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Bethlehem's low key tradition

By Ann Treadway

"Affluent" is almost always the adjective used by the local media to describe the Town of Bethlehem, but there are plenty of people living in Bethlehem to whom that word does not apply.

It's for this reason that the Bethlehem Festival organization exists.

From its origin during the 1940's as a White Christmas Pageant — featuring school and church musical groups performing before packed audiences in a Bethlehem school auditorium — the organization has evolved into a year-round source of help to neighbors in need. The last pageant was put on in 1968.

Still, this is the time of year when the festival reaches out to the largest number of people. Because of it, between 50 and 60 local families will receive baskets containing a turkey, canned food, fresh fruit and home-baked cookies to help them get into the holiday spirit.

The turkeys and fruit are purchased with festival funds, the cookies are baked by members of the local chapter of the American Association of Retired People, and the canned food is contributed by students in Bethlehem Central schools and also the Becker Elementary School.

All of it gets packed into boxes at the Bethlehem School District's Educational Services Center at 90 Adams Pl., by school personnel and other festival-volunteers, during the week before Christmas. The school nurses and social worker make sure that the size of each basketful fits the size of each recipient family.

The festival fund, which started when the hat was passed during those long-ago pageants, typically totals between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each year. Up to two-thirds of the annual budget is used for the holiday baskets, according to current treasurer Greg Jackson, and the rest is spent throughout the year.

There are representatives on the Bethlehem Festival Board of Directors from all the churches in the Town of Bethlehem and all the civic and service organizations, such as the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, the American Legion and VFW posts, and the fire company auxiliaries.



Bethlehem Festival workers at the Bethlehem Central Middle School collect canned goods to fill food baskets for local families. Some of the workers are, from left, Debbie Robbins, Jason Silber, Jamie Fraser, Perry Fraiman and Jen Goggins. Also helping were Megan Flynn and Darryn Fiske.
Lynn Finley

The board meets only once a year, to elect officers, and then the four officers, currently headed by President Richard Haverly, disburse fund monies on an as-needed basis. "The requests come from people in the schools and churches," Haverly said recently, "because they're in a position to be aware of specific needs."

The other two officers are Bob Evans, vice president, and Lorraine Harper, secretary. Haverly and Evans do most of the public speaking on behalf of the festival, calling themselves "a Mutt and Jeff act."

Nobody associated with the festival is out looking for publicity, and there's a shared concern that its activities be kept low key. A written statement prepared by Haverly includes this sentence: "The organization is ready to help to the extent needed, and always insures proper confidentiality for the protection of the dignity of the individual or family being given assistance."

Haverly's records show that in 1985 the festival fund helped meet 55 specific requests.

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Town rejects mine: case moves to court

Planners violate Open Meetings Law

By Patricia Mitchell

In a surprise move, the New Scotland Planning Board has rejected a proposed gravel mine off Hilton Rd. However, all players agree that the storm is not over yet, and the future of the mine could eventually be decided in the courts.

And the legality of the latest move by the town may be called into question because the planning board acted after adjourning into two closed-door discussion sessions that apparently do not comply with the state's Open Meetings Law.

Capping almost two years of debate, the planning board voted 6-1 last Tuesday to reject the mining application from Voorheesville Sand and Stone for miners William Larned and Son.

After the meeting, representatives of Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, a group opposed to the

second closed-door session, the board declared a "short recess" with no mention of executive session, the purpose for the session or taking a vote to move into executive session.

Those discussion sessions should have been opened because they were a gathering of a quorum of a public body to discuss public business, said Robert Freeman, executive director of the state Committee on Open Government.

"A discussion session to conduct public business would constitute a meeting under the Open Meetings Law," Freeman said. He pointed to a 1978 Court of Appeals decision that declared meetings must be open if the quorum convenes to conduct public business including work sessions or discussions.

Under the law, executive sessions may be held on specific topics such as pending, current or

Board member Williams Childs, who made the motion . . . said he didn't believe the intent of the ordinance was to "Rebuild New York". . .

mine, said they were "very pleased" with the action of the board. Chairman Bob Morrison said the board stayed with the original town zoning ordinance, and Co-Chairman Harry Van Wormer said the 6-1 vote of the board showed the town's strong position against the mine.

The status of a Monday, Dec. 22, date in state Supreme Court to reargue an earlier Concerned Citizens' motion is not yet known.

Wayne Smith, attorney for Larned and Son, said his clients will wait for the courts to decide on its claim that seeks to pre-empt the town's decision on the special use permit that would allow the mine and its immediate operation. If they are eventually successful in the courts, Smith said after the meeting, the planning board won't be able to place any special conditions on the mine.

The planning board's decision came after two closed-door sessions used by board members to discuss a letter passed by Concerned Citizens, pending litigation and options the board members had in front of them on the permit. The board met before the meeting, and adjourned again after two public hearings, but they were not considered official executive sessions, said board Chairman Richard Stickley. Before

proposed litigation, but Freeman said a specific procedure must be followed to adjourn into executive sessions. Even if an executive session was warranted to discuss litigation, Freeman said, in his opinion the procedure of adjourning used by the board would not have allowed compliance under the state's Open Meetings Law.

Larned and Son applied in April, 1985, to mine 27 acres on the former Tall Timbers Country Club located in Industrial and Low Density Residential (LDR) zones, after they received a mining permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

They were seeking a planning board-issued special use permit. At that time, mining was permitted as a special use in the two zones.

For almost an hour at last Tuesday's meeting, Smith and James Linnan, attorney for Concerned Citizens, argued their cases before the planning board in front of a packed town hall meeting room with many town and Voorheesville officials in attendance.

The board voted to deny the application because they said mining is now an illegal use of the

Ambulance gift from state

Elmwood Park Fire Chief Joe Fahd has confirmed that the fire district has received a "windfall" from the state in the form of a check for \$19,000 for the purchase of an emergency medical vehicle.

"We got the check Saturday in the mail from the state," said Fahd.

Earlier this year, the Town of Bethlehem had sought \$35,000 in state funding for the town's Fire Officers Association for upgrading of the training tower on Kenwood Ave. that is used by all five area fire districts, as well as by Albany and other communities.

Due to an apparent miscommunication between Assemblyman Larry Lane's office and state Senator Howard Nolan's office, both the \$35,000 and a second allocation of \$19,000 — one from

the Assembly and the other from the Senate — passed by the budget checkers. Normally, a town only receives one grant from the state in a year. Bethlehem officials asked that the \$19,000 go to Elmwood Park, which at the time was attempting to get voter approval for a new fire house.

However, last July fire district voters approved a \$375,000 bond issue for the construction of a new firehouse. Fahd said construction of the new building will begin in April and may be completed by August of 1987.

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has informally approved a variance for conversion of the old firehouse building into an office building. The fire department will remain at the present location until construction of the new building is completed.

Fahd said the estimated cost of the emergency medical vehicle is \$15,000. He said the remaining \$4,000 will be used to purchase medical equipment for the vehicle.

The Elmwood Park Fire District does not own an ambulance and is served by the Western Turnpike ambulance service, according to Fahd. Currently, the district dispatches a first line pumper to respond to medical emergencies. Fahd said the Elmwood vehicle is dispatched at the same time as the Western Turnpike vehicle but usually arrives first because of the distance.

According to the Fahd, one or more of the district's 10 trained emergency medical technicians administer basic care and stabilize the patient before he is transported to the hospital.

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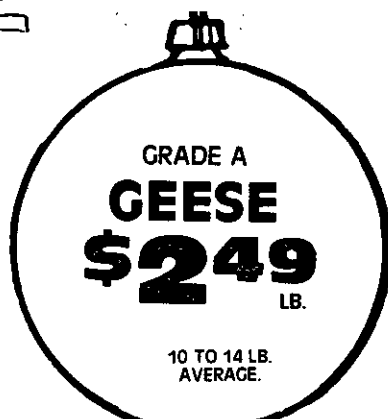
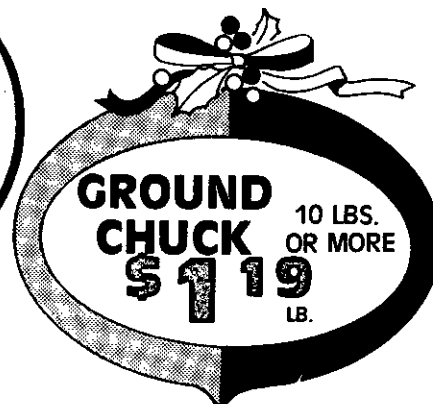
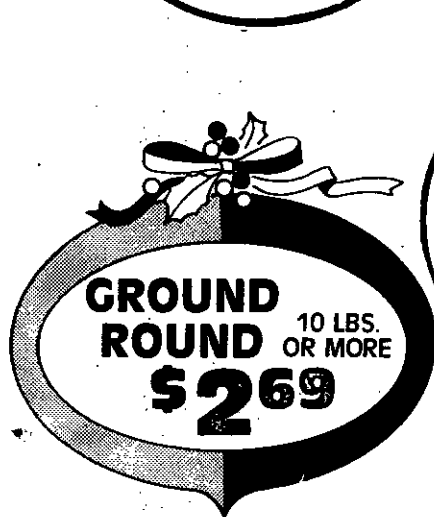
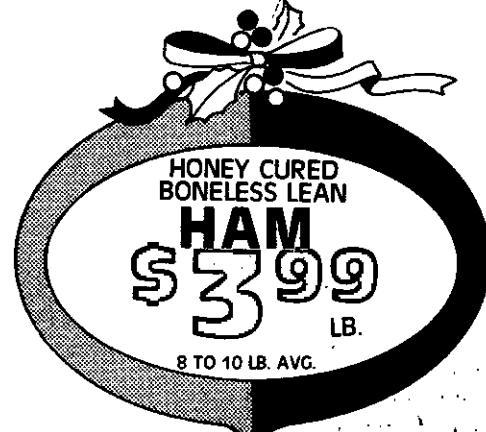
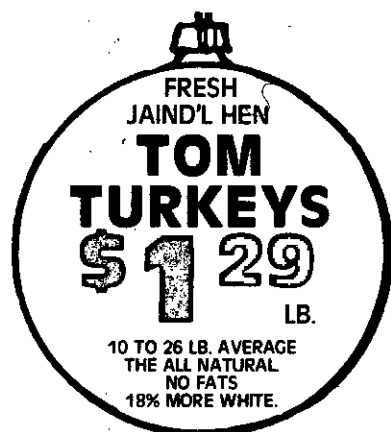
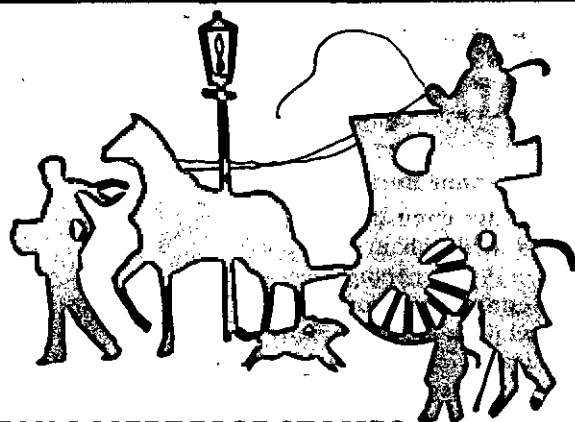
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King for team play

By Linda Anne Burtis

From her circus-like defeat of avowed male chauvinist Bobby Riggs in 1973 to her break with the tennis establishment over the issue of equal prize money for women, Billie Jean King has found herself at the center of controversy throughout her unsurpassed tennis career. The winner of more Wimbledon championships than any other player in history was in Albany last Wednesday for a considerably less glamorous chore, promoting her latest project, Domino's TeamTennis.

The 18-month partnership between King, with her long-time belief that tennis can be a team sport, and Domino's Pizza has already spawned eight professional teams based in cities throughout the United States — boasting such stars as Ilie Nastase and King's former doubles partner, Rosie Casals. In her role as the first woman commissioner of a professional league, King aims to bring her team sport approach to local players.

The former world champion wants to spotlight the recreational player's role in Domino's Pizza TeamTennis. Looking to de-emphasize tournaments where, according to King, "unless you win it, you're a loser," the Domino's format turns an individual competitor into a team player. Unlike tournaments, players are not eliminated after losing one match. Co-ed teams play men's and women's singles, mixed doubles and men's and women's doubles.

The concept is hardly new to this area. Over ten years ago, Delmar tennis player Dr. Richard Balsalm launched the Capital District Pro League, a series of teams composed of top local tennis players. The pro league, which competes during the winter months, is still going strong, with teams vying for a \$4,000 pool of money.

The Volvo league, another team format, is also very popular in Bethlehem and elsewhere in the Capital District. The teams are divided by sex, players must be at least 21 years old and an official rating system is strictly employed to insure that each league comprises evenly matched competitors. Winners need not remain at the local level but can go all the way to a national title.

Last fall several local players had just that chance. J. Michael Harrison of Delmar brought his



Billie Jean King answers reporters' questions last Wednesday at a press conference in Albany.

Lynn Finley photos

Billie Jean's approach honest, powerful

By Linda Anne Burtis

Controversy fits Billie Jean King as snugly as well worn pairs of Reeboks fit weekend hackers. She lays the truth, difficult as it may be for some to hear, on the line, with her, "hey folks, let me tell you how it really is," style. When she presents her version of the tennis world, however, it is without rancor and, if you are not listening hard, you'll miss her "rock the boat" insights altogether.

