

# THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Dangerous 9W: where to turn?

By Mark Stuart

About five hundred feet north of the scene of the accident that claimed the life of a 41-year-old area minister stands a "No U-turn" sign. It's there for southbound motorists coming out of the Delmar Bypass — motorists like the 20-year-old woman who was involved in last Tuesday's accident that took the life of the Rev. Gerald Metcalf of Bethlehem.

Although no official report has recognized it as a problem, and police are still investigating the accident, it appears that the town of Bethlehem is now ready to add the U-turn issue to its list of potential hazards along the stretch of Rt. 9W between Fuera Bush Road and the Bypass.

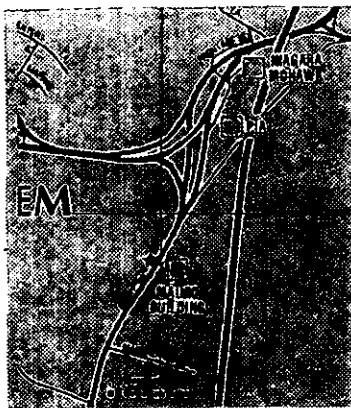
An eyewitness to the accident speculated that the accident may have been caused by an attempted U-turn. However, no official confirmation on the cause of the accident has been given by Bethlehem police, who are still investigating the incident. Ann Anito, 20, of

Chatham, is listed in critical condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital. She has been charged with reckless driving and failure to keep right.

On Monday, Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendricks contacted state Assemblyman John Faso concerning the U-turn issue as well as several other traffic problems along the roadway. Hendricks said he plans to meet with Faso and state Department of Transportation officials, but was unable to give any specific date for that meeting. Faso said he and Hendricks have "decided to press DOT" for answers.

An observer looking for such U-turn violations by southbound motorists noticed several such incidents along the roadway last Sunday and Thursday at different times of the day. One incident involved two Department of Transportation trucks. One of the trucks made a U-turn, the other made a three-point turn, right at the intersection where the "No U-turn"

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Rt. 9W going south provides no access to vehicles going to the PIA or Niagara Mohawk buildings. Last week's accident apparently involved an attempted U-turn further south, at the Mauro building. Spotlight map

## NEW SCOTLAND

## Safety of aquifer debated

By Patricia Mitchell

Debate over the effect of gravel mining — and even of residential development — on the potential groundwater supply at Tall Timbers continues as town officials weigh a proposal that would settle New Scotland's lawsuit with miners William M. Larned and Sons.

The New Scotland Town Board has received letters from officials in the county Department of Health and the state Department of Health that raise new concern over the gravel mine on the west side of Hilton Rd. on the former Tall Timbers Country Club.

Wells in the 27-acre mine area have been identified as the possible source for a water district that would supply a 430-unit development proposed by the Galesi Group, as well as other nearby residential areas.

However, New Scotland officials also received a letter after Wednesday's town board meeting from Environmental Hydrogeology Corp. of Clifton Park, the hydrogeologists for the Galesi project, that said the mining will have no impact on present groundwater conditions.

Because of the letters, one councilman, John Sgarlata, is questioning how the board can consider settling its lawsuit and risk a potential water supply.

The letters from the health departments were discussed at Wednesday's New Scotland Town Board meeting. They will be taken into account as town board members decide on a proposal from Town Attorney Fred Riestler that would settle the town's litigation against Larned and Sons, which plans to continue gravel mining 27 acres on the country club land.

If the town allows the mine to continue, Larned and Sons would pay the town \$150,000 that will be used to create a water district for the Orchard Park area. Galesi Group officials have offered to include Orchard Park in a water district for their development.

Other terms would require that the mine would be sent back to the planning board for consideration of a special use permit that would allow it to continue. The planning board will be considering the mine under the terms of the zoning ordinance that existed before September 1986 when the town board rescinded the special use of mining in the two zones where the mine is located.

The planning board rejected the miners' special use permit in December, 1986, based on the town board's actions.

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## Church mourns its builder-pastor

By Mark Stuart

The news came hard and fast to most of the members of the Solid Rock Church in Glenmont last Tuesday morning. Word had come that Pastor Gerald M. Metcalf was killed in a head-on collision while on his way to the church, less than a mile away.

As stinging as news like that may seem, church members say they have been drawn together by Rev. Metcalf's death, more determined to

carry out the mission he had begun.

The 41-year-old Metcalf was killed while on his way to the church to perform a funeral. He was pronounced dead at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Metcalf was born in Winchester, Tennessee, and was a 1967 graduate of Apostolic Bible Institute of St. Paul, Minn. He served as assistant pastor at two Illinois churches before moving to the Albany

area. Metcalf is survived by his wife Gala (Morris) Metcalf, and three children: Sarah, Justin and Jonathon. But he leaves behind a much larger family in the congregation of a church he helped form and nurture into the 300-member Solid Rock Church.

Services were held Friday for the pastor. It was reported that over 700 people attended.

Crista Besson is a trustee of

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Rev. Gerald M. Metcalf

## When the library began in 1913

By Allison Bennett

When the ladies of the Delmar Progress Club determined to begin a lending library, Delmar was merely a hamlet situated on the old Delaware Turnpike, about three miles from Albany. At that time the little settlement had a population of about 900, which shortly thereafter began a very rapid increase, partly due to the Delaware and Hudson Railroad running through the center of the village and linking it so easily to Albany. The mass use of the automobile a few years later determined completely the suburban character that the town was to take on. Even though Delmar was a small rural village in 1913, there were women of vision living here with aesthetic tastes. These women wanted to provide their local community with something of value that would be a benefit over a long period of time. The library idea was proposed by Mrs. Frank Sharpe.

On May 14, 1913 the Delmar Free Library Association was organized by members of the



The first Delmar library building, constructed in 1917 on the corner of Adams Street and Hawthorne Avenue on what was then open land. The building was enlarged in 1954 and this section became the adult reading room. The building currently houses the Bethlehem Central School District's Educational Services Center.

Delmar Progress Club at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ira Boynton. A constitution was adopted. One of the purposes of the association was to maintain a reading room and a circulating library, free for public use to the inhabitants of School District 13.

The library opened for the first time on August 16, 1913, in one room on the second floor of the

school building at Kenwood Ave. and Adams St., which is now the Masonic Temple. An entry in the diary of Belle Salisbury of Delmar, written on April 4, 1914, states: "An unusually severe, cold winter, most snow since 1888. I have read quite a lot this winter, books from the Delmar Free Library enjoyed very much."

The Tri-Village Directory has

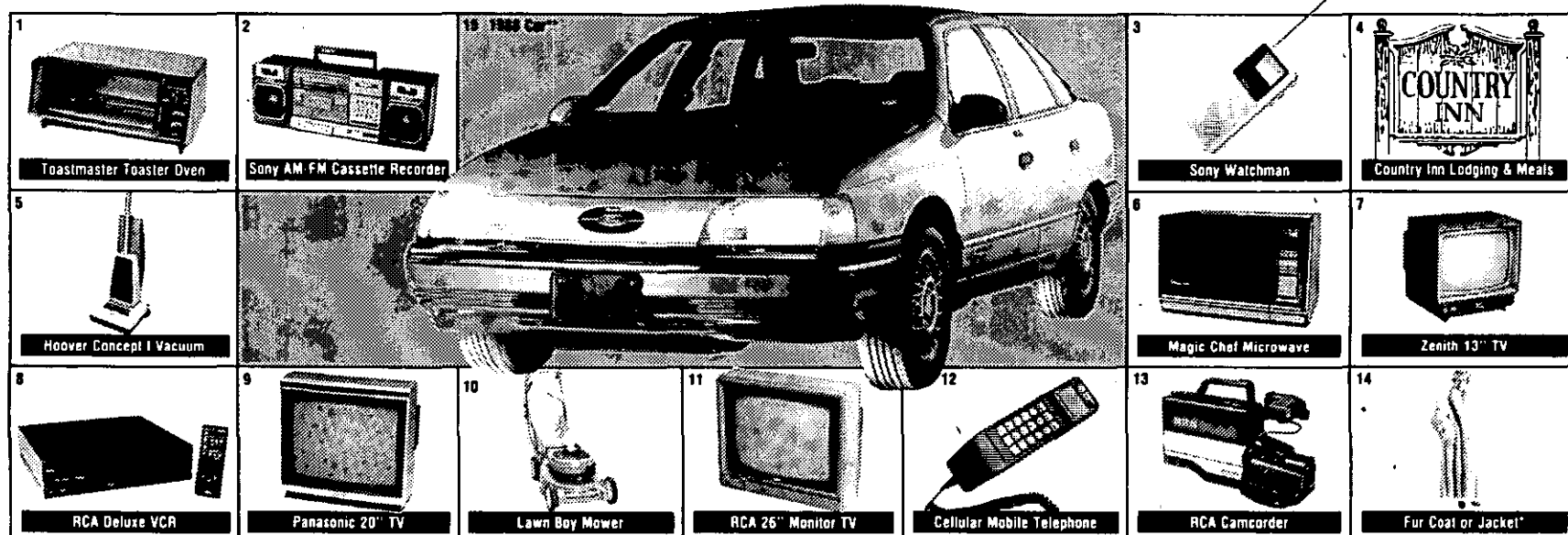
become a necessary part of many households throughout the years. It is published now by a committee from the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. However, it had its beginning in 1913 when the first directory was published by a committee of ladies from the Delmar Progress Club. The proceeds from were to be used for the benefit of the Delmar

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Free Library. Review of the first directory reveals that the majority of the 918 persons living in Delmar at that time resided on Kenwood or Delaware Aves. Borthwick and Hudson Aves., and Grove and Adams Sts. accounted for a few more residents. Scattered groups lived on Elm and

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# BC budget passes easily, Lenhardt, Collins win

By Mark Stuart

Voters in the Bethlehem Central School district have approved a \$22.5 million budget for 1988-89, 2,011-1,144, and William F. Collins and Lynne L. Lenhardt have won three-year terms on the school board.

The 3,049 voters who turned out were an increase of 856 over last year's light vote, which Superintendent Leslie Loomis called "a very positive sign."

"I'm particularly pleased by the margin of positive votes on the budget," Loomis said. "The nature of the vote indicates that the community is committed to, and involved in, the pursuit of excellence in education in Bethlehem."

The budget called for a 8.94 percent increase over the current budget. For Bethlehem residents, it will result in a tax rate change of 6.39 percent (\$180.58 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$192.12 per \$1,000). For New Scotland residents, the budget will result in a .37 percent decrease in tax rates to \$274.41 per \$1,000.

Voters also approved a proposition to purchase seven new school buses at a cost of \$347,700, 2,134 to 955, and a proposition to change the board election procedure to an "at large" election rather than for a specific seat on the board, 2,045-865.



Lynne Lenhardt



William F. Collins

Lenhardt defeated incumbent Charles "Bud" Reeves, who had often cast the only negative vote on budget issues, 1,727 to 1,434. In a four-way race, Collins, an attorney, received 853 votes to 794 for Lawrence R. Faulkner, 687 for Marcia Roth and 679 for Gregory Maher.

Lenhardt and Collins also said they felt the community reacted in a positive manner. "I think the budget was presented well," Lenhardt said. "I think the large amount of voters showed support for the new superintendent, Mr. Loomis, and that (they believe) an

excellent choice had been made (for superintendent)."

Collins said the large number of voters was a "due to a lot of enthusiasm" and their "interest in a positive campaign."

Lenhardt and Reeves both called the race a "clean, positive campaign," and Lenhardt termed the race "low-keyed."

Reeves said he plans to remain active in community volunteer programs, but will not maintain "a high profile." Reeves retired from the New York Telephone Company four years ago and now plans to do some travelling.



Winners of the Bethlehem Rotary Club's 1988 Essay Contest from Bethlehem Middle School are, from left, standing, Adah Korenblum, Robert Evans, Naomi Shoss, Staci Havlik, Rotary member Bill Blackmore and Principal Fred Burdick. Seated are Josh Drew, Mike Breslin, Wayne Joy, Karen Kerness and Regina Crisafulli. Missing from the photo is Katie Carazza. The theme of this year's contest was "Drugs: You can say no." Tom Knight

"The people have spoken," he said. When asked about future campaigns, he replied with a question: "Maybe someday?"

Collins said he is anxious to commit his attention to the four reports due from the board's Communications, Teacher Recognition and Student Demographic task forces and the Enrollment and Facilities Committee, which will give its report to the board May 18.

Lenhardt said she is looking forward to helping resolve the space problem now being faced by the district, but moreover, said she wishes to "maintain openness with all segments of the

community, such as teachers, parents, students, in order to resolve the serious question of space facing the board."

In approving the change for "at large" rather than "specific seat" elections for the school board, Lenhardt commented "the community has shown they are resoundingly in favor" of the new election process. She said she feels it gives the voter the best opportunity to select the best candidates.

"I think it will help; candidates will still have to run on their record, but now the candidates must run on a more equal basis," she said.

Collins also agreed that the new procedure will make "an improvement."

"On the balance, it gives an opportunity for voters to choose in order of qualifications," he said.

## Writers read

The Bethlehem Public Library has invited two contemporary women writers to read from their work. Janis Eidus, author of *Faithful Rebecca*, will read and discuss creative writing on May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

On May 26, Harriet Brown, a contemporary poet, will combine a reading and slide show at 7:30 p.m. For information call 439-9314.

## Kay Zolezzi honored

Kay Zolezzi of Delmar was presented with a volunteer award at the recent Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council awards banquet.

## □ The danger on Rt. 9W

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sign is posted.

The town is planning a multi-faceted study of traffic issues along the strip, which is zoned commercial but mostly undeveloped. The study, which the town expects to receive bids on in a few weeks, will make recommendations for developing the area through identification of regional growth trends and analysis of existing conditions, such as traffic, visual and natural characteristics. A study has been made by the Syracuse-based Planning/Environmental Research Consultants (PERC) to determine the scope of the Rt. 9W commercial corridor study.

Hendricks said the plans that establish the scope of the study, have already been sent out and do not deal with the problems of U-turns at the bypass intersection. He said he will try to include the U-turn issue in the study "if it is possible."

"The whole design has been a problem for years," Hendricks said. Motorists heading south on Rt. 9W who want to go to the PIA Insurance building, Niagara-Mohawk building or Heluva Good Cheese building, which are only accessible from the northbound lane of the bypass, must proceed to the Petrol gas station or Magee Drive to turn around since no U-turns are allowed at the bypass.

The accident that took place last week occurred in front of the former WROW building, which is owned by Tony Mauro.

Mauro, who witnessed the accident, said that the Anito vehicle turned into his lot in front of the Metcalf vehicle. Suddenly, her car veered back into the northbound lane hitting the Metcalf vehicle head-on, he said. According to Mauro, the Metcalf vehicle was travelling about 35 m.p.h. and Anito's vehicle was travelling about five m.p.h. The posted speed limit is 45 mph.

Recently, Mauro put piles of dirt about four feet high in the front lot of the property to cut down on the number of U-turns being made there. He said he thinks Anito didn't see the dirt piles until the last second, which may have caused her to veer back into the line of northbound traffic.

Amid concerns over commercial growth, the state Department of Transportation has received letters of concern over lowering the speed limit from Richard Silber, who owns a model railroad shop along the Rt. 9W strip, and Faso. In a letter to DOT dated Feb. 8, Faso stated, "it has been brought to my attention... that the speed limit on Route 9-W may be too high in certain areas for safe travelling." The letter was addressed to Joseph Kelly of the Traffic and Safety Division. Bill Logan, of the Traffic and Safety Division, said his department has received only letters expressing concerns about the speed issue and not about U-turns.

"The speed problem is an enforcement issue," Logan said, pointing out that motorists who disregard the current 45 mph limit would probably disregard a lower limit also.

Faso acknowledged that the DOT is "besieged" by groups from all over the state to change speed limits and that they are often "reluctant" to do so, but said, "a good case can be made here."

Faso said he will include several problems in his meeting with DOT officials, including a traffic light at the Glenmont School, and "conditional" problems regarding traffic exiting and entering businesses and the Glenmont Post Office along the roadway.

"I want to get at all of these issues and get an explanation," Faso said.

## Voorheesville, RCS are voting today

Voorheesville School District residents will decide today, Wednesday, on a \$7.8 million school budget, which is a nine percent increase over last year's budget. Incumbent Steve Schreiber is running unopposed for another term.

Meanwhile, residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District will be voting on a \$1.4 million dollar budget and selecting three new school board members. Running unopposed for the three board seats are Dr. Maurice Satin of Selkirk, Linda Bruno of Ravena and Sarah Hafensteiner of Selkirk. All seats are for three-year terms.

Voorheesville district residents may vote at the high school from 2 to 9:30 p.m.

RCS residents may vote from 1 to 9 p.m. at the senior high school.

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An increase of more than one-third in the total of Bethlehem Central School District voters who turned out for last week's voting strongly indicates that active interest in school/library affairs is alive and well here.

Worth noting, perhaps, that the largest "yes" vote went to the Bethlehem Public Library budget (77 percent). And a commendable 63 percent voted for the school district budget despite the tax rate increase it will mean in most of the district. The majority obviously saw as legitimate the level of funding that the budget projected. The hard work and hard look by the school board and a large number of citizens paid off, at least in this respect. Superintendent Leslie Loomis, along with the board, deserve further support as they work away at the problems inherent in increased enrollment projections and the resulting need for additional facilities.

## Our invaluable resource

A variation on the old question, "If you were marooned on a desert island, what book(s) would you choose to have on hand?" could go this way:

"If you were deprived, in that way, of all institutional services except one, what would you want to have available?"

Our guess is that an overwhelming preponderance of people — given time to think it over — would vote to retain the advantages of their public library.

For three-quarters of a century (since the second month of Woodrow Wilson's presidency), area residents have gladly been seizing the advantages in the Bethlehem Public Library. Think of how many books have circulated during that time; the annual total now approaches a half-million.

So the library's board and staff, newly ratified by the customary strong support for its budget received in last week's voting, are justifiably proud as arrangements are completed for the anniversary observance this weekend.

The term "multi-media" well could be applied to the library's services today, as well be evident in numerous aspects of the celebration. Technological advances and the public's expectations have expanded the need far beyond what the library's 19 founders could have had in mind. And the dedicated staff, under the board's direction,

## In the right direction

In two issues this spring (April 20 and 27), *The Spotlight* published authoritative "Point of View" articles written by a local physician who has had experience with AIDS patients since the very first cases were found.

The physician clarified numerous points vital to public understanding of the facts of AIDS. The articles refuted certain misapprehensions while emphasizing the need for better education on the subject and

Somehow, they never lose their zest for amazing and delighting us, those extravagantly profuse shrubs that honor the 18th century botanist William Forsyth.

So eager are they to burst out in that brilliant glory that they can't wait to leaf; the gaudy blossoms arrive first. And a good thing it is, too, because if we didn't have forsythia could we make it through until less exuberant blossoms assure us that, yes, spring truly is here and isn't merely a flirt's promise.

## Our national shrub

### EDITORIAL

Down the road will most likely be approval of a bond issue for that construction.

Also noteworthy is the 70 percent approval for the amendment that will put all voting for board seats on an at-large basis. Hereafter, members will take office with clear majority support, contrasted to this year's 28 percent plurality received by one winning candidate.

To both the new board members we offer congratulations with the confident expectation that they will serve well indeed.

And residents of the Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts could take a cue from the activist sentiment in Bethlehem Central, and turn out to vote today in decisive numbers.

has moved imaginatively and aggressively to enlarge the functions and magnify the benefits.

Today's *Spotlight* has a special section devoted to the library. Some of the citizens' comments that are quoted there are worth underscoring here:

"My visits to the library lift my spirits and energize my mind. For me, the Bethlehem Public Library is the heart of the community."

"It is a splendid institution, filled with splendid books and a thoughtful, attentive staff."

"I sometimes escape the havoc of our house and head to the library to get some quiet studying done. On my way out, I glance into the children's room with a sense of envy. Somehow, I always expect to find myself there."

"The library is the best, the very best, thing our great town of Bethlehem has going for it."

That last comment unquestionably is at least as valid today as ever in the past 75 years. Bethlehem Public Library can be counted as high among the town's many assets. And we owe a great debt to many people, of the past and of the present, who have made it so.

As the 1988-89 budget message expressed it, the library "has grown into one of the finest libraries of its kind in the country, thanks to a caring community."

for caution in the manner in which patients are received in the community.

Now the significance of *The Spotlight's* articles is being underscored by action of the U.S. Government, in spreading information that closely parallels our special articles. The unprecedented mailing of detailed educational matter to every household is an act that, though overdue, is another forward step toward intelligent, appropriate response to AIDS by the public.

