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Classroom bids bring new crisis

By Caroline Terenzini

The addition of four locatable classrooms at Bethlehem's Glenmont Elementary School, which were approved by voters in March to ease crowding at the school, looked a lot less likely Thursday. That's when the Bethlehem Central school board heard the bad news — that the only two bids to supply the classrooms came in more than \$100,000 above the sum voters have authorized the district to spend.

Last night (Tuesday) the board was to meet in special session to discuss where to go from here.

Administrators said the \$203,000 cost figure that was included in the proposition voters approved was put together after long discussion with a likely supplier and after talks with neighboring districts that had such classrooms. However, when the bids were opened Thursday afternoon, that supplier was not among the bidders and

the closest offer — from a Connecticut company — was \$314,000.

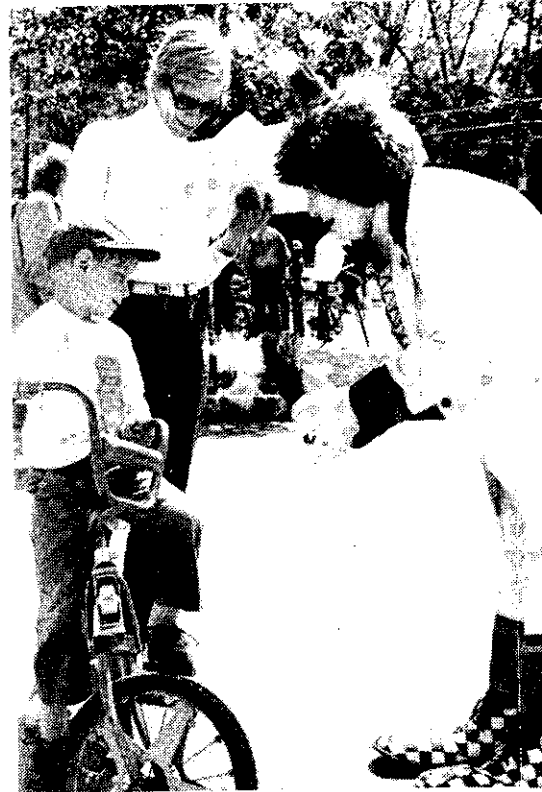
In a bulletin sent home Friday with elementary pupils (at the suggestion of board member Charles Reeves), administrators identified several reasons why the estimate and the bids were so far apart, including high demand that is tightening the market; upgrading of the specifications by the district's architects, in part because of new state fire safety laws; a late penalty clause, and the absence of one promising bidder because of scheduling problems after recently landing a \$5.5 million deal.

Board members, caught by surprise, asked administrators to collect additional information concerning the legalities, costs and timing of their options. The choices the board discussed Thursday included rebidding with

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Bethlehem's annual Bike Day had an added attraction this year as clowns from Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus paid a visit. At left, Nadine Maurer, 6, of Delmar runs through the safety course under the supervision of Bethlehem Elks volunteer Karl Zielfeld during the bike rodeo at Bethlehem Town Hall. At right, David Geurtze,



5, of Delmar and his mom, Barbara Geurtze, try to follow Shammie the Clown's slight of hand. On the cover: C-Sharp shows Amy Venter, 5, of Delmar, front, and Ayama Griffen, 8, of Delmar that magic is very real. The clowns will appear at the Elm Avenue Park with the circus on May 17 and 18. Lora Ide

BC vote a mandate?

By Caroline Terenzini

There were winners and losers in last Wednesday's Bethlehem Central School District vote, but

the big surprise was the size of the turnout.

Fewer than 3,800 residents went to the polls, approving the district's proposed \$18.9 million budget, authorizing five-year financing for eight new buses, and re-electing two incumbents to the board.

A heavier turnout had been expected in view of a hard-hitting advertising campaign by Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) on behalf of its two candidates and against the proposed budget. And, weighing in on the other side, Respecting Education: Bethlehem Unified Taxpayers (RE:BUT) appeared this year, chiefly to rebut BUT. Partisans of RE:BUT also had been expected to show up at the polls in large numbers.

However, only 3,762 voters signed in last week, surprising observers in both camps. Pre-balloting estimates had been much higher in view of the contests for two seats on the board and because BUT had sought to present voters a choice in raising questions about cost and quality. Also taken into consideration in the prognostications was the fact that 4,481 residents had voted last year and 4,105 came out in 1984 (when the budget proposal was rejected). The weather, often cited as influencing the number of voters, was fine last Wednesday.

Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) spokesman Nathaniel Boynton, who came out second

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Treatment and security twin goals at hospital

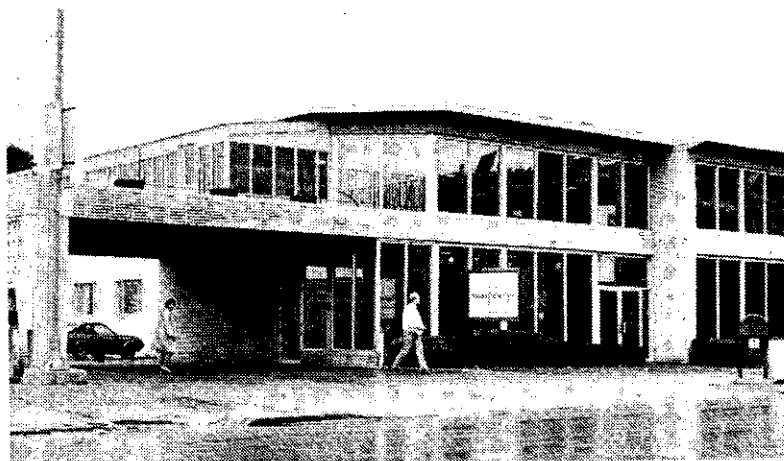
By Tom McPheeters

From the street, Benjamin Rush Psychiatric Hospital, located on the decaying fringes of downtown Syracuse, could be an inner-city motel. The only outward evidence of security is the uniformed guard who walks back and forth in front of the building.

Inside, the lobby is like that of any hospital except that everybody has to be buzzed in and out of the front door. Staff people come and go about their business with a minimum of fuss. At shift change the talk is of days off and family matters. Visitors are politely required to sign in at the front desk, and then asked to wait while the receptionist checks to make sure they have an appointment. The visitor is issued a pass, and the unit is notified when a visitor is on the way.

On a recent Wednesday, one group of 10 young people, ages roughly 15 to 20, gathers in the lobby carrying towels shortly after 3 p.m. They are completely at ease, chatting and joking. A staff person — not much older than her charges — comes into the lobby and tells one of the youths that he isn't cleared to go; he hasn't been at the hospital long enough to qualify for a trip outside the hospital.

There must be a mistake, the young man says: "Give me two



The Benjamin Rush Psychiatric Hospital is located on a busy street in downtown Syracuse. Spotlight

minutes" to clear it up, he says. He disappears down a corridor, but returns, looking mildly disappointed, just as the others are filing out to a waiting van.

"Swim a lap for me," he says.

The aim of any hospital is to make its patients better, and, says Alexandra Curtis, the administrator at Benjamin Rush, one important tool of modern psychiatric treatment is interaction. Patients are kept busy, and are encouraged to participate in activities such as swimming at a nearby pool. But, as the incident in the lobby illustrates, that community interaction is closely supervised every step of the way.

At Benjamin Rush, says Curtis,

security and rehabilitation have to coexist. That they can and do is partially a result of the fact that it is a private hospital, with the staff and resources to insure that each patient gets individual attention. In such an arrangement, says Curtis, the hospital has no difficulty dealing with New York State's laws that give most psychiatric patients the right to terminate their treatment and leave the hospital if they wish.

The proposal to build the Northeast Psychiatric Hospital on Rt. 9W in Glenmont — a similar facility in a different environment — has generated fears of unsupervised mental patients in

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RCS vote is today

Voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District decide today (Wednesday) on an \$11,855,816 budget, three propositions and three board seats in voting from 1 to 9 p.m. at RCS Senior High School.

In addition to voting on the budget, district residents will consider a \$254,000 special proposition for roof repairs at the bus garage and senior high school, a \$753,000 proposition for construction of a solar heating facility and a \$225,000 proposition for the purchase of six vehicles.

Finally, three district residents will be elected in an at-large race for seats on the nine-member board. The candidates are Mark Segenberger, incumbent Wayne Fuhman, Steve Berletic, William T. Wilkinson Jr. and John Plummer.

Relocatable classrooms

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revised specifications, such as eliminating an enclosed connecting hallway, and with alternatives to deduct; providing only three classrooms instead of four this year; leasing the classrooms (if they are available), or asking voters to authorize the additional outlay.

The discussion Thursday had a note of urgency, with the fall opening of school less than four

months away. And Franz Zwickbauer, assistant superintendent for business, noted that the project already was behind schedule, with a May 1 order date originally planned.

Several board members said they hoped to hear from Glenmont residents about their preferences at Tuesday's session and also at the regularly scheduled May 21 meeting.

In other business the board:

- Approved without discussion application for a credit card for the district, to be under the control of the business office.

- Was urged by Laura Kagan of Delmar to consider changes in its budgeting procedures, allowing additional time for public comment at board meetings, and instituting a review of academic programs with committees including com-

munity representatives — all "legitimate concerns" of Bethlehem United Taxpayers, she said.

- Sent petitions to congressional representatives urging that they oppose elimination of the tax deduction for state and local taxes and also oppose proposed changes in the status of tax-exempt bonds.

Sentencing set

David Garrand, 19, of Selkirk is scheduled to be sentenced June 3 in Bethlehem Town Court following his guilty plea last Tuesday (May 6) to two counts of

petty larceny. Garrand originally was charged with third degree burglary, a felony, after he allegedly attempted to steal a wallet from a locker at a fitness club, according to Bethlehem police.

A companion, Michael A. Mirgiasso, 19, also of Selkirk, on April 15 in town court was granted an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal of a felony charge of possession of stolen property and a misdemeanor charge of petty larceny in the case.

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Baseball cards show history of the game

Frank Keetz, a collector of baseball memorabilia, will speak at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. Keetz will show slides of his baseball collection and explain how baseball cards tell the history of the game.

Keetz teaches social studies at Bethlehem Central High School.

For information call 439-9314.

Gets six months

A Cairo man was sentenced May 6 in Bethlehem Town Court to six months in the Albany County Jail on a charge of violating probation in failing to meet all terms of the probation, according to a spokesman for the court. Lestor Ross, 35, of Cairo had been granted the probation in May of 1985 after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, reduced from a felony charge, authorities said.

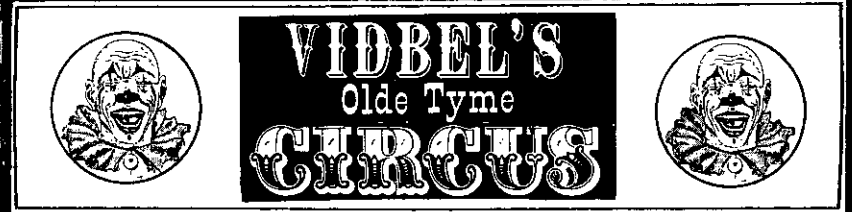
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Planners seek link in Colonial Acres

By Theresa Bobear

Discussion of the proposed Meadows subdivision, by Jerome and Joseph Rosen, went in an unexpected direction last Tuesday as Bethlehem Planning Board members considered the possibility of a road connection to the adjacent Colonial Acres subdivision.

The developers plan to construct 356 dwelling units, including more than 300 apartment units, 30 single-family houses and 6 duplexes, on the 92-acre Piazza property at Bender Lane near the Delmar Bypass.

The map presented at the April 15 hearing showed one entrance to Bender Lane and a stub street to adjacent undeveloped lands, proposed for an eventual connection to Feura Bush Rd.

Board member Marcia Nelson said she did not have a problem with the use of the buildings but did have a problem with the traffic and road layout. Board member Dennis Corrigan said the stub streets that were put in Colonial Acres were envisioned to go in the direction of the proposed Meadows.

"We've taken the position in the past that these developments should be interconnected," said Corrigan. "We've done it everywhere in town. Those connections should be made."

"You'd basically be building two Chinese walls across the ravine," said Steve Buechner, a landscape architect representing Rosen and Rosen Associates.

Nelson said that from a safety

standpoint it doesn't make sense to have what is actually only one exit.

Board member John LaForte said he would like to see a layout with the connections in. "I've never been terribly happy with this road arrangement," LaForte stated.

Noting that a connection had been considered, Jerome Rosen said, "We felt it would be detrimental to Colonial Acres and this community."

Buechner explained that developer had met with the residents of Colonial Acres and was told plainly that the residents were opposed to a connection and would "turn out in droves" to speak against it. "We sort of have a gentleman's agreement that we would not put a connection in there," said Buechner.

"I was not aware that there were any gentleman's agreements that keep us from connecting one stub street to another," said Nelson.

The planning board was to hold a special meeting last night (May 13) to review the road plan. A Colonial Acres representative said residents planned to attend.

At a public hearing to consider building project approval, David Siegal said construction of the Juniper Fields Planned Residence District, located at the end of the Delmar Bypass, will most likely begin this year.

The developers, David and Robin Siegal, plan to construct 282 apartment units, sell eight

single-family lots and build an extension to the Delmar Bypass.

Patrick Martin, an Elm Ave. resident, asked for a substantially strengthened or improved buffer along the rear of the lots on Elm Ave.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a one-lot subdivision for John Dare and Judy McCarty to construct a single-family house on Beaver Dam Rd.

- Approved the five-lot Kilworth subdivision of lands of D. Lee and Sharon R. Miller on Beacon Rd.

- Granted site plan approval for two duplexes to be constructed on AB-Residential lands of F. Crisafulli at Hoyt Ave. and Winne Rd.

- Granted site plan approval to Earl LaPorte for an existing two-family unit on Elm Dr. in Selkirk.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on June 3 to consider a two-lot subdivision of lands of Tucker, located in a Light Industrial zone on Weisheit Rd.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 7:45 p.m. on June 3 to consider a two-lot subdivision of lands of Nadratowski, located between Old Ravena Rd. and Rt. 9W, Selkirk.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on June 17 to consider a 24-lot extension of Boylston Dr., to be known as Lauralana Heights, Ext. 1, Section. 3. The land is under contract to Rudolph Paulsen.

- Scheduled a field trip for May 13 to view lands between Krumkill Rd. and Russell Rd., where a 125-lot Indian Hills subdivision is proposed by Belmont Builders.

Finally, the board tabled discussion of proposed site plan fees until after reviewing a schedule of fees for other communities.



Gina Carbone, 4 months, was not quite up to running in Sunday's Mother's Day race at Hamagrael Elementary School with her mom, Elaine Carbone.

Lora Ide

Gas station plans okayed

Special exceptions to permit changes at two existing Mobil gasoline stations in Bethlehem were informally approved by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals following public hearings last Wednesday night.

The three-pump islands at Joseph Keller's station on Rt. 9W in Glenmont will be replaced by two islands with canopies and computerized pumps. There will be no change in the station hours.

Tanks will be replaced, and new pumps and canopies will be installed at the Mobil station operated by Pat Capparella and Bob Woodside at Delaware Ave. and Howard Place. The Mobil Oil Corporation will replace the three steel tanks totaling 22,000 gallons with three fiberglass tanks totaling 32,000 gallons.

"I think it's an improvement to both stations," said board member Robert Wiggand.

After expressing some concern about the stacking of cars, board chairman Charles Fritts said, "I think it's going to upgrade the whole area."

Theresa Bobear

The board may grant formal approval at their next meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Scheduled a public hearings for 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. on June 4 to consider Richard and Veronica Mokhiber's request for variances from the highway frontage requirements to permit the construction of two single-family homes on Elsmere Ave., near Murrin Drive.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 8 p.m. on June 4 to consider Robert E. Biggerstaff's application for a side yard variance to permit construction of a garage at 56 Euclid Ave., Elsmere.

- Formally approved Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Garver's application for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit an addition to their Greenleaf Drive home in Elsmere.

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals will be at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at Bethlehem Town Hall.

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Delaware Ave. workshop set

Bethlehem Town Board and Planning Board members will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to review zoning ordinance revisions being proposed to realize the goals of the Delaware Avenue Task Force. The work session will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall.

The proposed revisions include an increase in the front yard commercial building setback to 15 feet from 10 feet, the establishment of requirements and standards for handicapped parking facilities and the addition of a required minimum 10 percent green space for commercial sites and parking areas with more than 100 vehicle spaces.

