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## The deadly cargo in our back yard

Area on busy rail routes for hazardous material transport

By Linda Anne Burtis

First of two parts.

The sound of a late night train whistle, long a source of comfort to troubled sleepers, can trigger nightmares for others. While the rumble of freight cars lulls insomniacs to sleep, local fire fighters and town officials must be prepared for the worst: the derailment of one of the long freight trains which frequently pass through this area carrying carloads of deadly chemicals.

"I'm nervous about every train that goes through," says Voorheesville Fire Chief Ray O'Malley. While the potential for a catastrophic spill is never far from the minds of area fire chiefs, they work with little information — no local officials are informed about what materials are passing through this region, or when or in what quantities.

All they can do is prepare for the worst, with the limited resources available. "We know damn well we've got a bad health hazard," says Elsmere Fire Chief Anthony Morrell.

The towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland are the sites of heavy railroad traffic, and a considerable amount of the freight on those trains is hazardous materials. "Seventy percent of all hazardous materials transported in this country, exclusive of petroleum, goes by rail," says Conrail spokesman Robert Libkind.

Accidents involving such cargo can be dangerous, even deadly. Hundreds of Mechanicville residents were evacuated from their homes and at least three firefighters were injured last Sept. 8 when a Boston and Maine freight train derailed and caused a toxic chemical leak.

Local fire companies are often inadequately equipped to safely contain chemical fires. Voorheesville Chief O'Malley is frank about his company's limited ability. "We don't have enough foam of any value in a major disaster," he says. Foam is the modern version of the old saying, "fight fire with fire." Today, it's a case of "fight chemicals with chemicals."

Even more important, chemical fires and spills require different skills, techniques and equipment which demand more

training and expense for all-volunteer fire companies and deplete already scarce resources.

That a high degree of readiness is called for goes without saying. The Town of Bethlehem is on a "major route for hazardous materials traffic," according to Conrail spokesman Libkind. This is because of the Conrail-owned Selkirk Yard, an enormous way station flanked by General Electric's Noryl Products plant on the north and Airco Industrial Gases on the south. The heavily used Selkirk Yard is at the junction of the Boston Line, the Chicago Line and the River Line, which is used for shipping between Northern New Jersey chemical companies and upstate and Canadian manufacturers.

Conrail, which in 1981 carried more than 34,000 carloads of hazardous materials in New York State, including flammable and poisonous cargoes, is the state's busiest carrier.

In contrast to Conrail, the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, which has a line running through Delmar and Voorheesville, carried approximately 6,700 carloads of hazardous materials through New York State in 1981. Dennis Coffey, spokesman for the D&H, said that the railroad's Voorheesville trains carry mostly grain. But he could give no specifics on other materials transported over the line.

Vigilance may still be called for. The D&H system has not been immune to difficulties. A 1983 report by the state Department of Transportation found "many serious problems with all aspects of its track maintenance program... In addition, records of D&H inspections of mainline segments between Whitehall and Voorheesville... do not reflect the conditions which actually exist."

Benjamin Zodikoff, director of the rail operations bureau for DOT, explained that since the company came under new ownership in 1984 D&H has improved the conditions detailed in the report.

"We recognize that the Whitehall stretch is in need of work," said D&H spokesman Coffey. "We're looking at a cooperative venture with the state and Conrail."

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## Hospital planned in Glenmont

A private firm is considering building a 96-bed psychiatric hospital on Rt. 9W in Glenmont, according to a spokesman for the company. Early reports of the development have apparently sparked interest in other land on Rt. 9W, which recently prompted Bethlehem officials to launch a new study of zoning in the area.

"We certainly are interested in having our hospital located in the Town of Bethlehem," Marie Pincus, a vice president of the Hospital Group of America, said Monday. She cautioned, however, that the Virginia company has not yet applied for any local zoning or building approvals.

However, the company has received the crucial endorsement of the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, which certified earlier this year that the need exists in the area for the facility. Hospital Group of America, acting through a subsidiary called Hospital Group of New York Inc., would operate the facility in affiliation with Albany Medical Center, which would provide "clinical leadership."

According to Pincus, Albany Med would not be a partner or

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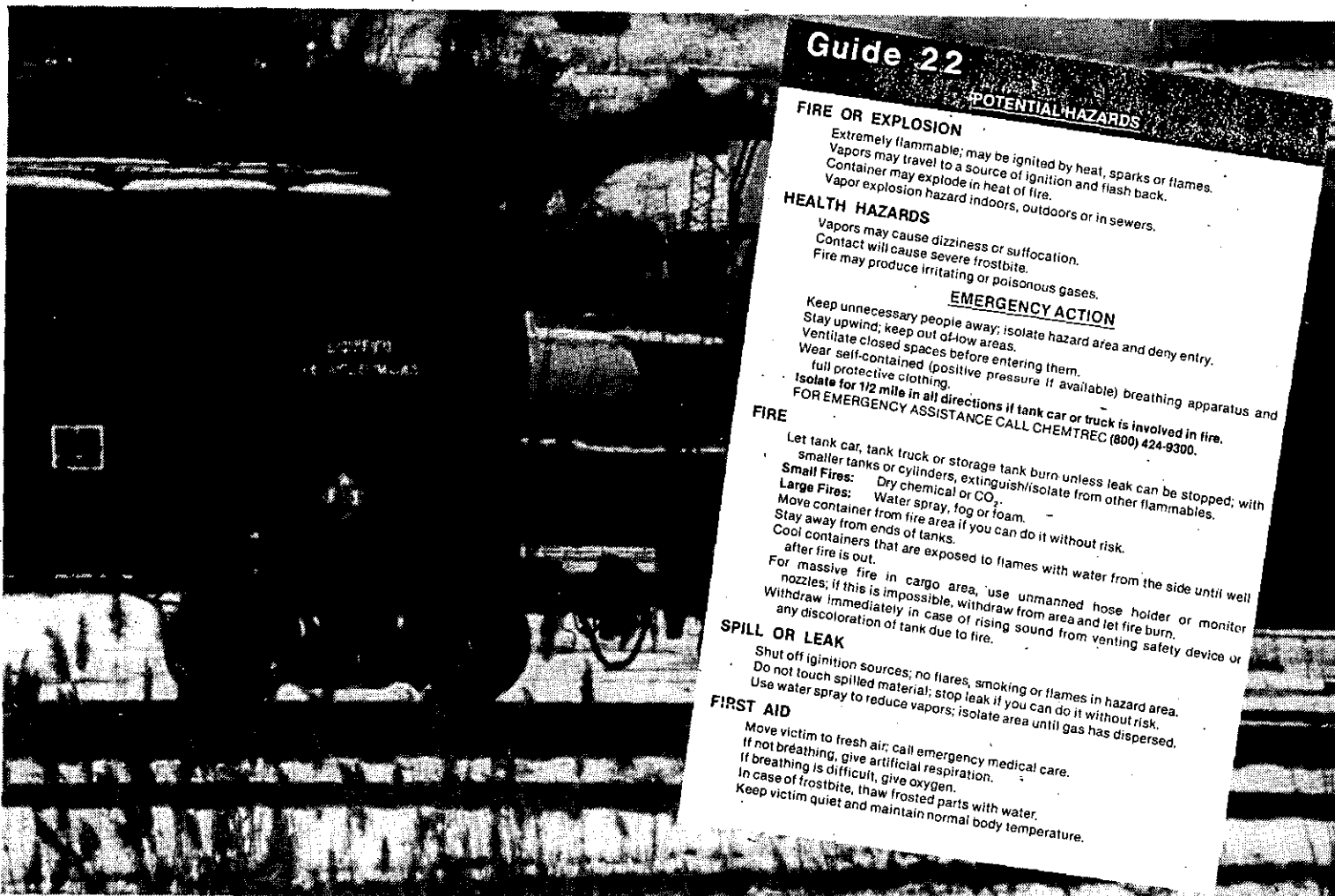
## BC gets its grades

By Caroline Terenzini

For some, Bethlehem Central's Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR), which was presented at the school board's meeting last Wednesday, may be more than they ever wanted to know about the district. But for one school board member, it's less.

The report contained no surprises, showing Bethlehem students as scoring in the upper reaches on not only the standardized tests required statewide, but also on the Stanford Achievement Tests and College Entrance Examination Board achievement tests. For example, on statewide test for third graders given last year, 95 percent of BC's pupils scored above the "state reference point" in reading and 96 percent in math. (Students scoring below the state reference point are deemed in need of extra help.) Similarly, on regent exams given last June, 95 percent passed the English test, 91 percent passed the third-year math exam, and 97 percent passed in social studies. Ninety-five

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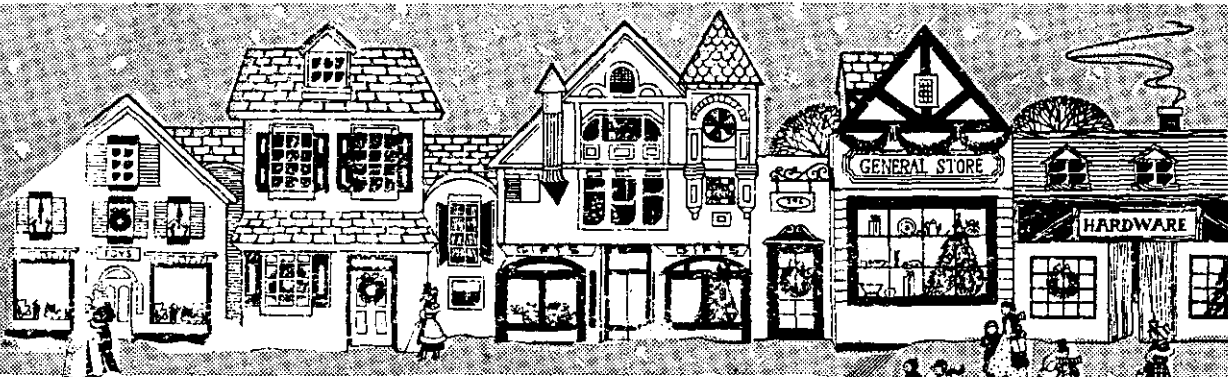


The placard on the side of this tank car at the Selkirk Conrail yard identifies its contents — in this case, liquified petroleum gas. Inset is the corresponding page of the Emergency Response Guidebook, used by fire fighters to determine the correct course

of action in the event of an accident. Different chemicals require different courses of action. Many cars carry a placard but do not have the contents written on the car, as this one does.

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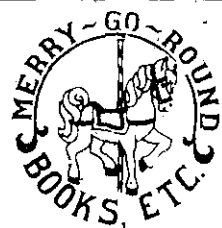
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## Figures never lie, but . . .

Test scores don't tell the whole story, educators and statisticians caution as school districts around the state unveil their Comprehensive Assessment Reports (CARs), a new requirement from New York's regents. The reports have prompted comparisons between the districts and within districts, but the conclusions aren't always correct. The following cautions apply:

- The CARs give test scores and other data over the past three years, so they are the scores of, for example, three different third grades. Such cross-sectional data mean that different groups are juxtaposed rather than, as in a longitudinal survey, the performance of the same group is measured over successive years.

- Not everyone in every school takes the regents' competency tests or the regents' exams, meaning that comparisons among districts are questionable. If potentially low-scoring students in a district are discouraged from taking a regents' exam, the district's results may look better than they otherwise would.

- Students can take the regents' minimum competency test at several times in the eighth or ninth grade, so comparing results of different districts on that exam could mean eighth graders' scores are being compared with those of ninth graders.

- Statewide elementary writing tests and essay portions of other tests such as the social studies and English regents' exams, as well as oral foreign language regents' exams, are graded

locally, with spot checks of the grading by state Education Department personnel. Grading standards may differ from school to school or district to district.

- Statewide tests for elementary pupils are administered to identify students in need of remedial help, so these exams define minimums, rather than maximums; hence, they are not good indicators of the education a district is providing.

- Reporting errors are always possible. A Bethlehem Central reading score was listed incorrectly in a daily newspaper, and reporting errors from three sources—the district, the state and the College Entrance Examination Board—were identified by BC administrators—and corrected—in the district's own report.

- Statewide tests cover only a portion of what is taught and so cannot be considered a measure of the education that goes on.

Educators agree on the usefulness of test scores both for identifying students who may need extra help and for discerning trends, but at the same time they caution that an overemphasis on test scores could lead to teaching to the test with the aim simply of improving the scores. Emphasizing test results also could mean some students would be discouraged from taking certain tests in order to improve the overall score. Finally, focusing on the numbers distracts attention from the whole picture in a school or district.

Caroline Terenzini

## □ BC's grades

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percent of all BC students taking regents' exams in June passed.

Also in the report although not required by the state are comparisons of BC scores with county, state, regional and national results.

Copies of the 37-page report prepared by J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent, are available from him at the Educational Services Center, Adams Pl. in Delmar.

Charles Reeves, who was elected to the board last May with the backing of a "watchdog" group of district residents, after hearing a quick runthrough of the report last Wednesday told McAndrews: "I'm impressed with some of the numbers, but these figures don't go far enough."

Reeves said he would like to see the district "go head to head" in comparisons with such school districts as Guilderland and Niskayuna.

"We won't risk measuring ourselves against some of the more creditable schools," Reeves charged.

Board member Bernard Harvith took another view.

"This is not an athletic contest," Harvith stated. "If you get into this numbers game, maybe somebody will say we should discourage some students from taking these tests (thus eliminating low-scorers and improving the statistics)."

"The only real measure of how

well the district is doing is how well these kids do after graduation—and they do very well."

"I'm sick of the innuendo that there's something wrong with these kids or with their education!" Harvith declared.

McAndrews, too, cautioned against comparisons among districts: "A lot of educators feel that's a negative influence overall," he said. "Comparing 96 percent versus 97 percent won't tell us anything, it won't do anything except generate controversy." McAndrews said he was concerned also that such competition would destroy the "educational collegiality" that

area schools, particularly Suburban Council schools, had developed over the years.

In presenting the report, McAndrews warned of the "hazards in making comparisons across districts and among districts—of comparing different groups of people."

The CARs themselves, while aimed at accountability, foster comparisons by requiring the same kind of data from all districts across the state and putting these data into the same format for each. Also, by listing statistics for each school in a district, comparisons of, for example, the performance of Glenmont and Slingerlands pupils are invited.

## Action due on BC redistricting plan

Bethlehem Central School Board members—perhaps with an eye on today's bond issue vote—had nothing to say at their meeting last Wednesday about redistricting or any other plan to deal with crowding at the Glenmont Elementary School. That topic is expected to be back on the agenda at the board's Dec. 18 meeting, which will be in the high school cafeteria.

Several observers did have something to say about the problem, however. Beverly McGrath gave board members "a message from the teachers at Glenmont." She said the "less than ideal space" was frustrating to teachers and students alike, and declared that the staff had shown "great patience" in working in the crowded building.

Quinlan Davey of Elm Ave., in the Glenmont attendance area, said he supported the addition of


relocatable classrooms at the school, which is the recommendation of Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn. Davey said he believes that many parents may object to the relocatables because they don't know what they are—"some education of the public would be useful," he said.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation for retirement of June Kawczak, principal clerk at the high school, who has been with the district 22 years.

- Appointed Betsy Holtz as an English teacher at the Middle School, replacing Ann Ulion.

- Approved a new three-year contract with the district's 240 teachers. Board President Sheila Fuller credited a "year of hard work" by a committee of board and union members with opening communication between the two sides.




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The Selkirk Conrail yard is adjacent to three chemical operations: General Electric's Noryl Products plant, AIRCO and Owens-Corning. Jeff Gonzales photos

## □ Deadly cargo

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The problem of hazardous materials transport is obviously not confined to one community. It is a feature of modern society that large quantities of a wide range of toxic substances crisscross the United States.

As any homeowner who has bought a bag of chemical fertilizer at the garden store knows, accidents can easily happen in transit, and cleaning up a torn bag of 5-10-5 is not a simple chore. In the railroad's case, there are large quantities of chemicals which can be highly toxic or flammable, or both, carried in equipment which is vulnerable to breaking down. Add to that the variables of a tightly scheduled day and consumers who are unaware of the need for caution, and one can begin to understand the task faced by the railroads.

The materials are shipped from chemical plants and oil refineries to manufacturing plants. DOT's Zodikoff said that 150 carloads of

hazardous materials are shipped in New York State every day. While trucks also transport these toxins, most are moved on railroads "because, on a per ton basis, they are safer on railroads than on trucks," Zodikoff said.

How likely is a railroad accident? Fred Millar, director of the Nuclear and Hazardous Materials Project for the Environmental Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., points to a 1984 study for the Association of American Railroads. Millar said the report concluded that "in an average year there would be 30 'serious accidents' involving trains carrying hazardous materials and forecast two 'catastrophic accidents' each year." Since these figures are coming from an organization with a vested interest in projecting a picture of railroad safety, Millar said, they should be taken very seriously.

According to environmentalist Millar, "The worst industrial disaster in the United States was triggered by a transport accident.

## 'Vapors and colored smoke'

Hazardous materials fires are nightmares for firefighters. The enormous variety of chemicals, the frequent experience that no one knows precisely which chemicals are involved in an incident coupled with the fact that not all chemicals can be treated alike puts great pressures on fire chiefs. The wrong response can endanger lives.

A four-day fire at the Conrail dump site in August, 1982, alarmed Robert J. Wiggand, who at that time was district chief for the Selkirk Fire Department.

Although there have been other chemical accidents at the yard, according to Wiggand, the dump site fire was "one of the more serious ones." Wiggand said that hazardous materials that had been buried at the yard near Jericho Rd. were ignited but the fire proved difficult to fight because his men didn't know what was on fire. They were fighting a fire with "vapors and colored smoke coming up from buried materials," Wiggand said.

An additional problem was that "the water used to fight the fire became a vehicle to carry these chemicals and contaminate creeks and even go down to the Hudson River," Wiggand added. He called in the Albany County Health Department, the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the United States Coast Guard to monitor possible contamination. The fire company contained the spill. There were four injuries, none serious.

According to Steve Lukowski, director of the environmental health section of the Albany County Health Department, the site is classified



This 1982 fire at Conrail's Selkirk yard kept local fire fighters on the scene for days. Spotlight

as a demolition landfill. It contains railroad ties and other Conrail refuse, he said. He added that there is no reason to believe hazardous materials are dumped there. The site, therefore, is not listed by the Department of Environmental Conservation as a hazardous waste dump site.

Linda Anne Burtis

In 1947, a ship carrying ammonium nitrate fertilizer in Galveston Bay, Texas, exploded and caused a nearby plant and another nitrate freighter to explode; 576 died and 2,000 were seriously injured."

Eight youngsters were killed by toxic fumes released when a train derailed in Youngstown, Fla., in 1978. The chemical in a more recent disaster, methyl isocyanate (MIC), which caused the deaths of more than 2,000 people in Bhopal, India, one year ago, continues to be transported by truck from West Virginia to Middleport, near Buffalo.

Area residents have expressed concern about risks to their personal safety. David Anderson, who lives within a mile of the Selkirk yard with his wife and three small children, said that they have worked out emergency measures and routes they would take to leave their home quickly if a toxics-laden train derailed.

Anderson also expressed concern about engineers who speed into the Selkirk yard, suggesting that a "derailment would be caused by someone who is literally a hot-rodder, and comes sliding into the station causing the cars to jam up."