Forsythia graces the American landscape so completely that we could almost declare it to be the national shrub. But actually it's a native of Aisa, and Mr. Forsyth, the botanist whose name it bears, was gardener at Kensington for George III.

"Golden bells," as it understandably is sometimes called, is as hardy as it is beautiful, and as easily grown as its own early enthusiasm suggests. A reminder, though: when those bells have dropped, it's time to prune. Enjoy while you can!

## Rt. 9W accidents 'should't happen'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The automobile accident that kill the Rev. Gerald Metcalf, a resident of Glenmont, is tragic; what makes it worse, is that the accident should not have happened. That it did is something residents of Glenmont have warned state and town officials about for months: that Rt. 9W in Glenmont is a time bomb waiting to explode.

About four weeks ago, after Assemblyman Faso assisted me in trying to get the state Transportation Department to reduce the speed limit from 45 m.p.h., I wrote to DOT, saying "Please do not wait for more accidents to happen before doing something." I received no response. Now, one of our neighbors is dead and it is time that we, the residents of Glenmont who have to drive 9W every day, make sure that the public officials and bureaucrats who have buried their heads in the sand DO something. We have a right to know the answers to these questions from those who bear the responsibility:

1. Why have illegal U turns been permitted on Rt. 9W just south of the Delmar Bypass, where the accident occurred, because there is no access from southbound 9W to the PIA office building?

2. Who approved the PIA building without such access?

3. Why was the Glenmont Post Office site approved in a gully at the bottom of two blind hills,

### Vox Pop

where accidents have occurred on a regular basis?

4. Why was permission given to Farm Family to build an addition when, at about 4:30 each afternoon, it is like Russian roulette for the employees trying to make left turns onto 9W?

5. Why is the speed limit on 9W still 45 m.p.h., given the number of class 8 trucks that use the road and the traffic density?

6. Why is there no speed reduction and blinking lights when the Glenmont Elementary School is in session?

7. Why is no police protection given at the school when a craft fair is on, and cars are parked on both sides of the road?

8. Why hasn't the Bethlehem Town Board taken a forceful position with DOT about the speed limit and the lack of protective devices at the school?

We are entitled to have these questions answered. We are entitled to know who made the decisions and who is responsible to do what has to be done. It was only because of fate, that any of us who preceded the Rev. Metcalf northbound on 9W in the minutes before the accident were spared. Who will be next if nothing is done? Doesn't anyone give a damn?

Richard Silber

Glenmont

## An election forum

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank everyone who worked on my campaign for election to the school board. Although I was not elected, we made an impressive showing for people who had never before been

### More letters, pages 6 & 7

active in campaigning and who were literally organizing as we went. The most important (Turn to page 6)

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UNCLE DUDLEY

## A friend goes on ahead

What can you write about the death of a dear friend? At our house, we lost such a friend, companion — and integral member of the family — within the past fortnight. (It's a loss that's not easy to write about, and perhaps that's why I'm making so many errors as I type this.)

The friend in question went by the name of Tigger, and he lived to be the equivalent of about 115 years old. Around the house, he was sometimes called "the world's oldest puppy," for puppy-like he remained in many respects, including his very diminutive dimensions. He ended up at only some eight pounds, a mere shadow of his once-chubby self. Tigger was a Shih-tzu, a so-called "toy" breed, one of the Chinese lion dogs who protected the emperor from assassins' onslaughts by nestling in his large-sleeved robes. (Maybe even Pu Yi?)

Tigger, a beautiful blonde (a kind of light apricot shade) with a handsome face, piercing black eyes, and a proudly carried upswept tail, retained some of the tactics bred into his lineage. Perhaps he had no idea of his actual size. In any event, he was ever a fierce and unrelenting protector of the two most important humans in his sheltered life. At the approach of another canine, be it shepherd or setter or St. Bernard, Tigger was all bristle and growl and snarl if he deemed either of his two people would be imperiled. And if he was being held, the close approach of a third person was met, too, with a low-throated warning.

I recognize the vainglorious danger in excessive sentiment about a dog and his passing, when so many people are plagued by very real problems and life-threatening risks, and tragedies. This hazard of mawkishness was brought home to me just the other day: On one of those Lark Street cement benches was huddled a



small figure in black with a bulging pair of all-too-familiar shopping bags. A cloth was pulled low over much of her face, but as I passed by I could discern the same dreamily hopeless expression, dreadful in its sad portent, that we could see in Tigger's eyes in his last days. Yes, I am aware of the questionable suitability of writing this particular column when there's so much that could be said about the human condition...

What are the factors, do you suppose, that make possible such bonding between human beings and others in the animal kingdom? Some will ascribe it to a lonely selfishness by the humans and a selfish dependence by the dog. I don't believe that's an adequate explanation. There is, truly enough, a mutual dependence with its roots in need, but that is far from enough to warrant the exchange of trust and affection and emotion. And the bond is all too universal to be dismissed as unhealthy sentimentalizing. We found the total experience enriching to our own lives, replete with insights that we wouldn't have found otherwise and which we wouldn't choose to have missed.

Despite his militancy when danger was near, Tigger was basically tolerant by disposition. He happily permitted youngsters to play around him, with their

well-meant pokings and proddings and caresses. His patience was part of a soft and gentle nature. When we first saw him, at the age of six weeks, he literally was a ball of fluff that could inspire "The Doggie in the Window."

In his best moments, Tigger was the picture of jauntiness as he marched down a street. His vanity came to the fore when he saw a pedestrian approaching; he'd halt and wait for that individual to come nearer, the better to admire him. And he was spoiled, especially with a gourmet diet. Calf's liver, particularly. Meticulous to a fault, he headed for a remote edge of "his" property on his outings. And very private about it.

Along with his foolhardy courage among other dogs, he was brave in other ways. At times he had to accept a lonely life. He survived operations, a bad back (temporarily), horrid flea allergies and their remedies, a nasty tumble of several feet straight down, and of course the customary cataract and loss of some hearing. One of those highly advertised magical "flea collars" nearly killed him. (He was, by the way, not at all like Winnie-the-Pooh's Tigger, for whom he was rather inanely named.)

Tigger "went on ahead," as we say, peacefully in his sleep — alone. I feel remorse about that, because I had expected to hold him as darkness closed in. I once read somewhere (and this, if true as I imagine that it is, can be important to others bonded with their cat or dog or horse) that those animals, having no sense of the future, do not confront the approach of death with fear or anguish. Let us hope so.

An azalea blossoms. Forget-me-nots lend their message. A cardinal unexpectedly comes by to bring his song. And in the near-distance, the mourning dove's call.

## At bat for all of us

Robert J. Freeman, a resident of Delmar, is executive director of the Committee on Open Government in the Department of State, with which he has been associated since its formation in 1974.

By Robert J. Freeman

Unlike the residents of any other state, the people of New York have a leverage in their relations with their governments which is, after 14 years' experience, turning out to be a very substantial benefit.

### Point of View

In the important area of freedom of information, two states have quasi-judicial bodies. None has an advisory committee such as ours.

Effective access to governmental records is a concept almost completely new to our time. And in practice here it has proven itself a useful tool not merely for the press (with whose interests "freedom of information" is most often associated) but for the citizenry at large. By a ratio of three to one, the public's inquiries to the committee exceed those of reporters.

I believe it is reasonable to assume, further, that the public benefits in another, more subtle, manner: the existence of the law's broad provisions has put all governmental employees (with small exception) on notice that their conduct in office is subject to review at any time. Human nature argues that this fact provides a built-in restraint on abuse.

Some public employees have objected that this also is an improper infringement on their privacy. Contrariwise, I believe that the oath of office ought to include an acknowledgement along this line: "I recognize that I hereby relinquish some elements of my privacy." We public employees have less privacy because we must be accountable for our acts more than are people in private employment, on any matter that is relevant to our duties. True, there may be an "invasion" of privacy, but such intrusion is by no means unwarranted.

Two exceptions exist to the general application of the Freedom of Information Law. The statute is applicable to all agencies except for the courts and the State Legislature. As the law applies to "agencies," i.e., state and local government, it requires that all records be disclosed, with certain narrow exemptions. The exception in the first instance, for the courts, is for good reason. In the case of the Legislature, only certain types of information must in fact be available for scrutiny. Therefore, if a state agency rents office space, the lease is subject to inspection. But if a legislative body rents an office, the lease is not open to inspection under the Freedom of Information Law.

In its last annual report, the Committee on Open Government recommended that the Freedom of Information Law be amended to apply to the Legislature in a manner similar to its application to the rest of government. I believe that making the Legislature equally subject to the provisions that govern other agencies would enhance the reputation, credibility, and effectiveness of the State Legislature.

In the near future, a "blue ribbon" body chaired by former Governor Malcolm Wilson will present its report on proposals to amend the existing law. I recommended, in testimony to that commission, that the principle of accountability be broadly applied to the Legislature and its staff.

It is important to stress that local governments, such as town boards, are subject to the law's requirements, and for the most part the law has worked reasonably well there. My advice to local government officials, when they face a dilemma about whether or not to make certain data public, is that their "gut reaction is probably right." If a critical governmental process will not be impaired or an individual significantly hurt by release of the information, there is likely no basis for withholding it.

The Committee on Open Government has responsibility, additionally, under the Open Meetings Law and the Personal Privacy Protection Law. The public's stake in the effective operation of these (particularly as to open meetings) is considerable. And citizens' interest and involvement is evident from the growing volume of inquiries we receive for formal and informal opinions on all three laws. A subsequent article will seek to shed light on the major and continuing questions about how to make public meetings appropriately open.

CONSTANT READER

## What to read, What to read?

For sure, you've had the unfortunate experience of being put on hold in a waiting room. And have researched the available reading matter that the physicians, dentists, podiatrists, veterinarians,

etc., have so thoughtfully spread out there.

Their thoughtfulness will make it possible for you to catch up on those articles that appeared in the *National Geographic* in 1984, or

*People* last September, or *Newsweek* in early December.

But, given the factor of busyness of the doctor (how far he's running behind his appointment with you) multiplied by the yawn factor in the outdated and bland literature that's available, the level of actual reading sinks as the boredom/despair rises by the passing minutes (hours?)

The thought occurs that perhaps the magazines are elderly because the Doc and his receptionist don't want to encourage you to walk off with an interesting, fresh article. On second thought, perhaps what most waiting patients (impatient waiters?) find on the table is only the residue. Maybe the good magazines have been carried away promptly. Or perhaps it's just that good old Doc, being so busy saving lives (and improving his game), doesn't have time for magazine reading, so he's understandably unaware of some people's desire to read periodicals that are reasonably up-to-date. Or maybe it's that Mrs. Doc has dibs on the magazines that come into

the house, and the waiting room is on the trickle-down level.

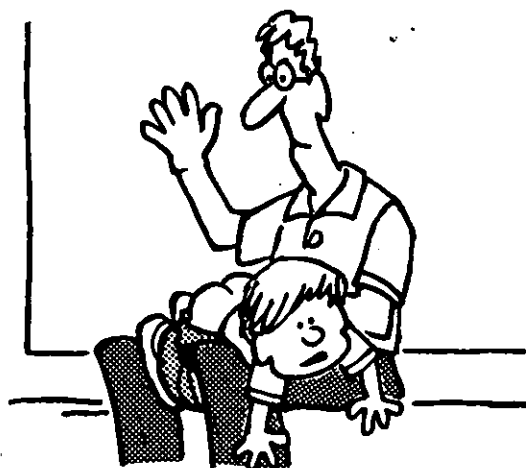
Well, it remains as a problem in supply and demand that decades of experts have failed to solve. Right now, on the strength of my recent round of waiting rooms, I award the Best Magazine Waiting Room Trophy to the DiNapoli opticians. (Now they can be described as the award-winning DiNapoli, in the manner of Pulitzer Prize-winning authors.)

You'd like a wise quote for the week. Try this, from a back issue of *Omni*. This is the pop-science, pseudo-science monthly founded in 1977 by Bob Guccione, the entrepreneur of *Penthouse*. He installed as its publisher the live-

in lady whom he most often escorts. *Omni* is not intended to be a serious publication because it is printed in the world's hardest-to-read sans serif type. No person can actually read an issue.

But with the waiting-room blues I leafed through a long, long article on various people's ideas on what Utopia would be like. Among the contributors (Max Headroom to David Rockefeller) was one from a pop authoress named Rita Mae Brown. Rita Mae opined that one of the best features of Utopia would be a bad memory. Among her other nihilistic comments that pretty well typifies *Omni* was this: Piety and garlic have much in common — a little bit goes a long way.

### Berry's World



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"I guess this means we've gone beyond the 'measured response' stage, huh?"

# MATTERS of Opinion

accomplishment of our efforts was to involve people who had not been active in school affairs and in some instances had felt powerless to influence school policies.

As a candidate, I was disturbed to attend PTA meetings and see only a few dedicated people working very hard to help their schools. I was also disturbed by so many people saying to me that I was the first candidate to ask them personally for support. My impressions were best summed up by the person who looked at me in astonishment and said, "Do you mean that there are real people on the school board?"

This is why I think that it is so important that *The Spotlight* continue to provide a forum for the presentation of candidate views. Obviously, some changes need to be made. It is not enough to print the rules in the hope that

## Vox Pop

potential candidates will happen to read them. All candidates should be given a copy of that statement along with some guidelines as to what should be covered in the letters. The paper should print two letters from each candidate. The first letter should be at the start of the campaign period and be limited to each candidate's primary issue. The second letter should be at the close of the campaign and be a summary statement of the candidate's major positions. I think that the two letters together with the articles you have customarily printed would give each voter an informed basis for making a decision. I am aware that some newspapers do not print candidate letters because

their advertising departments view them as so much lost revenue. It is also to *The Spotlight's* credit that it does not take that self-serving view.

I further recommend that either *The Spotlight* or some other neutral community organization sponsor a series of debates between the candidates at a public site or series of sites. The one-time candidate debate was good and did reveal the differences among the candidates, but more were needed to allow more people an opportunity to both see and question the candidates.

Another reason for having a series of debates is that the current system of campaigning (offices, informal gatherings, etc.) is not feasible for a candidate who is part of a two or single working parent family or who has substantial responsibilities such as an aging parent or handicapped

child, and whose supporters are living similar lives. Such a candidate is also limited in the amount of community activities he or she can participate in actively.

Even though I am well aware of the national percentages of working mothers I was still surprised at the number of children home alone that I met while campaigning. I adopted the campaign techniques of going door to door to hand out flyers because it was the most effective and feasible method for a working parent with substantial home responsibilities. However, there were times when I put my family ahead of the campaign because I am a parent first and primarily. A series of debates would give everyone an equal chance to have at least one opportunity to see and question the candidates at a time convenient to overcrowded and demanding lifestyles.

A series of debates would also facilitate participation by candidates who are representative of those who are making real and substantial sacrifices to insure that their children have the best education possible. There was a significant drop in the number who voted on the budget proposition and those who voted in the four-way race. Those missing voters could have changed the outcome of the election. One reason they did not vote could have been the lack of enough information to make a choice.

I can not say the same for the letters written by supporters of the candidates. The issue posed by these letters is one of responsibility for their content. Candidates can not fairly be held accountable for the contents of a letter they have not written. I know that other papers customarily call the writers of such letters to check the contents and verify the identity of the writers. I note that *The Spotlight* has a similar policy. However, I would emphasize that not one of the persons writing in support of a candidate attempted to contact me to determine my views even though in some cases the writers were representing community groups that had endorsed candidates and attempted to present a facade of even handedness. Such "sins of omission" can result in creating a false impression about another candidate. I was most disturbed by the letter which raised the kindergarten issue.

As the working mother of a four and five year old, I am vitally concerned with that issue but did not make it a major issue because I am aware of the strong limitations imposed by the space crunch on the district's ability to provide the option of a full-day kindergarten, much less a prekindergarten program. As a working parent who had always intended but was unable to have her children no less than 15 minutes away in a quality child care environment, my hopes have been raised and let down too many times by politicians and officials who promise to and then don't meet the needs of working parents. If the district had the space available, I would support parents having the option of choosing which is best for their child. Full day kindergarten is no panacea for working parents.

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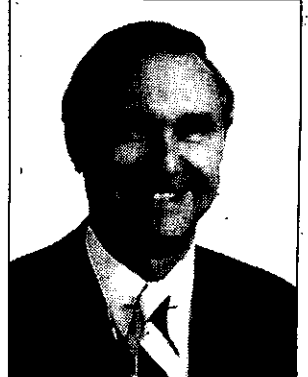
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since it still leaves unresolved the issues of child care during vacations and after school.

More important than the length of the day is what occurs during that time period. Before Dr. Loomis became superintendent, I called and asked for the kindergarten syllabus. I was told it was two pages long and out of date, but I shouldn't be concerned because kindergarten was different in each school. I am concerned because I consider kindergarten to be critical in insuring that each child has the basic skills to begin to succeed in school. Each child develops differently and at their own rate. This rate is not always determined by whether or not a child has stayed at home with a devoted mother or been sent by an equally devoted working mother to the best preschool possible. Every kindergarten program in the district should be addressing those individual differences according to district-wide standards which insure equal access to quality education.

Personally, as a candidate, I enjoyed meeting so many nice people who took the time to consider the issues I raised. I am glad that my two sons will be growing up in this community and attending the Bethlehem school system. I intend to remain active in the community because I do not think my responsibilities as a parent end when my child walks through the school door.

Marcia Roth

Clarksville

## Expectations high in BC voting

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week's budget and school board vote was a vote for quality education. The vote demonstrated that our town does support our schools and our young people. While I did not win a seat on the board, I am nevertheless pleased with the large turnout and the vote.

I would also like to thank all those who supported my candidacy and those who worked so hard on my behalf. The issues we raised and our call for a broad, bold and positive approach to problem solving and excellence in education made this election exciting. Bethlehem will benefit from our efforts. There can be no question

about the position of this community. It expects the school board, faculty and staff to insure the best possible education for all of our students.

Lawrence Faulkner

Delmar

## A candidate's thanks, pledge

Editor, The Spotlight:

My sincere thanks are extended to everyone who helped to elect me to the Bethlehem Central School Board. Your resounding support only serves to strengthen my commitment to continue striving toward excellence in our schools.

Lynne L. Lenhardt

Delmar

## RE:BUT, BTQE restate their election goals

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to an April 27 article, RE:BUT and BTQE (Bethlehem Taxpayers for Quality Education) want the voters to know that their only "special interest" is the educational quality of the Bethlehem Central Schools.

RE:BUT and BTQE's goal is and has been to evaluate and improve our school system, and raise the public's consciousness of educational issues and the May school board election.

To all of you who took the time to cast well-informed votes, Thank-you.

Phyllis Hillinger

RE:BUT Election Chairman

Holly Billings

BTQE Election Chairman

## Networks project off to good start

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my excitement following our first public event, held Thursday, April 28, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. I am speaking of the Bethlehem Networks Project, a community effort to address some of the environmental influences which encourage or accept substance abuse by young people in our town. We had 90 people in attendance, representing a wide variety of community influencers (Support for the project was

expressed by the town, BOU, Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Zephyrs) attend an "Overview of Substance Abuse" presentation, and a brief description of the project and its goals.

Afterward we enjoyed gourmet desserts, provided courtesy of several local businesses, namely BOU, Brooks-Byer Associates, Dorothy Brown, Bryant Asset Protection, Burt Anthony Associates, Farm Family (Robert Miller), and Brownell Insurance. Also, Verstandig's, Baby's Breath, and Danker Florists graciously loaned floral arrangements for the occasion.

We look forward to the coming months of the project and building upon the enthusiasm generated on April 28. Please watch for news of upcoming projects, such as our logo/slogan contest.

Elizabeth D. Iseman

Delmar

## Our kids deserve best in fields too

Editor, The Spotlight:

Spring is in the air and summer is just around the corner — it's everyone's favorite time of the year. Watching a ball game, whether it be tee ball or major league, is a national pastime.

But, this year the players and spectators of Tri-Village Little League will spend their time in a park that is in great need of reconstruction.

We are a community that values our children — our excellent school system proves this. But, would we allow our children to learn in schools that were rundown and outdated? Of course not! However, we ask them to learn team spirit and sportsmanship in a park that is rundown and outdated. Our kids deserve the best — in the classroom and on the ball field.

Many children have played at Magee Park in the past 35 years. The park is filled with memories of games long past. Let's build a bright future for our kids and our community. Please help rebuild Magee Park — support the Tri-Village Little League Capital Improvements Fund Drive. Our kids are waiting.

Eileen M. Walsh

Selkirk

# Police dog fund started by chamber

A fund has been established for the purchase of a German shepherd dog for the Bethlehem Police Department.

Donations now being accepted by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will be used to cover the \$5,000 cost of purchasing and training the dog. The department has funding in place to pay for the dog's food and veterinary care.

