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Voorheesville tax increase shocks public

By Patricia Mitchell

With a \$7.55 million proposed budget, residents in the Voorheesville Central School District could face a tax increase next year of 20 to 25 percent, and maybe even as much as 30 percent.

School board President John McKenna said in a two-and-a-half hour presentation to about 60 people attending Wednesday's preliminary budget hearing that the increase is because of declining state aid, catching up on expenses and increasing costs.

"It is not an easy situation for any of us to face," McKenna said.

It is too early to predict preliminary tax rates, said Superintendent Louise Gonan,

but they will be available when the Board of Education adopts a budget at its April 9 meeting. The school board will also meet on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. to discuss the budget and teacher negotiations. Even though past practice in Voorheesville has been to estimate tax rates by the preliminary budget hearing, Gonan said this is the first district she has been at that has estimated tax rates so soon.

The \$7,555,317 preliminary budget is an increase of 13.5 percent or \$902,704 over this year's budget. McKenna told the audience said tax rates could increase from 20 to 25 percent, and 30 percent may not be too far off.

There are too many figures still unknown, McKenna said, including assessments, state aid, teacher salaries and insurance. Therefore, the budget process is not over yet.

Most of increases next year are for operational costs. These include increases for teacher salaries and addition of five new positions, health and dental insurance, Social Security, Board of Cooperative Educational Services tuition for occupational and handicapped education, transportation costs, maintenance improvement and utility costs and liability insurance.

The 1987-88 budget also proposes to start a five-year capital improvements project and



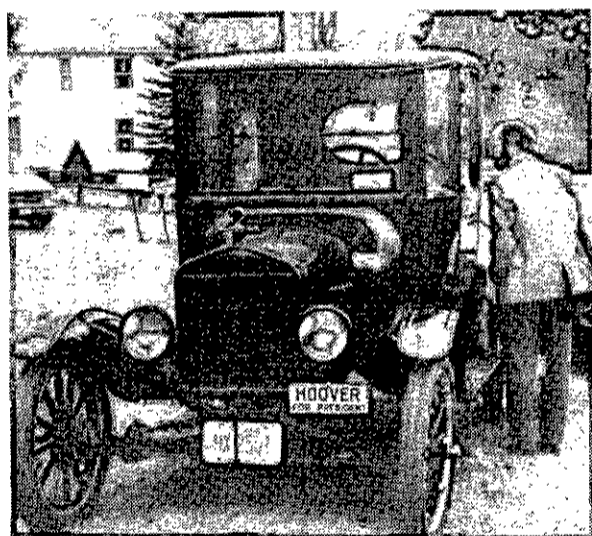
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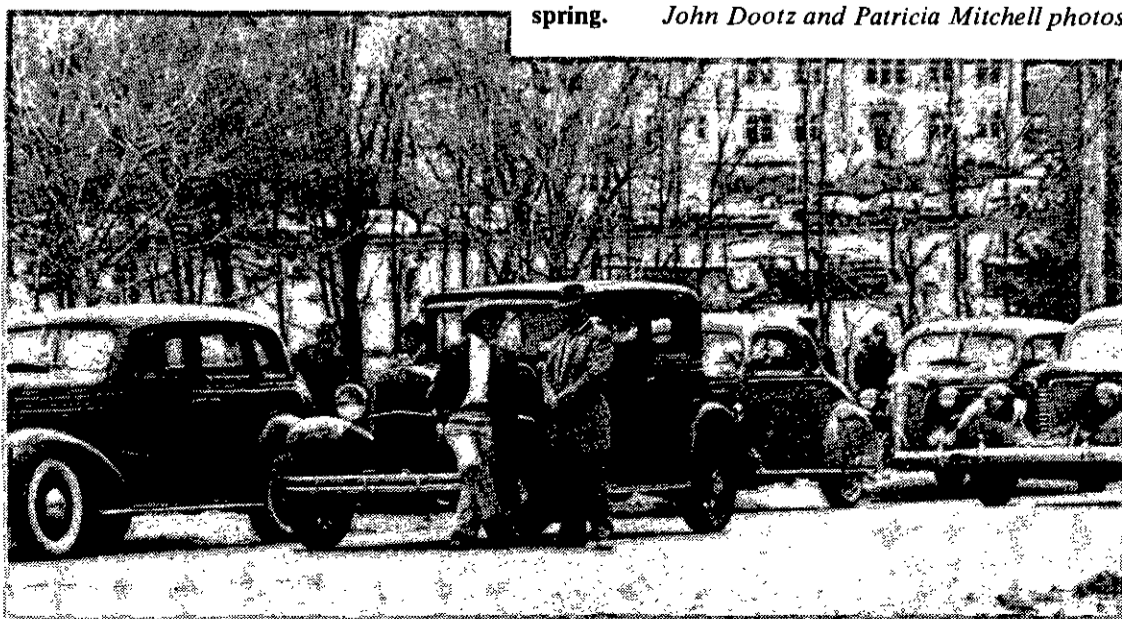
buy two buses, but this will be funded through savings in debt service. Voters will also be asked to approve bonding for three more buses.

Some audience members, concerned about the large increase in the budget, asked the board to go back over the budget, but not to take funds out of teacher salaries. Tom Mensching of Voorheesville said he doesn't think some residents can accept a large increase in taxes, and the board has some more work to do. However, Mensching also said he doesn't think money should be taken away from teacher salaries.

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Slingerlands turned into 1930's Arbor Hill Friday when *Ironweed* came to town. Crews were scheduled to come Thursday, but the threat of rain forced them to shoot inside scenes instead. Above, Robert Knighton, owner of 1507 New Scotland Rd. where the scenes were shot next to the Community United Methodist Church, takes a peak in a vintage automobile. Knighton is selling the house, and movie crews said a real estate agent showed up trying to show the house Friday. Jack Nicholson, as Francis Phelan, a down-on-his-luck former baseball player, walks to his trailer in back of the church, upper left, and sits in a junk wagon (with hat), left, waiting to set up another scene. Extras also wait between scenes, below, next to their 1930's automobiles. Movie crews are expected to be two houses down at the Garrett Dillenbeck house, 1511 New Scotland Rd. and at Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks off Rt. 85A in New Scotland later this spring. *John Dootz and Patricia Mitchell photos*



Another Corrigan in the limelight

Bethlehem contests take shape

By Tom McPheeters

Bethlehem Republicans will have three new faces — but only two new names — to put before the voters in this fall's town board elections.

The unusual cluster of new candidates will again raise questions about the ability of the town's dominant political party to maintain its lock on elective offices in Bethlehem. While Bethlehem Democrats are still formulating their strategy, it appears likely they will focus on one or two of the three incumbents town board seats, with Glenmont the most logical GOP weak spot.

However, one of the new faces goes by the name of Corrigan — Dennis J. Corrigan of Glenmont, son of popular former Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan. Following the resignation of Councilman

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John Geurtze last Wednesday, Corrigan was selected by the town Republican committee Monday to fill the seat and to run in November. He was the only candidate. The decision must be ratified by the town board.

Geurtze's resignation, to take a job in the town public works department, followed January's resignation of W. Scott Prothero of Elsmere, who was replaced by Frederick Webster, and sparked an announcement by Ruth Bickel of Slingerlands that she will retire when her term ends this year (see story, Page 3).

"We'll have our work cut out for us, but I hope they're all solid

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County seeks help on Jericho Bridge

Albany County Executive James Coyne is trying to put the heat back on Bethlehem to pick up a share of the cost of reopening the Jericho Bridge.

After what area residents complained was a year of inaction, Coyne appears to have mobilized county forces to find a solution to the problem. He met recently with officials from Conrail, the soon-to-be public rail company that may or may not own the bridge structure, and has been seeking ways to reinterest state and federal highway officials in funding a replacement. Meanwhile, a county study of the costs of either repairing or replacing the

bridge has started, according to county officials.

The bridge, which crosses the Conrail Selkirk Yards near its mid point, has been closed since last spring, when county inspectors declared the deck was unsafe. Preliminary estimates have put the cost of repairs at \$500,000 — if feasible at all — and the cost of a replacement at \$5 million.

Since Jericho Rd. is a county road, area residents have been putting the pressure on Coyne to take some action. Coyne, on the other hand, has maintained that the county has long sought to

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Hahn challenged on job: is it politics?

Receiver of Taxes Kenneth P. Hahn's request to the Bethlehem Town Board to fill a long-vacant position in his office sparked a rare public dispute between elected officials at last Wednesday's town board meeting. Hahn, who backed the town's Republican organization in last year's assembly primary, later claimed the dispute has political overtones.

Hahn was seeking board

approval to appoint Rebecca L. Gardner to the position of account clerk, a \$12,391 per year job that had been vacant for two years. However, his request was tabled on Councilman Frederick Webster's suggestion. Webster said that he had met earlier that day with Hahn and had told him that he would vote against the request. Webster said there was "duplication of work" in the department and that Hahn wasn't

taking advantage of the town's computer system.

Hahn said for permission to speak and said that his department needs the account clerk position and that he is working nights because of a heavy work load. Board member Sue Ann Ritchko supported Hahn, but Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick agreed to table Hahn's request to look further into it.

Hahn is an elected town official and as such is answerable to the town board and town supervisor only in his budget and in spending matters. Hendrick confirmed Friday that he has been urging Hahn to make greater use of the town's computer system.

Hahn said Monday computerization is not the issue. His department does make use of a state-wide computer system for collection, but much of the work in the office can only be done by

hand, he said. And while the accounts clerk position has been vacant for two years, the job has been done by "temporary but skilled people... We've been waiting for the right person," he said.

Hahn said Gardiner, "quite by accident," happens to be the daughter of the only other Republican committeeman who supported Gary Swan of Glenmont in last year's Republican primary for the 102nd Assembly District. Hahn, a Republican committeeman in North Bethlehem, was an active Swan backer in the four-way primary in which Bethlehem GOP Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz was also a candidate. The two Bethlehem candidates split the town vote, enabling John Faso to emerge as the GOP candidate; Faso subsequently won the general election.

The primary left hard feelings on both sides, although Kaplowitz attempted to play down the possibility of a party split. However, other incidents have indicated the split remains. Hahn ran a candidate for committeeman in his district in the primary, knocking off a party-supported incumbent. And earlier this year, the town board after Hahn's district in two after Kaplowitz told the board that it exceeded the legal population limits. Hahn said he lost the area around Bethlehem Terrace, which he had been cultivating for a decade.

Juried art show

The Bethlehem Art Association is sponsoring its 20th annual juried show and invites all paid members to enter up to three works of art and non-members to enter one original work. Non-members will pay a \$5 entry fee and members will pay \$2.50 for each piece.

Paintings must be no larger than 30 by 36 inches and ready to hang. All sculptures must be free standing or supplied with a base. Art must be delivered on Saturday, April 4, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

The art will be displayed in the Bethlehem Public Library during April and selected by Janis Dorgan, art director for the Rice Gallery.

BOU meeting

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited on Wednesday, April 8, at Bethlehem Town Hall, beginning at 3:30 p.m. For information call Holly Billings at 439-6885.

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people," said GOP Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz last week.

The latest resignation prompted a cry of foul from Democratic chairman William Burkhard, who called it "yet another example of the town Republican party's total disregard for the electoral system of government."

The pattern, said Burkhard, is "designed to give hand picked but unknown party loyalists the opportunity to gain name recognition prior to running for elected office at the next general election." With Geurtze gone, he noted, every member of the board will have initially gained office "through this Republican ruse."

Burkhard also condemned Geurtze's new job, saying he has "precious few qualifications" for the position of director of field operations for the Public Works Department and noting that the position will allow him to improve on his state pension rights.

Burkhard confirmed Friday that there is discussion in the party about not running a full slate of candidates; in particular, skipping the supervisor's race. Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick has already said he plans to seek a second full term, and at this point would be considered the strongest candidate on the ticket. Bethlehem's three county legislators, Gordon Morris, James Ross and Robert Hoffmeister, will also be up for reelection and all are expected to run again.

"We have surprisingly strong interest in the legislature," Burkhard said. He said he has also talked to party members interested in running for the town board, but declined to give names.

David Sawyer of Delmar, considered the Democrat's strongest candidate two years ago, said Saturday he has not given any thought yet to running this year.

Although all town board seats are elected at-large, by the whole town, there is a strong tradition that board members represent certain parts of town. Thus, Webster and Prothero are both Elsmere residents, Corrigan takes Geurtze's Glenmont seat, and it is likely that a Slingerlands resident will be selected to run for Bickel's seat. The most likely candidate for the Slingerlands seat is Thomas Scherer, who is a member of the Board of Appeals and has long been active in GOP affairs.

Scherer said last week that he is interested and intends to talk to Kaplowitz about the position.

The regional approach also allows the Democrats to focus on



Dennis J. Corrigan

certain areas, a necessary strategy for a party that is outmanned and short of resources. Glenmont, the fastest growing part of town, would appear to provide the best opportunity for the Democrats to make inroads, particularly if they can capitalize on the development concerns in the area, such as the fight last year over the proposed Northeast Psychiatric Hospital on Rt. 9W.

Opponents of the hospital managed to show their clout in last year's Republican primary for the 102nd legislative district, a race in which Glenmont resident Gary Swan, who took a stand against the Rt. 9W site for the hospital, clearly outpolled Kaplowitz in the Glenmont area. And the hospital may not be a dead issue this year, with a supreme court judge due to decide any day on the developer's appeal of the town board's 3-2 decision against the site. Corrigan, as a member of the planning board, had voted earlier in favor of the site.