Richard Witta, a state DOT rail safety supervisor, took exception to Anderson's concern. "I am sure different engineers slow down at different points, but I don't think there are really any hot-rodders," he said.

DOT's Zodikoff said that "There have been no serious incidents during the past 10 years in terms of injuries or deaths in New York" related to the transportation of hazardous materials. He explained that safety can be enhanced by using state-of-the-art technology on the train cars that carry hazardous materials. These devices include: a shield, which is a metal device placed in front of a tank car to prevent puncture by another car; a shelf-coupler to insure that cars won't become uncoupled during a derailment and that the coupler doesn't become a battering ram for another car; and insulated lining to reduce fire hazards. Cars so equipped are commonly called supertankers.

However, not all cars carrying dangerous cargo are required to be equipped with these safety devices. John Chowske, assistant railroad engineer for the state DOT, explained that the Federal Railroad Administration requires those "supertankers" for some of those "hazardous materials," while the rest of the toxic chemical transport pool uses regular railroad cars.

Another potential weak spot in the system relates to who is responsible for keeping railroad cars leak-free. According to DOT rail safety expert Witta, shippers or manufacturers, rather than the rail companies that transport the materials, may be the owners of these cars.

In Conrail's case, ownership is three steps removed. The company uses tank cars that the shipping companies have leased. In this case, general maintenance falls to the shipper. Railroads are supposed to handle any immediate maintenance problems.

What happens in an accident? Police or firemen are usually the first to arrive at the scene of a hazardous materials accident. These "first responders" are trained not to approach the damage but use binoculars to read the

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A tank car identified as carrying hazardous materials rides inside an open, rusting railroad car.

placard — a marker on the car (or truck) that bears a code identifying the chemical inside. They refer to their "Emergency Response Guidebook," which should enable them to break the code on the placard.

The chemical industry has worked with railroad companies to form CHEMTREC, a hotline available to police and firemen who arrive at the scene of a hazardous materials accident. Since chemical formulas are constantly changing, the guidebook is often not sufficient. CHEMTREC is almost routinely called for expert, immediate advice.

While *The Spotlight* was unable to learn which chemicals are transported through this area — and no local officials are privy to that information — there is general agreement that much of the cargo is very dangerous. A visit to the Selkirk yards on a recent Sunday revealed tank cars carrying

such chemicals as liquified petroleum gas, which, in addition to its explosive and flammable qualities, will cause frostbite on contact and dizziness or suffocation when the vapors are breathed; and carbon dioxide, which can also cause frostbite, dizziness and suffocation.

And while the general public may not realize the dangers of the heavy railroad traffic passing through the area, local fire fighters are not lulled to sleep by the soothing sound of a midnight train whistle.

They are keenly aware of the danger. "I'll take a house fire over a hazardous materials incident any day," said one fire fighter.

*Next week: Who's in charge? A look at how federal, state and local officials attempt to keep track of hazardous materials in transit, and how local fire fighters prepare for the worst.*

## What we don't know . . .

Are any of the chemicals that come through our area life-threatening? Learning what and how much deadly cargoes pass through any particular region is similar to finding the proverbial needle in a haystack. Neither the federal nor state transportation departments keep records on chemicals and where they are shipped. Also on the uninformed list are police and fire officials, town authorities and county officials, along with state and federal regulators.

An environmentalist said that the Interstate Commerce Commission does keep records on hazardous materials in transport, but several telephone inquiries by *The Spotlight* were unsuccessful in reaching anyone with access to those records. Conrail has a computerized data base indicating the cargo carried in every car but, for proprietary reasons, refuses to identify those materials.

## Hospital

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owner of the facility, but would be in charge of staffing with a medical director, doctors and residents.

The facility would be about 65,000 square feet, possibly two stories, and would be "very low-key looking," Pincus said.

Pincus did not specify a site, but according to Town Hall sources, the land being considered is on the west side of Rt. 9W opposite the Petrol station, a parcel that was rezoned more than 10 years ago for Planned Commercial Development as a shopping center. It has remained a corn field ever since.

Several months ago, owners of land on the east side of Rt. 9W requested that their property be rezoned for commercial use. That request prompted the town to order a review of all zoning in the area. Supervisor Robert Hendrick said last week the review has a high priority and will be completed soon.

## Wins certification

Kerry Schubert of Selkirk, a graduate of the medical technology program at the College of Saint Rose, has been awarded certification with the American Society of Clinical Pathology's Board of Registry and with the National Certification Agency.

## In Hobart phonathon

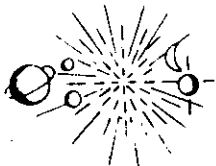
Miriam Lieberman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lieberman of Slingerlands, recently participated in a student phonathon to raise funds for Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva.

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Bethlehem Town Court Clerk Barbara Hodom conducted a seminar on criminal law at last month's meeting of the New York State Association of Magistrates and Court Clerks. Hodom, who is second vice president of the association, conducted the seminar with Rolf Schweigart, Colonie court clerk.

## In honor society

David A. Young of Delmar, a sophomore at Ohio University, has been initiated into the university's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honor society recognizing superior academic performance in the freshman year. Young, an advertising management major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young of Dellon Rd.

## Community caroling

The First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will host a community caroling on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature a carol sing, led by Joseph Farrell, and an organ recital by Keith Williams.

All are welcome.

## Artwork chosen

The artwork of Lynne Dearstyne, grade 10, of Delmar and Dena Marshall, grade 6, of Selkirk will be included in the Albany Academy for Girls 1986 calendar.

The calendars are being sold for \$7 as part of the school's fund raising effort. For information call 463-2201.

## Physics group cited

The Siena College Chapter of the Society of Physics Students was recently named one of 30 outstanding chapters nationwide for 1984-85.

Christopher Switzer of Glenmont, the 1984-85 president of the group, presented a research paper at the Rochester Symposium for Physics Students last spring.

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# Verstandig variance upheld

A petition filed by residents of upper Delaware Avenue seeking reversal of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals decision to grant a variance to Verstandig's Florist at 454 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, was denied last week by State Supreme Court Justice Edward S. Conway.

Conway agreed with the board that denial of the variance would create a "clear, unnecessary hardship" and said the board had plenty of evidence that the proposed expansion would have only limited impact on the neighborhood. The variance granted by the board allows Robert Verstandig to expand his business at 454 Delaware Ave. to approximately 17,000 square feet. The business

currently occupies 5,000 square feet, according to information provided by Verstandig at the public hearing.

Petitioners in the lawsuit were the Upper Delaware Avenue Association of Delmar, Ann Dunmore and Marie and Samuel Capone. Shortly after filing suit, Sandi Hackman, president of the neighborhood association, said when the suit was filed in September that the group's basic argument is that the granting of a use variance is precedent setting. While the board of appeals is right in considering each application anew, she said, it should consider that each use variance granted changes the character of the neighborhood. Judge Conway did

not directly address that point in his decision.

Hackman declined Monday to comment on the court decision until after the group meets with its attorney, John P. MacArthur, on Saturday.

In response to the petition, the Board of Appeals contended that the Upper Delaware Avenue Association of Delmar Inc. had no standing to commence a proceeding, that Verstandig's Florist Inc. should have been made a party in the proceedings and that the decision of the board of appeals was a proper exercise of its discretion and was amply supported by substantial evidence in the record.

The court said the neighborhood association did have standing to commence a proceeding. The court determined that "as long as service was made on the respondent Zoning Board of Appeals within the required time, the statute of limitations is not a factor to be considered in dismissing the petition."

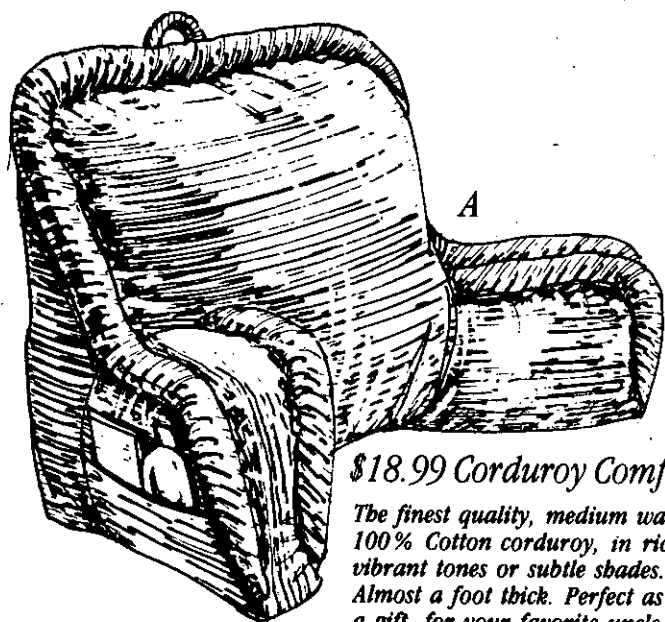
During the public hearing, area residents asserted that the expansion would adversely affect the residential character of their neighborhood.

In describing the variance application in his decision, Judge Conway said Verstandig's sought "permission to replace an old deteriorating greenhouse... and also to add a small greenhouse-plant storage area to the rear of its present retail store."

Conway ruled that "The evidence adduced at the hearing was that no odors, noise, health hazards or neighborhood inconveniences would result from the proposed added greenhouses and that the wholesale flower business would mean only insignificant traffic increases during its peak seasonal period only twice a year (just prior to Christmas and Easter). The applicant further demonstrated clear, unnecessary hardship in that no other nursery/greenhouse sites were available in the area and it was impossible to sell the premises for another florist business and any sale for permitted one-family home use would not realize sufficient monies to allow relocation or the continued limited use of the premises."

"A review of the entire record and the board's resolution clearly demonstrates the board's careful consideration and compliance with all the zoning ordinance standards," the judge said.

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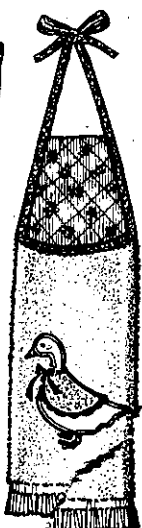
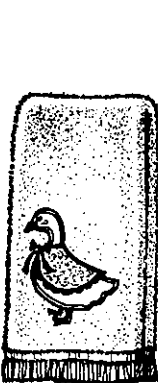
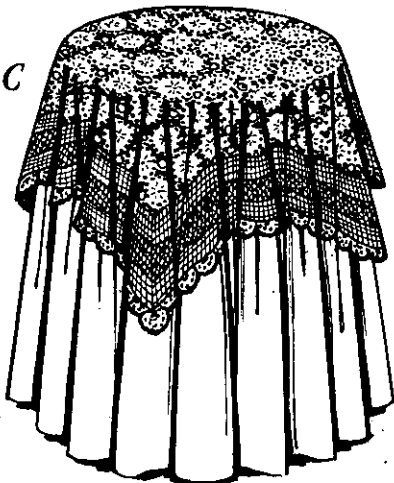
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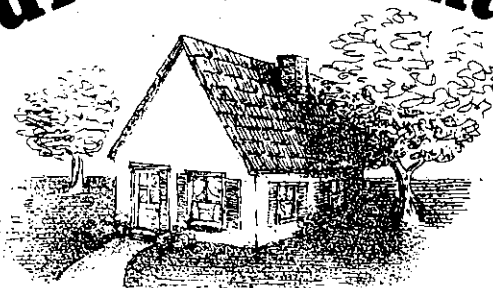


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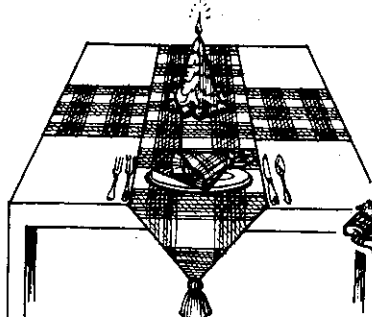
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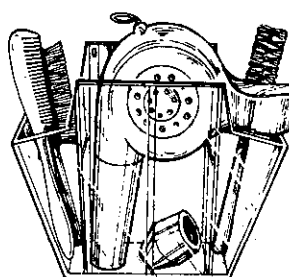


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# Gas station to reopen

By Theresa Bobear

Plans for a new gas station and convenience store at the site of the former Gulf station, Delaware and Elm Aves., Delmar, was presented to the Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week.

The application, from VHS Realty Inc., for a variance and a special exception to permit construction of a Cumberland Farms retail store and gasoline station, and for installation of gasoline storage tanks and pumps, will be considered at a public hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. on Jan. 22. The parcel is zoned B-Residential.

With three of five members — Chairman Charles Fritts and board members Orrin Barr and Robert Wiggand — present, the board had a quorum and was able to formally approve HMC Associates' request for a variance to allow 30 fewer parking spaces than required at Delaware Ave. and Normanskill Blvd., Delmar.

The New York Dormitory Authority plans to move into the building, which is currently occupied by Hartford Insurance.

According to the resolution read by board attorney Donald DeAngelis, 285 spaces are required and 250 are requested. The board determined that the new business would have fewer employees parking in the lot and the town's new park-and-ride lot would further reduce the number of cars parked in the lot.

As conditions of approval, the board agreed to require relining of the lot and designation of a one-way entrance and a one-way exit.

In other business, the board:

- Formally granted a variance to Max Karp for a construction of an enlarged kitchen at 78 The Crossway, Delmar.

- Formally granted a variance to John N. Dalton for construction of an addition at 12 McKinley Dr., Delmar.

- Denied Richard and Carolyn Wickham's request for a variance to allow an accessory building at 476 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The board determined that a 17 by 12 foot building would be legal without a variance. The board also concluded the applicant had not demonstrated a hardship.



# Soil stability argued

By Theresa Bobear

Soil stability was the topic as the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday night again considered the Van Euclid Company's proposed Normans Gate subdivision of 36 single-family lots, located off Euclid Avenue and adjacent to the Normanside Country Club.

An engineering consultant told the board that construction should be limited to the flat part of the site, while both the developer and an area resident urged the board to study the site in more depth.

The planning board rejected the Norman's Gate plan in 1982. After nearly two years of litigation, a state Supreme Court judge ruled that the developers were within their rights to put an access road through an Euclid Avenue lot with a house on it. The court returned the case to the planning board for further hearing on the issue of soil stability.

At the developer's expense, the town hired the engineering firm of Clough Harbour and Associates to determine the stability of the clay soil near the Normanskill ravine.

Presenting conclusions of the Clough Harbour study, Jeff Holt said the plateau may be developed, but no development should be allowed on the slopes. Holt also presented general site recommendations or guidelines for development. Holt explained that the recommendations could be reevaluated at a particular site with a more specific engineering study.

Among other general guidelines, Holt said there should be no development or clearing below the defined top of slope; and, there should be no structures within 30 feet of the top of slope.

"There is no reason that the plateau area could not be developed," said Holt.

Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, asked where the

boring for the study was taken. Holt replied that it was taken at the rear of the Euclid Ave. lot.

Noting that the boring site was some 1,500 feet from part of the slope, Martin Barr, an attorney who lives on Euclid Ave., questioned the assumptions upon which the study was based.

Based on a prior knowledge of the geology of the area, Holt explained that the sample was representative of the consistent geology of the area.

Ralph Mancini, counsel for the Van Euclid Company, encouraged the town to obtain more specific site information "so that we don't get a line that could be too generous or may be not too generous."

After finishing his line of questioning, Barr presented his conclusions to the board. Barr urged the board to set property lines for lots no closer than 10 feet from the top of slope, require rear fencing of lots near the slope, set a 50-foot buffer zone at the rear of Euclid Ave. properties and allow a house no closer than 100 feet.

Finally, Barr urged the board to get a final decision from the Appellate Division and take the case to the Court of Appeals.

Mancini explained that the project would be developed the way it is proposed.

Following the public hearing, the planners granted preliminary approval to Briand Parenteau for a five-lot subdivision off Bender Lane.

The board also granted conditional final approval of a one-lot Clarkson Rd. subdivision of lands to be conveyed by George Harder to Carole and Victor Ballato.

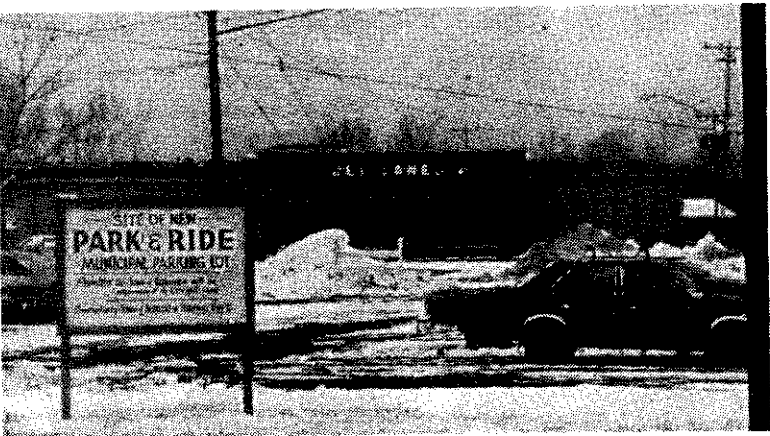
Finally, the board tabled consideration of Bronco Development Limited's Skycrest Planned Residence District, Section 1-A.

At their next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17, the planners will hold a public hearing to consider Chadwick Square, Section 3. The board may discuss lands on Bender Lane to be developed by the Rosen brothers and the proposed Skycrest PRD, Section 6.

## Sentencing ahead

Sentencing is scheduled Jan. 29 in Schenectady for Frank W. Kindlon, 42, of Poplar Dr. in Delmar, who pleaded guilty Nov. 27 in Schenectady County Court to charges of second degree grand larceny and attempted second degree grand larceny in connection with a scheme to defraud two elderly people, according to authorities.

Kindlon and John D. Mooney, 56, of Schenectady were arrested May 4 of this year and accused of bilking two persons out of more than \$400,000. Mooney's case is still pending.



Judging by the number of empty spaces, many area residents have not yet discovered the convenience of the new Park and Ride lot on Delaware Avenue. The lot was constructed by the Town of Bethlehem in cooperation with the City of Albany for people who use the bus to commute to Albany. Jeff Gonzales

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# Town affirms open meetings

After a two-week hesitation, the Bethlehem Town Board has passed a resolution supporting a strengthening of the state's Open Meeting Law — and declaring that all the town's boards will follow the original intent of the law.

The resolution is being promoted by Common Cause and the League of Women Voters, who are attempting to pressure the state legislature to rescind an amendment to the Open Meeting Law that permits members of the same political party to meet in closed "caucuses," no matter what the subject. In many cases, includ-

ing all-Republican Bethlehem, this would mean that public business could be conducted behind closed doors.

When the resolution was presented to the board at its Nov. 13 meeting, Councilman W. Scott Prothero moved that it be tabled for review by the town's attorney — a delay opposed by Councilwoman Sue Ann Ritchko. But at the Nov. 27 meeting, the resolution returned, in strengthened form, as "applicable to all the boards in the town." Sample resolutions had been sent to both the planning board and the board of

appeals, and those bodies had been waiting for guidance from the town board before acting.

Mrs. Ritchko said she was "delighted" with the changes, and the board also received congratulations from Betsy Owens, representing the league.

On another matter, the board quickly gave the go-ahead to Supervisor Robert Hendrick's plan to appoint a committee to develop an emergency preparedness plan for the town. Hendrick said later the group will include town officials, representatives of the town's volunteer fire compan-

ies and local civil defense and Red Cross officials.