Lt. Colin Clark said the dog will be trained in obedience, trailing suspects and drug detection. Colin said the animal will help increase the number of arrests made by the department. The

department cited a need for the dog due to the increase in crimes such as burglary in the town.

Donations should not be taken to the police station. "A lot of people have been coming by (with donations)," said Lt. Frederick J. Holligan. "We prefer they donate through the chamber."

Donations may be sent to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 8 Adams St., Delmar, or brought in person to the Albany Savings Bank at the Delaware Plaza during normal bank hours.

"We certainly appreciate any donations made," Holligan said.

## Post collecting worn flags

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion will dispose of worn American flags during their flag cremation ceremony on Sunday, June 12, beginning at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144 and Winne Road, Selkirk. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Bethlehem Memorial Post No. 3185 will participate in the ceremony.

Worn flags may be left at the Bethlehem Town Hall and the Bethlehem Public Library. According to Alexander J. Woehrle, Flag Day project chairman, a special appeal is being made this year for collection of flags from cemeteries where they may have become worn from exposure to the elements.

## Assessment aid offered in seminar


A seminar on property tax assessment and how to challenge your assessment, sponsored by Residents for Equitable Tax Assessment, will be held Thursday, May 12, at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

The seminar will be led by Kenneth Munnely and will show interested parties how to present a case to the town Board of Assessment Review. Refreshments will be served.

For information call 439-2618.

## Legion sells poppies

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# Ice cream coming to Main Square

Bill Cote

Delmar will soon have a Ben and Jerry's ice cream parlor. The Bethlehem Planning Board last week granted approval to a Main Square request to change the site plan of the Delaware Ave. shopping center.

The preliminary proposal involves changing the facade of the shopping center to allow a store entrance facing Delaware Ave. Board members reviewed particulars of the plan, which was presented formally last month. They volleyed questions about signage, parking and traffic flows with particular attention to pedestrian needs. An awning would be constructed to display the shop logo and colors.

The board's mood toward the plan was generally positive, but a few residents who live directly behind the shopping center complained about the adequacy of screening between their homes and the plaza.

Three residents said plantings that were intended to screen Main Square allow too much auto light through at night, and that exterior lighting for the buildings shine into their back yards.

"The (site) plan shows the trees touching. There are gaps," said Douglas Zeno of Adams Place, pointing to the approved final plat

for the shopping center constructed last year.

He said that a space of about a foot is left between the evergreens. He called for a stockade fence and a time limit on outdoor lighting.

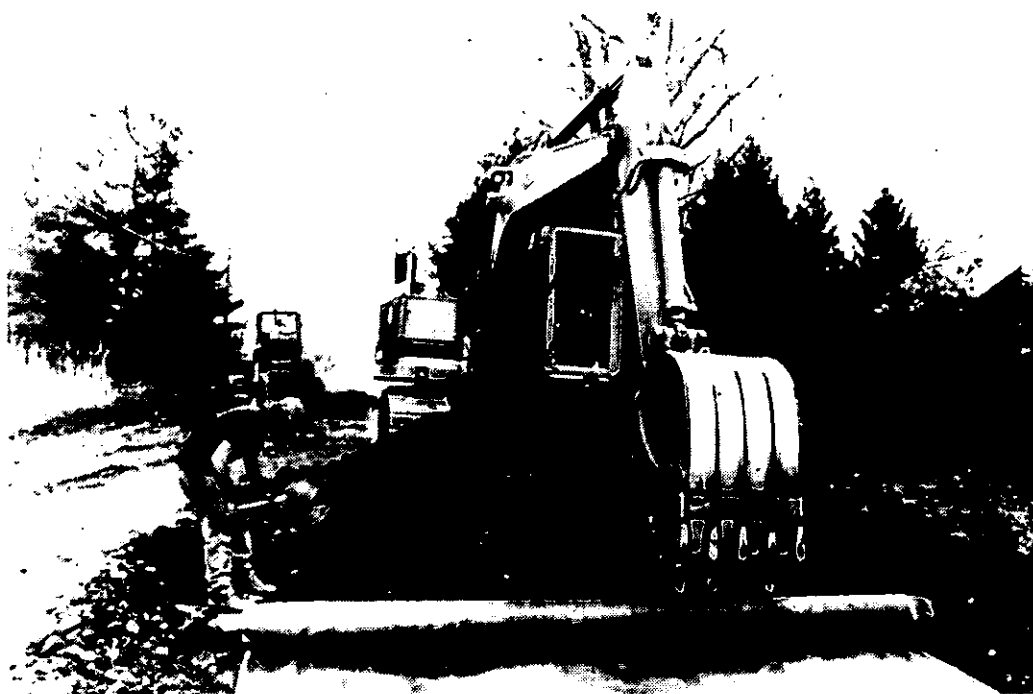
The residents said that Main Square management has not attended their needs. A letter submitted to the board asked that changes to Main Square not be approved "without measures to address and rectify the problems."

Main Square partner and manager Dennis Corrigan, who is also a town councilman, said that since the concept of Main Square was introduced, he has paid particular attention to the needs of those residents who own adjacent property. He said the developers spent about three times the norm to landscape the 1.9 acre site and they joined the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association to stay in touch.

According to Corrigan, although the letter submitted to the board was signed by the neighborhood association, Main Square management was never contacted.

"We never have, nor would we ever refuse to meet with the residents," said Corrigan. "But we haven't been asked."

Board Chairman Ken Ringler suggested that the developer and residents meet to come up with solutions.



Everett Hallenbeck, a worker for the Bethlehem Town Highway Department, appears to be losing ground to heavy equipment. Workers resurfacing Rockefeller Road last week had to expose the road's

underlying matting in order to recover it with a new layer. While the bucket moved large amounts of dirt, Hallenbeck had to uncover the existing layer without damaging it.

Mark Stuart

## Second Stewart's sought for 9W

By Bill Cote

A second proposal for a new Stewart's store on Rt. 9W in Selkirk has been presented to the Bethlehem Board of Appeals.

D and B Realty has applied for a special exception for a Stewart's shop on Rt. 9W near Cottage La. in Selkirk.

The exception would permit the installation of 18,000 gallons of gasoline storage; 3,000 gallons more than the town regulations permit.

A request for a Stewart's in a different location on Rt. 9W was

rejected last year by the board because of concerns about traffic on the road. The new request was tabled pending planning department approval with respect to the Rt. 9W corridor study presently in progress.

At its May 4 meeting the Board of Appeals also conducted three public hearings and discussed several proposals.

Jerald Vancik of 75 Adams Pl. in Delmar received preliminary approval for a rear yard and lot occupancy variance to construct an addition on the rear of his home.

Board member Gary Swan said that Vancik had demonstrated a need and responsiveness to the board.

Robert Gold was denied a lot occupancy variance request to construct an enclosed hot tub on his Woodstream, Delmar property.

The board felt that Gold had not adequately demonstrated a need for the variance.

Four M Construction Company was again denied their request to construct a home on Orchard St. in Delmar.

Their request was for a double variance on a substandard lot with a substandard front footage. The denial comes in the wake of a 1987 request to build an oversized home on the same lot. At the time the company asked for five variances at once.

The board found that the lot, a "paper street" purchased at a tax sale, was known to be substandard at the time of purchase. Board members said that the hardship demonstrated for the proposal was self imposed.



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# Cedar Ridge study broadens

By Bill Cote

The Bethlehem Planning Board received a recommendation for the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Study on the Cedar Ridge subdivision last week. The developers will be asked to address the cumulative effect on the town of their project and others now in the planning stages.

Edward Kleinke, a consulting planner for the town, presented the recommendation, which provides an outline of the areas that the developer will be required to address before the subdivision can continue through the planning process.

Cedar Ridge is a 92.9-acre, 128-unit subdivision proposed by a Colonie developer for Orchard St. at Fisher Blvd. in Slingerlands. According to state law, the DEIS will outline the town's requirements for the "social, economic and environmental issues in planning and decision making."

"It is the intent of this scope for the planning board, as lead agency, to provide a guide and direction for the preparation of the draft EIS by the applicant," said Kleinke in a letter to the board. It will be the role of the board to emphasize particular aspects of the process as they see the need, he said.

In a presentation to the board, Kleinke emphasized a need for descriptions of layouts and phasing of construction. He also mentioned wildlife and agricultural resources as areas in need of special attention.

John Smolinski of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning said that the recommendation format is different from others presented to the town. Numerical references to state law don't provide town residents a clear picture of the requirements, he said. Several residents in attendance agreed.

Board member John LaForte called for assessment of the Cedar Ridge development in context with the other proposed developments in that area. He said that there is a need to quantify and aggregate individual subdivision impacts to arrive at a cumulative effect on the town.

Town Planner Jeffrey Lipnicky said that to the extent factors can be quantified, they will. Although preparation of the DEIS is the responsibility of the developer, the town reserves the right of final review of the document. "Mere assertions just won't fly," he said.

Board Chairman Ken Ringler entered a letter from the state Department of Environmental Conservation into the record. DEC expressed concern over possible overloading of the town's sewerage treatment capacity with the new development. The letter also focused on traffic impacts along Fisher Blvd. to the Slingerlands bypass and mentioned the need to assess the cumulative impacts of the proposed development in that area.

The board stated that the proposed development may have a significant impact on the environment when it issued a "positive declaration" on April 19. They have 30 days to assemble a scope of requirements that the developer will be required to address. Public comments in writing are encouraged until May 12, when the planning department will finalize the scope for its May 19 deadline.

In other business, the board discussed the semantics of the term "site" in order to determine whether its approval is needed for a proposed two-lot subdivision on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont. The applicants wish to construct a second building on their 1.07-acre lot.

The board set a May 17 hearing date on the issue.

### Correction

An article in last week's *Spotlight* stated that the Bethlehem Town Board had approved a "no parking here to corner" sign for Becker Terrace in Delmar. The board in fact set a public hearing for May 25 at 7:30 p.m. for the proposed sign.



The pocket part on Adams Street next to the Bethlehem Central Education Services Center got a new tree recently, a gift from Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. Present at the ceremony were Bethlehem Councilwoman Sue Ann Ritchko and John Smolinsky, president of BCRP.

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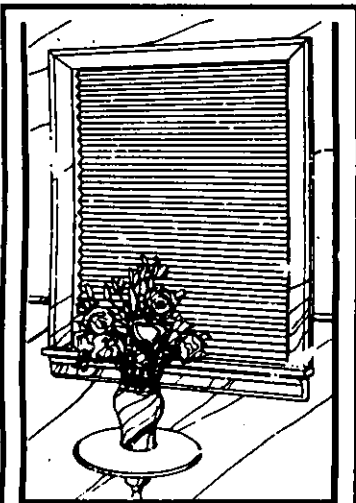
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# Bids to be let for Clarksville water

By Patricia Mitchell

Preparations for the Clarksville water district are flowing along as the New Scotland Town Board gets ready to go out to bid on the project within the week.

The bids will be opened on June 17, with construction expected to start on July 1.

## New Scotland

A public hearing will also be held on Wednesday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m., on the increase in cost for the district. Town Attorney Fred

Riester said at Wednesday's meeting that the town has applied to the state comptroller to increase the district's cost, and he expects a response shortly. The comptroller will have to approve the increase before the public hearing is held.

The cost of the project is now estimated at \$2,025,000, an increase of \$209,500 from the original figure of \$1,815,500. The increase will cover expected cost overruns due to a delay in starting the district. The town board will probably borrow the funds from the Farmers Home Administration.

The New Scotland Town Board also authorized Supervisor Herbert Reilly to go out to bid on the project within the week after Riester completes some title work on property easements.

After the bids are let, the town board will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, June 17, to open them.

Construction has to begin by July 1 in order to meet a new timetable worked out by town and federal officials, or New Scotland may be in danger of losing its federal funding for the project.

New Scotland learned earlier this year that it is in danger of losing the funding for the Clarksville project because construction had not started almost two years after the money was approved, and that it could face a cost overrun of almost \$136,000. The project was delayed because the town had not acquired the land for the well site or the water tank.

In another water matter at Wednesday's meeting, the town board authorized Robert Cook,

planning board consultant and chairman of the water resources commission, to consult with a hydrogeologist to find out what preliminary exploration work would cost for a water district for Unionville. Residents have petitioned for a water district, and Cook said the basic problem is that water is generally available below the railroad tracks, but not above them.

Cook said maps indicate a buried channel near the railroad tracks that run from New Scotland to Unionville, but exploratory work would need to be done to determine what is in the channel. Cook said he was not optimistic.

After the meeting, Unionville resident Sharon Boehlke said the hamlet needs municipal water and she cannot live there any longer without it. She said she planned to call the state to see what it can do.

There are three other alternatives to developing a well source, Cook said, but they don't seem economical. The town could extend water districts in nearby Feura Bush and Clarksville, or tap into a proposed extension for the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Rd. However, the Town of Bethlehem denied a request from Five Rivers on April 27, which effectively bars an extension into Unionville from Bethlehem, Cook said.

In other business, the New Scotland Town Board:

- Learned Reilly will be handling the town's new solid waste committee. Highway Superintendent Pete Van Zetten said ANSWERS will not be accepting newspapers after September, and later won't take cans and glass. Reilly said the town will be building a shed in the area of the town hall for a drop-off point for newspapers to be recycled into insulation. The program will be similar to a recycling program in Voorheesville.

- Learned a public hearing between the town and the Village of Voorheesville will be held

Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m., for an annexation request into the village for land owned by Athens Associates on Voorheesville Ave. Some of the property lies in the town. An earlier request from a previous owner was denied.

- Appointed Paul Klevanoski, Avis Smith, Peg Rubin, Helen Bailey and Lois Crounse to the new Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

- Agreed to have town engineers C.T. Male Associates review fees for subdivision applications, subdivision inspections and open spaces. This is part of an on-going review and update of the zoning ordinance by the planning board.

- Agreed to obtain a Bond Anticipation Note to finance a backhoe ordered in February, 1987, for \$30,219. A bookkeeping error in 1987 left the town short of the funds.

- Transferred \$4,032 from the parks contractual account to parks equipment to purchase tables, mowers and a tractor for the town parks. The board also allowed the parks coordinator to order two sliding boards and a set of swings, and allowed the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association to build a sandbox at the hamlet's park.

The next regular meeting of the New Scotland Town Board will be held after the public hearing on the Clarksville water district at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1.

## Salem Ct. duplex subject of hearing

The New Scotland Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a special use permit request from Fred Smith for a duplex on Salem Ct., off Krumkill Rd., Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

An public hearing on the request scheduled earlier was cancelled.

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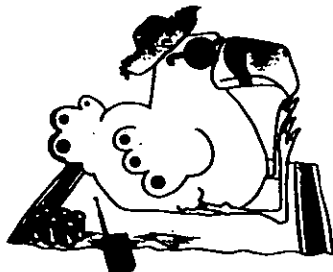
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# □ Larned settlement raises water questions

(From page 1)

The town board will meet Monday, May 23, at 8 p.m. to decide on the proposal.

According to an April 25 letter from Gilbert Faustel, chief of the design section for the Bureau of Public Water Supply and Protection in the state Department of Health, there can be a potential conflict between a groundwater supply and a nearby gravel mining operation. How much of a conflict depends on the extent of the mine, the make-up of the gravel deposit and its transmissibility, the depth to the groundwater, the extent of the aquifer, the characteristics of the land and the pumping rate of the wells, Faustel wrote in a letter to Supervisor Herbert Reilly.

The conflict between the groundwater and the mine differs from site to site, Faustel said, and protective watershed areas may range from a few hundred feet to several thousand feet.

Faustel said a detailed hydrogeological study should be done to determine the zone that should be protected for the groundwater supply. The well would be pumped at the proposed rate of use, and based on the drawdown levels, a plot would be made of how far the pumping affects the aquifer. Faustel said the maximum distance plotted is the zone of influence for the well.

Faustel's letter was in response to questions from neighbors of the Tall Timbers project, and was not based on a study of the area. However, a May 2 letter from Albany County Health Commissioner William Grattan is based

on his department's experience testing wells in the nearby Orchard Park area. Dr. Grattan recommended that any activities that might risk contamination of the groundwater should be avoided until all studies are done. He said his department is opposed to gravel mining within the zone of influence of the water supply because of the possibility of chemical spills and exposure of groundwater to surface waters.

Grattan also said he is concerned about contaminating the aquifer from residential activities such as using fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, gas, or disposal of household chemicals that may accumulate over time.

Therefore, the county Health Department recommends that a study be done of the hydrogeological characteristics of the area to define the zone that needs protection, and that the town adopt the state Health Commissioner's Watershed Rules and Regulations to protect the aquifer. According to those rules and regulations, the town should avoid industrial activities, such as gravel mining, or a housing development in the area, Dr. Grattan said. The town should develop the source as a public water supply that could serve the needs of many residents in that area of the town, he said.

"We are mindful of the acute need for safe and adequate water supplies for this portion of the Town of New Scotland, recognizing the difficulties which occurred in nearby developments and individual residence in obtaining satisfactory water supplies," the letter says.

In response to an earlier letter from the state Health Department, Jeffrey Wink, a senior hydrogeologist for Environmental Hydrogeology Corp., which is studying the area for Galesi, said his firm is confident that the mine area will have little influence on the quality or quantity of the groundwater from the proposed well areas because of the type of mining, the phasing of the well development and the general characteristics of the aquifer.

Wink said that mining is proposed to stop 10 feet from the seasonal high groundwater table, so no groundwater will be exposed because of the mine. Wink also said in his letter that storing equipment, refueling and maintenance will take place outside of the mining area.

Wink said the well fields along the Vly Creek will allow adequate protection of more than 200 feet from the mine area, and the well field within the mine will be developed after the mining activities.

Issues raised by the state Health Department and the state Department of Environmental Conservation as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the development and the water supply are being addressed, Wink said.

One of the terms of Riester's proposed settlement with Larned and Sons would require the miners to ask the DEC to determine whether the mine will be compatible with future development of the site and nearby areas for a public water supply.

Reilly said after the meeting the

evaluation will be left up to the DEC because that agency will ultimately be responsible for issuing a water supply permit for a district.

But Councilman Sgarlata contends that Riester's proposal is not adequate, especially in light of the letters from the health departments. A water supply is something positive for the town, and is too precious a resource to risk, he said, adding that he will ask Grattan to be at the May 23 meeting.

Sgarlata said he is also concerned about a belief that the town could be sued for damages if Larned and Sons eventually win in court. Sgarlata said the town can only be sued if the miners can prove malicious actions on the town's part.

Sgarlata said he received Riester's proposal just before Wednesday's meeting and had read an earlier draft from Reilly, but wasn't aware that comments were being solicited.

It is clear that everyone involved cannot be pleased or come out winners, Sgarlata said. But he said he is all for getting the mine issue behind the town.

At Wednesday's town board meeting, Karen Magrum, a resident of Smith La. in Orchard Park and a member of Concerned Citizens for New Scotland, Inc., a group against the mine, said the area needs and wants public water but she doesn't want to risk the water for a gravel mine.

Half of the Orchard Park residents don't talk to the other half, Magrum said. She said she

takes personal offense because Orchard Park Neighborhood Association members simply worry about themselves while Concerned Citizens is trying to do something good for the town.

Orchard Park Neighborhood Association President Pat Bulgaro said he also is opposed to damaging the aquifer, but wants a scientific process to explore the effects of mining.

Bulgaro also said he is concerned about the intensity of the debate. He said he believes the town board has done a good job so far trying to gather information.

Concerned Citizens Chairman Robert Morrison denounced the proposed settlement as a sellout and totally inappropriate. He said his group will not withdraw from the lawsuit, and their attorney, James Linnan, is preparing papers to seek Riester's removal from the case. Riester could be a witness and has an apparent conflict of interest by representing the town against Larned and Sons and by advising town officials about the mine in the past, he said.

Morrison again called for Riester's withdrawal from the case and for the town board to appoint a special counsel.

Riester said he has cited reasons why he should withdraw from the lawsuit if it goes to trial in state Supreme Court. In an April 6 letter, he said he would resign from the lawsuit because he was town attorney during the time that will be on trial and because his work as town attorney has grown in the last few months.

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## Car wash, bake sale

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A variety of tasty goodies will be on hand as well as several capable teams of car washers.

Cost is \$2.50 for cars and \$3 for vans. All are welcome to come out and support the scouts' one big fundraiser of the year.

## Library books on sale

The Voorheesville Public Library will hold its semi-annual book sale this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the library lawn. Books of all varieties will be on sale at that time with a large number of mysteries available. All are welcome to stop by and take advantage of this event.

According to librarian Lynn King who is coordinating the effort, Saturday will also be a fine-free day. Those returning overdue books will not be charged a fine.

In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held in the lower level of the library.

## VCS concert series

More music will be in the air this month as the series of Spring Concerts continues in the Voorheesville Central School District.