According to the proposal, a minimum 5-foot buffer area, to be

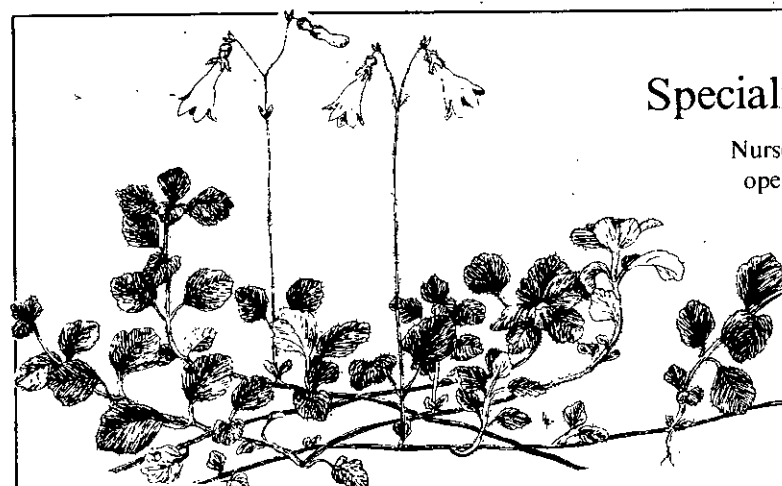
located within the commercial district, will be required where commercial and residential districts abut. After town officials received input on an earlier proposed amendment from planning board members, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce representatives and neighborhood association representatives, two paragraphs were added to this section of the proposal. The first paragraph says that a buffer area which is partially or entirely within the residential district may not be considered as part of the minimum 10 percent green area. The second paragraph says that when a buffer area located in the residential district is sold or subdivided from the abutting commercial district, a plan for establishment of the buffer within

the commercial district shall be submitted and approved.

The proposed revision also restricts parking within 10 feet of a front property line and within 5 feet of a side or rear property line. An earlier proposal called for no parking with the 15-foot front setback area. The later proposal allows for additional setback area to be required as necessary by the planning board.

According to the proposal, off-street parking for many commercial uses will be based on the gross floor area of the building rather than the public floor area.

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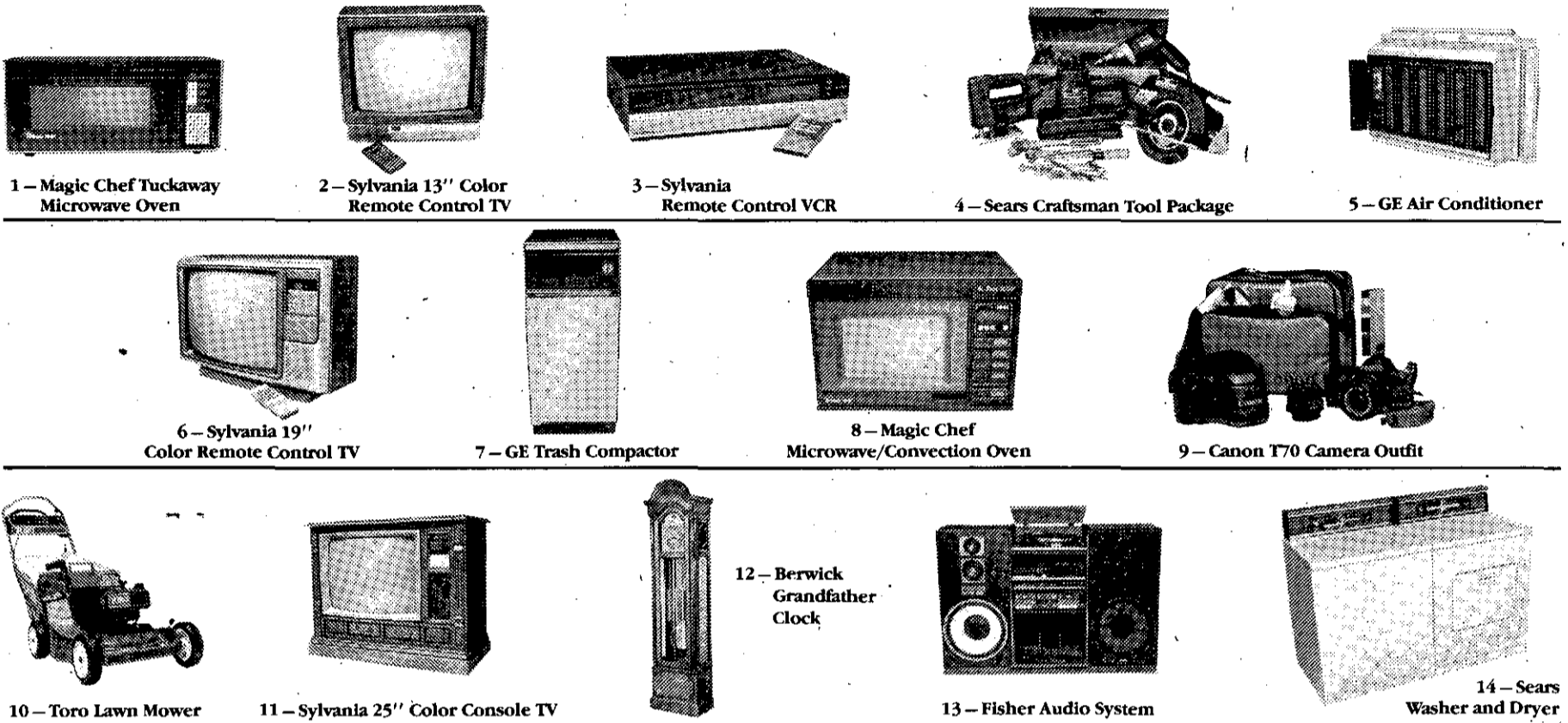
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Cleaning up 4 Corners

By Lorraine C. Smith

It's clean up time at the Four Corners this Sunday — early this Sunday — thanks to a hometown dialogue and the initiative of the Leonardos.

Volunteers will assemble at 5:45 a.m. Sunday for two hours of "sweeping to music" as project "supervisor" Dick Leonardo's trucks supply the music. Leonardo requests that all workers bring gloves. Goal: eliminate dirt, cinders and weeds in the Four Corners area from the Old Town Hall at Adams St. to the St. Thomas parking lot on Delaware Ave. and from Peter Harris to Adams Place on Kenwood Ave.

Reacting to the unanimous "Let's look better" message evident from the series of Four Corners articles published by *The Spotlight* last fall, Gail Leonardo Sundling of the Delmar Bootery accepted an opportunity provided by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to coordinate the project.

"The Four Corners intersection has always been a bone of contention of my brother's," Sundling said. "So when (Chamber of Commerce Executive Director) Marty Cornelius asked me to serve on a program committee, that and the articles, that's how the whole thing started." The chamber recently reorganized several member committees in order to foster more active roles in the community by local businesses.

Although the intersection is cleaned once a year by the town highway department, the area is not part of the town's regular cleaning schedule because three-fourths of the roads are state-owned and maintained. And even though Dick Leonardo, who owns D&L Movers, was prepared to carry out the entire project with his employees, supplies, and his moving trucks lined with canvas and cardboard boxes to collect the dirt, the town is offering its resources for the project.

The town highway department

will be providing a one-ton truck and brooms and shovels for all workers.

Police Chief Paul Currie will be providing traffic control. His department will enforce no parking for the project with the use of traffic cones as well as personal contact with the owners of cars occasionally parked there through the night. A police officer will also be assigned to direct traffic for the early-morning project.

Anyone interested in taking part is invited to report for duty at the Delmar Bootery at 5:45 a.m. This year's project is, Leonardo hopes, the first of an annual event, a town-business-citizen effort "to create more pride in our town."

It will be "Great grunt work, but next year should be easy," says Leonardo.

In case of prohibitive weather conditions, the work effort will be held the following Sunday, May 25.

BC vote a mandate?

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best in a contest for the seat retained by Marjory O'Brien, called the turnout "astonishingly low."

Nonetheless, considering the voter registration in earlier years, last week's turnout still was sizable. The record reveals a scant 1,656 voters came out in 1983, 2,154 in 1982, 2,948 in 1981 and 2,834 the previous year. Estimates of the number of persons in the school district (which includes a portion of the Town of New Scotland) who are eligible to vote range around 17,000.

Last Wednesday the vote totals on the budget were 1,851 for and 1,567 opposed (meaning that 344 persons who entered the polls didn't vote on the budget at all).

On the bus purchase proposition, 1,123 were in favor and 1,171 opposed.

Bernard Harvith, a member of the board for 14 years, held onto his seat with 49 percent of the vote in a three-way contest. The totals were 1,769 for Harvith, 1,319 for Sherwood Davies, a BUT candi-

date, and 494 for Timothy Fitzgerald, who also ran in 1985.

The contest between BUT's Boynton and incumbent Marjory O'Brien drew the most voters — 3,609 — with O'Brien garnering 1,967 votes and Boynton, 1,642.

Boynton said BUT is expected to meet next week to weigh its future, which was laid on the line in the advertisement in *The Spotlight* a week before the vote. The page 2 BUT ad proclaimed BUT itself one of the issues in the election and asked "if Sherwood Davies and Nat Boynton are defeated in the May 7 election, shall we fold our tents and quietly slip away...?"

Now BUT leaders apparently have to answer that question. They can be expected to mull over whether the 1,642 votes given Boynton, its top vote-getter, are a power base on which to build, or whether the rejection by the electorate of its stance on the budget and its candidates is a signal to slip away.

Also the during the balloting Wednesday, the Bethlehem Public Library's proposed \$1.3 million

budget was approved, 2,392 to 883, and Florence Harris of Slingerlands, unopposed for a seat on the five-member library board of trustees, received 2,436 votes.

New DAR officers

Officers to be installed at the May 16 meeting of the Tawasentha Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are Mrs. James F. Van Ness, regent; Mrs. Milton Turner, first vice regent; Mrs. Robert J. Flores, chaplain; Mrs. Everett S. Willoughby, recording secretary; Mrs. Samuel R. Madison, registrar; Dr. Ann Herrick, corresponding secretary; E. Helen Gardner, treasurer; Mrs. William D. Bennett, historian, and Mrs. Joseph F. Riley, librarian. To be installed as directors are Mrs. Franklyn B. Amos, Madeline Sheila Galvin, Mrs. Arthur W. Jewell, Mrs. H. Carleton Kelley, Mrs. Murray O. Klingaman, Mrs. Max J. Schnurr and Mrs. Everett S. Willoughby.

The May 16 annual meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Grievance Day Tuesday

With tentative assessment roles for the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland completed, grievance day will be held at each town hall on Tuesday, May 20.

Roles can be examined at each town hall until May 20, and in Bethlehem they will also be available 8:30 a.m. to noon this Saturday. Hearings for Bethlehem will be 9 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. Hearings for New Scotland will be 9 a.m. to noon, and 6 to 9 p.m.

Property owners having a grievance with their tentative assessment can file a petition with the town, said Bethlehem Assessor John Thompson. The petition should explain why there is an inequity in the assessment as compared to other properties in the town.

The petitions can be brought in or mailed to the assessor's office on or before May 20 when they are reviewed by the assessment review board. Thompson said petitioners need not be present to be reviewed by the board.

New Scotland Assessor William Baily said on the overall average, assessments increase 1.5 percent each year in the town. He said a final figure for 1986-87 will be available after the hearing.

Because properties are assessed at a fraction of their full, or market value, property owners wishing to determine what value the assessor has arrived at must use the state-set equalization rate. The current rate for Bethlehem is 12.73 percent, and for New Scotland 7.67 percent. To determine full value, divide the assessed value of the property by the equalization rate.



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the community. With an elementary school nearby, parents and residents are saying they don't want to take the chance of having the kind of incidents they read about in other communities with psychiatric facilities. The Bethlehem Planning Board is expected to discuss the lengthy and emotional public hearing on the Glenmont hospital proposal at its May 20 meeting.

Curtis agreed to discuss how Benjamin Rush, a 107-bed private psychiatric hospital, operates with the understanding that she is not familiar with the Glenmont controversy. But, she noted, similar concerns in Syracuse have long since vanished.

"People tend to feel very uncomfortable with the unknown," she said. There is also a problem of identifying with patients that makes some people uncomfortable

about having mental patients in the community — "Gee, I wonder if that could happen to me," Curtis explained.

Benjamin Rush was established in 1929 as Twin Oaks private psychiatric hospital, and moved to its present location in 1976. It draws patients through self-referrals, physicians on staff, referrals, physicians on staff, general hospitals, emergency rooms, and referrals from throughout the state and outside of state. It offers special programs for eating disorders.

"Usually something very acute has happened to the patient," Curtis said. "They can't continue their activities of daily living or they are so out of touch with reality that they are a danger to themselves, as in a case of psychosis."

Public hospitals tend to treat more of the chronically impaired and those patients that are indigent, Curtis said. "We can accept Medicaid patients but there are age restrictions" — only patients younger than 21 years or older than 65 years can qualify.

As a private hospital, Benjamin Rush does not accept the truly indigent. Curtis said if patient is in

need of care, the hospital does not just turn individual away but finds alternative services in the community.

Despite these differences in patient population, Benjamin Rush has one major similarity with public psychiatric facilities. "We're all under the mental hygiene law that governs the treatment of psychiatric patients in the state," said Curtis.

The law spells out how hospitals can admit patients as either voluntary or involuntary. In each case, the physician looks at the mental status of the patient to determine what kind of pathology is involved. The individual may be admitted as involuntary for 72 hours of assessment and evaluation if he or she is a danger to himself or others. If the psychiatrist feels the patient is committable, a court order may be obtained to keep the patient for up to 60 days.

A patient admitted under voluntary status can write a letter requesting discharge at any time. The medical director has 72 hours to decide whether to discharge the patient or go to court for a change of status. The Mental Hygiene Legal Service works to be sure the patient's rights are served. The

hospital may therapeutically try to get the patient to retract his request for discharge. The judge reviews a clinical summary completed by the psychiatrist and decides whether the patient should be discharged or kept for 60 days. At the end of 60 days, the hospital can reapply if the patient is still considered dangerous.

Curtis estimated that no more than 25 percent of the patients at Benjamin Rush are admitted as involuntary.

What the public sees more often are voluntary patients who do not wish to stay. "There are cases, say, where the patient is not committable and refuses to sign in as a voluntary admission," said Curtis. Then the hospital has to treat the patient on an outpatient basis, she said.

What happens when voluntary patients who are not dangerous but need further treatment request discharge? "It's a free country," said Curtis. "There are those cases when once they are out of the hospital they don't want to have any more interaction or follow-up treatment."

