness.

She was a member of Grace and Holy Innocents Church in Albany.

She is survived by a nephew, Donald H. Johnston, Jr., U.S.N. Ret., Hampton, Va., and a niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Witthaus of Clermont, Ca. She is also survived by eight grand-nieces, six grand-nephews, four great-grand-nephews and three great-grand nieces.

Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

### Edith H. Hubbard

Edith Hasbrouck Hubbard, 79, of Delmar died Dec. 19 at St. Peter's Hospital.

She was wife of the late Philip P. Hubbard. Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Kenneth S. Ross of Latham; a nephew, Forrest C. Mance of Port Henry, and several other nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home. Burial was at the Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

### Edward Andres

Edward H. Andres, 79, of Delmar died Dec. 20 at St. Peter's Hospital.

Originally from Albany, he was a resident of Delmar for more than 20 years. He served as an investigative aide with the Postal Investigative Service before retiring in 1966.

He was a member of the board of Oshex Associates Inc., Syracuse, a charter member of the Capital District Umpire Association, and secretary and treasurer of Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Wolfe) Andres; a son, Robert N. Andres of Baldwinsville; a brother, Harry W. Andres

of Castleton, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

### Freda G. Hotaling

Freda Gallup Hotaling, 90, of South Bethlehem died Dec. 17 at Morris View Nursing Home in Morris Plains, N.J.

She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

She was wife of the late Henry D. Hotaling. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Duncan of Morristown, N.J., and Mrs. Jacqueline Pietropaoli of South Bethlehem, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Delmar. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was at the Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

### David C. Scoons

David C. Scoons, 81, of Delmar died Dec. 19 at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Slingerlands, he was a lifelong resident of the area. He was the proprietor of a trucking company until retiring in 1964.

He was commissioner, past chairman and a 50-year member of the Delmar Fire Department. He was a guest of honor at last year's banquet for the installation of Delmar Fire Department officers. He was a 50-year member of the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge 1096, and he was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Jacobson) Scoons; a son, Clifford J. Scoons of Delmar; a brother, Albert Scoons, formerly of Delmar; a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Rodgers, formerly of Delmar, and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was at the New Scotland Cemetery, New Scotland.

Contributions to the Delmar Rescue Squad would be appreciated.

### Russell G. Toth

Russell G. Toth, 49, of Feura Bush, a private consultant for motor safety and hazardous waste material, died Dec. 14 at Helene Fuld Medical Center, N.J. shortly after an accident in Trenton.

He is survived by his wife, Roslyn (Robbie) Fisher Toth; two sons, Brian C. Toth and Gregory A. Toth of Feura Bush; his parents, Evelyn and Walter Howell of Zephyrhills, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Joan Gray and Mrs. Jacquelyn Hausman of Detroit, Mich.; a brother, Ronald Toth of Detroit, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in the Onesquethaw Cemetery, Clarksville.



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### Kind deeds

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our family recently lost a treasured member. Although our pain is deep and our healing will be slow, we cannot let this season pass without expressing appreciation to our community. You have reached out to us and wiped away our tears, nourished our bodies, prayed for our consolation, created new friendships, given us hope, care and love. You have been like elves who have done kind deeds without expectation of repayment or thanks. There are many we cannot personally thank because you have given without telling us who you are. Our sadness and loss have been cradled by your tenderness. Surely the deeper meaning of this holiday season has been bestowed upon us by your love.

With appreciation, from all of us.

Patricia McNamara

Delmar

### Gifford listed

Deborah Gifford of Slingerlands was recently selected to be listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Gifford is a pre-law major at St. Lawrence University in Canton. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Gabriels of Slingerlands and Dr. Laurence M. Gifford of New York, NY.

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## St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, John Daniel, to Katherine and Daniel Flynn of Voorheesville, June 13.

Boy, David Patrick, to Marica and Douglas Mackey of Slingerlands, June 14.

Girl, Bridgette Ann, to Margaret and William Cormier of Voorheesville, June 18.

Boy, Ryan Patrick, to Kathleen and Patrick Dean of Glenmont, June 20.