"It's not a simple thing to prepare," Hendrick warned, holding a thick stack of similar plans from other municipalities.

The board also approved \$1.2 million in industrial development revenue bonds for Eastern Ingredients, a food distribution company based in Western New York that has already completed its new warehouse on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont. Hendrick said later he expects the town Industrial Development Agency, which is handling its second project in a year after a long dormancy, to hold the closing on the bonds this week.

In other business, the board:

- Heard a presentation from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, which receives a \$3,000 yearly subsidy from the town. Chamber President Thomas Thorsen listed the group's contributions to the town, which include an office where meetings can be held, a staff person to answer inquiries about the town, a directory of businesses, a town map and a new liaison committee with town government. Thorsen was asked by town board members whether the chamber had ever run a surplus of more than \$3,000. He said it had, but that "I don't think we've ever carried over uncommitted monies."
- Changed the date of its second meeting in December from Dec. 25 to Dec. 26, and set the date for the annual organizational meeting for Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. Also, the board set Dec. 26 as the date for a public hearing on a local law that will allow the town to mail with town tax bills information regarding changes in the dates for assessment protests. The new dates are the result of a change in state law.
- Authorized Highway Superintendent Martin Cross to advertise for bids for two new tandem dump trucks, one to be purchased with funds in this year's budget and the other to be purchased with funds in the 1986 budget. Under a procedure worked out by Prothero, both trucks will be purchased together, which should allow the town to get a lower price. The board also agreed to establish a reserve fund if the first truck is not purchased this year. In addition, the board gave Cross approval to purchase a new street sweeper to replace his 1967 model.



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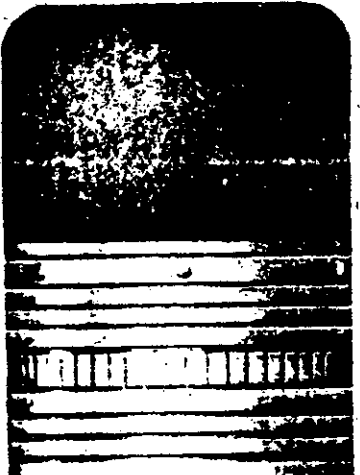
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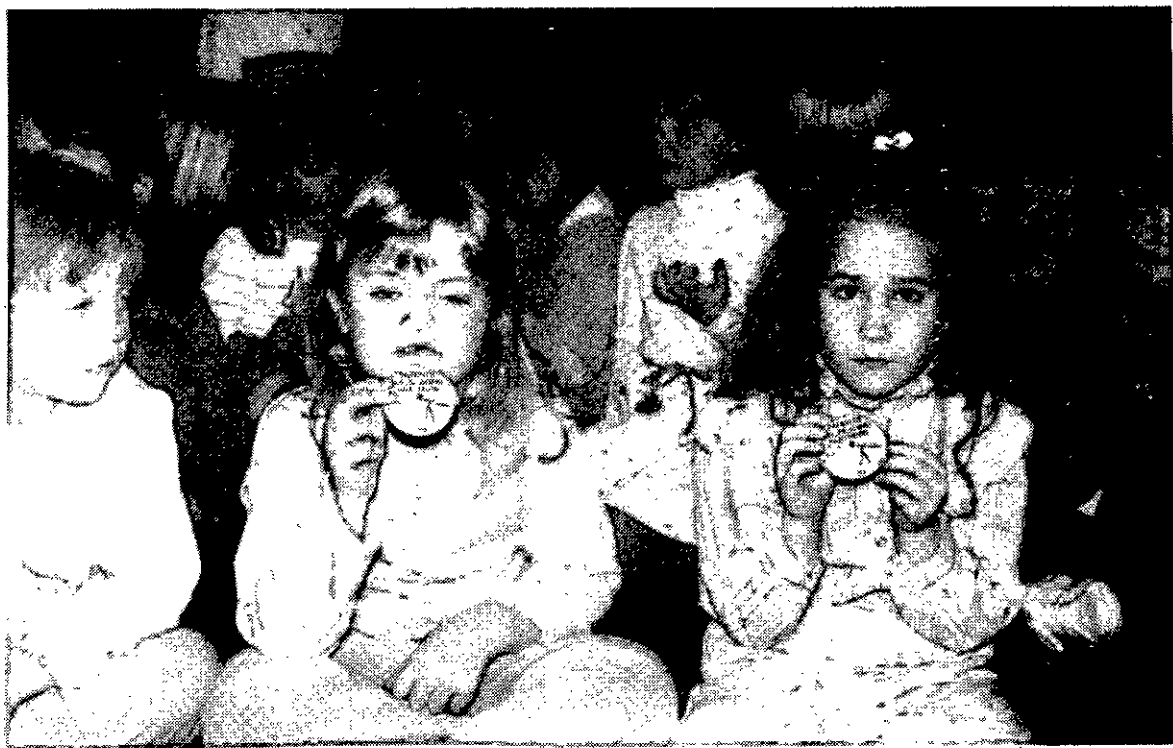
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at least 15 minutes daily for 10 weeks. Elsmere physical education teacher Peter Hogan designed the buttons and Mary Phillips made them.

Jeff Gonzales

## Area fire departments file budgets

Area fire departments have filed their budgets for 1986, but with few exceptions, the numbers won't mean much without some explanation — or until the tax rates are set.

Unlike municipalities or school districts, fire and ambulance districts do not have to get voter approval to levy taxes. They do file their budgets with the town clerks, but the budgets often are not specific as to how funds will be spent. The budgets are subject to audit by the state Department of Audit and Control. Tax rates are set by Albany County and the levies are part of the January tax bills.

Two districts — Elsmere and Elmwood Park — may face major

expenses for the construction of new fire houses, but those projects are not reflected in their 1986 budgets.

Elmwood Park, the district that was formed out of the old North Bethlehem district with portions of New Scotland and Guiderland, is actively considering a proposal for construction of a new firehouse, according to Chief Joseph Fahd. Voters in the district twice this year have turned down proposals to renovate the existing fire house on Schoolhouse Rd.

Fahd said preliminary plans are being drafted by an architect and will not be completed until after Jan. 1. According to Fahd, the building might be located in the Krumkill Rd.-Schoolhouse Rd.

area and will have a price tag of at least \$500,000.

The district's 1986 budget is for \$57,604, up from this year's \$52,041.

Elsmere's 1986 budget shows the sharpest increase of any local fire district, a \$22,000 jump to \$149,750. A site on Feura Bush Rd. at Wemple Rd. owned by the district has been graded and filled this year, leading to speculation that a second fire station to serve the southern part of the district is planned.

Not so, said Fred Webster, chairman of the board of fire commissioners. "We're not ready to build anything down there," he said. The site work consists of town crews dumping fill taken

from a nearby road project — a convenience for both the fire district and the town. "Any building plans are a long-range question," Webster said.

The additional funds in next year's budget are repairs to the district's existing building on Poplar Dr. and for repair work to the department's snorkel and pumper trucks — work that should add 10 to 15 years to the life of the equipment, Webster said.

On the other hand, the Selkirk Fire District, which covers Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem — nearly half the Town of Bethlehem — is showing a \$6,000 decrease in its 1986 budget, which will be \$286,835. No explanation is given.

Other Bethlehem districts are Delmar, with a \$207,954 budget next year, Slingerlands, with an \$82,418 budget, and the newly formed Bethlehem Ambulance District, covering the same territory as the Selkirk Fire District, which will collect \$43,115 next year.

In New Scotland, three districts have filed their budgets.

The 1986 budget total for the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company is \$63,718, up from \$60,234 last year. Don Weller,

president of the company, said the company bought two new trucks at \$120,000 each. Weller said the trucks will be paid for over five years.

The total 1986 budget for the Onesquethaw Volunteer Ambulance Company will be \$15,982, up from \$14,516 last year. According to Weller, the money will cover increased operating expenses.

The total budget proposed for 1986 in the New Salem Volunteer Fire Department is \$108,588. Fire Chief Gordon Pinney was unable to supply the 1985 budget total. The budget reflects the purchase of a new brush truck.

### AAUW luncheon

The American Association of University Women will host a holiday luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Americana Inn, beginning at noon.

The program, featuring fashions by Filene's, will benefit the group's national Educational Foundation Program.

For reservations call Ann Marie Grady at 482-5815 or Jean Magnuson at 456-4615.

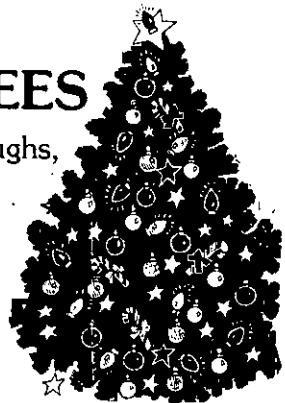
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# Mosher Bridge plans to be aired

The state Department of Transportation has developed three alternatives for replacing the aging Mosher Bridge on Rt. 396 — including one plan that would do away with the bridge altogether — and will ask area residents to comment at a meeting next Tuesday.

The bridge is one of two vital links for Selkirk and South Bethlehem residents over the sprawling Conrail yards. The state is also studying the second link, the Jericho Bridge, and town officials have said they are concerned that access to land south of the yards be maintained so the area can attract new businesses and industry. The third bridge over the yards, for Rt. 32 at Feura Bush, is

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on DOT's replacement schedule.

The Mosher Bridge crosses the rail yards near Beckers Corners. The DOT has two plans for replacing the bridge, one on the present site and the other northeast of the existing bridge. Both would have 10-foot travel lanes and four-foot shoulders and the new construction would extend approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the existing bridge.

The third alternative involves construction of a one-mile bypass from Rt. 396 starting from a point

southwest of the railroad overpass and going east to Rt. 9W. The new road would connect with Rt. 9W south of Dibbs Bridge, according to the DOT, and would involve acquiring additional right-of-way and would also require acquisition of residential structures.

The open house information session is scheduled for Dec. 17 from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at the Becker School on Rt. 9W. Department engineers will be available to show project plans and to receive comments from residents.

## Driver faces felony

Robert White, Jr. of Troy was charged with driving while intoxicated as a felony after he was pulled over on Rt. 9W just before 3 a.m. Saturday, according to Bethlehem police reports. Police said White had been traveling 50 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone. The report noted the charge is a felony because White has a previous DWI conviction, in 1981.

Two other motorists were charged with DWI as a misdemeanor Saturday. A Delmar man was stopped by police about 1:30 a.m. on Kenwood Ave. at Equinox Ct. and an Albany man was pulled over about 1:25 a.m. on Rt. 9W. On Friday an Albany man was charged with DWI after he was stopped on Delaware Ave. at Herrick Ave. in Elsmere at 12:30 a.m.

## Music at Home

As a holiday gift to customers, Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will present musician Martha Gallagher on Friday, Dec. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Gallagher will present the sounds of Christmas with harp, guitar, flute and voice. All are welcome.

## Case closed

A part-time security guard at Red Star Express lines in Glenmont has made restitution for \$80 that was taken Nov. 30 from an office safe there and has resigned his job, according to a spokesman for the state police in Selkirk. Police said no criminal charges will be filed.

## Help for HEAP

Harold Maher of Bethlehem is available on Thursdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Bethlehem Town Hall to assist town residents who wish to file for aid through the Heat Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Appointments may be made by calling 439-4955, ext. 77.

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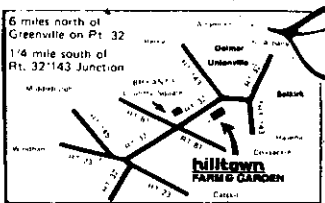
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## Chamber plans award for citizen of the year

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will present its second annual citizen of the year award at a Jan. 25 dinner at the Normanside Country Club, Elsmere. The award will be presented to a resident of the town who has given outstanding service to the community.

The judges, who will be town leaders, business leaders and members of the community, will evaluate candidates according to the following criteria: outstanding individual community service, outstanding involvement in the community in general, personal guidance ability that has helped the whole community or a particular community group, and personal example or development of an exceptional role model for younger residents.

### Winship appointed

Frank Winship of Providence, R.I., a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been appointed New England sales representative for the home satellite systems unit of Cable TV Supply Company, Cable TV Industries, Los Angeles, Calif.

Winship, 32, previously held positions as project manager for various construction companies, including Telecom Systems Construction and Burnup and Sims Cable Company Inc.

Anyone in the community may submit a biographical sketch on a candidate. Forms are available at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office, 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information call 439-0512.

### Dr. Grossman elected

Jay Grossman, M.D., of Slingerlands, who is a professor of medicine and pediatrics at Albany Medical College, has been elected president of the New York State Society of Allergy and Immunology.

Dr. Grossman is a cum laude graduate of Brooklyn College and received his medical degree from Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse. He also completed a National Institute of Health Fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Dr. Grossman is a board certified allergist-clinical immunologist associated with Drs. Richard Ball and David Shulan, with offices at 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, and in the Samaritan Professional Building in Troy.

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### Water level up

The dreary rainy weather and surprise snowfalls of the last month have had one positive aspect for Bethlehem — the town's Vly Reservoir is now at normal levels for this time of year.

As of the first of the month, according to Supervisor Robert Hendrick, the reservoir in New Scotland stood at 54 percent of capacity. With a normal winter, he said, the reservoir should reach 100 percent of capacity next spring.

The dry summer had taken the reservoir to alarmingly low levels and had prompted the town to reintroduce restrictions on sprinkling lawns and to consider more drastic steps.

### On a winter's eve

An outdoor exploration of a winter's eve will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The moonlight expedition is intended for the casual cross-country skier or snowshoer. In the event of insufficient snow cover, the program will walk the center's grounds. For information about the free program call 457-6092.

## BIRTHS



### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Lindsay Elisabeth, to Barbara and Michael Ruslander, Albany, Nov. 14.

### Emerson Hospital, Concord, Mass.

Boy, Kevin Michael, to JoAnn and Michael Gates, Groton, Mass., Nov. 4. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Gates of Glenmont and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Collen of Delmar.

### Dirt bike missing

A boy's dirt bike was reported missing Sunday from the yard of a home on Maple Ave. in Selkirk, according to Bethlehem police reports. The black bike, valued at \$90, had been taken sometime between Nov. 15 and Sunday, according to the report.

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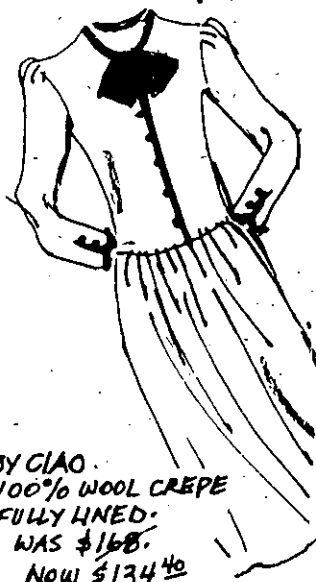
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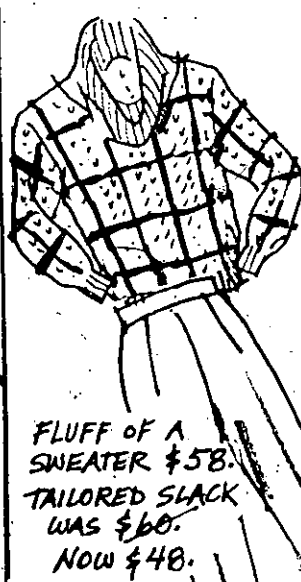
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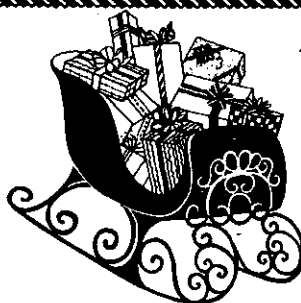
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## Albany water line off limits

The City of Albany and the Town of Bethlehem are joining in an effort to reduce and eliminate all motor bike traffic on the Albany Water Line right-of-way, which passes through Bethlehem from Feura Bush to Delmar.

All motor bikes, all terrain vehicles and off-road recreational vehicles are banned from trespassing on the city water line right-of-way. The Bethlehem Police Department has begun strict enforcement of the law that prohibits such vehicular traffic. Fines for breaking this law range up to \$100 or 15 days in jail.

Town and city officials cited injuries, many of them serious, as an additional reason for halting the illegal traffic.

### Stolen car returned

A Fernbank Ave. resident told police Saturday that someone had taken his car from his garage sometime the previous night, driven more than 60 miles and then returned the 1986-model car to the garage, tossing the keys into the snowbank, according to Bethlehem police reports. The owner told police the keys had been left in the ignition when he had parked the car in the garage. Police are investigating.

### Tree thief too cheap?

The Christmas spirit was lacking in whoever cut the top off a blue spruce tree in the front yard of a Slingerlands resident's home one night last week. According to Bethlehem police reports, the tree was chopped off last Monday night on property on Font Grove Rd. The owner told police this is the third year in a row that trees on his property have been cut unlawfully at the holiday season.

### Tools missing

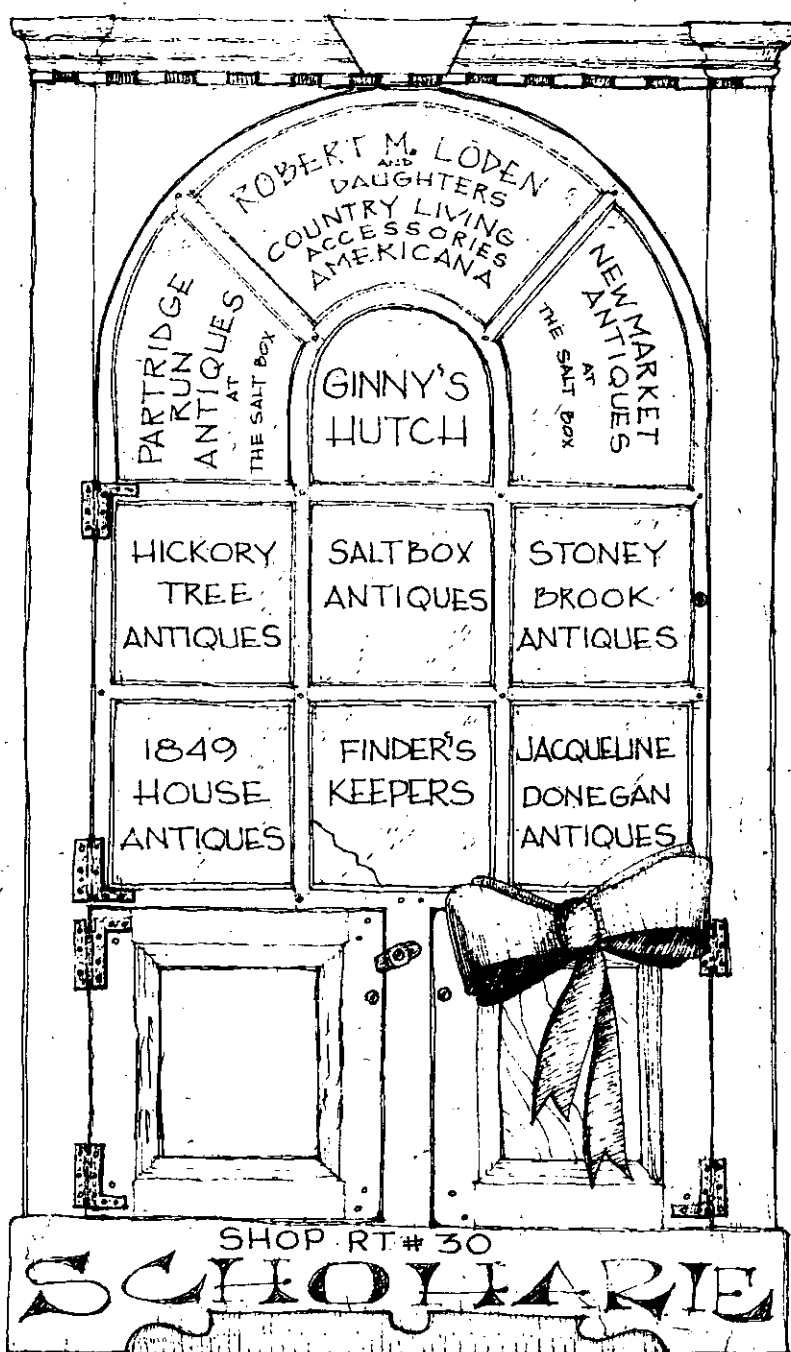
Tools and automotive equipment valued at a total of \$400 were reported missing Sunday from a garage on Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands, according to state police at Selkirk. The homeowner told police the items were taken sometime during November.