Although King was in town last week on a corporate chore, she readily departed from her agenda to speak openly about some of tennis's trouble spots. Unlike most athletes who join forces with a sponsor, King remains her own person. For example, she casually told a packed room of television, radio and print reporters that the recent AT&T tournament paid guarantees (under-the-table fees used to attract the top players). When questioned about the legality of guarantees, King didn't hesitate to admit that "guarantees may or may not be legal."

Since the early sixties, when Billie Jean Moffitt burst on the tennis scene, that trademark honesty has inspired many. It's not surprising that Billie Jean matured as a world champion during that idealistic, tumultuous, tradition-smashing decade. The era and the tennis player are mirror images.

When a reporter asked the 42-year-old former world champion what had enabled her to choose a non-traditional path, she said: "I am driven. I had to do what I had to do. My parents still love me, but it's hard on my Mom."

On the tennis court, her aggressive, hustling style of play shook all the social messages that encouraged girls and women to be

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cooperative and — most of all — non-threatening. Like many sixties radicals, she used boycotts to address inequities. She led the women players in a boycott against Jack Kramer's Pacific Southwest Championships because the men were offered \$12,500 in prize money, while the women were expected to compete for \$1,500. At the height of the women's movement, she spoke in favor of abortion rights and discussed her own decision to terminate a pregnancy. She could have ducked those issues, but she allowed her personal life to be exposed under the microscope of press conferences and interviews with Barbara Walters.

Are those battles as a female athlete behind her? "It still goes up and down," King admitted.

Making her way to the pinnacle of the sport as a teenager and a young woman meant fighting all the expectations placed on females in the 50's and 60's — girls could be cheerleaders, occasionally competitors, but never professional athletes who might actually put motherhood on the back burner in order to pursue a career in sports. During an interview last week, Billie Jean described first hand the anguish she went through by opting to ignore cultural attitudes: attempts to keep her out of sports; a society which provided more athletic opportunities for boys than girls; a disappointed mother who, to this day, would like to see her home raising children.

The 1973 libber versus lobber match with Bobby Riggs, which Billie Jean won in straight sets, changed tennis forever. No longer would the sport behave as if it was the property of the aristocracy. Single handedly, she brought tennis to the masses.

What toll does so much controversy take on one human being? There were no battle scars apparent during last week's press conference. Simply, a very real, thoughtful and powerful woman whom any mother should be proud to have for a daughter.

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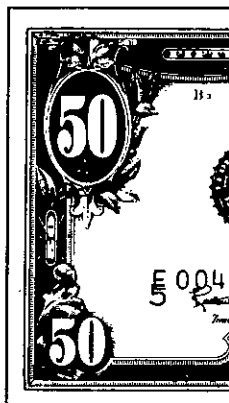


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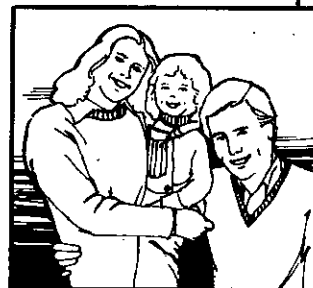
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During 1986 there have been fewer requests, he said, but counting those who receive holiday baskets the number of families served in some way will probably total about 100.

Treasurer Jackson, who at age 33 represents the younger generation on the current board — his dad, Robert, was also a board member at one time — gave some examples of aid rendered.

In one recent instance, he said, a high school student was thrown out of his home by alcoholic parents and needed some clothes presentable enough to wear to an interview for a part-time job.

A woman with three young children whose husband had been jailed needed money to pay a telephone bill so the phone wouldn't be disconnected.

A young couple whose house had burned needed help in paying for a security deposit to rent an apartment.

A woman needed gas money to make required weekly trips to the Capital District Psychiatric Center.

"We fill some of the gaps," Jackson said. The school nurses and social worker and church clergy know which government agencies to direct people to, he said, and only come to the local fund for the smaller, immediate needs that generally fit into the miscellaneous category.

Much of the help goes, anonymously, to local school-children. The festival fund pays, for example, for juice and crackers for some elementary

pupils, for fabric for some high school home economics projects, and for a few field trips so no one has to be left behind.

Often, according to Haverly, donations are pooled with aid provided by other community groups. The Delmar Lions Club, for example, can be counted on to contribute eyeglasses when needed, he said.

Joan Cookfair, this year's chairman of the AARP cookie baking project, said that last year 40 people answered the call for home-baked holiday specialties, and cookie assortments filled about 500 containers. These are donated not only to the festival food baskets, but also to St. Catherine's Center for Children, Child's Hospital and the Good Samaritan Home.

"We've been doing this for many years," she said, noting that all the bakers convene in the basement of the First United Methodist Church on a planned packing date a few days before the festival basket packing date.

Sue DeMuria has taken on the job of social worker for the Bethlehem Central School District, following the retirement last spring of B.J. Lornell. A former family therapist for Project Hope in Gunderland, she knows how much the baskets of food will mean to many families.

"For those who aren't affluent," she said, "this can be a really difficult time of year."

The Bethlehem Festival organization recognizes that, and tries to help. From kindergartners bringing cans of soup to school, to



white-haired women baking dozens of cookies, it is, in Haverly's words, "people who look to others' needs, as well as their own."

Accident on Elm Ave.

Two people were taken to an area hospital this week after the cars they were riding in collided at Rt. 32 and Elm Ave., Bethlehem Police said.

Joseph Ventura, 24, of Greenville, was treated for neck pains and Leslie MacMorrau, 14, no address available, was treated for head pains at Albany Medical Center Hospital. They were both later released, a hospital spokesman said.

According to police reports, Ventura was driving west on Elm Ave. at 4:56 p.m. Thursday, and the Glenmont driver of the second car, with MacMorrau as a passenger, was driving south on Rt. 32.

Methodist celebrations

Numerous events will mark the celebrations of The First United Methodist Church of Delmar this Sunday, Dec. 21. There will be two worship services in the morning at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Christmas music will be the offerings of the chancel choir, youth choir and brass ensemble, under the direction of Joseph Farrell, director of music, and Mark Victor Smith, organist. The Rev. Dr. Arthur F Hagy, Jr. will preach on the topic, "This Is Your Life." The Rev. Richard W. Neal will serve as liturgist.

The congregation is reminded that their special Christmas offerings will be divided to support such educational causes as Ministerial Education Fund, United Methodist Student Day, Christian Education, Black College Fund and Laubach Literacy Volunteers.

In the afternoon, there will be a special Christmas Children's Journey at 4. This service, entitled "The Gifts of God," is designed for

youngsters up to Grade 2, but all persons, including adults, are welcome to attend.

At 5 p.m. the congregation is invited to gather at the church to go Christmas Caroling to the homes of shut-ins. A poinsettia and picture of the group will be left as a memento of the time. The youth fellowships will also be joining this traveling songfest.

Car overturns

A Selkirk man received some facial abrasions after the car he was driving overturned on Rt. 144 near the Niagra Mohawk power plant at 6:54 a.m. Tuesday, Bethlehem Police reported.

John Craft, 23, of Selkirk, was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and later released, a hospital spokesman said.

Craft was driving north on Rt. 144, and because of icy conditions and unsafe speed for those conditions, police said, his car went off the road and overturned.

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What kind of senior housing needed?

By Kevin Mullen

A "new concept" in condominium living for senior citizens in the Capital District has some Bethlehem officials questioning whether there is demands from local residents in that price range.

"Village Green," a 152-unit complex proposed for Wemple Rd in Glenmont, was presented to the Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday. The developers of the project, the Morache-Keneally Development Group of North Bennington, were represented by attorney Mark Pelersi and Robert

Kurzon of Robert C. Kurzon Architects, of Albany.

The proposal faces an arduous review process. The area is zoned "AA" residential, which allows for single-family homes. Morache-Keneally is seeking a Planned Residential District, which allows for multiple-unit dwellings. The planning board will review the plans and make a recommendation to the town board, which has the final say in the matter.

Planned to be built on 30 acres, the complex will include 20 clusters of courtyard homes, each

containing four units. A two-story main building with an elevator will have 72 apartment-style units with inside access to the dining room and recreational area. The project is estimated to cost \$11 million.

The condominiums are priced in the \$80,000 to \$135,000 range. Single-story residences will offer options of two bedrooms or a bedroom-den, two baths, living and dining room, full-service kitchen, laundry room and basement. The overall living space per unit will range from 1,000 to 1,200 square feet.

Pelersi said that a ball park figure of the monthly maintenance fee would be about \$700 a month. Residents will own their units. Morache described the buyers as "residents who have lived most of their lives in the Capital District and therefore have a strong desire to stay in the area. They probably are of retirement age, in good physical and mental health, and may very well own a large single-family home but prefer to live in a more manageable, professionally maintained, secure atmosphere. Typically, they are people of similar lifestyles and backgrounds and eager to remain active, socially and physically."

Councilwoman Sue Ann Ritchko, who is co-chairwoman of the town's Senior Citizens Housing

Committee, asked if there was a need for the facility and if a survey had been done. Pelersi said that a "proprietary survey" had been done with "favorable" reception.

Ritchko said that she would like to see "the report in writing" and suggested that it "should be shared with the community." But Pelersi said that since the survey was privately done, he would not like to share the results with "the competition," but would be willing to share the results with the board.

Karen Pellettier, director of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services, and co-chairwoman of the Senior Citizens Housing Committee, said that Village Green "could fill a need."

Pellettier and Ritchko and the 12-member committee will report

board so that elderly residents in the town can have an opportunity to remain as residents of the community through additional housing opportunities. Pellettier said that there are 25,000 residents in the town and that approximately 26 percent are over 60 years of age. Though she said that Village Green "may be an answer to a certain segment" of the senior population, she said that other options are needed.

She cited a study done by Dan McGuinness, a senior planner with the Albany County Planning Board, for Bethlehem based on the 1980 census. For the town of Bethlehem, the median income of an owner-occupied housing unit with householder 62 years or older is \$10,452 for one person in a housing unit; \$18,132 for two persons in a housing unit; \$26,888 for three persons in a housing unit. The median income in a renter occupied housing unit with householder 62 years or older is

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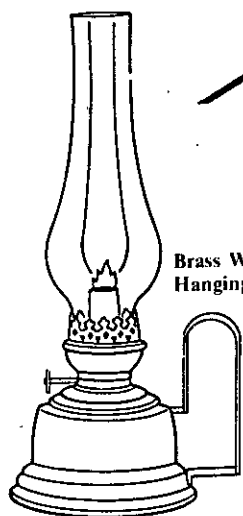
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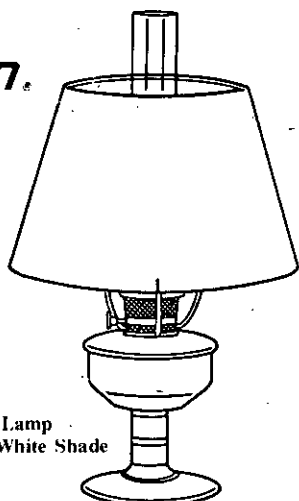
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Nancy Eson of Elsmere demonstrates a dreidl making craft at the Israel table during the Bethlehem Public Library's International Holiday Celebration. The event on Monday, Dec. 8, showed how people of different lands celebrate their winter holidays.

three persons in a housing unit.

Councilwoman Ruth Bickel wanted to know how different Village Green was from Chadwick Square. Pelersi said that Village Green was a "completely different concept." He said that Village Green would entail a "more independent lifestyle." Pelersi said that, unlike the public roads that run through Chadwick Square, the roads for Village Green would be private and would be maintained by Village Green. He said that the single floor units would enable an individual who is advancing in age to cope better.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick asked whether the over 55 age requirement was in violation of housing discrimination laws. Pelersi said that state law says that some age limits may be set for certain kinds of housing.

The Morache-Keneally Development Group was founded in 1984 and incorporated in 1986 by Morache and Gerald Keneally to develop retirement communities in the Capital District.

The request for the zoning change was referred to the planning board.

In other action, a public hearing was held on Local Law No. 1 of

1986. The new law is an updated version of the 1968 law, regulating the use of public and private sewers and drains within the Delmar-Elsmere Sewer District. Many specifications were taken out and transferred to detail sheets. Language was simplified and fees will now be determined by the town board. No one spoke for or against the new law.

The board also:

- Approved a request from the Department of Public Works for acceptance of a deed from Charles Waldenmaier for a right-of-way near Kenwood Ave. and Rockefeller Rd.

- Approved a request from the Department of Public Works for acceptance of an easement from Noel S. Bennett, Jr. and Virginia B. Bennett for new water regulating valve station located at the intersection of New Scotland Rd. and Fisher Blvd.

- Approved a transfer of funds of \$30,500 from the General Fund, with \$700 going to animal control and \$29,800 to sanitary contractual.

- Approved a request from David Siegal clarifying a Building Project Approval no. 19 for Juniper Fields. J.F. Associates will now be permitted to construct

up to 282 multiple-family dwelling units.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m. — a day earlier than usual to avoid the holidays.

Many customs

Bethlehem Public Library's international holiday festival last Monday was attended by some 200 children eager to see how people of different lands celebrate their winter holidays.

Library staff members and volunteers interpreted the customs of seven countries, including Spain, Israel, Great Britain, Japan and Italy with displays, ethnic foods, storytelling, dance and music.

Brunch for GOP women

A holiday brunch, sponsored by the Bethlehem Republican Women's Club, will be held at the Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, on Sunday, Dec. 28, beginning at noon.