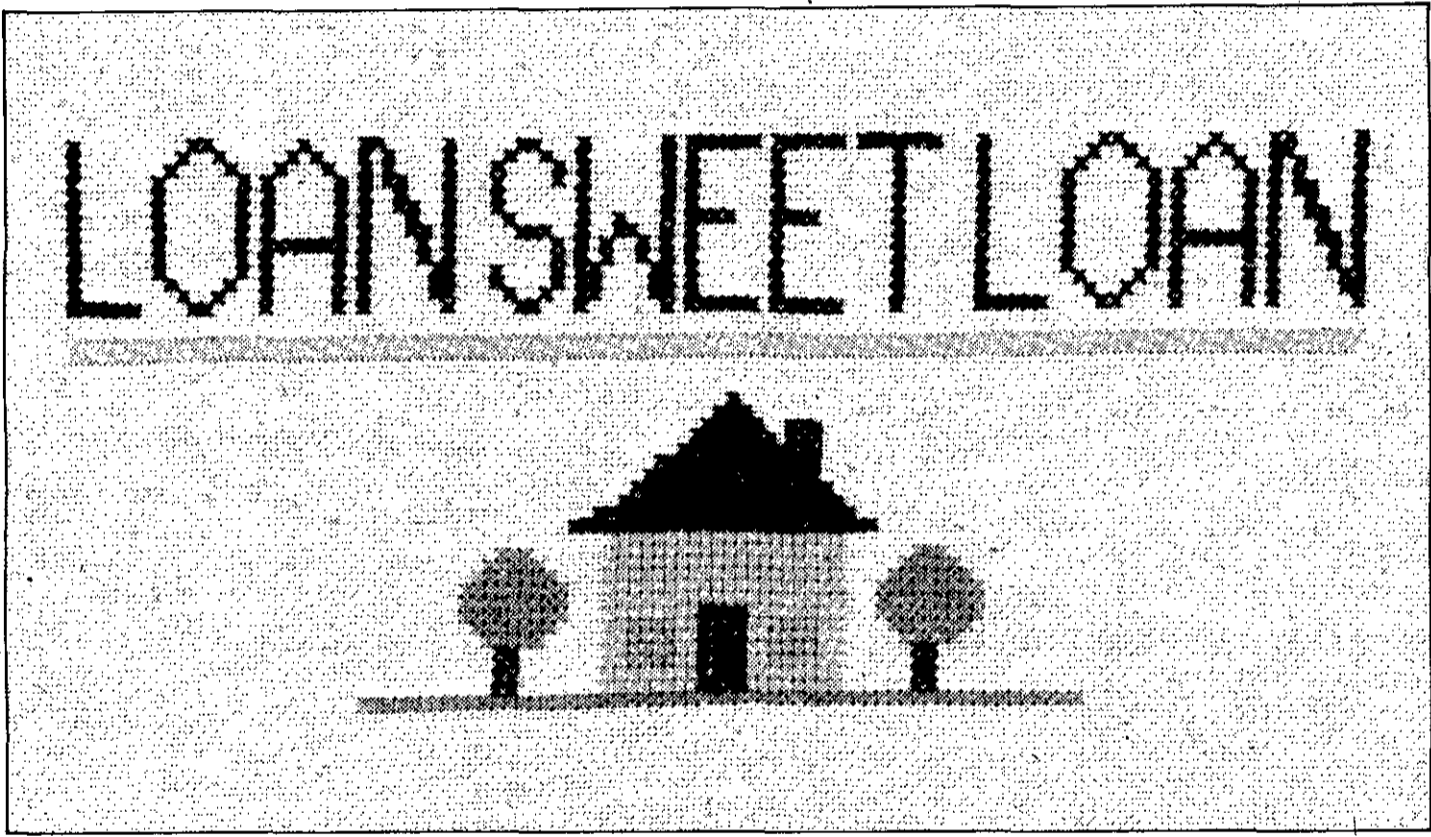
Keeping voluntary patients in the appropriate setting is primarily a question of setting an individual treatment plan and following through, Curtis said. Once the

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patient is admitted, a psychiatrist does an evaluation of his mental status, determines his needs and comes up with multi-disciplinary treatment program. No time frame is established and the treatment program is updated frequently.

The average length of stay at Benjamin Rush is 28 to 30 days — shorter or longer depending on unit.

Part of the treatment program for each patient involves contact with others, either in or out of the hospital setting, Curtis said. The hospital has an activities program and often allows the patient to go out into community with staff members or with family members for a few hours.

The patients are allowed to come and go within the restrictions of the physician's written orders. And in each case, the charge nurse on the patient's unit has the final say. Without a slip signed by the charge nurse, who has constant day-to-day contact with the patient, no patient can leave the building. "That's a stopgap measure for us," said Curtis. The idea is not to keep people locked up any more than is necessary, because the hospital wants patients to have the experience of being in community and reacting to it, she said.

At the time of release, the patient may see a psychiatrist in a

private office setting or be referred to an outpatient program. "We had received a lot of inquiries for outpatient care," Curtis said, and Benjamin Rush is planning to open a separate outpatient facility this summer.

What about the patient who does not need hospitalization but needs more support than once-a-week visits to a psychiatrist? "It depends on what the community has to offer, not just what BR has to offer," said Curtis. "We're really fortunate that we have a lot of different programs available."

Benjamin Rush has an active community education program. "People tend to be afraid of what they don't know about," said Curtis. "There are many, many unfounded fears."

Over the years, the community around the hospital has changed considerably. A public housing project several blocks away is boarded up for repairs. There are many vacant commercial buildings in the area, with some signs of revival. An old school building across the street is being rehabilitated for offices, and a block away the city recently took control of a building that houses a porno theater.

Directly across the street is the Salvation Army Golden Age Center, where senior citizens go for meals and recreation. Inge Rossler, director of the center,

said she has never had any trouble, or any incidents involving patients from the hospital. The Golden Age Center frequently has Benjamin Rush patients as guests for holiday meals, as well as guests from the state-run Hutchings Psychiatric Center downtown.

"I have no problems with them," she said. "It's just not an issue. "It just isn't what people used to think it was."

Baked ham dinner

A baked ham dinner will be served at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow, on Saturday, May 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children.

Strawberries supper

The Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush will hold their strawberry supper on May 24, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

For reservations call 439-2046.

Correction

Two Slingerlands youths have been discharged from Albany Medical Center Hospital after being admitted April 26 for treatment for drug overdoses. Due to a reporting error, the two were listed in the April 30 *Spotlight* as being released the same day.

Firehouse vote delayed

It's back to the drawing board for the commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District to see what has to be repaired at their rented fire house on Schoolhouse Rd. before they put a bond vote in front of their residents.

Following another split vote Friday, the board of fire commissioners decided to consult with their architect, James Smith of Ballston Spa, to have him come up with figures on "what has to be repaired" at the old firehouse as well as "what should be done," according to Chairman Philip Schweppenhauser.

A tentative ballot for the

bonding had a choice of purchasing and repairing the old firehouse for about \$260,000 or building a new firehouse for about \$550,000. However, the board's attorney advised them at the Friday meeting that it is illegal to have two propositions on the same ballot, and the board voted 3-2 against placing a scaled down version the new building on the ballot, Schweppenhauser said.

The fire commissioners were looking at a June 24 vote, but that may have to be postponed, Schweppenhauser said. The board has not set another meeting on the issue.

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Water search is funded

By Patricia Mitchell

Water was the main topic last week as the New Scotland Town Board approved funds for an intern to gather information on ground water and referred to the water committee a request for aerial photography and mapping of the new Clarksville water district.

The town board decided unanimously to allocate \$5,000 to the water committee for hiring a student, preferably a graduate student with a background in geology and from the town, who would compile information for an assessment of the water supply for possible future development.

"I think it is a good use of your funds. We want to come to you at the end of the summer and say, here it is," said Robert Cooke, head of the town's water committee.

The student would work under supervision of the water committee, said Kevin Phelan, a hydrologist with Dunn Geoscience in Latham. The student would compile reports, make maps, make contacts in various companies and

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committees, find unpublished studies, and do some field work.

The water committee has been looking at the water situation town-wide to determine needs and steps that can be taken to meet the needs. Cooke said the committee is confident they can find a supply, especially with the help from a student, but he realizes the board is not ready at this point for extensive water development. Instead, the town needs to take the next step, and determine what is going to be found and where it is going to be found.

This is the first time the water committee has received funds from the town board.

"I think it is a good idea. I think for the money it is a great type of service," said Town Supervisor Steve Wallace.

About \$2,000 will go towards supporting the student, and the rest will go towards supplies and possibly renting field equipment.

In a related matter, the board referred a request from Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group to hire a consult to map the new Clarksville water district. In an April 11 letter, Ronald Laberge recommended hiring Lockwood Support Services, Inc., to aerial photograph and map the district.

It would cost \$1,100 for the aerial photography, providing a photo index, and making stereo contact prints from two different angles for a three dimensional effect on the map. From these, the company would prepare a topographic strip map of the immediate area at a scale of 40 feet to one inch for \$2,350 for each line mile. A planimetric strip map of the immediate flat area at the same scale for \$1,500 for each line mile would also be made.

Laberge Engineering had earlier recommended the use of the Weisenburn Farm off Rt. 32, about two miles south of Clarksville, for the water supply.

The Town of New Scotland received \$1,316,500 in late March from the Farmer's Home Administration for a central water district in Clarksville, with a \$400,000 grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for a transmission line from the water site to the hamlet.

Wallace said the request may be to map the area from the farm to

Clarksville. Cooke told the board the state Department of Transportation may have similar maps, and on a recommendation from him, the board decided to have the water committee investigate the request.

The town also decided to join the New York State Rural Water Assn. for \$41.40. The association, Wallace said, will lend their expertise and help if the town has problems even to the extent of bringing in technical equipment.

In other business, the board decided to place several no dumping and watch for children signs along Rock Hill Rd. at the request of Rock Hill Rd. residents, eight of whom were at the meeting. The board will also check into the possibility of fining people caught dumping at the cliff where Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten dumps clean fill to help widen the road.

The residents said there are paint cans, bags of trash, mattresses and dead animal bodies at the site, and because the road is so bumpy a lot of trash falls off trucks on their way to the town's landfill.

The residents brought photographs of the area and petitions to repair the road that one resident described as a "goat trail."

Van Zetten started dumping clean fill there when it was thought the road would crumble under the weight of school buses

when they came down the hill. He said he has plans to widen the road in the future after it is graded and place guardrails, and this year he is scheduled to pave the bottom of the hill. For now, he said he will bulldoze the trash over the hill.

The town board also:

- Set June 4 as the date for opening bids for the construction of a basketball court at the Feura Bush park. Wallace said he wanted to quicken the process and go out to bid now. The area has been lined and fertilized, and was to be seeded at the end of the week. Wallace told Clarksville residents they should definitely be in the park this year.

- Also set June 4 as the date for opening of bids to repair a tennis court at the town park, a gravel fill, a 45-foot-by-100-foot pole barn for the high-way department, a new dump truck with a plow and wing, and a new sander.

- Appointed Andrew Barthylanger, a Republican, to the Assessment Review Board after the three-year term of John McKenzie, a Democrat, expired in March. The seat pays \$150 a year.

The next meeting of the New Scotland Town Board is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday June 4 in the town hall.

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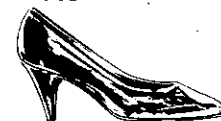
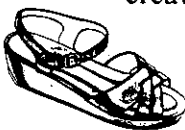
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Budgets approved in light vote

By Patricia Mitchell

With no threat on the horizon, a sprinkling of Voorheesville district voters passed a \$6.653 million school district budget and a \$129,675 library budget.

Voters also returned school board member David Teuten to his second term and library board member Jane Ramsey to her seat in the April 30 ballot.

Administrators are making different interpretations as to the low voter turnout of 305. Last year, 557 voters turned out for the ballot.

"Frankly, I am a little displeased that more people didn't turn out," said Jane Salvatore, library director. "It is almost like a national election."

District Superintendent Werner Berglas, however, believes voters didn't turn out in higher numbers because they are satisfied with the budget and the program.

"I think it is proven to be true in schools. A turn out vote of 300 is about average, maybe a little bit below," Berglas said.

Voorheesville Central School District's budget of \$6,652,613

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passed with 179 votes for and 126 no. Teuten won reelection to his second term with 229 votes and no write-ins. Teuten was the only candidate for the five-year seat.

This year's budget is \$404,266 over last year's. Even with the increase of 6.47 percent, tax rates are expected to increase only slightly. In the Town of New Scotland, the tax rate is estimated at \$265.89 per \$1,000, an increase of 2.5 percent.

The lower-than-expected increase in the tax rate is attributed to state aid figures that were not available when the budget was being worked on. State aid is expected to come in at \$2,954,052, operating aid at \$200,000, and Excellence in Teaching aid at \$49,232.

Major budget changes include employee salary increases, liability insurance increases, tuition increases for handicapped students at BOCES, and increasing costs for private transportation contracts.

The budget also includes new positions for a social worker, a foreign language instructor, a part-time foreign language department chair, and a part-time computer education coordinator.

Salvatore said she was pleased that the library budget passed comfortably with 191 for and 113 against. Ramsey was returned to her seat on the library board with 247 votes and no write-ins. Ramsey was the only candidate for the five-year seat.

The \$129,675 budget will raise \$111,575 from taxes, an increase of eight percent. Other library revenue will come from a \$3,000 cash grant from the Upper Hudson Library Federation, and a \$2,300 library incentive grant.

Eavesdrop charge

A Latham private investigator was arrested last Wednesday on a charge of eavesdropping, a class E felony, according to Bethlehem police reports. Authorities said Donald H. Packard, 52, of Latham was indicted May 6 by an Albany County grand jury after police found a recording device hidden in the attic of a Delmar home and found an eavesdropping device attached to a telephone in the house. Packard was arraigned before Judge Joseph Harris and was released on \$2,500 bail, the report said.

Realtors to collect for Muscular Dystrophy

"A Day in May" will be the theme on Saturday, May 17, when realtors will be going door-to-door to collect funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn.

Realtors will be out from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to collect donations.

John J. Healy Realtors is sponsoring the fund-raising event to help the association in its battle against neuromuscular diseases.

Sewer bonds to be sold

Taking advantage of low interest rates, the Village of Voorheesville has approved a \$425,000 bond on the Salem Hills sewer system.

Known as Sewer District No. 1, the bonding was approved in February, 1985, after the village purchased the system from Rosen-Michaels, Inc. The board of trustees have waited until now to "get the best deal for the village" with the lower interest rates.

At their special meeting on Saturday, May 3, the trustees said they hoped for a rate under seven

Cyclist hurt

A Delmar teenager was taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany last Monday afternoon after his bicycle struck a parked car. According to Bethlehem police reports, Joseph E. Gertzberg, 14, of Delmar swerved to avoid a car that had turned into his path as he was cycling along Delaware Ave. near St. Thomas Church and veered into the parking lot of the church, striking the parked car.

The Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad took the youth to the hospital, where he was treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Help with computers

Voorheesville and the State Conference of Mayors are set to interface on a new computer system for the village.

According to Mayor Edward Clark, the conference agreed in a May 1 letter to work with the village under its municipal automation project.

Clark has said he would like to put the village's business on computer to facilitate its book-keeping.

The state conference will send in an advisor in the near future to advise on what kind of system is best for the village and how to best to use it.

percent for the 20-year life of the bond.

"We have been advised that now is the time," said Mayor Edward Clark. "People believe the rates are going to go up."

The sewer system will now have to operate on a more frugal level with payments and interest rates on the bond seen in the future. If not, user rates could go up for the 280-plus home owners in the district.

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Concerned eye pitfalls of mining

A group of concerned citizens from the Voorheesville-New Scotland area are sponsoring a meeting on Sunday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Hall to alert area residents to the problems and pitfalls of the proposed pit mining operation under consideration on the land formerly owned by Tall Timbers Country Club. The meeting is designed to educate the area citizens about the Larned and Sons Company's application to begin the pit mining of gravel on the Hilton Rd. site.

In petitions now being circulated, the citizens group cites such negative effects as noise and air pollution, increased truck traffic and possible environmental damage to the aquifer. The group is also concerned with the precedent which may be set by the Town in granting such a permit.

Through this meeting and the petitions the group hopes to increase the awareness of the public before the scheduled May 27 hearing on the subject to be held at the New Scotland Town Hall.

Swim club registration

All swimmers aged 6 through 18

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



are invited to join the Voorheesville Swim Club, which will hold registration on Monday, May 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school. After a short parents' meeting interested students will meet with team coaches. No experience in competitive swimming is necessary but members must have a knowledge of swimming. A \$50 registration fee is payable the evening of registration at which time additional information on the group will be distributed. Those having questions should contact Carol Rose at 765-2506 or Dottie Houle at 765-2559.

Spring concert

Music will again fill the air as the junior and senior high school bands present their annual spring concert at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School this Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Selections include "New York,

New York" and the theme from "Dallas" presented by the senior high stage band and music from "Chorus Line" and "The Colossus of Columbus" march presented by the concert band. Both groups are under the direction of Frank McDermott.

Margaret Lanci, filling in for Lydia Tobler, will direct the junior high band in "They Went That-away," a medley of western themes, and "Classics on the March".

The concert is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, May 22, both the stage and concert band from the high school will give a concert for the state legislature in West Capital Park from noon until 1 p.m. The pops concert is by invitation of Assemblyman Richard Conners.

Tickets still available

With only a few days until the Buckley Fund dance plans are in full swing. According to chairpersons Karen Leach and Bruce Martelle last minute ticket buyers are welcome to contact community

ticket person Jenny Cillis to make their reservations for the dinner-dance to be held this Saturday, May 17, at LaSalette. Cost of the tickets is \$25 per couple or \$15 per person and includes dinner, dancing to the music of Changes and beer and soda set-ups during the evening. Those who wish may bring their own alcoholic beverages.

A change in time has also been made and should be noted by those attending. The dinner originally scheduled to be served after 8 p.m. will now take place at 7:30 p.m. to allow for more time after dinner for dancing. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used to construct a fitness room at the high school which will be used by students during the day, and open to the community in the evenings.