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# Mining decision still on hold

The New Scotland Town Board discussed land mining, received a new proposed satellite antenna ordinance for review and set public hearing dates for two proposed local laws at its monthly meeting last Wednesday.

In response to James Eberhart's attempt to appeal a proposal for gravel mining at the former Tall Timber Country Club, Frederick Riester, attorney to the town board, said the planning board has not done anything appealable. The planning board has not yet made a decision on the application.

Board member Herbert Reilly made a motion to repeal the amendment to the zoning ordinance that allows soil mining in low density residential and industrial zones. The town board passed the amendment in May of 1984. Prior to that time, soil mining was allowed only in residential forestry districts.

Instead, the board decided to wait for a recommendation from the planning board before making any change in the ordinance. One resident suggested that the town board and planning board meet jointly to discuss the issue.

A new proposed satellite antenna ordinance, presented to the town board for review, calls for regulation of satellite antennas only and does not call for regulation of radio towers or wind energy conservation devices.

The proposed ordinance limits the number of satellites to one per project site. According to the proposal, the satellite would be confined to the rear of the lot with minimum setback requirements.

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A building permit and town board approval would be required for installation of an antenna.

Area amateur radio operators had voiced opposition to an amendment proposed previously that would have regulated radio towers.

The board set public hearings for 9 and 9:05 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, to hear comments on two proposed local laws. The hearings will be followed at 9:15 a.m. by a special meeting of the town board to pay yearend bills.

Local Law No. 1 of 1985 is intended to limit the liability of the town by requiring that "no civil action be maintained against the town for damages or injuries to person or property sustained by reason of any highway, bridge or culvert being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed, unless" written notice of the unsafe conditions was received by the town and the town failed to repair or remove the defect within a reasonable time. The proposed amendment would also apply to unsafe conditions caused by ice or snow.

The town clerk would be required to keep a record of all written notices received.

Local Law No. 2 of 1985 would allow the town's tax collector to enclose a notice concerning changes in the assessment calendar with each 1986 property tax bill.

In other business, the board:

- Received a letter from the state Department of Transportation stating that a request for a caution light at the intersection of Rt. 155 and Voorheesville Ave. was under consideration.

- Decided to hire Ground Water Associates, of Boston, at a fee not to exceed \$3,000, to review and evaluate water exploration efforts in the Clarksville water district. The information will be used to answer inquiries from the Farmer's Home Administration.

## Albany Red Cross appeals for disaster relief funds

The Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross plans to contribute \$50,061 to the national Red Cross emergency disaster relief campaign. The campaign has a goal of \$20 million.

As of the end of November, more than \$9,500 had been contributed locally to the campaign. All money raised will be used to help the Red Cross victims of fires, floods, tornadoes, transportation accidents and other calamities, large and small.

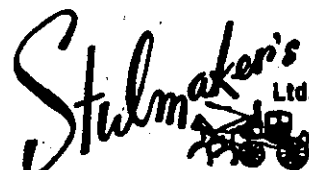
Five months into the budget year, the Red Cross disaster relief budget is \$13 million in the red. Since July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, more than \$47 million has been spent on disaster relief.

People wishing to help may send contributions to their local Red Cross chapter.

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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.

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

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

**Bethlehem Landfill** open 8 a.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.

**New Scotland Landfill** open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town hall.

**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 a.m.-noon.

# THE SPOTLIGHT Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

WEDNESDAY 11  
DECEMBER

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

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

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

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

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

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

**LaLeche League of Delmar**, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

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

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

**Red Men**, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**Second Millers**, association of Tri-Village retirees will meet to hear Emil Sticht of New York Telephone Co. speak about telecommunications, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

**Winter Concert**, Voorheesville Elementary School, all welcome, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, Children's Choices for the Holidays, 10:30 a.m.; Readings for the Visually Impaired, 4-7:30 p.m.; Astrology with Judith Longley, 7:30 p.m.

**Chinese Auction**, sponsored by St. Thomas Rosary Society, St. Thomas the Apostle School, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6554.

**Bethlehem Garden Club**, Christmas tea for members and their guests, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 439-1386.

**Advent Service**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**United Methodist Women**, Christmas party and covered dish supper, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 12  
DECEMBER

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens**, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 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.

**New Scotland Democratic Social Club**, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

**Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary**, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185**, meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

**Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary**, meets second Thursday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, Tudor House Crafts, 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Ornaments on Your Own, 7 p.m.; A Cheese Lover's Holiday, 7:30 p.m.

**Hanukkah Film and Craft**, all welcome, Voorheesville Public Library, 3:30 p.m. Free; information, 765-2791.

**American Legion**, luncheon at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, noon.

**Information Program**, representatives from Western New England College will offer information and applications, Bethlehem Central High School, 9 a.m.

**Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary**, will meet for Christmas buffet at Post 1493, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

**Concert**, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

**Bible Study**, Book of Jeremiah, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

**Concert**, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

FRIDAY 13  
DECEMBER

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

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, Holiday Arrangements, 10:30 a.m.; Astrology with Judith Longley, 11 a.m.; Festival of Trees, 7 p.m.; Delmar Community Orchestra at Christmas, 7:30 p.m.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, Brooks Drug Store, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**QUILT**, Quilters United In Learning Together, meeting at United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Santa Claus**, will appear at Harris House, Voorheesville, visit sponsored by Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School class of '86, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY 14  
DECEMBER

**Hoop Shoot Contest**, for boys and girls 8 through 13, sponsored by New Scotland Elks Lodge, Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School gym, 9 a.m. Free.

**Boy Scout Paper Drive**, Troop 71 welcomes old newspapers, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, parking lot, 8-11:30 a.m. Pickups, 439-6303 or 439-6018.

**Holiday Greeting Relay**, Amateur Radio Operators will send holiday greetings from McDonald's, Elsmere, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Free.

**Stained Glass Workshop**, for 12 and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**"Adults Only" Christmas Caroling and Party**, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 6:45 p.m.

**Bible Study**, Book of Genesis, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:45-9 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

**Religious Program**, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Children's Christmas Party**, Selkirk Fire Company 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 2-4 p.m.

**Village Stage**, holiday gathering at Schoonmaker residence, 26 Lyons Ave., Delmar, 4-7 p.m. Reservations, 439-3715 or 439-5974, by Dec. 13.

## 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

"What the Butler Saw," Joe Orton's classic farce staged by Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, Albany, through Dec. 15 (Tues.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m.).

"The Wonder Years," Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, through Dec. 22 (Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.). Tickets, 235-7969.

"Deathtrap," Ira Levin's mystery presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Dec. 11-14, 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 2:30 p.m. Tickets, 382-2081.

"Barefoot in the Park," presented by Hudson Valley Theatre Company, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Tickets, 283-1100, ext. 739.

"Little Mary Sunshine," musical comedy presented by Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 11 and 13, 7 p.m. Tickets, 393-5732.

"A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens tale performed by Broadway Marionette Troupe, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

### MUSIC

Noon organ concert, Neil Keen and Mary Bon will continue their survey of music by J.S. Bach, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, Dec. 13.

The Boston Camerata: A Renaissance Christmas, Main Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets, 473-3750.

University Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble, presenting holiday season concert, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Free; information, 442-3997.

Capitol Chamber Artists, presenting program of Jewish and Christian holiday music, State University at Albany, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Tickets, 489-0507.

College of Saint Rose Jazz Ensemble, concert at College of Saint Rose, Albany, Dec. 11, 8:30 p.m. Free.

Andre Watts, classical pianist, will present music of Franz Liszt, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Alan Mills, organist, leading carol sing, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Mendelssohn Club concert, featuring Corky Christman, harpist, and Patricia Christman, pianist, Chancellor's Hall, State Education Building, Albany, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 482-2142.

Capitol Hill Choral Society, presents Handel's "Messiah," Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 273-0038.

Christmas choral concert, presented by St. John's Lutheran Church, 142 Maple Ave., Altamont, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16, 8 p.m. Information, 861-8862.

Christmas concert, College of Saint Rose students will perform Christmas songs on tuba and euphonium, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

### DANCE

"The Nutcracker," presented by Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 18 and 19, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663 or 482-5224.

### ART

"The Voyage of Life," series of allegorical paintings by Thomas Cole, Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica, through Dec. 15. Information, 1-315-797-0000.

"Maine-ly Tin," exhibit of painted tinware produced during early 1800's in Stevens Plains, Maine, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through December.

"The Chapel," paintings by Cynthia Norton, Justice Building Lobby, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 2. Information, 473-5527.

"The New Response: Contemporary Painters of the Hudson River," exhibit at Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 15.

"Hanukkah: A Festival of Lights," exhibit at Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 21. Information, 463-4478.

"Art in Selling Spaces," presented by Macy's and Albany Institute of History and Art, Marketplace Cafe, Macy's, Colonie, through December.

"The Comet's Tale," exhibit depicting man's perceptions of Halley's Comet, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through Jan. 10.

Robert and Lillian Longley of Slingerlands, exhibit of oils and pastels, Lee Ann Fanning Gallery, Rt. 4, Defreestville, through Dec. 31.

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- River Journeys Wednesday, 8 p.m.
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# SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

**Santa Claus Visit**, and Christmas celebration, featuring magicians, clowns and movies, sponsored by Voorheesville Fire Department and Auxiliary, Village of Voorheesville, Voorheesville American Legion and Ricci's Market, at Voorheesville Firehouse, 1-3 p.m.

**Holiday Greetings Relay**, Amateur Radio Operators will send holiday greetings from McDonald's, Elsmere, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Free.

**Community Carol Sing and Organ Concert**, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**Family Holiday Workshop**, families will learn to make holiday decorations from natural materials, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Registration, 457-6092.

**Eggnog Party**, at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, 3 p.m.

**Religious Programs**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; hanging of greens, 3 p.m. and supper. Information, 439-4328.

**Community Carol Sing**, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 6:30 p.m. \$8 reservations, 462-4691.

**Medicare Form Aid**, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM** first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Concert**, Clarksville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** of Albany-Rensselaer Counties, meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Free; information, 439-4473.

**Bethlehem AARP**, collection of cookies for distribution at area nursing homes, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-5546.

**Nature Study**, moonlight expedition, on cross-country skis or snowshoes if sufficient snow cover, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

**Delmar Peace Breakfast**, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7-8:30 a.m. Information, 439-2941.

**Information Session**, sponsored by state Dept. of Transportation, to obtain comments on proposed Rt. 396 Mosher Bridge project, A.W. Becker Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 3-8:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lions Club**, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**Concert**, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

**Advent Service**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**Voorheesville PTSA Family Fun Night**, Voorheesville Elementary School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Public Hearings**, before Bethlehem Board of Appeals, Bethlehem Town Hall, on application of Richard Phillips, 1615 Central Ave., Colonie, for variance to permit installation of overhead aluminum door and to use balance of ground floor for non-noxious, low-use storage at 64 Hudson Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

# THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens**, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 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.

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

**Food Stamp Form Aid**, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Christmas Bedtime Story Hour**, all welcome, Mrs. Hutchinson will present holiday stories, rhymes and songs, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**Concert**, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

# THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

**Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce**, holiday breakfast and meeting, with Richard Beckman of Beckman Advertising Agency speaking about "Your Advertising Image: How to Get the Most from Your Advertising Dollars," Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, 8 a.m. Reservations by Dec. 17, 439-0512.

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# MONDAY DECEMBER 16

**Delmar Kiwanis**, meet Mondays at the Starlite Restaurant, 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.

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

**Mothers Time Out**, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185**, VFW, third Monday, Post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

**Concert**, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

**New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force**, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Voorheesville Public Library Board**, meeting at library, Main St., 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Caroling**, featuring students and faculty of College of Saint Rose, led by J. Robert Sheehan, Southwood area of Slingerlands, 8-10 p.m.

**Senior Citizen Day**, featuring fitness demonstrations and seminars about fitness after 50, stress, osteoporosis, nutrition and weight control, and more, Delmar Athletic Club, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-2778.

# WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

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

# Saturday Evening Worship Series

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# TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

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

**AARP**, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Christmas Party**, Nathaniel Adams

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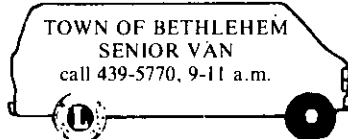
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# SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR



- Dec. 12 Bethlehem senior citizens, meeting followed by silver screen movie for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Senior van shopping trip to Delaware Plaza. Reservations required.
- Dec. 17 AARP assistance with medicare forms, Bethlehem Town Hall. Appointments, 439-2160 or 439-3305.
- Dec. 18 Senior citizens bowling at Del Lanes, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 23 Bowling for senior women, Del Lanes, 1 p.m.



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FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 20

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 22

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

**Holiday Concert**, featuring Martha Gallagher singing and playing harp, guitar, flute, Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4-6 p.m.

**Duplicate Bridge**, all levels welcome, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

**Plus I and II Square Dance**, with Ed Joyner, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 8 p.m.

**Christmas Films and Treats**, all welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 21

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

**Children's Christmas Party**, Selkirk Fire Company 3, South Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

**Hoop Shoot Contest**, sponsored by Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, at Peter B. Coeymans Elementary School, Main St., Ravena, 10 a.m.

**Christmas Party**, at Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

**Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association**, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

**Christmas Concert**, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 4 p.m.

MONDAY  
DECEMBER 23

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

**Mothers Time Out**, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

**Family Holiday Films**, including "The Snowman," all welcome, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 24

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

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 11

**Open Auditions**, for 19 member cast of "Little Mary Sunshine," Schenectady Light Opera Company's Opera House, Dec. 11 and 13, 7 p.m. Music or information, 372-6657.

**Orientation Session**, for persons interested in becoming foster care parents, Parsons Child and Family Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

**Adirondack Mountain Club**, meeting with Don Berens presenting slides of "The French Alps," St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

**Christmas Season** at Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, open Wednesday through Saturday. Information, 474-3953.

**Square Dancing**, featuring Special Request Band, sponsored by state Office of General Services, at Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Albany Civic Theater**, business meeting followed by holiday entertainment, 235 Second Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 462-1297.

**AIDS Support Group**, luncheon program for people with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, noon. Free; reservations, 434-4686.

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 12

**Holiday Market**, featuring gifts made by Capital District community organizations, South Gallery, Empire State Plaza, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free; information, 474-4712.

**Cross Country Ski Lecture**, Tom Bates, member of Adirondack Mountain Club, will discuss equipment, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7 p.m.

**Handivan: Safety for Holidays**, presented by Ken Holmes of Albany County Cooperative Extension, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m.

**"Mark Twain and His America,"** conference with keynote address by Dr. Henry Nash Smith, Siena College, Loudonville, Dec. 12-13. Reservations, 783-2355.

**Slides and Lecture**, "Art and the Garden," presented by Alan Gussow, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

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

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 13

**Christmas Concert**, of classical piano music, presented by Sr. Patricia Anne St. John, Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Westmere, 7:30 p.m.

**Albany Amateur Radio Assn.**, meeting with Bob Fredette of RPI speaking about radio-controlled astronomical telescope, Albany Red Cross Center, Hackett Blvd. and Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8 p.m.

**Christian Singles Over 25**, covered dish supper, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 355-3921 or 273-6260.

**Professional Bowlers Assn. Tournament**, sponsored by Capital District Bowling Proprietors Assn., Clifton Park Bowl, Dec. 13-15. Information, 458-1309.

**Open House**, at new facilities of Al-Care, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, 4-7 p.m. Information, 456-8043.

**Colonial Christmas**, tours at Glen Sanders Mansion, 1 Glen Ave., Scotia, \$4.50, \$4 and \$2.50 admission, Dec. 13-15. Reservations, 377-8839.

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 14

**American Assn. of University Women**, holiday luncheon and fashion show, Americana Inn, noon. Reservations, 482-5815 or 456-4615.

**"Sing a Christmas Song,"** Albany Public Library, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m.

**Craft Fair**, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 482-4580 or 489-2406.

**Christmas Stenciling Class**, for 12 and older, Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration,

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**Information Session**, about Empire  
State College, SUNY, 155 Washington  
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**Cross-Country Ski Film**, will be shown  
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Lung Assn., 8 Mountain View Ave.,  
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ter Hadassah, will hear Claire Higgins  
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mation, 489-2531.

**Compassionate Friends**, self-help  
group for parents whose children have  
died, monthly meeting at Westminster  
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Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-  
7316.

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**Albany-Colonie Chamber of Com-  
merce**, meeting at Quality Inn, I-90 and  
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Cindy Smith, Christopher Stevens, Kirsten Taylor, Amy Tesch, Jennifer Toritto, Gary Washburn, Jennifer Zeh, Amy Zongrone.

### Grade 10

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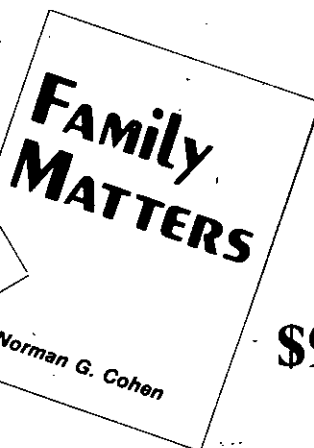
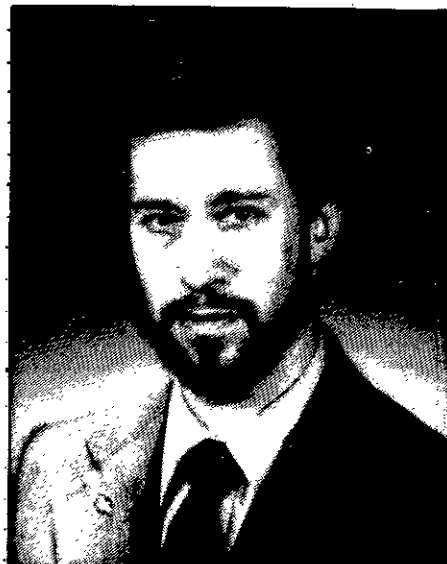
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#### Grade 12

John Ardizone, Margaret Arthur, Stephanie Augustine, Elvira Azaola,\* Lawrence Bach, Martin Burke, Michael Caimano, Melissa Campbell, Mark Chyrywaty, Patricia Cleary, Jamie Cohen, Denise Condón,\* Justin Corcoran, Lissanne Corrado,\* Susan Culnan, Richard D'Errico, Daniel Darpino, Meridith Englander,\* Lisa Follis,\* Jennifer Gifford, Tracy Glastetter, Glenn Goldstein, Kirsten Haaf,\* Edward Hampston,\* Kerry Hogan, Edward Kiegle,\* Jennifer Kurkjian.

