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## Powerless Friday

It was a time that will be remembered, but it could have been much, much worse.

The wet, cement-like snow that fell Thursday night paralyzed much of the Bethlehem-New Scotland area, leaving many people without heat or light Friday and Saturday, some huddled around fireplaces or

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The first major storm of the winter last Thursday left many area residents without power Friday and into the weekend. Above, a Niagara Mohawk repair man cuts heavy tree limbs away from power lines on Roweland Ave. At right, residents were careful to sidestep downed lines on Delaware Ave. near the Four Corners. Below, an old oak tree on Darroch Rd. in Delmar could not withstand the heavy snow.

Lynn Finley



## A gingerly start on Rt. 9W planning

By Kevin Mullen

"The planning board and the town board have been kicking this around for a long time," chairman John Williamson told his fellow members. "Zilch has been done."

Williamson was referring to the proposed amendments to the Bethlehem zoning ordinance for Rt. 9W, a six-mile strip that snakes from the Normanskill south to the Coeymans town line near Old Ravena Rd. Recommendations were made as far back as 1979 and 1980. But, with another

request from the town board, the planning board is surging ahead with some recommendations that will affect the future of the people who own property and live on that six mile strip of 9W. It's not an easy job.

Building Inspector John Flanigan investigated the size of the lots along 9W and reported his findings at last week's meeting. Holding up sheets of tax maps, he took the board along 9W, starting at the Normanskill, pointing out

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## Gift from Key Bank

The golden anniversary celebration of the Delmar office of Key Bank N.A. last Thursday turned out to be golden for the Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens Program as well.

During the ceremonies James K. Patrick, president and chief executive officer of Key Bank N.A., presented Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick with \$5,000 to equip the new senior citizens bus with a complete air conditioning system. (The bus was donated one year ago by General Electric's Plastics Division in Selkirk.)

More than 200 guests, including town officials, attended the celebration. Ken Ringer, vice president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, presented Patrick with a plaque for service to the community. Hendrick praised Key Bank's link to the steady growth of Bethlehem during the past 50 years and



James Patrick of Key Bank, left, talks with Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick.

proclaimed Dec. 18 to be Key Bank Day in Bethlehem.

Patrick traced the history of the bank back to the early management of Harry Keelan and Don Terry. Patrick commended more recent managers, including Richard Haverly (now a regional vice president), Marvin Elliot, Clyde Winne and Arthur Yates.

## Movie makers scout area

*Ironweed*, the novel that brought a Pulitzer Prize and worldwide fame to area writer William Kennedy, may be coming to Slingerlands. Movie production crews have been searching Albany neighborhoods for location sites for the film, which will star Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep.

Property owners Juris and Norine Vancans and Garrett Dillenbeck have both been contacted for permission to use their properties at 1509 and 1511 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. *Ironweed* production manager Myron Adams suggested to Vancans that they were considering the two adjacent homes for the segment involving Katrina, an older woman who befriends the young hero of the novel. The part is rather brief in the book but would be a lengthy scene in the film, complete with horses and carriages in the driveway and backyard.

Dillenbeck acknowledged that he had reached an informal agreement with the *Ironweed* company, and that some measuring and drawings had been done within the last two weeks, although no contract has been signed and no actual work has been done. (Allison Bennett's appreciation of the Dillenbeck house is on Page 13.)

The local *Ironweed* offices would not confirm either of the possible locations and their California publicity agents said they had no news concerning the sites.

—Lorraine Smith

# A golden opportunity on our golden anniversary.

**Our Delmar office is celebrating its 50th anniversary in grand style. And you could win some grand prizes.**

From December 15 to January 30, you'll find festivities galore at our Delmar office. So stop by and join in the celebration.

## Register for our grand prize drawing.

Come in any time during our Golden Anniversary Celebration and you'll be eligible to register for three great prizes.\*

### A trip for two to the 50th state.

Win our grand prize: a trip for two to Hawaii for eight days and seven nights, with airfare and hotel accommodations included.

### A \$50 American Eagle gold coin.

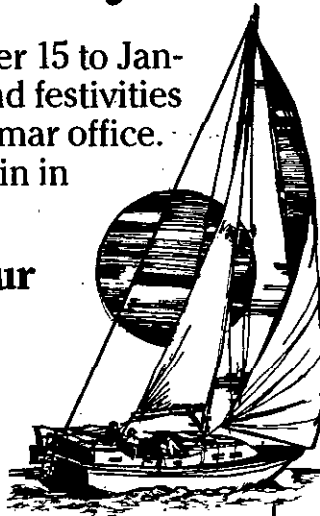
Our second prize is valued at more than \$400 and would make an impressive addition to anyone's coin collection.

### 50 instant lottery tickets.

Our third prize *could* make you an even bigger winner.

### Join in our Customer Appreciation Week.

We wouldn't be celebrating our 50th anniversary if it wasn't for you. So we've made December 15-20 Customer Appreciation Week, and we'll show our appreciation in different ways.



**A \$50 bill if your anniversary is during our anniversary.** If your birthday or anniversary is during the week of December 15 to 20, come in with some proof\*\* and you can register to win a brand-new \$50 bill. We'll draw one name a week for five weeks. *You must register for this prize during the week of December 15.*

### A gold coin that could be your golden opportunity.

We're offering another \$50 gold coin, valued at more than \$400, to mark the end of Customer Appreciation Week. To qualify for the drawing, just register during the week of December 15.



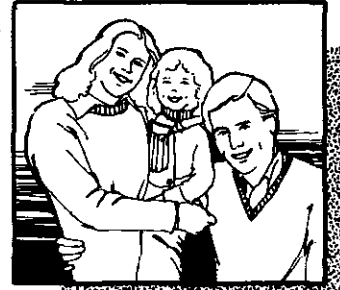
### Free gifts and refreshments.

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\*Drawing will be held February 2, 1987. You do not need to be present to win. You must be 18 years of age or older to register.

\*\*Proof of business or wedding anniversary or birthday must be supplied.

# An uneventful birth

By Patricia Mitchell

When the calls started coming in at 9 p.m. Thursday, members of the Delmar Fire Department and Rescue Squad did not stop until 10:30 a.m. Friday, after 19 fire calls and two ambulance calls.

"It was just an incredible time frame of being on the go constantly in 20 different directions," said Chief Amos Bastiani.

One of the ambulance calls, however, was worth the trip.

At about 10 p.m. Thursday, Jean Delbene of Maple Ave. in Selkirk started to go into labor, but the contractions were infrequent, and she didn't think anything of it. When she called her father to come and pick up her six-year-old girl, Kristin, he said the roads were messy and she and her husband, John, should call an ambulance to take them to the hospital.

Just before midnight, the rescue squad received the call that she was in labor. Bastiani said the Bethlehem Ambulance company should have taken the call, but was out on an accident call, and the Delmar department had to cover.

With the snow and road conditions, it took the squad longer than usual to get to the Delbenes' home, and when they got there, Bastiani said, it was a borderline decision whether to transport. With the weather, it would have been a 45-minute trip to St. Peter's Hospital, almost double the time on a normal night. With Bastiani, a state-certified paramedic, were paramedic Tim Caulfield, emergency medical technician David Scoons and first responder Craig Sleurs.

The radio telemetry system the ambulance crew uses to talk with a doctor in a hospital, which can also send a heart-rhythm rate, wasn't

working that night for some reason, Bastiani said. So, they telephoned to St. Peter's emergency room, and the doctor on the other end set up a conference call between the ambulance crew, himself and the obstetrics department to discuss the situation.

Suddenly, Jean Delbene was having her baby.

"Between one thing and another, they were here, and then I was on the floor having a baby," she said. "They were great."

Twenty minutes later, at 1:07 a.m., Courtney Delbene was born.

"The baby was pink and looking lovely," Bastiani said of the 10-pound, 6-ounce baby. "Once the baby was delivered, it was a nice, warm situation."

"They were cool, my husband was cool, I was crazy," Jean Delbene said. "I think I would have really panicked if they weren't here."

Bastiani said Jean Delbene, though in some pain, was magnificent, and John Delbene was very supportive.

While delivering a baby is not too complicated, Bastiani said that the crew has to watch for possible problems. "But, it's just going to happen anyways."

The crew checked the baby to make sure everything was okay, waited 20 minutes and then took a leisurely drive to the hospital as Jean Delbene spent time with her baby. Bastiani said when delivering a baby, the ambulance crew tries to make the parents as comfortable as possible because it is a happy situation that can turn stressful.

Jean and Courtney Delbene left St. Peter's on Saturday, and are doing fine.

The Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad has delivered eight or nine babies.



Amy and Michelle Giovannetti visit with Santa Claus (Arnold D. Northrup of Selkirk) during the Delmar Kiwanis Club's Christmas party at the Normansville Church.

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seeking shelter with friends and others turning to the town for assistance.

Tree limbs and power lines were down all over town. There were traffic accidents, but none serious. A baby was born at home, safely and with care thanks to Delmar paramedics (see story, Page 3). A woman was rescued from a snow bank at Van Wies Point. Bethlehem Town Hall was opened up as a shelter. And the unfailingly polite Bethlehem police and their dispatchers took dozens and dozens of calls from sometimes impatient residents who wanted their power back.

"For 24 hours it was non-stop," said Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt. Police were on call to block off streets where live wires had touched down, coordinate snow plowing and to help out in emergencies. Officer James Corbett hauled firewood for one elderly woman who insisted on staying home.

"It could have been much worse," said Karen Pelletier, Bethlehem's senior citizen coordinator. Because the temperatures never dropped very low, and because there was little wind, many people were able to make do in their homes. The town hall shelter — 20 cots from the Red Cross, hot soup and food and a television and VCR donated by Five Star Video — was a place for people, mostly the elderly, to come and warm up and get ready to face the cold again.

By Saturday, Niagara Mohawk crews had restored power to most of the populated areas, with Winding Rd. and Darroch Rd. in Delmar being the last holdouts. There were no serious injuries reported because of the storm, although a Van Wies Point resident was saved by an alert passer-by after she fell in front of her house and lay in a snow bank for more than an hour. She was rescued by the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad, but no other details were available.

## Closed for the holidays

Once again the holiday season has arrived, and the staff of area offices and libraries will take time to celebrate with family and friends. The following is a list of the holiday schedules for area businesses and municipal buildings.

Bethlehem Town Hall will be closed on Thursdays, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. New Scotland Town Hall will close at noon on Christmas Eve and remain closed until Monday morning, Dec. 29. The New Scotland town offices will close again at noon on Dec. 31 and remain closed through New Year's Day, Jan. 1. The Town of New Scotland's annual meeting will be held at town hall on Jan. 1 at 11 a.m. Voorheesville Village Hall will be closed on Thursdays and Fridays, Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2.

Last minute shoppers will be able to do business at most local banks until 2 or 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve. On Dec. 24 banks will not be open for evening hours. Banks will reopen with normal

hours on Dec. 26. Most area banks will close again at 2 or 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, remain closed on New Year's Day, and open for normal business on Jan. 2.

Both the Bethlehem and Voorheesville Public Libraries are closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and open for normal hours on Fridays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. On New Year's Eve the Voorheesville Public Library will close at 3 p.m. and the Bethlehem Public Library will close at 5 p.m.

Post offices are closed Christmas and New Year's Day but are open on both days before and after the two holidays.

CDTA buses will run according to their normal schedule on Dec. 24. Only buses with scheduled Sunday runs will be in action on Dec. 25. On Dec. 31 the buses will run on normal weekly schedule with runs between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. being free of charge. Only buses with a Sunday schedule will run on Jan. 1. For information call 393-2101.

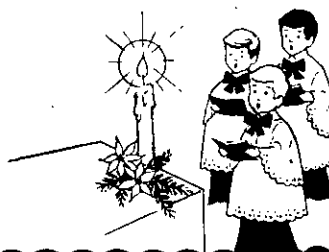
## Boys will pay

Two Delmar boys will pay for \$300 in Christmas decorations they admitted breaking on Monday, Bethlehem Police reported.

The two boys were seen breaking apart a Santa Claus figure at 4 p.m. on the front lawn of a Wallace Dr., Delmar, home, and police said the two boys both admitted doing the damage.

## Christmas hours

Because of the holidays, *The Spotlight* will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Normal business hours will be observed on Friday, Dec. 26, Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2. Normal deadlines are in effect.



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# Board looks at programs for '87-88

By Patricia Mitchell

Astronomy, parenting, archeology and drug prevention are just a few of the suggestions for next year's budget from Bethlehem Central School board members hoping to improve programs and appeal to the average student.

In a discussion of the budget and programs they would like to see added, board members tried to find a way to appeal to the "average" student in the district, and to reaffirm its reputation among district residents. But it soon developed that there is little agreement on the board as to what "average" means in the Bethlehem Central district.

Contending that some in the community are concerned that the district is not meeting the needs of the average student, board member Charles "Bud" Reeves said BC should go to the community with a prepared

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brochure to show how good the district is and how far it has gone in achievement. He said the district is great for the above-average student or those in need of remediation, but that the average student's needs are often not met.

With 82 percent of graduating seniors going on to higher education, board member Velma Cousins asked about the student who does not have any motivation.

However, some board members were concerned over the definition of the average child and that the board was focusing too much on the problem.

The board will always see those who say the district is not answering the needs of students, said board member Marjory

O'Brien, but it is unfair to say that the district is satisfying both ends of the spectrum at the expense of the middle. She said she would like to see every student have an Individualized Educational Program (IEP), which is used for special education students. Some day the district may be able to, she said, but right now the program is beyond the resources of a public school district.

Concern for the average student is not a high-volume concern in the community, said board President Bernard Harvith. He said he was unsure what was meant by the average child, but that those in the middle are doing fine. The average BC student is not an average student nationally, since the average student at BC graduates with a Regents scholarship, he said.

The district has several programs to help the average child,

including Excel occupational education and remedial services, Harvith said. Most every student is outstanding in something, and if the district could offer that it might help those students.

For example, Harvith said, some high schools offer astronomy and parenting as courses. With an archeology group in the community, and the possibility of offering it as a summer program with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Harvith said there may be some way of subsidizing a BC summer program in the budget.

The emphasis on the average child is misdirected, said board member Robert Ruslander. Instead, the board should get hold of its curriculum, review it and explore it. He said integrated arts and foreign language programs should be explored.

Some funds should be put in the budget to evaluate the math and

English programs, said board member Barbara Coon, adding that she thinks something may be wrong with their sequencing.

A lot of misconceptions happen when students come out of the elementary schools, said board member Sheila Fuller. Some students go to remediation and some go to Math 8, she said, and asked why remediation is started in the middle school and not earlier. She also asked if there were enough counselors in the high school.

A program for drug prevention in the schools should also be added; Reeves said. He listed again other suggestions he made at the board's last meeting, including a study to define quality of education, motivational training, contracting, and possibly revising the seat belt policy.

The BC school board is attempting to streamline its budget process, and has decided to start with a basic budget, or fundamental operating budget, and add programs and extras onto it. The basic budget will contain the items from this year's budget that are considered necessary to continue in the budget. Staff members will be able to propose new programs to the board this year that they would like to see added.

The school board could ask the staff what one major improvement they would like to do this year, Harvith said. At the end of the budget, a list of new programs that are included should be given to the board.

Most board members were enthusiastic on the new budget procedure. Reeves said there will be more time to talk about programs, and Coon said the final





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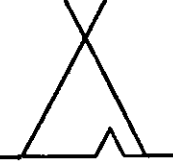
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As an expression of support from one community organization to another, Ann Marie Dullea, left, of the Village Stage presents a check to Holly Billings of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. Also pictured are, from left, Kay Chung, Jeannette Folger, Portia Wu and Anne Mineau. A New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by B.O.U. and Bethlehem Central Students Against Drunk Driving, will be held at Bethlehem Central High School from 9 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$3.

budget will give a feeling of accomplishment and moving ahead.

In other school board business, an emergency situation was declared at the Clarksville Elementary School to replace a steam line that runs from the front of the school to the rear wing. Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, said if the line broke the rear section of the school would have to be shut down and classes could not be held. Also, he said, the work should be done before the ground freezes.

An emergency situation will speed the replacement process, which normally requires a 30-day bid period. The leak in the line was discovered on Monday, and when it was dug up to be repaired, workers found the line was in bad shape and needed to be replaced right away, Zwicklbauer said. The in-ground pipe is not placed very deep because of rock in the ground, but is insulated with vermiculite.

The line will be replaced with stainless steel pipe that could cost up to \$12,000, Zwicklbauer said, and the district will get several quotes on the work before going ahead. There are some funds in the budget that were set aside to replace lights in the building that will be used to cover the cost.

The BC school board also:

- Contracted with the North Colonie School District for health services for 26 BC students attending private schools there at a cost of \$2,182.

- Received federal funds for \$87,701 for remedial reading and math, \$36,366 for adaptive physical education and resource room aid services, and \$6,431 for specialized services for handicapped

students.

- Adopted revised policies for the agenda of the organizational meeting and program access for handicapped students after their third reading. The policies contained some revised wording.

The school board met once in executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters, but McAndrews said no action was taken.

The next meeting of the BC school board is slated for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8.

### Killed at rail yard

An inspector at the Conrail train yards in Selkirk was killed Saturday morning after a train door fell on him, state police reported.

Robert A. Hacker, 46, of Briddle Path in Colonie, died of massive trauma to his head and body after the accident at 8:53 a.m., Saturday, troopers said.

According to reports, Hacker was investigating a rail car and he attempted to repair a plug door on a mechanical refrigeration car that had become dislodged off its track. The large, metal sliding door was propped up against the car, and Hacker was attempting to fix it when it started to fall. Hacker tried to run away from the 1800-pound door, but it fell on him.

The incident is still under investigation, said Pat Linskey, a Conrail spokesman in Philadelphia.

## Rt. 9W

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landmarks and giving the size of each property's setbacks. What was evident is that Rt. 9W is an amalgam of light commercial, heavy industry, residential, unzoned and even wetlands.

Many ideas were kicked around the table. Board planning consultant Edward Kleinke suggested a "commercial-residential-commercial" layout, which he said "adds to the character of a highway."

Board member Dennis Corrigan suggested a "neighborhood-commercial" zone, a phased zone of residential and commercial.

Board member Neil Moylan was concerned about "obsolescence" of industry. "If we have light industry locations," he said, "they've got to have expansion space." He cited some industries, 20 years old and older, that became "obsolete because they couldn't produce because they were put in a residential zone."

Flanigan suggested to the board that "they really have got to ride it (9W) and see what the potential can be." The board asked Flanigan to delineate on a map the "narrow and shallow clusters in the light industry area that don't conform to the 75 foot setback."

In other action, the board tabled a proposed Site Plan application for Erwin Ungerer, the owner of T.A.C.S. Autobody Shop on Rt. 9W and Beacon Rd. Board attorney Earl Jones was asked to look into how the date of submission of Ungerer's application affects his site plan application.

On Nov. 8, the town adopted new setback requirements that affect both Delaware Ave. and Rt. 9W. According to the new amendments, Williamson said, a right-of-way of at least 50 feet is required on Beacon Rd. With the proposed addition to the auto body shop, the right-of-way would be 33 feet. Robert Ganley, Ungerer's architect, said that he submitted the application to the planning board on Oct. 26.

The board granted conditional approval for the Hilltop subdivision, located on Beaver Dam Rd. and Grandview Terrace. The property is owned by Scott and Diane Thompson.

The next planning board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6.

## Zoning board approves variance for old firehouse

Since there were no public hearings at last week's Bethlehem Board of Appeals meeting, the short agenda lasted only 35 minutes, a contrast to the usual two and three-hour meetings.

The board informally denied a variance to Stuart M. and Barbara M. Lasnick of 38 Dover Dr., Delmar, who were seeking permission for a front porch overhang to their home. In their discussion, board members sympathized with Lasnick, but said they felt that his situation was a self-imposed hardship. Lasnick is located in an "AA" residential; the size of the porch overhang would have been 77 square feet, which would have been over the allowed dimensions for that zone.