This evening the elementary school bands and choruses will perform. The program includes the songs, "Abraham, Martin and John" and "Say You, Say Me".

Next Wednesday, May 18, the concert band and stage band under the direction of Frank McDermott and the Junior High band directed by Lydia Tobler will present their concert.

The final concert will be presented on Wednesday, May 25, by the high school groups directed by Margaret Dorgan.

All three musical offerings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Continuing the month of music, the sixth grade chorus will perform for the residents of Wellspring, senior citizen development, on Thursday, May 12.

## Junior carnival postponed

Sad news for the youngsters of Voorheesville—the Junior Carnival has again been postponed. Origin-



Students of Carol Coleman's fourth grade class perform a traditional Maypole dance at the Voorheesville Elementary School last Tuesday.  
Lyn Stapf

ally scheduled for April 9, the annual fair was moved to May 14 due to conflicts but it will not take place this weekend and at this time no other date has been announced.

## Seniors off to Nashville

New Scotland Senior Citizens will be taking to the road today as they begin their trek to Nashville and Gatlinburg. The seniors usually park their cars at the Methodist Church but this time they will park in the Fire House lot.

## Students at college fair

Thirty eight juniors from Clayton Bouton Junior Senior High School recently attended the morning sessions of the Capital District College Fair held at the Empire State Plaza. Many who did not attend the morning session participated in the evening program. Approximately 220 colleges were involved.

## Garden club activities

The Heldevue Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

A program entitled "Flowers and Interior Decorating" will be presented by Eileen Oldham. Guests are welcome.

This will be the last open meeting of the club until September. The June meeting will be a social to welcome the new 1988-89 officers: President, Marybeth Portanova; First Vice Presidents, Beth Stewart and Patti Cavaliere; Second Vice Presidents, Gail Dawson and Andrea Person; Treasurer, Pat Colfer and Secretary, Marian Parmenter.

## PTSA scholarships

Attention, Seniors—The Voorheesville PTSA announces that scholarship forms from its school-based organization will be available in the guidance office beginning this week. Those wanting more information may stop in or call the guidance department at 765-3314.

## Budget vote reminder

Local residents are reminded that today is the budget vote for the Voorheesville Central School District. Eligible voters may cast their ballots at the high school

between 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Voting will also take place for the library budget.

## Student art on display

Art lovers must mark the calendar so not to miss the upcoming Elementary Art Festival to be held on Thursday, May 19 at the grade school. The program, scheduled from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. will include displays of students' art work as well as several skits and demonstrations.

## Toddlers graduate

Things are winding down at the Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville for teacher/director Ree Pakenas and her four-year-old students. Graduation will be held at the church on Thursday evening, May 26.

Meanwhile, school officials are searching for a teacher's aide to work with the classes from Oct. 1988 until May 1989. The aide would work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested may send a resume to the Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 86 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, by Friday, May 20.

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## High school names top graduates

Kathleen Glastetter and Staci Loewy have been named valedictorian and salutatorian for the Clayton A. Bouton High School Class of 1988.

Glastetter was ranked number one in her class with an average of 96 percent during her four years of high school. She was involved in extra-curricular activities including the high school band, National Honor Society, the yearbook staff and Philosophy Club. She earned a Regents

Scholarship and plans to attend Union College, majoring in history and science.

Loewy was ranked second with an average over 95 percent. She has been involved in the United Synagogue Youth, field hockey, the school's gifted and talented program and Area All-State music. She was also co-captain of the volleyball team and editor of the senior section of the yearbook. She is a Regents Scholarship winner and has not yet chosen a college.

### Heldeberg Workshop offers use of land

The Heldeberg Workshop of Voorheesville is offering use of its land and facilities on Picard Rd. to organizations and schools conducting nature and conservation programs. Program directors and educators may obtain information by calling Bill Morrison at 765-2569.

Individuals in grade 7 through adult may register for two-week programs in wilderness survival and backpacking, spelunking, speleology, archery, fly-fishing, basic canoeing or teenage stock theatre by calling 765-2777.

### Massage used to relieve stress

Julia Hammid will discuss and demonstrate the practice of tension relieving massage for specific muscle groups at the Parish House, Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, on Thursdays, May 12, 19 and 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. The second session meeting will be held on Thursdays, June 2, 9 and 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. To register call 966-4160.

Massage for couples will be presented by Martin Buchman at the Guggenheim Pavillion of the Rensselaerville Institute on Saturdays, May 21 and June 11, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. To register call 456-5976 or 797-3783.

## Water is dribbling away

By Patricia Mitchell

The Town of Bethlehem is appealing to its New Scotland water customers for help in finding leaks in its water lines that mean a loss of over 50,000 gallons of water a day.

Bethlehem Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor said town crews tracked down four leaks in the New Salem area this winter where over 40,000 gallons of water worth more than \$19,000 in revenues were being lost.

"There is still more out there. It's a real problem," Secor said.

A new enforcement procedure with stiffer penalties for leaks in water lines that the town is not made aware of will be introduced in Bethlehem in May, Secor said. Long water service lines will also be required to have a meter pit installed as close as possible to the water main.

The Town of Bethlehem owns the Vly Creek Reservoir above New Salem as a public water supply, and it runs a water main down Rt. 85 to Bethlehem. New Scotland residents along Rt. 85 between New Salem and the town line are serviced by Bethlehem water, including water districts on Swift Rd. and a newly-formed

district on Font Grove Rd. Secor said over 300 customers are serviced outside the Town of Bethlehem water district.

The leaks were picked up by a new computer system and the rate of flow through the lines over the past few years were determined to be growing more than could be expected from residential use. After investigating further, the town found four major leaks between New Salem and the Shelley Day Camp that accounted for 40,000 gallons of water a day being wasted, Secor said.

The leaks should have been noticeable by the customers, and Secor said he was "most irritated." Crews also found that one customer ran a line into a pond for use and Secor called that "thievery."

A common problem in New Scotland, Secor said, is very long service lines stretching from the water lines to houses set long distances from the road. Water meters have been placed in residences or in buildings, but now Bethlehem will require water service lines of more than 100 feet to have a meter pit installed near the property line as close as possible to the water main.

### Variance hearings in New Scotland

The New Scotland Zoning Board of Appeals will hear four requests for variances when it meets Friday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

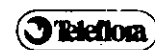
Sam Bell is requesting a setback variance to build an addition to his house on Rt. 85, south of Stove Pipe Rd. That hearing will start at 7 p.m.

The board will then hear a request from Fred and Doris Kirk for a setback variance to build an addition to their house on Rt. 85, near Upper Font Grove Rd., at 7:30 p.m.

Lawrence Bartkus of Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville is also requesting a setback variance to build an addition to his home. That public hearing will begin at 7:45 p.m.

A request from Joseph Buehler on Delaware Turnpike for a setback variance to construct a garage will be held at 8 p.m.

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## Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

**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.

**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.

**Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service**, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

**AARP**, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, are offering free tax counseling for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

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

**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 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 district offices in high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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

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

**Feura Bush Funsters**, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

**Village of Voorheesville**, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, first Wednesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, conservations advisory council, as required, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

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

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

**Testimony Meeting**, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

WEDNESDAY 27

APRIL

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

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

WEDNESDAY 11

MAY

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

**Delmar Fire District Commissioners**, meetings second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Slide Talk**, on England, Wales and Scotland, by Bernie Turf, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Spring Concert**, Voorheesville Elementary School at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Half Moon Button Club**, "Damascene" Program, Bethlehem Public Library, noon. Information, 456-0324.

**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.

**Bowling**, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

**Parent Support Group**, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

**Helderview Garden Club**, "Flowers and Interior Decorating" lecture, by Eileen Oldham, First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

**Tax Assessment Workshop**, to learn how to present cases to the Board of Assessment Review, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2618.

FRIDAY 13

MAY

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

**Chabad Center**, services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

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

**Quilters United in Learning Together**, meeting with presentation by Phyllis Klein, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 477-9705.

**New Scotland Democratic Committee Dinner**, Italian American Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-5201.

THURSDAY 12

MAY

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

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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

**Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185**, meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.. Information, 439-9836.

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

SATURDAY 14

MAY

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**Chabad Center**, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

**Albany Audubon Society**, migrating songbird program for birdwatchers, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 382-7890.

**Car Wash and Bake Sale**, sponsored by the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Grand Union Parking Lot, Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Semi-Annual Book Sale**, Voorheesville Public Library, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Bike Rodeo**, bicycle skills contest, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

## area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

### THEATRE

"Nunsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through May 15. Tickets, 235-7969.

"The Nerd," Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through June 12. Tickets, 462-4534.

"Peter Pan," The Egg, Albany, through May 27. Tickets, 443-5222.

"The Sunshine Boys," St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 North Main Ave., Albany, May 14 and 15, May 14, 7 p.m., May 15, 5 p.m. Reservations, 463-2586.

"Equus," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, through May 22. Tickets, 462-1297.

"Mr. Flannery's Ocean," presented by the Hilltown Players, Maple Inn, East Berne, May 12, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 872-2057.

"Sabrina Fair," Schenectady Civic Theater, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, May 13-22. Tickets, 382-2081.

### MUSIC

Carillonist Richard Strauss, Albany City Hall, Monday through Friday, 12:10-12:30 p.m.

The Canadian Brass, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, May 13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"A Patriotic Salute" Organ Pops Concert, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, May 15, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

L'Ensemble, Albany Center Galleries, Arts Building, 23 Monroe St., Albany, May 14, 7 p.m. Tickets, 436-5321.

Estella Myers, soprano, Rice Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, May 12, 7 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Capital District Classical Guitar Society, St. Andrew's Church, Main and Madison Ave., Albany, May 15, 4 p.m. Tickets, 272-1734.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, family concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, May 13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4755.

Picture This and E Plennista, Bogies, Albany, May 12, 10 p.m. Information, 463-7962.

Empire State Repertory Orchestra, final concert, Union College Memorial Chapter, Schenectady, May 15, 3 p.m. Tickets, 438-8868.

"Q Up for the Arts," performing arts sampler, with Blotto, Lisa Atkinson, and Out of Control Rhythm and Blues Band, GE2, Albany, May 14, 3-9 p.m. Information, 449-5380.

Helderberg Madrigal Singers, First Unitarian Church, Washington Ave. and Robin St., Albany, May 15, 3 p.m. Tickets, 465-9737.

### FOLK

Fast Friends, duo of Steve Kay and Frank Fusco, Caffé Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, May 13 and 14, 8 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

### ART

"Japan the Fad," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through June 26. Information, 463-4478.

"Impressions of a New Civilization. The Lincoln Kirstein Collection of Japanese Prints, 1860-1912," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July 17. Information, 463-4478.

"The Art of Japan," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July 28. Information, 463-4478.

"N.C. Wyeth: The Met Life Murals," State Museum, Albany, through June 5. Information, 474-5877.

"Wall Pieces," by Suzanne Phelan Denny and Phoebe Helman, Rathbone Gallery, Albany, through May 13. Information, 445-1778.

"Art of the Eye," works by artists with visual impairments, State Museum, Albany, through July 4. Information, 474-5877.

"Curious Arts: 19th Century English Ornamentation," Museum of the Historical Society of the Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October. Information, 462-1676.

"The Miniature Print Biennial," Albany Academy Gallery, Academy Rd., Albany, through May 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

"Printmaking: North/South/East/West," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through May 27. Information, 463-4478.

"The New York State Capitol: A Place in History," 160 photographs and cartoons, State Capitol, State St. Lobby, through May, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 473-0341.

College of Saint Rose Master Show, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through May 20. Information, 454-5189.

### FILM

"Do Not Enter: The Visa War Against Ideas," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, May 14, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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**Delmar Presbyterian Church**, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 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.

**South Bethlehem United Methodist Church**, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

**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**, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 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**, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

**Onesquethaw Church**, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**Glenmont Reformed Church**, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

**Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church**, worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**, Eucharist with breakfast, 8 a.m. Family service, 10 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, coffee hour following service, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

**Clarksville Community Church**, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Coffee following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2853.

**Good Samaritan House**, Classique Studio dance student recital, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

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**Pairs and Spares Club**, for singles and couples over 40, organizational pot luck dinner, nursery care provided, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Feura Bush, 6 p.m.

**St. Jude Bike-a-Thon**, Hamagrael School. Information, 439-3819.

**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.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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

**Mothers' Time Out**, meets Mondays, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

**Alateen Meeting**, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185 Ladies Auxiliary**, meets on third Monday of each month, VFW Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

**Library Birthday Bash**, for preschoolers, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited**, public forum, "What's Happening in Bethlehem and What Can We Do?," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

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

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

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

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, free testing, third Tuesdays through April, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

**Delmar Progress Club**, annual spring banquet, Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 6:30 p.m.

**American Association of Retired Persons, Inc.**, chapter meeting with Albert Miller, former assistant state director, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten Storyhour**, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

**Mother's Time Together**, group for mothers and their preschool children, meets first and third Wednesdays of month, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

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

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

**Testimony Meeting**, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Computer Resume Writing Workshop**, with demonstration of the Perfect Resume Computer Kit, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Feura Bush Senior Citizens**, lunch with program on gardening, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Feura Bush, 1 p.m.

**Building Lecture**, sponsored by the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, with speakers on contracting, Cooperative Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2425.


**Spring Band Concert**, featuring the junior and senior high bands, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Board of Appeals**, public hearings, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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**Thursday** - Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem to Town Squire Plaza 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
**Senior Van Dinner Out Program** - Take a friend out to dinner! The Senior Van will pick you up at your home at an appointed time and the group will be transported to a designated restaurant. Reservations are made in advance by the office.  
**Wednesday - April 27th, YIP's (Chinese)**  
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The Senior Van will offer transportation for voting on Wednesday, May 4th from 10:00 to noon. Bethlehem Central School budget and new board members. Call 439-5770 from 9:00 to noon for reservations.  
  
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# THURSDAY 19 MAY

**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.

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

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**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.

**Bowling**, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

**Parent Support Group**, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

**Author Appearance**, with reading and discussion on writing, by Janis Eidus, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Edible Wild Plants Course**, with identification and preparation lessons, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7-8:30 p.m. Registration, 453-1806.

**Plant Sale**, to benefit the Outdoor Education Program, Elsmere Elementary School Playground, 3-7 p.m. Information, 439-5096.

**Bethlehem Pop Warner Football**, registration for football players and cheerleaders, Bethlehem Town Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 439-6408.

**Slingerlands School Spring Concert**, with choir, band and orchestra, Slingerlands School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9044.

**Bethlehem Historical Association**, talk, "Life and Times of Teunis Slingerland," by Peter Christoph, Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Information, 439-8289.

**Mohawk Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution**, meeting with brown bag lunch, 53 Wellington Rd., Delmar, noon. Information, 438-8746.

**Library Birthday Celebration**, with t-shirt decorating, for grades 3-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 4-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Elementary Arts Festival**, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-9 p.m.

# FRIDAY 20 MAY

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

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

**Chabad Center**, services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

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

**Plant Sale**, to benefit the Outdoor Education Program, Elsmere Elementary School Playground, 3-7 p.m. Information, 439-5096.

**Spring Carnival**, with games, pony rides and food, Slingerlands School, 5-8 p.m. Information, 439-9044.

# SATURDAY 21 MAY

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

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**Chabad Center**, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

**Bethlehem Pop Warner Football**, registration for football players and cheerleaders, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-6408.

**Bird Walk**, "Birding for Beginners," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.



The Friendship Singers, under the direction of Sue Pierce and accompanied on the piano by Linda Drew, will present "Broadway Show Tunes" at the annual Spring Banquet of the Delmar Progress Club, Tuesday, May

17, at the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. The group has performed together since 1982, including a performance at the Albany Tricentennial Tall Ships Festival.

**Spring Outdoor Exploration**, activities for parents and young children, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

**Strawberry Supper**, baked ham, mashed potatoes, corn and strawberry shortcake, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, seatings, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-2046.

**First Reformed Church of Bethlehem**, celebration of the 225th anniversary, recognition dinner, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m. Information, 767-2243.

**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**, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 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**, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

**Onesquethaw Church**, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.

# SUNDAY 22 MAY

**Delmar Presbyterian Church**, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 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.

**South Bethlehem United Methodist Church**, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS Events in Nearby Areas

# WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

**Foster Parenting Information Session**, Parsons Child and Family Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

**Crafts Restoration Demonstration**, part of Heritage Preservation Week, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Albany Medical Center Neighborhood Run**, five-kilometer and one-mile races, Albany Medical Center Hospital, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6:15 p.m. Information, 445-3499.

# THURSDAY 12 MAY

**Watervliet Arsenal**, tours of grounds and museum, 5:30-7 p.m. Information, 288-5805.

**Concerned Friends of Hope House**, support group for parents of substance abusers, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 445-2441.

# FRIDAY 13 MAY

**Slide Show**, "From Generation to Generation," sponsored by the Commission on the Capitol, Capitol Building, Assembly Parlor Room 306, Albany, 12:45 p.m.

**Chemanon**, self-help group for adolescents using drugs or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

**Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway**, picnic, Burden Iron Works Building, Polk St., Troy, 5-7 p.m. Information, 274-5267.

# SATURDAY 14 MAY

**Volksmarch**, non-competitive walk, sponsored by Empire State Capital Volkssporters, Kinderhook Village Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 869-9802.

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**Defensive Driving Program**, for licensed drivers, E & E Enterprises, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration, 465-0055.

**Garage Sale**, sponsored by the Guilderland Lioness Club, 2904 Old State Rd., Guilderland, 355-7957.

**Scavenger Hunt**, "Things Aren't What They Used to Be," Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

**Special Olympics**, spring games, Bleeker Stadium, Albany, 9:45 a.m. Information, 434-5074.

**Imagination Celebration**, original plays written by students and performed by regional theater companies, State Museum, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**Oral Cancer Screening**, no appointments necessary, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Colonie Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 438-7841.

**Shaker Heritage Festival Day**, tours, music, crafts and dance, Ann Lee Home grounds, Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 456-7890.

**Writers Conference**, "How to Sell Your Book," sponsored by the Women's Press Club, Albany Marriott, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 355-2774.

**Skin Cancer Screening**, sponsored by American Cancer Society, Albany Medical Center, K-Wing, Room 106, Albany, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration, 438-0174.

**Real Estate Owners and Investors Conference**, hands-on workshops, sponsored by Empire State Real Estate Association, Turf Inn, 205 Wolf Rd.,

Albany, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 449-9595.

## SUNDAY 15 MAY

**History Lecture**, "Historic Houses of the Hudson River Valley," Federal Period House, Annandale-on-Hudson, 2 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

**"Cooks and Kitchens Tour"**, in neighborhood kitchens, Willett and Chestnut streets and Madison Ave., Albany, 2-5 p.m. Tickets, 462-9696.

**Iroquois Tales**, told by Susan Spivak, Iroquois Indian Museum, Schoharie, 2 p.m. Information, 295-8553.

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**, meeting, MS Chapter Office, 421 New Karner Rd., Shaker Park West, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

## MONDAY 16 MAY

**Public Lecture**, "SDI: Defending America in Space," by Gene Vosseler, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8130.

## TUESDAY 17 MAY

**Capital District Women's Political Caucus**, Political Action Committee Fundraiser, Kenmore Hotel Lobby, 74 North Pearl St., Albany, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 439-6317.

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

**Coping Lecture**, "Coping with Family Illness," by Samuel Klagsbrun, Desmond Americana, Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 584-3600.

**Father's Rights Association**, monthly meeting, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 674-3253.

**Wildflower Walk**, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 7 p.m. Information, 584-2535.

**American Society for Public Administration**, Annual Conference, keynote speech by Elliot L. Richardson, Attorney General during the Nixon Administration, Albany Hilton Hotel, 9 a.m. Information, 472-1300.

## WEDNESDAY 18 MAY

**Wheeler Brothers Foundry**, tour, sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Troy, 11 a.m. Information, 274-5267.

**Capital District PTA**, Spring Conference, School 19, 369 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 861-7450.

**Embroiderer's Guild of America**, meeting and luncheon, Century House Restaurant, Rt. 9, Latham, 10:30 a.m. Information, 434-3784.

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## News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary

767-2373



### RCS budget vote day

From 1 until 9 p.m. today at the RCS Senior High School, voters will be deciding on the proposed 1988-89 RCS school budget, three school board seats and two propositions. The budget represents an 11.22 percent increase over last year's operating costs. The rise this year is attributed mainly to staffing and salaries, employee benefits, debt service, BOCES costs, supplies and transportation costs.

The three vacant board seats are being sought by Dr. Maurice Satin, Sarah Hafensteiner and Linda Bruno. Terms will begin in July.

Two propositions deal with the district's plans to gradually purchase replacement school buses and to continue roof replacement at the senior high school.