CROP walkers

Both the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Catholic Church will be taking part in the CROP walk on Sunday, May 18, in Downtown Albany. The 10 kilometer walk to help fight hunger depends on people to sponsor walkers, with 75 percent

of the money collected going to help the hungry of the world and 25 percent staying in the Albany area to help those in need. Anyone wishing to help sponsor a walker may contact Peg O'Connor at 765-4959 for St. Matthew's or Judy Ramsey at 765-4225 for the Methodist Church.

Cheese Day Thursday

St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville will be the site of a cheese distribution day on Thursday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those receiving food stamps, HEAP, WICS, Social Security, SSI, disability, medicare or unemployment are invited to come. Butter and other staples will also be distributed while they last.

The Human Concerns committee will also be taking part in the annual supermarket drive sponsored by the Albany County Emergency Task Force the weekend of May 30 and 31. Volunteers are needed to man area supermarkets collecting canned and boxed goods from shoppers. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mary Munyan at 765-4864, Pete Luczak at 765-2015 or may leave a message at 765-2373. One-hour shifts will be manned on Friday, May 30, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PTSA officers

The Voorheesville PTSA announced nominations for the 1986-87 officers last week at its monthly meeting. According to nominating chairperson May Van Ryan, this year two people were nominated to serve as co-officers in each position to give back-up to the office and to avoid the burden of many projects falling on one person. Those nominated are Co-President Aileen and Ed Lukomski; First Vice Presidents Jeanne Knouse and Due Panthen; Second Vice Presidents Edie Zeh and Joanne St. Denis; Recording Secretaries Pam Seh and Chris Burns; Corresponding Secretaries Andrea Hampston and Tom Vecchio and Treasurer Michelle Krajewski. Elections will take place at the June 2 meeting at which time nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The PTSA also announces its last call for the bus trip to Boston on Saturday, May 31. Those interested in reserving a seat at \$15 per person may contact Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748 or Lyn DiDomenico at 765-2428 by the May 20 deadline. All are welcome.

Kiwanis needs sale items

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annual tag sale for Saturday, June 7, at the Voorheesville Elementary School, and the group is beginning to collect items for the event. Anyone who has new or used items to donate is asked to call chairman Jay LaBelle at 765-3679 to arrange for pickup.

The sale proceeds will go to the youth program, which sponsors Grasshopper baseball and softball, a summer band, pee-wee wrestling and the annual Halloween party.

Parish group honors Burns

Voorheesville resident Mike Burns was recently honored by the Men's Association at St. Matthew's Church, which awarded him the James McDonough Award for outstanding service to the parish. The award, presented at the group's annual communion breakfast is named for James McDonough, an active member of the parish. It was given to Burns for his efforts in spearheading the many activities of the Men's Association. One of the leading forces in organizing the group, the father of three has been instrumental in many social and service endeavors in the parish, including the youth sports programs.

Youth group dance

St. Matthew's Youth Group will be holding a dance on Friday, May 16, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the old church on Pleasant St. A disk jockey will be on hand to play records and pass out prizes including a free trip to Riverside Amusement Park on June 8. All area teens are welcome to attend.

Also, the youth group will be sponsoring a trip to Riverside on Sunday, June 8. The cost of \$10 includes transportation and admission. The bus is scheduled to leave St. Matthew's at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 9:30 p.m. Contact either Bob Harmes at 765-4656 or Eileen Rinalli at 765-2251.

Soccer Club raffle

This year the New Scotland Soccer Club is sponsoring a fundraiser to help establish a treasury to be used for equipment, insurance and maintenance of the field. The raffle features a \$25 gift Certificate to Anaconda Kaye Sports, as well as 14 other prizes. Tickets are \$1 each and may be obtained from any member of the soccer team. Drawing will be held on June 12.

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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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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 breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

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.

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

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

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.

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WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

Bethlehem Senior Van, dinner at Red's Seafood House, pickups, 4:30 p.m., 439-5770.

Lecture, American composer Ezra Laderman, will discuss his new composition, "Pentimento," which will be given its world premiere by Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Resume Writing Workshop, two-day class conducted by Judy Fruiterman, M.S., Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Mother Goose Storyhour, for toddlers, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Albany Area Retired Teachers, "show and tell" members will display their hobbies, Bethlehem Public Library, 12:30 p.m. Information, 458-1377 or 459-4935.

Bloodmobile, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mother's Time Out with Mrs. Kallup, kindergarten teacher at Slingerlands Elementary School, on games for creative learning, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Readings for the Visually Impaired," 4-7 p.m., "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

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 meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem.

Homes For The Aging Week, celebration of 20's and 30's with WABY's Edwardson, dress for era, Ge Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Pk. 2 p.m. Reservations, 439-8116.

Delmar Progress Club, Phyllis Rosblum, garden editor for *Knickerbocker News*, will provide tips for successful planning of a perennial garden. Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. plant exchange, 9:30 a.m.

Silver Bullets Square Dance C mainstream class, 7 p.m.; workshop, p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR, potluck supper and officers to be installed. First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

Senior Citizens, representative from Albany County Office for the Aging will be at Bethlehem Town Hall to discuss and CDTA picture pass. Room 110, Bethlehem Town Hall, p.m.

Spring Band Concert, free, open to public, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "First Church of Albany," 6:30 p.m.; "Cooking with Herbs," 7 p.m.; "Kwon Do: Martial Arts the Korean Way," part 10 Self Defense for Women, 7 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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

American Legion Luncheons, members, guests and applicants 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.

THURSDAY 15 MAY

Mother Goose Storyhour, for toddlers, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Book Discussion, *July's People*, by Nadine Gordimer, reviewed by Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Microwave Cooking Class, Christine Kaczinski will lead class, William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 6:30-9 p.m. \$3 registration, 765-3550.

Albany County Audubon Society, meeting to hold election of officers and directors, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 8 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Bethlehem Historical Assn., archeology program presented by Floyd Brewer, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY 16 MAY

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Spring Carnival, activities include moon walk, cake walk, pony rides and bake sale. Slingerlands Elementary School, 4-8 p.m.

Locust Knoll Artisans Spring Show and Sale, of primitive and early American craft items, Rt. 85A at Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m. p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

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

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

"The Phantom of the Opera," new adaptation of Gaston Leroux's classic Gothic horror tale, Capital Repertory Company, The Market Theatre, Albany, through May 18. Tickets, 462-4534.

"Deathtrap," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, through May 18 Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets, 462-1297.

"Bus Stop," William Inge's play presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, May 14-18. Tickets, 382-2081.

New Play Festival, staged readings, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, Albany, through May 25. Information, 462-4531.

"Something's Afoot," musical spoof of whodunit genre, Cohoes Music Hall, May 16 and 17, 8 p.m.; May 18, 7 p.m.; May 19 through June 7 (Thurs.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m.). Tickets, 235-7969.

Woodstock's Celebration of Arts, Woodstock Playhouse, May 17-18. Reservations, 1-914-679-6000.

"Gold: A Fable," sponsored by College of Saint Rose and NYS Freeze Movement, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, May 15-16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 454-5171.

"I Do, I Do," musical tribute to marriage, Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, May 15 through May 25 (Wed.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m.). Reservations, 392-9292.

"Halfway There," play about teenage drug addiction, Woodstock Playhouse, Thurs.-Fri., 8 p.m. Tickets, 1-914-679-6000.

MUSIC

Noon concert, Neil Keen and Mary Bon present organ music through the centuries, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, May 16.

Woods Tea Company Trio, performing Irish, American and original songs, May 16; Mark Bagdon and Glenn Weiser, present Irish duets on guitar, fiddle and harmonica, May 17; Grey Larsen and Triona Ni Dhomenaill-Parente, present Irish, Norwegian and Eastern European songs, Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willett St., Albany. Reservations, 434-1703.

Empire State Junior Orchestra, with Julius Hegyi, guest conductor, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, May 18, 3 p.m. Tickets at door.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Julius Hegyi, concert featuring world premiere of Ezra Laderman's "Pentimento," Troy Music Hall, May 17, 8 p.m.; Palace Theatre, Albany, May 18, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663 or 465-4755.

Michael Jerling, presenting mix of folk, ragtime, jazz and rock, May 16-17, 8:30 p.m.; Harvey Reid, presenting folk, bluegrass, Celtic, Appalachian, gospel and baroque, May 18, 7:30 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Reservations, 583-0022.

Mendelssohn Club, in concert with Mountain Laurel Chapter Sweet Adelines, Chancellors Hall, State Education Building, Washington Ave., Albany, May 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 482-2142.

Guadagnini Trio, with pianist Wu Han, presenting music of Beethoven and Brahms, Union College Memorial Chapel, May 20, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-7890 or 372-3651.

ART

"Bitter Hope: From Holocaust to Haven," photographic exhibit, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, permanent exhibit.

"The Capitol in Albany: Photographs by William Clift, Stephen Shore, Judith Turner and Dan Weaks," Capitol Building, Albany, through May.

"A Present from Pontypool," exhibit of floral painting, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through September.

"Maine-ly Tin," exhibit of country-painted tinware, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through June.

"Grace Woodworth (1872-1967): Photographer Outside the Common Lines," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through May 18.

"PaperWaterColor," exhibit of works by Carol Luce, Monica Miller, Jeffrey Studenroth and Jim Zunk, Studio One Gallery, Harmanus Bleeker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, through May 31.

"Visual Poems," exhibit of collages, watercolors and sculpture by Sabra Segal, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, 398 Main St., through June 14.

Graduate student art showcase, College of Saint Rosa, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, through May 17.

"Medevac: Saving Lives in the Midst of Combat," New York State Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

"The Victims," exhibit by Lucille Friedland, depicting young victims of drugs and violence, through May 23.

"Partial Disclosure," exhibit of sculpture, photographs, drawings and paintings by Gay Malin, Katharine Kreisher and Corinna Rippes, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, through June 6.

"Taking Liberty," photos of Statue of Liberty, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Aug. 17.

"Daniel Chester French and Chesterwood," exhibit of works by sculptor of "Minute Man" and "Abraham Lincoln," off Rt. 183, Stockbridge, Mass., through Oct. 31.

"Dutch Arts and Culture in Colonial America," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Aug. 24.

"The Iroquois Doll," exhibit at Schoharie Museum of the Iroquois Indian, through Oct. 31. Information, 295-8553.

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Bethlehem Garden Club annual plant sale with funds used for town beautification, Paper Mill, Delaware Plaza, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-1386.

Tri-Village Squares' dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-7516.

"A Day in May" door-to-door fund raiser for Muscular Dystrophy Assn. by realtors from John J. Healy Realtors, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 489-5495.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 11 a.m.; "Real George's Backroom," 7:30 p.m.; "The Music of John Senior (Harp)," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

SATURDAY 17 MAY

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

Spring Dinner, Clarksville Community Church, Delaware Tpk., \$6.50 and \$3.50 admission, 4 p.m. Information, 768-2164 or 768-2324.

Locust Knoll Artisans Spring Show and Sale, of primitive and early American craft items, Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Children's Film, Walt Disney's *Mary Poppins*, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Family Nature Program, "Sharing Spring with Your Children," outdoor family nature exploration, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 10 a.m. \$1 registration, 457-6092.

Wetlands Nature Program, "Wildlife of the Wetlands," in-depth study of pond and marsh, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 2 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Tailgate Sale, sponsored by Bethlehem Historical Assn., School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sheep Shearing School, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, New York State Griffin Lab, Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration, 765-3510.

Dinner Dance, to benefit Thomas Buckley Memorial Fund, music by "Changes," LaSalette, Altamont, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. \$25 tickets, 768-2850.

SUNDAY 18 MAY

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

Religious Service, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

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Religious Service, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Locust Knoll Artisans Spring Show and Sale, of primitive and early American craft items, Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Van, van trip, Proctor's Theatre to see Allen Mills Pops Concert \$6 tickets, 3 p.m. Pickups, 439-5770.

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MONDAY 19 MAY

Soil Testing and Flowers for Drying Program, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Board of Commissioners of Selkirk Fire District, meeting, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville Swim Club Registration, Voorheesville High School, \$50 fee, 6-8 p.m. Information, 765-2559.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7 p.m.; "Bethlehem Bijou—Rebecca," 7:30 p.m.; "Cynthia Golderman: A Visionary Poet Speaks—Bits of Elegance," 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

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, 10-11:30 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.

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

TUESDAY 20 MAY

Teddy Bear's Picnic, ages 2-pre-K, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Book Discussion Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Grievance Day, Board of Assessment Review meets, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, program entitled "MS is a Family Affair—Tools for Living in a Family," Bethlehem public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

Delmar Progress Club, spring banquet, Marriott Hotel, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter AARP with Karen Pelletier, town senior Citizen coordinator, on "Available activities for seniors. Information, 439-4637.

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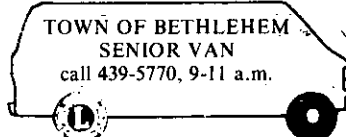
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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR



May 15 Bethlehem senior citizens meeting, with representative from Albany County Office for the Aging taking pictures for discount and CDTA passes, 1-3 p.m.

May 18 Van trip to see Allen Mills pops concert at Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, concert at 3 p.m. \$6 reservations required.

May 21 Blood pressure clinic, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

May 22 Senior citizens organization, meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

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Minna Breuer Group of Albany Hadassah, "The Holocaust and Peace," panel discussion in honor of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8549.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Fishing the Little Hoosick, part 1," 7 p.m.; "Dean Davis's Unusual Small Mammals," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

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

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.

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Readings for the Visually Impaired," 4-7 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

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

Onesquehew 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.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

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

FRIDAY 23 MAY

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 11 a.m.; "Real George's Backroom," 7:30 p.m.; "The Music of John Senior (Harp)," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

SATURDAY 24 MAY

Strawberry Supper and Bake Sale at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-2046.

SUNDAY 25 MAY

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

Religious Service, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Religious Service, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

MONDAY 26 MAY

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Memorial Day Parade organized by the Delmar American Legion, to go west on Kenwood past the cemetery, left on Adams Place, right on Adams Street, and right on Delaware Ave. to town Memorial Park for memorial ceremony, kick off at 11 a.m.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS
Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

Travel and Vacation Fair, sponsored by the state Thruway Information Center Inc., with more than 40 travel exhibits of vacation areas within 200 miles of Capital District, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free; information 1-914-246-8453.

Film, "The Stonecarvers," sponsored by Assembled Stonemason Richard J. Connors and State Commission on Restoration of Capitol, Legislative Office Building, hearing room C, Empire State Plaza, 12:15 p.m. Information, 473-0341.

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, all welcome to join trip to Henry G. Reist Wildlife Sanctuary, Morgan Ave., near intersection of Union St. and Rt. 7, Schenectady, 8 a.m. Information, 377-9600.

Lecture, "Russian Folk Art," presented by Erastus Corning III, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Free, information, 463-4478.

Vanguard Showhouse '86 luncheon and fashion show Bishops Gate, 7 Greyleyde Dr., Loudonville, \$7 lunch and \$5 admission, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations, 465-4755.

Views of the North Country, lecture on "Groceries in the Backyard: Understanding Wild Edibles," Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 7:30 p.m. Free; information 584-2535.

Luncheon, for people with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex, sponsored by AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, AIDS Council Offices, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, noon. Free, reservations, 434-4686.

"Neighborhood Run", Albany Medical Center will sponsor 5-kilometer event to celebrate National Hospital Week, intersection of New Scotland and Holland Ave., 6:15 p.m. \$4 entry fee, 445-3499.

Historic Preservation Open House, as part of Historic Preservation Week, state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will host open house, Peebles Island, Waterford, 2-7 p.m.

THURSDAY 15 MAY

Exhibition orientation, "Remembrance of Patricia: Dutch Arts and Culture in

Colonial America," presented by Roderic H. Blackburn, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free, information, 463-4478.

Vanguard Showhouse '86, luncheon and fashion show, Bishops Gate, 7 Greyleyde Dr., Loudonville, \$7 luncheon and \$5 admission, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations, 463-4478.

Sidewalk Book Sale featuring variety of items, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, rain date May 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Vanguard Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue with guest-speaker composer Ezra Laderman, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information; 449-3380.

Awards Luncheon Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council will honor Senator Velmanette Montgomery and guest speaker Dr. Harriet Alger, Cranberry Bog Restaurant, Wolf Rd., Colonie, noon. Information, 434-5214.

Capital District Association of Rental Property Owners monthly meeting with Michael Alvaro, director of Albany's Code Enforcement Bureau, Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany, \$5 non-member, 7:15 p.m. Information; 438-3920.