The board drew up a resolution approving a variance for the North Bethlehem Fire Department, which is seeking to modify and alter its building for use as an office space for an engineer and a sales representative. A new building for the fire department is planned for occupancy by Aug. 15, 1987.

Another resolution was drawn up approving a variance for Andrew and Elizabeth Koonz of Beaver Dam Rd. Selkirk. They were seeking permission to keep three horses on their farm. Koonz is selling the farm to Dr. Henry Camperlengo, who wants the horses for recreational purposes. No other farm animals will be allowed. If Camperlengo wants more than three horses, he has to return to the board of appeals for another variance.

The final resolution drawn up was for Andrew J. and Mary L. Caplis, of 27 Dumbarton Dr., Delmar. They were seeking a variance to expand their garage from a one-car to a two-car garage. It was approved.

The next board of appeals meeting is scheduled for Jan. 7.

Kevin Mullen

### Injured in accident

One man was sent to the hospital after the car he was riding in lost control Saturday morning and ran into the rear of another car on Feura Bush Rd., Bethlehem Police reported.

James Bess, no address available, was taken to Albany Medical Center for a head injury, police said. A hospital spokesman said he was treated and released.

Bess was a passenger in a car driven by a Delmar man when the car's steering failed. It then went through a snowbank at the intersection of McCombe Dr., police said.

The driver of the other car on McCombe Dr., also a Delmar man, tried to pull onto Feura Bush Rd., but police said he could not get completely out of the way, and the car was struck from behind.

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# RCS assesses district's grades

By Patricia Mitchell

When do test scores not add up?

In the case of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, several results in this year's Comprehensive Assessment Report raise questions about student performances at the high school level. But Superintendent William Schwartz warned the board of education to take the report with a grain of salt.

"Generally speaking, the State Testing Program measures cognitive outcomes and objectives for groups of students rather than individuals, and the information provided reveals only the percentage of students passing the test. Because of this, some information is misleading," Schwartz said at last Monday's meeting.

"A number of other factors not measurable statistically also in-

fluence test scores. Among these are general intellectual level of the students, the extent to which students are motivated to learn and the availability of community resources such as libraries and museums," he said.

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 and Regents tests to measure student progress in the district compared to other years. Demographic data collected by the state Education Department is also included.

Board members were concerned that 31 high school students failed to meet graduation requirements and dropped out before graduation, and James Morgan asked if the

dropouts could be a reflection of increasing Regents Action Plan requirements.

The 31 dropouts are those who have left school during the past four years, between ninth and twelfth grade, said high school Principal Victor Carrk. The district may not have reported that number correctly to the state in past years, and that's why the figure increased from six in 1983-84 to 15 in 1984-85 to 31 in the current report. If the district lost 31 seniors in one year, that would indicate a serious problem, Carrk said.

Many of those dropouts also continue their education in Job Corps and Board of Cooperative Educational Services courses, Carrk said. The district's new alternative education program will also help decrease the number of dropouts, but he said the full effect of the Regents plan won't be felt for a few more years yet.

Board members were also concerned that enrollment in Regents-level earth science increased more than two times since 1984-85, but the percent passing dropped dramatically. Two years ago, 68 students enrolled in the course and 96 percent, or about 65 students, passed the course. In 1985-86, 144 students were enrolled in earth science, but 56

percent, or about 81 students, passed.

Earth science is offered as a Regents-level science course for the action plan, and because science courses are needed to fulfill the new requirements, more students, even ninth and tenth graders, are enrolling, Carrk said. The district may be having some trouble with the course if so many students didn't pass, and he said he will be making recommendations on it in the future.

In other test scores, Pupil Evaluation Program test results improved. In the third grade, 10 percent of students taking the reading test fell below the State Reference Point (SRP), compared to 13 percent last year, and two percent of students in math fell below the SRP compared to five percent last year.

In the fifth grade writing test, five percent fell below the SRP compared to seven percent last year. And in the sixth grade, 17 percent fell below the SRP in reading compared to 24 percent last year, and 11 percent fell below the math SRP compared to 19 percent last year.

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.

Results on Regents varied compared to 1984-85 scores. For example, 92 percent of students taking the business math Regents passed compared to 94 percent last year. Sixty percent of students taking the business law exam passed compared to 90 percent last year, and 91 percent of students taking the chemistry exam passed compared to 74 percent.

Scholastic aptitude test scores in math improved from years past, with 481 the average score for the class of 1987, compared to 465 for the class of 1986. Verbal scores were consistent, with 433 the average score for the classes of 1987 and 1986.

This year, there were 185 graduates, and 83 of those received Regents diplomas.

Class sizes and students' make-up are comparable to other years in district-wide summaries. In kindergarten, the average class size was 21 in 1985-86 compared to 23 last year, and in grades one to six, the average size was 23 compared to 23 last year.

About 20 percent of children attending most schools in the district are on public welfare.

After presenting the report to the board, Schwartz outlined ways of improving program offerings and test scores. These include:

- Developing academic goals from needs assessments, and clearly defining and displaying them. Desired learner outcomes should be based on these goals.

- Monitoring student progress with test results, grade reports and attendance records to spot potential problems. The remediation program and senior high school attendance policy can be used to monitor performance and draw conclusions, and should be made available to teachers more consistently.

- Expanding teacher effectiveness, one of the district's strengths, through teacher-planned staff development programs and others.

- Administrative leadership working very hard to meet expectations. Schwartz said he was proud of their efforts.

- Evaluating and modifying order and discipline with established classroom routines, standards of behavior and a written code of discipline.

- Expanding parent and community involvement through public meetings and advisory committees.

## New car stolen

A fresh-from-the-factory Honda Accord was stolen off the rear of a trailer parked at the Leaseway Transportation terminal on Long Lane in Selkirk Friday night or Saturday morning, Bethlehem police reported.

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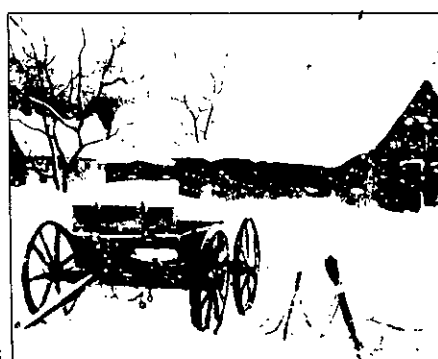
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# News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup

## Author! Author!

A "Meet The Authors Night" was held Dec. 4 at the A.W. Becker School. Children in grades three to five of the Reach Program gathered with their parents to hear the young authors read their stories.

"Her heartbeat became as loud as her footsteps..." from Sarah Janssen's story kept parents on the edge of their seats, as did adventure stories, mystery who dunits, fairy tales and a true story about a pet who was sadly remembered. The Authors Night was the culmination of a unit in which the students learned the skills of story writing.

They began the unit with an introduction to writing stories and how to create a problem and solve it within the plot. They also studied character and setting of the story. Students received a magazine which included all of the stories written during the unit. They then enjoyed getting autographs from their fellow authors, and the congratulations of parents and friends.

## Christmas in the Big Apple

The beautiful music and dance of the famous Rockettes was a spectacular way for the South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens to usher in the holiday season when they attended the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. Traveling to New York City on Dec. 2, the seniors enjoyed several hours of Christmas entertainment which included a special version of "The Nutcracker," "A Christmas Carol," "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and the very moving and memorable finale "The Living Nativity," performed by the Rockettes, The New Yorkers and the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra.

## Music appreciated

On Dec. 10, the RCS Junior High 7th and 8th Grade Band performed a concert for the Senior Citizens Project in Ravena. Under the direction of Scott Andrews, the 63-piece group performed a variety of holiday selections.

## Good citizens

Hannakrois Chapter NSDAR recently presented two Good Citizen Awards to area high school students. Selected for their outstanding traits and community efforts were Paul D. Caswell III of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Marcy S. Sacks of Albany High School. Presentations were made Dec. 6 at a joint meeting of the Tawasentha and Hannakrois Chapters at the Bethlehem Historical Museum in Selkirk.

## Know a great Mom?

The Elks of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 2233 of Selkirk continue to search for that "perfect Mom." If you know of a mother who excels above and beyond the norm, they'd like very much to learn about her. She will be honored as "Mother of the Year 1986-87" and be a guest at the lodge during the month of February. Candidates must reside in the towns of Bethlehem or Coeymans and applications must be submitted no later than Jan. 16. The winner will be entered into District competition, winners there into state competition, with the finalist honored at the Concord Hotel in May.

Your reasons for believing your choice should be Mother of the



Sarah Janssen reads her story, entitled "The Weird Mystery," during "Meet the Authors Night," recently held at A.W. Becker Elementary School.

Year should be submitted to Ken Parker, Bethlehem Lodge No. 2233 B.P.O.E., Box 141, R.D. #1, Selkirk, 12158.

## Christmas Eve services

Several area churches will be conducting Christmas Eve Services. Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, will celebrate

Jesus' Birth with a candle lighting service, led by Rev. Allen Janssen.

The Rev. Gary Dickson will be conducting a candle light service of music and scripture beginning 7:30 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem.

Both churches welcome all to join them in their celebration of Christmas.

## A different New Years Eve

Friends and members of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church have found in recent years a very special way to usher in the New Year. They have participated in a New Year's Eve Party and Watch Night Service held at the church. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish meal in elegant surroundings, and continues from there with lots of fun, fellowship, dancing and an inspirational service to welcome the new year. Cost is \$5 a couple, \$2.50 for individuals.

This year's plans promise an evening more fun than ever and an invitation is open to all who would like to attend.

## Car abandoned

An abandoned rental car was found last Thursday blocking the southbound lane of Rt. 32 facing the wrong direction, Bethlehem Police reported.

The car had some new damage on its driver's side when it was found at 10:25 p.m., police said. It had been rented from Payless Car Rental Corp. of Latham.



Brenda Engel, 7, of Selkirk visits with Santa during Sunday's Christmas party, sponsored by the Selkirk Fire Company 1.

Cheryl Clary

## Packages stolen

Several Christmas packages were taken from the trunk of a car parked in an Orchard St. garage between 3 and 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Bethlehem Police reported.

The packages contained \$75 in food, police said.

The burglar left behind several other packages in the trunk. Police said both the garage and the trunk were unlocked.

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**Town of Bethlehem,** Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

# THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

**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.

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

**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 DECEMBER 25

**Merry Christmas!**

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

**Christmas Day Worship,** Faith Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24

**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.

**Voorheesville Public Library,** closed for Christmas; reopens Dec. 26, 10 a.m.

**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. Faith Lutheran Church, 7 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

**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.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 26

**Happy Hanukkah!**

**Recovery, Inc.,** self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 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.

**Hanukkah Stories,** Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 27

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



This full-length fur coat from Beck Furs will be featured in the New Year's Eve symphony ball silent auction. The gala will benefit the Albany Symphony Orchestra and will be held in the Well of the Legislative Office Building, Albany, from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 28

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Holiday Brunch,** sponsored by Bethlehem Republican Women's Club, Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, \$8, noon. Information, 439-3405 or 439-5810.

**Normansville Community Church,** Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elmsire. Information, 439-7864.

**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.

## 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

"Little Shop of Horrors," suspense, laughter and chills, Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, Dec. 26-Jan. 4. Information and times, 235-7909.

### MUSIC

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

Canadian Brass, celebrate New Year's Eve with classical music, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663.

60th Anniversary Celebration of Proctors Theatre, parties, dinner and music, two plans to choose from, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 27. Information, 346-6204.

### 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.

"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, 474-5842.

"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 Bleecker 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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**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.

**Vacation Movies**, *Rikki Tikki Tavi*, and *Winnie the Pooh*, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 30

**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.

**Film**, *The Karate Kid*, Voorheesville Public Library, free, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY  
JANUARY 2

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

**Elmwood Park Fire District**, first Fridays, North Bethlehem Firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

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

**Youth Group Meetings**, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SATURDAY  
JANUARY 3

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

SUNDAY  
JANUARY 4

**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.

**First United Methodist Church of Delmar**, nursery care provided for pre-school children, church school and worship, 10 a.m.; adult education, 11:20 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

**Religious Program**, Church Worship Service celebrating Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.; Sunday Church School, 10:10 a.m. Information, 465-2188.

**Normansville Community Church**, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

MONDAY  
JANUARY 5

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

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

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

**A.C. Sparkplugs Dance**, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

**Business Meeting**, for members of Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

**Monday Movie Break**, series of films centered on "Remembering our Roots/Celebrating our Legacies," two 30 minute films, *The Shakers*, and *Mirror of America*, Bethlehem Public Library, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY  
JANUARY 6

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

**Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club**, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarks-ville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

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

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

**Delmar Progress Club**, meeting to remove Christmas decorations from Bethlehem Public Library, all members urged to attend, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 7

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

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

**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.

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

**Religious Program**, bible study and prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Normansville Community Church, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas



**Candlelight tours of the Boscobel Mansion on Rt. 9D, north of the Bear Mountain Bridge**, will be held on Dec. 26, 27 and 28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 24

**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.

**Bloodmobile**, Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood 100 Academy Rd., Albany, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 26

**Candlelight Tours**, 19th century Christmas customs brought to life, boughs, fruits, nuts, flowers and pine cones, Boscobel, Garrison-on-Hudson, 5-7:30 p.m. Information, (914) 265-3638.

**Children's Holiday Festival**, animated films made by children, *Trembling Cartoon Band*, *Yellow Ball Cache*, and *Let's Make a Film*, New York State Museum Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 27

**Holiday Puppet Shows**, *Pinocchio*, and *Hansel and Gretel*, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Saranac Ave., Lake Placid, 3 p.m. Information, 523-2512.

**Candlelight Tours**, 19th century Christmas customs brought to life, boughs, fruits, nuts, flowers and pine cones, Boscobel, Garrison-on-Hudson, 5-7:30 p.m. Information, (914) 265-3638.

**Children's Holiday Festival**, Bennington Puppets presents *The Nutcracker* and *the Mouse King*, New York State Museum Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.

**60th Anniversary Celebration**, of Proctor's Theatre, parties, dinner and music, two plans to choose from, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. Information, 346-6204.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
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call 439-5770, 9-11 a.m.

December 15

Senior Citizens in the Community are invited by the Bethlehem Senior Citizen Organization to listen to the Community Friendship Singers give a performance and sing-a-long at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium on Thursday, December 18th at 1:30 p.m.

GROCERY SHOPPING DAY

**Mondays:** Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, and North Bethlehem to Delaware Plaza 8:30-11:30.

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TUESDAY 30  
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**Holiday Puppet Shows, Pinocchio, and Hansel and Gratel**, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Saranac Ave., Lake Placid, 3 p.m. Information, 523-2512.

**Blood Donations**, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, open 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointment, 462-7461.

**Candlelight Tours**, 19th century Christmas customs brought to life, boughs, fruits, nuts, flowers and pine cones, Boscobel, Garrison-on-Hudson, 5-7:30 p.m. Information, (914) 265-3638.

**Children's Holiday Festival**, Hanukkah celebration, clowns, magicians, gifts and games, New York State Museum Reception Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 2 p.m.

MONDAY 29  
DECEMBER

**Alumni Christmas Dinner Meeting**, members of classes 1966-1986 invited, vote on bylaws and election of officers, St. Gregory's School, Old Niskayuna Rd., Loudonville, 6 p.m. Information, 785-6621.

**Children's Holiday Festival**, laser light show introduces children to new technology of computers and lasers, New York State Museum Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.

**Vacation Programs**, animated version of *The Hobbit*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

**Auditions**, for sopranos, tenors and basses who wish to join Capital Hill Choral Society for spring season, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7-9:30 p.m.

**Children's Holiday Festival**, musical performance for children, New York State Museum Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.

**Vacation Programs**, game day, bring new games to play and share, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 31  
DECEMBER

**New Year's Eve Celebration**, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, complete dinner and dancing, Albany Hilton at Ten Eyck Plaza, Albany, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Information, 462-0318.

**World Healing Day**, for Albany, closing of Tricentennial Celebration, music and celebration, Chancellors Hall, Albany, 7-8 a.m. Information, 489-8860.

**Year End Evening Retreat**, conference, prayer and reflection, confession and refreshments, Dominican Retreat House, 1945 Union St., Schenectady, \$5 donation, 9 p.m.-midnight mass. Information, 393-4169.

**Children's Holiday Festival**, puppet presentation of *The Jungle Book*, New York State Museum Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.

**Vacation Programs**, animated version of *Charlotte's Web*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

**Albany Symphony New Year's Gala**, "A Touch of Tango," dance music in well of Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; dinner served, 10:30 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

# Decision may change mine case

By Patricia Mitchell

A higher court decision favoring a town attempting to stop a mine has prompted a state Supreme Court judge to allow further arguments on granting a mining special use permit off Hilton Rd. in New Scotland.

After hearing arguments in his chambers Monday morning, Judge Edward S. Conway agreed to allow attorneys for the Town of New Scotland, Concerned Citizens of New Scotland and Voorheesville Sand and Stone to file their arguments within 10 days.

The attorneys will be responding to Friday's decision in the Appellate Division of Supreme Court, Fourth Department, that overturned a decision that barred a town from enforcing its zoning law. In "Frew Run Gravel Products, Inc., vs. Town of Carroll," the town was attempting to prohibit a gravel and sand mine in a zone where mining was not permitted. The five judges in the Appellate Division unanimously overruled an earlier state Supreme Court decision, and attorneys are waiting for copies of that decision.

On Monday, Concerned Citizens was allowed to reargue its position during a cross claim filed by Larned and Son, and Conway also allowed all attorneys to respond to the Appellate Division decision.

## NEW SCOTLAND

A 27-acre gravel mine by Voorheesville Sand and Stone for miners William Larned and Son was proposed in New Scotland last year in Industrial and Low Density Residential zones, when mining was a special use of that land. However, after a four-hour public hearing in May that was adjourned to gather more information, the New Scotland Town Board rescinded the special use of mining.

Concerned Citizens, a group opposed to the mine, then took the town to Supreme Court in October, attempting to bar any further action on the special use application, but their motion was denied. Earlier this month, the planning board declared mining an illegal use of the land and rejected the mining permit.

While Conway will not be bound by the Appellate Division decision, he could follow it, said Kenneth Connolly, a Voorheesville village justice who has been working on the case. Chatautauqua County near Buffalo, where the decision came from, is the Fourth Judicial Department, and Albany County is in the third. The Appellate Division is the state's middle-level appeals court.

Both Connolly and Concerned Citizens' attorney James Linnan wrote the argument used on Monday by Linnan that sought to reargue Concerned Citizens' case.

## Use permit approved

A special use permit to add an apartment to a house on New Scotland South Rd. has been approved by the planning board.

Requested by Krista Martin, the permit will allow the addition of a living room, bathroom and kitchen, and she will use one of her three bedrooms for use with the apartment. It will be separate and distinct from the rest of the house.

The apartment will be used by her daughter and her two children, Martin said.

In other planning board business at last Tuesday's meeting, a public hearing on a one-lot subdivision was postponed without a date because of disagreements between applicant Peter Lis and the owner of the property. Lis has the option to buy the property on the north side of Normanskill Rd.

The next meeting of the New Scotland Planning Board is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14.

## Snow results in 4 accidents

Bethlehem Police reported four accidents that were attributed to the slippery and slushy roads of Thursday's snow.

David Harrington, 18, of Center La., Delmar, received arm injuries at 9:45 a.m., Thursday after the car he was driving slid off Blessing Rd. near Krumkill Rd. in Slingerlands and hit a tree, police said. Harrington said the accelerator on the car stuck, and it started to go faster. He tried to pull up on the peddle, but it wouldn't move, and Harrington braked and slid off the road. He was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital, a hospital spokesman said.

At 11:55 a.m., an 18-year old Voorheesville woman escaped injury after her car slid off Krumkill Rd., overturned and went through a rail fence, police said.