Also, Jill Lawrence, Janet MacMillen, Christine Martin,\* Susan Mattfeld,\* Kathleen Michalak,\* Bonnie Mitchell,\* Carrie Murdoch, Paul Nichols, Sonja Phinney, Matthew Ramsey,\* Nathalie Renvillard,\* Lynne Richbart,\* Elizabeth Rourke,\* Laura Shearer, Christina Shuff,\* Mary Beth Smith, Eiko Stange,\* Gretchen Storm, Christina Tarullo, Gregory Toritto, Alissa VanZutphen,\* Colleen Vaughn,\* James Volkwein.\*

#### Tops fund raisers

Chester Burrell of Delmar, co-chairman of the commercial division, United Way of Northeastern New York, recently won the Edward J. Riley Memorial Award for his achievement in the 1985 'United' Way fund raising campaign.

## Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



#### Time out for families

The holidays are a special time for families, but with the bustle of shopping and celebration preparations, few families take time to enjoy each other's company. The Voorheesville PTSA has a remedy for that: it is sponsoring a Family Fun Night on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School. The evening of fun, food, family and friends will feature games for all ages organized by Stewart and Anne Linendoll of Altamont, followed by a dessert sharing.

Games for all ages and skill levels will be played in the big gym. Participants are advised to wear comfortable shoes and clothes. There is no charge, but each family is asked to bring a dessert to share with the PTSA providing beverages.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the games. Anyone with questions or wishing to volunteer may contact Lyn DiDomenico at 765-2428, or JoAnne St. Denis at 765-4748.

#### Task force plans dialogue

The New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force will have its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. Final plans will be made for a community dialogue planned for Monday, Jan. 20, at the high school. Dick Leach, Voorheesville athletic coach and health director, will moderate the discussion along with Kathy Provencher of the Albany County Drug Abuse Prevention, Education and Training unit. Topics to be discussed are what's really going on in the community, what is substance abuse, how do people feel about alcohol and drugs, how can such substances affect the body and the community and why do people continue to use them.

Those interested in planning the dialogue are welcome to attend the upcoming meeting.

#### Santa dropping in

Tykes who would like to visit Santa Claus need not venture out-

side of Voorheesville. The jolly old elf himself will be at the Harris House this Saturday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., courtesy of the class of 1986. At the annual event the senior class asks no charge to visit St. Nick and offers a lunch special and photo at a nominal fee. All are welcome to drop by.

#### Sure shots invited

The New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611 is putting out a call for area hoopsters to take part in their annual hoop shoot contest to be held this Saturday, Dec. 14 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Voorheesville High School.

Girls and boys ages 8 through

13 are welcome to come and try their hand at 25 foul shots, with the boy and girl in each age category who has the best score advancing through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

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tion program will join together this weekend for a special Christmas celebration. The annual event will be on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. in the church and will include the children's decorating the church Christmas tree with ornaments they have made. Carol singing and skits also are planned. All are welcome to attend. In the spirit of Christmas the youngsters will be bringing boxed, canned and paper goods for the Human Concerns food pantry.

St. Matthew's Church will also hold an Advent Penance service on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the church on Mountainview Rd. All are welcome to attend.

#### Methodists deck the halls

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville has planned several seasonal happenings for this weekend at the church on Maple Ave.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. the traditional hanging of the greens is scheduled. The event will begin with a family potluck supper in the social hall, followed by the festive decorating and ending with a carol sing in the sanctuary.

The following morning, on Sunday, Dec. 15, the children of

the church school will celebrate the birthday of Jesus by each bringing in a toy to be given to a child in the inner city.

#### Library in the spirit

Seasonal celebrations continue at the Voorheesville Public Library this week. Thursday, Dec. 12, the library will hold a Hanukkah craft and film program at 3:30 p.m. Next Thursday, Dec. 19, a special Christmas bedtime story hour will be held at 7 p.m. in the library. Everyone is invited to don pajamas and come hear some holiday stories.

The Voorheesville Public Library trustees will have their monthly business meeting on Monday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., a change from the usual fourth Monday because of the holidays.

#### Music to ring out

The Voorheesville Elementary School will have its annual winter concert this evening (Dec. 11) at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. A highlight of the evening, which will feature music by the fifth grade and sixth grade choruses and sixth grade band, will be a combined effort of the two choirs for "Christmas Lite," with instrumental accompaniment by high school musicians Paul Nichols, Greg Toritto and Larry Bach.

Instrumental backup for the sixth grade chorus will be provided by grade school students Eric Logan, John Brennan, Alexandra Kinnear and Samantha Jones. The concert will also include vocal soloists Cortney Langford and David Bibbons and

trumpet soloist David Lancor.

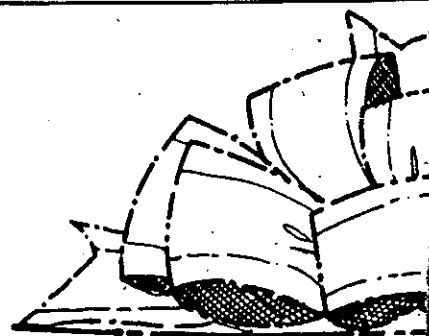
All are welcome to attend.

In tune with the holiday spirit, the sixth grade chorus will sing on Monday, Dec. 16, at Childs Nursing Home.

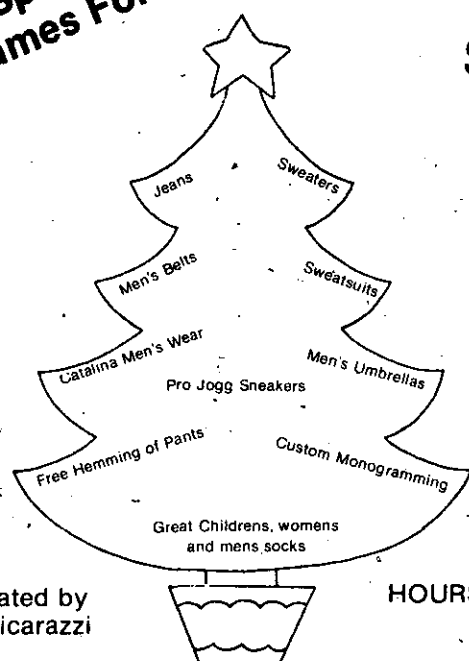
#### Holiday specials

On the subject of music, two Voorheesville musicians will be on hand this weekend when the Empire State Youth Orchestra performs its annual "Melodies of Christmas" concert on Sunday, Dec. 15. Voorheesville sophomore Melissa Donnelly and senior Kirstin Haaf will participate in the program. This is the first year with the group for Kirstin, who plays tuba, while Melissa, a french horn player, is returning for her second season with the group, which is conducted by Victoria Bond.

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Two other talented Voorheesville students also will be appearing in a special Christmas presentation this week. Julia Popkoski and Lyra Colfer will appear in the production of the "Nutcracker Suite" to be presented by the Berkshire Ballet Wednesday, Dec. 18, and Thursday, Dec. 19, at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady. Julia, an eighth grade student, is returning for her second appearance with the troupe while Lyra, who is in sixth grade, is in her fourth season. Both young ballerinas were on tour with the company earlier this month.

**Fete for Home Bureau**  
The New Scotland Home Bureau will have its annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Members are

asked to bring a covered dish and a handmade gift to exchange, as well as a small gift for the January nursing home party. Those wanting more information should contact President Shirley LeVie.

**Scouts to entertain**  
The New Scotland Senior Citizens have a busy week coming up. In addition to their annual Christmas party to be held this evening (Dec. 11), the active group will celebrate the holidays at a party sponsored by the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts this Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Girls from Voorheesville's Brownie and Girl Scout troops will entertain the seniors with songs and skits with the

theme of "Christmas Around the World." The girls also will provide refreshments and gifts for the senior citizens.

**Buffet for auxiliary**  
The auxiliary of Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will hold its annual Christmas buffet this Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the legion hall. Party chairman Helen Bailey reminds members that each person is requested to bring her speciality dish for the buffet and a gift for the grab bag, as well as an item for the food pantry. Lu VanAlstyne and Alice Sperbeck are in charge of the music and decorations. A short meeting will be conducted.

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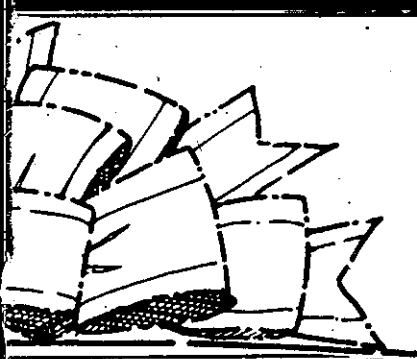
**A visit from Santa**  
Santa Claus will visit the Voorheesville Firehouse for a Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Village of Voorheesville, the Voorheesville Fire Department and Auxiliary, the Voorheesville American Legion and Ricci's Market, will feature a magician, clowns, movies and refreshments.

**With symphony**  
Betsy Boynton, former resident of Bethlehem, was the featured soloist in the 25th anniversary concert of the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra in Andover, Mass., last Sunday. Miss

Boynton, a music teacher in the Andover school system, played Telemann's *Flute Concerto in D Minor*. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel A. Boynton, New Scotland, and a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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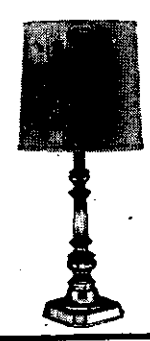


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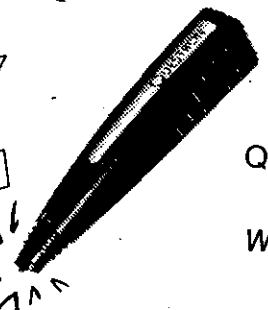
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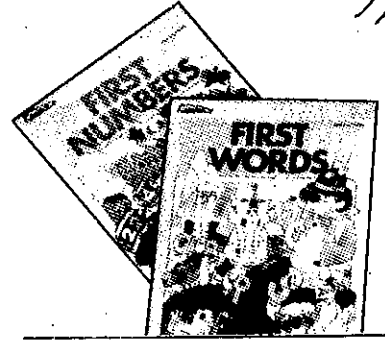


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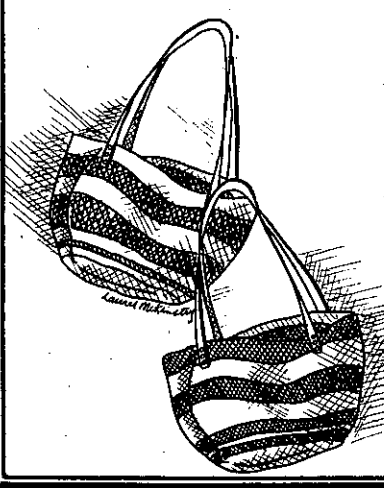
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## News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup

### Santa due at firehouse

Santa Claus will be visiting with his young friends in Selkirk on Dec. 15, when the firemen of Selkirk Fire Co. No.1 hold their annual children's Christmas party. All children up to 10 years of age are invited to attend the festivities at the firehouse on Maple Ave. from 2 to 4 p.m. The afternoon will include refreshments and entertainment in addition to a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

### Musicians in festivals

Two music festivals provided performing opportunities for RCS students during November. The Greene County Music Educators Association held its annual fall festival Nov. 14 and 15 at the RCS Central School District. RCS students participating, along with 250 students from six other school districts, were Joanne Cuzdey, James Deragon, H. Bray Engel, Michael Frese and Leonard Pilhofer in the jazz ensemble; Charles Campbell, Philip Christopher, Darrin Hall, Chad Hotaling, Karen Jensen, Christopher Peterson, William Stanton and Jason Tucker in the junior band, and Jodi Cary, Lisa Foranda, Matt Lewis and Martin Zaloga in the junior chorus.

The following weekend the New York State Music Association held its annual zone 2 area all-state festival, in Saratoga Springs. Two students represented RCS in the orchestra. They were Julianne Kelly, viola, and Bridget Kelley, cello. The value of long rehearsals held over the two-day period showed in the orchestra's outstanding performance in a Saturday afternoon concert.

### Grange party planned

Members of the Bethlehem Junior and Subordinate Grange invite family and friends to join them for a special evening on Saturday, Dec. 14. They will be celebrating Christmas at the grange hall on Rt. 396 in Beckers Corners, Selkirk, with a party and covered-dish supper beginning at 6 p.m. Anyone planning to attend is asked to bring a dish to share and a \$2 or \$3 grab bag gift marked for a girl, boy, woman or man.

### Methodists elect

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church recently had its 1985 charge conference, with the Rev. Leon Adkins presiding. After approval of the 1986 budget,

the following were elected: Robert Vaber, lay leader; Ed Arnheiter, lay leader of American conference; Rose Mayo, chairperson of administrative council; Robert Kerker, chairman of finance; Unice Hunter, chairperson of worship; Ed Arnheiter, pastor/parish relationship; Edna Perry, membership secretary; Marion Fross, church school superintendent.

Named to the committee on nominations and personnel, class of 1988, were Edna Perry and Lisle Snyder; board of trustees, class of 1987, Dorothy Percival and class of 1988, Ed Arnheiter, Robert Tidd and Roland Lindale.

### Hoop shoot coming up

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge of Selkirk has scheduled its annual hoop shoot contest for Saturday, Dec. 21, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Peter B. Coeymans Elementary School, Main St., Ravena. All boys and girls ages 8 through 13 are invited to participate. Youngsters will compete in their own age categories for prizes. Contestants should have proof of age and also gym shoes.

### Holiday magic

It's party time for the children of the South Bethlehem-South Albany area. The firemen of Selkirk Fire Company No.3, South Bethlehem, have been working to combine all the right ingredients

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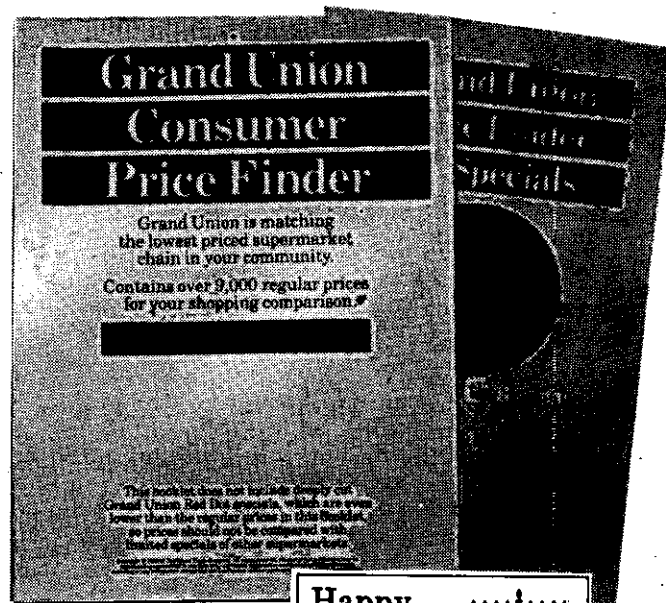
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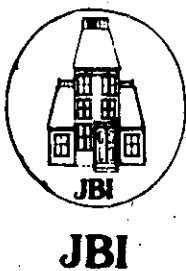
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### Elks slate festivities

The Bethlehem Elks of Selkirk will hold their annual Christmas party Saturday evening, Dec. 21. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dutch treat cocktail hour and a family-style roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music and dancing will follow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Members and friends are requested to bring a grab bag gift costing about \$3. Tickets may be obtained through the lodge, Rt. 144 and Winnie Rd. in Selkirk.

### Too busy

Due to the many conflicting events scheduled during December, the Ladies of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 will not have a regular meeting this month.

Material for Barbara Pickup's column can be sent to her at P.O. Box 172, RD 1, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. For questions or late items, call The Spotlight at 439-4949.

### Membership drive

The Selkirk Fire police have started a membership drive, according to George Momberger, secretary. The peace officers, who meet on the first Monday of the month, go to every fire that the Selkirk Fire Department responds to. The fire police are responsible for keeping the scene safe for the firemen and controlling traffic. Each fire police officer must take a fire police course offered by the state.

Presently the captain in Selkirk is Robert Peseka. The first lieutenants are: Dave Pratt, Selkirk; Robert Burns, Glenmont, and Richard Feulner, South Bethlehem.

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### Clinic Tuesday

A blood pressure clinic will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

The clinics will be held on the third Tuesday of the month through May.

### Quilters have party

Quilters United In Learning Together (QUILT) will gather for a meeting and Christmas party at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Friday, Dec. 13, from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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There is an old saying that it is more exciting to anticipate something than to participate in the actual event. It doesn't matter whether it is a day off or a vacation, a family gathering or a party; we look forward to the event, and before we know it, it has come and gone, often not living up to our hopes and expectations. Our anticipations were better than the actual event.

This is not so with Advent, however. During this current four-week period, we are watching and waiting, praying and hoping. But we know that the event for which we are waiting far exceeds our human hopes and expectations. Advent is that time when we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the beginning of the greatest event that ever occurred in human history — the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Lord God loved us so much that when we human beings turned our backs on Him through our sinfulness, He could not turn His back on us. Instead, He sent His Son to come into the world to be Our Lord and Savior.

But Jesus did not enter the world as a mighty king or as a great political ruler. He came into the world as all of us did — as a baby, born of a woman. He grew to be an adult as all of us did, but His life was different, for in His ministry He taught people to live and love one another. He preached and taught, healed and fed the multitudes. Ultimately, He gave the greatest proof of His love through His death on the cross, and His resurrection from the tomb. Through His death and resurrection, each of us who are His believers and followers, the baptized people of God in Christ Jesus, receive new life, eternal life in His name.

Yes, Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's first coming. But it is also a time when we remember that He will come again. Salvation history for humankind does not end with Jesus's birth, death, resurrection and ascension. The truth of salvation comes to its completion with Jesus's second coming, about which Jesus Himself speaks to His disciples in the Gospel for the first Sunday in Advent: Luke 21:25-36: "And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21:27 RSV/CB). The job and certain hope by which we Christians live is one whereby we know that eternal life is ours through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we take comfort in the fact that at the close of the age Our Lord will come again to take us home again to our Heavenly Father.

Unfortunately, Advent isn't a completely spiritual preparatory season for us. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season often takes precedence in our lives as we prepare for the secular side of the holiday: writing cards, purchasing and wrapping gifts, decorating our homes and places of employment, singing carols, baking, traveling, and giving and going to countless parties. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" has been extended to the beginning of the month of December through the Feast of the Epiphany, and the entire spirit of Advent is almost lost.

Almost. It isn't completely lost, nor need it be. We are a busy people, and there are numerous details which do need to be taken care of so that all of the aspects of Christmas may be celebrated. But we do not have to lose the spirit and the meaning of Advent in the process. As we light the candles of our Advent wreath each week, we are reminded what each of the candles means. The first candle has been named the prophecy candle, for it represents the period of waiting that preceded the birth of Christ, while the second candle is called the Bethlehem candle, a symbol of the preparations made to receive and to cradle the Christ Child. Then there is the third candle, known as the shepherds' candle, and it commemorates the act of sharing the good news of Christ's coming. Lastly, there is the fourth candle, the angels' candle, which speaks of love and the actual coming of Christ.