### Historical group speaker

The Bethlehem Historical Asso-

ciation will present a talk by Peter Christoph on "The Life and Times of Teunis Slingerland" at the association's meeting to be held May 19 at 8 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144, Selkirk.

Christoph is the head of manuscripts and special collections in the State Library at Albany. His discussion of Teunis Slingerland, the first of that family to emigrate to the new world in 1654, should be entertaining as well as historically informative.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

### Church thrift shop open

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church Thrift Shop is open again. Operated by members of the United Methodist Women, the shop is located in the small barn to the rear of the church on Willowbrook Avenue. It is open on Tuesdays, with offerings that

range from clothing and household items to books and furniture.

### Walk for hunger planned

The CROP Walk to stop hunger sponsored by the RCS council of churches will take place Sunday, May 15. The seven mile walk begins at 2 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church. Registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. CROP aids in funding on a worldwide basis as well as right here in our community. A portion of the funds collected through the walk will be distributed to the area food pantries and senior citizen programs.

### PTA groups to meet

A.W. Becker PTA will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. A major part of the meeting will be to elect next year's officers.

The Ravena PTO will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last open meeting of the year. Please try to attend and support the work of your parent teachers groups.

### Working on *Imagi-News*

Jessica Sengenberger and Luann Rudolph represented Ravena-Coeyman-Selkirk's A. W. Becker elementary school as student writers for the second edition of *Imagi-News*, published by *Metro-*

*land Magazine* as part of the Imagination Celebration.

The student writers worked on advertisements and toured the WNYT News studio where they met staffer Chris Kapostasy.

### Bikeathon will benefit children

A bikeathon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., will be held at Hamagrael Elementary School on Sunday, May 15, at 11 a.m.

Riders who bring in \$25 or more in contributions will receive a t-shirt. Riders who bring in \$75 or more will receive a t-shirt and a sports bag.

Prizes and gifts will be awarded by Betty Lent Realty, Verstandig's Florist, Famous Shoes, Town and Tweed, Fantastic Sam's and Bialys, Bagels and Butter.

To make a donation or obtain a sponsor kit call Patricia Cleary at 439-3819.

### Film at library

David Greenberg of the french department at Shenendehowa High School will present his film, "Ile d'Orleans," at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. Call 439-9314 for information.

## State late, RCSborrows

By Sal Prividera

The Ravena-Coeyman-Selkirk Central School District "got caught short" of funds due to a late state budget and had to borrow over \$200,000 to cover expenses through Friday.

The district "was forced to borrow \$260,000," said Rodger Lewis, district business administrator. The funds would be retroactive to April 29, he said, and would cover expenses to May 6. The loan from Key Bank was in the form of a five-day note at five percent interest, which will be paid back as soon as the state funds came in, he said.

"We should have our money and not be forced to spend money (on loans)," said Wayne Furman, board vice president. He said the money was due in April and May. Furman said the board should find out if there are any laws preventing the state from passing a law to pay due monies when the budget is late.

The board unanimously approved modifications to the grade 12 English program. Students will now take one elective course and one required course, according to Superintendent William Schwartz. Each course runs half of the school year. The elective courses include literature, journalism, media and creative writing, he said. The required course includes instruction such as writing, which "we think all kids should have," he said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved tenure for Ann Marie Bosico, secondary math; Patricia DellaRocco, elementary education; Joan Kratz, guidance; Bonnie Labunski, physical education; Veronica Mitchell, music; Patricia O'Keefe, elementary education; Sue Panthen, elementary education; Judith Ragotzkie, foreign language; Bryan Wood, secondary science.

- Accepted with regret the resignation of basketball coach Betty Faxon after 24 years of service.

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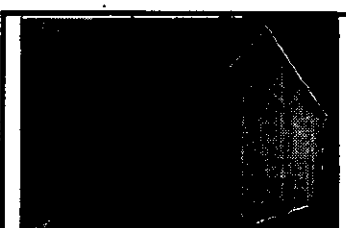
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Members of the South Bethlehem Players production of "The Matchmaker" are, from left, Gail Canutson, Michael Haskell, Jennifer Osborn, Nathan Dickson and Peter Haskell.

Cheryl Clary

## Players group began as church celebration

By Cheryl Clary

The South Bethlehem Players have been reborn and will present the fruits of their efforts this weekend with a production of the Thornton Wilder play, "The Matchmaker."

The players are housed in the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church where it originated as a group to dramatize the celebration of the church's 150 year anniversary offering views of life in the town over the years.

When the Scarborough auditorium was added to the original church structure, a stage with velvet down curtains and theater lighting was added. Known as the Choral Club, the theater came alive in the 1950's with several productions, including "Showboat."

In 1982 the players presented the comedy, "Let Him Sleep Til It's Time For His Funeral" and in 1985, the play "Life With Father." Some of the members of the current cast were active in those heydays of the past. They include

MEB Hunter, director of this production. Because of her artistic background, an artist by profession, MEB Hunter has also provided many of the painted backdrops for the productions. Presently, she has a show of her artwork at the Unity Church in Albany.

The current production, on which the Broadway jewel, "Hello Dolly" was based, will include period costuming assembled by Eleanor Kendall and antiques from Ed Eilers of Nestledown Antiques. The cast of 16 includes several well known area residents, including Earl Jones, Carolyn Savery and Eleanor and Robert Kendall.

Tickets for the performances, Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14, at 8 p.m., are available at the door. The Methodist Church in South Bethlehem is located on Willowbrook Avenue, which runs off South Albany Road, which intersects with Rt. 396.

## Church celebrates 225th anniversary

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk will celebrate its 225th anniversary on May 21 and 22.

Friends, members and former pastors will gather for an anniversary dinner at 6:30 p.m. on May 21 at the church. Ronald Thayer will hold an organ recital at 4:30 p.m.

A special service is planned for May 22 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Eugene Heideman, secretary for program in the Reformed Church of America, will deliver the sermon.

## Family fun at Five Rivers

A family-oriented spring exploration of the outdoors will be presented at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m. Spring activities for parents and young children will be presented.

An afternoon birdwalk will be held at 2 p.m.

The program, "Birding for Beginners" is designed to introduce the beginning birder to common birds of the area. Center naturalists will discuss bird watching and identification during the walk on the center grounds.



The Bethlehem Elks' Club building on Rt. 144. Cheryl Clary

## Elks lodge on market

The building which houses the Bethlehem lodge of the Order of Elks is on the market as members are considering the high costs of maintenance and heat and whether the lodge should remain there.

Currently, the asking price of the former governor's residence is \$349,000 and it is being shown to prospective buyers by Mike Albano Realty of Ravena. However, to date, no offers have been received.

The fate of the stately mansion, located on property overlooking Rt. 144 in Cedar Hill, will be more carefully examined at the next

Elks members meeting on May 18th. According to lodge member George Markley, there is some disagreement among the membership as to the sale and future plans of the lodge.

## Seafood considered

"Seafood, A Healthy Choice," a class for consumers, will be held at the William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, on May 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. Seafood dishes will be prepared. The evening will also include a discussion about the selection and storage of seafood. Register before May 23 by calling 765-3550.

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# Smoking, passes, Regents at issue in election

By Bill Dixon

Threedays of low-key politicking came upon a not-so-indifferent Bethlehem Central High School three weeks ago.

This year's election came quickly and brought attention to many of Bethlehem Central's more pressing problems. From the questioning of the school's smoking policy to the widespread dissatisfaction with the new Regents requirements, students spoke up. BC may have been trying to disprove one of the most popular myths of the decade — that students, even at the high school level, are not so apathetic as to ignore the directions in which their school is headed.

On a recent Wednesday, while students and faculty made their way into a newly repaired auditorium, the candidates for the various offices of the school's Student Senate quickly made last minute alterations in their speeches. Each would give his or her talk three times during the course of the day. Voting machines, acquired by the senate through an arrangement with the town of Bethlehem, would be set up in the cafeteria on Thursday, a move that might have given a more official look to the elections. The results would be announced on Friday, just before school let out for spring break.

The returns showed many pre-election forecasts to be correct, while at the same time exposed a good number of upsets to what supposedly had been "sure things". Having delivered a speech that called for an increase in the voicing of student opinions about senate money-matters, junior Robert Dillon won the race for senate treasurer, defeating classmate Steven Connolly. In the race for senate secretary, Susan Shayegani, a junior, took the lead over sophomore Katherine Saba. Ian Berry, the Senate's current president and the only incumbent seeking re-election, won more than enough votes to keep his office, squashing challenger Neil Breslin.

But if there was any real excitement to be seen in Friday's results, it was in the race for vice-president. Three students were in the running, all were juniors and all had considerable experience in the workings of student government. Amy Conway, a cheerleader and a member of a local sorority, tied in the precedent-setting race with Greg Jazcko, a member of the volleyball and soccer teams. Danielle Rinsler, despite the outlining in her speech of a variety of seemingly original approaches to student affairs, was shut out. The incumbent senate, faced with a nearly

unheard of situation, convened to decide how exactly to handle it. After little deliberation, it was decided that the tie would have to be broken by a paper ballot re-vote cast in homerooms the week following vacation. The senate laid aside the issue of there being something of an incongruity between the two elections; mainly that the second election would include every student in the school, even those that hadn't bothered to vote the first time around, thereby changing the composition of the electorate considerably, as well as nearly doubling its size. Whatever the added effects might have been, Jazcko won the race by a wide margin and will assume the office some time in May.

Unlike previous elections, issues surrounding this year's candidacies were not hard to find. The new smoking policy, which forbids all students except seniors and some juniors (by decree of a kind of "grandfather" clause) from lighting up any where on the school grounds, was a predictably hot topic. Many senate members felt that the decision had been made behind the students' backs, as the school board had voted for it during the summer, a time when the senate was, for all intents and purposes, virtually dissolved.

The question of off-campus

passes was also brought up. In earlier years, the passes provided students with an opportunity to leave the school grounds during their unscheduled time. Today, the passes are not issued. Many students feel that they have not been given enough reason as to why the passes were revoked.

There was also mention of the school's ongoing problems with parking. Space in the front parking lot is limited and some students have been forced to park on the streets surrounding the school, consequently raising complaints from the school's neighbors. Money has not yet been approved for the paving of new lots for student parking, and that has also been a source of annoyance for a portion of the student body.

Another question that was on the minds of many students was the new Regents mandate. The New York State Board of Regents has issued new requirements for the awarding of a Regents diploma. Students must now take an introductory economics course as well as a new course called "Participation in Government". Both courses, which are to be taken in the senior year, would restrict the student's ability to take the traditional senior electives that have become greatly valued by students and faculty alike.

This year the senate drafted a petition to the Board calling for the repeal of the new mandate. Berry, Shayegani and others used this as a key point to their speeches.

## DWI arrest made

A 28-year-old Schenectady man was arrested for driving while intoxicated last Monday night after being stopped on Rt. 32 for speeding, Bethlehem police said.

The officer detected the odor of alcohol in the car and the man stated he had been drinking, police said. The man failed a pre-screening device test and was arrested, police said. He was also charged with having a blood alcohol content of .10 percent or more and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, police said. He was released on an appearance ticket, police said.

## Correction

In the April 27 issue of *The Spotlight*, it was incorrectly stated that Alteri's Restaurant and Five-star Video will be sponsoring the "Fifth-Inning Fifty" program during the 1988 Tri-Village Little League season. Alteri's Pizza and Seafood and Five-star Video are the sponsors.

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# □ Pastor mourned

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the church and was a friend of Metcalf's for over 12 years. "He was a builder who was always building," she said, "not only physically, but also spiritually." Metcalf was, quite literally, a builder who would undertake roofing and redesigning projects in the community. In speaking of the church, Besson said he "had a vision of this, he dug this (church's foundation) out! This was his vision given to him by the Lord."

Besson said she had come to know the pastor as a friend and a brother. She noted one particular instance where he came to be with her at 4 a.m. when she was very ill. "He was a true shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep," she said.

Besson grew up in Czechoslovakia during the Nazi rule, before moving to Holland, England and eventually the United States. Several of her relatives in Europe have called to express their grief in the church's loss, Besson said. She said that one of the Metcalf's dreams was to one day see all Christian fellowships united, and those hopes reached as far as Europe. She said Metcalf would sometime speak with her of travelling to Europe for such a purpose.

Church Deacon Bill Paiko said

that those efforts to unite the Christian fellowship locally were concentrated in the Bethlehem and Albany areas.

Locally, he was the founder of the Glenmont Christian Academy in 1979 and the Glenmont Daycare Center in 1985. He helped found the Solid Rock Church in 1976. Prior to that, he served as assistant pastor of the United Pentecostal Church in Rensselaer.

Despite the loss of Pastor Metcalf, Paiko said the church will continue to grow and remain strong because Metcalf was so dedicated to educating and training others. "He was always raising others up, making strong leaders in the church. The church is in good hands," Paiko said. Metcalf's 19-year-old son Justin, is one of those church leaders, Paiko said, and is currently the church's youth minister.

"The full impact of this on his ministry hasn't been felt yet," Paiko said. "But it will be fulfilled."

Besson said Metcalf was a pastor who would become so involved in his work that it would affect him physically. She recalled the time the pastor became concerned about a community member who was losing a battle with alcoholism. After meeting with the alcoholic a number of

times, one day the alcoholic walked through the rear doors of the church while the pastor was delivering his sermon from the pulpit. Overcome with emotion by seeing the man, Besson said, Metcalf collapsed and was carried away.

"A mother grows tired sometimes from taking care of so many children; the more children she has, the more tired she becomes," Besson said.

Plans to find a new minister have already begun, Besson said. But she added, "he is irreplaceable."

## Lecture on building planned

The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance will sponsor a lecture on "Building" on Wednesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at the William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville. Victor Triolo will speak about modular construction. Joseph Peattie will speak about being your own general contractor. For information call 765-2425.

## JCA honors students

Several graduates of the Junior College of Albany were recently honored for academic excellence.

Graduating students honored included: Patricia A. McMullen of Glenmont, interior design; Gary W. Ellsworth of Voorheesville, computer science; and Bonnie J. Ochsner of Delmar, legal assisting.

# Burnham gets coaching nod

By Mark Stuart

David Burnham has been named head coach of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High football team, replacing Peter Douglas who stepped down from that position in March.

Burnham is a fourth grade teacher at the Voorheesville Elementary School. He was an assistant coach under Douglas and for Tom Buckley, and has served for two years as an assistant coach at Bishop Gibbons and one year as an assistant at SUNY-Albany.

He has worked mainly as a defensive coordinator. He helped lead the Voorheesville squads to four wins in five sectional championship games. He has had an article published in *Coaching Clinic*, a national coaching publication, on the kicking game

## Community seminar offered for women

"Commonunity," a community seminar for women, will be held at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Topics to be considered will include managing stress, parenting, managing the household and maintaining a positive self image.

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and is also very active in area football camps.

Burnham said he has already scheduled a number of meetings for the team in May. "Football is a year-round sport," he said. "There's going to be changes in the way things are done from now on."

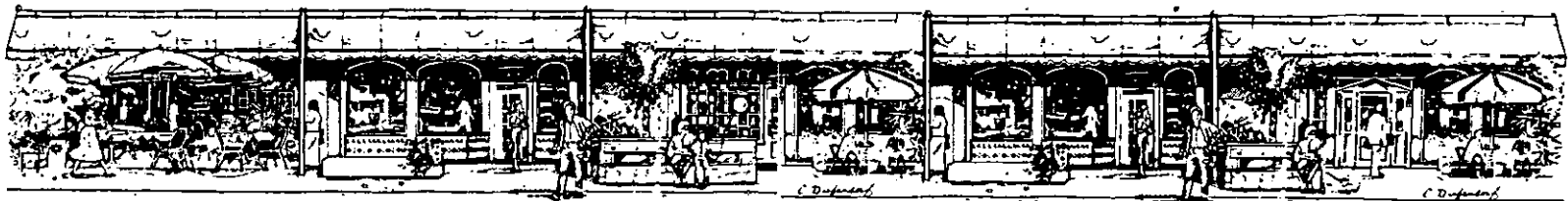
Burnham and his wife Patricia, who is also a teacher at the Voorheesville Elementary School, reside in Voorheesville with their two daughters, Deah and Brittany.

## Correction

Adams-Russell Cable Service, which recently announced that it is raising its rates to customers in Bethlehem, New Scotland and Voorheesville, is not currently negotiating a new franchise agreement with the Town of Bethlehem. The cable company was granted a five-year extension of its franchise by the New York Cable Commission in 1986. Under federal law, town approval was not required. The franchise currently expires in 1991.

## Spring concert set

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## Bethlehem Public Library celebrates anniversary

### The library today — busiest in area

By Anna Jane Abaray

The Bethlehem Public Library opened its doors for the first time on August 16, 1913, in one room of Delmar's elementary school building on Kenwood Avenue, now the Masonic Temple. The Library began as the result of the efforts of a small band of women volunteers to improve their community. Written records dating from May, 1915, show the library owned 889 books and had \$273.12 in its treasury. That year the library had a circulation of 3,870.

From these modest beginnings, the Library has grown to be one of the most heavily used public libraries of its size in upstate New York, and according to recent studies, in the nation.

In 1987 the Library circulated more than 418,000 items. As of the end of 1987 the Library owned 134,000 books, almost 12,000 recordings, including video and audio cassettes, phonograph records and compact discs, and subscribed to 363 newspapers and magazines. During 1987, 7,500 books and other materials were added to the Library's collections. An additional 1,586 items were borrowed from other libraries for Bethlehem users.

The Bethlehem Public Library is open 71 hours a week and



The Bethlehem Public Library, with its distinctive two-story main room, is the busiest in the Capital District and one of the busiest in the entire state. Tom Knight

serves approximately 5,000 people weekly. Since introducing automated circulation in 1981, new card holders have increased by 33 percent. The average number of

items each card holder borrowed, 16.7, was more than three times the state-wide average of 5.5.

52,275 reference questions were

answered by staff librarians during 1987, an annual increase of 12 percent. The Library has special consumer, health, local history, genealogy and local

government collections. The Career Resources Center provides information on employment opportunities and a career counseling service.

But that's not all. The Library is also a center for community activities. In 1987, 748 meetings and programs sponsored by the library and nearly 100 other community organizations were held there. On many occasions meetings were scheduled in both of the rooms the building has available for community use. An estimated 23,000 people attended meetings at the Library last year.

The Bethlehem Public Library is also in the forefront of using technology to enhance its services. We have a fully automated circulation system, a computerized reference search service, and microcomputers available for public use. The Library is one of only a few libraries in the state with a public access cable television station.

The statistics are impressive. They are indicative not only of the Library, but also of the kind of well-educated and progressive community the Library serves.

Anna Jane Abaray is public relations librarian for the library.

### A splendid institution

By Margaret A. Mirabelli

When we moved to this area in 1965, we first rented a farmhouse near Guilderland Center. I immediately began looking for a library. Trips to the public libraries of neighboring areas revealed a depressing thinness to their collections, but then by accident I discovered a small, insanely overcrowded library in Delmar — and knew I had found a treasure. Within six months we had found a house to buy — cleverly situated a mere block from that delicious source of entertainment and information — where we lived until the year the library moved to its present location. We also moved, again to within a block or so of the library. The staff used to joke about this.

I first sought to satisfy my own needs for good books, fiction and nonfiction. Long ago I learned that I couldn't possibly buy everything I wanted to read, so I purchased only those items I used so much they wouldn't have been in circulation for anyone else if I'd taken them from the library.

Very quickly, however, my



Margaret Mirabelli

oldest daughter, then three, found equal or even greater satisfaction in the library. Not only did the fascinating array of children's books entrance her, but good fortune also supplied two wonderful children's librarians, whose complementary skills dazzle me to this day. At that time Delmar had no town park and no pool. The summer could be long, hot and boring — but not with the library around. The richly entertaining summer programs made putting up with small plastic wading pools no difficulty.

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### The bookmobile in Moscow

By Chris Fiato

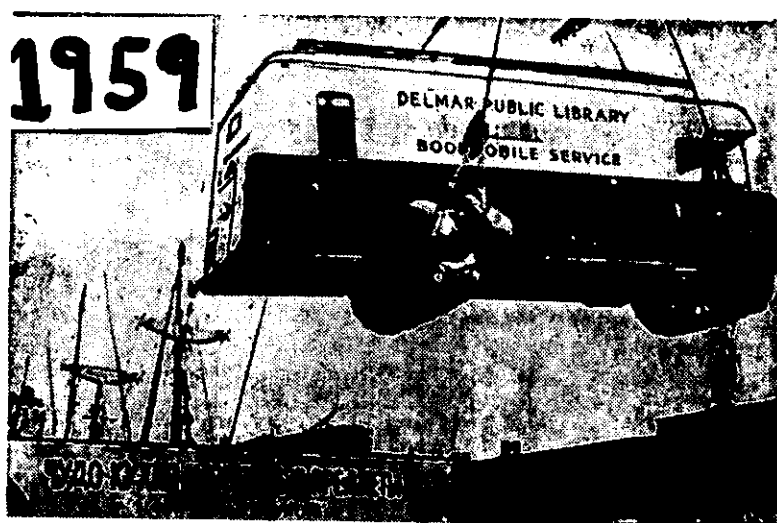
Since 1931 the Bethlehem Public Library has been delivering books to area residents who love to read but are not able to visit the library. Babe the Blue Ox, Delmar's largest traveling library, brought books as far as Moscow, definitely an outlying area.