A 44-year old Glenmont man's car and an 18-year-old South Bethlehem woman's car both slid on the snow and crashed at Elsmere Ave. and Delaware Ave. at 8:36 p.m., police said. The South Bethlehem woman was trying to make a left hand turn into Elsmere Ave., when her vehicle slid and struck the curb. She attempted to back up to correct the turn, but the Glenmont man came down the road, tried to stop but also slid on the snow.

At 11:25 p.m., a 24-year-old Albany man was driving south on Rt. 144 near Schmultz Rd. when he saw the rear lights of another vehicle parked on the road, but too late to avoid a collision and the cars crashed, police said. A Watervliet woman, the owner of the parked car, was assisting another vehicle that was off the road when the crash occurred. A 19-year old woman, a passenger of the Albany man's car, was reportedly taken to Albany Medical Center for back pains, police said.

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# Community spreads holiday cheer

The spirit of the season is abounding in Voorheesville as a number of groups brighten the holidays for others through a number of service projects.

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, as in the past, has delivered food baskets and gifts to those in need in the area.

The Human Concerns group based at St. Matthew's has also provided food and gifts to area families. Assisting them in their task has been a long list of helpers, including children from St. Matthew's Religious Education Classes who brought in food, baked cookies and donated money for meat during the last few weeks of classes. High school students at the church also provided gifts for a number of area children.

The New Scotland Senior Citizens have adopted a family for Christmas as have several individual families in the community. The local 4-H group, Osborne Corners, also provided a food basket to be distributed by Human Concerns.

The Albany County Sheriffs Department also assisted in making it a merry Christmas for the 50 children serviced by Human Concerns by donating and delivering toys.

Other 4-H groups have also assisted in service projects. The Classy Clovers stuffed stockings for the Salvation Army while The Lucky Four Leaves baked cookies for shut-ins.

Children at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville provided gifts for the inner city as well as money for the Methodist Children's Hospital in Brooklyn.

Cub Scouts of Voorheesville Pack 73 caroled for The Ronald McDonald House and presented handmade gifts to the New Scotland Elks, to be distributed to area shut-ins.

Girls Scouts, Brownies and Daisies of the Voorheesville Neighborhood Group held their annual party for the senior citizens, providing the seniors with refreshments, entertainment and gifts.

**Vacation at the library**

With school closed the Voorheesville Public Library has a number of holiday happenings designed to

## Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



keep the younger set busy during vacation.

On Friday, Dec. 26, two special Hanukkah story hours will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the library. On Monday, movies geared to preschoolers will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Included will be "Rikki Tikki Tavi" and "Winnie the Pooh." The following day, on Tuesday, older students are sure to get a kick out of the hit movie "The Karate Kid" to be shown at 2 p.m.

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson has also announced a holiday gift to all as the library holds its annual end-of-the-year fine-free week from Dec. 26 until Jan. 3. During that time all overdue books brought into the library will not be charged a fine. All outstanding fines will be rounded off to the nearest dollar and halved.

Finally, a reminder that the library will be closed all day on Dec. 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The library will also be closed all day on New Years and will close at 5 p.m. on New Years Eve.

### New Years Eve party

The Voorheesville Unit No. 1493, American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring a New Year's Eve party to welcome in 1987. The cost of the Dec. 31 gala to be held at the Legion Hall is \$25 per person and includes open bar, a buffet and noisemakers. Music at the party, which begins at 9 p.m., will be provided by "Daybreak".

Anyone interested making in reservations should call the Legion at 765-4712.

### Is it soup yet?

Winter is upon us and the students at the Voorheesville Elementary School are again saving proofs for the Labels for Education program sponsored by the Campbell's Soup Co. The program allows the school to obtain audio-visual and athletic equipment, reference books and teaching aids free of charge, based

on the number of label fronts and other proofs the school submits from a variety of products.

Included in the list of products from which labels are required are all varieties of Campbell's soups, beans and juices as well as all Franco American products and Prego Spaghetti sauce. Also, the blue-green triangles from any Swanson product and the confirmation seals on Recipe Dog Food Treats and Dinner Rounds are acceptable. Lids from Vlasic pickles and Universal Product Codes (UPC) from Campbells soup mix and all Juiceworks juice drinks are also needed.

Proofs may be left off at the receptacles in the grade school or deposited in the special can at the Voorheesville Public Library.

According to Diane Wozniak and Anne Lennox, who co-ordinate the program, the school has benefited in the past by receiving science equipment, computer programs and similar items.

### Pakenas completes training

On the subject of the ambulance squad, Larry Pakenas of the Voorheesville Area Ambulance recently completed a Critical Trauma Care Course hosted by the Regional Emergency Medical Organization at the Pinebush Fire Station. The 16-hour intensive class included practical and lecture materials on state-of-the-art procedures for rapid assessment and treatment of major multiple trauma victims. The program is intended to better prepare the basic EMT to rapidly assess and deal with the 5 to 10 percent of patients who are seriously injured and who must be delivered to trauma care units with the upmost urgency.

### McKenna honored

Congratulations to John P McKenna of Voorheesville who was recently honored at the Annual Alumni Awards Banquet sponsored by the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. McKenna, who serves as deputy commissioner for administration for the State Department of Taxation and Finance, was the recipient of the Public Administration Award.

A graduate of Notre Dame, McKenna received his M.P.A.



Captain Edward Dodge of the Albany County Sheriff's Voorheesville Substation, his son Brian and Santa (Ed Robinson) load the van used to deliver holiday gifts of food, toys and clothing to residents of the Hilltowns and Voorheesville.

Lyn Stapf

from the State University at Albany in 1971 and since that time has served as Director of the Division of Examinations and Staffing at the state Department of Civil Service and director of manpower management for the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

In addition to his professional involvement he is president of the Board of Education for the Voorheesville Central Schools, is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland and is a member of the board of directors for the Capital District Physicians Health Plan, Inc.

He resides in Voorheesville with his wife, Mary and their 5 children.

### Ambulance volunteers sought

Winter means icy roads, heavy snow storms and a myriad of outdoor sports accidents, and with all this in mind the Voorheesville Area Ambulance service is looking for more volunteers to man the local ambulance squad. Anyone over age 18 interested in assisting is welcome to call Capt. Barb Joyce at 765-4336 or membership chairman Nancy Halligan at 765-4613.

Previous experience is not necessary since training will be provided.

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## Indicted in assault

An Albany man has been indicted by an Albany County Grand Jury after he allegedly punched a county sheriff at the Voorheesville substation earlier this month, the district attorney's office said.

James F. Tommaney, 52, of Stonehenge La., Albany, has been charged with second degree assault, a class "D" felony, and driving while intoxicated, a class "A" misdemeanor, court officials said.

On Dec. 7 Tommaney was stopped on Western Ave. in Guilderland by deputies for alleged DWI, and as he was being processed at the substation, he allegedly punched a trooper in the mouth and eye, sheriffs said.

## Collision at plaza

A 35-year-old Delmar woman received leg bruises Monday when the car she was driving and another car collided at the entrance to Delaware Plaza, Bethlehem Police said.

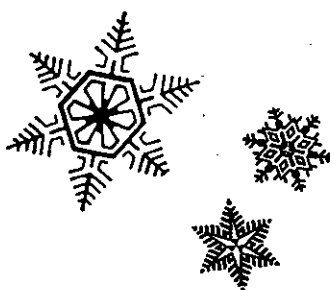
Noreen Pilette was treated at St. Peter's Hospital and later released, a hospital spokesman said.

Pilette was making a left-hand turn from the westbound lane into Delaware Plaza when her car and a vehicle being driven by a Delmar man that was traveling eastbound collided when they both had the green light, police said. Pilette was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way when making a left hand turn, police said.

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## Giving from heart with heart to another's heart

One evening last week my wife Lin and I were sitting around the dinner table having just finished eating and completing what has become for our youngest, at two and one-half, a ritual; the lighting of the Advent wreath.

We discussed the day and what needed to be accomplished before we could lay our heads down for the evening when the topic of whether or not we had completed our Christmas shopping for our 18 nieces and nephews arose. A number of years ago brothers and sisters in our family decided to give gifts only to nieces and nephews. In light of that, Lin and I decided that it would be nice to make something for each of the eighteen that would last and remain with them. We opted for Christmas ornaments to be made and given over the next number of years. They would be able to keep them from year to year, adding them to their present family tree until opportunity came for them to begin a home of their own when

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they could place the ornaments on their trees.

During the discussion Lin said that we were short a few ornaments and that she was unable to find the material necessary to complete those that needed to be done. In asking what we were going to do to solve this minor dilemma, Lin suggested that she would, at this late date, take a few from her collection that she has been building for our family over the years and send them off.

Reading the look of dismay and shock on my face, followed by the words, "We can't do that," Lin looked at me and said, "Well, after all, isn't that what Christmas is all

about?" Taking a moment to stop and think about what she had just said, and feeling slightly embarrassed at my previous emotions, I replied that that indeed was the case. Christmas is about God taking something that belonged to him, namely his only begotten Son, and giving him to someone else, to you and to me. Christmas is about graciousness, about giving from the heart, about God.

As has been said so many times, it's not the size of the gift or the cost that counts, it is the intent with which it is given that makes all the difference. I remember some of the bizarre gifts my youngest brother brought home to give to my folks at Christmas and other times. Often I found them hideous and non-decipherable, but the joy witnessed in parent's faces indicated again and again that it was the thought that counted and the intention with which the gift was given that made it precious.

This season is about some or all of the above. It's about a God who loved us enough to send the Child of Bethlehem into our midst, to live and move among us, to become Incarnate. It's about the endless patience of our Creator who continues to pursue us no matter what we have done or do. It's about a Messiah first witnessed by shepherds and first spoken to by animals. It's about a mother who trusted completely in a God who called to her to be a part of his marvelous plan. It's about a star, a stable and a song giving 'Glory to God in the highest.' It's about you and me, us and our salvation. It's about giving from the heart with the heart to another's heart. It's about joy and love and peace.

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## Age-old story of goodness in man

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The Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator

Our world is not the loveliest to live in this Christmas. Man's inhumanity to man still goes on in North America, as well as in Latin and South America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, South Africa and Asia.

A version of the post-Christmas story, not found in the Gospels, relates that the angels who sang at the birth of Jesus asked permission to revisit the earth and to see how people were living out the life of the man the story was all about.

They asked Jesus how they could recognize those who were really trying to live his way. He replied: "you will know them by the way they pray, and by the way they sing, and by their kindness to everyone and by the smile on their faces."

This Christmas let us be ready for the angels in case they come again, and let me suggest some ways by which they will recognize us.

Let's make one or more of the following choices:

- Invite lonely people to our homes for Christmas dinner.
- Visit sick persons in hospitals, nursing homes or senior citizens' apartments and take Christmas remembrances.
- Write checks for our favorite charities.
- Join organizations promoting the causes of peace and justice and support them with time, talents and money.
- Decide to be more committed to our marriages and families.
- Create other ideas and projects aimed at making the world a better place to live in — be imaginative! innovative! and compassionate!

If we can care enough, love enough, trust enough to do one or more of the above, we can keep Christmas and the angels will be glad they decided to make another visit to planet Earth.

### Candlelight service

Candlelight services will be held at 7 and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. The Christmas day service will begin at 10 a.m.

A New Year's Eve service at 7:30 p.m. has been added to the worship schedule this year. For information call 439-4328.

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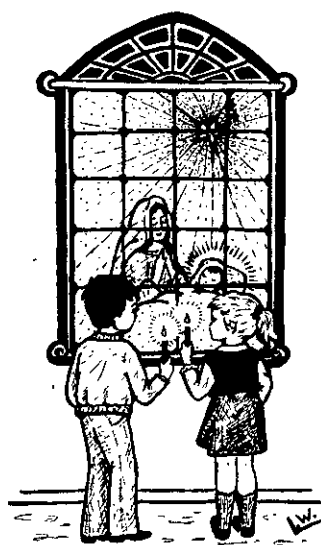


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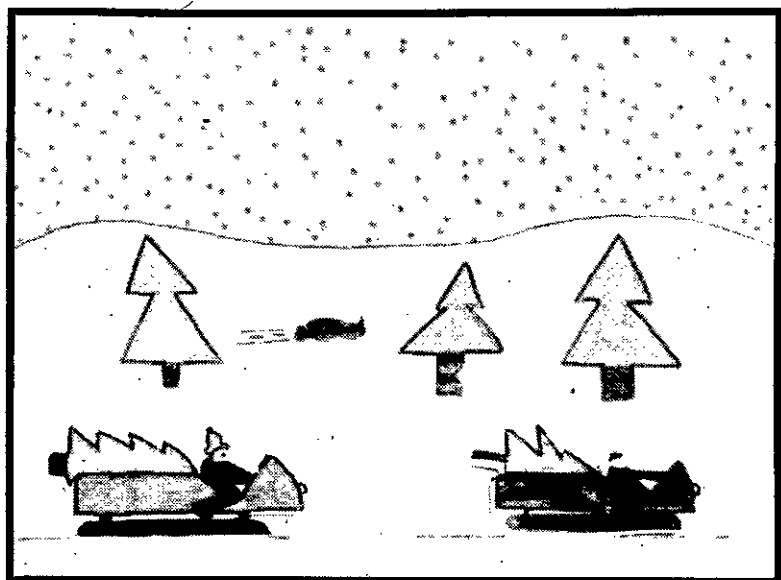
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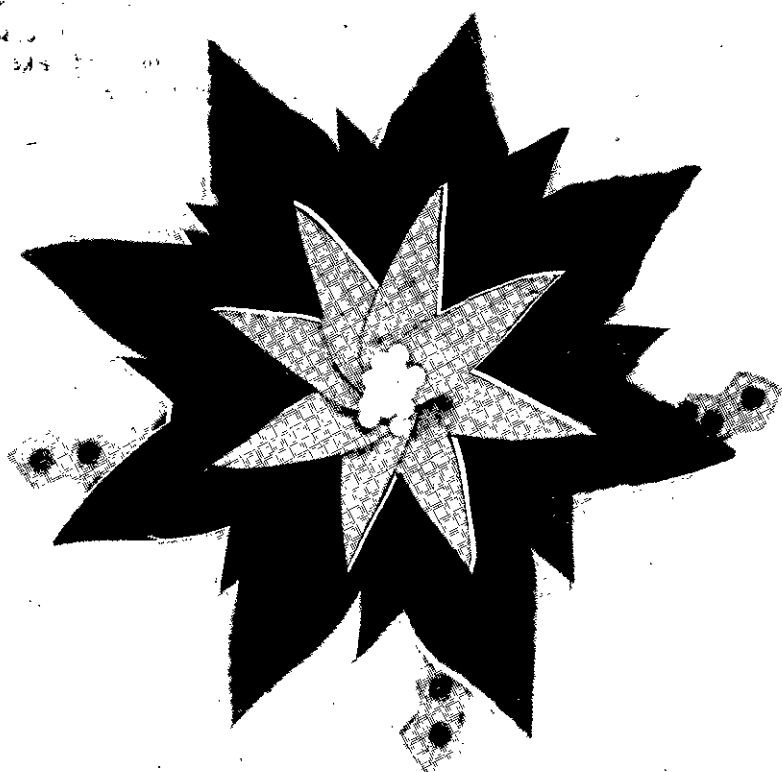
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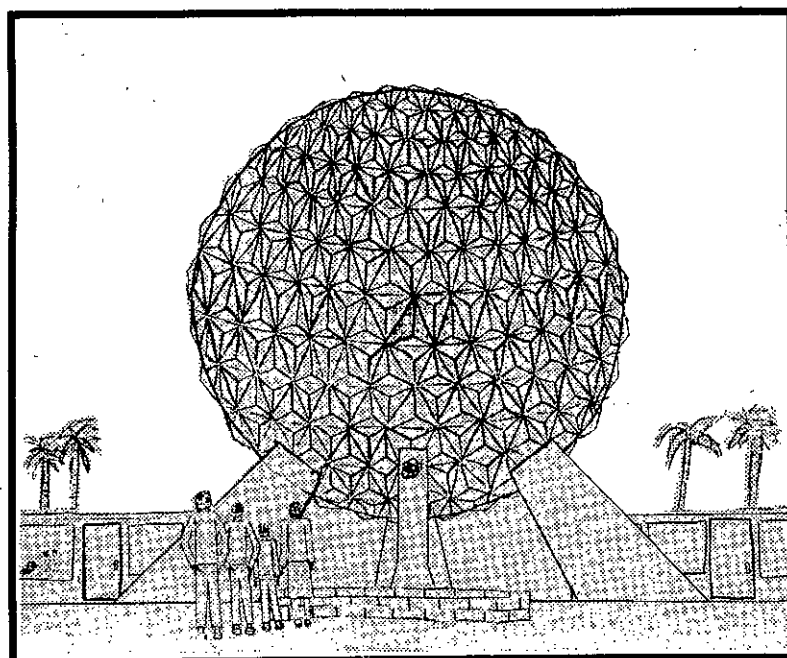


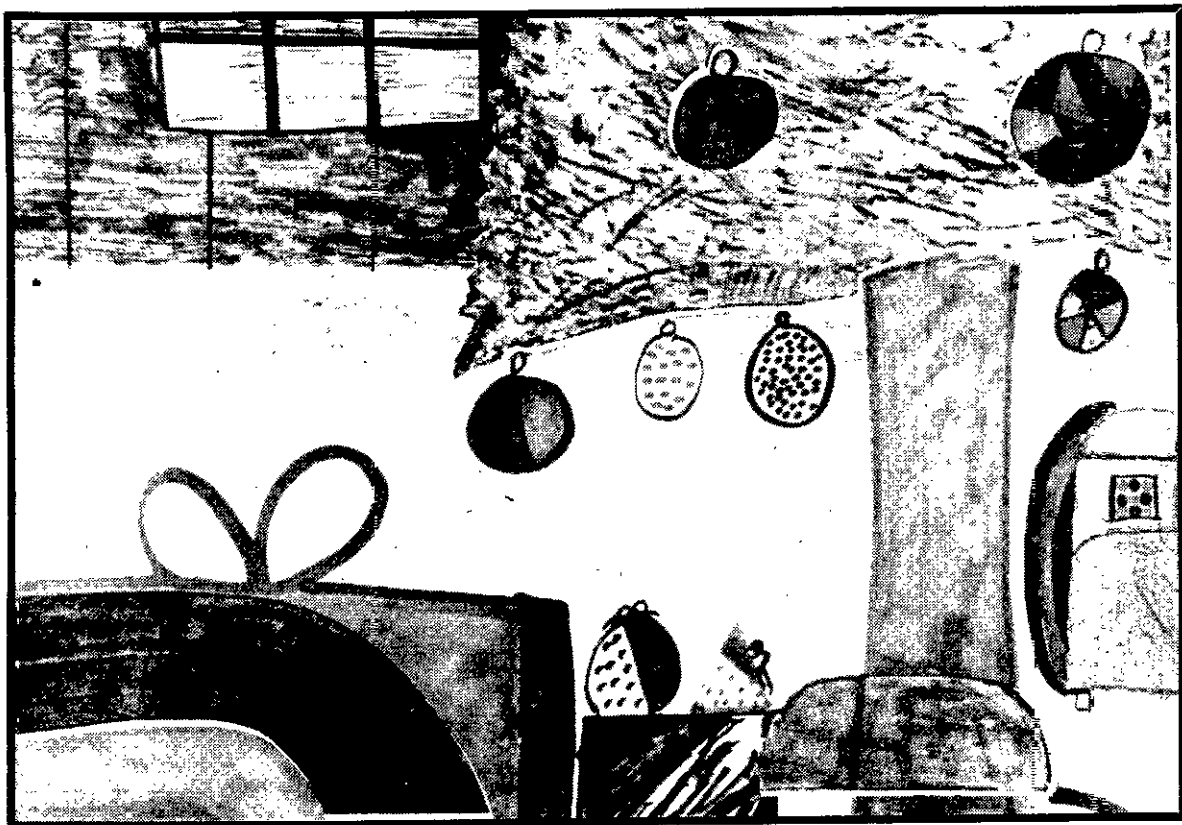
## Introducing the Artists and the Writers

This year, for our Special Holiday Supplement, students in Bethlehem Central, Ravena, St. Thomas and Voorheesville Middle Schools were invited to describe A Favorite Family Memory. They could convey their impression through essays, poems, drawings or paintings.