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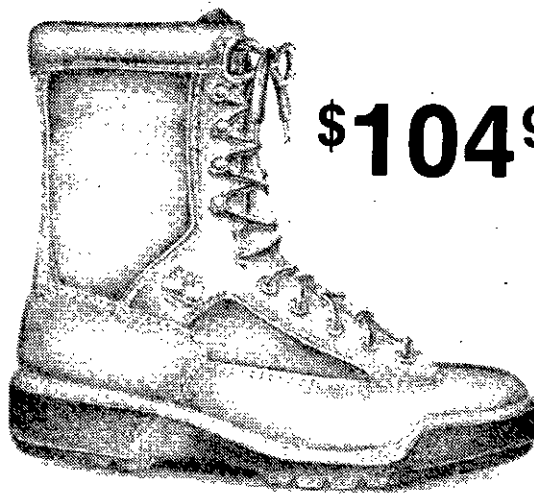


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District will check for radon gas

By Patricia Mitchell

Voorheesville Central Schools will be tested for levels of radon gas within the buildings.

After some high readings were found among village homes, Superintendent Louise Gonan said even though any threat of radon breathed or testing may be

inconclusive, the district should do it. "I suggest that we do it because people would be unhappy if we do not," she said.

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Gonan said after the meeting the testing will probably be done in January while students are in the schools. A licensed supplier is being sought now for the testing.

While some board of education members said at last Monday's meeting they were uncertain of any health risks posed by the gas, most agreed it would be a good precautionary step to take.

Radon is an invisible radioactive gas caused by the natural decay of radium and other radioactive elements in the earth. It is mostly found in areas where there is a large amount of shale or bedrock in the earth, and where there is also large amounts of gravel. Radon was first discovered among miners, and is suspected of being a cause of lung cancer.

A public meeting between the state Health Department and Voorheesville residents on Saturday, Dec. 6, on the recent testing, left many questions unanswered among residents that said the preliminary tests were not conclusive. Officials said the tests only measured the potential to exposure to radon. A debate

between two Health Department officials on testing procedures and determination of findings left even more residents confused.

Board member Joseph Fernandez said that after the public meeting he doesn't feel there is a health risk. The link between the possible effects of radon in mines and in homes is an unfounded conclusion, he said, and the use of charcoal canisters for Voorheesville's testing was inconclusive.

"There is no evidence that it is a health issue," Fernandez said, adding that the public meeting and debate was "an absolute disservice."

"If someone said 'the sky is falling,' we really should go outside and see," said board member David Teuten.

The findings of the testing could be used to establish a point to do something in the future, said board member Peter Ten Eyck.

The district needs to answer parents' concerns and get a reading of the radon level, said board President John McKenna, noting that people's minds will

only be eased if a low reading is obtained.

While Health Department workers were reluctant to make recommendations after reviewing the buildings, Gonan said the district will have to pay for the testing. A variety of spots will be tested over three to four days, including classrooms, closets and storage spaces, but it was recommended that testing only be done on first floors. Gonan said she wants to place canisters in crawl spaces because some workers have to go into them.

Most board members agreed the testing should be done at least half during the week, even though the Health Department recommended most of the tests be done over the weekend. McKenna said the Health Department seems to be pointing to taking the readings during the worst possible time when the air is still instead of during the week when students come and go and doors are opening.

"Don't we want to know what the levels are when the kids are here?" said Teuten.

In other business, the board accepted its new tuition policy that allows students who have moved out or who are planning to move in to attend district schools for a fee. The policy discourages non-resident students from taking Voorheesville Central classes on a tuition basis.

The policy was put into place when families started to move into new sections at the Orchard Park subdivision and wanted children to attend Voorheesville even though they were not living in the district yet. Gonan said the elementary school did see some jump in enrollment and had to open a new kindergarten section, but no significant increase has happened yet.

The school board will attempt to accommodate students who are moving in or out on a case-by-case basis so the district will not be adversely affected and so students can finish out a school year or complete high school.

Fees will be \$250 for families moving in, and \$250 for each student in families that have moved out. Families will have to provide their own transportation.

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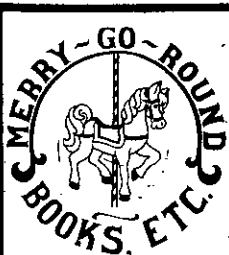
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Board adopts priorities

At their last meeting of 1986, the Voorheesville Board of Education adopted its priorities for 1986-87.

Adopted at the Dec. 8 meeting, the priorities were originally drafted by board member Steve Schreiber. They are:

- "To continue to support efforts of the faculty and administration to define, develop and recognize good teaching, the board of education will encourage the efforts of faculty and administration to strengthen teacher appraisal and development program for the district.
- "To study the operation of the Voorheesville Board of Education from various points of view, including such matters as public relations, communication, mechanics and operational procedures.
- "To continue to review academic achievement and pursue improved academic effectiveness, while proceeding with the orderly implementation of the Regents Action Plan."

The school board also:

• Learned that all bugs had been worked out of rescheduled runs after the shuttle system was ended. Gonan said a few changes in seating were made for some high school students.

• Were told by high school Principal O. Peter Griffen that 62 seniors, about half the class, were all absent on Monday, Nov. 10. Normally, six to 10 seniors are absent, and after phoning home, 10 parents said their children were illegally absent, 48 said their children were sick, and no response was received from four or five. Griffen said the day before Veteran's Day, a school holiday, was a day in band practice, and for football and soccer tournaments, and attendance at those events was high.

• Learned that all plants in the

high school foyer had been removed between 10 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Griffen said. They were taken just at the end of a girls' basketball game but before the front doors had been locked for the night.

• Appointed Pamela Traverse a permanent substitute bus driver at \$6.21 an hour, and John Winchell a census enumerator at a \$1,200 salary.

The school board went into executive session once at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters, but after the meeting Gonan said no action was taken.

The next meeting of the board is slated for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12. The 1987-88 preliminary school district budget will be presented in a special meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Light the tree

"Light Up a Child's Life," a campaign to benefit the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, is being sponsored by Home and City Savings Bank. Each person who visits a branch of Home and City Savings Bank will have an opportunity to contribute \$5 to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon and turn on a tree light. The national telethon is being sponsored by the Osmond Foundation of Salt Lake City and will continue until Jan. 2.

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Hadassah helping

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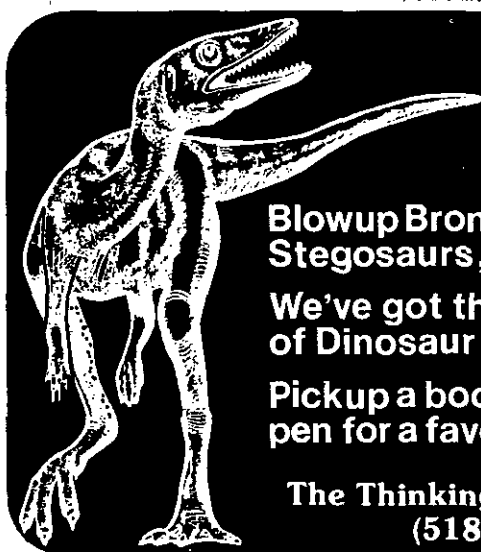
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Return appearance

Santa Claus will be coming to town this weekend to listen to last-minute requests from area children. According to village Trustee Richard Langford, the jolly old elf in red will be making his yearly visit to the Voorheesville firehouse this Sunday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. to listen to the wish lists of good boys and girls. All are invited to stop by and visit Santa and enjoy some magic, movies and snacks.

The annual holiday get-together is sponsored by the village board, the Voorheesville Fire Department and Auxiliary, and the Voorheesville American Legion Post No. 1493.

Holiday doings at the library

Holiday happenings will be taking place this week at the Voorheesville Public Library beginning on Thursday, when area children are invited to come and decorate a Christmas cookie. The activity, which begins at 4 p.m., will also include a holiday movie.

Final fall story hours will be held on Friday, Dec. 19, but preschoolers will be given several opportunities for some special story time during the next week. According to Librarian Nancy Hutchinson, Bedtime Christmas Story Hour will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. Youngsters are invited to don

their pajamas and come join the fun.

On Friday, Dec. 26, Hannukkah story hours will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the library.

A reminder to library users that the library will be closed all day on both Christmas Eve and Christmas day but will reopen on Dec. 26.

Quilt to be raffled

The Voorheesville Village Quilters are offering a chance for those last-minute shoppers to acquire a lovely handmade holiday gift. The group, which meets monthly, has donated a beautiful Ohio star quilt to St. Matthew's Human Concerns group to be raffled off on Sunday, Dec. 21. Tickets for the single-size spread are 50 cents apiece and can be purchased after all masses at St. Matthews or may be obtained by calling Darlene Smith at 765-4605.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to assist the community group in providing a nice Christmas for area families in need.

Holiday services

Area churches are readying for Christmas and have announced the schedule of holiday services.

At the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, family services will be held at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve while the candle

light service will be held at 11 p.m. that evening. On Christmas morning the worship service will be held at 10 a.m.

At St. Matthew's Catholic Church Christmas Eve services will be at: 4 p.m. children's mass with students participating in a nativity pageant; 7 p.m. mass accompanied by the guitar group and 10 p.m. mass featuring the Christmas choir.

Penance service

In preparation for the holidays, St. Matthew's Church will hold an Advent Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Individual confessions will be heard at that time.

Two Sunday services

The First United Methodist Church will hold two worship services on Sunday, Dec. 21, instead of the usual one. Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., featuring special musical programs by the senior and junior choirs.

That afternoon at 4 p.m. the junior choir will meet at the church for an afternoon of caroling.

Plans are also being made at the church to repeat the living creche program began last year.

Vacation schedules

Students in the Voorheesville Central School District will be celebrating the holidays with a vacation. Both schools will begin vacation on Wednesday, Dec. 24. School will resume on Jan. 5, 1987.

Counting heads

On the subject of students, the Voorheesville Central School District is looking for a census enumerator to conduct a door-to-door count of school district residents and complete BOCES computer sheets by the end of January.

The salary is \$1,200. All interested persons may contact Louise Gonan, superintendent of schools, by calling 765-3313.

Drama workshop

Some creative students at the high school recently participated in a drama workshop funded by scholarship money given to the school by General Electric.

The workshop directed by Kyle Pulliam, technical director of the Siena College Theater, was entitled "Break a Leg" and included such activities as selecting and revising scripts, casting, choosing directors and reviewing the final production.

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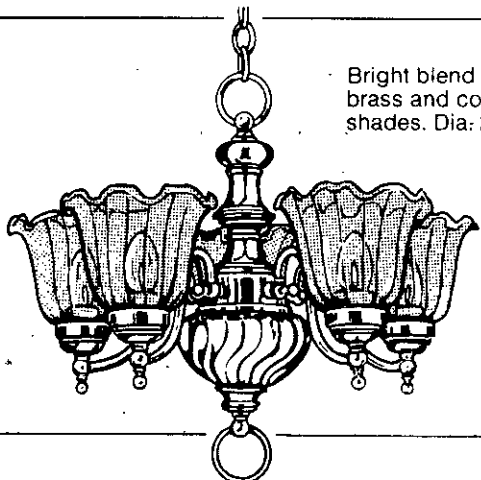
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Voorheesville's Junior Girl Scout Troop 562, presents "The Girl Scout Christmas," to senior citizens at their annual holiday get-together last Sunday. Girl Scouts and Brownies from the village entertained the senior citizens at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Lyn Stapf

Jill Guyer, Jeanette Kiegle, Kevin Smolen, Alexis Steinkamp, Ted Teuten and Laurie Warner. According to English teacher Vasiliki Volkwein, the students joined other students from the area at the workshop held at the Rensselaerville Institute.

Benefit caroling

The Cub Scouts of Voorheesville Pack 73 will carol around the village this Saturday for the benefit of Ronald McDonald House. The fund raising event, which was originally scheduled for last week, was postponed because of frigid weather.

Indicted for assault

A Voorheesville man has been indicted by an Albany County

Illegal shots

After illegally shooting two deer at the Alcove Reservoir in Coeymans, two Delmar men are out on bail pending future court appearances, state police said.

The men were arraigned in Westerlo Town Court on Sunday, Dec. 7, for environmental conservation violations and trespassing, troopers said. An investigation into the incident is continuing, and further arrests may be pending.

Grand Jury on felony assault charges, the district attorney's office said.

Robert Treadway, 31, of Voorheesville, was indicted this week and charged with second degree assault, a class "D" felony, and reckless endangerment, a class "A" misdemeanor, court officials said.

Treadway was arrested on Nov. 24 by deputies from the Voorheesville substation after he allegedly struck two people with a cane and a bamboo stick, court officials said.

After the arrest, Treadway was sent to the Albany County Jail on \$100,000 bail, deputies said.