Boy, Robert Daniel, to Maureen and Robert Kuhn of Delmar, June 22.

Boy, Eric David, to Marianne and David Zimmer of Glenmont, June 26.

Girl, Jessica Lynn, to Pamela and James Gandani of Voorheesville, June 27.

Girl, Emily Patricia, to Sharon and Raymond Osterhout of Voorheesville, June 30.

Boy, Matthew Joseph, to Doreen and William Patry of Delmar, June 30.

Girl, Breigh Michelle, to Catherine and Thomas Redding of Voorheesville, July 31.

Girl, Jaime Lynn, to Eileen and Michael DeRensis of Voorheesville, Aug. 9.

Girl, Amy Lynn, to Alice and Edward Giovannetti of Feura Bush, Aug. 14.

Boy, Michael Robert, to Eike and Robert Levanites of Selkirk, Aug. 14.

Boy, William Davis, to Ellen and Alexander Courtney of Voorheesville, Aug. 16.

Girl, Stephanie Marie, to Lynne and Keith McNally, of Voorheesville, Aug. 17.

Girl, Roisleen Erin, to Sherrie and Gary Hickey of Slingerlands, Aug. 17.

Boy, Michael Paul, to Elaine and Stephen Wright of Elsmere, Aug. 18.

Boy, Andre Justin, to Ruth Devine and Andrew Myers of Slingerlands, Aug. 18.

Girl, Erica Lynn, to Paula and Martin Finkle of Voorheesville, Aug. 20.

Girl, Erica Lynn, to Vicky and Michael Bastian of Voorheesville, Aug. 20.

Girl, Elizabeth Ann, to Ann and Donald Dieckmann of Voorheesville, Aug. 22.

Boy, Jeremy Ryan, to Sheila Patricia Vaughan of Delmar, Aug. 29.

Girl, Sarah Lindsay, to Mary Beth Marr and Mark Thomson of Delmar, Sept. 2.

Boy, Neil Tyler, to Jean and James Powell, Jr. of Selkirk, Sept. 2.

Girl, Amy Elizabeth, to Jill and Robert Junco of Selkirk, Sept. 4.

Girl, Kristina Marie, to Diana and Louis DiNuzzo of Selkirk, Sept. 8.

Boy, William Cook, to Lita and William Starr of Slingerlands, Sept. 11.

Girl, Lauren Nicole, to Elaine and Michael Palmieri of Slingerlands, Sept. 11.

Boy, Marc Anthony, to Deedra and Louis Caprara III of Selkirk, Sept. 12.

Girl, Mallory Lynn, to Gail and Stuart Myers of Glenmont, Sept. 13.

Girl, Amanda Kristin, to Doreen and Mark Taylor of Voorheesville, Sept. 20.

Girl, Sarah Kimberly, to Deborah and Michael McMillen of Selkirk, Sept. 21.

Boy, Dustin Maurice, to Becky and Jeffrey Best of Glenmont, Sept. 22.

Girl, Shannon Barbara, to Ellen and Robert Pardo of Delmar, Sept. 23.

Girl, Kristyn Marie, to Nancy and Glenn Hammond of Glenmont, Sept. 24.

Girl, Kate Elizabeth, to Renae and William Hunke of Feura Bush, Oct. 2.

Girl, Heather Elizabeth, to Nancy and Donald Sutherland, Jr. of Slingerlands, Oct. 2.

Girl, Eileen Elizabeth, to Carole and John Griner of Voorheesville, Oct. 3.

Girl, Christina Rose, to Pat and Richard Calordino of Glenmont, Oct. 4.

Boy, Nicholas Michael, to Rachel and Salvatore Criscione of Delmar, Oct. 10.

Girl, Rachel Celeste, to Kimberly and Robert Bellizini of Slingerlands, Oct. 12.

Boy, Gregory Stephen, to Jennie and Gregory Blanchard of Delmar, Oct. 19.

Boy, John Carmen, to Paula and John Raiti, Jr. of Voorheesville, Oct. 20.