Small Business Start-up and Survival Cooperative Extension workshop, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, \$12, 8:30 a.m. Registration, 447-4385.

Career Day at Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, 10 a.m. Information (914)452-9600.

Affordable Homeownership, program about buying house on \$10,000-\$20,000 income, offered by Capitol Hill Improvement Corp, Junior League of Albany building, 419 Madison Ave., Albany, \$5 non-members, 7 p.m. Reservations, 462-9696.

Tricentennial Pageant with Albany Mayor's Thomas Whalen III tracing Albany's 300-year history, Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Lecture, "Women of Palestine: Roses Growing From Within the Flames" with Nijat Ararat Khelil, president of Arab Women's Council, Social Science Building, room 256, State University at Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3858.

Pruning Demonstration with Jeff McCollough, city forester, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Washington Park Boat House, Albany, rain date May 22, 6:30 p.m. Free, preregistration, 765-3510.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group, Teddy Reeder, R.N., Dartmouth Medical Center will speak on "Pump Implant Procedure," St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8728.

FRIDAY 16 MAY

Spring Tune-up hearing and hearing aid screenings for seniors 60 and over, offered by Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc., South Mall Towers, 101 South Pearl St., 12:30 p.m. Free, information, 465-3766.

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY

Resume Writing - Session II, two-day class conducted by Judy Fruiterman, M.S., Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Baseball Memorabilia Program, with Frank Keetz, sponsored by Friends of the Library, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Town Blood Pressure Clinic, final clinic of 1985-86 season, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Bruce and Laurie Hawley, 60 Fernbank Ave., for a Variance from Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, to permit an addition to existing premises, 8:15 p.m.; on application of Gary and Donna Larrivee, 74 Salisbury Rd., for a Variance from Article XII, Side Yard, to permit an addition to existing premises, 8:15 p.m.; on application of Lee and Rozanne Landers, 5 Herber Ave., for a Variance from Article XIII, Rear Yard, to permit a 6 foot fence to existing premises, 8:30 p.m.; on application of Philip Kahn, 210 Winne Rd., for a Variance from Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, to permit an addition to existing premises, 8:45 p.m.; Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.

THURSDAY 22 MAY

Elsmere Fire Company, meets last Thursday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr.; Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Cheese Distribution Day and other commodities at Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Breakfast general membership meeting with Michael F. Connors II, on "The current liability insurance crisis; problems and solutions," Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 7:30 a.m. Reservations, 439-0512.

Mortgages and Buying a Home at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Seminar "Green and growing: A botany seminar" begins and continues on May 29 and May 5, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, \$5, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "The First Church of Albany," 6:30 p.m.; "Cooking with Herbs," 7 p.m.; "Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts the Korean Way—part 10 Self Defense for Women," 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

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

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Registration deadline for conference on changes in liability and rewards of new product development, sponsored by Albany Law School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, \$420, June 4-6. Registration, 445-2311.

Gallery tour to the Glen-Sanders Mansion, Scotia, and George Landis Arboretum, Esperance, sponsored by the Albany Institute of History and Art women's travel committee. Information, 463-4478.

Employment Workshop "Meet the Employers," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 9:30 a.m. Free, reservations, 449-3380, ext. 223.

Apple Blossom Festival Ball to benefit American Cancer Society, St. Lucy's Parish Center, Altamont, \$15 couple, \$8 single, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Reservations, 456-6611.

TGIF Party at Canal Square, Schenectady, 5 p.m. Information, 374-2499.

Grecian Festival featuring Tricentennial luncheon, \$4.95 admission, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; tavern night, \$4 admission, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Tricentennial Grecian festival May 17-18, noon-10 p.m., St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Information, 449-4442.

Historic Albany Foundation, 1986 Preservation Merit Awards will be presented, Maria College, 714 New Scotland Ave., 4:30 p.m. Information, 463-0622.



The Empire Brass Quintet will present "Sounds of an Afternoon in May" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at the Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church. The concert to benefit the Albany Academy for Girls will be followed by a reception at the Ten Broeck Mansion. Call 463-2201 for tickets.

Neighborhood Assn. plant sale, Virginia Malone Memorial Garden, Jay and Dove Sts., Albany. Free; registration, 765-3510.

Albany Business College's 129th Graduation, Chancellor's Hall, State Education Dept. Bldg., 89 Washington Ave., 9:30 a.m.

St. Gregory's Luncheon/Fashion Show, sponsored by St. Gregory's School for Boys Mothers' Assn., Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Loudonville, 11:30 a.m. Information, 482-8986.

Albany Abloom-Open House to view a collection of works relating to Albany which are currently available in reproduction. Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 463-4478.

Sunday Readings Program with Diane Lunde and Diana Reed, co-sponsored by the Hudson Valley Writers Guild and supported by the New York State Council on the Arts, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 474-5976.

"Clues to the past: Heiderberg fossils" field trip led by Dr. Don Fisher, former state paleontologist, state museum, sponsored by New York State Museum Associates. Information, 474-5842.

Moveable Feast to benefit Historic Albany Foundation, cocktails at city hall, dinners by lottery, dessert at the Hampton Hotel, \$50 per patron, \$75 per donor, \$125 per benefactor, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 463-0622.

"Sounds of an Afternoon in May," with the Empire Brass to benefit the Albany Academy for Girls, with a walking tour of Historic Arbor Hill and reception at Ten Broeck Mansion; Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church, Clinton and Ten Broeck sts., Albany. Concert and reception, \$30 per donor, \$50 per sponsor, \$75 per patron; concert, \$20 adults, \$10 students, 3 p.m. Reservations, 463-2201.

Scottish Country Dancing, social dancing to traditional Scottish music, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 377-8792 or 372-9170.

Benefit Runs, Run for Wildwood supports Wildwood School and other programs of Capital District Chapter of NY Assn. for Learning Disabled, "Fun Run," 9 a.m., "Kids Mini Run," 10:20 a.m., "10,000 Meter Run," 10:15 a.m., Wildwood School, Birchwood La., Niskayuna. Information, 783-1644.

SUNDAY 18 MAY

Plant and Seedling Sale to benefit choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, North Main Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 463-8169.

Russell Sage College Commencement with Dr. Helen Caldicott receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, and cartoonist Cathy Guisewite, creator of "Cathy", receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Literature, RPI Houston Field House, Troy, 10:30 a.m. Information, 270-2246.

Siena College Commencement with Sen. Alfonse D'Amato as commencement speaker, Alumni Recreation Center, Siena College, Loudonville, 11:30 a.m. Information, 783-2431.

Exercise for Your Better Health Festival sponsored by the American Red Cross with sponsored pledges and gymnastics instruction, Yury's School of Gymnastics, 49 Railroad Ave., Albany, 1 p.m. Free, pledges, sponsors, 462-7461, ext. 257.

State University at Albany Commencement with Gov. Mario Cuomo as main speaker, University Field, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 442-3094.

SATURDAY 17 MAY

Annual Spring Supper at Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow, \$5.50 and \$2.75 admission, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 765-2255.

Bird Banding Demonstration conducted by Robert Yunick, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, Inc., Vischer Ferry Historic and Nature Center, 7 a.m. Information, 377-9600.

Lake George Cruise on *The Morgan* sponsored by Hudson Valley Chapter of Steamship Historical Society of America, Sagamore Hotel, Bolton Landing, \$7, 1:30 p.m. Information, 377-0296.

Old Songs Country Dance with caller David Kaynor and music by Fennig's All-Star String Band, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, \$4 admission, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

Community Day featuring opening of Grist Mill of Rensselaerville Historical Society and Museum, Rensselaerville, Rt. 85, noon. Information, 797-3425.

Frelhofer's Run for Women, 10-kilometer race starting at Empire State Plaza, 10 a.m., 5-kilometer race, 11:30 p.m.; also wheelchair invitational, brunch at Washington Park Lakehouse 10 a.m.; awards 10 a.m.-2 p.m., fireworks at Crossgates Mall, 9 p.m. Information, 465-4573.

Downtown Albanyfest, with entertainment, merchants' displays, food and crafts, held in conjunction with Frelhofer's Run for Women, North Pearl St., Albany, noon. Information, 434-2032.

Vanguard Showhouse '86 luncheon and fashion show, Bishops Gate, 7 Greylegde Dr., Loudonville, \$7 luncheon plus \$5 admission, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations, 463-4478.

Colonial Craft Days, featuring reopening of Glen-Sanders Mansion, 1 Glen Ave., Scotia, 10 a.m., through May 18.

Rural America Antique Show and Sale, with exhibitors and country cooking, Altamont Fair Grounds, Rt. 146, Altamont, \$1.75, \$1.50 with trade card or ad, 10 a.m., through May 18. Information, 279-9012.

Field Trip sponsored by Nature Conservancy to Lordsland Conservancy, Otsego County, Key Bank, Rts. 20 and 155, 8 a.m. Information, 462-2457.

Lecture, "Keep Them Wet: Fish and Streamlife Conservation," as part of "Views of the North Country" series, Administration Building, Saratoga Spa State Park, 10 a.m. Information, 584-2535.

Walking Tour of Cohoes Harmony Mills District by Duncan Hay, curator of Industrial History at State Museum, sponsored by Gateway, mill parking area, Vliet and Mohawk Sts., Cohoes, 9:30 a.m. \$4, \$3 reservations, 274-5267.

Planting Demonstration on window boxes, containers, and hanging baskets, given by Cooperative Extension of Albany County with Center Square

Albany Hunger Walk, sponsored by CROP, First Church in Albany, 56 Orange St. Information, 489-8441.

7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316 or 465-8705.

DWI Lecture, Denis Foley, administrator of STOP-DWI program in Albany County, talks about his new book *STOP DWI: Successful Community Responses to Drunk Driving*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 449-3380.

Film, You Only Live Twice, with Sean Connery as James Bond, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Capital Area Speech-Language and Hearing Assn., topic: Rehabilitation of Head-Injured Adult, An Inter-Disciplinary Approach, with Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center's Head Injury Team, Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, room 182, Belmont Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.

Rolling Discussion and Demonstration, presented by Robin Imschweiler, 6 Automation Lane, noon-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Information, 899-6889.

Albany Artists Group, demonstration by Don Getz, member of American Watercolor Society and president of Ohio Watercolor Society, West End Presbyterian Church, Central at Main, \$2 donation, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY 19 MAY

Indoor Air Pollution Conference sponsored by American Lung Association, Quality Inn, I-90 and Everett Rd., Albany, through May 20. Registration, 459-4197.

Workshop, "Care and use of manuscript collections," covering organization, cataloging, storing, handling and identifying causes of deterioration, sponsored by Federation of Historical Services, Schenectady County Historical Society, Schenectady, \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Information, 273-3400.

Spring Tune-up hearing and hearing aid screenings for seniors 60 and over, offered by Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc., South Mall Towers, 101 South Pearl St., 12:30 p.m. Free, information, 465-3766.

TUESDAY 20 MAY

Seminar, "Tax laws affecting small business," with Ethel Meyer, taxpayer service specialist of the Internal Revenue Service, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martha Brown Urban Extension Center, 230 Green St., Albany, 7 p.m. Free, Registration, 765-3520.

Albany Sons of Italy monthly meeting with Prof. James C. Mancuso on Italian culture, Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, \$12.50, 6 p.m. Reservations, 463-1711.

Former Smokers support group sponsored by American Lung Assn., 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

Fibrositis Support Group to assist individuals with fibrositis or myofascial pain and dysfunction, Staff dining Room A, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5533.

Luncheon Fort Orange Chapter of Daughters of American Colonists, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn Restaurant, Western Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 286-3283.

NAACP Meeting, will mark 32nd Anniversary of U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 226 North Pearl St., 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-1823.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help support group for parents whose children have died, guest speaker will be Dr. Bronna Romanoff, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St.,

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY

Field trip to Black Creek Marsh to see marsh birds and migrants, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, Inc., Hennessey Rd. railroad crossing, 7:30 a.m. Information, 377-9600.

"Math Revisited," a 10-hour, non-credit course for students needing to brush up on basic math skills, Maria College of Albany, 700 New Scotland Ave., \$50, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 21 and 28, June 4, 11 and 18. Enrollment, 438-3111.

Luncheon, for people with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex, sponsored by AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, AIDS Council Offices, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, noon. Free, reservations, 434-4686.

Two Rivers Aquarium Society, featuring Edmund Duncan of Eddies Aquarium Inc., Menands, speaking on "Fish Diseases, Their Treatment and Prevention," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 436-8008.

American Assn. of University Women, talk by Lois Waldorf, NY State Division vice president, Marriott Hotel, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 482-5815.

HEROES For Children, child support enforcement group, meeting will focus on collecting court ordered medical expenses and/or proof of insurance coverage, YWCA, Colvin and Lincoln Aves., 7-9 p.m.

A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining in the immediate area within easy driving distance of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

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School board split on summer hoop

By Theresa Bobear

With the debate unresolved, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education voted 5 to 4 in favor of continuing the summer girls basketball program without medical insurance coverage.

After reviewing quotes for providing summer medical insurance coverage, a motion to allow the program with only the present coverage was passed by board members Ronald Peretti, Susan Gottesman, Anthony Williams, Marie Muller and Sara Hunter. Board members Louis Neri, Ronald Selkirk, Frank Filippone and Wayne Fuhrman voted against the motion.

According to estimates provided the Frank M. Stoltz Insurance Agency, coverage totaling \$2,000 per student for accidental medical and \$2,000 per student for accident death and dismemberment would cost \$610 for 100 participants between 13 and 15 years and \$1,020 for 100 participants between 16 and 18 years.

Currently the district carries liability insurance coverage for the entire year and medical coverage for the school year only.

"I think if we deny this, we're going to have to deny everything," said Gottesman.

"We do not have any medical coverage on these girls if they come in and play," said Williams. "We do not have any medical coverage on the softball field at Becker."

"You're opening yourself up for multiple lawsuits, I believe," said Neri, who is an attorney.

Board clerk Charles Emery suggested that the board approve requests to use the property after the groups show that they are insured and sign a release.

"If we do that we are going to eliminate 99 percent of the people who use our facilities," said Williams. "And I, for one, am not ready to go for that."

"Waivers do not solve the problem," said Neri. "You can sign a waiver today and sue

tomorrow."

"In this day and age, lawsuits are a dime a dozen. Some of them are fair. Some of them are not. You still have to defend yourself against them," said Neri. "Liability insurance covers your pain and suffering and your damages. It does not cover any medical expenses."

"I think we are going to have to face the entire issue and set policy as far as use of the facilities," said Williams.

Gottesman suggested setting up an insurance committee in July.

The board approved a summer park program, sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem, at A.W. Becker Elementary School. The town provided a certificate of insurance and a statement of policy listing the RCS Central School District as insured.

In other business, the board:

- Decided to present a plaque to the family of the late Raymond Johnson, who served as chairman of the district's annual meetings and elections for many years.

- Unanimously agreed to provide an extended meeting agenda to the public. The names involved in personnel actions will be omitted from the document to protect privacy. Gottesman recommended the action so that district residents would not have to "go through a bi-monthly crossword puzzle to find out what's going on."

- Approved a notice to bidders for bus garage doors.

- Heard Gottesman's suggestion to review the process for selecting a valedictorian and salutatorian.



Bethlehem Police Officer Paul Roberts shows how fire trucks work to students of the Tri-Village Nursery School during a recent visit to the Glenmont Fire House. Nursery school students, ages 4 and 5, are visiting various public service groups to learn about people who work in the community. *Patricia Mitchell.*

Driver indicted

Richard Dragon, 29, of Selkirk has been indicted by a county grand jury on two counts of driving while intoxicated as a felony and on charges of vehicular assault and second degree assault, also felonies, according to Bethlehem police reports.

The charges stem from an auto accident March 19 on Rt. 144 at Cedar Hill in which Dragon and a passenger, Frank M. McDonald, 30, for whom no address was

given, were injured. According to police reports, Dragon was northbound on Rt. 144 about 2:30 a.m. when his car left the road and ramed into an embankment. The two were trapped in the car about four hours before the wreckage was spotted and rescue workers could extricate them, police said.

Following the accident, police charged Dragon with DWI as a felony because he had a previous alcohol-related conviction within the past 10 years, authorities said.

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Barbara Pickup



2 students selected

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School Students of the Month for April are Tammy Samsel and Christopher Frese.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Samsel of Selkirk, Tammy is a member of the varsity soccer and track teams. She also serves on the Principal's Advisory Committee, the Steering Committee and the Yearbook Committee. Her hobbies include racquetball, tennis, music, running and swimming.