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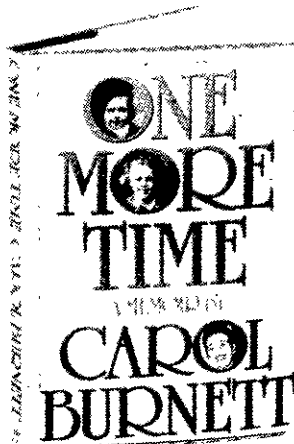
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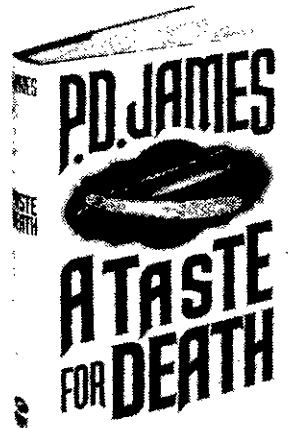
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Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Holiday Concert, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, making of Williamsbury table decoration with garden group, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration, 439-1094.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meeting, all welcome, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

Winter Concert, presented by junior high band and chorus, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, all welcome. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Holiday Arrangements with Evelyn Sturdevant," 4:30 p.m.; "Not Really Page One News," 5 p.m.; "The Job Board," 5:30 p.m.; "Paper Folding Workshop," 6 p.m.; "Christmas Stories and Craft," 7 p.m.; "Ornaments on Your Own," 7:30 p.m.; "The Delmar Community Orchestra for the Holidays," 8 p.m.

"The Sound's of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Clarksville Elementary School Choir, 10 a.m.; Bethlehem Central High School "Sound System," 12:15 p.m.

Holiday Concert, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Advent Dinner, covered dish, Faith Lutheran Church/Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, all welcome, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting, Faith Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Advent Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert, presented by students of A.W. Becker Elementary School, all welcome, 7 p.m.

"Waiting for the Christmas Guest," play will be presented during Advent service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

"Key Bank Day," celebrating 50th anniversary of Key Bank's Delmar branch. Refreshments and gifts.

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

Christmas Luncheon, celebrate Christmas with foods of season, Albany Country Club, Voorheesville, \$10.50, noon. Reservations, 439-3061.

"The Sounds of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem Central High School Brass Ensemble, noon.

Mobile Post Office, mail delivered for senior citizens, Good Samaritan Home, Delmar, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 456-5137.

Holiday Concert, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting, Bethlehem Ambulance, Glenmont Fire House, 7 p.m.

Winter Concert, RCS Junior High School, RCS Senior High School, Rt. 9W, Ravena, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, CDPC, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

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 Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "International Holiday Celebration," 4 p.m.; "Happy Hanukkah," 5 p.m.; "Children's Choice for the Holidays," 5:30 p.m.; "The Job Board," 6 p.m.; "The Spotlight," 6:30 p.m.; "Capital Chamber Artists," 7 p.m.; "A Cheese Lover's Holiday," 8 p.m.

"The Sounds of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Creators Crusaders, 4:30 p.m.; Bethlehem Lutheran Church Senior Choir, 5:30 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Brooks Drug Store, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Firehouse 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.

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

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

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.

THEATRE

"Community Property," comedy-drama, Market Theatre, downtown Albany, through Dec. 21, Tuesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

"Little Shop of Horrors," suspense, laughter and chills, Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, through Dec. 21. Information and times, 235-7909.

"A Christmas Carol," Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, Albany, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.; Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Tickets, 474-6143.

"Capellmeister," play about life of Johann Sebastian Bach, by Ray Bono, commissioned by Capitol Chamber Artists, Page Hall, State University at Albany, Dec. 20, 8 p.m. Tickets, 489-0507.

"The Little Match Girl," adaptation of fairy tale presented by New Works Theatre Group, Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 362 State St., Albany, Dec. 19-21 and 26, 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Free Organ Concert, featuring organist Mary Bon, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, every Friday, 12:05 p.m.

Vienna Choir Boys, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Handel's Messiah, presented by Capitol Hill Choral Society and Albany Symphony Orchestra, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Dec. 18, 8 p.m.

Melanie Salka Schekeryk, in concert at Bicycle Annie's, Rt. 155, Colonie, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Tickets, 882-9275.

Tom Mitchell, singer and guitarist, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 19 and 20, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

"Great Acoustics," program of folk music, WAMC Studio, 318 Central Ave., Albany, Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 465-5233.

SLIDE PROGRAM

"The Christmas Story," produced by Metropolitan Museum of Art, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 23, 12:15 p.m.

DANCE

"Nutcracker," presented by Berkshire Ballet, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 21, 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets, 482-1285 or 482-5224.

ART

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

"Nature's Hold: 150 Years of Natural Science at the New York State Museum," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 1.

"New Traditions: Thirteen Hispanic Photographers," pictures from South America and Spain, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through Dec. 28. Museum hours, 474-5842.

Exhibit, drawings of Dale Malner and polychrome steel sculpture of Victor Zaikine, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Dec. 20, 5-8 p.m.

"American Craftsmen," faculty and student selected work from School for American Craftsmen at Rochester Institute of Technology, The Rice Gallery, The Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"Give a Present with a Future," holiday show featuring locally and internationally known artists, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through January, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

"Set-Ups," black-and-white photography by area artists, Schacht Fine Arts Gallery Center, Russell Sage College, Troy Campus, through Jan. 11, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

New York Mountain Artists Holiday Show and Sale, over 20 artists exhibits with theme of holiday gift giving season, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Lake Placid, through Dec. 20, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Information, 523-2512.

"The Ice Age," prehistoric exhibit of men and animal that first roamed Northeast America, New York State Museum, Albany, permanent exhibit. Information, 474-5842.

"The Statue of Liberty: A Contemporary Graphic View," celebration of Liberty centennial, New York State Museum, Albany, through Feb. 1, Information, 474-5842.

"Art in Search of...1986-87," paintings, drawings, sculpture and prints, Harmanus Bleeker Center, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Jan. 31.

"The Hudson River and Highlands: The Photographs of Robert G. Ketchum," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 30.

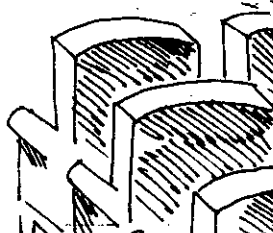
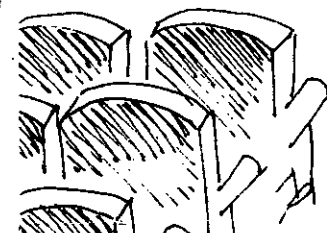
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SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

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

"The Sounds of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Delmar Reformed Church "Happy Voices," 9:30 a.m.; United Methodist Church Choir, 11:30 a.m.

Christmas/Holiday Message Fair, members of Albany Amateur Radio Association will send free holiday wishes to anywhere in America, McDonald's of Delmar, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 439-2839.

Children's Christmas Party, Selkirk Fire Company 3, South Bethlehem, 5:30 p.m.

Children's Hoop Shoot, sponsored by Elks Lodge 2233, Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Live Nativity, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Church and Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Family Worship and Communion, first Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Education, 9:15 a.m.; Senior High Fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

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

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m.; caroling, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; church school classes, 9:30 a.m.; children's Christmas service, 4 p.m.; caroling, 6 p.m.; nursery care for preschoolers through morning, information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Christmas/Holiday Message Fair, members of Albany Amateur Radio Association will send free holiday wishes to anywhere in America, McDonald's of Delmar, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 439-2839.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, White Christmas Dinner and program, 6 p.m.

Christmas Party, for children ages 10 and under in Selkirk area, Selkirk Fire Company No. One, 1 p.m.

Faith Lutheran/Glenmont Community Church, all welcome, worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:10 a.m.; adult forum, 10:10 a.m.; covered dish dinner, 5 p.m.; caroling and pageant, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday school and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Christmas program, 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet, sponsored by Elks Lodge 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-noon.

Children's Holiday Party, featuring magic show, snacks, movies and Santa, sponsored by Voorheesville Village Board, Voorheesville American Legion and Voorheesville Fire Department, Voorheesville Firehouse, 2-4 p.m.

Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, worship and drama, entitled "Angels and Other Strangers," 10 a.m.; Christmas concert, featuring three handbell choirs, 4 p.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd. Information, 439-1766.

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at 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.

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

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER

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

"Inside Your Schools," information programs for parents, children discussing educational, controversial topics, Adams-Russell Cablevision, channel 24, 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Storyhour, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

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

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

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Bethlehem Public Library, closed for Christmas; reopens Dec. 26, 9 a.m.

Christmas Eve Egg Nog Party, celebration of holidays, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 3-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

Candlelight Services, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7 and 9 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Christmas Eve Service, and pageant, First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.; live nativity, 7 p.m.; late service and carols, 11 p.m.

Candlelight Service, with live nativity, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.; traditional candlelight service, 11 p.m.

Candlelight Service, with pageantry, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

Christmas Eve Service, Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, 11 p.m. Information, 436-7710.

Candlelight Service, Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY 26 DECEMBER

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 Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Bethlehem Public Library, reopens, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER

Bible Study, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:45 a.m.

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Church and Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Family Worship and Communion, first Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Education, 9:15 a.m.; Senior High Fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

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

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

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

TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

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

Walt Disney Film, 101 Dalmations, Bethlehem Public Library, children's room, 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. Free; tickets, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER

New Year's Eve at Noon, celebration for all ages, Bethlehem Public Library, children's room, 11:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

New Year's Eve Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 17
DECEMBER

"Toughlove," support group offering parents solutions in coping with kids in trouble with school, law, family, substances, Bishop Gibbons High School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 393-4253.

River Valley Auditions, for people interested in American folk art of singing in four-part harmony barbershop style, Clover Patch School of United Cerebral Palsy, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 372-9166.

"A Joyous Season," share joy of season with members of Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Colonie, \$1, 5-6:30 p.m. Information, 434-1284.

Christmas Concert, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School chorus and band, Empire State Plaza Concourse Level South Gallery, noon-1 p.m.

Public Hearing, to consider long-term care required by aged and disabled veterans, conducted by Assemblyman Richard J. Conners and Assembly committee on veterans affairs, State Capitol, room 306, 10 a.m.

Bloodmobile, Red Cross Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 3-7 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Holiday Party, sponsored by Capital District Resolve, non-profit organization formed to help individuals and couples deal with infertility and related issues, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 381-7048.

Rental Property Owners Assn. of Capital District, Christmas party and election of officers, Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-3920.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Assn. will hear Kathryn Tracy present overview of disease and recent findings, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-0887.

Slide Presentation, entitled "Today's Newspapers: Tomorrow's History," sponsored by Hudson Valley Writers Guild, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 5:15 p.m.

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THURSDAY 18
DECEMBER

Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for parents of substance abusers, rear of Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Transportation Planning, Capital District Transportation Committee will discuss and act on adoption of private operators policies, all welcome, Niskayuna Town Hall, 1335 Balltown Rd., Schenectady, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY 19
DECEMBER

Gift of Life, Santa Claus will give blood at Red Cross bloodmobile, Urgent Care Center of Cohoes, 401 Columbia St., 1 p.m. Information, 274-0190.

A/C Sparkplugs, will sponsored western square dance at Pine Grove Methodist Church, Central Ave., Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122 or 895-2073.



Lynette Stracke, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, and Jamie Dillion, a sophomore at the high school, perform a live nativity scene for the Youth Group at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. In celebration of the holidays, the live nativity will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the church on Elm Ave. in Delmar.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, Christmas party at Maple Inn, East Berne.

Bell Choir Concert, presented by students of Saint Gregory's School, Old Niskayuna Rd., Loudonville, 2 p.m.

Parents Without Partners, holiday buffet and dance, Knights of Columbus, 218 Osborne Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Reservations, 489-4855 or 458-9611.

Auditions, for Heritage Artists production of *I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking it on the Road*, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

SATURDAY 20
DECEMBER

Ski Party and Fun Race, in beginner's area of Windham Mountain, noon. Information, 734-4300.

Christmas Bird Count, in Schenectady area, sponsored by Albany County Audubon Society. Information, 374-3426.

Country Dance, sponsored by Old Songs Inc., featuring music of Bill Spence and Fennig's All-Stars, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, \$4 admission, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

SUNDAY 21
DECEMBER

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, Norstar Corporate Headquarters, 1 Norstar Plaza, Broadway, Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461, ext. 300.

Benefit Gift-wrapping, sponsored by Colonie Chapter of Hadassah and Filene's, Crossgates Mall, Dec. 21-24.

TUESDAY 23
DECEMBER

Compassionate Friends, self-help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

"Christmas Dreams," holiday promotion for Parsons Child and Family Center, will be broadcast on WXXA-TV, appeal for children's toys. Information, 438-4571.

WEDNESDAY 24
DECEMBER

Holiday Farmers' Market, featuring baked goods, apples, holiday wreaths, beeswax and candles, South Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 474-5986.

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Advent is the time for preparation — not only in the religious sense, but also in the secular — preparation for Christmas.

As we who are Christians prepare for the birthday of Our Blessed Lord, the incarnation of God into His world, we can not help but be aware of the enthusiasm of the nominal Christian, and even of the non-Christian, for the customs of the season.

Evergreen boughs and a Christmas tree are purchased, special foods and drink are set aside, gifts are bought or made, holly and mistletoe are woven into wreaths, and houses and towns are decorated into festive places to replace the usual, and sometimes drab, decor.

A good many of these practices are very old. They are not only rooted in pagan soils but, to some extent, are beyond man's recorded history. For example, our ancestors of Europe and Western Asia were in the habit of decorating their houses and buildings with evergreen branches at the midwinter festivals which were held around the last of December.

At that time, the warmth of the sun seemed the weakest, the hours of daylight were the fewest; and it seemed to them to be the logical time of the year to remind themselves, and perhaps the ancient gods, that spring would surely come again. This was not only evident in the choice of evergreen branches but also in the use of dried berries and fruit, which symbolized the hope of rebirth and another fruitful season.

Many of these ancient customs seem to have been almost worldwide in practice, and to some, suggest the possibility of a common source. Certainly the lighting of huge bonfires in the attempt to stimulate the dying sun, or to proclaim the rebirth of one god or another, was a practice enjoyed by many peoples from the mid-winter festivals of ancient England back, at least, through the Roman celebrations of the birthdays of Saturn, Attis, Mithras and others.