In *Behind the Scenes at the Library*, written by Edith Busby, the janitor of the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Md. was identified as the driver of the first book wagon in the United States in 1907.

As stated by Busby, many buses, trailer trucks and station wagons have since been designed to carry book collections to those who want or need reading material. Public libraries in cities continue to use bookmobiles to supply reading materials to those who aren't able to visit the library.

According to a library history prepared by Barbara Hotaling, Delmar's first bookmobile was founded in 1931 by Mrs. Ethel Blake in cooperation with Mrs. Eula Hallam, then librarian at the Delmar Public Library. After routes were established, the Book Truck made its first trip on Dec. 9, 1931, covering the 34 square miles of the district and carrying 400 books.

A second bookmobile, a Mack truck known as Moby Dick, was purchased in 1942. Moby Dick carried some 1,000 books to more



The Delmar Bookmobile is hoisted aboard a lighter at a Brooklyn pier for transfer to a freighter bound for Russia in 1959. This Associated Press photo was published in the *Knickerbocker News*.

distant parts of the district. Moby Dick first traveled through Bethlehem on March 13, 1942, driven by the librarian, Dorothy Creifelds.

When gas rationing closed down the bookmobile for two weeks during World War II, Moby Dick's popularity was soon realized. A 17-page petition requesting release of the bookmobile was sent to the Office of Defense Transportation. Permission for Moby Dick to resume library service was granted on May 17, 1944, as explained by Hotaling.

As cited in a letter by Grace Farwell, Delmar's librarian in

1947, the bookmobile traveled a course of 64 miles every two weeks, covering four routes and stopping at seven schools. Each child was allowed to borrow four books, and adults had no borrowing limits imposed. Farwell distributed the books while a chauffeur assisted her.

In 1958 yet another bookmobile was ordered. A 1959 International Harvester vehicle with a 3,000-book capacity became Delmar's new bookmobile. Hotaling said the blue vehicle with a white top was referred to as Babe the Blue Ox.

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# A library timeline

**1913**

**May 14.** A group of Delmar Progress Club members met at the home of Mrs. Ira Boynton on Adams Place to form the Delmar Free Library Association.

**August 16.** The Library opened in a school building which is now The Masonic Temple. Volunteers from the Progress Club and the community ran the Library for the next eighteen years.

**July 2.** A provisional charter was granted by the Board of Regents of State University of New York.

**August 29.** The first book order (\$193.19) was sent to Baker and Taylor. The Library still orders books and videocassettes from Baker and Taylor.

The Family Directory of Delmar N.Y. (now the Tri-Village Directory) was published by a committee of the Progress Club and Mr. C.F. Williams to raise money for the Library.

**1915**

**May 12.** The Library owned 889 books and had \$273.12 in its treasury.

**1915-16**

**November-May.** An offer of land for a new building from the estate of George C. Adams was received and debated. An agreement was reached and Walter Pember, a Delmar architect, drew plans for the building.

The book circulation for the year was 3,870 books. (1987 circulation was over 418,000.)

**1917**

The new building on the corner of Adams Street and Hawthorne Avenue opened in the spring of 1917.

**November 15.** An absolute charter was granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

**1920**

The mortgage on the new building was paid in full.

**1931**

**April-July.** Because the increasing burden of running all phases of the Library from book purchasing to cleaning the building was too much for volunteers, the Library was turned over to the Central Rural School District Number 6 (now Bethlehem Central School District). A Board of Trustees was elected, a Certificate of Establishment of a New Library was received from the Board of Regents and procedures for levying taxes to support the Library was adopted. Mrs. Eula Hollam was hired to be the Librarian. The Library owned 2,750 books.

**December 9.** A new bookmobile, the first operated by a school district in New York State, was purchased and began its rounds carrying 400 books and covering 34 square miles a week.

The first magazine subscriptions were ordered.

**1954**

**August.** An enlarged building, about twelve times the size of the original building, opened. Further additions were built in 1958-59 and 1961.

The first Friends of the Library group was organized to obtain community support for new building — and disbanded after opening.

**1959**

A new, innovatively designed bookmobile was sent on a tour of Russia sponsored by the American Library Association before returning to serve people of the School District on January 5, 1960.

**October.** The first Bizarre Bazaar, an outdoor art show, was held. These exhibitions by local artists continued for many years and will be revived by the Bethlehem Art Association at Library Day, May 14, 1988.

**1966**

**July.** Teen on the Green, the forerunner of Evening on the Green.

**1967**

**August 8.** The first Evening on the Green. The series began as a program by and for teenagers but proved so popular that everyone wanted to come and by the summer of 1969 family-oriented programs were scheduled.

**1968**

**November 22.** The Board of Regents on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York issued an amendment to the Library's charter changing the Library's name from Delmar Public Library to Bethlehem Public Library.

**1969**

**November 18.** The community voted to issue bonds to build a new Library.

**1972**

**May-June.** The new building was opened with a preview party May 9 and a dedication ceremony June 4.

**1976**

**August.** A Job Information Center offering information and counselling in all phases of careers and employment was opened. The name of this collection is now the Career Resources Center, and it also includes information on colleges.

**1981**

**November 12.** The first Library materials were circulated using an automated circulation system.

**1982**

**June.** A public access television channel was opened in the Library. With the cooperation of Adams-Russell Cable Services New York, the Town cable franchisee, a studio, staffed by the Library was made available to produce and broadcast programs and public service announcements for the community, and to assist community members in preparing their own productions for broadcast.

A consumer Health Information Center was opened to provide materials on treatment, diagnosis and all phases of health care.

**1983**

An Apple IIe microcomputer was made available for public use. The studio at the public access channel produced a program on video cassette to introduce users to the computer and give them basic instruction needed to begin to use a computer. This computer is intended to provide adults "computer literacy". Two Texas Instruments computers were installed in the Children's room for Library users thirteen and under.

**1984**

**January-February.** A Friends of the Library group was formed. This group has provided many services including sponsoring programs and assisting with special Library activities.

**March.** VHS videocassettes were added to the collection. Feature films, documentaries and children's programs have proved to be very popular.

**1985**

A genealogy and local history collection was established offering books, clippings and microfilms.

**1988**

The Library is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary with programs and events thanking and honoring all those who have helped in its establishment and continuation of service.

Upcoming anniversary events include: Gala Celebration, May 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. Over 350 residents have responded with reservations for this free community event.

On Sunday June 12, The Library's annual Library Day will feature a recreation of the Bizarre Bazaar outdoor art show, Delmar's own Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, local author Nat Boynton, and a puppet show.



Visitors to the Bizarre Bazaar, an outdoor art show of work by local artists at the library's 50th Anniversary in 1963.



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the library in 1963 are Mrs. Robert Kellum, past president of the Delmar Progress Club, left, and Mrs. Barbara Rau, library director at that time.



A view of the Bethlehem Public Library, looking southwest from Borthwick Ave., during construction in February, 1971.

## A resident exemplifies volunteerism

No one in our community is a stronger advocate of volunteerism than May Blackmore. During 1987 she herself tallied over 1,200 hours of volunteer service. She believes that a community like ours is rich in men and women with expertise in a multitude of areas and if we tap these resources, there is no limit to what the community can achieve. "Bethlehem is a great community, it has a great school system, but the greatest thing it has going for it is the library," Blackmore said.

For 18 years, Blackmore was employed by the Bethlehem Central School District as an English teacher and a guidance counselor. She started the career education program at Bethlehem

and wrote the proposal that obtained one of the first federal grants in New York State to develop the program.

When the Bethlehem Public Library developed a career resources center, she used it as an extension of service not only for the high school students but also for the adults who sought her help.

Blackmore is an active member and former president of the Delmar Progress Club, which established Bethlehem's library in 1913. She is formerly the county and district chairman and a current member of the board of directors of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. She is ever mindful of ways the club can continue to support the

local library. When she was president of Delmar Progress Club, she saw the need of a better piano for the library concerts, approached the library board for permission to seek one, contacted local clubs and individuals for help, and publicized the need through *The Spotlight*. Her efforts resulted in the generous donation of a grand piano by Mrs. Birchenough.

For several years Blackmore served as chairman of the spring library book sale. She has for many years helped to decorate the library for the holiday season.

She is a member of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art. Four years ago when the first Festival

of Trees in Albany was planned, Blackmore and her husband saw an opportunity to enhance the library decorations. Every year the Blackmores sponsor a tree at the festival. The tree, which is decorated by the Delmar Progress Club, becomes the "Library Tree" in the foyer.

No detail is too small if it is for the library. A few years ago, the Albany County Cooperative Extension advertised free tulip bulbs to organizations that would develop the best plan for their use. Blackmore developed a plan for the Delmar Progress Club and the tulips were planted at the library. In 1982 she coordinated the reception for William Kennedy when the library arranged for his visit as a guest speaker.



May Blackmore





Library trustee Theodore Wenzl stands in front of the building constructed during his tenure as president of the library board. *Tom Knight*

## Joyce Strand hears from happy patrons

Joyce Strand has been president of the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees since 1986 and a member of the board since 1978. A Glenmont resident, she and her husband, Peter, have lived in the area for 21 years. She is a graduate of Cornell University and holds a master's degree in education from the State University system.

When her children were still in school, Strand did volunteer work in the Bethlehem Central School District. Eight of her 13 years of volunteer service were spent as general chairman of the volunteer program. Long interested in education, Strand views the library as an educational institution. "I believe the library is a place where people can supplement or continue their formal education and can investigate, initiate, and explore for the sheer joy of expanding their horizons or for the pleasure of recreational reading," she said.



Joyce Strand

As a trustee, Strand communicates with other library officials on a state and national level. "Through these contacts," said Strand, "it is evident that the Bethlehem Public Library has an outstanding reputation statewide and nationwide." Strand said she believes many elements are working together to achieve this "not the least of which is a community which places a high priority on having an outstanding library."

She said the trustees "constantly try to assess and meet the needs of the community, while trying to keep expenses within reasonable bounds."

The library's 75th anniversary year has given Strand an opportunity to indulge in another one of her interests — fabric arts. She was a member of the Library's Anniversary Quilted Wall Hanging steering committee and worked on the project as a volunteer sewer and quilter.

Strand is a charter member of Quilters United in Learning Together, former program chairman of the Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders Guild, a teacher and lecturer in embroidery and fabric arts, and a volunteer textile conservator at the New York State Bureau of Historic Sites at Pleebles Island.

The 75th anniversary quilted hanging will be unveiled on Saturday evening, May 14, at the library's Anniversary Gala Celebration.

## Longtime BPL advocate

Extraordinary is the word that comes to mind when describing the achievements of Theodore Wenzl, treasurer of the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. Wenzl served as president of the board from 1952 to 1980. During his 38 years on the board, he oversaw the transformation of the Bethlehem Public Library from a cramped one-room building to the multi-purpose, modern facility the community enjoys today.

Wenzl, along with his wife Pauline Bader, has been a resident of Delmar for 47 years. He became a trustee in 1950, but his interest in libraries just began there. Since 1963, he has been a member of the executive committee of the Upper Hudson Library Federation, a cooperative association of area public libraries with Bethlehem Public Library as a leading member. From 1967 to 1971 he served on the advisory council of the New York State Library Trustees Foundation. Since 1979 Wenzl has served as a member of the board of directors and former vice president of the New York State Association of Library Boards.

He joined the American Library Trustees Association in 1980. Wenzl served as a member of their Action Development Committee. In 1983, Theodore Wenzl was honored with the Velma K. Moore Award for his contributions to the

development of library services in New York State

In addition to his service to libraries, Wenzl has worked in various capacities in education and in state government for 27 years before becoming president of the Civil Service Employees Association from 1967, a post he held until 1977.

Wenzl holds a civil engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a doctorate from Columbia University. He has earned a long list of academic honors. Wenzl has also been active in many local civic and educational organizations, ranging from Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity to the Community Health Plan.

## Growing up at the library

By Nina Lempert

"But Mom we've got to get a dog. Everyone else at story hour has a pet to bring to the show." With my sisters' words, one of my worst childhood nightmares began. No dog. Mom had quite a dilemma that somehow was solved by her suggestion that my two older sisters dress my younger sister and me up as poodles. Even at age four I knew that this was a mistake.

"Everyone's going to laugh," I told Katie. But all the attention helped ease the embarrassment, especially when we walked away with first prize.

While growing up in Delmar, the library was always a special place for me. I remember my last story hour at the old library on Adam's Place. The room felt strange and bare because there were no books left on the shelves. My sister explained with pride

that her brownie troop had helped to move the books to the new library, a much bigger and better place. I was skeptical, but soon discovered that the new library was bright and roomy, yet every bit as cozy and friendly as the old. As the fourth of five children, it was easy to get lost in the crowd; but, the librarians got to know each of us individually. They remembered all of our names and even our favorite books. Where else could I discover new friends, such as Amelia Bedelia and Encyclopedia Brown?

Through the years the library met my growing needs. From preschool story hour I jumped to summer reading programs and after-school activities. The programs really encouraged me to read. Each time a star went up by my name it sparked a sense of achievement, and in the process I learned that reading could be fun.

The first time I presented my very own library card at the desk I was sure that I had grown up.

Throughout middle school and high school I continued to use the library's facilities as a source of pleasure and a resource for information. There was always someone there to lend assistance in finding an obscure reference, or even obtaining the materials from other libraries. I always knew that when I had a paper to write, all my friends would be at the library, too. Even now when I'm home from Vassar College on break, I sometimes escape the havoc of our house and head to the library to get some quiet studying done. On my way out I glance into the children's section with a sense of envy. Somehow I always expect to find myself there.

*Nina Lempert, a BCHS graduate is currently a Vassar College student.*



The staff of the Bethlehem Public Library. Top row (standing) left to right: Shirley Seyler, Mary Ahern, Lynne Cooper, Karen Levi Lausa, Liz Tilaro, Anne Mosher, Phyllis Chambers, Susan Britton, Anne Faulkner, Audrey Watson, Emily Roberts, Elizabeth Levy, Michael Farley, Lorre Smith and Ginger Soeller. Middle row (sitting) left to right: Susan Klein, Lisa Thomas,

Diane Arber, Gail Llope, Michele Saxe, Fay Lewis, Irene Rosenthal, Leda Loux, Janis Dominelli and Karin Martin. Bottom row (seated on floor) left to right: Joan Norton, Anna Mae Buckelew, Helen Bellacqua, Barbara Mladinov, Stephanie Pouliott, Ann McGinty, Meryl Norek, Marie Carlson, Anna Jane Abaray and Dorothy Heffernan.

## □ Bookmobile

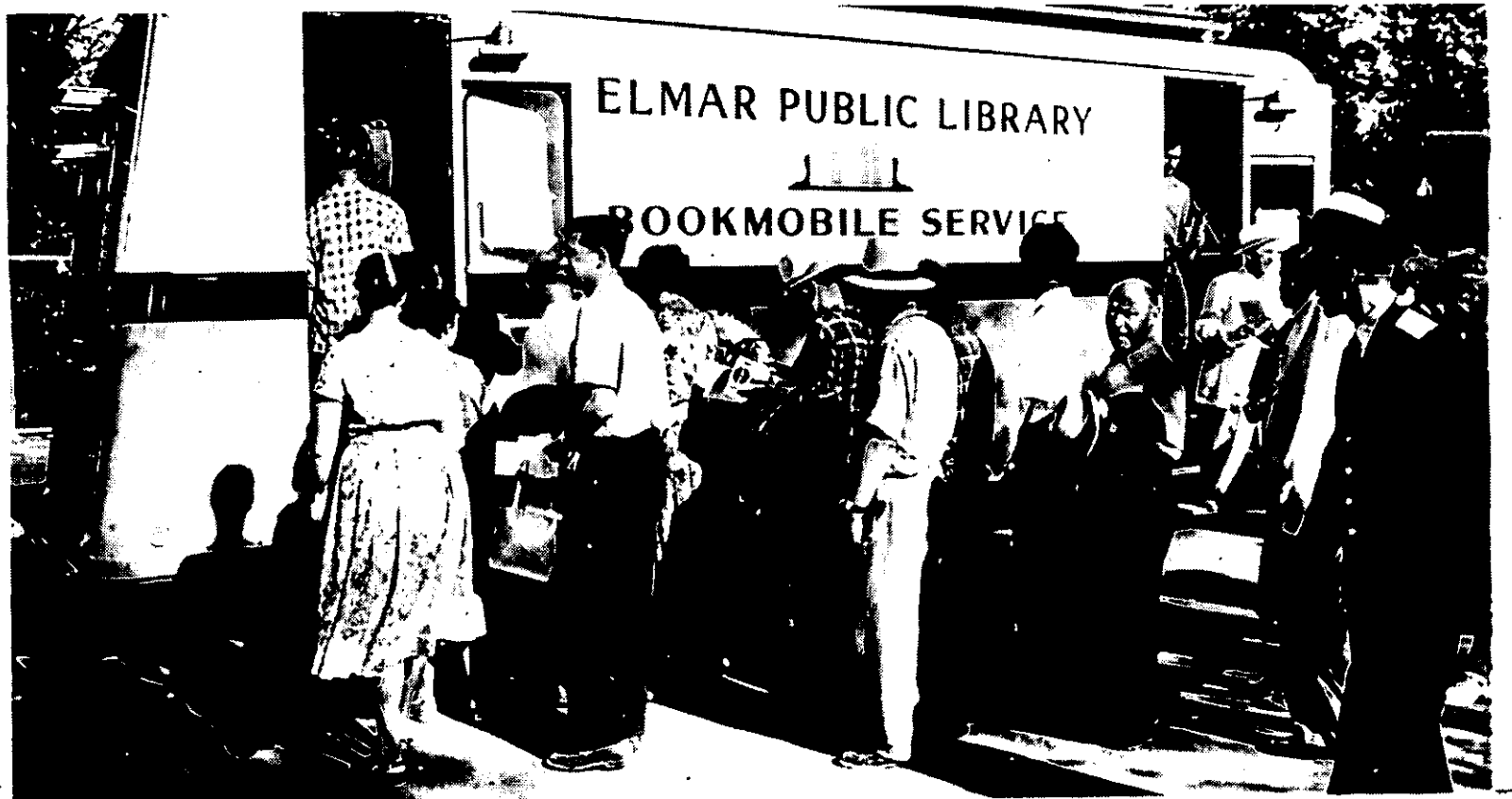
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In addition to its book capacity, Hotaling said Babe the Blue Ox was special because it was selected by the American Book Publisher's Council for inclusion in a United States exhibit during May of 1959 in Moscow. Delmar was represented as a "typical American community." Babe the Blue Ox was sent to Moscow while Moby Dick was still operating in Delmar. The bookmobile returned to the United States on Nov. 6. After being refurbished by the Thomas F. Maroney Company, Babe the Blue Ox rolled into Delmar during December.

It seemed, however, according to "One Bookmobile to Go," a story by Mrs. Barbara Rau, a past library director, that the press in Russia criticized Delmar's bookmobile while it was on display. Demands were made to remove some books and cover certain books with plexiglass, but the popularity of the bookmobile seemed to outweigh the criticism.

The money for the repairs and the cost of shipping and insurance during the trip was donated by the American Library Association. On Jan. 5, 1960, Babe the Blue Ox began traveling the Delmar routes again, according to Hotaling.

The event of the Delmar bookmobile's trip to Russia



Soviet citizens visiting the Bethlehem Public Library's bookmobile during its stay at the United States Exhibition in

Moscow in 1959. The exhibit drew large crowds — and criticism in the Soviet press.

received considerable publicity, including articles in *Publisher's Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *The New York Times*, and the 1960 annual of *Collier's Encyclopedia*.

Paul Goodfellow began driving the vehicle in December of 1963 and continued to drive until the bookmobile was retired on April 2,

1976. In response to declining demand and mounting repair expenses, the library board discontinued bookmobile services.

Many letters of remorse and pleas to continue the service were received by the library. One such letter from Rosa Smultz stated, "I have enjoyed this service for over

20 years and I have no way to take them (books) to the library or get them home in the first place... my husband enjoys the Western stories — what will he do without them? Please, please can you do something so we can have our books?"