Advent need not only be a hectic time where we prepare for all the secular celebrations of Christmas. It can be a time of waiting and watching, of praying and hoping, where we remember the love of God that was made incarnate for us in the person of Our Lord Jesus, the Jesus Christ Who has died, has risen and will come again.

### A gift that matters

The Regional Foodbank of Northeastern New York has launched its 1985 Christmas Gift Certificate Project. The program will enable people to send a Christmas certificate to a friend or relative announcing that a donation has been made in his or her name. The money collected is used to feed the hungry in 21 counties of upstate New York.

The Regional Foodbank, located in the Central Warehouse, Albany, is a non-profit, tax exempt service agency that acts as a clearinghouse for large quantities of food donated by the food industry. The food is then distributed to 175 member food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and other tax exempt community service programs.

For information call the Regional Foodbank of Northeastern New York, Central Warehouse, Albany, N.Y. 12207, at 463-3544.

### Renovations at shrine

Renovations at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Ravena are almost completed for 1985, according to Rev. Brother Carlo of John, Baptist, brother general of the Brothers of St. Francis of Assisi.

Work scheduled for 1986 includes the repair of the stained glass windows and installation of new cyclone fencing.

Donations may be sent to Brothers of St. Francis of Assisi, 19 Central Ave., Box 156, Ravena, N.Y. 12143.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church will present its third annual Live Nativity Pageant on Dec. 21, 22 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. Pictured from left are Debbie Pangburn as Mary and Rob Cartwright as Joseph.

### Dolls are dressed

Winners of the 1985 Salvation Army Doll Dressing project for needy children will be announced today (Dec. 11) during a luncheon at the Salvation Army, 22 Clinton Ave., Albany.

Many area employee groups have made clothing for undressed dolls. The dolls were then returned for judging and distribution to needy families in time for Christmas.

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# Chamber to hire executive director

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has announced that it plans to hire a part-time executive director in order increase its effectiveness in the community.

The executive director would provide continuity from administration to administration, increase the general effectiveness and activity level of the chamber for and by the general membership, increase membership, lighten the management load of the officers and directors and coordinate chamber activities, according to the chamber's board of directors. The chamber currently operates with one paid employee, a secretary.

The director's salary of \$200 per month will be covered with an increase in general dues and an increase in membership, the board said.

Applicants will be judged based on their intelligence, community interest, business community interest, public and private com-

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munications skills, image impact and general characteristics and background. The chamber's executive committee will be responsible for screening, interviewing and hiring the executive director.

Persons interested in the job may write to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 133, Delmar, N.Y. 12054, or call 439-0512.

## Top shutterbugs

Winners of the Delmar Camera Club's November competitions were Marion Van Woert, Sheila Schlawin, Abbott Little, Sally Whitcomb, Yota Lindroth, Florence Becker, Al Guard and Bill Sullivan.



Maynard Goyer

## A Shaklee counselor

Maynard "Red" Goyer of Elsmere was recently certified as a counselor for the Shaklee Corporation's slim up and live weight control program.

The program promotes sound nutrition and behavior change for permanent slimness. A preview meeting will be held on Dec. 16. For information call 439-7031.

## Business college offers tax trainee review class

Albany Business College is offering a review class for the state civil service examination for tax technician trainee. The exam will be given Feb. 8.

The four-week review class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 16, 23 and 30 and Feb. 6 at ABC, 130 Washington Ave., Albany. The course will cover general accounting, interpreting tabular material, understanding and interpreting written material, and preparing written material.

Deadline to file for the civil service examination is Dec. 30 for the transitional exam and Jan. 6 for the open competitive exam.

The cost for the four-session course is \$65. For information, call 449-7163.



Houghtaling's Market has expanded.

Jeff Gonzales

# Houghtalings welcome all to see new, bigger store

Celebration of the expansion of Houghtaling's Market, Rt. 32, Feura Bush, will continue through Dec. 21, according to Anna Houghtaling.

Charles and Anna Houghtaling, owners of the store, offer fresh meat, groceries, self-service gasoline and take-out deli sandwiches. With one-third more space, the Houghtalings have added a new bakery counter at the store, Anna Houghtaling noted.

She said she considers community support an important part of their success. "We're a neigh-

borhood store," Houghtaling said. "We know a lot of the people who come in here, and we don't want to lose that."

"We basically would like everyone to stop in and say hello and see our new store," Houghtaling added.

Charles and Anna Houghtaling live in Feura Bush. They have three sons, Dale, Scott and Darryl.

## Chamber to hear advertising executive

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting and holiday breakfast at the Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, beginning at 8 a.m.

Richard Beckman of the Beckman Advertising Agency will speak about "Your Advertising Image: How to Get the Most from Your Advertising Dollars."

Reservation may be made through Dec. 17 by calling 439-0512.

## Scholarship offered

Albany Financial Planners, Inc., has announced a scholarship award for high school seniors interested in entering the financial planning field or financial services industry.

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# To hell and back, together

Often we are faced with disturbing feelings coming at us from other people in our lives. It may be a spouse in a tailspin from a job-related incident. It may be one of our children spitting fire at a bedtime reminder. It could be a friend with a chilled spine from a threatening and anonymous phone call. Or it might be a neighbor whose flower bed was just mangled by your child and his friends.

Within the range of normal emotions are many which disturb us. Fear, anxiety, anger, guilt, depression and many others all transform our emotional states from comfort to discomfort, from happy to unhappy, from peace to war.

Moreover, because emotions are contagious, whatever we are feeling will in some way affect anyone around us, that is anyone who is connected to us in some kind of a relationship. When your spouse is

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Norman G. Cohen



There is another one, one more difficult to master, but also, more potent in its potential for teaching people how to resolve emotional and interpersonal difficulties. It is the perspective of **subjectivity**, the ability to be close to one's clients, to see from their eyes, walk in their shoes, feel their feelings and really experience their problems from the inside, not from afar.

"Oh, but that's dangerous, isn't it?" Yes, it is, if you don't know yourself and know how to resolve the disturbing feelings of fear, anxiety, anger and the rest. You are vulnerable to the very feelings you are trying to help the other person resolve unless you yourself

pist must tap out of it back to a emotional state of strength and stability where the rational mind can join with the feeling heart and commence developing resolutions of the problem with the client.

By returning to that state of control and self-assurance, the therapist not only demonstrates to the client the lesson of empathy, which is "I am with you," but the hope of learning how to make the journey to hell and back. It is a lesson that the client can learn and, hopefully, take back to his or her family and friends and be more of a positive influence by example.

The skills of subjectivity are by no means the sacred ground of psychotherapists. They are the skills of human strength and perseverance that bond us to one another in relationships that last and grow and bear pain and heal. To be close to another human being and feel that person's disturbing emotions, is to share the burden of life with that person. But to return to your center of emotional strength and then offer your outstretched hand to the other person is to say, "I've been with you in your pain, and now I'm okay even if you're not. You can be, too. Just give me your hand and I'll help you up here where the air is clear and the sun is bright. You see, my good feelings are more contagious than your bad feelings, and, if you let them touch you, then you'll be okay, too, and then we can be okay together."

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depressed, you are within that sphere of influence and, consequently, vulnerable to being brought down in your mood as well. When your child is angry, likewise you are touched by that force and are prone to having your engines revved up to meet the challenge.

Too frequently, the outcome of our responses to disturbing emotions from others is to add to the disturbance with our own. It leads to such conclusions as "I can't talk to you, because every time I try, you just make things worse. It's better if I just keep things to myself." Or a statement from a parent might be, "I can't handle this child's temper, because it's so frustrating that I begin losing control of mine."

One of the reasons people with emotional and relationship problems seek the help of professionals trained in psychotherapy is that such therapists are not only skilled, but they are objective. They are not personally involved in the problem. They are distant from it and, as a result, can view it objectively, in all its aspects and more rationally. Isn't that what being a professional in psychotherapy means? Or is it?

In my experience as a social work psychotherapist, and the experiences of many of my fellow colleagues in psychiatry, psychology and the other mental health professions, objectivity is not the only helping perspective from which someone may be helped.

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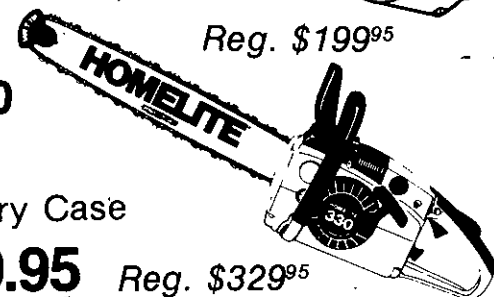
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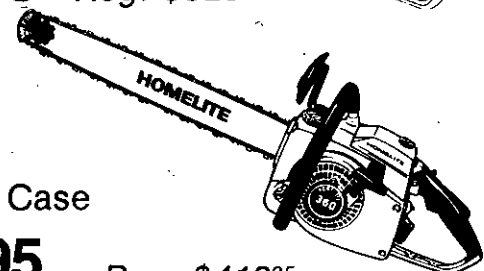
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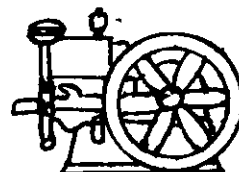
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We do know that the house was remodeled in 1900 to be a complement to the sprawling Mediterranean-style mansion (Bethlehem Lodge of Elks) that Lt. Gov. Martin H. Glynn built on the Lyon property. Glynn's mansion was decorated with a red tile roof and stuccoed walls. That same craze extended to the Lewanick house and also to another old house that still stands at the entrance to Winne Rd. In earlier days that old house served as the gate house to the Glynn mansion.

It is probable that when the Lewanick house was remodeled, the unusual gateway entrance with its long attached wings was also reconstructed, to give a European ambiance to the property. That entranceway wall served as a shed to house the farm wagons, implements, and carriages of the Lyon family. The gatehouse in the wall contains the massive wooden entrance gates that bar the drive, and above the archway there is a room that could provide shelter for a workman or storage facilities. The house itself sits on a shale ledge above the imposing entrance way. On its far side the house overlooks the falls of the Vlaumanskill and the mill pond below.

This shale ledge is what promp-

## TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



ted settlement here by the middle 1600's. The ledge made a falls in the creek at this place and here Pieter de Vlaumingh (Peter the Fleming) built a gristmill in the 17th century. The creek was named the Vlaumanskill in honor of its first settler. In the 19th century, too, this area was busy with traffic of local farmers taking their hay and produce to the river docks at Cedar Hill, to be placed aboard boats that would take it downriver to market. A hay press was located nearby at Winne's dock, as well as a store, and there was another store in the vicinity of the old stone dock of more recent times. The falls of the creek had been early dammed with stone to increase the head of water. Later the stone was covered with concrete. A large mill pond formed below the falls and ice was cut there in the winter. Water was piped to the millwheel and that large pipe also took water down to the pond and to the ice houses that once lined the river banks. Remains of the pipe are still visible.

It is remembered by Henry Meyer, a nonagenarian in Cedar Hill, that Richard Baumes lived in the Lewanick house, as did a Winne family, relatives of Barent S. Winne, who owned the Winne dock property. He recalls that ice was cut on the pond to supply Crum's Hotel up on the hill, along the Albany-Bethlehem Turnpike. Neighbors in the vicinity had



The Lewanick home — falls of the creek are just to the right of the picture.



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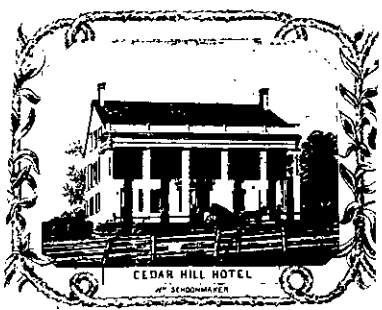
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small ice houses, about 15 by 20 feet, on their properties, where the ice would be stored until the families were ready to use it in the summer months. Mike Mathusa had a store near the hotel and he also was a steady customer for the blocks of ice.

The foundations of an old mill are still to be seen on the Lewanick property, as well as the foundations of the old barns and silos that once were part of a working farm. In the 19th century there was a plaster mill located on this site. Alan Lewanick says that in working the land he has found many arrowheads scattered about, as well as miniballs from firearms. We wonder if there was a skirmish here at some early time. The Lewanicks own about 10 acres and keep a herd of goats. They admit to thoroughly enjoying their country life and their animals.

The stuccoed house seems to rise out of and form a part of the ledge upon which it rests and, when the trees are bare, it commands a view of the river. The interesting four-square tower at one corner of the dwelling lends a romantic air. This tower has a room at the top that is completely sheathed in tongue and groove boards and its band of small windows looks out upon the surrounding countryside. It provided a perfect play retreat for the Lewanick children when they were growing up. A narrow winding staircase leads from the side hall to five generous bedrooms tucked upstairs under the eaves. The doors have their early iron thumb latches and are made of wide planks. Downstairs there are two adjoining living rooms, one at



Entrance gate for Lewanick house — the wall contains carriage sheds and there is a room above the arched entranceway.



An Aerial view of the Lewanick property. Rt. 144 is at the top of the photo, dam and falls at left center and mill pond below.

the base of the tower, which Alan uses as his office.

The living and dining rooms both contain fireplaces, but these have been much modernized. The

front entrance door is a replica of a double Dutch door, as is the side door. These were probably put on when the farmhouse was remodeled in 1900. Beyond the side door is a long porch that extends

along the river side of the house and overlooks the former farm buildings and entranceway. There are three cellar rooms under the house, all made of laid-up stone.

This house is intriguing because

of its unusual architecture as well as the fact that at one time it served as a tenant house on a grand Hudson River estate. The exotic desires of wealthy men have added to the rich heritage still extant in Bethlehem.

### Holiday house tour

A holiday tour of historic homes in downtown Albany, sponsored by the Historic Albany Foundation, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15. The tour will begin at 44 Central Avenue, Albany, at 1 p.m.

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### Post party planned

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary will hold its Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Elsmere post rooms, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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### Early deadlines

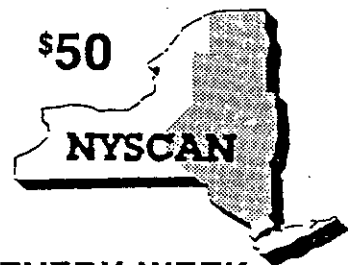
For the Christmas and New Years week issues, *The Spotlight* will go to press a day early in order that papers may be delivered on Tuesday rather than the normal Wednesday delivery day. Therefore, we are asking our contributors and advertisers to observe the following deadlines:

For the Dec. 24 issue, deadlines for news releases and for display ads is Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. The classified ad deadline is Saturday, Dec. 21, at noon. Papers will be on the news stands and in the mail Tuesday, Dec. 24, and the *Spotlight* office will be closed at 1 p.m. that day.

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# BC still has a ways to go

By Charles Henrikson

By all indications and hopes the Bethlehem Central Basketball team's first week of regular play will not be a model for the remainder of the season. The Eagles lost on Friday night to Guilderland after a long, physical battle.

It was a fairly close game the whole way to the 73-64 finish. Coach Jack Moser was "disappointed" by the loss, but nevertheless saw "many good things" developing. The team had just come off a plastering by Colonie, and Moser thought that "anything could happen."

The Eagles started off poorly, losing by six at the quarter and by eight at the half. It seemed that with just a little luck they could pull even, but that was not to happen. They were down by 11 points at the end of the third quarter. They cut this to five at one point, but then they had two turnovers in a row which sealed their fate.

"We have improved greatly, but we still have a way to go," said

Moser. BC actually outscored Guilderland from the floor 27-25, but the foul line caused the game to slip away. BC was 10 for 18 from the charity stripe, while Guilderland was an astounding 23 for 30. Ed Perry was BC's high scorer with 16 points off the bench. Steve Chung and Brian Battle had 10 each and Geoff Mackey eight. Sophomore John Peyrebrun had eight points, all in the second half.

Moser feels that the team is "improving with every game" and thinks this will continue. He feels that turnovers are a major problem at this point, but they will be taken care of after the team gains some experience playing together.

Last Tuesday Bethlehem played what Moser termed "The worst" game of the new season. Colonie won by a score of 56-37. The first quarter was the only positive aspect of this game. BC was leading 12-11 but then fell apart. The high scorer, Paul Stracke, had only eight points. This was a non-league game, so it does not count in the Suburban Council standings.

Yesterday (Tuesday) the Eagles hosted Scotia in their first home game. On Friday the team will travel to Shaker, and then it's home on Tuesday versus Niskayuna. BC will host the Helderberg Holiday Classic during Christmas vacation. BC will be out for revenge as Guilderland games to the BC gym along with Voorheesville and Chatham in what promises to be a highly competitive tournament.

## Hoop tickets hiked

Admission for Bethlehem Central basketball home games have been changed. The new prices are \$2 for high school age and older; \$1 for high school students with an activity card (available from the Student Association) and for middle school students; no charge for elementary students when accompanied by an adult. Season tickets, which cover seven home games, will be available for \$10 at the door.

The first home game is scheduled for Dec. 10, with an 8 p.m. start for the varsity game. The last home game of the season will be Feb. 4.

## Swimmer cited

MaryLou Schulz of Delmar is listed among the top 10 nationally in two events in her age group in U.S. Masters Swimming.

The latest issue of the organization's Top Ten newsletter ranks the Delmar star ninth in the women's 45-49 age group 100-meter butterfly, with a time of



BC's Jeff Mackey (33) got two points from close range in Friday's Suburban Council game at Guilderland. Poised for the rebound are Brian Battle (31) and Ed Perry (23) of the Eagles. R.H. Davis

1:53.75, and eighth in the 200-meter 'fly in 4:12.43. Both clockings were set over the long course at the USMS national championship meet at Providence, R.I. last August.

## Rally falls short

A strong comeback in the closing minutes was thwarted by turnovers as St. Thomas of Delmar lost to St. Pius in Loudonville last week, 35-29, in a CYO league girls basketball game.

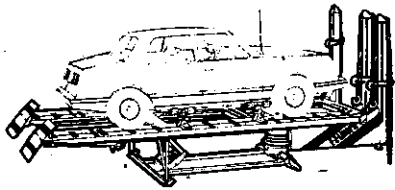
St. Pius raced to a 26-9 lead in the first half, but the Delmar girls closed the gap to three points at 28-25 before bowing. Peg Gould scored seven points and Kelly Ryan, Karyn Mendel and Kerry Fitzpatrick six each. St. Thomas plays at St. Joseph's at 7 p.m. Thursday.

## Holiday concert

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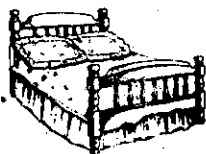
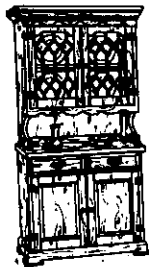
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# Birds still warming up

Coach Bob Crandall isn't worrying about opposing basketball teams installing a box-and-one straitjacket on his best inside man, Jerry Borg. There are ways to counter that.

But he is concerned about missing so many foul shots and missing so many fourth-period chances to pull close games out of the fire.

In the Colonial Council inaugural at Mechanicville last Friday, Borg was limited to three baskets and 13 points overall, but Justin Corcoran pumped in six field goals as the Blackbirds absorbed a 47-43 setback.

"We didn't win, but we didn't play that badly," Crandall observed over the weekend. "We had opportunities to get back in the game as late as the last two minutes, but we couldn't capital-

ize on the turnovers we created."