However, Corrigan brings strong assets to the race. He has been an active and visible planning board member, and is also a developer of the new Main Square shopping plaza to be built this summer on Delaware Ave. He is co-owner, with his brother Thomas W. Corrigan, of Framingham Associates, which provides residential and commercial building inspections in the Capital District.

In addition to his strong name recognition, Corrigan is considerably younger than any of the current town board members. "I've had a lot of comment in the last couple of years that we should be looking for younger people," Kaplowitz said.

Kaplowitz said he hasn't spoken to Thomas V. Corrigan in some time; "I don't know if he's aware of it." The elder Corrigan, one of the most popular supervisors in the town's history, retired two years ago and now spends much of his time in the Southwest.

"He'll be pleased, I'm sure," said Dennis Corrigan.

Geurtze, Bickel leaving board

John Geurtze, a Bethlehem councilman for nine years, announced Wednesday that he will resign from his post effective April 17 to become a town employee. And following Wednesday's town board meeting veteran Councilwoman Ruth Bickel announced that she will not be running for reelection this fall.

That brings to three the number of town board members who will have resigned or retired by the end of this year. In January, W. Scott Prothero resigned to devote more time to travelling. Prothero was first elected in 1979.

Geurtze said after the board meeting that he will change jobs and become director of field operations in the town's Public Works Department. He succeeds Gerald Day, who retired last year. The position pays \$24,524. Geurtze described the job as "an excellent opportunity" and said that he'll be supervising sewer and water installations.

"I know the town," he said. "I used to be on the Water Commission and I know the water business."

Bickel, a Slingerlands resident who has served on the board since 1975, said she is retiring to have more time in her and her husband's retirement years. The daughter of a former town supervisor, Bickel said the things she will remember most from her time on the board are the renovation of the old Delmar Elementary School as the town hall — "it came out so well" — the gradual development of the Henry Hudson Park, the reorganization of the town's public works and the numerous expansions of the town's water and sewer system.

"I've enjoyed it, but I think it's time to pass it on," she said. "The town board has become a lot more time-consuming than it was when I started in 1975."

Bickel was closely involved in senior citizen activities, and runs a monthly blood pressure clinic. "The thing I've enjoyed the most about the job is the people in town hall," she said.

Geurtze moved his farm down Rt. 9W to a site near Jericho Rd. several years ago, but two years



Ruth Bickel



John Geurtze

ago his request to raise baby pigs for medical research purposes at the farm was denied by the town after opposition from neighbors surfaced. That decision, plus his recent hip replacement operation, contributed to his decision to take the town job, he said. He said his "kids will take over the farm operation."

Among the quietest of town board members, Geurtze is a native of Bethlehem who was known for his broad knowledge of people and property in the Glenmont and Selkirk areas.

Geurtze was first elected to the town board in 1977. He was a past president of the Albany County Farm Bureau.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said that Geurtze "has played an important part" in the town "especially in regard to the Normanskill-Geurtze bridge." Hendrick referred to the bridge on Rt. 9W that connects Albany and Bethlehem which was completed last September. Geurtze has been given credit in alerting the state that the old bridge was unsafe.

Essay competition

A heritage essay competition, sponsored by the festival committee of the St. Sophia Parish in Albany, will be held during the third weekend in May for students of all schools in Albany County, grades 3 to 12.

The members of the parish present a Grecian Festival Weekend as a means of exploring Greek culture and tradition. All entries for the contest must be received by Friday, April 3, at St. Sophia Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, NY, 12208. All winning entries will be displayed during the Grecian Festival Weekend, May 16 and 17.

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Crashes avoiding deer

A Ravana woman was ticketed for speeding Thursday after her car went over a cliff and flipped over while she was attempting to avoid a deer on County Rt. 102, Bethlehem Police said.

Linda Appleby, 22, of Ravana, was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital for head injuries after the crash, police said.

Police said Appleby was rounding a curve as she was driving south on Rt. 102 at about 8 p.m. A deer stepped onto the

road and she swerved to the left to avoid it, police said. However, the car's tires caught on the edge of the pavement and police said the car then left the road and became airborne. The car hit a tree, finally stopping at the base of the tree near the shoulder.

Graduation dance

The Tri-Village Squares Square Dance Club of Delmar will hold a class graduation dance on Saturday, April 4, from 8 to 11 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. For information call 438-1227.

Lights out after chase

Bethlehem Police said they are continuing their investigation into the crash of a pick-up truck that was reported missing from the Bethlehem Terrace Apartments late Wednesday night.

While police were taking a report of the missing pickup truck owned by the apartment complex, officers said they saw the truck driving south on Meadowbrook Dr. and followed the truck to Blessing Rd., where it turned north. Police said they tried to stop the truck, but it accelerated until the driver lost control, going off the right side of the road and hitting a power pole and two trees before stopping just north of Eton Dr.

Niagara Mohawk crews had to be called in to remove live wires from the road and car before the driver of the car could be rescued, police said. Power was out for a short time Thursday morning in Slingerlands and North Bethlehem because of the downed wires.

The driver of the car, Justin Curry, 26, of Hudson, was reportedly treated at Albany Medical Center for head injuries, police said.

Curry is charged with driving while intoxicated, speeding, failure to comply with a police officer and failure to keep right. Police said Curry is an employee at Bethlehem Terrace Apartments, and apparently had access to the pickup truck's keys.

Target practice

Two Delmar youths will be appearing in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday after they were found firing pistols at the town landfill on Ruppert Rd. Sunday, Bethlehem Police said.

The youths, a 16-year-old Delmar girl and a 16-year-old Delmar boy, were charged with trespassing, police said.

Police said they received complaints of shots being fired at the landfill, and when they went to investigate at about 2 p.m. they found the two youths firing two .22 semi-automatic pistols.

Evening of harmony

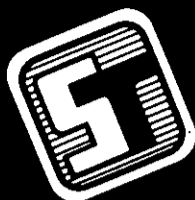
The popular "Evening of Barbershop Harmony" presented by The Electric City Chorus will return to Delmar on Saturday, April 11, at Bethlehem Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, beginning at 8 p.m. The program will be directed by Leo Mailhotte.

Proceeds of the event will be used to support the Epilepsy Association's educational programs, including the School Alert program. Tickets may be reserved for \$5 and \$6 by calling 447-5828. Tickets will be sold for \$7 at the door.

Burglary charged

A 22-year-old Glenmont man was arrested for burglary Friday after the owner of the garage the man allegedly broke into confronted him, Bethlehem Police said.

The Magee Rd., Glenmont, man heard someone running down his driveway and then go into his garage at about 4 a.m., police said. Taking a rifle with him, the resident confronted the Glenmont man in the garage, police said.



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Residents petition for master plan

By Kevin Mullen

A grass roots group proposing the "limitation, not stoppage of new developments" in the town delivered a petition with 900 signatures to the Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday night.

The Bethlehem Citizens For Responsible Planning, consisting of 75 members, appealed to the board to hire a full-time planner so a town master plan can be created, the limitation — but not stoppage — of new developments until a master plan is devised, and the protection of "irreplaceable resources" in the town.

The chairman, John Finn of Mayfair Dr., described the group as "grass roots" and from "all walks of life." Members are "very committed" and are "motivated by very real fears," he said.

Their immediate fear is Delmar Village, the controversial complex of 280 apartment and 56 single family homes proposed for the area between Orchard St. and Delaware Ave.

"We should not be dismissed as anti-development," Finn said. "The issues go on beyond Delmar Village. Our goal is to have impact before it's too late."

Sam Messina, a resident of Bethlehem and member of the group, said that more signatures "are on the way." It is "only a matter of time before we get 6,000 signatures," he said. Messina described the group as "representing a broad cross-section of people." He said that the people who signed the petition ranged from people who lived in the town for 50 years to people who have lived in the town for six months, and that the signatures didn't just come from the Orchard St. and Fisher Blvd. area.

Messina raised a map to the packed auditorium, showing the distribution of signatures. Councilman John Guertze, who at the close of the meeting announced his resignation from the town board effective April 17, asked if the group got any signatures from the Selkirk or South Bethlehem area. Another member of the group said that the map didn't include that part of Bethlehem, but that signatures from those areas were taken.

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Messina said that 90 per cent of the people who had the opportunity to sign the petition did sign. He quoted several of the persons who signed the petition, citing typical responses. "If it's for improved planning, I'll sign it."

He said that there was a "small handful of people who were pleased with the way things are."

Addressing the board, Messina said that "we're at a crisis stage now" and that the Bethlehem Citizens For Responsible Planning would like "to work with you to bring responsible planning" to Bethlehem.

John Suttun, an associate of John McCarthy, an attorney retained by the group, asked Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick about the possibility of the town hiring a full-time planner. A five-member committee did recommend that a full time planner be hired, and money has been allocated in the 1987 budget for that purpose.

Hendrick said after the meeting that he plans to place an advertisement for a planner in area publications and professional journals in the next several weeks.

In other business last Wednesday, the board held three public hearings, and one local law, on flood damage prevention, was adopted. Building Inspector John Flanigan said that the new law has different definitions and requirements than the one that the town has used since December of 1982, when the town started the full federal program. Flanigan said that the new law is more specific than the old one.

A public hearing was held to consider amendments to the traffic ordinance for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit for West Yard Rd. and yield signs for Huntersfield Rd. and Axbridge Rd.

Another public hearing was held for the extension of Water District No. 1 to connect with the Bender Lane extension. Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor said that a 10-inch main would be extended from an

existing 6-inch main that stops at Windsor Ct. and tie in with an existing 8-inch main from Route 9W. Secor said that a sleeve already exists under the Delmar Bypass for the 10-inch main that will save the town from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Secor said that the proposed extension would "improve water quality" and act as a second feed for the south part of town. He said the debt service would be \$8 per \$1000 assessed valuation for property in the area served. It will be up to the homeowners to hook up with the new water line and they'll have to "pay the plumber to disconnect their well," Secor said.

Nine residents spoke for the extension of the water main and one man who said that he was in a similar position ten years ago said that the residents in the Bender Lane area are getting a "good deal" concerning the assessed valuation.

In other business, the town board:

- Referred to the police department for recommendations a petition from residents of the Brightonwood and Sussex Roads requesting a reduction of the speed limit from 30 to 20 m.p.h., stop signs, children-at-play signs and speed bumps.
- Accepted an easement to allow for the widening of Rockefeller Rd. at the Delwood Acres subdivision.
- Acknowledged receipt of final plat approvals for Deerfield Sections 2 and 4 from the planning board. Fourteen single-family homes are planned in Section 2 and 17 in Section 4.
- Adopted a bond resolution for the Halter Road Water District Extension.
- Approved the awarding of a contract for the proposed addition to the town's fire training tower at Kenwood Ave. and the Delmar Bypass to Main Systems, Inc. of Troy. The low bid was \$32,075.
- Authorized Hendrick to enter into the annual agreement with the City of Albany to permit the use of the fire training tower for the training of the Albany Fire Department personnel. Albany pays the town \$2,000 for use of the tower.

• Heard a presentation by Secor on problems with a storm sewer on the east and west side of Lincoln Ave. Sewer lines were put in last year and some homes had standing water in their back yards. The town must acquire easements for the installation of storm sewer, Secor said.

• Acknowledged receipt of a Codification of Records Manual from General Code Publishing.

• Approved a recommendation from Police Chief Paul E. Currie for the awarding of a bid for police uniforms to Mohawk Wear, Inc.

• Approved a request from the Department of Public Works to accept a deed from Kerlee Enterprises for a right-of-way for widening Elm Ave East.

The next regular town board meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Summer holiday abroad

In an effort to continue their successful cultural exchange with Bethlehem students, representatives of the Milan Language Institute have extended an invitation for Bethlehem students to participate in a three-week summer program in July.

The American students will be accompanied to Milan by an adult. Upon arrival in Milan, the students will be greeted by their Italian host families. All group activities will be coordinated with the host families and an Italian counselor.

Last fall Bethlehem students hosted Italian students for a three-week cultural exchange and tour of the Capital region.

For information about the summer holiday abroad call Alfrieda Textores at 434-4296 or Barbara Shields at 439-2618.

Tires slashed

Two tires were slashed on a car parked in a Delaware Turnpike driveway between Saturday and Sunday, Bethlehem Police said. The tires are valued at \$240.

Bike taken

A boy's bicycle was taken from a Kenwood Ave., Delmar, home between 8:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Bethlehem police said. The bicycle is valued at \$30.

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Incumbents file at BC

With six days to go before the deadline, two Bethlehem Central school board incumbents have filed for reelection to their seats and petitions have been taken out by a former candidate.

On Friday, incumbents Sheila Fuller and Barbara Coon had returned their petitions to the district offices. Petitions are also circulating for incumbent Velma Cousins and her challenger, Greg Maher of Delmar.

Nathaniel Boynton, a former school board candidate and former editor of *The Spotlight* has also taken out two nominating petitions, but on Friday he said he was not circulating them and was undecided about using them.

The three school board seats will be filled during the district's annual election on May 6.

Nominating petitions are still available for the three-year board seats at the district office, and must be filed by Monday, April 6. Interested candidates must file for a specific seat and petitions must have at least 76 signatures.

District figures preliminary tax rates

By Patricia Mitchell

There may be some good news and some not-so-bad news when the Bethlehem Central School Board meets Wednesday (today).