Christopher Frese, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Frese of Ravena, is Student Council president. He also is a member of the varsity football team and is captain of the varsity basketball team. A member of the senior high discipline committee, Chris enjoys skiing, swimming and jogging.

Pageant, tour on itinerary

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens are planning an overnight trip July 29 and 30. They plan to go to Canandaigua, N.Y., to attend the Hill Comorah pageant. They also plan to visit Sonnenberg Gardens, tour a vineyard, and stop in Charlestown to shop.

All seniors in the area are invited to participate in this outing. Reservations must be made well in advance and those interested in attending should contact Herb Strumpf at 767-3052 this week.

The \$179 cost includes transportation, lodging, admission fees and three meals.

It's tailgate sale time

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its annual tailgate sale this Saturday at the Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, rain or shine. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to booths featuring antiques, collectibles and crafts, there will be baked goods,

plants and herbs, a bargain table, genealogical assistance, and a variety of foods available for lunch.

Committee chairman include Marjorie Terrell, baked goods; Charles and Marjorie Crangle, plants and herbs; Marie Wiedeman, "white elephant" table; Mary Ann Twardwosky, lunch; Ed and Evelyn Alford, general chairman and genealogy assistance.

Volunteers applauded

Volunteer appreciation night was May 1 at the RCS Junior High School. The buffet and awards program, given by the RCS Board of Education, acknowledged the innumerable hours contributed by some 150 people in the Adult Volunteer Program. Community volunteers aided teachers and students in each school throughout the district.

The group was greeted by Al Keating, with Anthony Williams, president of the board; William Schwartz, acting superintendent of schools, and Norma Longo, volunteer advocate, expressing their appreciation to the volunteers. Assisting in the presentation of awards were George Montone, Keating, Nick Nuciforo, Robert DeSarbo and Victor Carr.

Thrift shop opens

The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church have opened the doors of their thrift shop for another season. Now through October, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Tuesday, the women will have bargains on next-to-new clothing, books, household items and small appliances. The shop is located on Willowbrook Ave., in a building behind the church.

Tapped for seminar

Lisa Pass, a 10th grade student at the RCS Senior High School, has been chosen to participate in the 1986 Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation leadership seminar



Youth in Government and Student of the Month were honored Friday by the Bethlehem Elks Lodge during an awards dinner. Raymond Kalendek, from left, exalted ruler of the lodge, congratulates Stefanie Wheeler, RCS Student of the Month for

January; James McFerran, BC Student of the Month for March; and Cindy Ferrari, BC Student of the Month for October, as Robert Hausmann, Elks youth activities chair, looks on. Cindy Riegel

May 30 and 31 and June 1. The seminar will be held in Batavia, N.Y., at the Holiday Inn, with high school sophomores from across the state participating. The students will hear presentations on the incentive system from representatives of business, government and industry.

Participants are chosen on the basis of their leadership ability, sensitivity and concern for others, and desire to learn and share knowledge. The seminar is sponsored by the New York Jaycess, the Kiwanis, and the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. Corporations and other groups help with the sponsorship fees.

Deer on roads

Local police agencies are advising motorists to continue to be alert for deer crossing the highway. State police at the Selkirk substation reported two car-deer accidents this week, both along Rt. 443 (Delaware Turnpike) in the Town of New Scotland. Bethlehem police received a report of a car-deer accident on the Delmar Bypass last Tuesday night.

MS group meets

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Albany-Rensselaer Counties, will meet on Tuesday,

May 20, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The afternoon's topic will be "MS is a family affair — tools for living in a family."

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Are educators failing?

"Do you think Corrie Aquino would have been successful in winning control of the Philippine government if Ramos and Enrile, the two military leaders, hadn't come over to her side?" Thoughtful silence, then from around the room, scattered yes's and no's.

"Julie, you seem to be shaking your head no. Why?"

"Well, Aquino had all these people protesting in the streets and stuff but Marcos had the army and all the weapons. So I think Marcos, as long as he had the army, could stay in power."

"You think control of the army, or military in general, is crucial in deciding who is in power?"

"That's right"

"Jeanne, you were nodding your head yes a minute ago to my first question. Do you still think, after what Julie has said, that Aquino could have won without the support of the military?"

"I think so. Like with Gandhi, he didn't have an army, but he got independence for India. The British had the army, but Gandhi used protests and marches and boycotts and things and he won. Why couldn't Aquino do the same?"

"I don't know. Why not? Jeanne, I like your reasoning. You see, everyone, what Jeanne is doing is using her knowledge of history to make a judgement about a real, modern day situation. The reason we study history is to help us make sense out of the present. That's an excellent answer, Jeanne. Thank you."

I was quick to praise Jeanne for

IN THE CLASSROOM

Jim Nehring



her comment in class recently because it is rare that I observe students making free associations without some pedagogical prodding. Yet Jeanne had done it on her own, spontaneously and intelligently, and I wanted to highlight it so that the rest of the class would remember and feel encouraged to do the same.

It disturbs me that students so often fail to apply what they have learned in class to appropriate real life situations; Jeanne's comment is an exception. If the goal of education is to ready young people for adult life, and if young people do not transfer knowledge learned in school to situations that extend beyond school, then we are failing as educators. To some extent, I think we are.

I remember one world cultures class several years ago in which students betrayed a strong racist attitude. As we began each unit, the Middle East, Africa, India, China, etc., a new glossary of racist labels would emerge in whispers, giggles and notes passed between students. I tried to teach the class that behavior that may seem strange to us is normal and appropriate given a different cultural milieu, and that to others, who lack understanding, American culture may seem strange. By the end of the year I had exhausted

my entire repertoire of educational stunts, yet I saw no change in my students' attitudes. The racial slurs and prejudicial remarks continued. Surprisingly, the class performed reasonably well on tests — tests that required understanding of and sympathy with foreign cultures. They showed that they had mastered the material, yet their conceptual understanding had not transferred to their attitudes about the world.

I often wonder how much of what I teach really sinks in past a student's purely academic level of understanding into that domain occupied by thoughts of friends and parents, of after-school activities and weekend plans, of jobs and futures, of values, ideals and aspirations. Judging by the evidence, it would seem, not enough.

But it is hard to say. My evaluation of students is based on their performance in school so I am really no judge of their ability to transfer classroom concepts outside of school. I have only occasional glimpses, as in the current events discussion of the Philippines and the unfortunate racist remarks. I would like to think there is a strong carry-over of school learning to out-of-school living, but I have a hunch the critical transfer of knowledge from school to life in general does not take place as often as it should.

Jim Nehring teaches Social Studies at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.



Bethlehem Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick Jr. makes a donation for Poppy Day to Marcia Turner, left, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Frances Gathen, VFW Poppy Day chairman. To be held on Wednesday, May 21, proceeds from the sale will go to benefit veterans rehabilitation projects at the Veterans Administration Hospital.
Patricia Mitchell

Bike Day winners

Six area residents won two-wheelers in a drawing Saturday at Bike Day, a bicycle safety event sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Department and the town Parks and Recreation Department. More than 500 people attended the event at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Winners of bicycles were Greg Bozzella, Clare DelVecchio, Danielle Hecht, Sarah Israel, Tracy O'Donnell and Stan Smith.

Others who won bike locks in the event were: Randy Burton, Scott Burton, Chris Caulfield,

Rebecca Doyle, Dan Dunn, Jeremy Hartnett, Barry Hecht, Laurie Merrill, Catherine Minnerly, Collin Mooney, Brian Sack and Carol Van Duzer.

Teen charged

A Delmar 16-year-old faces court action in connection with a grand larceny charge stemming from the theft of cash and credit cards from a residence in Delmar, according to Bethlehem police reports. The youth, whose name was withheld because of his age, was apprehended last Tuesday.



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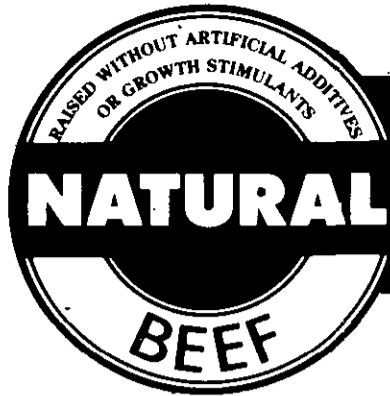
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Pitching keeps Eagles at 500

By John Bellizzi III

The Bethlehem Central varsity baseball team won two games and lost two on the road last week, leaving them at 500 for the season.

Last Monday, the Eagles were shut out by Burnt Hills, 3-0. Geoff Mackey pitched for BC, giving up only 6 hits. Bethlehem had seven hits, but none of them came at the right time. The Eagles left a total of 13 runners on base, leaving the bases loaded three times. "We had a good outing," commented Eagles coach Ken Hodge, "but we didn't have any timely hits."

The Eagles traveled to Colonie Wednesday, where they won 6-5. Doug Pratt was the winning pitcher, with a home run in the second inning as well. Also in the top of the second, Jim Francis knocked in two runs with a triple, and Peter Russo brought Francis home with a suicide squeeze.

The Eagles suffered their second loss last week to Scotia on Friday, 11-8. Mackey was the starting pitcher, relieved later by Paul Evangelista and Mike Hodge, who struck out five

batters and gave up one run. Offensively, BC had nine hits. Josh Weinstein smashed a home run and a single, Joel Keens had a double and Pratt hit two singles.

On Saturday, BC played at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, where they beat Corning West 5-3. Corning West is 10-4 in the Sullivan Trail League, which Coach Hodge said is a "very competitive league."

After a three-run homer in the third inning, Corning West was leading 3-0. In the fourth, Tom Frazier singled and Ed Perry followed with a 400 foot home run, bringing the score to 3-2.

In the seventh inning, Jeff Boyd started things off with a long double. He was advanced to third on a bunt by Francis, who was out on the following play. A wild pitch to Boyd told the story. Then, Keens reached first base on an error and scored when Pratt, the winning pitcher, hit his second home run of the week. Pratt struck out seven batters and gave up four hits during the course of the game.



Delmar Dancer, bred and raised by Dr. Ted Sprinkle of Delmar, was the first to cross the finish line with Jockey Mario Verge in an April 28 stakes race at Garden State Park. The filly

races under the green and white colors of Nedlaw Stable, which is managed by Sprinkle, and was named for her home town. Trainer was Bob Triola.

This week should be a busy one for the Eagles, now holding a record of 6-6 (5-6 league). Monday they hosted Niskayuna, Tuesday evening they traveled to Schenectady to face Bishop Gibbons, today (Wednesday) they play Shenendehowa at home, Thursday they host Mohonasen and Saturday they play at Oneonta High.

Athletic picnic

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association will sponsor the 41st Varsity Award Night and Picnic at the Elm Avenue Park, 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 5.

All varsity award winners, members of the junior varsity and frosh teams and their parents are invited guests.

Games and activities will start at 4 p.m., food will be served around 5:30 p.m., and the award program will begin at 6:45 p.m.

For more information, phone 439-4921, ext. 315.

Pitchers still stingy

By John Bellizzi III

The Tri-Village Little League's 1986 season began its second week with a shutout on Saturday, the Spotlight winning 12-0 over Starwood Enterprises. Winning pitcher Andre Cadieux had another fine showing, hurling a no-hitter for the first two innings. Relief pitchers John Schaller and Brendon O'Brien continued the no-hit performance through the remainder of the game.

At the plate, Cadieux tripled and doubled, driving in a total of five runs; Schaller tripled; and O'Brien singled. Also for the Spotlight, Jim Donato knocked in two runs with a triple, Matt Merrill and Shaun Keneston doubled, Merrill chalking up an RBI, Alexis Otto singled, and John DiAnni singled twice, with one RBI.

Also on Saturday, Farm

Family edged Price Greenleaf, 2-1. Price Greenleaf was leading 1-0 going into the sixth, but Farm Family base runners Duncan McKaskill and William VanHoesen were able to take home during a series of errors.

Price Greenleaf pitcher Matt Shortell had 14 strikeouts to his credit, while Farm Family's Jay Tarbell struck out 10 batters, and helped his cause with a double and a triple.

Earlier in the week, Matt Quatraro of Price Greenleaf smashed a powerful home run, the first of the season, estimated by league president Bob Dobby as travelling over 200 feet.

In Saturday's last game, Davies Office Refurbishing beat Main Care 15-8. Winning pitcher Mark Houston had nine strikeouts and a home run to his name that evening. Houston's teammate Kevin Curran had a 2-RBI triple, a single and a double, and Paul Noonan a double. Brendon Gross and Luke Paigo both singled, Paigo reaching second on errors. For Main Care, Matt Bechar and Lanni both singled.

Magee Park, home of Tri-Village Little League, located where Kenwood Ave. meets the Delmar Bypass, is open to the public. Games are played Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday starting at 9 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

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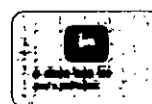
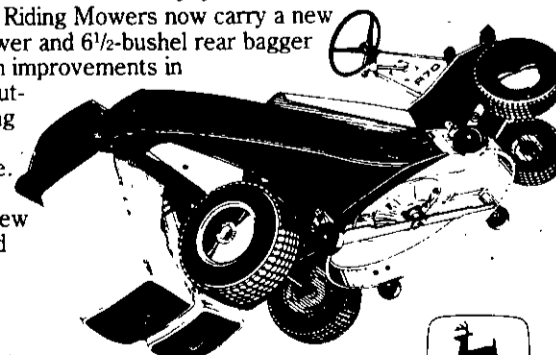
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Blackbirds begin to play ball

By Rick Leach

Last week seemed to be more what coach Gerry Gordinier had in mind when he looked at his players in early season practice. The Voorheesville Blackbirds simply played "excellent baseball" in defeating Albany Academy and losing close games to co-league leaders Mechanicville and Watervliet. The Blackbirds, who had been averaging nearly four errors a game, made just four miscues all week, including an errorless game against the Red Raiders.

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Gordinier called the Mechanicville game on Monday, the squad's "best played game of the year." Jamie Cohen and Vinnie Foley each went 2 for 3, while Foley also recorded six strikeouts and walked just two in taking the loss. However, the Raiders just had too many horses in getting 12 hits and a 6-3 victory. "We played very well and played flawless

defense," a proud Gordinier said of the contest.

Two days later the squad traveled to Albany Academy, where they picked up their first triumph of the season in a 13-3 trouncing of the Cadets. Rick Wiesemeier pitched an outstanding ballgame, going the distance and allowing just four hits. Wiesemeier also walked just three batters in pitching his first complete game of the year. The Birds turned on the heat offensively pounding out 15 hits, four for home runs. Bill Kelly

went 4 for 5 in getting his second and third homers of the season, while Cohen and Chuck Giantasio also smashed round-trippers. Alex Diener went 2 for 3 and Mike Lans went 2 for 2 to add to the cause.

The last game of the week on Friday was against 13-2 and returning state champion Watervliet. The Birds did not let this factor intimidate them as they trailed just 4-1 after six innings. In the top of the seventh inning the roof caved in. The Cannoneers got five consecutive hits, including two home runs, on their way to five runs and a 9-1 lead. However, Voorheesville refused to give, getting five runs of their own until Watervliet brought on ace Jeff DiNuzzo to shut the door. "We played very well and it was an excellent game," the Blackbird mentor noted. Gordinier said that he thought the team's turnaround was due to the cutdown in walks and errors.

The increased performance on defense has been led by Cohen, who has been outstanding in center field. "He was the highlight of our week," Gordinier said. "Jamie is incredible, better than having a fence." The manager also added that Cohen had made 10 extraordinary catches

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during the week, saving many runs.

The group was to play Ravena at home on Monday. The Birds lost 6-3 to the Indians last time and hope to give the Indians a run for their money here. They also challenge Cohoes today (Wednesday) and play at Schalmont on Friday.

Tri-Village Little League Standings as of May 11, 1986

Majors			
	W	L	
Roberts	3	0	Spotlight 1 2
Davies	2	1	Pr. Green 1 3
Farm. Fam.	2	1	Starwood 0 3
Main Care	2	1	

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Owens	3	0	CC Fence 1 2
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Indians drop a heartbreaker

By Bart Gottesman

It was a long week for RCS baseball coach Gary VanDerzee as his team fell from first place in the Colonial Council, losing two of three council contests.