While the bookmobile was not

restored to use this time, a van was purchased to provide a new service, known as "Books to People." The free program allows for delivery of books to those who can't reach the library due to a physical problem or medical condition. Anyone who would like this service may call the library at 439-9314.

## 'Friends' expand library horizons

By Eleanor D. Clarke

My husband and I moved to Delmar in 1953 with our two daughters. We were anxious to find a small friendly community with good schools and a good library. We found both.

I was particularly pleased to find that the library was centrally located and was extensively used by the community. I spent many hours researching as an author and for special projects. I watched with pleasure the expansion of information and services to the point where the new library was a necessity.

The new building has continued to serve as a community center for learning, exploring new ideas and a variety of activities. I enjoy



Eleanor Clark

Eleanor D. Clarke is president of Friends of the Library.

seeing the bustle of activities, the many people, the art displays in the entrance halls, the expanding services and the friendly staff. The enthusiasm makes me proud to be a part of this community. I have worked on the Christmas decoration, the annual book sale and many other events.

When the Friends of the Library was being organized, I wanted to be more actively involved in supporting and promoting this lively part of our community. This is my second year as president of Friends of the Library.

The group has sponsored the "Meet the Author" luncheon in the community room, co-sponsored the Helen Adler lecture series and purchased the books used in the series. We raised funds to purchase the display case in

honor of Ethel Birchenough.

Friends of the Library continue to conduct the measurement output survey for the Library twice each year and participate in annual Library Day. We contribute to the yearly publication of the *Community Contacts*, sponsor trips, provide speakers and plan a variety of programs for the community.

At the May 14 gala library birthday celebration the Friends will present a plaque in recognition of the 19 women of the Progress Club who founded the Delmar Public Library in 1913.

I am pleased to be a part of this very creative and supportive community group known as the Friends of the Library. We welcome anyone in the community who would like to join the Friends.

## Service continues

The Bethlehem Public Library has many services to this community. A very special one is the service to the elderly at the Good Samaritan Home at 125 Rockefeller Road, Elsmere.

About 11 years ago, Erma Cedilotte and Kay McArthur began this service of bringing books to the elderly at the adult home.

"We took them in our cars in big bags and helped each other carry them," Mrs. Cedilotte explained.

This service was done every two weeks for approximately six years, two of those years with Mrs. Cedilotte doing the job herself.

Finally, about five years ago, Mary Jo Maercklein became involved and helped Mrs. Cedilotte with this special task. "We'd choose the books we thought were appropriate," Mrs. Maercklein said. "We would bring as many as the two of us could carry. We tried to get input on what they wanted to read."

Due to the fact that Mrs. Maercklein was working another job, this service was cut down to once a month. "They seem satisfied at the moment with what we're doing," Mrs. Cedilotte explained, when asked how those receiving this service felt regarding the loss of one day.

According to Joan Saunders, the assistant administrator of the Good Samaritan home, "We really enjoy the visitor's bringing the books over. It's really helpful and the residents really appreciate it."

Mrs. Cedilotte and Mrs. Maercklein would like to go back to doing this twice a month, and hope to find someone who will be interested in helping.

"It's very worthwhile to visit the older people," Mrs. Maercklein explained. *Chris Fiato*

## I love the library

By Mary Spargo

The wonderful light — the delightful selection of colors — the uniformly helpful and friendly staff — the continuous improvements and additional services — all contribute to one's joy in the library.

As I approach the beautifully designed and located library, somehow I think of a large airplane lifting one into the sky. The architecture so gracefully combines lightness with strength. The landscaping and the parking help the feeling of graceful symmetry.

Somehow I have a sense our library is different. It is a real community place.

When I need to refer to a magazine article, I can go to the Info Track. There is a newspaper index too.

Once, I needed to know the best size painting for my living room. Lo and behold, there is a picture lending service. You can check pictures out on your card.

By the way, there are usually displays in the halls of local artists' work. There are several fine display cases in the library for smaller things.

You may borrow videocassettes, or have your organization's notices put on the local cable television channel as well as on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in saving money, you may freely pick up coupons on a special desk. Also, there is a consumer desk to help you pick your purchases wisely.

In the summer there are the charming outdoor Evenings On the Green.

Make your own discoveries of what our library has to offer for you.

My visits to the library lift my spirits and energize my mind. For me the Bethlehem Public Library is the heart of the community.

Mary Spargo, a Delmar resident, is a former *Washington Post* reporter.

## □ Mirabelli

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As my other children came along, they too lived a good part of their lives in the library — even though they had totally different tastes and personalities. The library could absorb all sorts of people. As the children grew, the library helped them with their school work and even offered them their first employment.

Meanwhile, I began to do freelance editing and writing, which made the library an indispensable tool. Not only did the collection hold many works I had to consult, but library membership gave me access to a vast interlibrary loan network. Moreover, through the library I was able to obtain a courtesy card for other local libraries, especially the academic ones. One of my jobs requires working with microfilms — the library has microfilm readers. It even has a reader-printer. And like everyone else in the community, I would die without the xerox machine. One of my jobs, editing a library journal, gave me inside knowledge of something transparently clear

— Bethlehem Public Library is an unusually excellent library.

Of course the uses I have mentioned don't even touch reading the newspaper that we forgot to buy, checking the magazines for an article a friend mentioned, zipping through the consumer material to find if there really is a vacuum cleaner that works or looking up medical information.

Despite daily access to the State University at Albany library, my husband would rather get books locally. A trip to the xerox machine for him means glancing at the displayed books and finding yet another gorgeous art or photography book to relax with. And yes, I confess, we're in there with everyone else finding all the videos of movies we haven't seen or saw a thousand years ago when we were young.

May the Bethlehem Public Library continue as it has these past years — it is a splendid institution, filled with splendid books and a thoughtful, attentive staff.

# □ Delmar 75 years ago

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Cherry Aves. with one or two residing on Furman and Pine Ridge Place. Two families were listed as living on Lyons Lane, a dirt track that wandered off behind the original library building over to the farm of the Lyons family, located in what is now the Hamagrael Elementary School area. In 1913 the directory listed four churches in town — the Dutch Reformed, Methodist, Episcopal and Catholic. There were four teachers at the school and three trustees of the school.

In 1913 a few stores and homes graced the Four Corners area and the immediate surrounding streets. No one ever imagined it would become the bustling intersection we see today. Farmland fanned out all along Delaware Avenue and several of the old farmhouses of the Onderdonk and Salisbury families survive yet on the way to the City of Albany. Along Delaware Avenue to the west was the square white painted brick home of Dr. John Van Allen and beyond that were the Winne, Manser, Glasser and Bennett farmsteads. The soil was fine and sandy and orchards of apple, plum and peach trees grew along Delaware Avenue. The local farmer took his fruits and vegetables, chickens and eggs and homemade sausage in to the farmers' market in Albany to sell to city housewives.

A near neighbor to our present library building was the brick building with a mansard roof at the corner of Delaware and Borthwick Aves., now housing an antique shop. The Flagler family sold it to Tawasentha Grange, an organization for farmers and agriculturists. With the demise of farmers in the neighborhood, the Tawasentha Grange was disbanded in the early 1930's; but, in its heyday the group was a very active and educational institution. Since supermarkets were unknown and farm people often had to travel many miles to purchase staples, a store selling groceries and small novelties was usually conducted in conjunction with the Grange organization and was open on their meeting nights. Samuel Haswell of Feura Bush Rd. was for many years the Grange storekeeper at Tawasentha. The members served suppers and held dances and euchre parties as a means of raising money for their projects. Two of the more

succulent sounding suppers were a roast pig dinner and an oyster supper. At the Christmas meeting there was always a decorated tree that produced a gift for each member.

In 1911 a group of townsmen gathered at the Adams House to discuss the formation of a volunteer fire company. With town board approval the Delmar Fire Company No. 1 was incorporated. The group met at the Adams House until 1912 when a suitable building was acquired on Kenwood Avenue (Erlich Auto Parts) to house the first fire apparatus in use in the town.

It is hard to realize that even as late as 1925 many of our now older streets in Delmar were not paved, or even committed to the drawing boards. North Street and Adams Street were paved in that year and Bridge Street in Slingerlands was widened. Several new streets were opened in the (former) library section and Adams Place had 14 new houses built there during the early 1920's. One block alone on Adams Street had 13 new houses erected in two years. The two stucco pillars near the former library building, now the offices

of the school system, mark the entrance to that housing development. In 1913 the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks passed over the Delaware Avenue on a grade crossing. The increase in vehicular traffic necessitated the building of an overpass by 1925.

In 1907 a group of Catholic families in the area were desirous of founding a congregation near their place of residence, rather than driving into the city to attend Holy Mass. They placed various homes at the disposal of a newly appointed pastor, the Rev. Thomas F. Phibbs. By 1910 this group had become strong enough to purchase the house at the corner of Kenwood and Borthwick Aves., where they met for worship for several years. By 1923 they were erecting the first sanctuary of St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Delaware Avenue.

In notes on the beginnings of the Methodist Church in Delmar, we find the congregation was confronted by the fact that the facilities of the church were overtaxed by the growing membership. In 1907 the building was raised on its foundation and

Sunday school rooms were provided in the new basement. Electric lights were installed in the church building four years later.

In 1907 a group of ladies whose interests included patriotic and historic endeavors founded the Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. They are still a viable organization within the town today.

We in Delmar are fortunate to have a good source of clear drinking water. The history of the area's drinking water goes back to 1902 when William Henry Slingerland organized the Suburban Water Company to supply water to the Slingerlands area. Within a few years small pipes were laid along the main streets to extend the water to Delmar and Elmsere.



Gina M. Deitz

## Young Selkirk chef's recipes win contest

Gina Marie Deitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Deitz of Selkirk, won the recent Shop Rite "Kids in the Kitchen" cooking competition. She will be competing as a regional winner at the Bridgewater Restaurant in New York City.

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## Progress Club holds picnic at town park

The Delmar Progress Club will hold its annual picnic Tuesday, May 24, at the Elm Ave. Park GE Pavilion at noon. Eleanor Lattimore will review "Clarissa Putnam of Tribes Hill" by Arthur Roman. The event is open to all club members.

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# Indians drop Mechanicville from ranks of the unbeaten

By John Curley

Despite last week's record of 1-2, it's hard not to notice the dramatic improvement that the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Varsity Baseball Team has undergone during the past two weeks. RCS faced the three top teams in the Colonial Council. Last Monday, the Indians faced Watervliet and "Section II's top strikeout pitcher," Kevin Legault. The matchup between Ravena's Mike Gallagher and Legault seemed even throughout the game, with the score tied on several occasions.

The score was 6-5 in favor of Watervliet, with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning. Gallagher doubled and followed it up by stealing third base. Unfortunately, Ravena's top hitter, Curt VanDerzee, failed to come through with a base hit, stranding the tying run at third and allowing the Cannoneers the narrow victory. In the end, Legault had 16 strikeouts while Gallagher fanned 10.

The following night, VanDerzee and the Indians took out their frustration on previously undefeated Mechanicville. VanDerzee went two for four with two RBIs, including the game winner. With two out in the bottom of the seventh, bases loaded, and the score tied, VanDerzee came to bat again. But this time he singled in the winning run to hand Mechanicville their first loss. Freshman sensation Julio Colon pitched a four hitter with nine strikeouts to earn the win. The final score was 3-2.

Ravena ended the week with another tough loss, this time to Schalmont. The Indians held a narrow lead for most of the game. Finally, in the seventh inning, the Sabres tied the game at four runs apiece. The score remained 4-4 until the tenth inning when Schalmont scored two runs. Ravena got back one run but left two runners on base in the heartbreak loss. Colon went three

for five and Mark Hale went two for four.

Coach Gary VanDerzee is confident that the team will improve their 3-6 league record in the upcoming week with games scheduled against Cohoes, Lansingburgh and Voorheesville.

## Biker reckless

Bethlehem police are investigating an incident involving a dirt bike near the Hamagrael Elementary School on Saturday.

Police said the rider was driving the motorcycle in a reckless manner on trails behind the school and endangering people using the fields at the school, police said. Police were unable to apprehend the rider, but described the bike as a red Honda 125cc and the rider as 15 to 18 years old wearing a blue helmet, police said.

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Bethlehem shortstop Dave Sodergren delivers a relay throw from right field to third baseman Brian Flynn as Niskayuna's Steve Raethka slides under safely. Niskayuna went on to beat the Eagles 10-3 in Friday's game. Mark Stuart

## Babe Ruth season begins

By John J. DiAnni

Bethlehem Babe Ruth began its season Friday night with Mike Aylward of Houghtaling's Market tossing a 12-strikeout whitewashing of Ted Dantz Heating and Air Conditioning, 8-0. Mike Ginovesi had two of the three hits for Ted Dantz.

On Saturday Ted Dantz came back with a vengeance, battering Owens-Corning Fiberglas 19-2. Winning pitcher Dave Miles helped his own cause by rapping out four hits. Bob Conway of Ted

Dantz also had four hits. Greg Zoruow had two hits and one RBI for the losing cause.

In game two on Saturday, G.E. Selkirk beat National Savings Bank 15-6. Winning pitcher Kevin Keparutis homered for G.E. Eric Seward of National Savings had two hits.

In the final game of the day, the ball flew all over the middle school field as Starwood outscored Daves Office 20-11. Mike Hoefs was the winning pitcher. Frank Daly had two hits for the losers.

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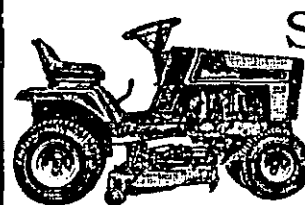
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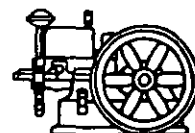
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## Bethlehem Babe Ruth

Standings as of May 8, 1988

	W	L		W	L
Houghtal.	1	0	Davies	0	1
Starwood	1	0	Nat. Sav.	0	1
GE Selkirk	1	0	O Corning	0	1
Ted Danz	1	0			

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Scores April 28, 1988

Beth. Luth.2, Bethany 2 (10)  
Beth. Comm. 16, Wynants. 15  
St. Thom. II 3, Del. Ref. 2  
Westerlo 12, Clarks. 11  
Glenmont 7, Ones. Val. 0

Scores May 7, 1988

Bethany 10, St. Thomas II 8  
St. Thom. I 11, Beth. Comm. 3  
Glenmont 12, New Scot. 4  
Methodist 14, Beth. Luth. 10 (8)  
Delmar Ref. 8, Ones. Val. 5  
Presby. 15, Westminster 0  
Clarks. 14, V'ville 13

### Standings

	W	L	W	L
Glenmont	3	0	Methodist	1 1
St. Thom. I	2	0	Bethany	1 1
Presby.	2	0	Westerlo	1 2
Wynants.	2	1	Del. Ref.	1 2
St. Thom. II	2	1	Westmin.	0 2
Clarksville	2	1	New Scot.	0 2
Beth. Com.	2	1	Beth. Luth	0 2
V'ville	1	1	Ones. Val.	0 3

## Spring carnival set at Slingerlands school

The Slingerlands School will present its annual Spring Carnival Friday, May 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event will be held regardless of the weather and will feature games, pony rides, and a bake sale. Pizza and hot dogs will be served.

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# Lady Eagles win some big ones

By Sarah Scott

Last week was a tough, but exciting week for the Bethlehem varsity softball team. After playing five difficult games, the team raised its record to 5-3 with victories over Colonie, Scotia, and Guilderland.

On Monday, the Eagles beat Colonie in a superb game, 10-5, and was highlighted by a grand-slam home run by Julie Francis in the sixth inning.

Bethlehem was expecting to face an extremely slow pitcher, but that was not the case. Instead of pitching a lob-style delivery, she was quite fast which allowed BC to hit the ball well. Amy Koski had a triple and a single, Lisa Rivenburg had a double and a single.

Coach Kelly Keller said "Julie's grand slam basically put the game away." Kristi Burkart pitched a terrific game, with the help of the Eagles' defense which gave up only one error.

On Tuesday, Bethlehem triumphed over Scotia 5-0. Kim Dale pitched her best game of the season, allowing only one walk.

## Softball

The Eagles' offense was led by Koski with two singles and a home run, Francis with a double, and Leslie Anderson with two singles.

Bethlehem defeated Scotia again on Wednesday, 4-2. Offensively, Amy Newhart had a single and a double, and Burkart had two singles. In both Scotia games, BC could not adjust to the slow speed of the pitcher. The hitting was very inconsistent and many of the hits were pop-ups. Defensively, the team did not play to their best potential. However, Cheryl Lovelace pitched a good game allowing only three walks.

On Thursday, Bethlehem suffered a devastating loss to Mohonasen, 10-1.

"It was a very poor game. It was rotten. Everything went wrong. We were mentally exhausted," Keller said. The exhaustion showed the most in their defense. Pitcher Kim Dale gave up five walks. In the field, the team

committed eight errors. Offensively, only three people got on base. Nancy Fratura had a double, Anderson had two singles and Koski had a single.

"It was the errors that did it. If we had played a clean defensive game, it couldn't have had such a high score," Keller said.

After the low point of the week, the Eagles were able to pull themselves back together to beat Guilderland, 7-4. Although there was a mid-game rain delay in the bottom of the fourth inning, the game went on and was finally called in the top of the fifth inning. Fratura, Rivenburg, Koski and Francis each had a single, and pitcher Lovelace had a good game.

The week was hectic, but BC pulled through to achieve its goal of winning four out of five of the games. Quite a few people were out due to sickness or injury making the week even more difficult. Sharon Keens, a key catcher, was out due to injury, hurting the team defensively.

This week, the team has five games scheduled. Luckily for the team, the first three games are at

home. BC will play Shaker on Monday, Burnt Hills on Tuesday, and Mohonasen on Wednesday. On Thursday, BC will continue a previously rain-interrupted game at Niskayuna. On Saturday, Bethlehem will play a non-league game against Catholic Central. The game will be under the lights at 7 p.m. at Knickerbocker Field.

Keller predicts that this week will be the most difficult because Shaker, Burnt Hills and Mohonasen are all difficult teams and all games will be played without a day of rest. It will be difficult because Bethlehem hasn't had a practice between the Friday and Monday games making it hard for the team to pull together and regroup. It's difficult to know how long the energy of the team can last, but Keller believes that it will be easier on the girls to play the first three games of the week at home. Entering the week, the team will attempt to combat the number one enemy: exhaustion.

## Forum to discuss local substance abuse

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, the organization that seeks to provide Bethlehem young people with alternatives to substance abuse, will hold a public forum meeting Monday, May 16, at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a panel including a parent, student and police officer discussing "What's Happening to Bethlehem and What Can We Do?"

For information call 439-6885.

In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Elm Ave. Sunoco, Handy Andy, Tri Village Drugs, Stewarts and Tool's

# Indians take 'Vliet, Names

By Curt VanDerzee

The RCS Softball Team faced three tough opponents this week and came away with two victories. They improved their record to 10-3, and 7-2 in the league.

On Monday, the girls went on the road to take on a very tough Watervliet team. After four innings the score was 0-0. But then in the bottom of the fifth, Watervliet came up with three runs as they went on to win 3-0. Dawn Dinardi and Lisa Holsapple, with a single apiece, had the only hits for the Indians. Hope Ackert pitched well in defeat.

On Wednesday, the Indians travelled to Holy Names and exploded offensively for a 14-1 win. Coach Stott was very pleased with his team both offensively and defensively.

Dinardi led the way with four singles and a couple of RBIs. Lisa Holsapple had three singles and a double; Martie Arnold had a single, a double and a triple.

Tracy Tucker added a double, a triple and a pair of RBIs.

Defensively Coach Stott was extremely pleased with the play of outfielders Colleen Connors and Kathie Desrouchers. Dinardi picked up the win in her first start of the year.

For their third game of the week, the girls went to Schalmont for an important league game. Schalmont jumped out to a quick lead and led 7-4 at the end of six. But the Indians came back and scored four runs to take a 8-7 lead. Chris Prior hit her second single of the game to drive in the go-ahead run, but the game wasn't over yet.

In the bottom of the seventh Schalmont had runners on second and third with only one out, and their best hitters coming up. The Indians got out of the jam by turning a double play to end the game. Tracy Tucker led the way with two singles, a home run and three RBIs. Stephanie Ricciardi chipped in with a pair of singles.

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# Eagle netmen notch 3 straight wins

By Lisa D'Ambrosi

It was a superb week for the Bethlehem boys' varsity tennis team as they tallied wins in all of their matches last week, marking a definite turning point in the team's overall performance.

Coach Suzanne Schaefer called the week "fulfilling" for both the team and herself. The players are no longer performing as individuals, but are instead pulling together as a team.