The school board is expected to be handed a budget that will increase taxes slightly in Bethlehem and decrease taxes in New Scotland. The preliminary tax rate, arrived at after a budget workshop last Wednesday, is figured at \$181 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in Bethlehem, an increase of about \$8 or 4.51 percent over this year's, and at \$276 per \$1,000 in New Scotland, a decrease of about \$11 or 3.66 percent. The difference between the rates in the two towns is due to a sharp drop in the state-set equalization rate for the Town of Bethlehem.

The budget that will go to the school board Wednesday is at about \$20.3 million, and makes assumptions that there will be a 4.4 percent increase in assessed valuations in the district, and that the district will receive \$30,000 more in state aid than the

governor's proposed \$3,958,371.

Assessment figures for the Town of Bethlehem are expected after May 1, so the 4.4 percent increase is an educated guess. The state budget, which will include the state aid to education formula, is due April 1, but could be delayed.

At its meeting at 8 p.m., the school board is expected to adopt the preliminary budget in anticipation of the April 15 public hearing. The 1987-88 budget will be up for a vote on May 6.

To arrive at the tax rates, the board last Wednesday cut about \$77,000 off its last budget of \$20.4 million. This includes cutting costs for fuel tank cleaning, light replacements, personnel recruitment, handicapped pupil tuition for private schools, interest on tax anticipation notes, equipment and allowing for turnovers in staff. The board is also adding \$20,000 in interest earnings on the revenue side because the district expects to sell bonds this summer to finance the capital improvements approved by the voters last year.

Play in town

Sophomore Alicia Taylor of Delmar and senior Robert Hardt of Slingerlands will appear in The Doane Stuart School drama department production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4. Tickets will be available for \$3 at the door.

Craft Fair

The Glenmont School PTA will sponsor a craft fair on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

More than 75 exhibitors will offer woodcrafts, stained glass, jewelry, tole painting, silk and dried flower arrangements and baked goods.

Dispute resolution

Benjamin Foster, executive director of the private adjudication center at the Duke University School of Law, will be among participants in a conference on "Alternative Dispute Resolution for the '90's" on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Albany Law School.

To register for \$2 call 445-2329.

Beaver Dam Rd. crash

Albany County sheriff's deputies said they are investigating a one-car crash Friday that sent the driver to the hospital.

Mark Duzink, 18, no address available, was taken to Albany Medical Center for injuries and released Saturday, a hospital spokesman said.

Deputies said Duzink was driving east on Beaver Dam Rd. in New Scotland at 11:15 a.m. when his car crossed the center line and struck a tree. Duzink was trapped in his car for about one hour and had to be freed by members of the East Berne Volunteer Fire Department using the jaws of life.

Duzink was charged for driving without a license, speeding and failure to keep right, deputies said.

Artists needed

Works for a juried crafts fair sponsored by the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts at Troy's Riverfront Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, are needed. Craftspeople and artists can make out an application by calling the RCCA at 273-0552.

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Rules at high school studied for changes

Some changes in rules and regulations at Bethlehem Central High School may be made later this spring as the result of a recent series of meetings with students and community members.

Three community meetings on the school's environment were held in March. Principal Charles Gunner said the meetings were to refocus and redefine where the school and community would like to be, and to redefine rights and responsibilities of students.

Also consulted on changes were the student senate, the school-community advisory team and the school's parent-teacher organization. Staff at the high school will now be consulted on the environment, and Gunner said revisions in rules and regulations will be recommended to the board of education as seen necessary.

The community meetings were held to bring attention to problems with a small but growing minority at the high school on rights, responsibilities, discipline and punishment, Gunner said. He first noticed problems last fall, he said, and feels they are tied in with growing substance abuse and changing relationships between students, staff, parents and administrators.

Some of the topics covered at the meetings were extra-curricular activities, staff leadership, off-campus passes, parking, transition from the middle school, smoking, school spirit, substance abuse, staff supervision, nurturing, caring and supportive environment, suspensions and detentions.

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Even though there were a variety of opinions from parents and students who attended on various rules and punishment, Gunner said there was a consensus that the family is a basic unit and sets the tone, while that tone is supported or subtracted by peers and school.

Gunner also talked of the difference between discipline and punishment. He said discipline comes from within and punishment comes from outside, and with more discipline, less punishment is needed. *Patricia Mitchell*

Daycare information

A reference book entitled "The Child Care Notebook" is available for those who want to start a day care center or provide child care in their home. Developed by the Cooperative Extension of Albany County, it provides information on day care centers, family day care, employers and child care, school-age child care and infant care.

The book costs \$3 or can be borrowed for one week by contacting the Cooperative Extension of Albany County, P.O. Box 497, Voorheesville, 12186 or by calling 765-3550.



The Delmar Kiwanis raised about \$1,500 this week during their Daffodil Sale to benefit the American Cancer Society. Selling the flowers Saturday at the Grand union in Elsmere were, from left, Cos DiPierro of the Delmar Kiwanis, Andrea

Armstrong, president of Bethlehem Central High School's Key Club and newly-elected lieutenant governor of the Capital Division Key Club, and Ed Smith, chairman of the Daffodil Sale. *Patricia Mitchell*

BOU offers STEP/Teen program

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is sponsoring the STEP/Teen program for parents and guardians who want more satisfying relationships with their teenagers. The 9-week course will be held at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 163 Delaware Ave., on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning April 15.

STEP/Teen encourages mutual respect between parents and teenagers, which leads to increased

cooperation and a more self-reliant attitude on the part of teens. Parents will learn effective ways to communicate with their teens and to resolve problems between parents and teens, and will have an opportunity to share their concerns with other parents.

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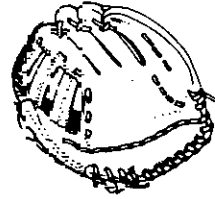
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Elementary classes at RCS to stay put

By Patricia Mitchell

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk elementary classes will stay where they are next year following a school board decision Monday night to accept a recommendation to maintain status quo in the buildings.

A committee formed by the school board to study ways to relieve overcrowding at the elementary schools recommended leaving kindergarteners at the Ravena Elementary School until permanent solutions can be worked out. When the committee made their recommendation to keep status quo to the school board two weeks ago, the committee said they had been leaning towards moving the kindergarteners to the junior high school, but they decided there would be too many impacts on programs and too much cost.

The school board accepted the recommendation to leave the kindergarteners where they are in a 5-1 vote at a budget hearing Monday night. Voting for the proposal were President Anthony Williams, Sara Hunter, Stephen

Berletic, James Morgan and Mark Sengenberger, chairman of the facilities review committee. Voting against was Ronald Peretti, with board members Wayne Fuhrman, Louis Neri and Ronald Selkirk absent.

Environment and possible interaction of the students were factors in the vote. Interaction of students is not uncommon and not a detriment, Peretti said. The recommendation has nothing new to offer, he said, pointing out the board had toured the area where the kindergarteners would be placed just before the budget meeting.

"I don't think the two facilities compare," Peretti said.

The classrooms at the junior high school doesn't outweigh the environment at the school compared to the elementary school and interaction between students, Williams said.

The junior high school is more modern than Ravena Elementary, Morgan said, but he thinks there would be major problems with noise and size of bathrooms. Morgan also said he heard

concerns from parents that kindergarteners might be exposed to drugs and questioned older students as role models.

The 10 sections of kindergarten classes will stay at the Ravena Elementary School next year while the facilities and enrollment committee looks at long-term solutions to a space crunch in the three elementary schools. Even though reports show no large increases in enrollment, the crunch exists now in schools because of enrollment and additional space required for state-mandated programs.

If the kindergarten classes were moved to the junior high school, that would free up five classrooms at Ravena Elementary for four classrooms and a multi-purpose room. Two first grade classes would be moved from A.W. Becker Elementary, allowing a second grade and a multi-purpose room there; and a second grade and a Board of Cooperative Educational Services would be moved from the P.B. Coeymans School, opening up rooms for skills development and multi-purpose there.



Getting ready for the Bethlehem Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 12, are Richard O'Connell of the Lions, left, and Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. The breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Dr. in Elmsere. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for children under 12, and free for pre-school children, and are available from Bethlehem Lions or at the door.

□ Jericho Bridge

(From Page 1)

obtain funds for the bridge, but has been unsuccessful because of the low traffic volume and because the bridges at either end of the yards are also being replaced, at considerable cost. Conrail has reportedly disclaimed ownership of the bridge structure, which it took over from the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad.

"We never sat on our hands on this thing," said Coyne's assistant, Thomas Clingon, last week.

Clingon said county officials met last week with Conrail officials, who expressed a willingness to participate in the cost of

repairs or replacement. He said no dollar figures were discussed, but added, "I think we are not far away from that."

Following that meeting, Coyne wrote to Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. "My own feeling is that only joint action by local governments (town and county) will make the other levels of government willing to re-think their position and help us with project costs," Coyne wrote.

Hendrick said Friday that the town's position has been that it cannot legally help fund the bridge project because Jericho Rd. is not a town road, but that he has asked Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz to research the issue again.

Clingon said the county feels the town can find a way to legally participate. "The issue here is willingness," he said.

Book discussion

During the next segment of *Foreword: Book Talks from Bethlehem*, Karen Levi Lause, a reference librarian at the Bethlehem Public Library, will speak about Judith Viorst's *Necessary Losses*.

The program will air over the Bethlehem Channel on Wednesday and Friday, April 15 and May 1, at 7:30 p.m. and on Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m.

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New Scotland wants planner

By Patricia Mitchell

With all indications pointing towards a building boom, the New Scotland Planning Board has decided to ask for the help of a part-time planner.

The board will draft a resolution in the next few weeks and then send it to the New Scotland Town Board for approval, said board attorney John Bailey.

Bailey said all indications point to a push for new construction. The planners would like to have the expertise of a professional planner to handle the growth and avoid haphazard development like Colonie's, he said.

In December the town board sought qualifications from firms specializing in master planning, geotechnical and soil exploration, hydrogeological explorations, material sampling and cost effective analysis to help manage an expected building boom in the northeast section of town, Bailey said. The proposed part-time planning consultant is along those same lines, he said.

Town officials have said developers are looking at the area east of Voorheesville, and property owners are asking about available services and how to proceed with development. The additional consultants were also recommended by the water advisory commission.

Supervisor Stephan Wallace said the part-time planner could come from the list of about five consultants received from December's survey. While he has no formal proposal from the planners, he said, he thinks a part-time planner would be a good idea.

In other New Scotland Planning Board business, the board agreed to see plans for a self-service gas station at the former Mobil station at Routes 85 and 85A in New Scotland, located in a commercial zone. Mark Fiatto of New Scotland will be seeking a special use permit for the gas station.

Fiatto predicts he will use two

gas tanks for one island with two pumps. He said he doesn't plan to reopen the service bays, and instead he would like to bring in a variety store for the building. Fiatto pointed out that most cars coming to the corner are from the village, and wouldn't be going down Rt. 85.

Fiatto will need approval from the Department of Environmental Conservation for the holding tanks, and the station will also be subject to on-the-spot testing. Bailey said the Department of Transportation will also have to get involved, and the Albany County Planning Board will have to give its approval because it is near a county road.

The board also asked Bailey to look into what happened to an agreement between the board and developer Peter Baltis to maintain a 20-foot zone of undeveloped land for screening between Rt. 155 and the back of the lots in the Orchard Park subdivision. Bailey said he will look into the agreement and see what can be done if it has been violated.

Last June, the planning board approved section three of the subdivision for 28 houses with a condition that a 20-foot buffer zone of undeveloped land must be maintained along Rt. 155. In July, then-planning board attorney Frederick Edmunds said some of

the buffer zone had been destroyed, and he asked planners to inspect the area, and said the town may be able to withhold certificates of occupancy on the homes. However, some of the homes in the subdivision are now occupied.

The board is wondering what happened to the condition of approval, because a fence has been built in back of several homes, and a row of trees and other plants are no longer there, Bailey said.

The planning board also referred a request for a garage addition to the zoning board of appeals. Jim Flansburg of Rt. 443 said he has a garage on his property but would like to build an addition, more than doubling its present size. In a Residential-A zone, a garage is a non-conforming structure, and the planning board could only give approval for an extra 25 percent addition. The zoning board would be able to grant a use variance allowing the larger addition.

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

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

Successful drive

Public television station WMHT/Channel 17, concluded its most successful membership drive in its 25-year history on March 22. The 19-day on-air fundraising effort, Festival '87, brought in a total of \$277,466, the most that WMHT has ever raised in a single membership campaign.

Preliminary returns from other public television stations indicate that WMHT had one of the strongest showings in the country this year. The goal for Festival '87 was \$270,000.

Tips on apartments

Renters planning to change apartments or setting up in an apartment for the first time may be interested in a booklet from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Apartment hunting can be made more efficient and productive with advance planning and attention to detail, according to housing specialists at Cornell University. A realistic appraisal of a family's needs and desires is an important first step. Children's needs, the family's lifestyle and cost limitations also should guide the choice of living space.

For information on apartment selection, "The Apartment—Match It To Your Needs" is available for 50 cents, a copy from the Cornell Distribution Center, 7-A Research Park, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. The price covers postage and handling.

LaFave to decide

Incumbent New Scotland Town Justice Cynthia LaFave says she will decide in a month whether she will seek reelection to her New Scotland position.

"I haven't made a decision," Democrat LaFave said Friday, noting that she is busy running a town court and a law office.

Democratic Party Chairman Thomas Dolin has said the party would be willing to back LaFave if she chooses to run.

Four years ago, LaFave squeaked by then-Town Justice Kenneth Connolly by just 26 votes. The victory for the unknown LaFave was considered a major upset. After receiving the endorsement of the Republican Party in March, Connolly announced his candidacy for the town justice position in the November election. He is currently a Voorheesville village justice.