The Indians started the week off with a 13-3 loss to Schalmont, but then came back to defeat Cohoes by 14-4 score. In a battle between second place teams, Ravena lost a heartbreaker, 3-2, to Lansingburgh a team that they had defeated earlier in the season.

Three Ravena pitchers couldn't handle Schalmont's offense as they gave up 13 runs in six innings. Rich Losse started on the mound for RCS and lasted only two innings while giving up seven runs. He was followed by Don Keyer and then Russ McBride, who pitched 2/3 of an inning before Losse returned to the mound for the final two innings. Ravena's offense managed to score only three runs on six hits by John Waddingham, Chris Peterson, Jim Rafferty, Brian Stumbaugh, Jeff Boehm and Russ McBride.

Ravena's offense came alive at Cohoes with four batters getting two hits or more and two Indians connecting for home runs. In the first inning, Andy Casale led off with a triple and scored on a two-run homer by Peterson. After

falling behind 3-2, Ravena regained the lead, 5-3, in the second inning with a two-run double by McBride doing most of the damage. In the third inning, RCS added a run to its lead on a Waddingham single and a Rivers RBI double. Each team scored one run in the sixth, with Ravena's coming on a Keyer home run.

In the seventh inning the Indians blew the game open with seven runs. Leading hitters for the Indians were Casale, 3 for 5, Waddingham 3 for 5, Rivers 2 for 5, and Stumbaugh 2 for 4. McBride and Rivers shared the pitching duties, with McBride pitching the first 3 2/3 innings and Rivers the final 3 1/3. Rivers finished the game with six strikeouts.

In the battle for second place at Lansingburgh, Ravena couldn't mount an offensive attack to back up a superb pitching performance by Rivers. In the first inning, a Rivers RBI triple scored Peterson to give RCS an early 1-0 lead. In the third Ravena added a run on a Peterson single and Rafferty double. Burgh cut the RCS lead to 2-1 in the third after two walks and an error allowed a run to score. In the sixth inning,

Lansingburgh tied the score on two walks and an error.

Going into the seventh inning, Rivers had a no-hitter going, but a lead-off double coupled with an intentional walk and a bunt single loaded the bases with one out. The next batter hit a single, giving Burgh the 3-2 victory and sole possession of second place. In the game, Rivers had 11 strikeouts and gave up three runs (one earned) on three hits. Peterson, Rivers, Rafferty, and Losse were the only Indians to get hits.

Coach VanDerzee feels that for his team to stay in contention they will have to knock off the top teams and hope for other teams to defeat the top runners also.


This week, the team continues its tough council schedule with games against Voorheesville Monday, Waterford today and Albany Academy Friday. The Waterford and Academy games are both at home and start at 4 p.m.

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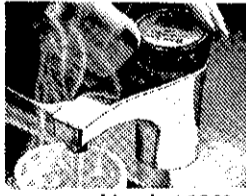
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BC roars through opponents

By Charles Henrikson

The Bethlehem Central tennis team had a dynamo of a week, winning three straight league matches. The team has developed into a strong group of players, and is now roaring through its opponents, with only a few in the league posing a challenge.

On Tuesday of last week BC overpowered a hapless Scotia by the score of 8-1. It was a fairly routine and easy match, according to coach Ray Fetcho. The score would have been a perfect 9-0, had it not been for the injury of BC's number four singles player, Jeff Grant who pulled a muscle in his back during the second set and had to default.

Wednesday's match was much more of a challenge. BC edged Guilderland 5-4. BC's winners were Stan Lee, Dave Cory, Brian

Salens and the doubles teams of Jeff Ellenbogen and Dave Cunningham and Scott Reed and Alex Hall. The match came down to the third doubles match, which is always played last. The team of Reed and Hall held up under pressure and won it in three sets. BC's singles were a little shaken up with the absence of Grant, who was out with his injury. Craig Isenberg filled in, but was overpowered in his first varsity match. Neil Breslin played a three-set marathon that lasted till the end of the third doubles match.

On Friday the team handled Columbia 6-3 although Fetcho thought the match was "harder than expected." This was a relatively uneventful match, save for the loss suffered by BC's last remaining undefeated duo, that of Cunningham and Ellenbogen.

A make-up match scheduled for Thursday against Suburban Council champ Niskayuna, was postponed again. The team also played Albany Academy and came up short in a non-league exercise.

This week is another busy one for the team. Yesterday (Tuesday) BC played a strong Burnt Hills team for the second time. The match against Niskayuna will be made up today, and then the team will have two "easy" matches against Scotia and Colonie on Thursday and Friday.

BC girls go 3-1 for week

Bethlehem Central's softball team trounced three opponents in recent games but was edged out by Mohonasen last Friday to leave their standings at 6-3-0 for the season.

Against Mohonasen the BC team didn't score until late in the sixth inning, and the final score was 2-4.

On Wednesday, May 7, BC trounced Niskayuna for a score of 14-7. Maureen Montanus led the scoring with a grand slam home run and Amy Koski also contributed a homer.

Against Burnt Hills, Kristi Burkart not only pitched five strikeouts with two walks, she hit a triple helping to set the score at 15-7.

Burkart gave Shenendehowa two runs early in Monday, May 5's game, but BC soon took the lead and ended the game in another trouncing 13-6.

Lady Indians aim for Sectional bid

By Tim Penk

The RCS softball team kept its Sectional hopes alive this week, winning two out of three games. The Indians have submitted their application to the Sectionals and have a good shot with their 12-3 over all record.

The Indians walked all over Lansingburgh, winning 18-5. Lansingburgh's pitching gave up 12 walks. The Indians hit well and took advantage of the free passes. The Indians led 4-1 in the first and 15-3 by the fourth. Terry Baker threw nine strikeouts and hit three singles.

Cohoes was the second victim of the week, by a score of 7-2. Terry Baker pitched a three-hitter with nine strikeouts. The game was tied 1-1 after four and Cohoes led 2-1 after five. The game-winning hit came from Tracy Tucker, who hit a triple with Marie Setford on first and scored

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on a wild throw to third to put the Indians up 3-2. The team then scored four in the seventh to insure the win.

Ichabod Crane ended the Indians' win streak, 4-2. The Indians had trouble scoring and after Ichabod Crane scored four runs in the fourth, they could not recover. The Indians tried to make a comeback in the seventh but it ended with the catch of a deep shot to center field. The team played solid ball and Terry Baker threw nine strikeouts with only three walks.

The Indians have five games left in their schedule, and all are critical for the Sectionals RCS must beat Voorheesville, Watervliet and Holy Names this week.

Several players show skill as RCS improves at 2-8

By Paul Curley

Several players displayed exceptional skill this past week although the Ravena tennis team won only one of four matches. The team's record is now 2-8.

Jim Ritter, the first seed, was almost invincible last week as he rolled over each of his four singles opponents, losing only one game in the process. At Watervliet, Ritter almost went an entire set without losing a single point. In addition the doubles team of Ritter and freshman Darrin Hall was undefeated.

Another player who had an extraordinary week was sophomore

Chris Stevenson who demonstrated his great stamina by winning two marathon matches. The most notable was at Lansingburgh, where he came from behind to win 6-7, 7-6, 6-4. Coach Jack Curry said he thought Stevenson was possibly the "fastest guy on his feet in the council." Darrin Hall also played well throughout the week.

For the most part it was a week of definite improvement for the team as they beat Watervliet 6-1, and lost close matches to Schalmont, Voorheesville and Lansingburgh, all by a score of 4-3. This week the squad will face tough Albany Academy, as well as Tamarac and Watervliet.

Voorheesville hit hard

By Stephen A. Smith

Once again the Ladybirds were unable to win any of their softball games this past week.

The Blackbirds lost to a strong Waterford team by a score of 19-10 last Monday. Hitting well again this week were Jennifer Elliot, who was 3 for 4 from the plate with 2 runs batted in, and Adina Tuluto who was 2 for 3. Pitching for the weary Blackbirds was freshman Trisha Carmody.

On Tuesday the Birds traveled to Watervliet where they lost once again by a score of 18-6. With

many mental errors by the Ladybirds, the Cannoneers were able to walk away with a victory. Jennifer Elliot went 3 for 4 in this game also.

The Blackbirds had to postpone their Thursday game against Cohoes. On Friday Voorheesville challenged a very strong Lansingburgh squad, losing 26-10 and dropping their record to 1-12. The Ladybirds couldn't overcome an early scoring drive by the Knights. Slugging the ball well for the Blackbirds were Jen Mellinger and junior Vicky Mercer, both going 2 for 3.

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Indians take giant strides

By Josh Curley

For the first time in its history, RCS has won two invitational track meets in a season. Following a victory in a dual meet against Greenville last Tuesday, the Indians beat runner-up Troy High and nine other schools at the Lansingburgh Invitational on Saturday. Coach Jim Gorham said the track team's performance during the past two and a half weeks has been the best he has seen in the eight years he has been head coach.

The team moved into first place in the Colonial Council this week thanks to an assist from Icabod Crane, which defeated previous co-leader Schalmont.

Key performers at Lansingburgh were Mike Mims, Bob Baranska, Tim Baranska, Steve Nicholson and Brian Perry, each of whom won at least one event. Both of the Baranskas set records. Bob set a

meet record in the 110 hurdles, finishing in 15 seconds flat, and Tim broke his own school record in the 440 hurdles with a time of 59.5 seconds.

Bob Baranska was named outstanding track performer at Lansingburgh. Mike Mims, who won the long and triple jumps and finished second in the 400, came in second in the balloting for the outstanding field performer. Steve Nicholson, who won the 200 meter dash at Lansingburgh and has been a consistently good performer in the sprint events, was termed by Gorham as "the biggest surprise of the season."

Gorham was hoping for a fourth or fifth place finish at the Albany County Meet this Tuesday. He expects the team to go undefeated in dual meets, but the Indians will have to get past a tough Albany Academy team at home this Thursday.

Martin sets record

By Stephen A. Smith

Voorheesville sophomore sensation Rachel Martin broke a school record in the two-mile run against some of the areas premier runners in the Schenectady Invitational last Tuesday. On Thursday at the Mont Pleasant invitational Voorheesville's Chuck Rogers came in second in the two-mile run, missing first by three-tenths of a second.

At the Amsterdam High School

Invitational on Saturday Voorheesville junior Brian Smith placed fourth in the long jump with his best jump of the year. The 400-meter relay team placed third with Smith, Kevin Kelly, Kevin Davis, and sophomore Rob Raynsford running. In the 1600-meter relay Voorheesville placed third. Running for the Birds were Rogers, Ben Greenberg, Pat Lentlie and Tom Donahue, who broke a meet record and placed first in the 3200 meter relay.

In the same meet sophomore John DeCatur and junior Matt Rose each ran their fastest mile of the season. Rachel Martin broke a meet record in the half-mile. In the 3200-meter relay Stephanie Brown,



Moms were on the run last Sunday at the start of the 3.5-mile Mother's Day race, beginning at Hamagrael Elementary School. At right, world-class runner Diane Richburg of Lansingburgh crosses the finish line with a comfortable lead.

Lora Ide



Rachel Martin, Laura Martin, and Derinda Gifford broke a school record by 30 seconds. Gifford also placed third in the two-mile run.

With senior Rich Kane out with bruised ribs and Ed Donahue out with a torn ligament, the Birds aren't winning the meets they could be winning: This week the Blackbirds will be running in the Albany County Championships at Bleecker Stadium, a dual meet at Lansingburgh and on Saturday a few of the more talented runners will be competing in the Eddy Meet at Union College. The rest of the team will be at the Mayfield Invitational Meet.

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Road racing for all ages

Statistics reveal that more and more women age 50 and older are running up the odds of healthier lives through jogging and road racing.

For example, Patricia Ellis, 51, of Delmar is one of more than 20 women ranging in ages from 50 to 73 who plans to run in the Freihofer's Run for Women in Albany Saturday.

Ellis began running five years ago after the last of her three children graduated from college. She finished fourth in the 50 to 55 age division in last year's 5 km Freihofer's Run.

"I wanted to do something for me," Ellis said. "I was always

athletic and found running to be good therapy. If I am depressed or tired, I go out for a run and it makes me feel so much better, both mentally and physically."

This year, the Freihofer's Run for Women will be held Saturday. The 10km will begin at 10 a.m., and the 5km will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Empire State Plaza.

Black bike found

A black Nishiki bicycle was found Thursday on Crestwood Lane in Delmar, according to Bethlehem police reports. The bike, which is not registered with the town, is being held at headquarters for the owner to claim.

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Under 16s top Nisky, now the team to beat

Bethlehem Soccer Club teams had another good week overall winning three matches, losing two and tying one.

The game of the week was played between Bethlehem's powerful under 16 team and Niskayuna. During the first half of the match Bethlehem demonstrated superior team play as they controlled the ball and took a 1-0 lead. The second half was hotly contested with Bethlehem continuing to dominate the game. Bethlehem won going away 3-0. This victory and the 1-0 win last week against Clifton Park establishes the under 16 team as the early favorite to win the under 16 A-Division title.

The under 12 girls team beat Schenectady 1 to 0 in a close game. During the game, Bethlehem had several chances to score early in the game and the defense withstood a late challenge from Schenectady.

Bringing home their first victory of the season, the under 12 boys won a squeaker from Lakehill 1 to 0. The Bethlehem under

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12s had over 30 shots on goal. The under 14 girls were overwhelmed as they lost to Clifton Park 10 to 0. The under 19 boys tied Rotterdam 1 to 1 in a non-league match. The under 10 boys and girls team continued to have hard luck as they lost to Lakehill 5 to 1.

As of May 11, top standings in the club include under 19 boys at 2-0-1, under 16 boys at 2-0-0, under 16 girls at 2-0-0, and under 12 girls at 2-1-0.

Next Sunday, the doubleheader at the middle school soccer field will feature the under 14 and under 16 boys teams. The opponents will be from Fulton United. The first game starts at 3:30 p.m.

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Teen faces court

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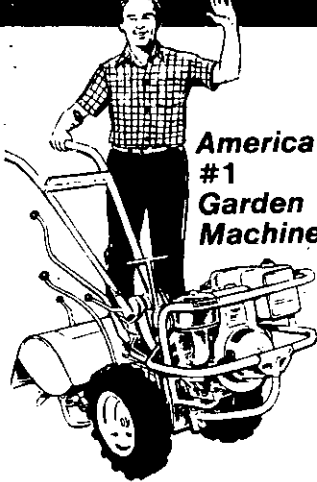
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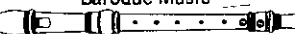
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23 WICKLOW TERRACE, Delmar, Sat. May 17th, 10-4, 15 yr. accumulation, stereo, lawn mower, misc.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, 386 Delaware Ave., May 17, 9-2. Giant garage sale and bake sale.

11-9-8 CRANNELL AVE., Elsmere, Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th, 9-3 p.m.; household items, tools, some antiques, paintings, books.

49 HERBER AVE., Fri. & Sat., May 17 & 18, 8:00; partial contents, 2 homes, 2nd van seat for Plymouth or Dodge.

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102 HAMPTON, down from Feura Bush and Elm, Sat. May 17th, 9-4; furniture, antiques, baby items, misc. household.

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113 BEACON RD., Glenmont, May 17th, 8-7; water skis, ropes, jacket, dressers, tools, stove, much more.

19 RIDGE ROAD, Elsmere, Sat. May 17th, 9-3; misc items, children's clothes, housewares.

47 BENDER LANE 5/16 & 17, 9-2; clothing, golf clubs, shower doors, misc.

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OBITUARIES

Louise Kempler

Louise Coban Kempler of Selkirk died May 6 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Albany, she lived in Selkirk for the past eight years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a sister, Jane C. Sherman of Albany, and a nephew, Theodore D. Sherman of Slingerlands.

Arrangements were by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Edward F. Kleinke Sr.

Edward F. Kleinke Sr., 87, of Glenmont, a retired dairy farmer, died May 10 at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, after a brief illness.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of Glenmont. He was a retired dairy farmer and owner of the Glensmere Dairy. He was a member of the Capital

District Guernsey Breeders Association.

He was a former member of the Delmar Community Orchestra and the Delmar Senior Citizens Orchestra. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Ida C. Burckhard Kleinke; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Springer, Mrs. Dorothy C. Krouse of Elsmere and Mrs. Ethel I. Whitman; three sons, Edward F. Kleinke Jr. of Slingerlands, Peter M. Kleinke of Elsmere and Paul H. Kleinke of Elsmere. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by E.J.C. Dascher Sons Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery, Albany.