Voorheesville went into the final stanza trailing by one shot at 32-30. A Mechanicville freethrow on the front end of a two-shot foul made it 33-30, but when the second toss missed, it was the Raiders, not the Blackbirds, who came down with the rebound, and a quick basket widened the lead to five points. Corcoran connected for 35-32, but when the Blackbirds had to foul to get the ball, the situation deteriorated.

In the waning minutes the Raiders kept missing their free throws, but so did the Blackbirds, including the front end of four one-on-ones in the late going. For the night they hit on 13 of 21, a lowly 61 percent.

"Borg had a nice game and rebounded well. We were able to work the ball into him pretty well,

but with all that pressure (box-and-one) he got extremely tired trying to fight off all those guys," Crandall said.

The coach also had nice things to say about his guards, on which so much depends as the season moves along. They pressed well and created a flock of turnovers in the fourth period. The Blackbirds also had the best of the rebounding. "We made them (Mechanicville) uncomfortable," Crandall said.

The team had their home opener last night (Tuesday) against Lansingburgh, and will be on the road again this Friday at Watervliet. Next week it's Tuesday at home (Waterford) and Friday away (Schalmont) before the Christmas break.

## Ravena lacks strong offensive

By Dan Tidd

It's easy to figure out why the RCS basketball team is without a win this early in the high school campaign. Coach Jim Gorham's club fell to 0-2 in Colonial Council play and 0-4 overall last week with two poor showings at the hands of Lansingburgh and powerful Watervliet.

"It all boils down to a lack of offensive punch," said Gorham. "Last week was a real disappointment. We just couldn't find the basket against both clubs. Our offense is not only a major problem right now, but our inexperience really came to surface against 'Burgh and 'Vliet."

Last Tuesday the Indians could only muster up a meek 37 points in a sloppy 59-37 loss to Lansingburgh. It was a surprisingly easy win despite the fact the Knights didn't shoot much better than Ravena. "When you only score 37 points the entire game, you know its going to be tough to pull out a win," said Gorham. Ravena stayed close most of the second half behind the hot outside shooting of guard John Waddingham, but 'Burgh blew it open with a big 21-point third quarter. "The kids did a good job of getting back in the game in the final quarter, but it was a little late," said Gorham. "Turnovers killed us again, we threw the ball away in bunches, especially when there was very little pressure on us. That worries me the most."

Waddingham led the Indian scoring attack with a game-high

13 points. Mark Williams chipped in with 9.

Ravena's offensive drought continued on Friday night when Watervliet pounded the Indians, 84-51. Gorham's game plan was to slow it down as much as possible to stay with the more explosive Cannoneers. "I knew we really couldn't match up with 'Vliet, so I had the team slow down the pace hoping to frustrate their offense," he said.

The key to Watervliet's easy win was their decisive rebounding and the outside bombs of guard Brian Fruscio. Ravena was unable to

stop the Cannoneers from getting second and third shots and converting them into easy buckets. A disastrous night from the free-throw line didn't help — 12 of 35.

Once again a lack of offensive punch was the key to this Indian loss. It was Waddingham leading the way again with a team high 10 points, but he entered the final stanza with just four points. No other player scored more than six.

The Indians were in action last night at home against Waterford, and will be home again this Friday against Schalmont. They travel to Albany Academy next Tuesday.

## STAR BOWLERS



## 4 Dolphins win medals

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 1, 1985 at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Major Boys — Rich Carlson-202, 537.

Major Girls — Helen Fedele-204.

Jr. Boys — Steve O'Brien-505.

Jr. Girls — Ann Fedele-187, 494; Dawn Rooney-214.

Prep Boys — Jason Tice-183, 427.

Prep Girls — Jennifer Matuszik-164.

Bantam Boys — Mike Stefanik-103, 276; Al Crewell-120, 307.

Bantam Girls — Amanda Watt-111; Andrea Kachidurian-90, 254.

### Settle it in court

Two New Scotland residents have a date in town court after an incident Friday, Dec. 6, on Yeomans Rd., according to a spokesman for the state police in Selkirk. Police said each accused the other of reckless driving.

Four members of the Delmar Dolphins swim team won medals in every event they entered at a sanctioned age-group meet at the Glens Falls YMCA pool last weekend.

Lisa Ogawa, a member of the Bethlehem Central girls varsity swimming in the senior girls division, won the 100-yard backstroke and had four second places in individual events and the Dolphins medley relay team. Emily Church (girls 9-10) had four medals plus a relay citation, and Jonathan Church and Brad Mattox, both in boys 8-and-under, captured four medals each.

Medals are awarded to the first six finishers in each individual event.

Pat Fish won the 11-12 boys 100-yard butterfly and two other medals, Tracie Mull collected two medals and Marc Kanuk, Katie Fish and Paul Engel one each.

The Dolphin senior girls medley relay quartet of Lisa Ogawa, Katie Fish, Tracie Mull and Rima Woo narrowly missed a first-place finish and placed second. The 10-and-under girls medley foursome was third with Megan McCarthy, Erin Murphy, Emily Church and Sarah Blabey.

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# Eagles face week of strong tests

This is the week Rick Poplaski and his young, eager Bethlehem Central wrestlers find out whether they have a good team or a mediocre one.

The Eagles, with one of the better wrestling programs in Section 2, had accumulated lopsided wins over four teams going into today's (Wednesday) test against Columbia at East Greenbush, but Poplaski, a realist, doesn't consider any of those a worthy measurement. With a starting lineup of two freshmen, eight sophomores and only two juniors and two seniors, the Eagles obliterated Mont Pleasant by 57-9 and Johnstown by 43-20 in their opening meet last Wednesday, a double-dual affair, and then buried two Suburban Council rivals, Scotia by 64-12 and Mohonasen by 47-19.

But none of those people rank with Shenendehowa, Niskayuna and Burnt Hills, nor with two smaller schools, Voorheesville and Averill Park, both of whom the Eagles must grapple with on Dec. 20. "That meet will tell us a lot," Poplaski said.

So will this weekend's adventures at the annual Oxford Invitational, a high-level gathering that includes defending champion Queensbury, ranked No. 1 in this section.

"We don't know what will happen when we run into a quality team," Poplaski mused while watching his charges grunt and groan during a workout last week. "Voorheesville is loaded this year, and against us they're out for bear, and Averill Park has probably the best small-school program in the section."

## THE HOME TEAM



By Tom Kuck  
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98 pounds — Junior Verne Thalheimer, a starter at 91 most of last season, is an experienced letterman looking for a good season. Freshman Eric Brown is his understudy.

105 — Mike Carlson, a sophomore, has a slight edge over Mike Durant and Ben Greenberg. He had pins in the two weekend matches. Says Poplaski: "I can see this weight class changing from week to week. Greenberg could see some action at 98."

112 — This class is the private property of the team's genuine superstar, sophomore Chris Saba, a Sectional champion who wound up 28-2-1 last year, his second on the varsity. Saba will wrestle 112 and 119 this year, a dedicated wrestler who stays with the mat year-round.

119 — Tom Nyilis, an experienced sophomore, will switch off with Saba at 112 and 119 according to Poplaski's evaluation of the opposition in each meet.

126 — Eric Oberheim, sophomore, was undefeated on the BC freshman team last year. He opened this campaign with two decisions and a pin. Poplaski: "Eric's a fine athlete who will have to adjust mentally to wrestling a lot of older, more experienced kids at this weight level."

132 — Jim Dater, starting his second year on the varsity, won 19 as a freshman last season and is 4-0 this year. Like Saba, he has made a personal commitment to one sport, and with Saba wrestled in the Empire Games.

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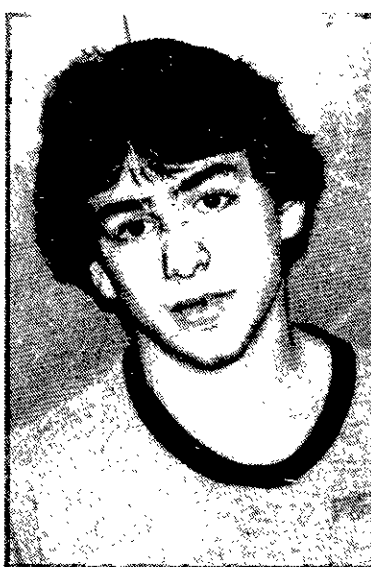
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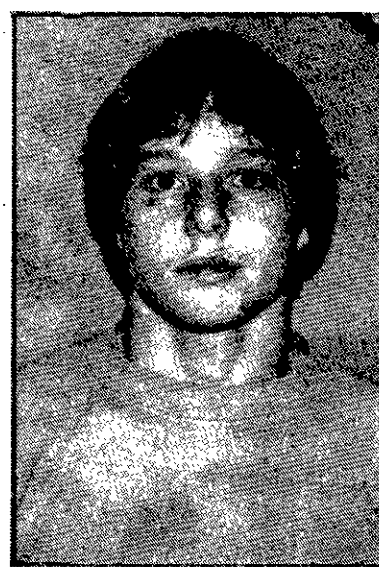
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Chris Saba and Jim Dater, two of Bethlehem's top grapplers, make wrestling a year-round commitment.



138 — John Sinuc, another member of Poplaski's talented sophomore group, opened the season with two decisions and a pin after a fine JV season last year as a freshman. Poplaski: "A very good athlete, has the skills to stay with anybody, but he will be up against bigger and heavier guys as the season goes along."

145 — Steve Guynup, also a sophomore, lost a number of matches as a freshman on the varsity last year because, Poplaski says, he was "physically too immature." But he was voted the most improved wrestler on the team at the end of the season, worked hard all summer, and is currently undefeated after four matches.

155 — Tim Dobert, a senior, was 10-3 last year when an injury disabled him for the rest of the season. This year he has made his presence felt by pinning his opponent in each of BC's four matches to date.

167 — Jim Hoffman, undefeated on the freshman team last year, and Eric Heathwaite, also an outstanding wrestler on an undefeated frosh team a year ago, are battling it out for starting positions on the varsity. Both are sophomores and both played varsity football this fall.

177 — Bill Plunkett, a senior letterman, can go at either 167 or 177. Poplaski says he is "a lot stronger this year" and the veteran coach is counting on Plunkett to "provide the stability we need in the upper weights."

Heavyweight — Paul Evangelista tips the scales under 185, and can wrestle at 177 if needed. His coach says he will have to get used to wrestling foes a lot bigger and

stronger. He won both of his weekend bouts with pins.

Unlimited — A new weight class this year will have Sean Nixon, a 225-pound freshman, representing BC. "He's the first superheavyweight we've had in school in 10 years, and we're excited about him," says Poplaski. "He has a lot to learn, and he may have to pay his dues first, but we hope he will stick with the program. He has a lot of promise for the future." In his debut, Nixon won by a pin at Mohonasen.

Poplaski is starting his 18th year as a mat tutor on Delaware Ave., his 13th as varsity coach. John DeMeo is back as freshman coach, also with a glowing reputation in area mat circles. A newcomer with no previous experience in wrestling, SUNYA student Carl Freitag, has been given the JV job. Poplaski says Freitag, who also helped coach Bethlehem's JV football team last fall, "is very enthusiastic."



You can't see the winner's face in this photo, but John Leycov of Voorheesville (white shoes) won over Jim Barratier of Fonda on points at 134 pounds in the Blackbirds wrestling victory Saturday.

Jeff Gonzales

# RCS takes one at a time

By Tim Penk

"We'll have to take one game at a time" seems to be the motto of Coach John Vishneowski for this year's RCS wrestling season. The team is a very young and inexperienced one and this is its major weakness, but it is ready to fight every opponent.

The team is led by co-captain Jerry Baranska, who placed second in the Class B Sectionals last year and fourth in the Empire State Games wrestling at 171 pounds. He is supported by Luther Legg, who finished third in class B at 132, Chip Cowles who was fourth in Class B at 119, and Mark VanHoesen, who finished fourth at 250 last year.

There are only two seniors, David Brown and co-captain Brian Perry, on the team. There are eight juniors, including Baranska, Vince Caballer, Robert Demis, Legg, Ken Losee, Rich Losee, Steve DiAcetis and Bart Gottesman. The team also has eight underclassmen on the varsity squad.

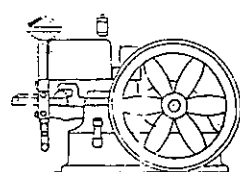
Vishneowski is hopeful. Pre-season went well and the team has gotten past some stumbling blocks. Vishneowski feels Schalmont and Voorheesville are the teams to beat, due to their strong programs and experience. "Our main weakness is our lack of experience," says the coach. As the season progresses, the experience problem will decrease, but December is a crucial month with important matches against Schalmont and Voorheesville.

The season opened with a bang last week when RCS dominated Lansingburgh 50-18. This confident win was slightly shaken when the Indians lost a close match to South Glens Falls, 39-23.

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Against Lansingburgh the Indians started by getting pins from Kevin and Geoff Demis. Ken Losee and Robert Demis received forfeits and co-captains Perry and Baranska had pins. Legg won on points, 13-0, and Chip Cowles had a 28-second pin.

The most exciting match of the day was the 2-1 victory of Tim Baranska over Marc Brown, last year's Colonial Council champion, at 167 pounds. Referring to Tim, Vishneowski said, "his matches aren't glamorous but he gets the job done."

The Indians started in a hole to get their first loss against South Glens Falls in a close 39-23 match, with their first two wrestlers getting pinned. Perry tried to cut South Glen's Falls' lead with a pin and Cowles followed with a victory, but RCS lost the next two matches by decision. Legg could only come up with a tie and after two Indians got pinned, Tim Baranska won 8-2 and Jerry Baranska by a pin.

"I was pleased with the matches and can't be disappointed," Vishneowski said. He feels both matches taught the team something that will help them when they enter league play this week. Concerning the loss to South Glens Falls, Vishneowski said, "It wasn't our day. Perhaps on another day we could have beaten them."

The Indians have their first home match this Thursday against Albany Academy.

### 'No. 1 mom' sought

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 is seeking candidates for "mother of the year." Those nominated should be residents of the Bethlehem, Glenmont, Selkirk and Ravena area.

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No Elk affiliation is required to be nominated. For information, call Parker at 767-3495.

# Indians earn championship

By Bart Gottesman

Three victories, two against Colonial Council rivals, over the past week have given the RCS girls volleyball team the 1985 Colonial Council championship. The girls team rolled over non-league opponent Bethlehem Central and Council foes Schalmont and Waterford.

In their final away game of the year, the lady Indians overpowered Bethlehem Central in two straight games. Ravena, as they have done all season came out strong to take the early lead and never looked back, winning by 15-10, 15-12.

In what had to be the most crucial game of the season for the team, the girls blew out second-place Schalmont. Coach Ron

Racey was surprised with the ease of the victory and said, "I expected that to be a close game." As it turned out, the game was anything but close as the Indians took the two games by 15-5, 15-3. Marie Setford's serve proved to be too much for the opponents to handle as she scored 12 points in serves. Terri Baker added 11 kills to aid the team in the championship clinching victory.

After being emotionally drained from the Schalmont victory, the Indians hosted Waterford and slipped by, 15-7, 15-12. Racey used second-string players much of the way.

to town for a non-league contest. The Blackbirds were just too much for the visitors as they cruised to a 15-5, 15-9 win.

Kirkjian's troops got back to the league schedule on Thursday at Waterford. The first set was an easy one for the Bird starters as they triumphed 15-5. Game 2 was a lot harder, but the Blackbird reserves won, 15-10, and the match 2-0.

In the final in the busy week the lady Blackbirds had no trouble with Holy Names, 15-8, 15-8. Missy Biernacki served well off the bench with Mensching and Brennan again playing spectacular volleyball.

## Week of wins for lady Birds

By Rick Leach

It was a relatively swift and easy week for the Voorheesville volleyball team as it took four matches and eight games in a row. These victories raised the lady spikers' winning streak to eight straight for an impressive 10-4 record overall and a 9-3 record in the Colonial Council.

The week started off last Monday at Watervliet when Donna Mensching served for 14 straight points in a 15-0 whitewashing in game 1. In the second game Heather Brennan served well as coach Tom Kirkjian substituted freely and the squad rolled, 15-5. Two days later Tamarac came

## Wins prove elusive for Bethlehem volleyball

By Charles Henrikson

"For some reason we just can't get those last few points to win the game," says Carol Walts, coach of the Bethlehem Central volleyball team. The girls lost two matches last week, both by only three points.

Last Monday at Columbia BC lost in a long, three-game match, 15-6, 13-15, 15-12. "It was heartbreaking to come so close only to lose by such a small margin," commented Walts.

Last Wednesday the team hosted undefeated Ravena. BC

was missing four of its players, including all of its setters, due to other school activities. BC "stayed right with them," and Walts was pleased with the shorthanded effort. Wendy Vogel, who is usually a hitter, did a "fine job" playing setter for the first time all season. BC lost, 15-10, 15-12, but they gave Ravena trouble the entire way.

Walts feels that the team is playing better, but it is too late to salvage the season. The team played its final game of the season on Monday at Saratoga.

### VOLLEYBALL

### BC harriers cited

As a tribute to a fine season the Bethlehem Central cross country team had four of its members named to the All-Suburban team, chosen by Suburban Council coaches.

Three boys were named to the team, the most ever in BC's history. Senior Mark LeBeau, junior Pete Winkler and sophomore Tom Nyilis were selected. This is also the first time in BC's history that a sophomore has been named to the team.

Senior Jen Hammer was the lone girl to make the team.

Charles Henrikson

### Soccer champion

Kelly Burke, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a member of the Tufts University women's soccer team, which recently won the 1985 Northeast Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Championship.

Burke, a sophomore, scored one goal and had one assist this season. She has career totals of two goals and one assist.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 1985, at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard Phillips, 1615 Central Avenue, Colonie, New York 12205 for a Variance under Articles II, Districts, and V, Permitted Uses, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance, to permit 1) the use of the balance of the ground floor of premises, 64 Hudson Avenue, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem, for non-noxious, low-use storage; and, 2) the installation of an 8'x8' overhead aluminum door on the west side of the building to give access to the rear storage area.  
Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(December 11, 1985)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, on November 27, 1985 Local Law No. 4 of 1985, authorizing enclosure of a notice with the January 1986 real property tax bills regarding new assessment calendar dates in 1986.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law No. 4 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 26th day of December, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be heard.

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# Obituaries

## Bernice Shortell

Bernice Kiley Shortell, 59, of Ansonia, Conn., mother of Matthew F. Shortell III of Glenmont, died in a building explosion on Dec. 6 at Derby, Conn.

Born in Derby, Conn., she was a longtime resident of Ansonia. She was a secretary for the North Atlantic Medical Service of Derby, Conn.

She was a member of the Lavender Booster Club, Ansonia, and the Cort Seville Catholic Daughters of America. She was a communicant of Assumption Church of Ansonia.