Entry unsuccessful

Two bars on a window were found broken and a third bent Saturday at Hoagy's Village Corner on New Scotland Rd., but no entry was made, Bethlehem police said. A window latch on the rear window of the Slingerlands Restaurant also showed signs of being pried.

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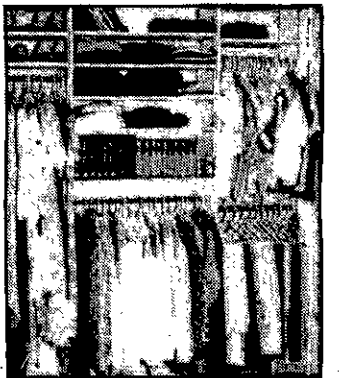
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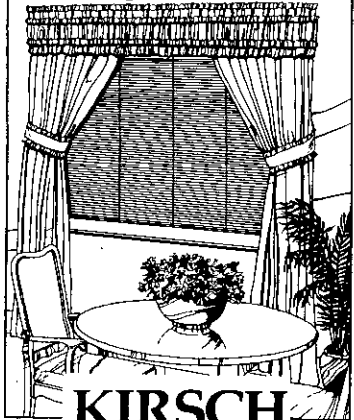
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Pleasant St. to get new sewer

By Patricia Mitchell

The Pleasant St. Sewer District, or Sewer District No. 2, is now formed, and work is progressing on building the new sewer system.

Following a public hearing last Tuesday, the Voorheesville Village Board of Trustees formally created the new district at its regular meeting.

The Pleasant St. Sewer District will serve about 17 homeowners on the high side of Pleasant St., where rain water and seepage from septic systems were overflowing the leach field in back of the village hall and were leaking into the Vly Creek.

Because no bids were received last fall on the construction of the new system, the village board de-

ecided earlier this year to use village crews to do the work. Superintendent of Public Works William Hotaling said Tuesday the expanded leach field has been dug in the village green in back of the Village Hall, and he was expecting to line the leach field with stone and then pipe last week.

The new sewer system will have the older pipes carrying rain water to the expanded leach field and the new pipes will be placed next to the old lines carrying sewage from the Pleasant St. homes.

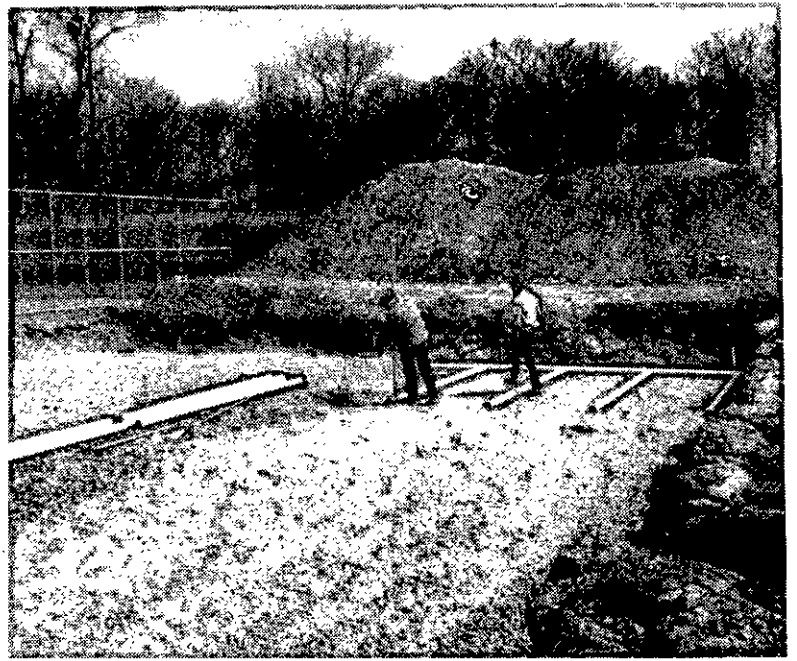
After pipes are placed up the village hall driveway, Voorheesville Ave. will be cut to place the pipes across the road. From Voorheesville Ave., the left side of Center St. will be dug to continue the line to

Pleasant St. Crews will then cut across the right side to place the new lines.

The village hopes to have the new sewer system installed by the time summer help comes on board to regrade, pave and seed.

After a meeting with other Pleasant St. homeowners not included in the original plans, Mayor Edward Clark said they are interested in hooking into the system if there is an excess capacity. Clark said officials think there will be, when the other homeowners will be invited to join.

The village tried to find an economical solution for Pleasant St. for seven years, Clark said. When officials first started looking into the situation, he said, federal and state funds were available, but there are none now. He said the village board could explore installing other sewer systems as long as they are affordable.



Public works crews place stone and pipe at the expanded leach field for the Pleasant St. Sewer District under the Village Green behind the Voorheesville Village Hall. Officials hope to have the sewer district completed by summer.

Patricia Mitchell

In a related matter, the village board heard a complaint from some residents of North Main St.

about water stagnating in a pool and eventually spreading across lawns. County crews paved and graded the road last year, and inadvertently left a catch basin that doesn't drain. Residents asked the village board for grading to allow the water to drain into the creek.

Because North Main St. is a county road, Clark said, the village cannot do the work and the county will have to get involved. However, the village will keep track of the matter and will try to get action on it, Clark said.

In other village board business, Trustee Richard Langford said the Youth and Recreation Committee has tentatively agreed to hire Dick Leach, a Voorheesville Central School counselor and coach, as summer activities director. Langford said Leach and the committee will be working on reorganizing the program and getting more individualized activities.

The village board also:

- Set Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m., for the village organizational meeting.

- Set Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m., for the federal revenue sharing budget hearing and the village budget hearing immediately following. Clark said the trustees know it is during a week of school vacation and many families will be away, but by law the hearing has to take place then.

- Learned that the new fire truck should be delivered before the end of May.

- Learned that upper Stony Hill Rd. will be repaved and some drainage improved. Trustee Daniel Reh said the road is now broken up because of bad drainage.

- Decided to look into the addition of a salt shed at the Albany County Highway Garage on Rt. 85A and what that could mean to expanding village water to East Rd. in back of the garage. Reh said the salt shed has just been built and he would like to know what the county is doing there. A few years ago, the county requested the village for public water along East Rd., but the village specifically asked for a salt shed before considering the request.

- Learned that new reporting procedures to the dog warden for stray dogs will be set up. The board also heard complaints of the smell of cats on bushes and cars.

The next regular meeting of the Voorheesville Village Board will be Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m.



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Second grade students will demonstrate the Virginia Reel as well as a fun dance called Chicken Fat while those in all three participating grades will do tumbling and pyramids as well as take part in scooter basketball, crab soccer, crazy kickball and scrambled eggs.

Matthew Reh will be the emcee for the show. Students have been preparing for the presentation with the help of teachers Ferne Horn, Barbara Karl and Reed Schultz.

Fun and games

Those interested in more fun and games are invited to join the Voorheesville PTSA at the annual Family Fun Night this Friday at the elementary school. The program of games for the whole family directed by the Linendoll's of Altamont will begin at 7 p.m., with a dessert buffet to follow.

There is no charge for the event, but families are requested to bring a dessert to share. The PTSA will provide beverages.

No pre-registration is required. Those having questions or wishing to assist with coordinating the games should contact Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748.

School forum

PTSA Co-presidents Aileen and Ed Lukomski draw attention to the open forum sponsored by the PTSA to be held on Tuesday, April 21. The forum is designed to

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give area residents a chance to voice their concerns and questions about the Voorheesville Central School District. Forms for those wishing to have their say are available in the recent *Helderbarker*.

Spring barbecue

With spring here the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland has come up with an idea to get family chefs out of the kitchen. This Saturday the men's service organization will hold its first Spring Chicken Take-out Barbecue. Dinners will be available from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on New Scotland Rd. The meal, which includes half a chicken, potato and cole slaw is available for a \$4.75 donation. Those wishing to order ahead of time may call the church during serving hours at 439-6454.

Proceeds from the fund raiser will go to support the many youth and community programs sponsored by Kiwanis including pee wee wrestling, grasshopper baseball and softball, youth soccer, summer band, monthly blood pressure clinics and the Memorial Day races.

For sixth grade parents

There will be an informational meeting for parents of sixth grade students on Thursday, April 9, at the high school. The 7:30 p.m. meeting in the library will give parents a chance to become acquainted with the seventh and eighth grade curriculum and extracurricular program. Guidance director Robert Quackenbush, guidance counselor Barbara Blumberg and Principal O. Peter Griffin will discuss the changes implemented in the district due to

the Regents Action Plan. Those having any question should contact the high school at 765-3314.

Pre-K screening

Children planning on entering kindergarten in the fall will take part next week in the yearly pre-K screening program to be held at the elementary school on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7 and 8. Parents who attended the informational meeting in March have already signed up for appointments on those days. Those who missed the meeting should contact the school at 765-2382 as early as possible to make arrangements to have their child tested.

Girl scout meeting

The monthly leaders meeting of the Voorheesville Girl Scout group will be held on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Spring packets will be handed out and final plans will be discussed for the upcoming car wash and bake sale, awards night in June and the end-of-the-year pot luck supper, as well as fall camping.

All leaders are urged to attend or send a representative to this important meeting.

Air band concert

The Voorheesville Key Club will hold its annual Air Band Concert on Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Admission to the contest is \$1.50. According to emcee Stephen Smith more than eight bands will be on hand to entertain. Refreshments will be on sale. All are welcome.

Christoph on Slingerland

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old New Salem Schoolhouse Museum. Guest speaker will be Peter R. Christoph, associate librarian in charge of manuscripts and special collection at the New York State Library, who will address the life and times of Teunis Cornelissen Slingerland. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Elks to install

The New Scotland Elks Club, No. 2611, will hold its installation dinner this Saturday at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge beginning at 5 p.m.

Newly elected officers of the groups are Robert Van Alstyne, exalted ruler; Robert H. Daley, leading knight; Robert C. Daley, loyal knight; Joe Armour, lecturing knight; William Perrault, tiling knight; Steve Galusha,

secretary; Chester Boehlke, treasurer; and Edward Donohue, five-year trustee.

Those wishing to attend may call 768-2233 for more information.

Library board meets

The executive board of the Voorheesville Public Library will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library. News should be forthcoming concerning the selection of the new director of the library, as well as ground breaking plans for the new building.

A reminder that petitions are still being accepted for the library seat being vacated by long-standing board member Mary Jane Ewart. Those wishing more information may contact the library at 765-2791.

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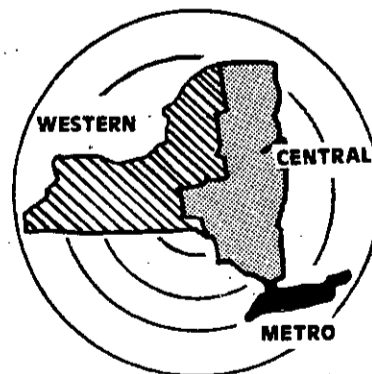
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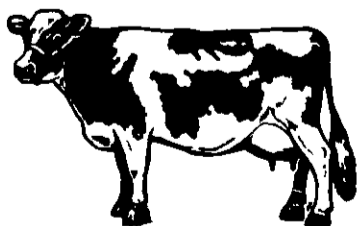
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Town of New Scotland. Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary; usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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.

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

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.

Open Meeting, Onesquethaw Chapter 818, Order of Eastern Star, Delmar Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group will continue program on instructional basket making, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Register, 439-9152.

Meeting, United Methodist Women, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, monthly meeting and dinner and annual Chinese Auction, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, new members welcome, 6:30 p.m.

Religious Program, "The Miraculous Story of Bayside," concerns apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary to woman in New York City, Adams-Russell Cable Company, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

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

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

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

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," theme of Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, "I Thirst," with Rev. David Nuss of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

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

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

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



Jazz pianist Lee Shaw and the Lee Shaw Trio will be appearing Friday, April 3, at 8 p.m. at the Siena College chapel.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible Study, 10 a.m., Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; Senior Choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Sign Language Classes, 12-week course given by members of Bethlehem Lions Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Register, 439-9314.

Spring Rummage Sale, clothing, artwork, household items, tools, jewelry, games and furniture, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-4031.

Spring Sale, crafts and gifts, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-8116.

FRIDAY 3 APRIL

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

Preschool Films, three short movies for youths, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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.

ART

"Sculpture and Photographs," Harmanus Bleecker Center, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 21. Information, 463-4478.

"The Innocent Eye," Hudson River Valley, past and present, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, through April 11, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

"Savory Suppers and Fashionable Feasts: Dining in Victorian America," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 5. Information, 463-4478.

"Fiber," The Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 11, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments, 463-4478.

Figurative paintings of Jeanne Staples and Diana Smolenski, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through April 12, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Exhibit of Soviet Union, Main Gallery, Rensselaer County Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, through July. Information and hours, 235-2120.

Schoharie County Photographers and Woodworkers Exhibit, Schoharie County Council Arts Council, Union St., Cobleskill through April 24, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointment, 234-7380.

"Many Dimensions," exhibition of photographs, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, through April 23, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

"A Portrait of Livingston Manor: 1686-1850," tercentary celebration, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through May 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"Traditions and Conflict: Images of a Turbulent Decade, 1963-1973," 82 paintings and photographs by black artists, New York State Museum, Albany, through April 26.

THEATRE

"Jupiter and Elsewhere," Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through April 12. Tickets and show times, 462-4534.