In these and many other ancient customs such as the celebration of the winter solstice and the yule fires, we may see the source — or at least the continuing — of festival practices which are still evident in today's Christmas celebrations. The mistletoe of ancient Druid tradition and the decorated evergreen tree of the Germanic countries, once pagan in origin, are now an accepted part of our Nativity decorations.

But out of the dark ages of man's ignorance, out of man's joyful celebrations of the promise of the warmth of the sun, soil fruitfulness and rebirth, the Eternal God of all generations — when He found that His creation was ready — began to weave a new tapestry of birth, of purpose in life, and of hope for Life Eternal. And so the magnificent birthday of The Light of The World slowly replaced the primitive celebrations of old. The purpose of celebration was changed — but the old practices of celebration remained with a new Master; a new Lord, and with greater purpose.

It seems logical, and not at all strange, that God should choose this time of the year for the birth of His Only Begotten Son. To make use of the ancient festivals which were so popular with the peoples of many lands — and to invest these with a new and much more wonderful meaning, indeed to make them purposeful — seems most logical indeed.

Following this example, traditional Catholic missionary practice down through the years has been to use that which is good and joyful and to turn this joy into the worship of the One, True God. St. Paul used this method with the world of Greek culture, St. Gregory and Augustine have, with many others, turned the joy of popular tradition to new purpose in the adoration of God.

We should never deride the Jew or the agnostic Gentile for his Christmas enthusiasm, even though he ignores the purpose. We should never deride the merchant or the enthusiastic commercial establishment for changing drabness to beauty in this holiday season.

There have always been those who find joy in the holiday and fail to recognize the holy day. They will always be with us. From the beginnings of recorded history, there have been those who celebrated with joy without fully knowing the purpose. But, after all, are we much advanced from them? Do we fully understand the purpose or see the magnificent glory in the incarnation of Almighty God?

Well, the trappings of the ancient celebrations — the outward and visible signs — remain in the form of the evergreen trees and boughs, the wreaths of holly and ivy, the mistletoe, the gifts of goodwill to friend and neighbor. But the inner meaning of the ancient festivities has become spiritual — at least to the degree that our present generation may be able to understand it. Now, it is God and

His manifestation of love for mankind that we adore and worship.

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□ Mine case goes to court

(From Page 1)

land after a September town board action that rescinded the special use of mining in the zones. The six-year old ordinance was originally put into place so the town could consider several small gravel mines.

Board member William Childs, who made the motion to declare the use illegal, said after the vote it is incumbent on the board to represent the citizens of the town, and none want the large gravel mine. He said he didn't believe the intent of the ordinance was to "rebuild New York," but to permit a source for gravel within the town. For someone to come in and harvest gravel on a large scale was not its purpose, said Childs,

receiving applause from the audience.

Stickley and Building Inspector Walter Miller said they were not in favor of dumping the application, but declaring the use illegal was the quickest possible solution, and voted to deny the application.

The dissenting vote came from board member John Loucks, who earlier made a motion that the planning board sit back and wait through court action before making any decision.

"Otherwise, we could wind up spinning our wheels," Loucks said. His motion received no second.

Prior to the vote, Linnan told the board that it has no legal right to consider the application because the town board has prohibited mining in the area and declared it illegal.

"At this time it would be an illegal use of that property if someone attempts to mine under your present zoning laws," Linnan said.

Even though Larned and Son have already received a mining permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, it does not mean that the planning board has to allow the mine, he said. A DEC law that doesn't allow local governments to enact stricter standards for reclamation on land that has been mined has been interpreted by several courts to mean that a local zoning law cannot limit or prohibit mining.

However, "Northeast Mines, Inc., vs. State of New York

Department of Environmental Conservation," the most frequently pointed-to citation, was brought because of mining restrictions, not zoning, Linnan said. He argued that the law is not intended to overrule local zoning.

"Well (if it does), you might as well just abolish this board," Linnan said. "The statute says you can have a zoning law."

Town attorney Fred Riester said he has looked over the same cases, and agrees with Linnan on their interpretation. Those court cases are not a total pre-emption of local zoning ordinances, he said, and the board should not be concerned with the significance of the DEC permit.

Smith appealed to the planning board to reschedule a postponed public hearing on the special use permit. He said all facts on the mining permit should be put on the table so the planning board can make its decision.

"I think you ought to have some more public hearing and get the facts out. Let everybody be heard. We are willing to debate anyone

on the issues," Smith said.

The first part of the public hearing was adjourned after more than four hours of testimony in May, and Smith said it was because more information was needed and the late hour. He said when the town board rescinded the special use of mining he didn't think his clients were involved because they were already in the public hearing process, and when the hearing adjourned he didn't think they were to be legislated out.

Smith said he sympathized with the planning board members for the situation they were in. The board could do what was politically expedient to refuse the permit, and be able to eat breakfast at the local diner. But, he said, public officials sometimes have to take the heat on the issues.

No matter what the planning board's decision, he said, Larned and Son will take their case to the courts and have it decided there.

"We proceeded in good faith. We know what the state law says. We are committed to (the mine)," Smith said.

Court action brought by Concerned Citizens postponed a second public hearing set for October. After the citizens group was denied an injunction on further action on the permit, the planning board decided to take matters into its hands again.

PWP dance planned

The Albany chapter of Parents Without Partners will hold a buffet and dance at the Knights of Columbus, 218 Osborne Rd., Albany, beginning at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Sundown.

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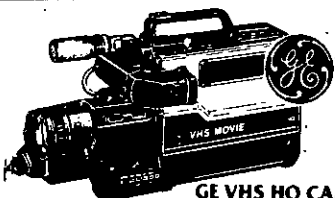


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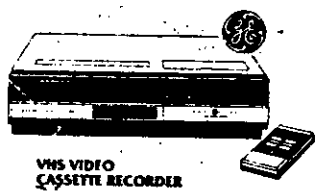
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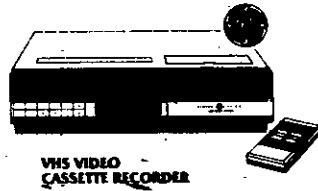
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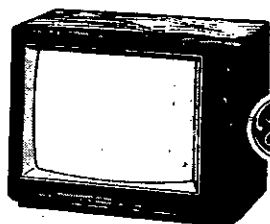
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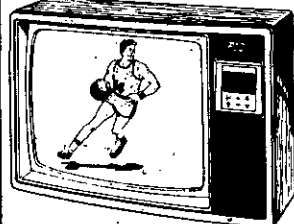
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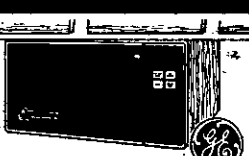


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Voorheesville CAR grades high

By Patricia Mitchell

Achievement levels for Voorheesville Central School students are improving or remaining consistent.

In the district's 1985-86 Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR), released to the board of education last Monday, Voorheesville Central students are shown to be keeping ahead of their peers in similar sized school districts in New York State. Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) tests have improved for third, fifth and sixth graders, and Regents exams and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores are comparable to other years.

The CAR is required under the Regents Action Plan, and is a summary of achievement tests for state school districts over the past three to five years. The report uses standardized tests in basic subjects to measure students' progress in the district compared to other years. Demographic data collected by the state Education Department is also included.

Only one percent of students taking the third grade math and fifth grade writing PEPs scored below the State Reference Point (SRP). However, 12 percent of third graders taking the reading test fell below the reference point, and elementary principal Donna Grant Canavan said this involved six students who are presently being assisted by the school.

Canavan also pointed out that

in 1982-83 the then-third graders took the PEP tests, and nine percent in reading and six percent in math fell below the reference point. Now, as sixth graders that group has just one percent below the SRP in both tests.

"It's nice to see high scores. Yes, we are improving," Canavan said.

The PEP is used for early identification of students who need special help in developing the basic skills of reading, math and writing. A reference point has been established for each test, and pupils who score below it must be provided with remedial help.

In similar sized schools, or central school districts with 1,100 to 2,500 students, nine percent of third graders fell below the reference point in reading and three percent fell below in math; for fifth graders 10 percent fell below the reference point; and in sixth grade 13 percent fell below in reading and eight percent fell below in math.

Results on Regents exams varied when compared to 1984-85 scores. For example, 92 percent of students taking the business math exam in June passed the Regents, compared to 55 percent the year before and 86 percent in similar-sized schools. Sixty-seven percent of students taking the bookkeeping and accounting exam passed the Regents, compared to 88 percent the year before and 81 percent in

similar-sized schools.

In 1985-86, Voorheesville Central students scored the highest averages on their Scholastic Aptitude Tests at 462 on the verbal and 505 on the math. This compares with 431 verbal and 500 math scores last year, and 427 verbal and 471 math scores in the state.

This year, there were 112 graduates, 17 receiving Regents scholarships, 37 receiving honors, and one National Merit Scholarship finalist. Out of 91 students attending college, 56 went on to

four-year schools and 35 went on to two-year schools.

In district-wide summaries, class sizes and students' make-up are comparable to past years. In the elementary school, average kindergarten class size was 17 in 1985-86, and in grades one to six, the average size was 22.

The racial and ethnic distribution figures are similar to past years, with white children making up the largest group of students. A low percentage of students were noted to be below the poverty line according to census information.

Graffeo appointed

Victoria A. Graffeo of Voorheesville has been appointed legislative counsel and director of legislative resources for the Assembly minority by C.D. "Rapp" Rappleyea, the Assembly Republican leader.

Graffeo currently serves as floor counsel for the Assembly Minority. She will begin her new duties on Jan. 1 with an annual salary of \$58,200.

Graffeo is past president of the Capital District Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of New York State. She received her law degree from Albany Law School in 1977.

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Misses road

After not stopping at an intersection and driving into an embankment, a Latham woman will be appearing in New Scotland Town Court Thursday, state police reported.

The woman was arrested for driving while intoxicated and passing a stop sign, troopers said.

The woman was driving south on County Route 308 Wednesday when she failed to stop at the intersection on Delaware Turnpike, crossed the road and ran into a ditch and an embankment on the opposite side of the road, troopers said.

The woman and a passenger both received head abrasions but refused treatment, state police said.

Field trips offered

Guided field trips will be offered this winter to organized school groups at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Coordinated by Five Rivers Limited, the citizen's support group at Five Rivers, the lessons will last two hours and will include an indoor slide-illustrated lecture and outdoor field work. The lessons will be offered from Monday, Jan. 12, through Friday, March 13. Pre-registration is required as space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a nominal fee for the lessons.

School groups in grades 3 through 8 can choose the "Wildlife In Winter" lesson, which focuses on winter survival strategies and animal signs in winter such as tracks, chewings, or diggings. Groups in grades 5 through 9 can opt for "Snowshoeing and Winter Ecology," which investigates animal life requirements such as food, shelter and mobility. The field trip involves snowshoeing.

For information, call the center at 457-6092

Breaks window

A Feura Bush boy will be appearing in Coeymans Town Court Thursday after he allegedly threw a snowball at a school bus, state police reported.

The boy was ticketed for fourth degree criminal mischief after allegedly throwing a snowball at a Bethlehem Central school bus and breaking a window, state police said.

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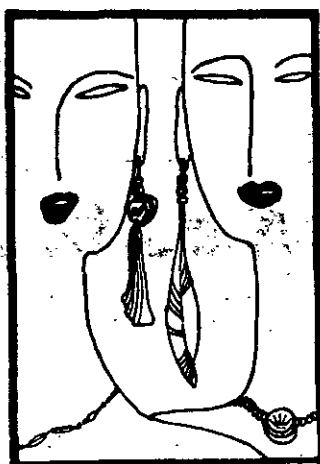
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Barbara Pickup



Special celebration

The children in Ms. Nardone's Reading classes at A.W. Becker Elementary School worked on a special project for Thanksgiving. The boys made Indian shields and headbands, Pilgrim outfits, a log cabin and a totem pole. In honor of the special occasion, the girls baked corn bread and shared it with the boys at a celebration.

Hoop shoot coming up

Youngsters eight through 12 years of age will have the opportunity to test their basketball

skills by competing in a Hoop Shoot sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, No. 2233 of Selkirk, on Saturday, Dec. 20. The competition will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pieter B. Coeymans School in Ravena. Boys and girls will compete with children of their own age group, and trophies will be awarded to the winners of each group. Pre-registration is not required. Refreshments will be served. The youth activity is under the direction of Chairman Dave Leonard.

Firefighters give party

All children of the South Bethlehem, South Albany area up to and including ten years of age are invited to a very special party given in their honor by the firefighters of Selkirk Fire Company No. 3. An exceptional Christmas Party has been planned for the children this Saturday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the fire house on Rt. 396 in South Bethlehem.

Included in the activities is a visit with Santa Claus, refreshments and a gift for each child, magic performed by magician Chad Currin and the entertaining antics of Sugar & Spice, the clown.

prepare for the event. The bands and jazz ensemble are under the direction of Scott Andrews and the choruses are under the direction of Kenneth Tyrrell. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Jazz Ensemble in demand

The RCS Senior High Jazz Ensemble has also been very busy with rehearsals and performances, both in and out of the school. On Nov. 24, the group traveled with the RCS Junior High Jazz Ensemble to Waterford High School to perform for their faculty and students. RCS was asked to do this performance to help provide the Waterford students with the incentive to become involved in their own music program.