Cecelia McCarthy

Cecelia A. Chaszar McCarthy, 76, of Delmar died May 7 at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

She was born in Massena. She was a retired department supervisor for the Clarkstown Central School District in New City, N.Y.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

She leaves her husband, Thomas B. McCarthy; a son, Thomas P. McCarthy of Guilderland; three sisters, Mrs. Melvina Elza Gilboe of El Paso, Mrs. and Mrs. Otil Dabbs of Youngstown, Fla., and a brother, Gerald Chaszar of Massena. She is also survived by one grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Samuel Snead

Samuel Snead, 76, of Selkirk died May 5 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

Born in Halifax, Va., he was a resident of Selkirk for the past 60 years.

He was self-employed as the operator of Sam's Billiard Parlor in Troy, retiring in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline Snead; a daughter, Ella Mae Johnson of Latham, and a brother, James Snead of Hudson.

He is also survived by three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces.

Arrangements were by the Garland Brothers Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk.

Walk for hunger

The CROP walk for hunger relief will be held in Albany on Sunday, May 18. The walkers will begin their 10-kilometer hike at the First Church Reformed, 56 Orange St., Albany.

Honorary chairmen of the event are Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, Mayor Thomas Whalen, Assemblyman Richard Conners, Sr. Serena Branson, director of Catholic Charities, and Bill Edwardson of WABY radio.

Anyone interested in participating as a walker or sponsor is encouraged to call 489-8441.

Plant sale set

The Bethlehem Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Delaware Plaza in front of the Paper Mill.

Funds from the sale are used toward town beautification with the planting of trees, herb gardens and flower boxes in commercial areas.

Essay winners

Chris Brockley, a student at St. Thomas School in Delmar, won a first place award in the Albany County Heritage essay competition, sponsored by Albany's Tricentennial Grecian Festival. Paul Panganilan and Tracy O'Donnell, also St. Thomas School students, won second and third place awards.

Students receiving honorable mention included Jennifer Stornelle, Slingerlands Elementary School; Heather Bordick, Kitomi Kubo and Lata Murti, Hamagrael Elementary School; Sarah Crepeau and Mark Kanuk, Glenmont Elementary School; and Kelly Ryan, St. Thomas School.

The Grecian festival will be held May 16 through 18 at the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany.

Bethlehem covered

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service took an injured motorist to the hospital following an accident May 2 on Rt. 144 at Glenmont Rd. It was incorrectly reported in last week's *Spotlight* that the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad covered the accident scene.

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Mistakes

Editor, The Spotlight:

I write concerning something that appears in your newspaper that is very upsetting. What I am referring to is the constant inaccuracies that appear in your news items. When I first noticed this problem a couple of months ago, I dismissed writing thinking mistakes are made once in a while. But I have noticed a continued lack of accuracy in your reporting. The most recent example appears on page 3 of the May 7 issue. In an article entitled, "Accident on Rt. 144," you incorrectly report that Mr. Garrett was taken to the hospital by the "Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad." As a member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service and the driver of the ambulance that responded to the accident, I can tell you that it was the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad who treated and transported Mr. Garrett to the hospital.

As a matter of concern, I notice that a lot of your inaccuracies

involve the reporting of accidents and the names, date and times of the accidents as well as the names of the responding fire and ambulance services.

With the amount of inaccuracies that appear in articles of which I am personally familiar with the facts, I wonder how accurate your articles are concerning other areas in which I depend upon your newspaper to obtain facts?

Robert Testino EnTin

Glenmont

We appreciate it when readers draw our attention to errors, and do our best to correct them as quickly as possible. All of our accident reports are based on information supplied by the various police agencies and are so attributed; mistakes can occur either in the initial reports, often made under difficult circumstances, or in the transfer of information from the police to our reporters. While they are not as frequent as reader EnTin believes, they do occur and are a source of concern to us and the police. Ed.

Scholar fund boosted

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Albany Panhellenic Association, I would like to thank *The Spotlight* for the excellent coverage given to our

May 3 garage sale for the benefit of our scholarship fund. Judging by the large number of people who attended, despite the temperatures which never rose above the mid 40's, we feel that the publicity did its job. We were especially pleased to be featured in the Community Corner.

Thanks, also, to the community members who very generously contributed merchandise to the sale. These contributions very definitely added to its success.

The net income of about \$1,850 will be applied to the 1986-87 Panhellenic scholarships. We are very pleased to be able to help qualified young people further their education.

Ann Hilchie

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Successful show

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Marion Harwick

Delmar

Foot in mouth?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wonder how the statement made by Gordon Morris in the May 7 issue of *The Spotlight* regarding the vote on the Albany County Civic Center will be

viewed by the other Republican members of the County Legislature.

I am sure there must be some positive thinking somewhere on the Republican side and I think it's very unfair of Mr. Morris to suggest to his colleagues that should the Civic Center be a successful endeavor they will in fact have to give all the credit to the Democrats, at least for 10 years.

P.S. I hope that all of the Republican members of the County Legislature are invited to view the surgery when they remove the minority leader's foot from his mouth.

Les Jones

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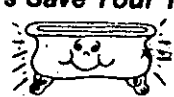
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Legitimate concerns

Editor, The Spotlight:

Those of us who supported the Bethlehem Central School District budget and the incumbents were gratified by the budget approval and the re-election of Marjory O'Brien and Bernard Harvith. It is, however, crucial to remember that the truly difficult work still is ahead of us.

Although many of us found Bethlehem United Taxpayers' position on cost cutting and staff trimming unacceptable, we recognized that this group and its supporters have many legitimate concerns and criticisms. We all recognize that our excellent school district has weaknesses and it is time to address these. I therefore believe that it is incumbent upon the entire Bethlehem community to now work together with the board of education to reach even greater achievements. In this vein, I would like to suggest that the following issues receive high priority during the coming year:

1. A re-examination of the budget process with the goal of reducing the amount of time needed by the board each year to arrive at a budget, hopefully freeing up time to devote to other crucial issues.

2. An effort to establish more dialogue between the board and the community, beginning with format changes in the regular meetings. Although there is now a generous allotment of time at the beginning and end of each meeting, community members know nothing about board members' positions prior to hearing their discussion, and often don't have enough prior knowledge of the issues to comment. The end of the meeting is often too late for comments to have an impact.

3. An in-depth evaluation of our academic programs at all levels, including an analysis of strengths and weaknesses and a plan of action to bolster weak areas. Such a task would require several years and might best be addressed subject by subject, or level by level, with the work being done by committees involving the community.

Our wonderful schools have tremendous potential to be even better. It would be so sad to lose that potential because of community divisiveness. Let's work together to educate our children!

Laura Kagan

Delmar

The GUARD vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

As long-time supporters of Grandparents-Uncles-and-Aunts in Defense of Schools (GUARDS) we join in celebrating the children's victory in the recent school votes. GUARDS has no meetings, dues or officers, and just one activity and one guiding principle — we vote for school budgets and candidates dedicated to quality education in the Bethlehem Central School District with the fond hope and expectation that the grandparents, uncles and aunts in other communities in New York and other states will help educate our scattered grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Built on this reciprocity, GUARDS everywhere across the nation subscribe to the long-standing compact that we all have to pay taxes to meet certain basic needs of children regardless of whether any are living in our homes at a particular time. There simply are not enough parents of

Why the papers were late

To our readers:

Last week, for the seventh time in the last eight months, an issue of *The Spotlight* was held up at the Post Office's General Mail Facility in Albany and was delivered in the mail a day late. We regret very much this inconvenience, and we feel it is time that you be given an explanation.

No, the holdup had nothing to do with Wednesday's school board elections, although many of the people involved in last Wednesday's Bethlehem Central election were understandably upset and suspicious because their ads and letters didn't reach their intended audience until Thursday. We apologize to them and to you.

Unfortunately, the explanation is far more mundane — some Postal Service employees appear to have singled out *The Spotlight* for special attention.

Last week's episode was typical. *The Spotlight* was delivered, as usual, to the Albany General Mail Facility on Karner Rd. by our printer Tuesday night. But postal workers refused to process the bundles because our postage reserve fund was short by \$15.93. Ironically, our postage deposit check was mailed from Delmar to the Albany Postmaster on Monday, but took two days to get to its destination.

The Spotlight, which has been a postal customer in good standing for 31 years, will pay more than \$15,000 this year in postal service charges.

Our reserve account had more than enough funds to pay for the Albany County deliveries or for the out-of-state deliveries, which are in separate mail bags, but not for both. The postmaster's office claimed later that the mailings were mixed, but the printer's delivery driver was on hand and would have separated the mailings if he had been asked to do so. And my name and number is on the mailing form and a phone call would have brought me to the post office with the necessary funds to cover the \$15.93. No one bothered to call.

This story would be sad enough if it were simply a case of bureaucracy and inefficiency. Unfortunately, there is more.

It begins with a short item we published in the Sept. 11, 1985, issue, asking our subscribers to let us and the post office know about late deliveries. In that notice, we attributed the late deliveries to "Postal Service delays."

Prior to that notice, we had made numerous efforts to find out why *The Spotlight* was being delivered late on several postal routes in Bethlehem and New Scotland, as well as consistently to subscribers elsewhere. Those efforts included phone calls and letters to postal officials urging them to tell us if there was anything we could do at our end to avoid the persistent delays.

On Sept. 18, Postal Service inspectors held the first of a series of spot inspections on the Karner Rd. loading dock, where our papers arrive from the printers at about 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for distribution to the local post offices. Postal

regulations say that once the inspectors find a certain number of errors in bundling or mailing tags, they can hold up the entire shipment. The inspectors did find errors — mostly in out-of-county bundles and bags — and they refused to release any papers that day. Glenn Vadney, our advertising manager, spent several hours the next day at the Karner Rd. facility working with the inspectors to correct the problems they found and to learn how we could avoid future problems. Several weeks later, at our request a Postal Service customer service representative came to our office in Delmar to explain the inspectors' findings. She brought with her a copy of the notice that had appeared in the Sept. 11 *Spotlight*, and stated that the inspection proved that the delays were not the fault of the Postal Service.

Most of the postal employees that we have talked to have been very helpful, but our problems did not end there. On five subsequent occasions, postal inspectors impounded the entire shipment of *Spotlights* on Tuesday evenings. In each case, the inspectors found minor errors in bundling and labeling of bags. But they were enough to justify, under the regulations, a total stoppage of the issue, and the papers were delivered a day late. The inspectors made it clear to our representatives that these inspections would continue for the foreseeable future.

After each inspection, we have attempted to find out what problems existed so we could correct them. It has not been an easy task. Most of the problems that have been identified have been in our computerized mailing lists (primarily for subscribers outside of Albany County), and we have worked hard to correct them. The postal inspectors have never once discussed a problem with us before holding up a delivery, or told us when they were going to inspect so that we could be present to learn about the problems and correct them so that the newspaper could be delivered on time.

We know of no other publication in the Capital District that is subject to these surprise inspections. We believe the possibility that the inspections are a direct result of one published statement has disturbing First Amendment implications.

More than 500 people submit news items, advertise or work on producing each week's *Spotlight*. More than 6,000 people buy the paper every week. Last Wednesday news and advertising on two important school district votes was lost to our readers because of late deliveries.

When the Founding Fathers organized the postal system they recognized that a free press is one of this nation's most important rights. They gave reduced rates and preferential treatment to the nation's newspapers in order to encourage a free press. A free press depends on producing and delivering the news — on time.

Richard A. Ahlstrom

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school and preschool children, no matter how well organized (and we applaud those efforts), to win without GUARDS plus other sympathizers.

Parents are a minority which is growing smaller. For this reason the rest of us are also going to have to use our greater political persuasion to motivate our political leaders to help more with the many problems faced by children, especially the growing number in poor families.

Richard H. Mattox

Delmar

'Terrible showing'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem has a population of over 24,000. There are 16,301 registered voters, with more than that number of people being eligible to vote on school board elections and budgets.

In our most recent election, May 7, a candidate for the school board won with as few as 1,769 votes, or probably less than 10 percent of the eligible vote.

I don't think the community, our school district or any candidate can be proud of such a terrible showing.

Reynard K. McClusky

Delmar

Voters congratulated

Editor, The Spotlight:

As one who has long been interested in and has hopefully made some small effort towards the maintenance of the quality of our local school system, I am writing to express my congratulations to the electorate of the Bethlehem Central School District on the results of the the recent election. Despite the well financed efforts of those who would seek to destroy our school system, it would

appear that Abraham Lincoln was correct in observing that you cannot fool all of the people all of the time, and indeed, it would appear that you cannot fool most of the people this time.

As a former colleague, I can attest that the district has elected two, fine, hard-working members to the board, who I know will continue to work long and hard toward one full-time priority — maintaining a quality school system. I congratulate Marge O'Brien and Bernie Harvith on their re-election. Congratulations are also due to the fine efforts of a number of members of this community who affirmatively stood forth to rebut much of the fallacious information that has been put forth by a group of people who, perhaps though well meaning, appear to be quite misguided on the issue of the importance of our school system both to the future of our children and to the future of our community. Let me

suggest that the many thousands of dollars that were spent in an attempt to undermine the school system could have been (and could in the future be) better spent on the few extra dollars of school tax that it may cost us to maintain that quality.

It is undoubtedly true that the quality of the Bethlehem Central School District is one of the primary assets of this community and the importance of maintaining that quality cannot be overstated. Perhaps now the school board will be able to devote its full attention toward pursuing that goal.

Jed B. Wolkenbreit

Delmar

Pull together

Editor, The Spotlight:

As most residents of Bethlehem probably know by now, the bids for the four relocatable classrooms at the Glenmont School have been opened and are more than 50 percent over projection. This opens a flood of questions, but for once I agree with Bud Reeves' comment last Thursday. We have plenty of time to assign the blame later. Now we have commitments to people in the community to try to uphold.

The one commitment that should always be in the forefront is the one to do the best for our students in an effective and economically prudent manner. This commitment surpasses all others, even that of the March vote to spend \$203,500 for four relocatable classrooms at Glenmont. The disappointment was clearly seen on all the faces of school board members. I applaud all of them for not pushing the question, "How could we be off by \$100,000?"

I ask the community at large to approach this issue in a sense of "calm emergency." We need clear, forceful direction and not emotional pushing and shoving. Let's get the facts, look at the alternatives and then take the best, not the first or the easiest or the cheapest route for our children.

If we pull together as a community we can lessen the impact of the situation for all. If we pull one against the other we will amplify the impact and shatter our community.

Quinlan Davey

Glenmont

Cooke fete June 6

Tickets for a June 6 retirement party for police Capt. LeRoy J. Cooke can be obtained by calling 439-9973, extension 17 or 26. The event will be at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion post in Elsmere.



Mr. and Mrs. John Dare

Married in Catskill

Judith Anne McCarty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. McCarty of Catskill, and John Joseph Dare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Dare of Delmar, were married April 26 at the Catskill Reformed Church in Catskill.

Christine Flaherty, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Carole Henderson and Pamela Hahne. Gerald Dare, brother of the groom, served as best man, and ushers were Daniel Dare and Stevan VanDyke.

Devenpeck-Drahos

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Devenpeck of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Daryl Lyn, to Frank W. Drahos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton J. Drahos of Guilderland.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Russell Sage College, is employed as a research biologist for Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute. Her fiancé, a graduate of Guilderland Central High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is also employed by Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute as a research chemist.

An Oct. 11 wedding is planned.

VanDyke.

The bride, a graduate of Catskill Central High School and Hartwick College, is a claims service representative for the Metropolitan Insurance Company in Albany. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, attended the State University College at Cobleskill. He is employed by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Delmar.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Albany.

Marden-Hazelton

Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Marden of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Joan, to William Thomas Hazelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hazelton of Hicksville, Long Island. An August wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Gettysburg College, is employed by the First American Corporation. Her fiancé, also a graduate of Gettysburg College, is with D.S. Cooper and Company in Troy.



Steve Klomprens and Nancy Van Hoeven

VanHoeven - Klomprens

James and Mary Van Hoeven of 45 Carol Anne Dr., Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Steve Klomprens, son of Tom and Sandy Klomprens of Cody, Wyo.

High School. She attended Hope College in Holland, Mich., and is employed in the town clerk's office in Cody.

Her fiancée is a 1985 graduate of Hope College, with a bachelor's in geology. He is self-employed.

The bride-to-be is a 1982 graduate of Bethlehem Central

A June 21 wedding is being planned in Cody.



Community Corner

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Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus will be in residence at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park this weekend, on Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18.

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