Discover the wonder of family gatherings, significant persons in the lives of these children and their view of favorite times. Some traditional impressions as well as some surprises are reflected throughout these next eight pages. The Spotlight wishes to thank all those who participated in this project, including the coordinators, the teachers, the students. We hope these family scenes add to your holiday joy.

On this page: the tree by student Keli Egan, Ravena, Grade 12; Karen Teile: Epcot Center, Tim Philippo, Bethlehem, Grade 6; Betty Koban: poinsettia, Jessica Seisci, St. Thomas, Grade 6; Barbara O'Brien: snowmobiles, Brian Bates, Voorheesville, Grade 6; Margaret Fennel.





Denny Lucia, Voorheesville, Grade 8, Richard Steinbach

### One Day for the Tree

It's almost that time of year again. Snow is beginning to fall, and Christmas displays are showing up in shopping malls around the nation. But, the most fun of the Christmas season is soon to come, the cutting down of the Christmas tree.

The journey begins with a one-hour drive through the beautiful countryside to East Berne. The snow on the ground and the wonderful trees along the side of the road are such pleasing sights. Then off in the distance, you can see the rows and rows of Christmas trees.

As we make our final approach, we can see the small and cozy farm house marking the entrance to Van Etten Farms. As we drive along the small one-lane road, a Van Etten family member in a pickup truck signals to the person

in charge of the parking lot to see if anyone is coming up the road. Then we proceed down the hill and through the small forest towards an open field where a parking place awaits us.

As we get out of the car, we see that a hay wagon greets us and many other people who are eager to get out and see the variety of Christmas trees that are available.

When we dismounted from the wagon, we headed over to the grove of Spruce trees. We searched and searched until we found one that had full branches and was just the right height and just the right width. Then we chopped it down and took the annual Christmas pictures and hiked over to where the wagon was that would bring us back to the warming shed.

After we climbed off the wagon

and my father paid for the tree, we would all go into a small hut where we would purchase hot chocolate and homemade chocolate chip cookies. Outside the hut, there was a warm and friendly fire roaring where Christmas carols were being played and sung by many people.

Then we tied the tree to the car and departed for the wonderful journey home. When we arrived home, we put the tree in a pail of water and then decided where the tree would go. On the following weekend, we would set up the tree and decorate it with the most colorful ornaments that you could think of. We would all just sit back and enjoy our Christmas creation when we were done.

Bill Parry  
BC Middle School-Grade 8  
Mr. Louis Gilboord

### My Grandfather

My favorite family memory has to be Christmas of 1981. There is one particular reason this is my favorite memory, that is, because it was the last Christmas which my family and I spent with my grandfather.

I can remember the day like it was yesterday. For about three days before and three days after Christmas, Grandpa would stay with us every morning. I eagerly would get up and play with my Matchbox cars, and of course, I would have to make sound effects in order for the cars to move. Well, one morning my grandfather woke up, went out, got the paper, and read while I was playing. He didn't like the sound effects which I made while I played. So, he yelled at me. This startled me and almost scared the death out of me. I began to cry. That yell is what makes me remember this event as if it were yesterday.

Grandpa died the July following that Christmas. He didn't realize that it would be the last Christmas he would ever spend with us. We obviously knew he wouldn't be around much longer, but we didn't know he would go so soon. At the time, we just thought of it as another Christmas, but now we know it wasn't. It will always be my favorite Christmas and my favorite family memory, because it was the last period of time we ever spent with my grandfather.

Patrick Rafferty  
St. Thomas School-Grade 7  
Mrs. Thorp

### Christmas Time

We sit around the Christmas tree

That tree all glowing bright,  
And all outside  
The ground is snowy white.  
Now we sit down to breakfast  
With all our Christmas sweets.  
This morning we're having  
pancakes.  
That's a big treat!

Jonathan Janssen  
RCS Junior High-Grade 6  
Mrs. Jane Harnett

### On Christmas

On Christmas night we sit around the fireplace

And look at everyone's smiling face.

We all say a prayer for the boy who was born,

And we don't open presents until Christmas mom.

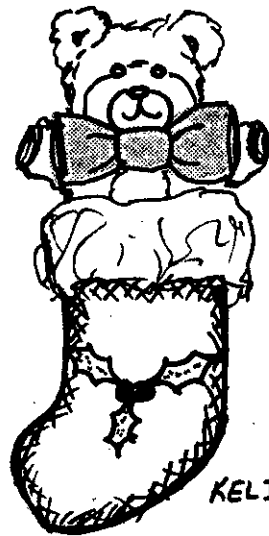
Then we get up bright and early  
And open our presents to see what's inside.

Then all of a sudden, it's snowing outside!

We get on our suits and run out the door

And jump onto the snow covered floor.

Joel Steinhoff  
RCS Junior High-Grade 6  
Mrs. Jane Harnett



Keil Egan  
Ravena-Grade 12  
Karen Teile

### Christmas

I woke up very early,  
Around six o' nine.  
I saw all the presents,  
And they looked divine.  
I saw a white package,  
It had on my name.  
I thought it over,  
It could be a doll or a game.  
I waited for everyone  
To come down the stairs.  
As I was waiting,  
I pulled up some chairs.  
Time to open gifts,  
Wrapping paper and there goes a lid.  
I opened the white package,  
Oh! A Cabbage Patch Kid!

Rachel Dickson  
RCS Junior High-Grade 6  
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### The Cobbler's Christmas Guest

(A Holiday Parable)

Many years ago there lived in a small village a cobbler by the name of Conrad. Though alone and poor, this kindly old man always had friendly and consoling words for everyone.

At Christmas time, some neighbors decided to visit their friend Christmas morning since he had no family. To their amazement, they saw that his wrinkled old face was radiant.

As they entered his shop, they saw a room made festive with holly and evergreen, and the table was laden with delicacies.

"Who is coming to visit you?" one neighbor asked in surprise.

"Last night the Lord appeared to me in a dream and told me that He wanted to be my guest on Christmas Day. I am all prepared for His arrival," Conrad replied.

After the neighbors had left, Conrad sat waiting for his hallowed guest. While he waited, a beggar passed his window, ragged, and half starved. Conrad called him in, fed him and gave him shoes for his nearly frozen feet. After the beggar had left, an old woman hobbled by carrying a sack of wood. Conrad served her dinner, let her rest before the fire, and then helped her on her way.

Again, he sat by the window waiting for his important guest. Suddenly he heard the sobbing of a child. When he opened the door, he saw a frightened, cold youngster. After some warm milk and soothing words, he reunited the child with its worried mother.

Once more he returned to his vigil, but night was falling fast. Where was the promised guest? Anxious and weary, Conrad dropped to his knees.

"Oh, Lord," he pleaded, "What has delayed You?" Then out of the silence came a voice:

"Conrad, be not dismayed, for Three times I came to your friendly door, Three times my shadow crossed your floor.  
I was the beggar with frost-bitten feet,  
I was the woman given food to eat,  
I was the child in the lonely street."

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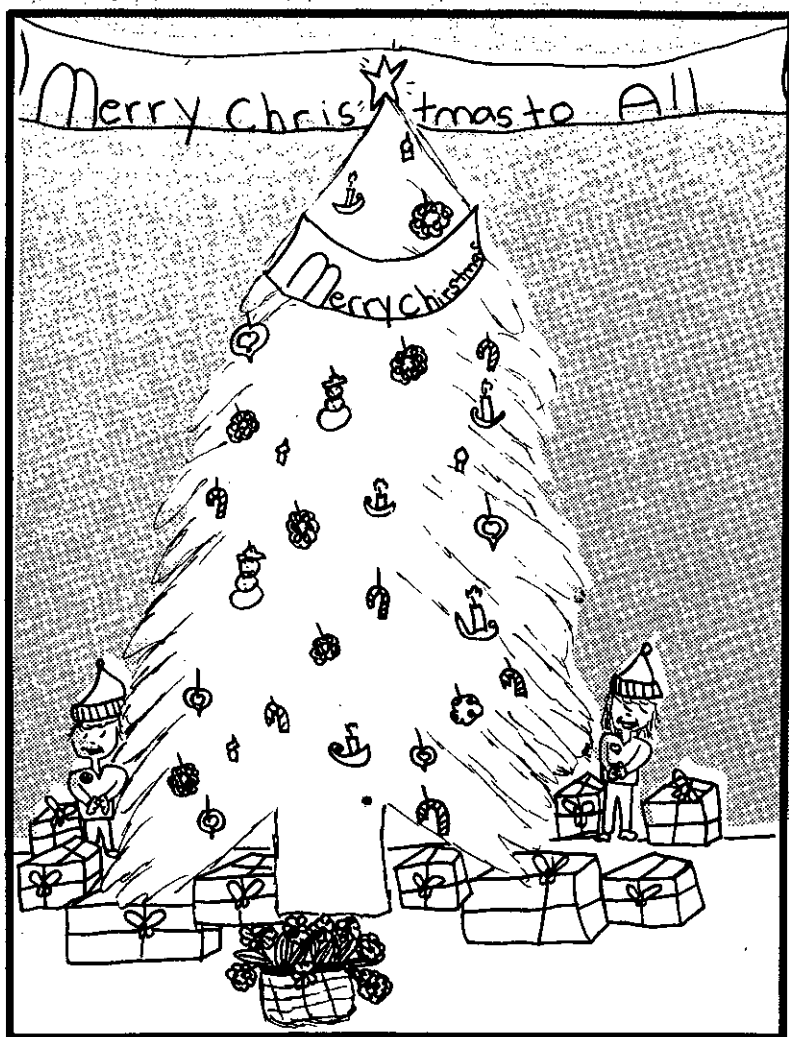
### THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

When Christ was born in Bethlehem,  
A bright and shining star  
Appeared to guide the Wise Men  
With the presents from afar.  
But one poor little shepherdess  
Watched them pass by and cried,  
Because she had no precious gift  
To carry to His side.  
When, lo! to her astonishment  
For every tear she shed  
There sprang and blossomed on the ground  
A lovely flower instead.  
She gathered them with eager hands  
And with the bright star's guide  
She carried them with reverence  
And placed them at His side.  
And as His little hands reached out  
To touch the blossoms fair,  
A dainty blush of rosy pink  
Appeared on each one there.  
And so upon that blessed morn,  
The age-old legend goes,  
From childlike faith and humble tears  
Was born the Christmas rose.

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All the Best this Holiday Season  
from Vince and Joan





Danielle Marvelli, Ravena, Grade 6, Miss Vatalaro

## Our New House

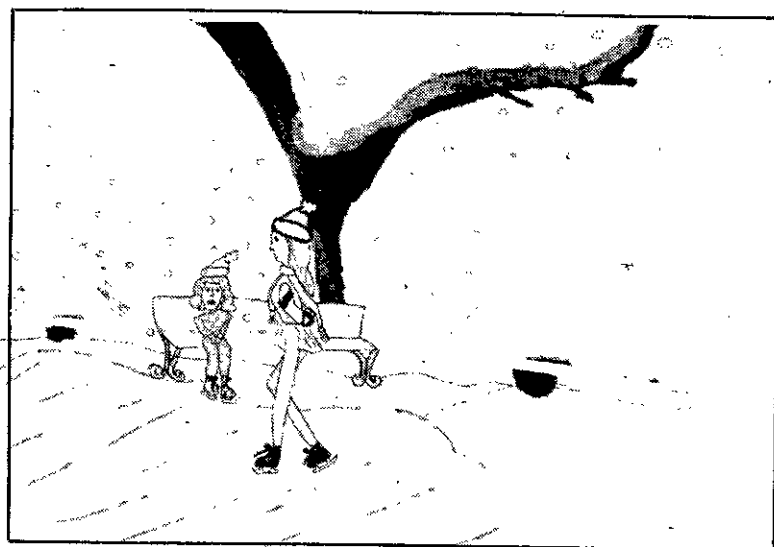
Our favorite family memory is at Christmas time when my cousins come from New York. My cousins' ages are four and two. When they opened their Christmas presents on Christmas day, their faces light up with joy.

After we open our presents, we sit around and have a fire in the fireplace and ask people if they had a nice Christmas. Then we have a big Christmas dinner. In addition to a great feast, we also serve apple pie and pumpkin pie.

We also stop at my grandmother's house and exchange gifts. Our family sits and talks to everybody. Then we go home to sleep with fond memories of Christmas day and our family.

I thought this memory was special because I was with people I love and who love me.

Natalie Marcotte  
St. Thomas-Grade 7  
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Angellna Praga, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel

## It Starts in December

My favorite family memories are of Christmas time. My entire family comes to my house for a Christmas party.

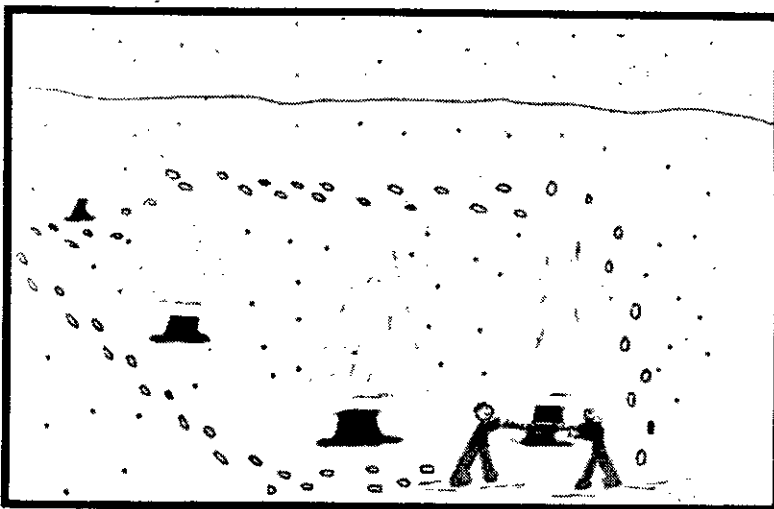
The first week of December, we put up the manger. The manger

was made a long time ago by an old man. My grandmother asked the man to make her seven sets, one for each of her children, and one for herself. The old man put in a little hole for a light bulb to be placed in it for the Jesus Star.

The day before Christmas my grandmother, my Mom, and I make trays of food for our family. When the food is prepared, I go to sleep and get up at eleven-thirty p.m. After midnight Mass, my great-uncle and his children come, and we have a Christmas party. My uncle and his friends come too and the party is even better.

On Christmas eve, we always hang candy canes on the curtain rods. On Christmas day and the days that follow we pass them out to the children who come to visit. These are my fond memories of Christmas.

Michele Wright  
St. Thomas School-Grade 7  
Mrs. Thorp



Matthew Reh, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel

## Holiday Events

One of my favorite family memories is on every Christmas, my Mom, Dad and I decorate our Christmas tree together, and it is loads of fun. Usually after we decorate our tree, we have aunts, uncles, and cousins and friends over. When they arrive, we eat goodies, exchange gifts, and talk.

The next morning, my Mom, Dad and I go to Mass together and come home and have a big breakfast. Then we open the rest of our gifts. Later in the evening, we go to my aunt's house and all of my relatives are there and we have our big Christmas feast. That is the best family memory I have.

Debra Green  
Voorheesville-Grade 8  
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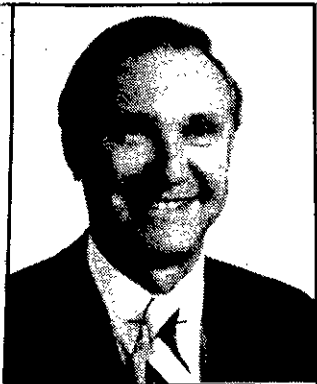
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# My Favorite Fa



Meg O'Connor, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel

## My Favorite Cousin

My fondest memory is my seven-year-old cousin Freddy Frattura. On August 17, Freddy was hit by a car and was killed. I remember Freddy as being a perfect boy. He never did anything to hurt anyone. To me he was my favorite cousin.

I remember carrying his Pound Puppy and blue-green blanket around the house. His Pound Puppy's name was Bagel. It was named that because he liked

bagels. I remember him calling up my brother and telling him what place trophy he got for go-cart racing.

I remember Freddy by all these things because today is his birthday, and I bet that if he knew I was writing about him he'd probably feel real famous.

**Lauren Pauly**  
BC Middle School-Grade 6  
Mrs. Mary Yench

## Happiness In The Snow

There we were, sitting at the top of the largest hill I'd ever seen. As I looked about at the mass of white, my eyes stung. All around, snow and ice were piled up like the layers on an ice cream cake.

"Earth to Nancy!" came a call from behind.

"Huh? Oh!" I said as I realized that my cousin Sue had been trying to get my attention for a few moments. "Sorry, I guess I spaced out."

"You sure did!" Sue's older sister, Kate, piped in. "Come on, get up, it's time."

Reality came back to me as I got up from my resting place in the snow. "Can I be first?"

"Sure," said Jennifer. She was a good friend who lived nearby with her sister, Rene. "I'm second, then Rene."

"Me next!" cried my little sister, Becky.

"All right, that's all fine," Kate determined. "Sue's after Becky and I'll go last and give us a shove!"

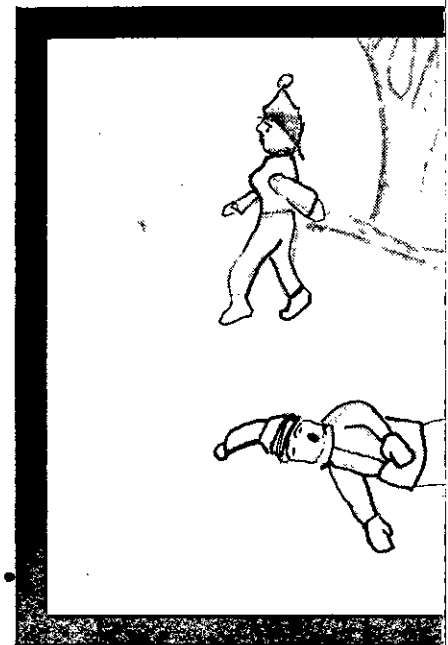
In order, we pulled onto the largest sled I had ever seen. "One, two, three . . .!" Kate yelled as we pushed off.

Going faster than a train, the six of us whizzed along over the snow. Every one of the big bumps was joyfully felt through the blue, plastic sled.

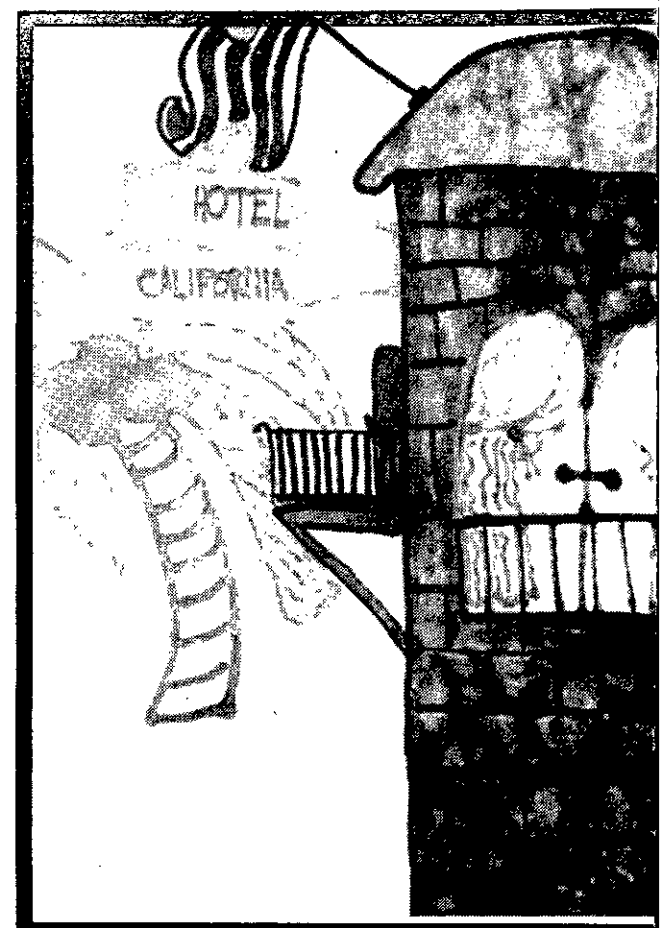
All of a sudden, we approached the big jump. BAM! "Ahhhh!" we screamed in harmony.