On Dec. 5, the jazz ensemble performed an afternoon concert of holiday music at the Ravena Congregational Christian Church. On Dec. 9, some of the members, along with other RCS music students, traveled to Hudson High School to see Woody Herman and the Young Thundering Herd perform in concert. The jazz ensemble also performed at the annual winter concert Dec. 11th at

the Senior High. The heavy performance schedule will also have the group performing at the Empire State Plaza today (Wednesday), and on Dec. 23 in the Senior High cafeteria during 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th periods. The jazz ensemble is under the direction of Scott Andrews.

Santa comes to breakfast

In addition to the delicious and very sumptuous breakfasts the Bethlehem Elks normally hold at the lodge, this month's buffet will feature a special guest to dine with their patrons. Santa Claus will be on hand to greet all of his friends. The "all you can eat" breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at the lodge, Rt. 144 and Winnie Rd. in Selkirk. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, waffles, 'Elk' gravy, toast, juice and coffee. The public is invited. The cost is \$4. for adults, \$2.50 for children under twelve, and \$3.75 for senior citizens.

Grange names committees

New committees have been appointed for 1986-87 for the Bethlehem Subordinate Grange. They include: flagbearer, Betty Gifford; Women's Activities Chairman, Neita Raynor; CWA committee, Arla Seaburgh, Ester Snyder and Betty Atkins; legislative, Warren Kullman; community service, Helen Raynor, Lyle Snyder, Neita Raynor and Betty Atkins; junior committee, Randall Drobner, Neita Raynor and Betty Gifford; youth chairman, Betty Gifford; crafts fair, Helen Raynor, Linda Schacht and Betty Gifford; kitchen, Frank Gifford and Randall Drobner; suppers, Helen Raynor, Randall Drobner, Betty Gifford and Frank Gifford; This and That Sale, Neita Raynor and Hazel Martin; pianist, Ed Nealand and Aleta Kullman; building and grounds, Frank Gifford, Wendall Seaburgh, Warren Kullman and Sam Driver; publicity, Alice Britenbaker; posters and ads, Arla Seaburgh and Wendall Seaburgh; sports, Harold Eck; resolutions, Warren Kullman; lecture committee, Ester Snyder.

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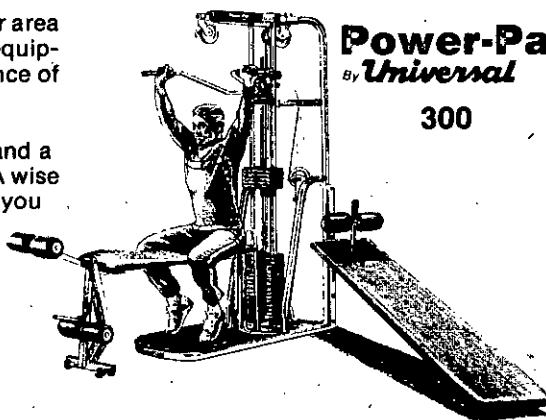
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men's 4.5 team to the national playoffs in Las Vegas in September. Ira Bloom competed in the gambling mecca as a 3.5 player, as did the local women's 3.5 team which included Alice Tenbeau, Pat Heffern, Diane Hampton, Ellie Prakken, Eileen Jones, Lynn Luther and Cissy Stasiuk.

Domino's TeamTennis does not currently offer more than local titles for recreational players, but King did not rule out that possibility for the future.

However, Domino's Pizza TeamTennis is less restrictive than the Volvo leagues. Team members do not need to join the United States Tennis Association. The standard tennis rating system for individual players (beginners to professionals are rated on a scale from 1.0 to 7.0), which allows teams to play one another on an even basis, is only loosely utilized. Also, men and women play on the same teams.

Over a decade ago, Billie Jean's husband, Larry, a lawyer and tennis entrepreneur, spearheaded the team tennis concept. Despite modest success, matches between the Philadelphia Freedoms and

the Boston Lobsters never held the allure of Grand Slam events such as the U.S. Open, and the teams disbanded.

With the backing of corporate sponsor, Domino's Pizza, Commissioner King is now attempting to revive and expand that concept. She has signed on world class players, including Andrea Jaeger and Eliot Teltscher, and hopes to double the size of the current eight team league.

Domino's matches are played at Capitaland Racquet and Health Club in Gunderland. "There are three levels so far, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5," according to local organizer Nitty Singh. Every player receives a t-shirt and awards are given out at the end of the season. Singh is planning to expand the existing teams and add a 3.0 and junior teams, which would be an area first. Anyone who is interested in playing Domino's TeamTennis can call Nitty Singh at Capitaland Racquet and Health Club, 456-5050.



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Taken in the burglary were two televisions, a VCR, cash and assorted jewelry, police said.

There was no sign of a forced entry, police said.

Resolve party

An open house party, sponsored by Capital District Resolve, will be held at the College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, on Thursday, Dec. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

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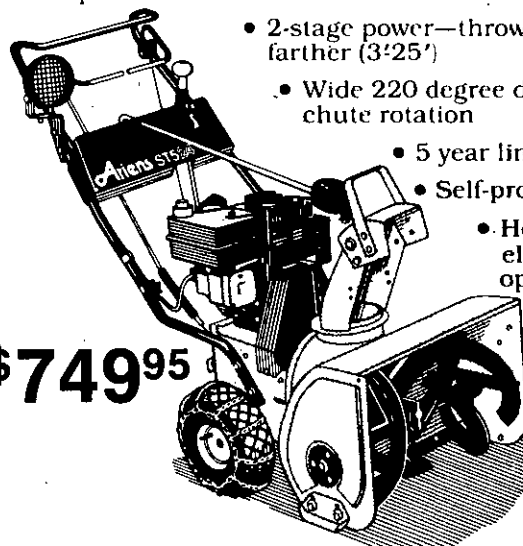
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On thin ice

An Albany man's car didn't do a significant amount of damage Sunday after rolling into the skating rink at the Elm Ave. Park and crashing slightly through the ice, Bethlehem Police reported.

The man will be appearing in Town Court on Jan. 6 to answer

to trespass charges, police said.

Even with the recent cold snap, the pond was not completely frozen for ice skating, and that's why the car crashed so easily, said Philip Maher, parks and recreation department administrator. The rink has not been opened yet because it has not been completely frozen.



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Eagles manage to keep it respectable

**Spotlight
SPORTS**

By Dave DeCecco

Bethlehem Central's game plan against Shenendehowa's basketball team Friday night was to key on Brendan O'Sullivan.

They did.

The Eagles also knew that the Plainsmen's scoring star Greg Koubek would probably net his season-average 25 points. Said BC Coach Jack Moser, "He'll get his 25."

He did.

Actually, Koubek scored 31, but the Eagles game plan was essentially successful, for they held O'Sullivan to just 10 points.

The final score was Plainsmen 69, Eagles 47, and Moser believes the defense played well for most of the game. "Holding a team of that caliber to 69 points is not too bad," he said.

The baskets on host Bethlehem's side of the court were few and far between in the first half, and Shenendehowa's pressure defense held them to just 10 points after 16



Hey! You can pass or shoot the ball, but you can't kick a basketball, as BC's John Peyrebrune, left, points out to Shenendehowa star Greg Koubek. R.H. Davis

minutes of action to a halftime score of Plainsmen 37, Eagles 10.

The game started rather sluggishly on both sides, and the Eagles played well for the opening minutes of the first period. "Howa then turned on their pressure "D," and showed why they are one of the best teams in the state, holding the Eagles to just two points the rest of the way in the first half. At this point, no BC player had more than two points, and they found themselves at the bottom of a 27-point hole.

Now, it was time for Bethlehem to turn it on.

They did.

Eagle point guard John Peyrebrune and center Todd Wright let loose in the second half, to finish with 12 and 11 points respectively, tops for Bethlehem. "John had a lot of pressure on him in the first half, and he wasn't getting much help. He played very well in the second half, though," said Moser. Everyone saw action, and Beth-

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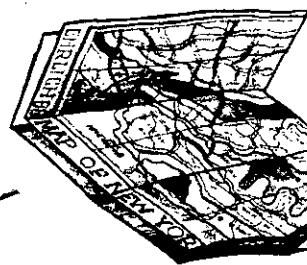
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lehem outscored the opposition after intermission, 37-32.

The ball bounced in the desired direction Tuesday night, when Bethlehem polished off Niskayuna, 58-48, a pre-season choice to contend with Burnt Hills and Bethlehem for top honors in the Gold Division.

Brian Battle led all scorers with his season-high 19 points, followed closely by Peyrebrune with 17. The backcourt duo shot 16-39 from the floor to light up the scoreboard. Wright, Ed Perry, and John Reagan crashed the boards for 37 rebounds, and Wright yanked down 15 to lead Bethlehem in this category. Moser noted that the team shot very well that night.

The two games move BC's record to 2-1 in the Suburban Council and 2-3 overall. They travelled to Guilderland last night (Tuesday), and will host Mohonasen in a rare Saturday-afternoon contest this weekend. Two wins are definitely within the team's capability, and Bethlehem will need them to keep pace with a hot Burnt Hills team.

Nativity pageant

A live nativity pageant will open at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, and at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. All are welcome.



Ed Perry, BC's no. 14, goes up over Shenendehowa's Greg Koubek for two of his four points.
R.H. Davis

Blackbirds have night they'd rather forget

By Rick Leach

Two days plagued with snow and one bye forced the Voorheesville basketball team to go over two weeks without a game. For just this reason they were anxious to get on the court for their game on Tuesday, Dec. 9, against Lansingburgh.

However, maybe coach Bob Crandall and his group should have prayed for more bad weather, as the Blackbirds just couldn't get untracked and were walloped 62-32 by the home-standing Knights. It was one of the worst losses ever for the Birds.

"It was a terrible game," Crandall stated. "We know we played poorly and the kids are frustrated and embarrassed."

Burgh exploded out of the locker room to quickly grab a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second stanza was a little bit better for Voorheesville but they still trailed 32-16 at intermission. The Knights overpowered the visitors as well in the second half, as the Birds couldn't manufacture any offense.

"Our shooting was very poor, and our defense wasn't a whole lot better," Crandall said. This was apparent in the squad's leading scorer, John Meacham, who had

nine points, shot just three of fifteen from the field and just three of nine from the foul line. The number two scorer for the Birds was Marty Gordinier, who had just six points.

"I don't know where our problems are, but I know these kids will work hard to get better," Crandall said. "I think they are all capable of playing good basketball."

The 0-3 Birds will have their work cut out for them this week, when they travel to the home court of the two pre-season Colonial Council favorites, Watervliet and Waterford. The game at Watervliet was held yesterday (Tuesday) and the contest with the Fordians on Friday.

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Watervliet, Waterford BC swimmers stay at 'home' put press on Indians

By Bart Gottesman

RCS varsity basketball coach Jim Gorham said his team's games with Watervliet and Waterford, both top contenders for the Colonial Council Championship, would be tests to see how good his team actually was.

Unfortunately, there are some tests that never should be taken.

The Indians failed the Watervliet test badly, being outscored by 27 points to a final 78-51. Against Waterford, Gorham was "very pleased with the team effort, but not happy with the result," as his troops suffered a frustrating loss, 49-45.

"Watervliet is definitely in a different league than any team in the council," Gorham said of the Cannoneers, who outplayed the Indians in every facet of the game; rebounding, shooting, defense and any other "positive" statistic in basketball. "(Watervliet was) good outside, ate us up inside and out-rebounded us."

After the first quarter, it looked as if the game would be a barnburner as both teams matched up evenly. Ravena only managed to take eight shots in the second quarter, allowing their visitors to start building a lead that would grow steadily until the game was over.

In the second half, Watervliet used its full-court pressure defense and it worked. The Indians forced poor pass after poor pass while the Cannoneers turned the numerous

BASKETBALL

turnovers into easy buckets. Inexperience, Gorham said, was not the reason for Ravena's buckling under to the pressure of aggressive full-court play.

Ravena's 6-foot-5 center, Adam Wheeler, the player who had led the Indian offense in the team's first three games, played no major role in his team's game plan sitting on the bench with foul trouble. Taking over on offense for the green and gold were Mike Frazzetta and Scott Bernacki, each netting 11 points.

In the other test, at the start of the game against Waterford it looked as if Ravena was a different team than two days before. They took a nine-point lead at the end of one quarter and extended it to a 10-point margin at halftime. Tony Williams, who finished with 16 points, sparked the Ravena attack, finally breaking out of his shell and hitting outside shots.

Transition of momentum in the third quarter was similar to riding on flat ground and then driving down the side of the Rocky Mountains. Waterford outscored Ravena, 20-10, to cut the lead to zero. The fourth quarter was evenly matched, but the Indian upset bid failed, 49-45. Ravena's poor second half was caused by not being able to handle the full-court press. For the second consecutive outing, the Indians made poor passes giving the opponent easy baskets.

Playing without the services of Bernacki with an ankle injury and Phil Nicewonger who was out due to sickness hurt the Indians physically as starters receive very few breaks.

Bethlehem Central swimmers have begun the reconstruction of what they hope will be another lengthy winning streak, and the project is off to a good start.

The Eagles, operating under a new coaching staff and in temporary quarters at the middle school, had too much experience and talent for Burnt Hills and Amsterdam in their first two meets of the new season. This week they are on the road, visiting Albany Academy today (Wednesday) and Shenendehowa Friday.