Survivors include her husband, Matthew F. (Pop) Shortell Jr.; seven sons, Matthew F. Shortell III of Glenmont, and James A. Shortell, William J. Shortell, Patrick J. Shortell, Joseph P. Shortell, Steven B. Shortell and Michael Shortell of Ansonia; three daughters, Mrs. John (Susan) Coughlin, Mrs. John (Arianne) Marrow and Mrs. Thomas (Elizabeth) Lynch of Ansonia; three sisters, Mrs. Richard (Mary) Zalmer of Wallingford, Conn., and Mrs. John (Helene) Cass and Mrs. Robert (Jane) Wilkinson of Ansonia, and five brothers, William Kiley of Arlington Heights, Ill., Michael J. Kiley of Middletown, Conn., James V. Kiley of Melbourne, Fla., and Christopher D. Kiley

and Richard T. Kiley of Ansonia. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by the Jenkins-King Funeral Home, Ansonia, Conn. Burial was in Mount St. Peter's Cemetery, Derby, Conn. Contributions may be made to the Bernice and Dorothy Shortell Scholarship Fund, c/o Jenkins-King Funeral Home, 12 Franklin St., Ansonia, Conn. 06401.

## Dorothy Shortell

Dorothy Bernice Shortell, 21, of Ansonia, Conn., sister of Matthew F. Shortell III of Glenmont, died in a building explosion on Dec. 6 at Derby, Conn.

Born in Ansonia, she was a senior at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

She was a communicant of Assumption Church of Ansonia.

Survivors include her father, Matthew F. Shortell Jr.; seven brothers, Matthew F. Shortell III of Glenmont, and James A. Shortell, William J. Shortell, Patrick J. Shortell, Joseph P. Shortell, Steven B. Shortell and Michael Shortell of Ansonia; three sisters, Mrs. John (Susan) Coughlin, Mrs. John (Arianne) Marrow and Mrs. Thomas (Elizabeth) Lynch of Ansonia; three aunts, Mrs.

Richard (Mary) Zalmer of Wallingford, Conn., and Mrs. John (Helene) Cass and Mrs. Robert (Jane) Wilkinson of Ansonia, and five uncles, William Kiley of Arlington Heights, Ill., Michael J. Kiley of Middletown, Conn., James V. Kiley of Melbourne, Fla., and Christopher D. Kiley and Richard T. Kiley of Ansonia. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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## Zachary Steiner Copp

Zachary Steiner Copp, 1½, of Delmar died Dec. 6 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Helene Steiner and Paul Copp; a sister, Rachel Copp of Delmar; his maternal grandparents, Phillis and Bernhardt K. Steiner of Del Ray, Beach, Fla.; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Copp of Providence, R.I., and his maternal great-grandmother, Silvia Geller of Albany.

Arrangements were by the Swartz Memorial Chapel, Albany. Burial was in Temple Israel Cemetery, Albany.

## George Watson Sr.

George J. Watson Sr., 84, of Delmar died Dec. 2 at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

He was born in Brooklyn and was a lifelong resident of the Albany area. He retired from his duties as a carder for the former Huyck Felt Company, Rensselaer, in 1966.

He was a member of the Normansville Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Amelia DeGuise Watson; two daughters, Lois Marr of Normansville and Edwina Donnelly of Colonie, and a son, George J. Watson Jr. of Prospect Heights. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were by Palmer's Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Colonie.

## Willard Appleby

Willard Appleby, 70, of Clarksville, who ran his family's farm in Clarksville, died Dec. 1 at his home.

He was a charter member and past board member of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department and president and sexton of the Onesquethaw Cemetery, Clarksville. He was a past member of the Clarksville Grange No. 781.

He was an elder of the Clarksville Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Morey Appleby; three daughters, Alma Appleby of Clarksville, Nancy Dobiell of Colonie and Mary Cole of Ravena; four sons, Gary Appleby, Robert Appleby and Andy Appleby of Clarksville,

and Peter Appleby of Ocala, Fla.; four sisters, Harriet Ross and Rita Stott of Rensselaer, Elena Ross of Florida and Pauline Zupan of Selkirk, and two brothers, Donald Appleby of Clarksville and Leo Appleby of Coeymans Hollow. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

## Rosalia Haas

Rosalia Haas, 80, a long-time resident of Slingerlands, died Dec. 5 at her home.

Born in Pennsylvania, she lived in Slingerlands for many years. She was a former executive secretary for Armory Garage in Albany.

She was a member of the Normanside Country Club and a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Survivors include a stepson, Herbert P. Haas Jr. of Short Hills, N.J., and four sisters, Mrs. Catherine Lehberger, Mrs. Savilla End, Mrs. Dorothy Will and Mrs. Adelaide Beal of Pittsburgh, Pa. She is also survived by three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Taylor is a civil engineering program manager with the 1842nd Electronics Engineering Group.

His wife, Shelly, is the daughter of John MacMillen of 147 Orchard St., Delmar, and Raye C. Barber of South Westerlo. He received an associate degree in 1985 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Second Lt. Robert E. Sippel, son of Eugene J. and Margaret M. Sippel of 230 Newport Court, Voorheesville, has been awarded silver wings following graduation from U.S. Air Force navigator training at Mather Air Force Base, Calif.

Sippel will now serve at Castle Air Force Base, Calif. He is a 1983 graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station.

Navy Ensign Christopher C. Switzer, son of Richard M. and Patricia C. Switzer of Glenmont, has been commissioned in his present rank upon graduation from Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I. He joined the Navy in June, 1984.

Airman Amy L. Passarelli, daughter of Gertrude I. Closson and stepdaughter of Lawrence Closson of Voorheesville, has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training. The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the intelligence field.

She is a 1984 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville.

Air Force Airman 1st Class William Schaffer, son of George and Kay Schaffer of Glenmont, has arrived for duty with the 2006th Information Systems Group, in Turkey. Schaffer, a radio operator, was previously assigned at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

He is a 1983 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

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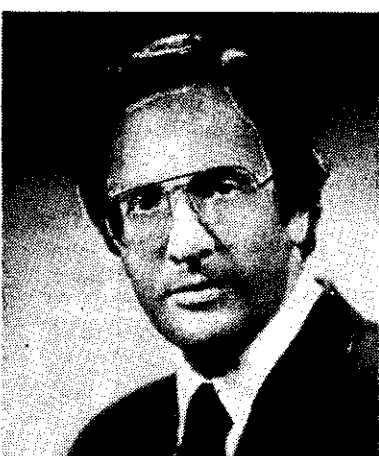
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### On Parsons board

Ronald Backer and Thomas Fitzpatrick of Delmar, Jane McGinn of Slingerlands and Sherry Putney of Selkirk have been named to the Parsons Child and Family Center board of directors.

Backer, an attorney in Albany, is the administrative director of the Assembly Ways and Means

Committee.

Fitzpatrick is a partner in the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand in Albany.

McGinn, formerly with the Mohanases School District, is active as a volunteer with the Slingerlands Elementary School.

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### War toys opposed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was a child of the sixties. I now am a parent of the eighties, busily searching through crowded stores for those special gifts which will appear under the tree on Christmas morning. As I survey the sophisticated array of war toys (would you believe a submachine gun for \$103?) I remember my first awareness of the realities of war.

I gradually came to understand that Viet Nam was something more than an armed conflict. I remember the Tet offensive and the nightly news showing villages being napalmed. I remember My Lai, Kent State, and marching on Washington wondering if the National Guard would be there too.

I remember friends who volunteered and friends who left the country and friends who lost the lottery. Some of those who went did not return. They never lived to have children and to enjoy those lives which held so much promise. Had they survived, I wonder how they would feel about Rambo dolls or GI Joe cereal glamorizing the hell they had gone through.

During this season of peace and goodwill to men, I suggest we think before we rush out to buy those toys our children have been programmed to ask for. Perhaps they should know what war really is so that in the future they are more concerned with avoiding war than basking in its glory.

Mary Foby-Wittig

Delmar

### Contract a giveaway?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I feel compelled to respond to the Bethlehem Central Board of

Education's recent so-called marvelous agreement with the district teachers' association. As I understand, the teachers will receive a 7 percent raise for each of two years and a 7 1/4 percent raise in the third year in addition to yearly increments and with an agreed upon formula to escalate the increase if inflation goes above 9 1/2 percent. In addition to this, a 35 percent fringe benefit, social security, teachers retirement, medical insurance, personal leave, etc., brings the actual yearly cost to the taxpayer of about 10 percent. The current rate of inflation of 4 percent, projected to be about the same next year, makes one wonder as to who represented the taxpayer and if this is not another government giveaway at taxpayer expense.

I certainly don't expect a status quo in salaries, however, it would be nice if the taxpayer had some representation.

Isn't it time for Bethlehem Central residents to elect school board members who can not only balance the needs of the teachers, but also the needs of the taxpayers and keep these runaway costs within reason.

Alan Hilchie

Elsmere

### Family reunited

Editor, The Spotlight:

I won't go into detail but our poodle, Sam, wandered away yesterday morning.

This had never happened before and we have owned him for seven years, since he was a puppy.

My wife and I were very upset but with the sympathetic help of the Bethlehem Police, the dog warden and State Trooper Marv Lasher, an important member of our family was returned within four hours.

Our sincere gratitude to these men.

Vera & Ray Harvey

Glenmont

P.S. Sam was apprehended and placed in custody for trespassing on the Thruway.

### Town action lauded

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Albany County League of Women Voters, I would like to commend the Bethlehem Town Board on its recent (Nov. 27) decision to pass an open meetings resolution. This resolution states that deliberations, meetings and actions by all boards within the Town of Bethlehem will be conducted in public. By this action, Bethlehem joins with Colonie, Guilderland and 32 other New York communities in affirming their commitment to open government.

It is our hope that the Albany County Legislature and the Albany Common Council will follow these examples by passing similar resolutions.

Sally Webb  
President, League of  
Women Voters of  
Albany County

Glenmont

### Sports mart scores!

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our 11th annual Winter Sports Mart on Nov. 23 was a great success, thanks to a large turnout, generous contributions of time from many volunteer workers, and the continuing support of the entire Bethlehem community.

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, who sponsor our troop and provide us with meeting facilities and storage space, also deserve a special note of thanks.

Proceeds from the mart will support the troop's many activities over the next 12 months, and will help defray expenses for overnight trips and camping expeditions.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents of this community, and look forward to an active year of scouting.

Boy Scouts of Troop 75

### Heart's in Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

Enclosed is the check for your Spotlight which I know I'm going to look forward to receiving.

Somehow, even though I have been away from Delmar for some time, my heart will always be a part of that dear and friendly village.

Lillian D. Sammons  
Concord, N.H.



A youngster crosses Delaware Ave. on the way to Elsmere Elementary School on a snowy morning. In the background is the Community Health Plan building.  
Jeff Gonzales

### Danger at crossing

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing because I am worried about what appears to be a potentially dangerous situation in our town. It concerns the crossing guard and children who cross Delaware Ave. on their way to and from Elsmere Elementary School.

Each weekday morning I drive along Delaware Ave. on my way to work. Frequently the crossing guard stops traffic to allow school children and other pedestrians to cross. He does this by holding up a circular "STOP" sign, about 18 inches in diameter. It seems that for many years this has been sufficient; to my knowledge there have been no injuries to the guard or pedestrians at this crossing.

But the crossing guard is not easily seen from a distance, especially on these dark, rainy late fall mornings. Even more serious is the problem of visibility to drivers in the curbside lane. If there is a large vehicle such as a bus or truck in the lane toward the center of the road, it can completely obstruct the view the curbside driver has of the area where the crossing guard is standing with his sign! If the driver cannot see the crossing guard, he may not stop. Children running across Delaware Ave. are at risk of being struck by such a car.

Could a traffic light be erected at the intersection of Booth Rd. and Delaware Ave.? It could be manually operated by the crossing guard during school crossing hours, and switched to a flashing yellow signal at other times. It could take the place of the present "School Crossing" signs with their flashing yellow lights, which are largely ignored by motorists anyway. (Perhaps for the same reason

the crossing guard cannot be seen).

I hope that the town will look into this situation, for the safety of our children is at stake. In the meantime, I hope that our citizens who travel Delaware Ave. during school crossing hours will be on the lookout for our crossing guard and the children under his care.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

Elizabeth A. Strickler

Elsmere

### Firemen's Fair a success

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2 in Glenmont would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped to make the Glenmont Firemen's Fair a success again this year. Due to your generosity, the Auxiliary was able to send \$1,000.00 to the Albany Medical Center Burn Unit, and gifts to both the Hudson Firemen's Retirement Home and Ronald McDonald House. Again, many thanks to all who made this possible.

Elizabeth Fritts  
Treasurer

Glenmont

### Vacation for kids

The Kenwood Child Development Center, located in the campus of the Doane Stuart School, off Rt. 9W, Albany, will conduct a vacation recreation program for children 6 to 11, from Dec. 23 to 27 and from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3.

The program, which will not be open on Christmas and New Year's, will feature sports instruction, arts and crafts, movies, computer usage and special events. The program will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with arrival as early as 7:30 a.m. and pickups as late as 5:30 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Morton

## Lisa Kelp married

Lisa Ellen Kelp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Kelp of Delmar, and Thomas John Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Morton of Delmar, were married Oct. 5 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. The Rev. Arthur F. Hagy Jr. officiated.

Lynne C. Russell served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy B. Kelp, sister of the bride, and Marnee L. Finch, cousin of the bride. Valerie A. VanDerpoel, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Robert E. Morton Jr., brother of the groom, served as best man, and ushers were Mark E. Kelp, brother of the bride, and James J. Morton, brother of the groom.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Oswego, is a service represent-

ative for the New York Telephone Company. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson College, is treasurer of Sager-Spuck Supply Company Inc. in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple has settled in Delmar.

## Miss McMillen wed

Colleen Marie McMillen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. McMillen of Voorheesville, and Charles William Czirr, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Czirr, also of Voorheesville, were married recently at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Clifton Park.

The bride is a graduate of Voorheesville High School, the State University at Binghamton and Russell Sage College. She is a special education teacher at Beginnings Preschool in Troy. The bridegroom, a graduate of Voorheesville High School and Ithaca College, is an accountant for RSJ Construction Corp. in Albany.

## Flood-Woolford

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flood of Monroe, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Patricia, to Jeffrey Scott Woolford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Woolford of Glenmont.

A graduate of Monroe-Woodbury High School, the bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Siena College, Loudonville. She is employed as an associate scientist by Ciba-Geigy in Suffern. Her fiancé, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College, is employed as a senior computer programmer/analyst for the state Department of Taxation and Finance. He is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at the State University at Albany.

An April wedding is planned.



Cecilia Marquis and Brian Davis

## Marquis-Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Marquis of Richmondville, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cecilia Ann, to Brian P. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Davis of Slingerlands.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Richmondville Central High School and Siena College, is a cer-

tified public accountant for Bolan, Sheedy, Torani and Company. Her fiancé, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Hartford, is employed as a civil engineer for the state Department of Transportation.

A July 19 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirchner

## 50th year celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirchner of Elsmere recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

## Graf-Hans

Mr. and Mrs. John Graf of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Victoria, to J. Gary Hans of Albany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hans of Loudonville.

A graduate of The Doane Stuart School, the bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Niagara University. She is employed as a teacher at Holy Cross School, Albany, and as a certified jazzercise instructor in the Albany area. She is a Louise Boyka Model. Her fiancé, a graduate of Albany Academy and Clarkson College of Technology, is vice president of H.L. Gage Sales Inc., Albany.

An April wedding is planned.

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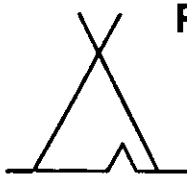
## Hauser-Miner

Dr. and Mrs. Richard S. Hauser of McCormack Rd. in Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sara Katherine, to Robert Edward Miner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Miner, Prout Ave. Troy.

The bride-to-be is an assistant administrator with the Center for Laboratories and Research of the state Health Department. Her fiancé is president and licensed manager of the Hines-Miner Funeral Home, Inc., in Troy.

A Feb. 2 wedding is planned.

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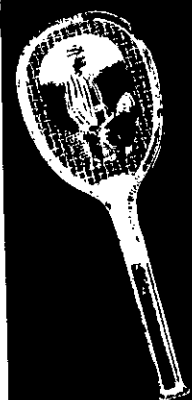
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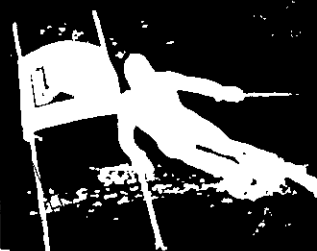
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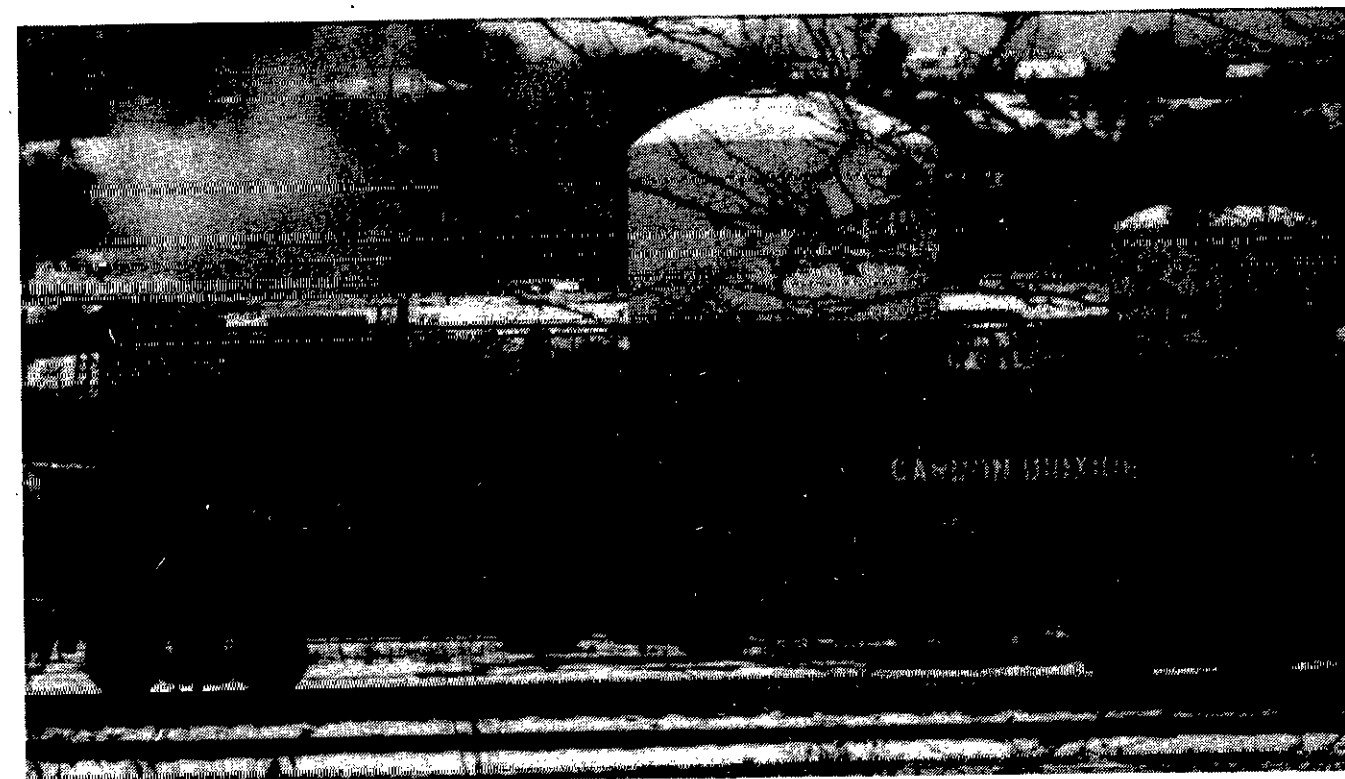
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