With a jolt the ride was over. I had experienced the best sled ride of my life with the most favored people in my life!

**Nancy Leonard**  
BC Middle School-Grade 8  
Mr. Louis Gilboord



Hannah Spence, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel



Jon B

## Together in C

There are many ways in which my family spends time together. I suppose the time which is and always will be my favorite is when we went to California. We drove a camper across the country and stopped at many beautiful places.

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Courtney Langford, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel

## Ketchup Thrills

When I was about three years old, I was staying with my Dad while my Mom went shopping. He was watching a football game on TV when he fell asleep. I don't know why, but I poured ketchup all over the blanket he had over him.

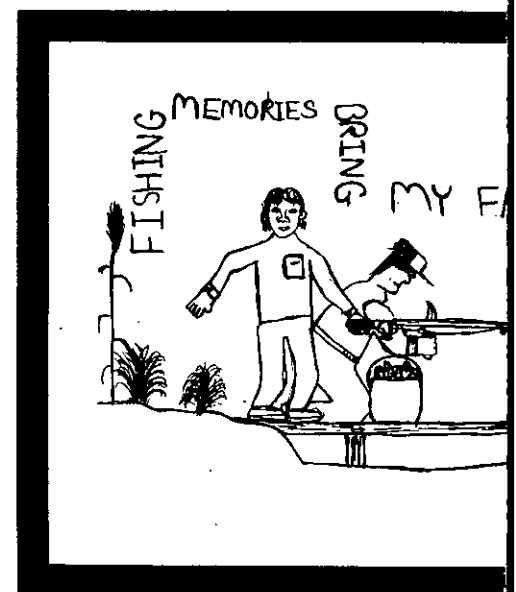
He was snoring when my Mom walked in. She heard him and wasn't surprised because he was

working the night shift. Then she went in to get me because it was lunch time. She walked in and her mouth fell to the floor; she thought I stabbed him at first, but then saw the empty ketchup bottle on the table. She picked me up and put me in a chair and then woke up my Dad.

He screamed because he

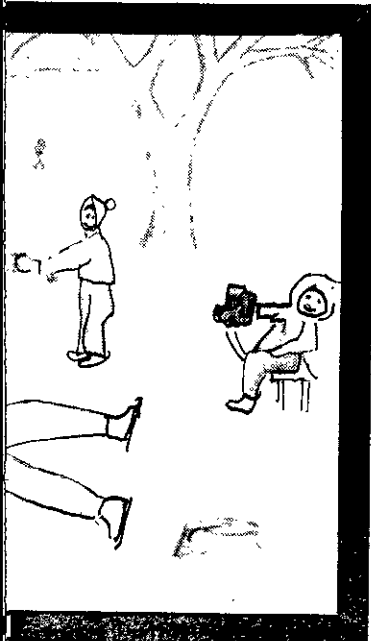
thought he was bleeding. Then he saw the ketchup bottle and then tasted the stuff all over him. He went into the bathroom to wash his hands and face and then went into the bedroom and changed his clothes and said to me, "Boy-o-boy-o-boy . . ."

**Michael Lawyer**  
BC Middle School-Grade 6  
Mrs. Mary Yench



Craig M

# Family Memory



Grade 6, Margaret Fennel

## Our Uncle's Boat

I never forgot the first time my brother and I were allowed to drive our uncle's new boat.

"Okay, kids, put on your life vests!" yelled my father. He had already untied the bowline for us.

My brother, Noah, and I scrambled into the long, slender, white boat. The sun felt good on our faces.

We threw out the remaining lines and pushed off the dock. When we had gotten far enough, Noah started up the boat and zoomed out to the middle of the lake.

"Okay, okay," I said. "Now turn the wheel!"

In front of us was a patch of rough water. Of course, my brother had to be a showoff and pretended not to hear. The boat started jumping up and down and water sprayed all over the boat. Finally, we headed out of the patch. My parents were clinging to the side of the boat, dripping wet.

It was my turn at the wheel, so I drove the now soaking wet boat and my family back home to the dock.

**Ethan Sprissler**  
BC Middle School-Grade 8  
Mr. Louis Gilboord



David Van Gelder, Bethlehem, Grade 8, Diane Segal



Grade 8, Voorheesville, Grade 8, Richard Steinbach

## Michigan Reunion

My favorite family memory was the Christmas of 1981; we went to Michigan. We go to Michigan every Christmas, but that year was different. All of my relatives from my mother's and father's side came, from California, Colorado, New York City, New Jersey, North Carolina, Vermont, Ohio, and even Texas. We all stayed at my Nana and Pop's house. It was very crowded, but we were all together; I met some people that I had not seen since I was a baby.

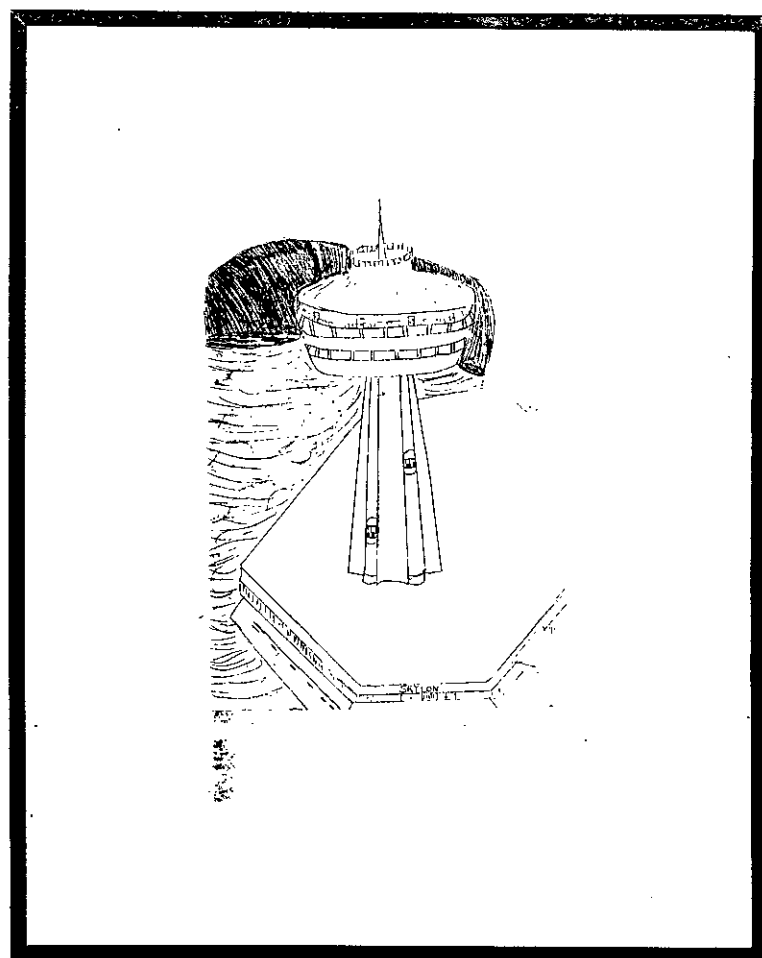
There were about six people in each bedroom. There were six bedrooms in the house and some people slept in the playroom and some in the TV room.

On Christmas morning, the TV room was filled with packages. It was packed. Everyone got a lot of presents.

When it came time for dinner, we had four tables; one big table and three small tables. The older people sat at the big table, and the children sat at the small tables. We almost did not have room for everyone, but we managed.

Everyone stayed at least until the day after New Year's. I hope we can do it again. As you can see, this certainly was one of my favorite family memories.

**Karen McCue**  
St. Thomas School-Grade 7  
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## California

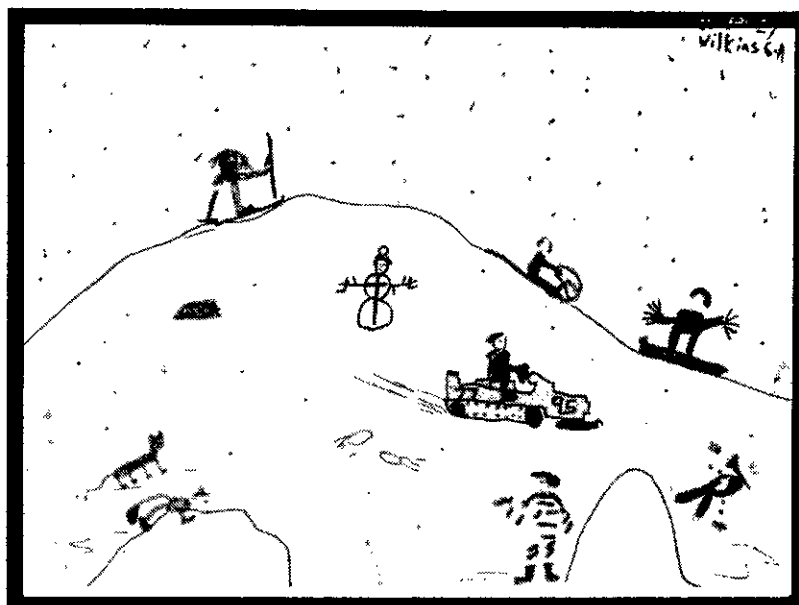
is beautiful  
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However, I

think it brought our family closer together and that is what made it special.

**Nicole Leach**  
Voorheesville-Grade 8  
Mrs. Whelden



er, Ravenna, Grade 7, Miss Vatalaro



Jeremy Wilkins, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel



## Hanukkah

It was the first night of Hanukkah. There was a blizzard outside, but the fire kept the whole house warm. I was eight years old, and wanted only one thing in the whole world. My dream was having my own stereo-cassette recorder. My parents, however, had their doubts.

Day and night, this radio was the only thing on my mind. My parents were constantly telling me my mind should be on other things. I knew it was the last thing in the world they would want me to have. Among their excuses, they said my hearing would worsen. Can you believe that?

Finally, the first night of Hanukkah had arrived. I was, as they say, "Hoping for the best, but expecting the worst."

I was sitting on the couch when my father came home from work. He was holding two nicely wrapped gifts in his hands.

"One for you, and one for you!" he said enthusiastically as he handed the gifts to my brother and me.

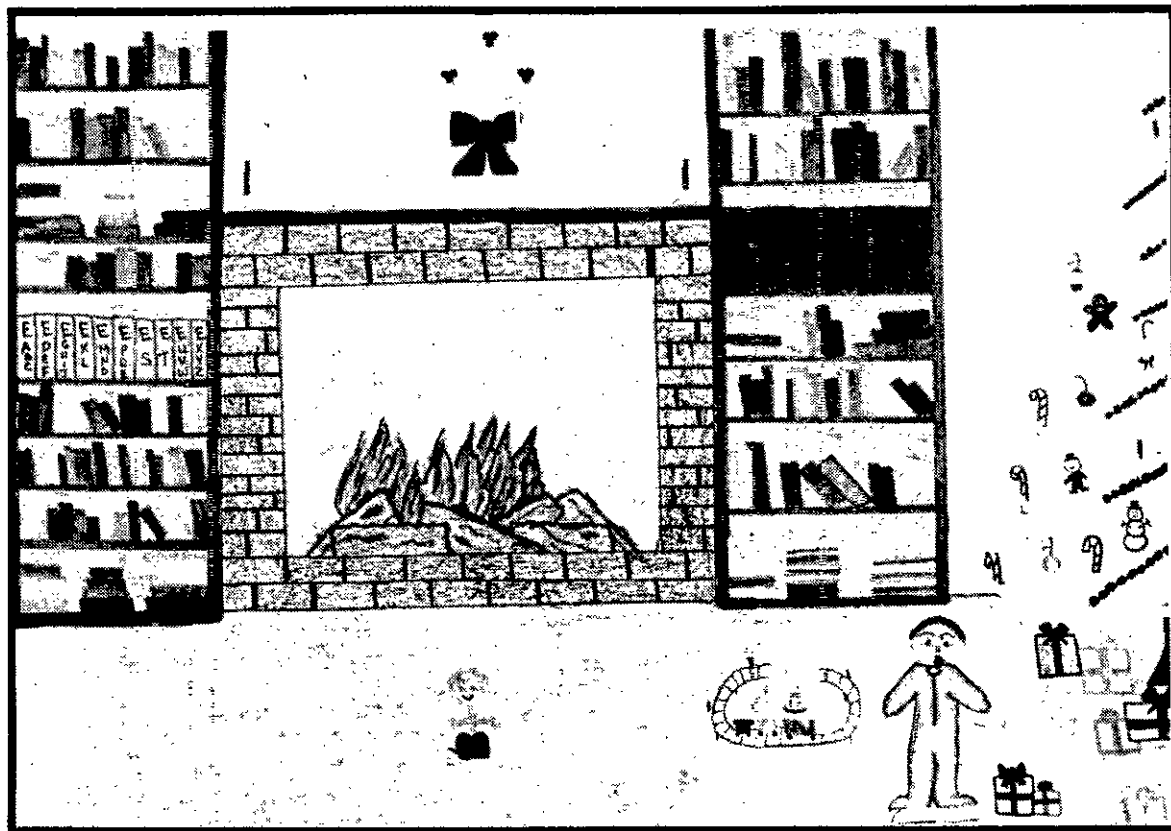
It was not the radio. I tried to smile, but a tear overtook me.

"Hm . . . I think I have another gift!" my father said curiously.

This time it was the radio! I ran into my father's arms and hugged him!

I was the happiest boy in the world!

**David Pierce**  
BC Middle School-Grade 8  
Mr. Louis Gilboord



Kati Pakenas, Voorheesville, Grade 6, Margaret Fennel

### Christmas Day

Christmas Day is full of joy  
I always get my favorite toy.  
My brothers and I  
Decorate the tree.  
So much excitement  
For my family and me.  
My father gets the stove going  
While outside it continues  
My mother dims the lights  
And now the candles are  
burning bright!

**Rebecca Engel**  
RCS Junior High-Grade 8  
Miss Arlene Comithier

### My Happy Day

What a happy day it was for me.  
When my family and I went for a  
Christmas tree.  
We looked and looked and  
looked some more.  
Boy, it was quite a chore.  
Then we found the perfect one.  
It seemed like it weighed a ton.  
When my parents went in to pay.  
They came out with what made  
my day.  
A new dog for my sister and I.  
I was so happy I thought I'd cry.

**Heather Radlin**  
RCS Junior High-Grade 7  
Miss Rita Silverman

### Christmas

Christmas is great  
just the right time for a family  
cate.  
to give and receive  
the best presents under the tree  
mother is shopping  
and father is chopping  
to keep us warm while we enjoy  
each and every brand new toy.  
Happy or sad  
Glad or mad  
mother, father, sister, brother  
we all love each other

**Kim Vanderzee**  
RCS Junior High-Grade 8  
Miss Arlene Comithier

## A Tribute to Grandpa

I have a lot of family memories, but there is one that I could never forget. It has to do with my grandfather. He was my favorite grandfather, and I loved him very much.

One day he came over to visit my mother, his daughter. I had just come home from school. I ran over to give him a hug and a big kiss. He said, "I have something for you." I said, "What?" He gave me a present, a black purse. He said to open it up, so I did. My grandfather put a ton of pennies in the purse. That was a lot to me back then. Everytime he came over, he would give me more pennies or even a new purse. On Christmas, he gave me a big purse filled with pennies and a two-dollar bill. He also gave me a gun belt that I wore for a week.

A couple of months later, he died. I never wanted to come out of my room, but I did. My mother said that he wanted to go up to heaven. I didn't understand why, but I was happy. I still loved him very much and hated to lose him. It was like losing my best friend.

About a month later, my Mom came into my room and handed me a purse with "Christine" written on the front. Inside the purse were many pennies, dimes, nickels and four dollar bills. There was also a note that said he will always love me and never stop watching over me. I love him very much. I will never stop missing him. I Love you, Grandpa.

**Chrissy Battle**  
BC Middle School-Grade 8  
Mr. Louis Gilboord

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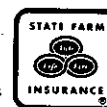


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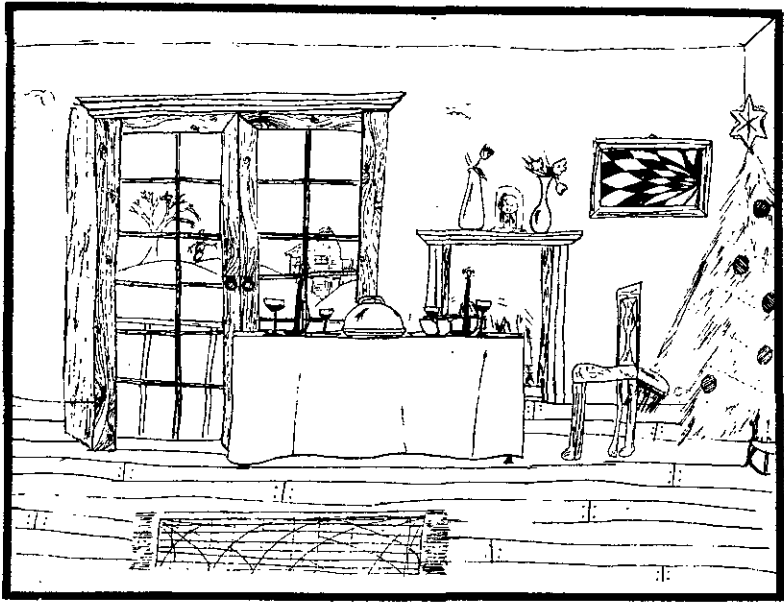
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Ethan S. Beyer, Bethlehem, Grade 8, Diane Segal

## A Merry Christmas

It is Christmas Eve and the snow is piled up knee high. It's snowing outside; the fire is blazing in the fireplace. Everyone is going to bed now. The children put out the milk and cookies for Santa Claus and a carrot for the red-nosed reindeer. Your Mom comes in and kisses you good-night and tucks in. She tells you to go right to sleep before Santa comes because he won't give you anything if you're awake. Mom also says sleep tight. Then Christmas will come faster than ever. In your dreams you see all of your presents and all of the food.

Now it's five-thirty, Christmas morning. you jump up and run out into the living room to see what Santa left for you. Your Mom and

Dad aren't even thinking of getting up, so you go back to bed for an hour or two. On the way back to your room you notice that the cookies are gone, the milk is gone, and so is the carrot. You lie in bed too excited to sleep, but before you know it, you're asleep. you wake up again, this time your parents are up and talking. You rush right out there and sit down. Your father starts passing out the presents; you're practically buried in gifts and you start opening them all.

This is my view of a Merry Christmas!

Jim Kartin  
RCS Junior High-Grade 8  
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Ravena, Grade 12  
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## My Cousins' Visit

It was Christmas Eve. We had just come home from church. There was a soft blanket of snow on the bare trees. While walking to the door, we made fresh footprints in the snow.

Once the four of us were inside, everything felt warm. All of the candles on the mantle were lit; the tree was glowing, and there was a soft singing in the background.

This was our first Christmas in our new house. Just two months after moving, we were home again. It was all so special.

Sara had gone into the kitchen to get everyone some egg nog. When she had returned, we made a toast to our new home. Everyone was happy.

Mom and Dad stood up and walked over to the Christmas tree.