Last week they dispatched Burnt Hills by 51-33 and Amsterdam by 49-33. Both meets were held in the Kenwood Ave. tank, and both visiting schools consented to permit diving competition in a pool too shallow to meet scholastic standards.

The results pleased BC's new

head coach, Ken Neff, a former Bethlehem standout himself. Neff observed that the Burnt Hills meet "wasn't as exciting as we had anticipated" because the Eagles opened with an unexpected 1-2 in the medley relay. That made the score 9-1 going into the first individual event, the 200 free, and after Justin Baird, a sophomore speedster, overtook one of Burnt Hills's top swimmers in the last 15 yards of that event, the visitors were in drydock.

The divers, coached by another BC alumnus, Mike FitzPatrick, also brought smiles to their tutors. Alex Hall, an experienced senior, won, but the coaches especially enjoyed the third place turned in by Bill McCarthy, a sophomore in his competitive debut.

Neff said Amsterdam was "a

good meet" in which three performances, none of them a first-place finish, caught his eye. BC won only six of the 11 events including the free relay, but superior depth did the job, and that's where Neff cited Joie Kowalski, Peter Greenwald and Scott Whitney.

Kowalski and Greenwald, seniors and newly elected team captains, gave BC a 2-3 in the 200 freestyle. Whitney, a sophomore breast-stroker, took third in the butterfly, coming from 10 yards back with a strong spurt on the last lap.

The fly is one event, along with the IM, Neff is trying to develop. His best prospects are Geoff Frank and Brink Hartman, both juniors, who did well in the Burnt Hills meet but did not swim the event against Amsterdam while Neff was experimenting with Whitney and others.

Guilderville swimmers outnumbered

By Matt Bates

This year's Guilderville swim team opened up its season last week with a pair of defeats at the hands of Albany High and Troy High.

In their opener last Tuesday, the combined Guilderland and Voorheesville team traveled to Albany and were defeated 94-63, by the experienced Falcons.

Guilderville did turn in some excellent performances, however. Barry Turek, from Guilderland, swam an excellent 100 fly, qualifying him for the sectionals, an exceptional effort this early in the season. Kevin Tyrrell, a Voorheesville standout in the pool, won two events for the team, defeating some excellent competition, in winning both the 50 and 100 freestyle. Tyrrell also guided the medley relay team to an outstanding time. Gary Washburn, also from Voorheesville, placed third in the Individual Medley

along with the 200 freestyle.

Later in the week, the squad fell to Troy High, 50-30, but the swimmers were closer to victory than the score indicated. The team's improvement was immense, and almost everyone improved on their best times.

Darrin Price of Guilderland swam what was apparently a second place finish in the breast stroke, but he was disqualified on a technicality. Walshburn received two second place finishes in the 200 and 500. The sophomore was caught from behind in both of these races in the final laps, but if they hadn't happened, the team would have had their first victory.

The improvement Thursday outweighed the negative happenings of the day. Chip Brown, the squad's diver, attained an excellent score of 130.50, that placed the team in second place for the meet. Mark Wight, who didn't place at Albany, turned in

two third place finishes. The former basketball player from Voorheesville performed excellently in his first attempt at both the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle events. Another former basketball player, Tom Hampston, took many seconds off his 100 breaststroke time at Albany to place third in his specialty. Tyrrell also improved his time in winning the 100 freestyle, and Tom Cullen had an excellent showing in the 100 freestyle, along with swimming the 200 freestyle.

Matt Kroft, Aaron Krupka, and Rob Dillon round out the squad, which is one of the largest in recent years. All three are essential on the relay teams, as well as swimming their respective events.

Coached by Joe Shore, the swimmers improvement is hoping to continue into this week when they have meets on Tuesday and Thursday.

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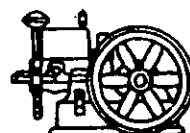
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Eagles place 4th at Oxford tourney

By John Bellizzi III

Bethlehem Central's wrestlers had a good showing at the Annual Clyde Cole Invitational Tournament at Oxford High School last weekend, placing fourth in the tourney, with finalists in five weight classes, including three winners.

"We did a very credible job," said varsity coach Rick Poplaski of the tournament won by Section II rival, Queensbury. "Those five performances showed definite strength. It wasn't bad for our first tournament — especially for one of that level."

Winning their weight class in the final for BC at Oxford were Patrick Leamy at 91 pounds, junior co-captain Jim Dayter at 132 pounds, and Mike Mosley at 167.

Coming in at second place in the 126-pound weight class was Bethlehem's other co-captain, junior Chris Saba who is back on the mats for the first time this season. "Chris was seeded seventh in what was undoubtedly the toughest weight class," explained Poplaski. "He wrestled well, though. It was a quality loss against a quality kid."

At 155 pounds, Steve Guynup came in second place, having secured pins in all of his earlier matches that day.

Last Wednesday, the unfortunate varsity wrestlers from Colonie High School found themselves to be out of their league when they tried to deal with the Bethlehem wrestlers, who defeated them soundly 68-3 in a dual meet.

Bethlehem's successful victory over Colonie started off by two forfeits to Sean Van Wely and Pat Leamy in the lower weight classes. Next, at 98 pounds, came what Poplaski called "one of the highlights of the meet," when experienced sophomore Mike Leamy won his first varsity match,

5-4. "Mike wrestled a very intelligent match," reflected Poplaski. "His opponent was physically bigger, but Mike was in better condition and was able to pull out a victory."

In the next two weight classes, 112 and 119, Ben Greenberg and Tom Nyilis won by technical falls. At 132 pounds, Dayter pinned his opponent. At 138, Jamie Dillon, another experienced veteran of last year's freshman team, won his first varsity match, 5-2. John Sinuc won by fall at 145, followed by Steve Guynup in a 13-2 decision, and Mosley 7-1. Peter Bragaw won by forfeit in the 177 pound weight class. Finally, Joe Diacetes and Sean Nixon, in the heavyweight and unlimited categories respectively, both pinned their men.

The varsity Eagle matmen were scheduled Tuesday to take on strong Suburban Council rival Saratoga for what Poplaski foresees as the first major testing of this year's squad. "This will be more than just a good test," he said. "It will be one of our most difficult dual meets. Saratoga and Shenendehowa are the wrestling powers in the Blue Division."

"After this week we'll have a pretty good picture of how our team compares this year," Poplaski said. This Saturday, Bethlehem hosts Voorheesville in the first home match of the season. Saturday's meet is scheduled for JV to start at 1 p.m., with varsity to follow.

The freshman team, under John DeMeo, travels to Shenendehowa today and Mohonasen on Friday. Both meets have a 4 p.m., starting time.

A perfect score

By Josh Curley

In their only meet last week, the Indians salvaged their wrestling reputation when they crushed Lansingburgh with a rare bird in wrestling — a shutout.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk matmen scored 73 points, out of a possible 78, in their first Colonial Council blowout.

A team receives six points for a pin, three points if the wrestler earns one to seven points with a win, eight to 10 points earned by the wrestler in a win gives the team four points, five points for the team if the wrestler earns 11 to 14 match points. When a wrestler earns 15 points in the match it is called a "technical fall." For 15 points the team gets six points, the same as for a pin.

In this convincing victory, seven RCS wrestlers recorded pins when Corey Thiele, Chip Cowles, Bob Jordan and Rich Losee each produced their first pins of the season. Tim Baranska and Luther Legg scored with their second pins of the season, and senior Jerry Baranska has forced pins on all three of his opponents this year.

Yesterday, the Indians wrestled Albany Academy in a Council meet. On Thursday, Ravena will go against Voorheesville in another council matchup. Saturday, the wrestling team plans to travel to Fonda for a meet.

Birds win another

By Jeff Smolen

The Voorheesville varsity wrestling team improved its league record to two wins and no losses last Thursday, defeating Watervliet 38-32 to gain another league victory.

The Blackbirds are looking to repeat last year's league record of eight wins and no losses.

Helping the Blackbirds to a 2-0 start was eighth grader Christian Clark. He now has a record of two wins and no losses in his first varsity season. The second win came from Rick Leach to up the Blackbirds lead. This was a very important win for Leach, who had to come from behind for his second win in two matches so far. Matt Cillis, also with a 2-0 record, pinned his opponent to help Voorheesville keep their lead. While the match was getting close, Tom Ravida came through with an important win.

The next win for the Blackbirds came from Jason DePasqual, improving his record to 2-0. Also scoring wins were Paul Novac, who had to come from behind against a tough opponent, and John Traudt, now with a 2-0 record. Pat Ryan ended his match in a 2-2 draw.

These wrestlers, as well as the others that make-up the Voorheesville team have started off in the right direction under the guidance of coach Dick Leach matched with a desire to win.

RCS spikers take control

By Tim Penk

The RCS girls volleyball team took sole control of first place in Colonial Council when they defeated Waterford and Schalmont this week.

Waterford never had a chance and played poorly as the Indians demolished them 15-3 and 15-2. The Indians were overpowering with their serving and Marie Setford once served eight straight points. Tracy Klein and Colleen Farrell had good games setting in a no contest match.

RCS captured first place when they beat Schalmont 15-13 and 15-3. The Indians started tentatively in the first match with seven missed serves and six missed spikes to keep Schalmont close. Amy Kane and Kris Gerg led the team with five kills.

In the second match with Schalmont, the Indians jumped ahead when Karen O'Brien and Marie Setford served four consecutive points each. RCS destroyed Schalmont with their bump, set, and spike offense, and Tracy Klein and Colleen Farrell had another all-star game.

RCS must now defend first place against Tamarac and what could be a tough match against Voorheesville.

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Ravena recovers form, smothers Watervliet

By Paul Curley

Terri Baker's 14 points at Watervliet last Wednesday helped keep the Ravena girl's basketball team undefeated in the Colonial Council this season, beating Watervliet, 51-31.

"The score did not indicate what kind of game it was," said Coach Betty Faxon. The team, which had missed practice the day before due to the weather, "played very sloppily" in the first half but still went into the locker room up by five. "We were ice-cold in the first half, turning the ball over," said Faxon, but the team heated up during the second half in what turned into an easy win.

One of the reasons for

Watervliet's second half demise was that RCS's center, Lisa Holsapple, drew four quick fouls from Mary Littlejohn, 'Vliet's highscorer. Littlejohn was held to only five points while Holsapple tallied seven. Tracey Tucker also added seven, and Jackie Mulligan and Frances Losee contributed eight each. Baker had the most impressive game, with 15 rebounds, six assists, seven steals and eight of her 14 points coming in the crucial third quarter.

Ravena played a scrimmage against Shenendehowa Saturday to get ready for the big game against defending champs Schalmont today. They will travel to the Academy of the Holy Names Friday.

Team play key for Birds

By Renee Hunter

"You win one, you lose one" is the phrase to summarize this week's Voorheesville Blackbirds' girl hoopsters' play.

The Ladybirds won against Mechanicville after a close tie, but then lost to Lansingburgh.

They found themselves in a tight position facing Mechanicville on Wednesday when there was three minutes showing on the clock, and a tied score. The Voorheesville squad was able to pull ahead with the help of fouls and one-on-one free throws, resulting in a 45-39 win going into the record books.

Coach Nadine Bassler felt the key to the game was having five players score. Tricia Carmody contributed fifteen to the cause, Jennifer Elliott scored thirteen, Michelle Schaff threw in eleven, Laura Martin added four, and Tally Bausback had two points. Bassler was pleased because one of her concerns for the team had been taken care of when more than two players collected points.

"Laura and Tricia went to the ball" as the two collected a bountiful supply of rebounds, Bassler said.

On Friday, Lansingburgh made the voyage to Voorheesville for what turned out to be more of a football game than a basketball game, according to Bassler. Injuries abounded as Betsy Zeh, just back from another injury, was hurt again at the half. Shortly after, Martin's face greeted a wild ball, and she played only half a game.

Lansingburgh was able to score during both injuries, as the Blackbirds halted to console their teammates. These four points could have been the deciding

factor, as Voorheesville lost, 47-43.

Even though, Bassler was impressed with the team's playing. Despite two of Voorheesville's leaders being out of the game, the team played strongly, and the second-string players were able to stay right with Lansingburgh.

The coach pointed to the efforts of Carmody with eighteen points, Martin with twelve, Elliot with nine, and Tanya Severino with four points. Martin had eight rebounds while Carmody added seventeen.

The Jayvee hoopsters had a disappointing week as they lost both of their games. Tonight (Wednesday) the Blackbirds face Watervliet at home at 6 p.m. Like every team in the Colonial Council, Watervliet is strong and VC hopes to give them a good game.

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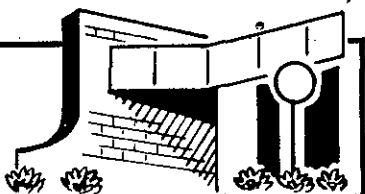
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A recent article in the *Wall Street Journal* likely to raise some eyebrows rated occupations on a civility scale. Librarians were scored as the most civil of the 30 job categories rated by California writer Donald G. Smith. Hotel desk clerks, barbers and veterinarians were runners-up for top honors and department of motor vehicles employees were the last to be listed.

This distinction was pleasing but not surprising to us here at the Bethlehem Public Library since the purpose of our work is to provide helpful and friendly service. The library recognizes that to the patron using the library the staff person is the library. Many users will form an impression of the service based on the quality of their experience with the staff member they meet at the public service desk. There are several public service desks in the library: the circulation counter, and the reference, media and children's room desks. The people at these service points realize that it is important to try to do the most with a short interaction.