"Tracers," account of Vietnam War, performed by Vietnam Veterans, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, April 1, \$16, \$14 and \$10, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"The Taming of the Shrew," State University of New York at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, April 1-4, 8 p.m., April 5, 3 p.m. Tickets, 442-3997.

"Royal Gambit," by Hermann Gressieker, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church St., Schenectady, April 1-5. Tickets, 382-2081.

"The Flying Karamazov Brothers," juggling and humor, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, April 2, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-1083.

"The Taming of the Shrew," presented by Stage Three, Siena College, Loudonville, April 3, 4 and 12. Information, 783-2527.

"Working," presented by Heritage Artists, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, April 5-26. Tickets, 235-7969.

MUSIC

Free Organ Concert, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge streets, Albany, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Peter Segal, classical guitarist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, April 5, 3 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

Lee Shaw, jazz pianist, and Lee Shaw Trio, Siena Collège Chapel, Loudonville, April 3, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Lenten Noontime Recital, featuring Agnes Armstrong, organist, First Church in Albany, 56 Orange St, April 7. Free.

The Smith Sisters, original, contemporary, traditional and Celtic music, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, April 3, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

U. Utah Phillips, presents songs and stories of West, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, April 4, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

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

Spring Walk, out door exploration of natural history of spring, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 6:15 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

SATURDAY
APRIL 4

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible Study, 7:45-9 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

Installation of Officers, New Scotland B.P.O.E. No. 2611, Roast Beef Dinner and Dinner following, Bethlehem Lodge 2233, \$15, 5 p.m. Information, 768-2233 or 765-2313.

Prayer Vigil for Peace, 20 minutes of silent prayer, St. Thomas Church parking lot, noon.

Tri-Village Squares, class graduation dance with Jim Ryans calling, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

SUNDAY
APRIL 5

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.

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.

Bethlehem Community Church, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; 3-5th grade program, 6:15 p.m.; evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday School and Bible Classes, 9:15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

"Turn Your Heart Towards Home," film series emphasizing traditional Christian values in parenting, "Power in Parenting: The Young Child," Solid Rock Church, Kenwood Ave. and Rt. 32, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

"A Touch of Love," music and poetry program with Ruth Turk-Roth, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-8116.

Lenten Cantata, chancel and youth choirs will present "On the Passion of Christ," by David Williams, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.

MONDAY
APRIL 6

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.

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.

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Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, all members welcome, 10 a.m.

Project Wild Workshop, chance for teachers and youth leaders to learn how to teach youths about their environment, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m. Register, 457-6092.

Informational Program for Parents, "A Parent's Guided Tour through Picture Books," learn about best authors and illustrators for children, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Reservations, 439-9314.

Chef-of-the-Month, Steve Osder, Director of Seafood Merchandising for Grand Union Co. Main Office, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Delmar Community Orchestra, benefit concert for world hunger, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Tractor Certification and Safety Course, for youths 12 and 16 who wish to operate tractors on main roads, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3540.

Special Meeting, Voorheesville Board of Education, discussion of budget and negotiations, Voorheesville Central School Office, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

TUESDAY
APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 8

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

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

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

Second Millers, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

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

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," theme of Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, "My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?," with Rev. James Hale, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

Travelogue, on Alaska and Canadian Rockies with Bernie Turoff, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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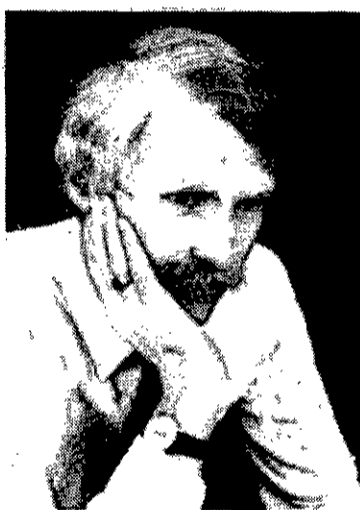
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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Income Tax Assistance — Volunteers of the A.A.R.P. will again offer free tax assistance to senior citizens and shut-ins until April 15, 1987 at the Town Hall. Tax assistance is offered on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. All assistance is by appointment only. Call 439-4955, extension #77 to make an appointment.

Grocery Shopping Day
Mondays — Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and North Bethlehem to Delaware Plaza 8:30 — 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays — Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, So. Bethlehem to Glenmont Plaza 9 — 11 a.m.

Senior Citizen Bowling is held the 1st Wednesday of each month at Del Lanes at 9:30 a.m. The next bowling is on Wednesday, April 1. All Welcome!

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Religious Program, "The Miraculous Story of Bayside," concerns apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary to woman in New York City, Adams-Russell Cable Company, 9 p.m.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meeting, Town Hall, all welcome, 3:30 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

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

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

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

Card Party and Fashion Show, sponsored by Ladies of B.P.O.E. No. 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 9
APRIL

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

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

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

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

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

Elsmere Fire Company Auxillary, meets second Thursday of each month at firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY 10
APRIL

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

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

Music Lecture Series, talks about music performed by Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 11
APRIL

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Chicken and Biscuit Supper, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush, adults \$6.50, children \$2.50, servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 768-2611.

Barbershop Harmony, Electric City Chorus and two guest quartets in concert to benefit Epilepsy Association of Capital District, Bethlehem Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, \$7 at door, \$6 in advance, 8 p.m. Information, 447-5828.

Craft Fair, over 75 exhibitors, woodcraft, stained glass, jewelry, tole-painting, silk and dry flower arrangements, Glenmont School, Rt. 9W, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4817.

Wildlife Program, "Backyard Wildlife," ways to attract wildlife to backyards by using feeders, bird houses shrubs and flowers, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 457-6092.

SUNDAY 12
APRIL

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Bethlehem Community Church, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; 3-5th grade program, 6:15 p.m.; evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast, benefit for blind, hearing impaired, seniors and youths, Blanchard American Legion Post, Elsmere, adults \$3.50, children \$2.50, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-7031.

"Turn Your Heart Towards Home," film series emphasizing traditional Christian values in parenting, "Power in Parenting: The Adolescent," Solid Rock Church, Kenwood Ave. and Rt. 32, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

Honorary Tea, Janet Berry will be honored for 35 years of service to community, Fellowship Hall of Slingerlands United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., friends invited, 2-4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Elsmere, \$2.50-\$3.50 admission, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-7031.

MONDAY 13
APRIL

Bingo, for preschoolers age 3-5 and parents, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Register, 439-9314.

TUESDAY 14
APRIL

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

Slingerlands Fire District, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY 15
APRIL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Slide Lecture, exploring legendary monuments claimed to be living in Lock Ness and Lake Champlain, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," theme of Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, "It is Finished. Father into thy hands I commend my spirit," with Rev. Gregory Pike, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

"Foreword: Book Talks From Bethlehem," discussion of Judith Viorst's "Necessary Losses," Bethlehem Cable Channel, 7:30 p.m.

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NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup



Spring card party

"Spring is in the Air" is the theme for this year's Spring Card Party sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Lodge No. 2233 B.P.O.E. An annual event held at the lodge on Rt. 144 in Selkirk; this year's party has been set for Thursday, April 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a fashion show, featuring designs from the Fashion Bug, there will be door prizes galore, table prizes, and coffee, tea and homemade dessert will be served. The cost of admission is \$2 a person. Tickets will be available at the door and the public is invited. Judy Sumner, 1986-87 president, and Patti Warnken, 1987-88 president, are co-chairing the event.

Challenge to quilters

Is it possible that the RCS area contains no accomplished quilters? No one who is proud of the meticulous skills required to transform material and thread into a work of art? A challenge is being made by the Bethlehem Grange of Selkirk to quilters in the community to participate in their current quilting contest. The competition is an annual affair, with an August deadline, but in recent years no one in the area has submitted an entry. Non-Grange members are eligible through sponsorship by any member of the grange. So if you've spent countless hours creating beautiful quilts, why not enter them in competition before using them or giving them as gifts? Additional information and a sponsor can be arranged by contacting Helen Raynor, 767-2270.

Kindergarten registration

On Tuesday, April 7, registration for all children in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District

who will enter kindergarten in September will be held at the Ravena Elementary School. There will be two registration sessions, with children and their parents who live south of the twin dips on Rt. 9W attending the first session at 12:50 to 1:50 p.m. and those north of that area attending the second session at 2:05 to 3:05 p.m.

The children will have an opportunity to visit the classrooms and to take a short school bus ride while parents are completing the necessary registration forms.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 1987, and parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate with them April 7.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting A.W. Becker Elementary School or Ravena Elementary.

Officers installed

An installation of officers ceremony for the Ladies Auxiliary to Bethlehem Lodge B.P.O.E. 2233 was held March 18 at the lodge. Past Exalted Ruler Richard Warnken was the installing officer, with Judy Sumner as marshal.

Ladies installed during the ceremony were Patti Warnken, president; Diane Allen, vice president; Rita Townsend, secretary; Louise Cargill, treasurer; Margaret Prime, three-year trustee; and Alice Ross, one-year trustee.

Appointed officers are Paula Clemens, guard; Joan DeSormeau and Malene Harple, escort; Alvina White, chaplain and Vada Danckert, historian.

Dealers wanted

The Bethlehem Historical Association is looking for dealers of

quality merchandise to participate in its annual tailgate sale scheduled to take place on the grounds of the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information about the sale and display space, call 767-9057.

On census task force

Assemblyman John J. Faso (R-102nd) has been appointed to the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment by State Assembly Republican leader C.D. "Rapp" Rappleyea.

The task force will be working with the U.S. Census Bureau to establish guidelines for census districts and "block group" designations.

"These designations and the subsequent data from the 1990 census will affect everything from aid formulas to legislative representation," Rappleyea said.

Faso is a freshman Republican legislator representing the 102nd Assembly District, which includes the Town of Bethlehem.

Lions club breakfast

The Bethlehem Lions Club will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blanchard American Legion Post in Elmsere.

The price of the tickets are: adults, \$3.50; senior citizens, \$3; children under 12, \$2.50; and preschool children are free. Tickets are available at the door or from all members of the club. For information call Red Goyer at 439-7031.

Critical acclaim

Music critic Scott Cantrell will speak about music to be performed by the Albany Symphony Orchestra on Friday, April 10, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The talk will begin at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Four board seats open

Two petitions have been filed and one more has been taken out for four open seats on the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education.

Board members Ronald Peretti and James Morgan have filed their petitions in the district office, said Business Administrator Rodger Lewis. On Friday, he said Sherry Putney, a mother from Selkirk, has also taken out a nominating petition.

The filing deadline for nominating petitions is Monday, April 13. Candidates will be voted on in the May 13 election.

The three-year seats of Louis Neri, Peretti and Sara Hunter, and the one-year seat now being held by Morgan are open in the at-large race. Morgan will be seeking his first elected term on the board after he was appointed to fill the seat left open when Dr. Frank Filippone resigned last fall. Hunter has said she does not plan to run for reelection.

The three candidates receiving the highest votes will be awarded the regular three-year seats on the board, and the fourth highest vote getter will be awarded the one-year seat.

Nominating petitions for the seats are available in the district offices on Thacher St. in Selkirk, and they must be signed by 30 qualified voters.

Wildlife program

"Backyard Wildlife," a free program about how to attract wildlife to the home setting, will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For information call 457-6092.



Lance S. Walley

Joins Spotlight

Lance S. Walley of Feura Bush has joined the Spotlight as an advertising representative.

Walley was previously a sales representative at New England Body Parts Inc., where he prepared advertising programs for wholesale accounts. He has also been employed by Kex Copysource, the International Business Machines Corp. and Janitronics Inc.

Walley holds an associate's degree in marketing and business administration. In addition to attending a school at IBM Corp., he has attended Albany Business College and Hudson Valley Community College. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at the College of Saint Rose.

Nutritional therapy

Rudolph A. Wiley, Ph.D., of the Center for Nutritional Therapy in Delmar will discuss the effect of acid/base nutritional therapy at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, on Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. The program is free.

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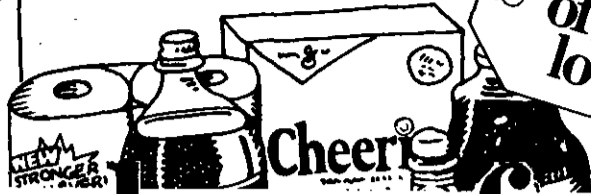
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A model for education

The committee chairperson rapped his gavel wildly, barking for order among the forty-odd delegates who gestured and called at no one in particular in the steamy, frenzied chamber. The chairperson thrust his voice into a momentary lull and spoke quickly.

"We have a motion to go to a vote. We have heard arguments pro and con, we have gone through general debate, we have adopted a friendly amendment, and we are asking now if there is a second to the motion to vote."

The group froze in mid-gesture and looked toward the chair wide-eyed, as if to express a silent, comprehending "Oh." Everyone settled into their seats. Order was restored. The committee was now ready to adopt Lebanon's resolution calling for withdrawal of foreign military forces. With some luck, the resolution might be brought before the General Assembly the following afternoon, and if successfully defended, be approved as the official position of an organization known as the Model United Nations.

I traveled recently with a group of four young people to Hastings High School in Westchester County, site of a Model United Nations Conference. There, approximately 300 high school students participated in a full-blown



IN THE CLASSROOM
Jim Nehring

simulation of the United Nations. They met in committees (International Terrorism, Political Security, Environmental Health) proposed and debated resolutions, and voted in General Assembly. The Conference was planned and executed, in its entirety, by students. The events of the weekend were not just a model in the sense suggested by the organization's name, but also a model of education: young people conceiving and directing their own educational project; in short, taking ownership of their learning.