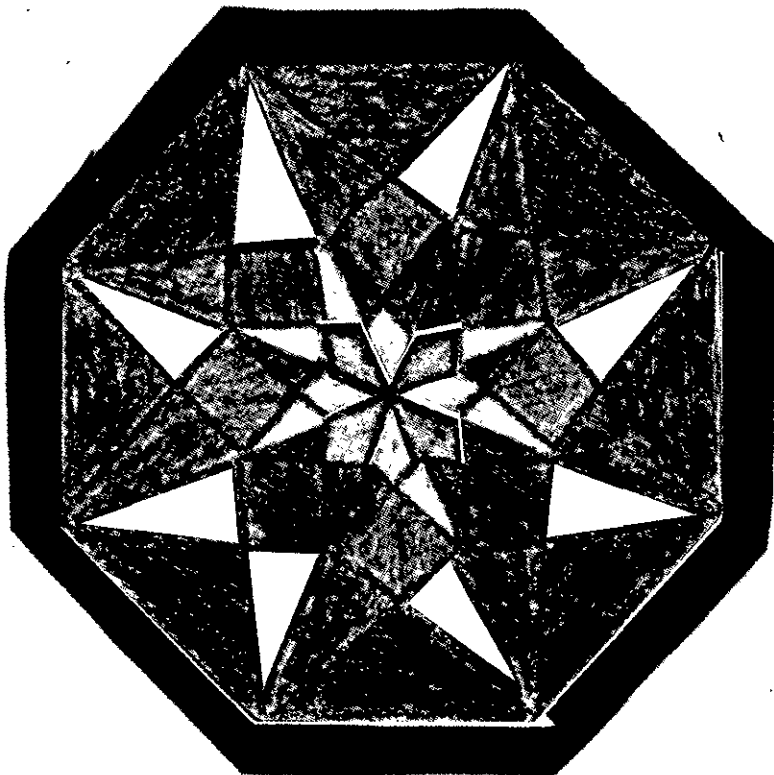
They came back and presented Sara and me each with a gift. I was so mesmerized by the whole situation.

I let Sara open hers first. Then, I opened mine. We were each given a music box. I'd always wanted a music box. Now, I really have one. It's a grey cat curled up with eyes that look up at the sky. When you turn its base, it plays the song "Memories."

I was so happy. I could tell that everyone was feeling the same way I was. We all sat in the living room for a while. Nobody spoke. There was no need for words.

Later that night, I fell asleep to the sound of "Memories."

Margaret Meixner  
BC Middle School-Grade 8  
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## New Years: 1986

Every New Years my family goes down to Long Island to celebrate. We went to a party that one of my aunt's friends was having. Here is what happened.

When we got there (it was within walking distance), the party had already started. My siblings and I went downstairs. My brother and I became a team and we played doubles on the ping-pong table. I was pretty good, but he was terrible. We stayed there until we were called up to watch the clocks.

Three, two, one, Happy New Year! Hugs and kisses were swarming around. Then every kid was given something to bang with and we went around the block — about fifty of us — shouting Happy New Year! It was a ball!

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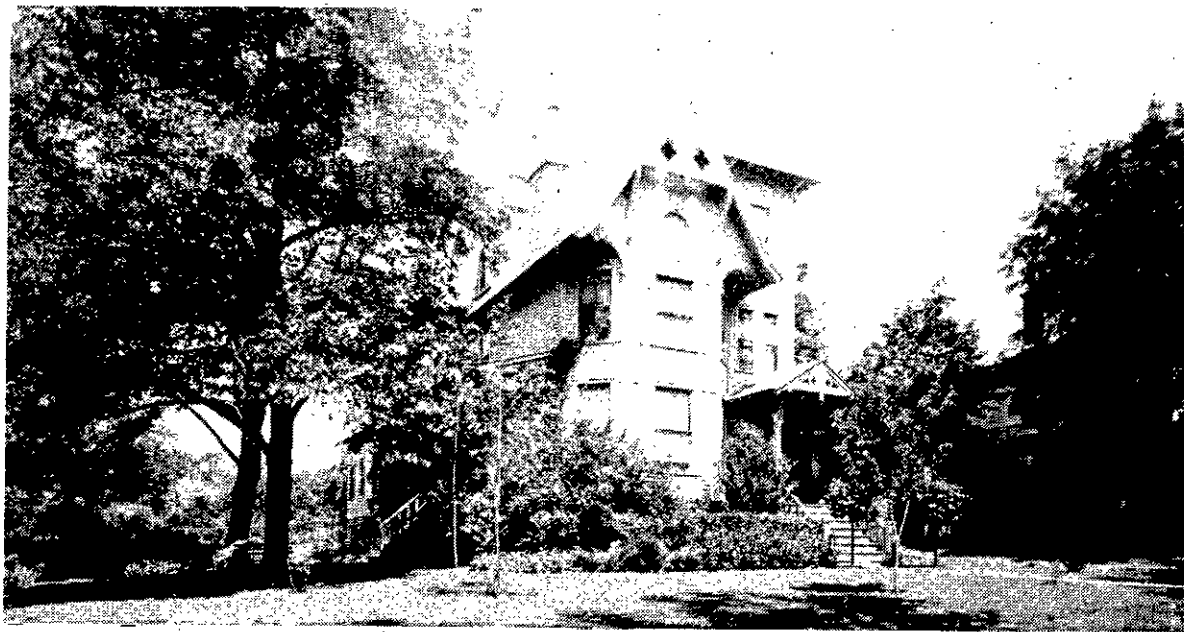
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The Dillenbeck house in Slingerlands circa 1930.

## An historic setting

The movie moguls have come to Slingerlands and scouted the locale. For weeks they have been searching out landscape and property in the Albany area that could be used as setting for the forthcoming movie production of William Kennedy's best selling novel, *Ironweed*.

One of the more intriguing houses in Slingerlands, the creamy yellow wooden Victorian structure at 1511 New Scotland Road that belongs to Garrett V. Dillenback, Jr., has caught their eye and is reportedly under consideration for the movie.

Over the years many people have sought to purchase the house from Dillenback, but he has always declined to sell it, even though it is in need of major restoration. While he has other homes, he still spends a great deal of time living at the house in Slingerlands and does not want to say good-bye to the house and its memories of happier days.

The story of the house begins, as do so many others in the village of Slingerlands, with the ownership of the land by Albert I. Slingerland and his wife, Catherine. Albert I. was responsible for the construction of the Slingerlands Community (Methodist) Church and its parsonage, and the string of Victorian houses along Kenwood Avenue, as well as other houses in the village.

In January of 1876 he transferred the plot of land to Charles D. Hammond of Oneonta, who had been sent to Albany to serve as Superintendent of the Susquehanna Division and the Northern Division of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. It was stipulated in the deed that Slingerland would have until October 1, 1876, to remove from the land the brick and frame building that housed a store and

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dwelling. After that date the Hammonds began the construction of their home. Upon its completion in 1878, it was to become one of the most pretentious houses in Slingerlands at that time.

On November 1, 1911, Eunice Hammond transferred title to the property to Harold and Ada Saxton. About 1917 Mrs. Saxton added a rear section to the house, containing the present kitchen and a dining room, with two bedrooms on the second floor. In 1926 Garrett V. Dillenback Sr. and his wife, Adele, purchased the home. Garrett Jr. was 24 years old at the time and had graduated from the Albany Academy and attended M.I.T. He came back to Slingerlands, married, and pursued his interest in engineering and electronics for many years, residing in the house with his parents.

The raised English-style basement of the house contains the original kitchen and dining room of the residence, as well as furnace and storage rooms, built-in closets, butler's pantry and a dumb waiter. The house was unique when it was constructed for it had its own piped water supply and a furnace. An interesting feature is the old cooking range built into the chimney in the kitchen. A set of back stairs leads up to the first floor living quarters.

A massive two-section front entrance door, a carved swag in each upper panel, set within a rounded archway, lends a Gothic elegance to the front entrance hall,

that is a room in itself. The hall is complete with a bay window and graceful, curving walnut stairway leading to the second floor. Halfway up the stairway is a niche for the placement of a bust or bouquet of flowers, an embellishment so dear to Victorian hearts. All of the woodwork throughout the house is in excellent condition, being both walnut and chestnut woods. The latches and doorknobs are ornate scrolled brass. The main section of the house has been shielded from the elements by the heavy slate roof, done in a two-tone design. There is lovely detailing both within and without the house that will never again be duplicated because of the costliness of labor and material.

To the left of the entrance hall another rounded archway with matching pair of doors leads to the front parlor, which also contains a three-window bay. This fireplace and several others in the house are of carved slate with marble inserts and they are all in fine preservation. Behind this room is the rear parlor, also opening with a pair of doors within a rounded arch. Around the ceiling of these rooms is a stenciled design with leaves. A library is located behind the front hallway and an addition put on circa 1917 contains a kitchen and dining room that replaced the rooms formerly used for those purposes in the basement.

On the second floor are five bedrooms with the master bedroom at the front containing another slate manteled fireplace. Stairs in the upstairs hall lead to a large, partitioned and paneled attic that contains a paneled cedar closet. Out of this attic, in the tower section, is a bedroom for a housemaid, being made very light and bright with the three large windows in the tower.

This house has been a home for elegant living, and with dedication, time and money, could be so again. Perhaps the time will come when someone will love it as much as Mr. Dillenback does and will invest their time into saving it for posterity.

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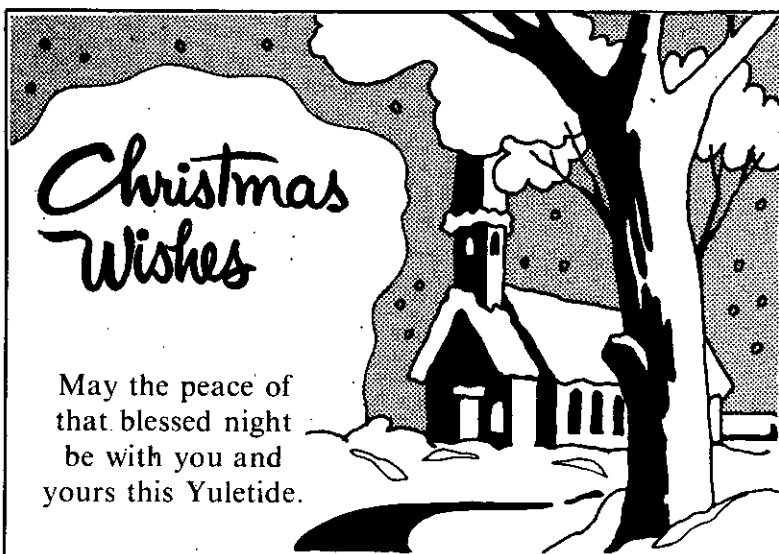
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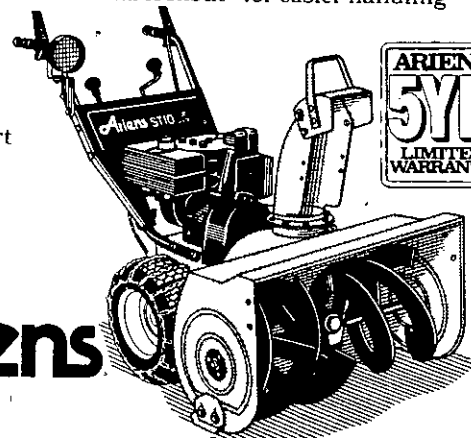
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A view of the parlor in the Dillenbeck house.

Lorraine Smith

# Indians net Schalmont, Academy

By Bart Gottesman

After more than 15 games last year, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity basketball team managed only three wins.

So far this season the Indians have played five games and have matched last season's win total. Thanks to two wins this week against Schalmont and Albany Academy, the Indians record stands at 3-2.

Ravena traveled to Schalmont with hopes of ending a string of

poor outings on the Sabres home court. "We haven't had much success over there in the last three years," said coach James Gorham. Gorham's game plan, as discussed in the practices prior to the game, was to rebound from back-to-back losses the previous week and "play a good 32-minute game." After the first quarter of the contest, Ravena's game plan wasn't working as the coach had planned as his team played a "lousy first quarter." After the first eight-minute period, Gorham

told his troops that it was only one quarter and they had three quarters to make up for it. RCS chipped Schalmont's lead to just one basket at the half time, and in the third and fourth quarters the Indians turned that two-point deficit into a 10-point victory, 57-47.

Gorham felt the turning point of the game came when sophomore Phil Nicewonger made three picture perfect passes to Adam Wheeler inside for six easy points. Wheeler had his best offensive showing of the season as he scored more than half of his teams points with 31.

On Saturday night the Indians defeated the Cadets of Albany Academy rather easily, 59-40. Among the fans who came to cheer for their favorites were the leaders of our state, Governor Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda. The couple had come to watch their son score six points for the Cadets.

Going into the contest Gorham's game plan was to shoot well outside and stretch their zone, therefore opening the middle for Wheeler. The plan was successful. According to Gorham, it was his team's "best shooting performance all year." The center was opened for Wheeler and he netted 23 points. Tony Williams and Lance Tucker led the outside shooting attack with 13 and eight points, respectfully. Good rebounding, defense and shooting from both the floor and line "put together a very good game" and capped a successful week for the Green and Gold.

This week the Indians have two tough games. They take on last year's Colonial Council champs Mechanicville on Tuesday and play Berne Knox on Saturday. Gorham summed the situation by saying, "if we continue to play well, we'll be in the ball game. If not, we don't deserve to be out there."

# Birds make a comeback

By Rick Leach

The Voorheesville basketball team came into their game at Watervliet on Tuesday feeling about as low as possible. They were 0-3 and had just been beaten soundly 62-32 by a mediocre Lansingburgh team. However, the Birds put all that behind them when they challenged the Cannoneers; and, even though the team fell 49-45, the squad finally felt like they played the basketball they are capable of playing.

"It was definitely a morale victory," Coach Bob Crandall said. "It was by far our best effort of the year." The home squad, the defending Colonial Council champion, came out looking for a cakewalk, but the visitors had other ideas. The game went back and forth all the way until it was finally tied 45-45 with fifty-one seconds to play. The Cannoneers had the ball in the corner, where one of their players appeared to be trapped into a five second violation, but the official didn't agree, and the ball was shoveled to guard Orlie DiBacco, who nailed a foul line jumper to give the Cannoneers the advantage.

The Birds then brought the ball down and got it to guard Dean Decker, whose jumper rimmed out. Center Marty Gordinier appeared to have the rebound, but a traveling violation was called. "All I saw was the guy come down on Marty's back," Crandall, obviously frustrated, stated. Watervliet then hit both of their foul shots to put the game away.

Gordinier led the squad with 14 points and 11 rebounds, despite picking up his fourth foul with three minutes to go in the game. John Meacham added 11 points and 13 rebounds for the group, while Kyle Larabee added 10 points, his first game of the season in double figures.

Crandall singled out Decker for his excellent play. "Everybody played well," the veteran coach noted. This was apparent in the statistics, as the Birds shot 41%, their best of the season, and had 42 rebounds compared to their hosts' 24.

Voorheesville's other game during the week was on Friday at Waterford, a team that many picked to win the Colonial Council. The Birds again played evenly with their opponent in the first half, tied 10-10 at the end of the first quarter and 28-24 at intermission. However, the Fordians outscored the Birds 17-12 in the third quarter to pull away. The last quarter was fairly even, but the Birds finally fell 66-54. Meacham had 15 points and seven rebounds and Gordinier added 14 and seven.

This week the Blackbirds get a break on Tuesday They start the Helderberg Tournament on Friday by opening with host Guiderland. The Voorheesville team will either play the winner or loser of the Rensselaer and Bethlehem contest on Saturday.



Governor Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda watched their son score six points for Albany Academy in Saturday's game against the Indians.

Bart Gottesman

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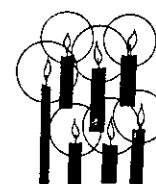
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# Switch pays off for Eagles

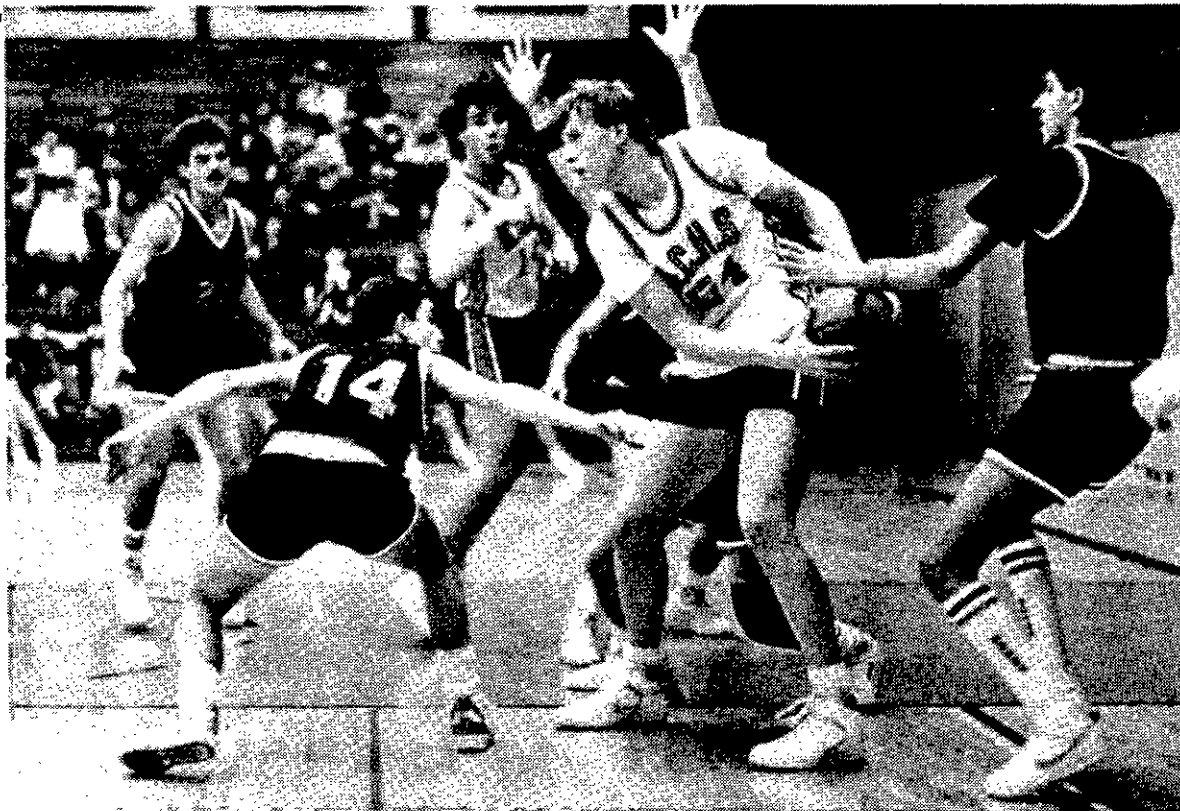
By Dave DeCecco

While many people were catching up on holiday shopping or sitting in holiday shopping traffic last Saturday afternoon, the Bethlehem boy's basketball team was doing a job on SSC Gold Division foe Mohonasen. The odd game time (Saturday afternoon instead of Friday night) simply meant an extra day of practice, and it was obviously a practice well-spent as the Eagles put away the Mohons, 64-60.

Visiting Mohonasen took a one-point lead into the halftime break; but, their party did not last long. BC outscored them 20-12 in the third period, during which John Peyrebrune dumped six of his 16 points, tops for both teams. Todd Wright, who played a "sluggish first half," according to coach Jack Moser, got into the groove and took down 12 rebounds after intermission, giving him a team-leading 17 on the day. Wright also added 15 points to the Eagle attack. Mike Hodge netted all 11 of his points from the friendly foul line, where he missed just two.

The final score is not a microcosm of the game for at times Bethlehem had a 10-point lead. Their success may be due in part to Moser's jumbling of the offensive setup. Hodge moved to point guard, Peyrebrune switched from point guard to shooting guard, and Brian Battle went over to small forward.

Playing with old offense last Tuesday in Guilderland, BC lost to the Dutchmen 52-49 in a contest marred by controversy. When the score was 46-42 Dutchmen, the scorekeeper had it



Bethlehem's Todd Wright (54) working against three Mohonasen defenders Saturday afternoon.

R.H. Davis

as 46-41. It seems like a minor mistake, but when the Eagles tied it at 49 with 14 seconds to play, they actually had a one-point lead, and the flaw was not so minor. At this point, if the Eagles had that slim lead, a totally different situation than a tied game, they would have played to protect that lead instead of to score. Laments Moser, "the home book prevails..."