We think contact with the public is so important that almost without exception each staff member from the library director

down to the paging staff must serve part of their time at the public service point. We do this because without contact with the public it is easy for persons working in a technical or administrative position to lose sight of what the library is all about, which is service to people.

From a more practical standpoint it also helps librarians make decisions that impact on public service. The person working directly with library users learns what people need, or want, or enjoy. Conversations about books or media are helpful in selecting new materials.

The circulation desk plays a pivotal role. It is the patron's first encounter past the front door, and the last place he or she will stop on the way out. Some 30 full and part time staff persons work at the circulation desk in one and two hour shifts during the 71 hours the library is open each week. We've calculated that each staff person working at the circulation desk checks out more than 20,000 items a year. Here materials are also returned, fines paid and borrowers' cards issued.

The circulation desk staff also answers the telephone, responding to simple inquiries and referring

calls to other extensions. In addition, they answer a myriad of in-person requests for help, directing patrons to rest rooms, other service desks, or assisting people with the photocopier.

Then during what is laughingly called "spare time" desk workers sort carts of books on their way back to the shelves and update files. While circulation desk staff members often walk away from the desk with aching feet, they come away as often with a funny story, a new piece of information, or the satisfaction of having helped some very nice people—our library users.



Joseph Zimmerman

Cole honored

Thomas Arthur Cole, a former Bethlehem Central High School track, wrestling and football standout, was honored during the recent New York State High School Athletic Coaches Association convention.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cole has coached cross-country, track, wrestling and cross-country skiing at Pittsford High School for many years.

One of the athletes coached by Cole, Peter Pfizinger, was in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Calif.

Cole is married to Dale Cross, who is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. The couple resides in Pittsford with their two children, Kathy and Michael.

Zimmerman honored

Joseph F. Zimmerman of Delmar a professor of political science at the State University at Albany, was honored at the citizenship awards dinner of the National Conference on Government in Kansas City, Mo. on Nov. 8.

Zimmerman, who is chairman of the American Political Science Association's section on representation and electoral systems and a contributing editor of the *National Civic Review*, has been active in civic affairs since 1947. He has served as president of the Citizens' Plan E Association and Citizens for Neighborhood Improvement in Worcester, Mass.

Zimmerman is author/editor of 15 books. His latest work is *Participatory Democracy: Populism Revived*, published by Praeger.

'Be alert'

Major John W. Herritage, troop commander of the New York State Police at Troop G in Loudonville, has issued a holiday shopping alert.

"Too often the holiday season is needlessly spoiled by thefts of gifts, pocketbooks, wallets and cash the victim actually made possible by not practicing good crime prevention tactics," said Herritage.

The troop commander urged area shoppers to keep car windows and doors locked when traveling, use busy, lighted streets, keep credit cards, purses and valuables out of sight, use the buddy system when shopping, deal with established businesses and avoid peddlers.

"A safe shopper is an alert shopper, not only at the store counter, but to and from the store as well," said Herritage. "By practicing crime prevention during the shopping season, a safe holiday can be enjoyed by all."

Union scholarship

Jeffrey L. Rockmore of Voorheesville has been awarded the Irving D. and Suzanne T. Karpas Scholarship at Union College in Schenectady. Rockmore, a junior, is enrolled in the premedical program. He is the son of Alan and Susan Rockmore of Voorheesville.

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Dr. Robert Giombetti

Chief at St. Peter's

Robert T. Giombetti, M.D., who has a practice in Delmar, has been appointed Chief of Pediatrics at St. Peter's Hospital.

In his new position, Dr. Giombetti will be responsible for overseeing the department of pediatrics and maintaining high quality care of pediatric patients. He succeeds Dr. M. Edwin Pesnel of Glenmont, who retired earlier after serving in the position for 12 years.

A graduate of Albany Medical College, Dr. Giombetti completed a pediatric residency at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in 1966. Dr. Giombetti, who served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and

is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

He has served on a number of hospital committees at both St. Peter's Hospital and Albany Medical Center and is presently chairman of the Pediatric Quality Assurance Committee at St. Peter's.

Dr. Giombetti will continue his private practice of pediatrics in Delmar. He resides in Gunderland with his wife, Joan and their five children.

3 admit burglary

Three men have pleaded guilty to a second-degree attempted burglary charge involving a Selkirk residence, the Albany County District Attorney's office said.

Ricky Pearson, 20, of First St., Albany; his brother, Michael Pearson, 18, of Maple Ave., Selkirk; and Timothy Thomas, 19, of Second Ave., Albany, are scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 5 on the charge, court officials said.

The three men attempted to break in to and burglarize a Selkirk residence on Sept. 11, the district attorney's office said. They were arrested that day following a four-hour manhunt in Glenmont with state police, Bethlehem Police, K-9 units and a state police helicopter.

Crash on Rt. 9W

Two people escaped serious injury Friday after a truck slid sideways into the oncoming traffic lane on Rt. 9W and collided with a car, Bethlehem Police said.

Edmund Abeling, 55, of Amsterdam was northbound in a truck on Rt. 9W at 12:50 p.m. when a driver in front of him stopped abruptly, police said. Abeling attempted to stop, but his vehicle went sideways and crossed into the southbound lane, police said.

Beulah Nasner, 56, of Elm Ave. in Selkirk, was driving south at the time, was unable to stop and the two vehicles collided, police said.

Abeling was treated for a leg fracture and Nasner was treated for back pains at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Both were later released, a hospital spokesman said.

Correction

John E. Hutchinson of Slingerlands is the son of the late Gladys Sayles Hutchinson of Slingerlands, who died Wednesday, Dec. 3. He was incorrectly identified in an obituary in last week's *Spotlight*.



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Dec. 4	5:40 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Dec. 4	1:59 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 4	1:59 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Dec. 4	2:39 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 4	8:50 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Respiratory distress
Dec. 5	9:49 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Respiratory distress
Dec. 5	11:02 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Unresponsive patient
Dec. 5	2:20 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Dec. 6	4:22 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Car fire
Dec. 6	4:28 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 6	5:22 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 6	10:22 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 6	10:57 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 6	11:35 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 7	10:04 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Dec. 7	4:13 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Dec. 7	10:45 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Dec. 8	12:29 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 8	5:58 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Dec. 8	5:58 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Structure fire
Dec. 8	8:38 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 9	1:26 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 10	10:36 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Transport
Dec. 10	11:48 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 10	5:02 p.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 10	7:52 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency

Due to other meetings at the Glenmont Fire House the Bethlehem Ambulance will hold its December meeting at the South Bethlehem Fire House. The meeting will be on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

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Community business

Editor, The Spotlight:

The members of the Slingerlands Fire Department wish to acknowledge the fine efforts of one of the most community-orientated businesses in the Town of Bethlehem. Hoogy's Pizzeria throughout the years has contributed their time, efforts, services and products to the Slingerlands Fire Department and to the members of the community. Hoogy's has even gone as far as to offer the same contributions to other fire departments within the Town of Bethlehem. For this the members of the Slingerlands Fire Department wish to say thank you and keep up the super work. It has not gone unnoticed.

Walter W. Eck, Jr.

1986 Halloween Party Chairman
Slingerlands

Thank you, parents

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Bethlehem parents for being so very patient and understanding with our late buses on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 2, because of the sudden snow storm.

Special thanks for the goodies from Mrs. Banner, 101 McGuffey Lane, Delmar. They were enjoyed

by all concerned. Thanks for a great bunch of parents. The Transportation Department truly appreciates you.

Gardiner Tanner

Transportation Supervisor
Bethlehem Central School District

St. Thomas defended

Editor, The Spotlight:

I must take exception to the comment attributed to Mr. Alexander Woehrle in *The Spotlight* of Dec. 3, as being uncalled for and irrelevant to the subject of the meeting which he was attending. The meeting was being held on Dec. 1, chaired by Dr. James O'Connell, school district consultant, for the general public to provide input into the search for a new superintendent for our school district. Mr. Woehrle is quoted as saying that he has been a resident of the school district since 1955, and that he originally was going to send his children to the St. Thomas School, but that Bethlehem Central had more to offer.

It is difficult to see how a comment relative to Mr. Woehrle's actions of 30 years ago have any relevance to the search for a new school superintendent today. Actually, at the time to which he refers, the St. Thomas School had just come into existence, but had

an academic program fully approved by New York State. The extra curricular activities of a public school system they did not have, but academic excellence, the cornerstone of any school program, has been there since the beginning.

Mary O'Hara

Slingerlands

To the Grinch:

Editor, The Spotlight:

My husband and I want to tell the person or persons who stole our Santa off our porch on the night or morning of Dec. 9 that we hope you really enjoy it.

In this season of brotherly love, you must have been desperate.

But let me ask you — what do you tell three and seven-year-old children, especially the three-year-old who has to say good night to Santa before going to bed?

I do not understand how people like you can look at yourself in the mirror. Would you like this done to you or someone you care about?

Please return our Santa and show the real spirit of Christmas.

George and Diane Grandy
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Many thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

We want to thank the people and organizations of Bethlehem and the vicinity for the affairs and things they have done for us this year.

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Betty Chesser

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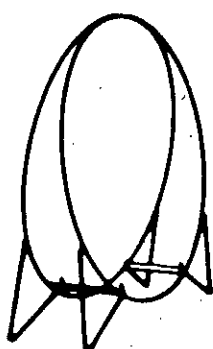
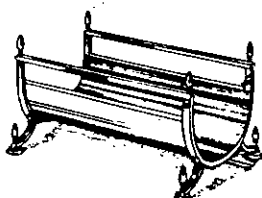


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Kleinkes celebrate 50th

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The party was given by their friends and their niece Sheree Pittz.

The couple was married by the Rev. Leon M. Adkins Sr. on Sept. 12, 1936 at Mrs. Kleinke's home in Delmar.

Mr. Kleinke is a fire commissioner of the Delmar Volunteer Fire

Department. He is a 47-year member and a past chief and past president of the district. He was stationed in Norfolk, Va., during World War II.

He was a bus driver and mechanic for the Bethlehem Central School District before retiring.

Mrs. Kleinke is a 47-year member and past president of the Delmar Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She worked in the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria before retiring.

Pricing questioned

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Delmar George Irish

Good tidings!

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens recently enjoyed a Christmas party at the Normanside Country Club. A turkey dinner was served to some 140 people. A sing-a-long was led by J. Emma and Mary McCarthy. The affair is looked forward to each year.

Merry Christmas!

Marge Morlock

Corresponding secretary
Bethlehem Senior Citizens



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Teal

Married in Troy

Tracy L. Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bette W. Rose of Castleton, and Thomas H. Teal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teal of Delmar, were married on Nov. 8 at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Troy. The Rev. James Mackay officiated.

Debbie Vooris was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Holly Rose, Carole Lafontaine, Jennifer Belschwinder, Barbara Becker and Judy Doyle. Flower girl was Christine Vooris. Paul Teal served as best man, and ushers were Jeff Rose, Theodoros Santos, David Belschwinder, Gregg Scarlett and Pat Alezza.

The bride is a graduate of Columbia High School and is employed as a customer service representative for Vagaline and Carman Inc., insurance. The bridegroom is also a graduate of Columbia High School and Hudson Valley Community College, and is employed as manager of Chaucer's Restaurant in Clifton Park.

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Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Loucks

Married in Delmar

Charmaine D. Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammond Sr., of Chatham, and Curtis H. Loucks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Loucks of Delmar, were married Oct. 25 at the Delmar Reformed Church.

Mrs. Debra Hammond, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Kathy Hammond, Mrs. Tracey Stanton and Vicki Loucks. Bruce DeGroff was best man. Ushers were Mark Junes, Bryan Stanton and Randy Wilson.

The bride is a nurse at Eden

Park Nursing Home, Albany. The groom is vice-president of H. Louks Body and Fender Works Inc., Delmar.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and Las Vegas, the couple is residing in Delmar.

Bad throw

A snowball thrown at an Evelyn Dr., Delmar, home did \$77 in damages Tuesday after it broke the window, Bethlehem Police reported.

SENIOR CITIZENS



The Bethlehem Senior Citizens invites all senior citizens in the community to listen to the Community Friendship Singers when they give a performance and sing-along at the Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

A touch of tango

Join the Albany Symphony Vanguard's New Year's Eve gala, "A Touch of Tango," at the well of the legislative office building at the Empire State Plaza on New Year's Eve from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The gala will immediately follow the performance of the Canadian Brass at the Palace Theater. Dinner is offered at 10:30 p.m. There will also be a silent auction, music by Doc Scanlon and entertainment by the Arthur Murray Studio. Black tie is preferred. Reservations are required by Dec. 26.

Farm Bureau wins key

The Albany County Farm Bureau won a Gold Key award at ceremonies held at the New York Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Monticello on Dec. 3.

A Gold Key award is presented to a county in each of three size categories: 300 members or less, 300-450 members, and 450 members or more. The award is earned by a county when it achieves excellence in overall program activity.



Community Corner

Sounds of the season continue

As the holiday season continues, students will roundout their concert schedule this week.

The junior high band and chorus of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will offer their Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday (tonight).

The Glenmont Elementary School will also strike up the band at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday (tonight). The Bethlehem Central Middle School will offer their Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18.

In the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools, the A. W. Becker Elementary students will present their Holiday Concert at 7 p.m., Wednesday (tonight). The junior high school will also offer theirs at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18.



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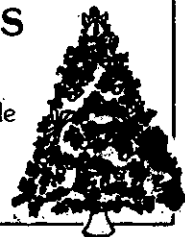
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