"Will the delegate from the United Kingdom please make his comment in the form of a question?" It's Friday night with the Committee on International Terrorism.

"Oh, come on, you guys. You're so damn caught up in protocol, you've lost sight of our purpose here. We're not..."

The chair rapped his gavel. "Procedure requires that during time designated for questioning only questions be asked. Now, will

the delegate from the United Kingdom kindly make his comment in the form of a question?"

There was a brief pause. United Kingdom pursed his lips, then buckled under. "O.K.... a question ... Right. Does the delegate from Norway really believe that?"

The chair, a tall boy in tie and jacket was exercising official authority for possibly the first time in his life—an important moment. The United Kingdom,

instead of 'or' and it really didn't matter. And the United States kept contradicting everything he said. I think we've passed maybe one resolution in committee after six hours of debate. It's ridiculous." Argentina was learning that any process of shared power is slow and inefficient, and that it requires patience and tolerance. The manner in which she learned it, six hours of first hand torture, had certainly impacted her soul more deeply and enduringly than a semester of classroom instruction ever could.

It's now 3:45 p.m., the second day of the conference. Thirty weary delegates to the Committee

"Oh, come on, you guys. You're so damn caught up in protocol, you've lost sight of our purpose here. We're not..."

also tall, but with an open flannel shirt and blue jeans was learning that protocol is not just an artifice of the adult world, but, judging by the unamused stares of his peers, something valued by people his own age learning the processes of institutionalized power.

"This is so incredibly frustrating." The delegate from Argentina with orange hair and punk style clothes was shaking her head as she talked with Lebanon in the lobby between sessions. "I mean we just sit there and debate endlessly over some fine point of wording. I mean, this one kid, the Soviet Union, kept insisting that our resolution should read 'and'

on Environmental Health struggle toward adoption of a resolution on acid rain proposed by Canada. If they are to bring anything to the General Assembly which meets at 4 o'clock they must act now. But progress is blocked by a proposed amendment.

"Listen, if you agree to accept Sweden's change in your resolution as a friendly amendment, all the Scandinavian countries will support the resolution." The Chair of Environmental Health leaned toward the delegate from Canada and pointed to the Scandinavian delegates who were all nodding their heads hopefully with the chair's suggestion. Canada looked

at the Scandinavians. She looked at the chairperson. And nervously back at the Scandinavians. "O.K., alright. I accept the change as a friendly amendment." The chairperson clicked his pen, clearly proud of a successfully brokered compromise. A charge of energy shot through the entire committee from a sense that they were witnessing and taking part in a process they'd often been taught about in their social studies classes, but always within a context of important decision-making bodies. Now they were doing it themselves. They were the important decision making body—even if it was only a game.

The Model U.N. Conference in Hastings left me reassured that institutionalized education can work, but, moreover, it left me with a question. How do we translate the energy, dedication and meaningful learning of a proceeding such as this into the regular school day of public education? I suspect the regular school day is itself part of the problem. The U.N. Conference was a success partly because time was structured by the students themselves. In general, I suspect that to the degree public education remains under the firm control of those who are not the learners, learners will not feel in control of their education and will not take ownership of it.

DEAN'S LIST

Clarkson University — Steven E. Ayers, Delmar, and Christopher L. Zeh, Voorheesville.

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Pancake breakfast

Members of the Bethlehem Lions Club will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Elsmere.

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Tenth Grade
Kelly Avgerinos, Haven Battles*, Natalia Bausback*, Justin Birk*, Stacie Blackmer, Colin Breeze*, Stephanie Brown*, Patricia Carmody, Scot Chamberlain, Joseph Colburn*, Orion Colfer*, Kevin Davis, Jill Decatur, Chris Dell'Acqua, Bridget DePasquale, Carey Donohue*, Alison Egan, James Feck, Matthew Finnigan, Kristina Flanders*, Paulette Galusha, Heaher Glock, Deirdre Gobeille*.

And Bret Hart, Donna Hawkins*, Amy Hibbert, Denise Hoagland, James Hooks*, Shaun Joyce, Cheryl Kerr, Joseph Kraemer*, Craig Lapinski, David Larabee*, Debra McCluskey, Peter Meilinger*, David Mistretta, Michael Mullins, Cynthia Murphy, Keir Neighmond, Lori Rafferty*, Stephanie Rah*, Kevin Russo*, Patrick Ryan*, Michael Sestak, Renee Spaulding, Kirsten Taylor*, Amy Tesch*, Jennifer Toritto, Todd VanWormer, Gary Washburn*, Jennifer Zeh.

Spring readings

An outdoor exploration of the natural history of spring will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Friday, April 3, at 6:15 p.m. Featured will be readings from the work of John Burroughs. For information about the free program call 457-6092.

Chicken dinner

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be served by the women's guild at the Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Saturday, April 11, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

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Twelfth Grade
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Science fair

Four area students who were winners at The Albany Academy's recent science fair will go on to represent the school at State Museum's regional science fair on April 10 and 11.

Among the students with winning entries were Colin Izzard of Delmar, "The Effect of Alcohol on Cell Division;" Matthew Merrill of Delmar, "Acid Rain;" Demetrios Detsaridis of Slingerlands, "Crystals," and Jeremy Barlow of Delmar, "The Effect of Mental Concentration on Performance."

Champ and Nessie

Joe Zarynski, a teacher, scuba diver and author, will speak about the legendary monsters claimed to be living in Loch Ness and Lake Champlain on Wednesday, April 15, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Zarynski is the author of *Champ — Beyond the Legend and Monster Wrecks of Loch Ness and Lake Champlain*.

All are welcome to attend the free program.

Reagan dances

Michelle Reagan of 24 Boylston Dr. in Delmar, a freshman ballet major at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, will perform in the university's spring ballet and modern dance concert on April 2 through 4.

BIRTHS



Girl, Gina, to Marjorie and Joseph Catalano of Delmar, March 14.

Boy, Robert Henry, to Gail and Jeffrey Voorhees of Delmar, March 16.

Boy, Byron Arthur, to Cathy and Frank (Skip) Barger of Selkirk, March 18.

Boy, John James, to Stephanie L. and John J. Corbett III of Glenmont, March 19.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Geoffrey Amos, to Barbara and Gary Smith of Voorheesville, March 11.

Out of Town

Girl, Emily Hillen, to Ellen (Pert) and Chip Saltsman of Joppatowne, Md, Feb. 26. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. James Pert of Glenmont.

Boy, Lucas Edward, to Susan Graf Sharpe and David Sharpe of Falmouth, Mass., March 13. Grandparents are John and Joan Graf of Delmar.

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Those of us who wear our collars backward are granted the privilege of visiting the sick. In moments of distress, persons open themselves in their fear and their hope. One danger, however, presents itself when we hear the sick list the symptoms of their diseases. Being a suggestible person, I walk away all too often checking my body for similar symptoms. I have had an entire catalogue of "diseases" in my short ministry. Imaginary fears abound.

We don't need imaginary fears to startle us awake; we have plenty to be frightened of. AIDS scares us — if not for ourselves, for our neighbors and for our children. Radon lurks in our basements, a new element for which we can blame no one; it is just there. The mammoth federal deficit scares some economists I know silly. And all our little fears gather under the shadow of the nuclear cloud. We live in a frightening time.

To which the faith shouts its "fear not!" "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God." (Isaiah 41:10).

It certainly doesn't sound like that is what the churches are

saying. If we no longer hear the gloom and doom of the eternal threat to the soul (and we do still hear that in some churches), we hear fretting about the social ills that threaten to obliterate the promise of the good life. Even the more conservative churches have gotten into that act. They utter dark warnings about the brainwashing our schools are doing by teaching evolution and something called "secular humanism." Our churches stand on the side, wring their hands, and weep for the future. Where is the "fear not?"

The churches do need to point out much has gone wrong. In fact, we point out that more has gone wrong than the secular pundits know. Evil is loose; sin begins in the heart of the human; it infects everything we do.

But this minor chord must resolve. It needs to modulate into the glorious major, into the Yes that God gave his world in the miracle of Easter. As frightening as the world is, and as real as the threat grows, we bring the word that we need "fear not."

This is a strange message we bring. Strange because we can find no reason for this comfort by scoping out trends, by finding



Children of the Delmar Reformed Church's Church School presented the program "Here We Come Rejoicing," by Rev. Bruce McGrail of New

Zealand, on March 22. Students sang solos and in chorus under direction of Nancy Turner and Linda Drew, with Sue Bylsma assisting.

some triumphant trait buried in the human psyche. Strange because this message gladdens hearts when all is darkest. Strange because it entered our world from a distant time and out of the way place. Thus "fear not" comes from that haunting figure whose name was Jesus, son of Joseph.

"Fear not!" is a possible word only because Easter happened. A miracle occurred. We can no more prove Easter than we can prove that it is better to live than to die. We can only wonder that God does not leave us in darkness, that God loves enough to enter our fear and our death and to burst

them open from the inside.

It is indeed a miracle that we can walk forward unafraid. The church is a people who live in an awkward confidence, who refuse to believe that darkness will overcome the light, who never give up on this tired world. For God doesn't. "Fear not!"

Honored guest

Janet Berry of Slingerlands will be honored at a tea on Sunday, April 12, from 2 until 4 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.

Berry, an active member of the Slingerlands church, has served on the boards of the Visiting Nurses Association, the League of Arts, the Garden Study Club and the Albany Country Club. She previously worked at the Bethlehem Public Library and was a hospital volunteer.

After 35 years in the Slingerlands area, Berry is planning a move to Syracuse in the late spring.

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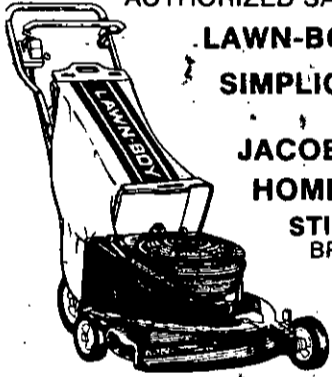
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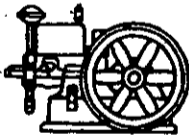
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Preaching in Albany

Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr., preacher, theologian and social activist, will preach during an 8 p.m. service at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, on Sunday, April 5. The service is open to the public.

Coffin is senior minister of the Riverside Church in New York City, where he established the Riverside Disarmament Program.

Coffin was active in the civil rights demonstrations in the South during the 1960s and was one of the founders of Clergy and Laity Concerned for Vietnam. More recently, he has traveled on fact-finding missions to Central and South America, the Middle East and Russia.

Coffin is a graduate of Yale University and Yale Divinity School. He served as liaison officer with the French and Russian armies during World War II and worked with the CIA in training anti-Soviet Russians during the Korean War. He was named the first director of the Peace Corps Field Training Center in Puerto Rico.

Works by Coffin include *Living the Truth in a World of Illusions*, *The Courage to Love* and *Once to Every Man*.

Exploring mid-life

Dr. Michael Nichols, the author of *Turning Forty in the 80's*, will speak about the problems and issues of mid-life on Thursday, April 2, at St. Thomas School. The program, sponsored by St. Thomas the Apostle Church and Lincoln Hill Books, will begin at 7:30 p.m.



Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church's fourth grade Sunday School class have made fluff ball chicks to sell and raise money for Project Heifer International. With their chicks are, from left, Kelly Krueger, Gloria Tsan, Melissa Dunkerly, Project Heifer representative Harold Bush, Lora Gurley, Kevin Rice, Matthew Quattrochi and Kyle Van Ripper.

Crafts and fashions

A craft show, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Albany County Volunteer Fire Association, will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the West Albany Firehouse 1, 113 Sand Creek Rd., Albany.

On Sunday, April 5, the Ladies Auxiliary will serve tea at a fashion show. The program will begin at 1 p.m. For reservations call Pat Whitney at 459-6807.

Schaeffer picked

Susanna Schaeffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Schaeffer of Glenmont, has been chosen to serve as chairperson of the Judicial Board of the Hood College student government association. A junior, Schaeffer has previously served on the judicial board as her sophomore class representative and has been a member of the varsity basketball team for two years. Hood College is located in Frederick, Md.

Film series begins

"Turn Your Heart Toward Home," a film series by Dr. James Dobson, will be shown at the Solid Rock Church, Kenwood Ave. and Rt. 32 Bypass, Glenmont, at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays from April 5 through May 3.

The films will be shown in the following order: "Power in Parenting: The Young Child," April 5; "Power in Parenting: The Adolescent," April 12; "The Family Under Fire," April 19; "Overcoming the Power of Painful Childhood," April 26, and "The Heritage," May 3.

Admission is \$1. For information call Kathy Mahar at 439-4314.



Rev. James Hale

Lenten cantata

"On the Passion of Christ," a Lenten cantata by David Williams, will be presented by chancel and youth choirs of the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Sunday, April 5, at the 10 a.m. worship service.

Soloists for the cantata will be Eleanor Haverly, John Malthouse and Richard Miller. The choirs will be directed by Joseph Farrell and accompanied by Mark Victor Smith, organist. All are welcome.

Leads Bible study

Rev. James Hale will speak at the April 8 Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. The text for the session, which runs from 10 to 11 a.m. with coffee at 9:30 a.m., is "My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?"

Child care will be provided for pre-school children. Refreshments will be provided by the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

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With hard work, they soar

By Bart Gottesman

Gymnastics is a sport in which few reach the top. It's a sport that centers around hard work, concentration, balance, athletic ability and desire. If one of those crucial ingredients is missing, a gymnast will have little chance of reaching his or her potential as one of the best.