Girl, Kerry Elizabeth, to Jean and Nick Conte of Delmar, Oct. 22.

Girl, Alicia Nicole, to Cheryl and William Boughton of Delmar, Oct. 23.

Girl, Laura Jeanne, to Miriam and Lawrence Putnick of Slingerlands, Oct. 26.

Girl, Jamie Lynn, to Marlyn and Glenn Palmer of Delmar, Oct. 27.

Girl, Maeve Flynn, to Catherine and Paul Lemoine of Selkirk, Oct. 27.

Girl, Lindsay Jean, to Ann Marie Ragone and Charles Otten of South Bethlehem, Oct. 30.

Boy, David Michael, to Denise and Joseph Dragon of Selkirk, Oct. 31.

Girl, Heather Jean, to Denise and Steven Dooley of Slingerlands, Nov. 19.

Boy, Zachary Magnus, to Lynn and Donald Brandow of Delmar, Nov. 23.

Boy, Keith Ian, to Marjorie and Edmund Kohlberg of Selkirk, Nov. 25.

Boy, David James, to Cathleen and Daniel Hotaling of Slingerlands, Nov. 25.

Boy, Thomas Joseph, to Linda and Dale Wilsey of Delmar, Nov. 27.

Boy, Frank Norman, to Cathy and Frank Barger of South Bethlehem, Nov. 27.

Girl, Heather Hastings, to Janet and Richard Olson of South Bethlehem, Nov. 16.

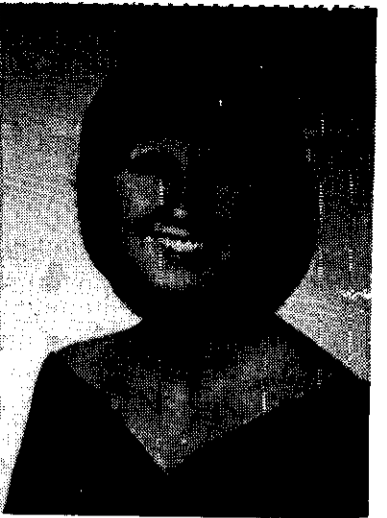
Girl, Kate Elizabeth, to Carol and Alan Metevia of Delmar, Nov. 29.

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## Senior is intern

Julia L. Castle of Delmar, a senior marketing-management major at Siena College, has been interning with the Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center in Albany this semester. She is in charge of promotion and advertising for the Albany branch, where she is exploring advertising that will reach high school, college and continuing education students.



Laura J. Grierson

Castle is a member of Siena's Society for the Advancement of Management and of its speaker's committee. She graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, where she was member of the National Honor Society and recipient of a regents scholarship. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Barbara Castle of Delmar.

## Grierson - Whisenant

Mr. and Mrs. David Perry of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura J. Grierson, to Palmer L. Whisenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whisenant of Castle Hayne, N.J.

Laura, daughter of the late Ronald E. Grierson, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Duke University. She is studying for a masters degree in marine biology at the University of Southern California. Her fiancé, a graduate of Pender Academy and Duke University, is a student at Vanderbilt University School of Law.

A fall 1985 wedding is planned.

## Honors at Academy

The names of local students who earned honors during The Albany Academy's first marking period were recently announced. Kevin Allen of Delmar earned highest honors. John Grogan, Matthew Fleming and Eric Pelletier of Slingerlands, and James Murnane, John-Erik Amundsen, Stein Amundsen and Paul Giombetti of Delmar earned high honors.

Among students to earn honors were: Edward Lyons and Eric Martin of Slingerlands; Jon Toussaint, Robert Sponzo, Gregory McQuide and Christopher Tobin of Delmar, and James Wood of New Scotland.

## Three deer hit

Three car-deer accidents were recorded by Bethlehem police this week, as of Friday. No personal injuries were reported.

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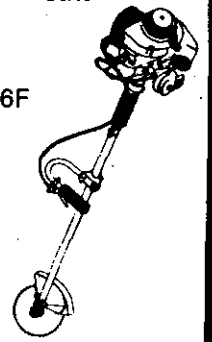
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