Guilderland played well, but in Moser's opinion, Bethlehem never

should have let it get close enough for the controversy to occur. BC's big men, Wright, John Reagan, and Ed Perry, got into foul trouble early and saw sparse third quarter action. In a nutshell, the game was "a big disappointment" to Moser.

Bethlehem hoped to end the disappointment in a non-leaguer last night at Bishop Scully, and wished to improve on their record of 3-2 in the league, 3-4 overall.

On the 26th and 27th, the Eagles will participate in the Heldeberg Holiday Tournament in, of all places, Guilderland. The Eagles will play undefeated Rensselaer on opening night.

## BC girls have experience

By Lisa D'Ambrosi

It looks like a promising year for Bethlehem's girls varsity basketball team. The competition is going to be tough, but Bethlehem is optimistic. The team, which has four returning starters from last season, Wendy Vogel, Sonja Ejurstrom, Michelle Gibbons and Julie Francis, is confident and well-balanced.

Francis (now a sophomore) was both the top scorer and rebounder last season, making her crucial to this year's team.

Bethlehem faces a tough league this year, where the team will face strong competitors, such as Guilderland, Burnt Hills, Niskayuna and Mohonasen.

But Coach Gene Lewis is optimistic and very confident about his group. He comments that with "a little luck and a lot of hard work, we could win our division." The goal for this year is to make sectionals and it presently appears that the goal is within reach. Because the league is so strong, the games will most likely be close ones, and Coach Lewis is relying on his seasoned veterans to handle the pressure.

"If we believe in ourselves, and if we play the offense and defense we are capable of, we'll be a hard team to beat," said Lewis.

## Big win for Lady Indians

By Paul Curley

Almost everyone loves it when an underdog is victorious. That was the case last week when defending council champion Schalmont suffered the first league defeat of the season at the hands of the Ravena girl's basketball team, 40-33. Considering that Schalmont beat Ravena by 20 points in both meetings last year, this was an important win for the Indians.

"It was a pretty big win," commented Coach Betty Faxon. "I think they took us a little bit lightly," she added, praising the Indians' "intensity" and "fantastic defense."

Ravena deployed a full court press that caused Schalmont turnovers and helped smother their two star players, one a center who played in the Empire State Games.

Jackie Mulligan, at 5'6", led in rebounds with 17 despite going up against a six-footer and a couple of 5'10" players. A lot of the credit for the strong defense goes to Terri Baker who was in the middle of the press and Dena Perry who sparked the team coming off the bench. Tracey Tucker led in the scoring column with 12 points and Mulligan added 10. "Everybody pitched in and did a fine job," said Coach Faxon to sum up the performance.

The Indians are 3-0 in the Colonial Council and tried to retain their undefeated standing against Mechanicville yesterday.



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At left, BC's Chris Saba was awarded a technical pin in 3:06 in Saturday's match against Chris Dell'Acqua of Voorheesville. Right, BC's Tom Nyilis decisioned Rick Leach of



Voorheesville, 2-0.

Lynn Finley

## Eagles top Birds, are 4-1

By John Bellizzi III

Last week, the hungry Eagles matmen lost one dual meet and won one to improve their team record to 4-1. Last Tuesday, Saratoga got the best of the Eagles and they lost their first meet of the season, 43-33. Last Saturday at home, the Bethlehem upper weight classes struck back and secured a 36-19 victory over Voorheesville.

"This was the first time our upper weight classes were able to set a pace into a real tight match," said Eagles Coach Rick Poplaski.

"The score was 19-18 in favor of Voorheesville going into the 167 pound class, but three pins sealed the victory."

Tuesday at Saratoga, BC's Pat Leamy started the meet off on the right foot by pinning his opponent towards the end of the second period. Saratoga won the next three matches, two by fall and one by forfeit, but 119 pounder Tom Nyilis came back for Bethlehem and was awarded a technical fall in the second period. Ed Moak won the 126 pound weight class for BC, 10-4. Co-captains Chris Saba and Jim Dayter both decisioned their opponents 9-0, Saba at 132 and Dayter at 112. John Sinuc ended his match in an 8-8 draw, and Steve Guynup brought in

Bethlehem's last win by pinning his man in the second period.

On Saturday, BC dropped the first three weight classes to Voorheesville, but the Eagles held their ground from there on. Nyilis "put BC back on the path to victory," according to Poplaski, with a 2-0 decision, which was followed by a technical fall awarded to Saba. John Gallogly came next, decisioning his opponent, 4-2, followed by Dayter, who won 5-0, and Sinuc, with an 8-2 decision. Finally, in the last three weight classes, Peter Bragaw, Mike Mosley and Joe Diacetes pinned their opponents with respective times of 3:54, 4:49 and 1:30, to win the meet for Bethlehem Central.

"We still have lots to correct," said Poplaski, "but we'll be working at it over the holidays preparing for a tough January schedule." The junior varsity team will attend two tournaments over the vacation, one on Dec. 29 at Queensbury, and another on Jan. 3 at Ballston Spa. The varsity/JV dual meet schedule resumes on Jan. 7 by hosting Shaker and Columbia, with Amsterdam coming the next evening. At the end of that week, the team will attend the Fort Plain tournament.

## Cobleskill win gives Voorheesville 1-1 week

The Voorheesville varsity wrestling team brought its record to four wins and one loss during the past week. Last Tuesday, Dec. 16, they handily defeated Cobleskill, 48-18, along with Duaneburg, 44-18.

Against Cobleskill, Christian Clark, Pat Ryan, Rick Leach, Matt Cillis, Jason Depasqual, Paul Novac, Chan Park, and John Traudt recorded wins to provide Voorheesville with the victory. Versus Duaneburg, Clark, Ryan, Cillis, Tom Ravida, Depasqual, Novac, Park and Traudt provided Voorheesville with their second victory of the double match.

After these two matches, Voorheesville improved its record to four wins and no losses overall. Although the wrestling team was ready to go to Waterford, this match was postponed Thursday the 18th because of snow. Next, Voorheesville fell to one of the best teams in the area. Although Bob Blanchard, Clark, Ryan and Traudt beat their individual opponents, Bethlehem defeated the Blackbirds.

Several wrestlers finished the week still undefeated. Clark

remains undefeated on his way to an undefeated season with a 5-0 record. This goal is well within his reach, and would be remarkable for an eighth grader. Like Clark, Traudt remained undefeated with a 5-0 record. Cillis brought his record up to 4-0 with two wins in the double duel but was ill for the match against Bethlehem. Ryan also remained undefeated at 4-0-1 with three wins this past week.

The team's successes are shared amongst all the wrestlers and Coach Richard Leach. The team is hopeful that their success will continue when they battle Ravena on Tuesday, Dec. 23, in a league match. After Ravena, the Blackbirds travel to Queensbury, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, for a Christmas tourney. The team is well on their way to having an excellent season, and would appreciate the support of all at the very exciting matches.

### Correction

The ticket price for the holiday brunch for Bethlehem Republican women is \$8, not \$18. The brunch will be held at the Normanside Country Club Dec. 28 at noon.

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# Indians take 2 at Fonda meet

By Josh Curley

A "good day for us" was what coach Gary VanDerzee called Saturday's round robin dual meet at Fonda-Fultonville, where the Ravena wrestlers pulled two victories out of meets that easily "could have gone either way."

The Indians started the day wrestling against Johnstown. The meet was amazingly close through the lightweights and middleweights; but, the strength of heavyweights like Jerry Baranska and Bob Jordan, who pinned his first of two that day, put the finishing touches on Johnstown.

Next, RCS wrestled Averill Park. VanDerzee said, "They got a good, early lead and simply beat us." Averill Park managed to win the first four weights and were able to keep the lead throughout the meet, despite pins produced by Rob Denis, Luther Legg, and Tim Baranska.

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For the last meet, Ravena went against Fonda, which had the home advantage. This meet went similar to the first, with a very close start. Then, Tim Baranska at 167 pounds, beat Fonda's top wrestler. Another pin by Jordan and Jerry Baranska's win by forfeit all added to the power that killed the threat.

Dennis had an excellent outing scoring two pins and a win by decision. Two team captains, Legg and Jerry Baranska, also had three victories on Saturday, leaving them the only two undefeated RCS wrestlers.

Ravena has no meets scheduled this week because of Christmas vacation.

# Indian streak at 5

By Tim Penk

A five-game winning streak was maintained by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls volleyball team when they defeated Tamarac, 15-13 and 15-5. The Indians used their victory to remain in first place in the Colonial Council.

After falling behind to Tamarac, 8-13, in the start of the first game, the Indians came back with their strong serving to eventually win the game. Ravena had only two missed serves and Tamarac had great difficulty returning any of the serves to allow for the comeback.

## VOLLEYBALL

In the second game, RCS put away the opponent quickly. The setters, Tracy Klein and Colleen Farrell, started placing the ball to the hitters for quick points. Kris Gerg had nine kills overall and Amy Kane had 13 kills. Kane played a superb game leading the team both offensively and defensively.

The Indians leads the league as they meet rival Watervliet on Dec. 22.

## Delmar marijuana bust brings indictment

A Delmar man has been indicted on one count of first degree criminal possession of marijuana, a class "C" felony, the district attorney's office said.

Indicted by an Albany County Grand Jury is John A. Vendetti, 30, of Hudson Ave. He was scheduled to be arraigned on the charges Tuesday (yesterday),

court officials said.

Bethlehem Police officers obtained a search warrant Sept. 15 to search Vendetti's house, and they allegedly found 19 growing marijuana plants, each about 8-feet tall, being grown on his property. The weight of the marijuana found was 43 pounds, court officials said.

# For Rich Kane, a frustrating time

Rich Kane, a strapping 235-pound Voorheesville High School senior with a roomful of wrestling trophies, is sitting on the sidelines this season while his former Blackbird teammates launch their quest for another championship.

The 18-year-old star holds the national Espoir Greco-Roman 220-pound title and is a two-time New York State Greco-Roman champion. But there will be no chance to add a state scholastic crown to his collection — the Sectional wrestling panel has ruled him ineligible.

His parents have appealed the decision, but until there is a ruling in that case, Rich and his teammates will have to wait.

His mother, Constance Kane, feels the case should be publicized so that other scholastic athletes don't fall into the same plight. She also feels the Voorheesville community is due an explanation why such an outstanding athlete is on the sidelines. Last week she wrote a letter to the *Altamont Enterprise*, in which she stated that "the community has been very supportive of Richard and we feel we owe them an explanation as to why he is not wrestling this season."

Confirming the family's decision to appeal the sectional committee's ruling, Mrs. Kane stated this week that "a lot of people aren't aware of the rules" that govern the

eligibility of scholastic athletes, particularly in view of the fact that Rich Kane was an all-conference football player this fall and one of the area's top interior linemen. It was his tackle on the one-yard line in the final seconds of the championship playoff game last month that saved the Blackbirds' dramatic win over Hudson.

According to the family, the eligibility problem dates back to Rich's ninth-grade year when he was a member of the junior varsity wrestling team. A leg injury suffered while playing sandlot football in 1982 cut short his wrestling activities, but a year later he was back in action. Meanwhile problems in the classroom caused him to repeat ninth grade. This time he made the varsity, and was a standout during the ninth, 10th and 11th grade seasons. He also won two gold medals, one silver and one bronze in the Empire State Games.

Scholastic rules limit ninth-grade athletes to a maximum of four years in a sport in the varsity, JV and freshman programs. Exceptional athletes in the seventh and eighth grades can qualify by passing physical fitness tests and obtaining certification of maturity by a physician, but the eligibility meter doesn't start running until ninth grade.

The sectional committee, ruling on Kane's case last June, declared

him ineligible for wrestling because he had had four years since ninth grade, but permitted him to play football in 1986 because he had been in that program only three seasons.

Mrs. Kane says that the committee "was not aware of the fact that Richard has competed since fifth grade in non-school club matches." She also contends that no records are available as to Richard's ninth-grade participation.

Dick Leach, the school's head coach of wrestling, declined to comment on the eligibility question, but praised Richard's skills on the mats. "Rich is a fine kid," Leach said. "He worked hard for us for four years, he's an outstanding wrestler, but as a coach I have to abide by the committee's decision."

In the meantime Rich Kane will try to stay in shape until spring, when he will resume training in the Adirondack free-style wrestling program at Albany State.

## New Years bird count

A program on bird watching for beginners will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Thursday, Jan. 1. The New Year's Day bird count will begin at 9 a.m. All are welcome to attend the free program. For information call 457-6092.



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# Distance man turns on the speed

A hitherto unheralded swimmer was the hero as Bethlehem Central's perennial pool powerhouse survived a first-class scare by a surprisingly strong Albany Academy team.

John McCarthy, a senior distance swimmer, turned in two speedy clockings as a sprinter when they were most needed.

There were some anxious moments as the Cadets jumped out to an early lead by taking first and second in the 200 free and winning the 1M and 50 free.

That forced Mike FitzPatrick, BC assistant coach handling the team in the absence of Ken Neff, to change his game plan. For the diving he had planned to go with his No. 2 man and use Bill McCarthy, a promising newcomer, but with the Cadets in front by

## SWIMMING

17-13, he sent his ace, senior Alex Hall to the board with Reed. They took 1-2, but again the visitors shot out in front with a victory in the 100 fly.

Geoff Frank, a junior, kept the Eagles within striking distance by taking an important second place in the fly, setting up the 100 free as the pivotal event of the meet. Here John McCarthy did the unexpected, coming from behind in the final laps to overtake a favored Academy swimmer for first place.

"We didn't plan on winning the 100 free because they had a strong swimmer," FitzPatrick said later. "But John had a really good swim and tied the meet."

Bethlehem untied it in a hurry. Justin Baird and Chris Engstrom went 1-2 in the 500, Cam O'Connor delivered a first in the backstroke and Peter Greenwald took the breaststroke in 1:07.7, a fine clocking for this time of year.

Going into the final relay Academy still had a chance to upset the favored Eagles, and FitzPatrick was counting on a second place to nail down the victory. But here McCarthy got back in the act and produced a fast split, setting up a confrontation in the anchor leg between two personal rivals, Dan Lende of the Cadets and Baird, BC's standout. They were head-to-head on the final turn and matched strokes to the wall where Baird won by a fingertip.

Earlier in the meet Baird, a

sophomore and a Section 2 champion freestyler, had the unusual experience of being disqualified in the 200 free for standing up before the final leg. At the time he had lapped the field, and with such a long lead, lost count of the laps in a 25-yard pool. Approaching what he thought was the end of the race and seeing no one else near and no prompter at pool's edge, he stopped swimming.

The Eagles went without Chris Drew, their ace sprinter, out with a strep throat. A second meet last week, a scheduled Friday encounter with Shenendehowa, was postponed because of Thursday's snowstorm.

BC now goes into the holiday recess with a 3-0 mark atop the Adirondack League, and will be back in action Jan. 6 with

Queensbury. That will give the Eagles three meets before the season's critical tests with Albany High and Troy High, four if the Shenendehowa meet is rescheduled the week of Jan. 12.

## Voorheesville takes 'Vliet

By Renee Hunter

The game seemed to belong to Tricia Carmody as the Voorheesville Blackbirds' girls basketball team evened their league record to 2-2 with a victory over Watervliet last Wednesday.

Carmody, a six-foot sophomore forward, fired a career-high 22 points for the Blackbirds, plus an additional two for Watervliet on an accidental basket. Carmody also had 22 rebounds to help her team earn a 40-27 victory over visiting Watervliet.

After the first eight minutes of play, the score showed Voorheesville leading by one, 8-7. Then Carmody's talent exploded. She scored eight of her points in the second quarter, to bring the Blackbirds' total to 24, compared to Watervliet's 9. The third quarter score reflected a close eight minutes of play as the Ladybirds again led by one, 7-6. Watervliet tried to make a comeback in the fourth quarter, outscoring Voorheesville 12-9; but, it was not enough — Voorheesville was victorious.

Team play helped the Blackbirds, as juniors Donna Bulgaro and Melanie Wakely and senior Tanya Severino each had one point. Jennifer Elliot, a sophomore, added five points, and senior Laura Martin contributed 10.

## 2 bikes found

Two bicycles were found this week, Bethlehem Police reported.

On Wednesday, a boy's 10-speed bicycle was found on the sidewalk in front of a Kenwood Ave. home, police said.

Also on Wednesday, a girl's 10-speed bicycle was found on Elsmere Ave. in a ditch by a creek, police said.

# Mergers pull together for Nisky meet win

By Matt Bates

Late last week the Guilderville swim team was still in search of its first victory. On Thursday, however, the team pieced it together and defeated Niskayuna 39-35 for their first victory of the young season.

Earlier in the week, the squad traveled to Shaker. The swimmers were defeated 94-62 by the Blue Bisons. Despite the score, the team did win some events. Kevin Tyrell was a triple-winner for the squad. He won the 200 freestyle, the 50 freestyle, and led the 400 freestyle relay team to a victory along with Chip Brown, Mark Wight, and Gary Washburn.

Washburn also helped the team in placing second in the individual medley in an impressive time. Brown placed second in diving by a narrow margin. Another runner-up was Tom Hampston. Hampston turned in his best time of the year by earning second place in the 100 breaststroke. Wight placed third in the 100

backstroke to aid the squad in a losing effort.

Thursday was a completely different story, however. While the team only won 3 events at Shaker, they lost only 2 against Niskayuna enroute to its first win of the year.

The meet was so close because of the scoring system used at swim meets. In relays, the teams earn 6 points for first place, 3 for second and 1 point for third. In all other events, first place receives 4 points, second place gets 2 points, and third place earns 1 point.

Niskayuna, in most events, finished second and third, thus earning 3 points. Guilderville usually received the 4 points for first place so they couldn't pull away from Niskayuna. One of the events that the Guilderville squad failed to win was the 100 breaststroke. Hampston again improved his time but unfortunately finished third in the race. The other event Niskayuna won was the 500 freestyle. Paul Kazmer

from Guilderland finished second, taking 10 seconds off his previously best time.

On the positive side, Guilderville had 3 triple-winners, 1 double-winner, and another 3 swimmers won 1 event. Wight won the 50 free, 100 free, and was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team. Washburn, too, was on the medley relay team. The tenth grader also won the 200 individual medley and the 100 fly. Tyrell was the third triple-winner for Guilderville. He won the 200 freestyle, the 100 backstroke, as well as leading the 400 freestyle Relay team to victory in the meet's final race.

On the week, Tyrell had six wins in six attempts. Tom Cullen was the lone double-winner for the swimmers. He was essential in both the 200 medley relay team along with the 400 freestyle relay. Darin Price rounded out the medley relay team which had their best time of the year. Both Hampston and Kazmer were

members of the 400 freestyle relay team that won the last event, thus winning the meet for the squad.

The swimmers have the holidays off and will resume their schedule on Jan. 8 at Burnt Hills.

## St. Thomas girls' at 3-1

Last Friday night the St. Thomas CYO Girls beat Holy Cross, 47-2. Kassie Jeram was the high scorer of the game with 17 points. Kelly Ryan had 10 points. Kerry Fitzpatrick scored 8, Chrissy Battle had 6, Chris Malone scored 4 and Chrissy Menzie had 2.

The team consists of Ryan Menzie, Battle, Fitzpatrick, Jeram, MaryBeth Breslin, Malone, Jennifer Thomas, Jennifer Bestler and Betsy Laff.

The team is 3-1 going into the St. Edward's Christmas tournament.

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# Obituaries

## Leslie Beth Cutler

Leslie Beth Cutler, 32, of Joanne Court, Albany, a teacher and activities advisor at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, died Thursday, Dec. 18 at Albany Medical Center after she was stricken at her home.

She was a lifelong resident of Albany.