Two girls from Delmar, Colleen Teale and Chrissy Mann, appear to have what it takes and their efforts have catapulted them into top rankings in New York State. This Saturday, April 4 and 5, the two will put months of hard work on the line as they will be competing in the New York State Gymnastic Championships. The two-day event will take place at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

Colleen Teale, a 15-year old sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School, will be competing in the Class Two division for girls fifteen and older. Teale has been involved with the sport for six years. When she was nine, Teale's mother enrolled her in gymnastics classes to "calm her down." Teale feels her mother is still a great influence and pushes her to stick with the tedious practices and hard workouts.

Her practice schedule brings Teale back and fourth to the gym five days a week. Practices involving strengthening exercises and routine rehearsal take three hours and cut down on social activities greatly. Recently, Teale competed in the I Love New York Cup and

placed second overall in her division. The vault, according to Teale, is her favorite event, while the bars are her least favorite. When asked what kept her interested in the demanding sport of gymnastics, Teale simply responded, "I like it."

Chrissy Mann has been perfecting her gymnastic skills for 11 years. Now 14 and an eighth grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, Mann practices four afternoons a week and, like Teale, spends three hours in the gym molding her talents into perfection. She also spends free time biking to strengthen her legs and lower body. Mann said her parents didn't push her into being a gymnast, but support her in whatever decision she makes.

In the I Love New York Cup, Mann, a Class Two 12-14 year old division member, placed second overall. The balance beam, one of gymnastics most demanding apparatus, is Mann's favorite, while she dislikes performing on the stable floor.

Mann first decided to enter gymnastics after watching performances on television. A sense of accomplishment, says Mann, has kept her interested in the sport for more than a decade. "I'll do pretty good...I hope," said an optimistic Mann of the upcoming State Championships.

Both girls compete for the D.C. Stars. The team is based at the Colonie Athletic Club and is coached by Doug Conner.

Eagles are deep in tennis talent

By Dave DeCecco

For the past couple of weeks, one of Bethlehem Central's few teams to produce consistently good records has been practicing for the upcoming season. After a long unbeaten streak in the 70's the Bethlehem Central boy's tennis team has enjoyed many fine seasons, including last year's 11-5 campaign.

They have done all of this, however, without a steady coach. This year will be no different, as 1986 coach Ray Fetcho has taken a job at Colonie High and cannot swing the coaching job on top of that. As a result, the team will be under the tutelage of Sue Schaeffer, who also held the position of assistant indoor track coach at BC.

The 1987 group is loaded with talent, experience and depth. Junior Eric Lee is a safe bet for the number one singles spot, and behind him the chase is on for the remaining five spots. Seniors Dave Cory, Jeff Grant and Eric's brother Stan, along with juniors Brian Saelens and Sam Ernst, and talented sophomore Neil Breslin are the early season contenders for

the remaining positions. None are standouts like Lee, but all are excellent players who will provide depth that few, if any, teams in the Suburban Council will be able to match.

The doubles teams should be equally as strong, with Dave Cunningham and Scott Reed, both seniors, and juniors Jeff Ellenbogen and Mark Woodruff playing for BC. These four are also very good players who could easily fill in singles spots if necessary. The remaining doubles spot will have to come from the Eagles' handful of younger players, who have also looked good in practices thus far.

Bethlehem's toughest challenges should come from Shaker and Shenendehowa, with possible trouble from Guilderland. The first two are in the Blue Division, so BC has a good chance, and if things go well at the end of the year, they also have a shot at the Section II title. Bethlehem's depth will be tested early, as they receive a visit from Shenendehowa next Monday to open the season.

Opening day

Normal winter snowfall and seasonal temperatures should combine to produce good fishing conditions for the opening day of New York's trout season on April 1.

Regional Fisheries Manager Russell Fieldhouse reports good early season trout fishing choices in Region 4: East and West Branches of the Delaware, Kinderhook Creek, Roeliff Jansen Kill, Otego Creek, Schenevus Creek and Wharton Creek.

Tagged trout will be stocked in Long, Second, and Black River Ponds in Rensselaer County and in the ponds in Taconic State Park. Fishermen are urged to return the metal jaw tags by depositing them in tag boxes at access sites or mailing them to the address on the tag.

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BC spring training points to Sectionals

By John Bellizzi III

Spring, when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of baseball? As hard as it may be to believe, the 1987 baseball season is already upon us. Not all teams have the luxury of holding spring training in Fort Lauderdale, though. The Bethlehem Central varsity baseball squad has to settle for the facilities at BCHS, where they will host Voorheesville next Monday in the season opener.

Ken Hodge is returning for his third season as varsity baseball coach at BC, and this year, he has the best of the old and new in his lineup. A mixture of veterans of last year's 10-11 season and new varsity recruits is "shaping up all right so far" according to Hodge. Returning lettermen from last year's team are Ed Perry Mike Hodge, Doug Pratt, Paul Evan-

BASEBALL

gelista, Pete Russo, Jeff Boyd and Josh Weinstein.

Up from last year's JV team are Brian Battle, Corey Wiles, Gary Mendel, Bob Jahkra, Jon Skilbeck and Bill McFerran. Hodge, Russo, Evangelista and Skilbeck will be on the mound for the Eagles this year, with Boyd and Wiles behind the plate. Infielders will be Pratt, Wiles, Hodge, Russo, Evangelista and Weinstein. Weinstein will also play outfield, in the company of Perry, Battle, McFerran and Jahkra.

The Eagles also played last season's opener against Voorheesville, and the game went to BC, 10-3. Next Friday, April 10, will

be Bethlehem's second game of the season, against Albany Academy at home. The first league game will be against Scotia on Monday, April 13.

"I think that we are going to be a lot better than we have been in the past," commented Hodge. "One of our team goals is to make it to the Sectionals. I think we can do it this year."

The junior varsity team is being coached by athletic instructor John Furey. Last year's JV team compiled an 8-10 record under the direction of veteran coach Nelson Harrington. Jesse Braverman is returning as freshman baseball coach, after a highly successful season in 1986. Last year's frosh Eagles ended up with an 11-3 league record (14-4 overall), and took first place in the Sectionals.

Eagles wrestle spring tourneys

Although the regular wrestling season has been over for some time now, several Bethlehem Central wrestlers have been participating in spring tournaments hosted by various schools around the area.

Most of these tournaments are open to anyone from six to 15, with separate divisions for each age group and individual weight classes in each division. Some tournaments, like the Niskayuna High School Wrestling tournament held Sunday, are aimed at wrestlers from ninth through eleventh grade. Several BC varsity grapplers, including Pat Leamy, Steve Guynup, Chris Saba, Mike Mosley, John Gallogly, Pete Bragaw and Jeremy Hartnett had strong performances in this tournament.

Held the previous day at the same location was the Tenth Annual Niskayuna Junior Open. Several veterans of the BC freshman team earned tournament

honors in Division V (13-15 year olds). Eighth grader Joe Emerich took first place in the heavyweight weight class. First in the 130 pound weight class went to Tom Bruni, with Scott Mitchell, winner of the 1987 Outstanding Wrestler award, coming in third. At 150 pounds, John Bellizzi placed third. Kevin Schoonover, Most Improved Wrestler on the modified team this year at 93 and Eric

Newdom at 110 each came in fifth, and Nick Morrison placed sixth in the 120 weight division.

Several of the frosh grapplers also competed in the Saratoga Pee Wee Tournament held two weeks earlier. Newdom took first place in the 105-pound class, Schoonover second at 97, Bellizzi fourth at 150, and Emerich fifth, once again at heavyweight.

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Blast take third

The Bethlehem Blast, the under 14 girls team of the Bethlehem Soccer Club, came in third at the recent Niskayuna Indoor Tournament. The Blast defeated a team from Ridgefield, Conn., and played several local teams to a tie. Their only loss was to Poughkeepsie.

With the indoor season over, the team starts preparation for the outdoor season in the Capital District Youth Soccer League. Any girl born in 1973 or 1974 that is interested in outdoor soccer should call Dick Allington at 434-4584.

Test for donors

The American Red Cross Blood Services and the Hemochromatosis Research Foundation are urging blood donors in the Northeastern New York Region to be screened for hereditary hemochromatosis (HH) at the time of their blood donation. HH is rarely diagnosed early because there are no specific symptoms until adulthood. Early diagnosis is possible, and early treatment can prevent organ damage. The test is free to those unable to pay and at minimal cost to others.

Wheeler an all-star

Adam Wheeler, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk basketball team's center and leading scorer this season, has been selected as first team on the Colonial Council All-Stars.

Marty Gordinier and Dean Decker of Voorheesville were named to the Colonial Council's third team.

Retirement planning

A recent Cornell University study shows that people leaving the job market lack adequate information about retirement. According to a nationwide Harris Survey, planning is the most important factor in achieving satisfaction in retirement.

In an effort to assist with retirement planning, the Albany County Cooperative Extension is offering an information packet, "Financial Planning for Retirement." The packet includes a retirement readiness checklist and information about developing a budget that allows for inflation.

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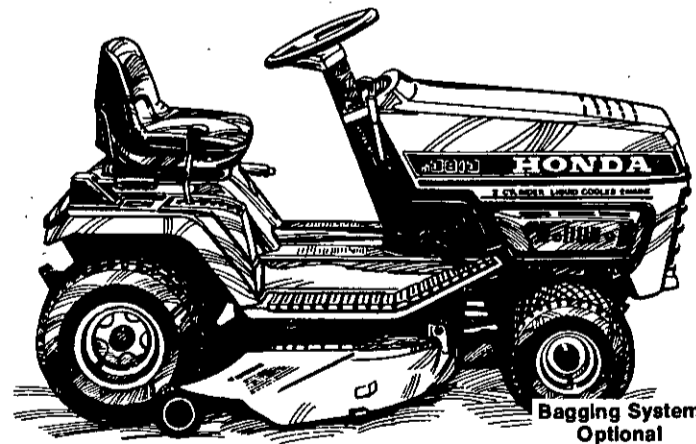
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3 charged with DWI

Bethlehem Police said they made three driving while intoxicated arrests last week. All three charges are misdemeanors.

Early Sunday morning, police said, they saw a Delmar man driving west on Delaware Ave. near Hudson Ave. at 55 m.p.h. in a 40 mile zone. The man was ticketed for misdemeanor DWI, and will appear in Bethlehem Town Court on the charge.

A Troy man was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday (yesterday) for DWI and driving with his license suspended. The man stopped Thursday night at the Petrol Station on Rt. 9W in Glenmont to call a taxi, but when the taxi arrived, the man refused to get in and police said they were called.

An Albany man was also scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday on DWI charges, after police said they saw him driving erratically on Rt. 32 Friday with a flat tire.

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March 20	3:17 p.m./	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Standby
March 21	2:10 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Personal injury
March 21	6:40 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Medical emergency
March 21	9:16 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Medical emergency
March 22	6:35 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Barn fire
March 22	6:35 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
March 21	10:20 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure fire
March 24	11:59 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
March 25	12:44 a.m.	Slingerlands Rescue Sq.	Rescue call
March 25	6:14 a.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
March 25	6:14 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Standby
March 25	6:24 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue II	Respiratory distress
March 25	7:01 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
March 25	7:01 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Standby
March 25	11:01 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure fire
March 25	11:01 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
March 25	11:59 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Heart attack
March 25	2:36 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sq.	Medical emergency

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company will have its

April meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, because of the fire company's annual meeting on April 9.

Slingerlands Fire Department will have its annual after Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 25, at the firehouse on New Scotland Rd.

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department is looking for men and women at least 18 years old who live or work in the New Salem Fire District and want to become volunteer firefighters. The department especially needs people who are available during weekdays. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided.

If you are interested, call Dave Beeson, director of membership, at 765-4545, evenings, or 452-0065 days. You may also ask any member or come to the firehouse on New Salem Road (85-A) at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

Pre-trial probation

A 16-year old Slingerlands boy is free on \$35,000 bail waiting for a pre-trial hearing on charges that he deliberately set a fire at the Bethlehem Central High School in February, according to the Albany County district attorney's office.

Richard T. Cornell, 16, of Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands, pleaded not guilty on March 9 to charges of arson, a class B felony, and three counts of reckless endangerment, class D felonies, court officials said.

After a bail hearing on March 11, Cornell was released on \$35,000 bail by County Judge Joseph Harris, court officials said. Cornell was then placed on pre-trial probation, ordered to remain at home with his parents and ordered not to leave the home except in the company of a parent.

Cornell allegedly started a book on fire in a boys room at the high school at about 12:50 p.m. on Feb. 10, filling the room with heavy smoke and spreading fumes throughout the building, according to Bethlehem Police reports.

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The planning debate

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to certain statements made in your recent editorial on development issues in Bethlehem.

You state that "to a large extent, citizens must rely on the Planning Board to make good judgments." I feel this is precisely the issue with the Delmar Village subdivision and with the rapid growth and development going on throughout our town. Our Planning Board is being swamped by development pressures. They are hampered in their good judgments by lack of a professional planner, lack of a master plan to guide their actions, and, most importantly, lack of citizen input to help define community goals and objectives.

You state, "The proposal to bisect the Delmar Village subdivision with a road that would eventually link with the Delmar Bypass was basically the town's idea." This specific issue is a prime example of why we must *not* rely on the Planning Board to make good judgments, and why groups for Responsible Planning are formed by angry and frustrated citizens.