She attended the former Milne High School in Albany, and was a 1972 graduate of Albany High School. She received her master's in education from the State University of New York at Albany, and she was also a graduate of the State University of New York College at Cobleskill and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

She was a seventh and eighth grade English teacher and a reading teacher at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. She was very active in the school, including serving as chairman of many monthly junior high activity nights, originating the first spelling bee for the Albany, Schenectady, Schoharie Board of Cooperative Educational Services and later serving as a school representative, and working on many junior class proms. She was

also advisor for the junior class and the seventh grade.

She has also been an assistant swimming coach, and was well-known for her cakes that were baked for various occasions.

She also worked part-time as a travel agent at Certified Travel Inc.

She is survived by her parents, Edward and Leona Rubtchinsky Cutler of Albany, and two sisters, Robin Bishop of Albany and Diane Cutler of Kingston.

Burial was in the Ohav Shalom Cemetery in Gunderland. Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel of Albany.

The period of mourning will be observed at her residence on Joanne Court.

Contributions may be made to the Leslie Beth Cutler Scholarship Fund at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

## Albert Morrison

Albert Morrison, Ph.D., 77, a chemist and researcher, died Sunday, Dec. 14, in St. Peter's Hospital after being stricken at home.

A native of Baltimore, he was a

resident of McCormack Rd. in Slingerlands since 1951.

He was a graduate of John Hopkins University and Wayne State University. He was also a researcher for various firms, including Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Co. of New York City, and the Norton Co., formerly the Behr-Manning Co. of Watervliet, and a consultant for the Portec Co. of Troy and for the International Executive Service Corp. in Bogota, Columbia.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Federation of American Scientists, the Sigma Xi Research Society, Phi Beta Kappa, the Sierra Fund, the Environmental Defense Club and the Historic Albany Foundation.

He was also a member of the Unitarian Church in Albany.

His survivors include his wife, Ethel Silverblatt Morrison; two sons, Daniel Morrison, Ph.D., of New York City, and William Morrison of Gunderland; two brothers, Harry Morrison of Atlanta and Samuel Morrison, M.D., of Maryland.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Unitarian Church of Albany.

Cremation was in the Albany Rural Crematory. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Natural Resources Defense Council of New York City.

## Edward Poulin

Edward G. Poulin, 20, of Bayberry Ct., Voorheesville, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, died Thursday, Dec. 18, after a long illness.

A resident of Voorheesville since 1979, he was born in Pittsfield, Mass.

He was a student at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, and he was a 1984 graduate from Voorheesville Central Schools.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

His survivors include his parents, Edward and Mary Poulin; five sisters, Nanciellen Poulin of Great Barrington, Mass., Julie Poulin of Scarsdale, Wendy Halsdorf of Voorheesville, Laurie Poulin of Schaghticoke and Mary Beth Cook of Voorheesville. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Anthony and Rita Spazioso of Menands, one nephew, and several aunts and uncles.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Edward Poulin Fund at Key Bank in Voorheesville to defray his medical expenses, or to the American Cancer Society.

## Marian Paquette

Marian C. Paquette, 69, of Wiggand Dr., Glenmont, a retired statistician, died Monday, Dec. 15, in St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

She was a resident of Glenmont since 1954, and was born in Amsterdam.

She was a statistician in the Albany Medical College, retiring in 1981. She also worked as a bookkeeper in the Crocetta Brothers Glove Co. in Amsterdam.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary in Selkirk, and she was also a bowler in the Albany Classic League and the Amsterdam League for many years. She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Her survivors include her husband, Felix M. Paquette; two daughters, Mary Anne Paquette of Averill Park and Kathleen T. Paquette of Watervliet; one son, Thomas Paquette of Waterford; and one brother, Richard Gulnick of Albany.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Amsterdam. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.

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## Margarita Sagendorf

Margarita S. Sagendorf, 62, a former resident of Voorheesville, died Monday, Dec. 15, after a long illness.

She was born in Kingston and lived in Voorheesville for many years before moving to Pinnacle Rd. in East Berne 13 years ago.

She retired in 1985 as a senior stenographer for the state Office of Mental Retardation in Albany after 20 years.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Albany, and she served on its church council and Altar Guild.

Her survivors include her husband, Kenneth Sagendorf; two sons, Kenneth W. Sagendorf of North Chatham and Gary A. Sagendorf of Danvers, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Abiding Memorial Fund of the First Lutheran Church of Albany.

## Marie Derby

Marie Judd Derby, 74, of Magdalen Rd., a longtime Delmar resident, died Monday, Dec. 15.

She was born in Albany.

She was a retired supervisor

from the state Department of Audit and Control.

She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

She was the wife of the late Ralph A. Derby Jr.

She is survived by one son, James E. Derby of Diamond Point.

Arrangements were made by M.W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands.

## Edgar Aussem

Edgar J. Aussem, 82, of Hillcrest Ave., Albany, a retired foreman at the Albany County Airport, died Saturday, Dec. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital after he was stricken at his home.

He was born in South Bethlehem.

He retired in 1959 after more than 30 years as a foreman at the Albany County Airport.

His survivors include his wife, Helen McNalley Aussem; two daughters, Joan Holsapple of North Chatham and Lois Reynolds of Clifton Park; a sister, Catherine Aussem of Menands; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were

by the Hearly and Son Funeral Home of Gunderland.

## William Herbst

William George Herbst, 81, of Salisbury Rd., Elsmere, a retired contractor, died Friday, Dec. 19.

Born in Albany, he was a 40-year resident of Elsmere.

He worked as a building contractor and helped to build the Tollgate Restaurant, and he also worked as a maintenance man at the Delaware Plaza.

He was a longtime member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

His survivors include his wife, Allean Caza Herbst; four daughters, Gay Myers of Glenmont, Lorraine Connor of Grafton, Barbara Wango of Schenectady and Kathryn Christopherson of Plymouth, Minn.; and one son, Spencer L. Herbst of Pine Plains. He also leaves one sister, Clara Shea of Albany; two brothers, Frank Herbst of East Greenbush, and George Herbst of East Greenbush; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

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## Gala tangos into the new year

"A Touch of Tango" is the theme for this year's New Year's Eve Gala for the benefit of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. The celebration will be held in the Well of the Legislative Office Building from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Doc Scanlon's Orchestra will provide dance music. Dinner will be served at 10:30 p.m. with complimentary wine and a champagne toast at midnight. Tango performances will be presented by Mauro and Leslie Barlette from the Arthur Murray Studio.

This year's silent auction will

feature a leased Mercury for one year from Jack Byrne Ford and Mercury, a full-length fur coat from Beck Furs, a thoroughbred stud service from Walden Farms, one week in Paris for two from Empire State Travel Service and Joseph Krysz, and a week for two in St. Maarten from Eastern Airlines.

Tickets for the black tie celebration are available for \$60. The \$125 tickets will include admission to the Canadian Brass concert at the Palace Theatre, Albany, beginning at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call 465-4755.

## Film series explores past, future

A series of films exploring the theme of "Remembering Our Roots/Celebrating Our Legacies" will be presented at the Bethlehem Public Library, beginning in January.

*The Shakers*, a program about the growth and decline of an experiment in communal living, and *Mirror of America*, a view of the United States from 1914 through 1921, will be shown on Jan. 5.

On Feb. 9, *The Redwoods*, a plea to save the nation's largest stand of Sequoias, and *Caring for History*, focusing on Britain's effort to preserve historical sites, will be viewed.

*Lady and the Owl*, which features Mr. and Mrs. McKeever caring for injured owls, and *Slab City*, highlighting the organization of self-governed mobile home community of retirees, will be presented on March 2.

Finally, *Place of Dreams*, an exploration of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum with Cliff Robertson, and *New England*, a tour of many places, including Mystic Seaport, the Newport Mansions and the L.L. Bean Company, will be presented on April 6.

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## Luncheon appreciated

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Saint Thomas Senior Club recently held their Christmas luncheon after the noon Mass. Some 85 members and guests from the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar attended.

The pupils of the school furnished the entertainment under the direction of Sister Mary Frederick and music teacher Julie Carone. Father Daley acted as Santa Claus with Elf Burke as his helper. This celebration is looked forward to each year. Merry Christmas.

Marge Morlock

Elsmere

## Omission an insult

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the January issue of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040 newsletter, it was stated:

"That the Post was not invited to participate with other community organizations in the community, in a meeting held by the Bethlehem Central School authorities for input relative to the search for a new school superintendent. This is hard to understand in view of the fact that the Post is by far the largest community service organization in the Town of Bethlehem, with a membership of nearly 800 for 1986, and is the local representative of National Headquarters of the

American Legion, which sponsored the beginning of American Education Week in the early 1920's. In light of our participation in Education Week in the school system as well as our awards to high school seniors and our flag program for the classrooms, being ignored and not asked to participate is an insult to our Post and the Legion."

Name submitted

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## BCMS students share

More than 150 presents for needy children in Albany's South End, plus 20 gifts for Camp Cass residents, were contributed by Bethlehem Central Middle School students during a recent holiday party sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

Mrs. Elfrieda Textores, who accepted the gifts for the Albany children, presented an Albany City block print to the school for its library.

## Thousands of cookies

The American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Chapter 1598, held its Christmas cookie project last Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. Cookies baked by chapter members were packaged for distribution to shut-ins and individuals in hospitals and nursing homes. More than 400 packages were prepared.



Santa Claus and elf Francis Arnold will be delivering a Christmas tree and distributing gifts from employees of Farm Family Insurance Companies in Glenmont to the children at St. Catherine's Home in Albany.

## Farm Family's Santa

Employees of Farm Family Insurance Companies in Glenmont will be sharing Christmas with the children at St. Catherine's Home in Albany.

"This is the fifth year Farm Family employees have provided gifts for the children at St. Catherine's," said Oneda Ashby, a member of Farm Family's social committee.

Santa Claus and elf Francis Arnold will deliver the tree and distribute gifts.

## Troopers transferred

Three state troopers have been transferred to other assignments from the Selkirk substation.

Trooper William L. Stine has been promoted to investigator at State Police Headquarters. He will be part of a special statewide surveillance team.

Two troopers, Sgt. John M. Mulligan Jr. and Trooper John M. Egan, have been transferred to the protective services unit, and will be stationed at the Governor's Mansion on Eagle St. and the Capitol buildings in Albany.

No replacements have been named to those positions.



# Fire Fighters CORNER

Isabel Glastetter

Dec. 11	12:54 a.m.	North Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Unknown emergency
Dec. 11	1:06 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 11	6:47 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 11	6:47 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Dec. 11	1:49 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 11	1:59 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 11	4:57 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 12	12:22 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 12	12:54 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Wash down
Dec. 12	12:54 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 12	12:54 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 12	5:16 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 13	3:43 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 13	9:40 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Dec. 14	9:04 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 14	11:01 a.m.	Slingerlands Rescue Sqd.	Rescue call
Dec. 14	12:27 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.2	Unknown emergency
Dec. 14	2:18 p.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 14	5:29 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Hazardous condition
Dec. 14	9:41 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 15	2:00 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Unresponsive patient
Dec. 15	10:38 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 15	12:50 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Dec. 15	5:03 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 15	5:25 p.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 15	11:19 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 15	11:19 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Dec. 16	8:37 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Dec. 17	2:22 a.m.	North Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Medical emergency
Dec. 17	6:52 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Unresponsive patient
Dec. 17	8:09 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Truck fire
Dec. 17	8:55 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 17	9:04 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 17	9:32 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 17	10:57 a.m.	North Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Unknown emergency
Dec. 17	2:03 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Unresponsive patient
Dec. 17	3:04 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 17	3:04 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby

On Dec. 15, Brownie Troop 540 was given a tour of the Elsmere Fire Dept. The tour helped the girls in their Fire Safety Badge.

Anyone wishing to give a little of their time for a lot of satisfaction may contact their local fire department or rescue squad and inquire about membership. They are always looking for people who are willing to help and they will train. No experience necessary. H 1919 12

## Concerts offered for all ages

To bring the art of orchestral music to area families, Vanguard/Albany Symphony is presenting a series of three family concerts for listeners of all ages, but especially for those from six to 12 years of age.

The performances will be held at the Palace Theatre in Albany on Sundays, Feb. 8, March 15 and April 5, beginning at 3 p.m.

The hour-long programs, narrated by Anne Turner, the symphony's new director of family concerts, will be performed by the Albany Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Julius Hegyi. The concerts will offer music from the seventeenth century to the present day.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra is currently in the midst of a subscription campaign for the family concerts. Gift cards are available. The subscription price per person is \$6 for all three concerts and \$20 for a family of four. Each additional family member is \$5.

At 2:30 p.m. prior to each concert the College of Saint Rose music department will host a music fair to give children a chance to touch instruments, ask questions and play musical games.

For reservations call the Albany Symphony Orchestra Box Office at 465-4663. Box Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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## Long Island wedding

Audrey Ellen Nicoll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nicoll of Bayville, Long Island, and Andrew B. Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sherman of Phoenix, Ariz., were married Oct. 4 at The Village Church in Bayville. The Rev. Florence Eddins officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Locust Valley High School and

the State University at Plattsburgh. She is a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Plattsburgh. He is employed at National Savings Bank in Albany.

After an Acapulco honeymoon, the couple will reside in Watervliet.



Mr. and Mrs. James Moak

## Gloria Johnson wed

Gloria Anne Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Johnson of Delmar, and James Roger Moak, son of Roger Moak of Delmar and the late Ruth Burton Moak, were married Oct. 18 at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. Deacon Russell Kratz, the Rev. Geoffrey Burke and the Rev. Richard Broderick officiated.

Esther Rappold was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Meg Johnson Stephen and Annette Johnson Wilson, sisters of the bride, and Mary Theresa Miana. Albert Norris served as best man,

and ushers were Francis Johnson, brother of the bride, Glenn Garver and John Murphy III. Marisa Gertzberg and Rebecca Lozman were flower girls. The ring bearer was Jamie Moak.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. The bridegroom, a graduate of the State University at Albany, is general manager of the Michael's Group, custom home division.

After a wedding trip in New England, the couple will reside in Delmar.



Grocery shopping scheduled for Thursday, December 25 will be on Wednesday, December 24. There will be no Van or Bus service on Friday, December 26 or Friday, January 2.

Grocery shopping scheduled for Thursday, January 1 will be on Wednesday, December 31.

## Dinner for the needy

St. Peter's Hospital, in conjunction with the Albany Jewish Community Center, will provide free dinners to the homeless and needy on Christmas Day. The second annual Christmas Dinner Program will serve approximately 300 meals that day to the disadvantaged of the community.

According to Peter Rossi, Director of Nutrition at St. Peter's, the special dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and cranberry sauce, desserts and Christmas cookies. Meals will be served from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Hospital's cafeteria.

"For those who are homebound," says Rossi, "volunteers from the Albany Jewish Community Center will deliver meals."

For information on the dinner, or reservations, contact Norman Levine, Albany Jewish Community Center at 438-6651.

## BIRTHS



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Joseph Tyler, to Joan Malone and Donald Richard Marcy, Delmar, June 5.

Boy, Stephen Matthew, to Jean and Stephen M. Kerwin, Delmar, Nov. 25.

Boy, Alexander, to Laurel Elizabeth Dickerson and Richard A. Orsi, Selkirk, Dec. 1.

Boy, Geoffrey James, to Candice and Stephen Gates, Glenmont, Dec. 2.

Girl, Maria, to Tina and John Dimitriadis, Voorheesville, Dec. 2.

In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Handy Andy, Tri-Village Drug and Stewarts

## Community Contacts available

The Bethlehem Public Library has just published its 1986-1987 edition of *Community Contacts*, a convenient source of sometimes difficult-to-find information on community organizations in the Town of Bethlehem area. *Community Contacts* attempts to include information on contact people, addresses and phone numbers, the purpose, activities,

meetings and membership requirements for each group. The alphabetical listing is supplemented by a subject guide.

For your free copy, ask at the reference desk of the Bethlehem Public Library. Publication of *Community Contacts* is made possible with support from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library.

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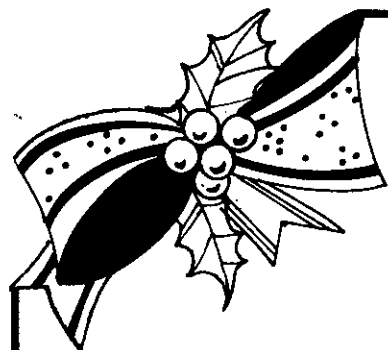
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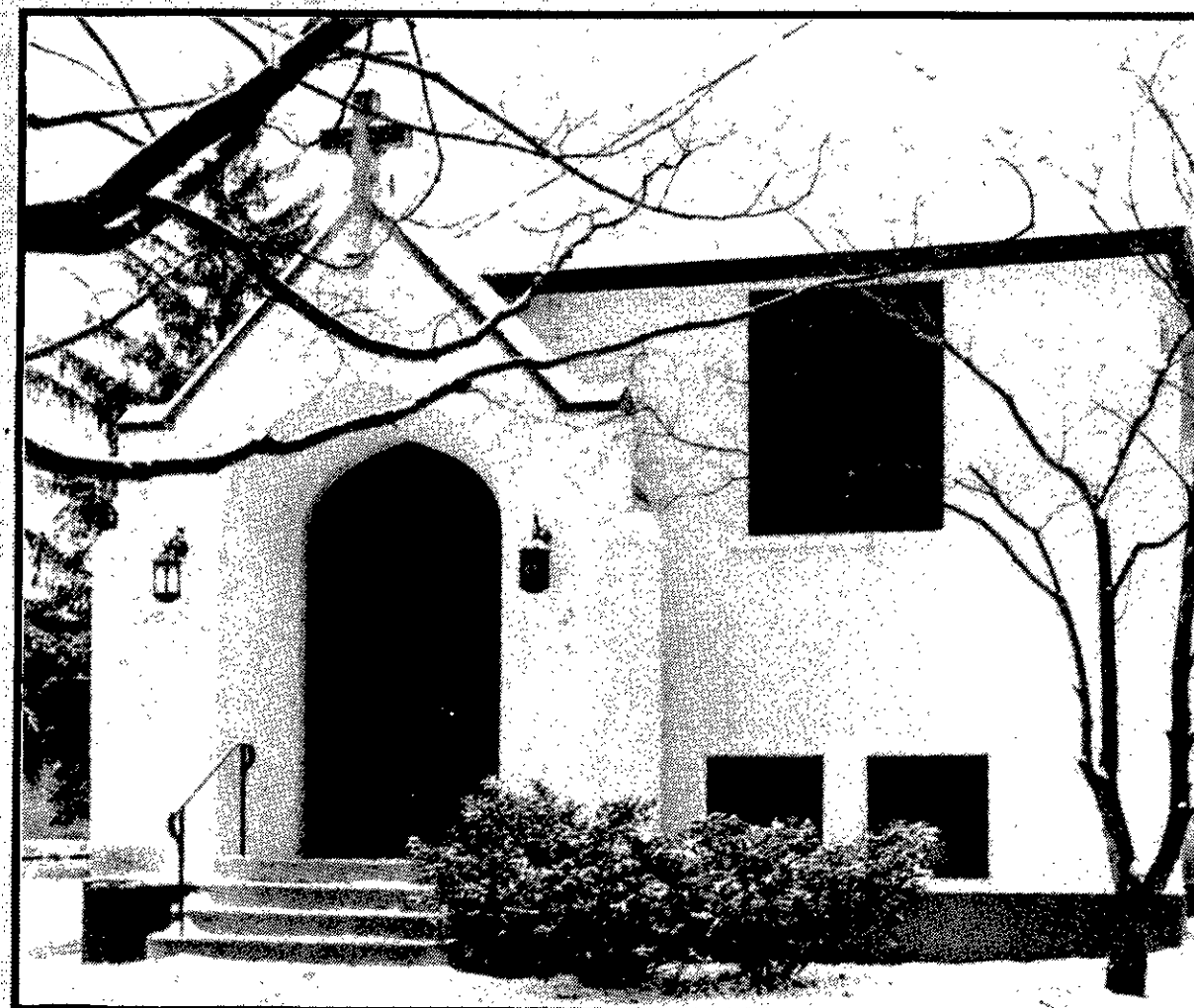
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