To those of us who live in the area, that road through the Delmar Village subdivision spells disaster. This 40 mph highway is designed as the first link in a highway system that, according to the Vollmer study, is projected to carry 6,400 cars per day between

Delaware Avenue and Orchard Street. If Fisher Boulevard improvements are made, 4,550 cars will travel between New Scotland Road and Orchard Street. 2,000 cars per day will travel on a section of Orchard Street that now has 300 cars per day. Construction of this highway will add *thousands* of cars and trucks to the already heavy traffic on New Scotland Road. Much of this traffic will be from people living *outside* our town, using our roads and our neighborhoods as commuter routes.

Does the town envision the extension of the Slingerlands Bypass to alleviate this congestion? DOT has no plans to do this at present. Even if they did, lead time is 10 to 15 years right now.

Does the town plan to widen New Scotland Rd. as they tried to several years back? It would seem they will be once again headed in this direction as traffic from the Delmar Bypass and Fisher Blvd. overloads New Scotland Rd. How do residents feel about this? Can we sit back and rely on the Planning Board's good judgment as our property values decrease and our neighborhoods are destroyed because the town needs a place to put traffic?

As you state, Bethlehem certainly does need "to take long range planning more seriously, and, citizens should play a large role in that process." Only in this way can we ensure consideration of the public interest, definition of

community goals and objectives and creation of a strong, yet flexible, plan for growth and development.

Only in this way can we avert disasters such as the road through the Delmar Village subdivision, and *preserve*, rather than *destroy*, the unique characteristics of our town.

Roberta Ponemon

Delmar

Already a problem

Editor, The Spotlight:

Contrary to the suggestion in your editorial of March 25; the problems raised by Delmar Village and the other proposed developments in Bethlehem do not concern only the residents of the immediate area of the developments. Although you consider the evidence that development has gotten "out of hand" to be "hardly persuasive," any resident of Bethlehem has only to run errands along Delaware Avenue on a Saturday to know that we already have a problem — one that might have been avoided through comprehensive planning.

Certainly we don't expect or want Bethlehem to stay just the way it is. But all of us who live here prize our pleasant streets, high-quality school system and natural areas — like the Orchard Street-Delaware Ave. area which is the prospective site of Delmar Village. We must take a clear-headed look toward the future — and it is not so distant, judging from the developments already proposed — to protect what we have.

Mauri Small and Andrew Schulz
Delmar

What goes?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Felicitations to you for printing the letters titled "Plaza Anarchy" and "Dry Eyes Water" in the March 25 issue. Commendations, too, to the writers of both letters. I am quite familiar with the subjects. In my opinion, the parking area in the Delaware Plaza parking lot is a disgrace and can best be described as "confusion confounded" — it lacks supervision. At the present time spaces indicated as being reserved for the handicapped are taken, in many instances, by others far from handicapped. When this is called to their attention the excuse offered is

often, "I did not see the sign," — convenient eyesight?

As to the Grand Union — in my opinion, again, prices have been raised on many items in the Elsmere store since the closing of the Albany Public Market. As an example, I purchased several 8 ounce bottles of Doxsee Clam Juice in Grand Union on Sunday, March 22, I was charged 93 cents for each bottle. On Tuesday of this week I shopped at Handy Andy's at the Four Corners in Delmar. I was surprised to see Doxsee Clam Juice in the same size bottle and in the same amount for 79 cents. I would like to inquire of Grand Union — "What goes?"

John L. McFadden

Delmar

Dirty politics?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Dirty Politics reared its ugly head at the last town board meeting in the form of some hand slapping by its newest appointed member, Fred Webster. Our receiver of taxes was attempting to fill a position with a relative of one of Gary Swan's campaign workers.

Webster took his political direction from party boss Bernie Kaplowitz and tried to justify tabling the position by saying he had spent 45 minutes in our tax department and Ken Hahn, receiver of taxes, didn't need the position filled. Sue Ann Ritchko was the only board member who challenged such an arrogant argument. But it is only a matter of time before she, too, will be punished for her independence by Kaplowitz.

George Kaufman

Glenmont

Editor's Note: For background, see story on Page 2. The letter writer, George Kaufman, was a leader of the group opposing the Northeast Psychiatric Hospital, proposed for a site on Rt. 9W in Glenmont last year. The hospital became the major Bethlehem issue in the Republican primary for the 102nd District seat, and candidate Gary Swan was the only candidate to take a position against the Rt. 9W site. Hahn was a Swan supporter.

As for the dispute Wednesday night, town officials contend that their reservations over filling the position have to do with Hahn's reluctance to make use of the town's computer system to cut his workload.

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April 5 through 11 is National Library Week. Take time to read... use your Library is the American Library Association's theme for this year's celebration. It was selected in honor of the Year of the Reader sponsored by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress.

The members of the communities that Bethlehem Public Library serves are readers. Though it serves a core population of only about 25,000 in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, the library's annual circulation of over 383,000 is one of the highest among the libraries in the Upper Hudson Library Federation. Over 20,000 people hold the Library's borrower's cards. Bethlehem Public Library users also produced the highest per capita circulation, 15 books per person per year, of any library of any size in the Capital District.

To meet the need for reading materials the library has over 130,000 books. The library collection also includes media materials such as videocassettes and recordings, as well as art prints and films.

Library users read for pleasure and for information. To assist readers with special interests the library has arranged information centers on consumerism, health, local history, genealogy, travel and local government. The Career Resources Center provides information on education, employment opportunities and a career counseling service.

The library is dedicated to the enrichment of the community's cultural, recreational and educational life. The library has many free programs throughout the year for young and adult readers, and writers, including book discussions and story hours. During the last year the library sponsored "The Death of American Innocence," a year-long literature lecture series, a program and display on freedom of the press during Banned Books Week, and a parents' guided tour through picture books.

Bethlehem Public Library has been in the the forefront of the move to the use of technology in the enhancement of services to readers. The library has microcomputers for public use along with a selection of word processing and other programs. Even children who have just begun to read can learn to use a microcomputer in the Children's Room. Cable Channel 7 carries programs of reading for the visually impaired and Foreword, a program of book talks by staff librarians.

This is the 30th year that a week has been set aside to honor libraries and readers. Take time to read — and come visit Bethlehem Public Library during National Library Week, April 5 to 11.

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Sandra Vogel and Anthony Girasole

Vogel-Girasole

Mr. and Mrs. James Vogel of Delmar has announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Joanne, to Anthony Patrick Girasole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony A. Girasole of Niagara Falls.

The bride-to-be is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central

High School and is a graduate of the State University at Delhi. She works as a word processor for Cooper-Jones-GAR, Inc., a real estate appraiser in Winter Park, Fla. Her fiancé is a graduate of LaSalle High School in Niagara Falls and attended the State University at Delhi. He is a deputy appraiser for Orange County, Fla.

Spring activities

Three spring activities are planned for this week at the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar.

A craft and gift sale, sponsored by the Resident Council, will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon on Thursday, April 2.

On Sunday, April 5, "A Touch of Love" music and poetry program with Ruth Turk-Roth will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

Finally, on Tuesday, April 7, two Bethlehem Library movies, "New England" and "A Place of Dreams," will be shown from 7 to 8 p.m.

Better breathing

A six-session better breathers program for people with chronic lung disease is being offered by the Capital District branch of the American Lung Association, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on April 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23 at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy.

To register call 459-4197.



Cynthia Reusswig

Reusswig-Scheffler

Mr. and Mrs. Willaim Reusswig of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia, to Guy Steven Scheffler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scheffler of Cold Spring, Minn.

The bride-to-be, a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. She is currently employed as a sales representative for the Sandoz Corporation of Minneapolis, Minn.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is a computer consultant with Soft-Serv Business Systems of Minneapolis. An Oct. 17 wedding is planned.

Vacation recreation

The Kenwood Child Development Center will sponsor its vacation recreation program during the school break sessions from April 13 to 16 and April 20 to 24.

The program offers activities in sports instruction, arts and crafts, movies, special events and more. The hours run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The primary program day runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program periods will be limited to 40 children; only full-week registrations will be accepted. For more information call 465-0404 or write to the Kenwood Child Development Center at 799 South Pearl St., Albany, 12202.

Perry-Gill

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Perry of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Jane, to David Roberts Gill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gill III of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a residential counselor with the Mental Health Association of Albany. Her fiancé is a sales representative with Outdoor Sports Inc.

A June 20 wedding is planned.



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SENIOR CITIZENS



Bethlehem TriVillage Chapter 1598, AARP, is still providing tax assistance for Senior Citizens at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 15 and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. through April 9. Call 439-4955, ext. 77 for an appointment.

On Wednesday, March 25, 17 members of Bethlehem Senior Citizens left by train to spend a day in New York City. A bus took them on a tour of Manhattan's Upper East Side including Gracie Mansion, the Guggenheim Museum and the United Nations. Dinner was at Maxwell's Plum.

Thirteen Senior Citizens enjoyed a spring luncheon at the Cranberry Bog also on Wednesday March 25. The Town of Bethlehem's Senior Van takes residents over age 60 out to dinner and lunch several times a month. Call the senior citizens office, 439-4955, ext. 77 for details.

On April 6, there will be a Senior Spring Fling at the Albany Marriott from noon to 3 p.m. This will include luncheon, dancing and entertainment. This will be a fish dinner only. Transportation will be provided by the Bethlehem Senior Van. Reservations can be made by calling Town Hall 439-4955, ext. 77.

On Friday, March 27, 12 members of the Town of Bethlehem Senior Exercise Class visited and toured the historic Cherry Hill Mansion. Luncheon was at Ginger Man. The next outing is May 1.

Saturday evening, April 11, van transportation will be provided for seniors interested in attending the barbershop harmony concert at the Bethlehem Middle School. Call 439-4955, ext. 77 for your reservations. Tickets are \$5.

Tickets are still available for the Bowling/Cards and Luncheon at Del Lanes on April 30, which is sponsored by Del Lanes and Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services Center. Tickets are \$3.25. Lunch begins at 1 p.m. Buses will run at the regular time. Please call Senior Citizens office at 439-4955, ext. 77 for more information. There is NO MEETING on that day.

Appreciating form

The College of St. Rose will offer "Albany Area Architecture: Its History and Form," beginning April 3.

The focus of the course will be on historic architecture of Albany from 1740 to 1980. The course will also cover surrounding communities and current trends in architecture. Classes will convene April 3, from 7 to 9 p.m., April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and April 5, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 454-5144.



Community Corner

Evening of harmony

An "Evening of Barbershop Harmony" will be held on Saturday, April 11, at the Bethlehem Middle School auditorium, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, at 8 p.m. US

Featured will be the Electric City Chorus, directed by Leo Mailhotte. Proceeds will be used to support the Epilepsy Association's educational programs, including the School Alert program. For reservations call 447-5828.

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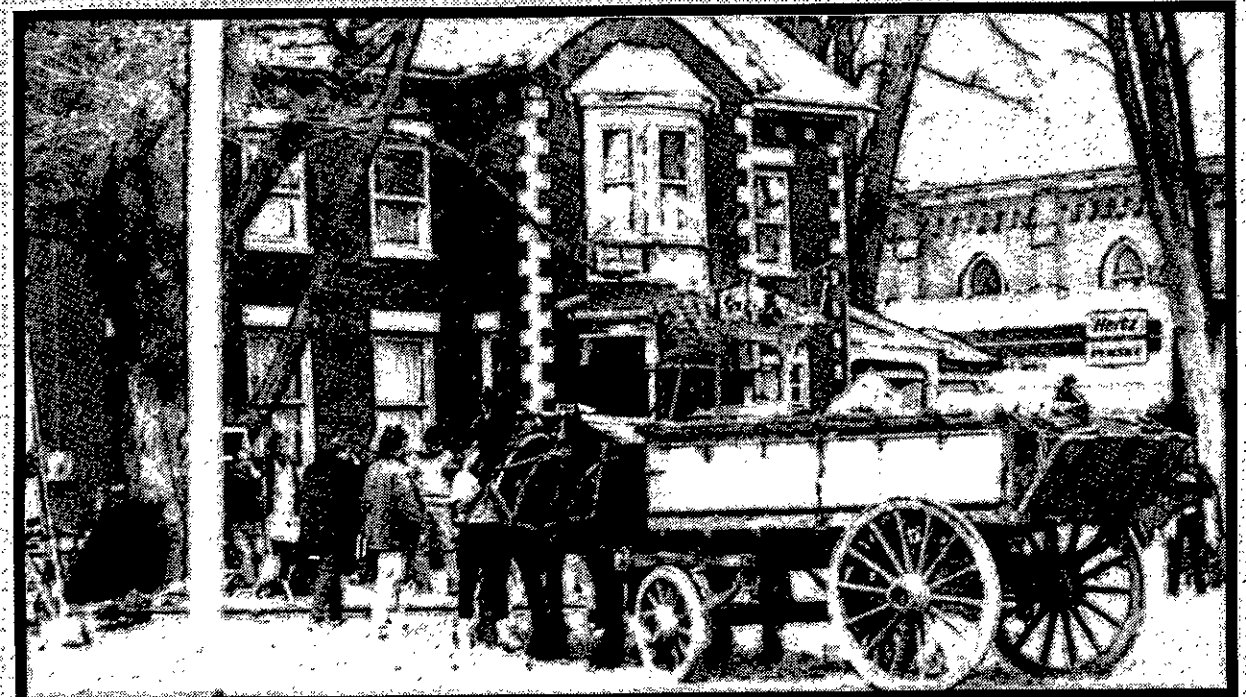
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