On Monday, the Eagles met Burnt Hills and notched an overall win of 6-3. Junior Neil Breslin won his match impressively with scores of 6-7, 6-2, 7-5. After an extremely close first set, Breslin finally battled back to seal off his win. Breslin was "definitely not dwelling on the negative", commented Coach Schaefer. Senior Mark Woodruff played probably "his best match of the year" with scores of 6-2, 6-0, to break a losing streak which has lasted since the beginning of the season. Paco Thornberry, who regularly plays doubles, played as an alternate singles player against Burnt Hills and notched a win with 6-1, 6-4. The "dynamic duo doubles team" of Jeff Ellenbogen and Sam Ernst helped Bethlehem to victory with scores of 6-2, 6-0.

The Eagles went on to defeat

Columbia 8-1 on Tuesday. Breslin swept his match 6-0, 6-0. Brian Saleans held his concentration to defeat his opponent 6-1, 6-0. Number six singles player Mike Chung easily swept up a win for the Eagles 6-1, 6-1. Bethlehem's number three doubles players Dave Pierce and Jason Silbergleit also defeated their opponents 7-6, 6-0.

Bethlehem wiped out Scotia on Wednesday 9-0. The Eagles number one senior singles players, Eric Lee defeated the son of Scotia's coach, Greg Olsen, 7-5, 6-1. He did so after receiving advice from Coach Schaefer to be "patient and to look for openings instead of trying to create them." As the third seeded singles player, Saleans gave practically a repeat performance of his match last year against Scotia with scores of 6-0, 3-6, 6-0. Bethlehem's "dynamic duo doubles team" won their match 6-1, 6-1, as did doubles team Brian Farrell and Derek Wohlner 7-6, 6-3.

Bethlehem has another jam-packed schedule this week. They meet Mohanaseson away on Monday, Scotia at home on Tuesday, Niskayuna away on Wednesday, Colonie away on Thursday, and Shenendehowa away on Friday.



Bethlehem Central's top singles player Neil Breslin returns a backhand shot to the team's second seed, Brian Saelens, at practice last week. Both players had successful matches during the week to help lead the Eagle netmen to three straight wins.

Mark Stuart

## Pop Warner sign-up scheduled

Registration for the Bethlehem Pop Warner Football Program will be held on May 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and on May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall. All youths from 9 to 14 years who weigh between 65 and 135 pounds may participate. Cheerleaders are also needed.

Registrants should bring a copy of their birth certificate and a

recent photograph. There is a \$40 fee for players and a \$23 fee for cheerleaders. Call 439-6408 for information.

## Gems stolen

The Bethlehem Police Department is investigating the theft of two gems from residents of the Good Samaritan Home, Rockefeller Rd., Delmar. The diamond thefts were reported Monday by two residents living in separate wings of the home, police said.

# RCS splits, seeks .500

By Jacqui Steadman

This week promises to be very busy for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk tennis team, as they look forward to the Colonial Council Championships. Coming off a slow week, the blackbirds face four matches this week.

The team remained one match below .500 as they split last week's matches. Shalmon was their first opponent. The Blackbirds avenged an earlier loss, winning 5-2.

Despite some close matches, RCS was then swept by Voorheesville. According to Coach Tim Tucker, some super tennis has been turned in by the team. Number one seed Darron Hall has won five of his last six matches. Coach Tucker said "Darron Hall and Brian Datri have both been playing extremely well".

This week offers a chance for the Blackbirds to break .500. They were scheduled to face Cohoes Monday and Icabod Crane on Tuesday. Today they are scheduled to face Watervliet and Friday they go up against a very strong Albany Academy team. RCS will participate in the Colonial Council Championships on May 17-18 at Albany Academy. As Coach Tucker said, the team's ultimate goal is to finish ahead of a talented Cohoes squad.

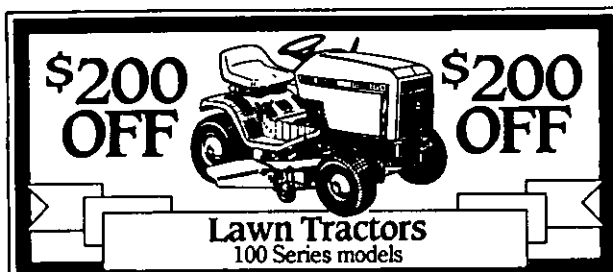
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These recent repairs to the Bethlehem high school tennis courts have temporarily solved a cracking and "ponding" problem, according school officials, but will require further work in June.

Mark Stuart

## Tennis courts in short supply

Local tennis players may have a difficult time finding a free tennis court in Bethlehem to play on this summer.

The middle school courts will be out of action for at least two weeks during July or August while the badly cracked courts are resurfaced, said Franz Zwicklbauser, business administrator for Bethlehem Central Schools. He added that the newly resurfaced high school courts will be repaired in June, once school is closed. Depending on the weather, Zwicklbauser expects the repair job to take two weeks.

Due to "ponding," the high school courts are not playable after a rainfall. "Theoretically the best approach would have been to pitch them so they would drain," the school official admitted. "But since they were paved over the existing surface, they didn't come out even."

Bethlehem Central superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis agreed that a mistake had occurred. "We resurfaced the courts, rather than completely redoing them. Had we started from scratch, we would have gotten a better grade," he said in a telephone interview.

The work is part of the 1985 capital improvements bond issue.

The courts were resurfaced because it was decided that the district couldn't afford to completely redo them, Zwicklbauser said. The decision was part of the deliberations on the bond issue.

Zwicklbauser explained that everything possible is being done to avoid a similar problem at the middle school courts. The district is "working with the architect to develop something so we don't have the same problem."

Pitching the courts so that rainwater drains away is the solution, according to the new Bethlehem Parks and Recreation administrator, Dave Austin. Austin added that when the town repaired four of its courts recently, the old surface was torn away, new gravel was laid and a pitched surface was built to avoid drainage problems. He said he was pleased with the results. The courts are playable as soon as 30 minutes after a rainfall.

The middle school courts "will be pitched," Zwicklbauser pointed out. But, he added, the high school courts will not be pitched. Rather, they will be repaired by filling in the uneven spots. South Bethlehem's Callanan Industries Inc., will be completing the repairs. They resurfaced the courts last

fall, along with the courts at the town park.

When the high school courts are filled in, Zwicklbauser said all low spots will hopefully be removed. There will always be some water on the courts, but not to the depth that happens now and it will dry more quickly.

"We will not eliminate the water completely," Zwicklbauser said.

The summer tennis program, run by the Town Parks and Recreation Department and usually held at the middle school courts, may have to be relocated to the high school to accommodate repair work, Austin said. The program runs from June 27 to Aug. 18. A worried Austin said, "I just hope they don't work on both sets of courts at once."

Following several complaints by local tennis players, the new metal nets at the high school courts have been replaced by regulation cloth nets at no cost to the district. It would have cost BC about \$8,900 to replace them and for special cranks that would be needed because new posts are slightly larger for the metal nets.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts and Voorheesville Drugs

## Voorheesville has undefeated week

By Darin G. Duncan

The Voorheesville Boys' Tennis Team added four victories to its record last week by defeating Watervliet, Cohoes, Ravena, and Queensbury.

In the Blackbirds 6-1 victory over Watervliet, singles players Chris Stevens, Ken Andriano, Matt Bates, and John Meacham were victorious. Having the match already won, Coach Tom Kurkjian put eighth grader Dave Lancor in to play. Unfortunately, the youngster was defeated. Matt Hladun and Steve Smith won in doubles, as did the team of John Corcoran and exchange student Aki Miyaki.

Next was Cohoes, in which the netmen won 6-1 again. Stevens won his match with a 6-0 victory in the third set. Dave Mistretta, Kave Larabee, and Andriano won, but Corcoran dropped the third set 6-3 and lost his match. In doubles, Bates-Meacham and Hladun-Smith were triumphant.

Voorheesville crushed Ravena 7-0. Mistretta played in the first position and won 6-1, 6-2. Andriano

won 6-0, 6-4, and Bates blanked his opponent 6-0, 6-0. Meacham won a tough one 6-3, 7-6, while Hladun won 6-0, 7-5. The team of Larabee-Stevens won 6-2, 7-3, and Kurkjian-Smith were also victorious.

They faced Queensbury on Friday, and breezed to a 6-1 victory. Stevens beat their number one player in an exhausting two-and-a-half hour match, winning 7-3 in the third set. Other victors were Mistretta, who won in two close sets, and Larabee, also winning close. Bates and Smith both won easily. Corcoran-Hladun lost their doubles match, but Kurkjian-Meacham won.

The Birds next prey will be Hudson, Waterford home on Wednesday, Cohoes home, and Schalmont away on Friday.

### Mohawk DAR meets

The Mohawk Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Thursday, May 19, at noon at 53 Wellington Rd., Delmar. Members should bring a brown bag lunch.

## Kristen Jones ranked 10th

Top Eastern junior player Kristen Jones of Delmar recently learned that she was ranked tenth in the girls' 14 singles tennis category. Jones' last year of eligibility in the 14-and-under category followed a year of high-level competition and several honors.

The Bethlehem Central varsity tennis team standout was invited to represent the eastern section of the United States Tennis Association in the Ontario Cup matches, held last August in Toronto, Canada.

As one of 51 tournament playing juniors, Jones participated in three days of intense work at the Junior Training Center. The center operates out of the National Tennis Center at Flushing Meadows, the site of the U.S. Open.

The Slingerlands resident is currently ranked 93rd in the nation in the competitive 14-and-under category. During the 1987 season she played every national tournament except the indoor championships.

Another national circuit player, Linda Burtis, was ranked third in the 35s category and sixth in the women's 40s category for 1987. She represented the victorious eastern section in Addie Cup team play in Philadelphia during the 1987 season, competing in the number one singles spot.

Burtis also played number three singles and number one doubles for her section in the 1987 Senior Women's Intersectional championships at Virginia Beach.

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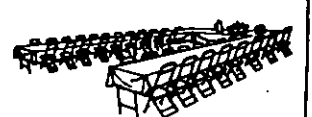
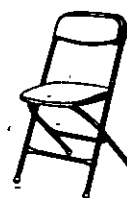


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# Indians continue their winning ways

By Curt VanDerzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Boys' Track Team raised its record to 4-0 as they won their twenty-third straight meet, over the past three years, with a 113-28 romp over Greenville. Coach Gorham was very pleased with his team's performance on the day.

The Indians swept the relays, winning the 4x100 relay, mile and two-mile races. Tim Baranska continued to dominate in the hurdles by winning both the intermediate hurdles and the high hurdles. Mike Frazetta won the high jump and took a close second in the 880-yard run. Scott Hughes, fresh off of an MVP performance at the Albany Academy Invitational, won the

## Track

440- and 220-yard dashes. Senior Steve Swanson had a good day winning the shot put and placing second in the discus. Junior Adam Sutton beat teammate Arthur

Burnette to win the 100-yard dash.

The girls track team also had a good week as they hammered Emma Willard 103-40. The Indians raised their record to 4-2 overall, and 3-1 in the league. They were led by sophomore Theresa Darlington who won the 100-yard hurdles, the 400-yard

hurdles and the triple jump. Dena Perry ended up with three firsts on the day: she won the 880-yard run, the mile and was part of the winning two-mile relay team along with Sara Fink, Tamie Stalker and Tammy Samsel. Fink also won the long jump.

This week the girls have two league meets against Schalmont and Holy Names. Then on

Saturday they will compete in the Johnstown Invitational.

The boys' team also has a big week with two big league meets against Albany Academy and Schalmont. On Saturday they host the RCS Invitational. Those schools scheduled to compete are Lansingburgh, Lasalle, Catholic Central, Bishop Gibbons, Taconic Hills, and Bishop Maggin. Coach Gorham expects that his team's main competition will be Lasalle and Bishop Maggin.

## Lady Eagles run strong at Schenectady meet

By Randi Fraiman

The Lady Eagles had a busy week with an invitational and a dual meet. On Tuesday, at the Schenectady Invitational, Bethlehem fared quite well with second places by Kathy Saba in the 800-meter run and Kelly Ross in the high jump. The 400-meter relay team placed a strong fourth and the whole team had "exceptional performances" according to Coach Jackson.

On Thursday, the Lady Eagles defeated Scotia-Glenville 99-69 and Colonie 89-80 at Scotia. The 3200-meter relay placed first as did the 400- and 1600-meter relay teams. Kathy Saba, Amy Smith,

and Mary Ann Hvalsmarten racked up wins in the 400-meter open, 400-meter hurdles and discus respectively. Bethlehem also had several second and third places.

Coach Jackson commented, "Overall the teams has a great spirit and are enthusiastic. They dedicated this meet to their friend and team-mate Sarali Metcalf, whose father was killed in an automobile accident. The team's record is 4-2. The juniors also had a great performance. Johna Sodergren, Andrea Cornell, Ruth Burkhard and the 1600 relay team did an outstanding job."

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BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
Carolyn M. Lyons  
Town Clerk

DATED: April 27, 1988  
(May 11, 1988)

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 1988, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M., to take action on the application of Anthony & Edith Germano, 18 Homestead Ave., Albany, N.Y., for approval by said

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Planning Board of a proposed two (2) lot subdivision, to be located on the west side of Wemple Rd., approx. 250 ft. southerly of its intersection with Feura Bush Rd., as shown on map entitled, "Map of Proposed (2) Lot Subdivision, Property of Anthony and Edith Germano, Wemple Road, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York," dated April 14, 1988 and made by Paul E. Hite, PLS, Delmar, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

Kenneth Ringler, Jr.  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(May 11, 1988)

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 1988, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices,

#### LEGAL NOTICE

445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of John F. & Deborah S. Kaplan, 68 Fairlawn Drive, Selkirk, New York for Variance under Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance for the construction of an addition which will bring the residence over the allowable 15 percent lot occupancy at premises 68 Fairlawn Drive, Selkirk, New York 12158.

Charles B. Fritts  
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# Obituaries

## Edgar Potter Jr.

Edgar L. Potter Jr., 67, of Delmar died on Friday, May 6, at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, after a long illness.

He was born in Albany and was a long-time Delmar resident.

He was a 1943 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He retired in 1977 from his responsibilities as an electrical engineer with the General Electric aerospace program in Schenectady after 22 years. He was a Town of Bethlehem Water Department supervisor.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the Blanchard Post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Moran Potter; a son, Edgar L. Potter III of Duaneburg; a daughter, Gail Lloyd of Clifton, Va., and three grandchildren.

Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice.

## Eleanor Cole

Services will be held Thursday for Eleanor. Mapes Cole of Delmar, who died on Friday, May 6, at Albany Medical Center after a long illness. The service will be held at the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany at 11 a.m.

A native of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., she resided in Delmar for nearly 50 years.

She was employed as a staff assistant in the engineering department of New York Telephone. She retired in 1983 after 27 years.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Albany, the Telephone Pioneers of America, the Albany Yacht Club, the Albany Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She is survived by her husband, George W. Cole Sr.; a son, George W. Cole Jr.; her mother, Amelia Mapes, and two grandchildren.

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

## John Weishaar

John I. Weishaar, 63, who resided in Delmar for more than 50 years, died on Monday, May 2, at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

He was a native of Detroit. He was employed by the state Department of Taxation and Finance. He retired in 1983 as a tax processing administrator after 33 years of service.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Guiderland Elks Lodge 2480.

He is survived by his wife, Vincenza P. Provenzano Weishaar; a son, John C. Weishaar of Delmar; his mother, Elizabeth

Weishaar of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Walter J. Weishaar of Denver, Colo., and a granddaughter.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Amsterdam. Arrangements were made by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association.

## Dorothy Cade

Dorothy E. "Sue" Cade, 49, of Slingerlands died on Monday, May 2, at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was born in Albany and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, William J. Cade; three daughters, Debra A. Cade of Middletown, Susan Meyer of Colonie and Karen L. Cade of Slingerlands, and two grandsons.

Burial was in Memory's Garden, Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society.

## Anna Samal

Anna B. Samal, 91, of Delmar died on Thursday, May 5, at her home.

She was born in Russia and resided in Delmar for many years. She also lived in Albany and was the owner of the Four Star Restaurant and Tavern.

She is survived by a son, Michael Samal of Loudonville; three daughters, Vera Foley of Knox, Mary Lindsay of Voorheesville and Jean Conway of Delmar; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Burial was in the St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. Arrangements were made by the Hearley and Son Funeral Home, Guiderland.



## Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
April 28	Voorheesville Fire Dept.	Pole Fire
April 28	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Heart Attack
April 28	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
April 28	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
April 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
April 29	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto Accident
April 29	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Personal Injury
April 29	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
April 29	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
April 29	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
April 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
April 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Unresponsive Patient
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
April 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
April 30	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto Accident
April 30	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
April 30	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
April 30	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
April 30	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
May 1	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
May 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
May 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
May 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
May 1	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
May 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
May 2	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
May 2	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Brush Fire
May 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
May 3	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
May 3	Slingerlands Rescue	Rescue Call
May 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
May 3	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Rescue Call/Standby
May 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
May 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
May 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Illness
May 4	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Gas Main Break
May 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
May 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
May 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
May 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
May 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency

The Elsmere Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a dinner on May 12 at the Italian American Club.

There will be a CPR course at Bethlehem Town Hall beginning May 17. To register contact Safety Services at Town Hall, 439-4955.

Anyone wishing to join the Bethlehem Ambulance contact Isabel Glastetter at 439-2627 or Robert EnTin at 436-0655.

The Delmar Fire Department held their installation of officers on May 7.

## Volunteer departments election new officers

### By Isabel Glastetter

Volunteer fire departments in Bethlehem have elected line and civil officers for the 1988-89 year.

#### Slingerlands

The new line officers for the Slingerlands Fire Department for 1988-89 will be: chief, Bill Eck; first assistant chief, Werner Zwicklbauer; second assistant chief, Randy Conger; third assistant chief, Walter Eck; fire captains, Doug Smith and Earl Lenhardt; rescue squad captain, Don Veltman; rescue squad lieutenant, Terry Tripp; fire lieutenants, John G. Flagler, Joseph Flagler, Rodger Griffiths and Fred Hill III; superintendent no. 1, Tom Smith; superintendent no. 2, Rodger Griffiths; assistant superintendents, William Griffiths and Mike Fish; quartermaster, Fred Hill III; and assistant quartermaster, Jack Flagler.

Slingerlands Fire Department civil officers are: president, Doug Smith; vice president, Walter Eck; financial secretary/treasurer, Jack Flagler; recording secretary, Gary treasurer; rep-

resentative to commissioners, Paul Doyle; director (three-year term), Jim McCarroll, and chaplain, Fred Hill Jr.

The Slingerlands Ladies Auxiliary officers are: president, Rose McGarry; first vice president, Patti Flagler; second vice president, Sue Stehr; recording secretary, Maureen Van Wormer; and treasurer, Marguerite Sutter.

The Delmar Fire Department elected their officers for 1988-89. The line officers are: chief, Paul Woodin; first assistant, Louis Dillillo; second assistant, John Smith; captain, David Rice; lieutenants, Bob Lemeux, George Williams, Larry Soellar and Peter Smith; rescue squad captain, Bob Boyea; rescue squad lieutenants, Brian Rowe and Dick Baker; fire police captain, Roy Cook, and fire police lieutenant, Jim Shanley.

#### Elsmere

The Elsmere Fire Company held their annual meeting and election on May 7. The following is a list of the new line officers: chief, George Kaufman; first assistant chief, Richard Webster;

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## Births



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Boy, David Jonathan, to Irene and Douglas Allen, Voorheesville, April 15.

Boy, Aaron Harvith, to Deborah and Arnold Dorman, Delmar, April 20.

### Albany Medical Center

Girl, Mackenzie Crofut, to Kathleen and Michael Glannon, Delmar, March 30.

Boy, Brendan Joseph, to Kim and Bernard McHugh, Glenmont, April 2.

Boy, Justin Dewitt Weidman, to Kathy Stannard and Victor Weidman, Selkirk, April 7.

Boy, Kenneth Leigh, to Linda and Leigh Creighton, Selkirk, April 11.

Boy, Eric Philip, to Sheri and Tim Dickson, Slingerlands, April 15.

Boy, Zachary William, to Kathleen and Walter Eck Jr., Slingerlands, April 18.

Boy, Colin Edward, to Barbara and John Kitler, Delmar, April 18.

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second assistant chief, Ned Costigan; captain, Kevin Shea; first lieutenant, Peter Merrill; second lieutenant, Richard Watt; third lieutenant, Daniel McMahon; fourth lieutenant, Donald Glas-tetter, and fire police lieutenant, Donald Blodgett.

The civil officers of the Elsmere Fire Company are: president, Stephen Wright; vice president, John Zabory; secretary, Richard Brown; treasurer, John Devine; property clerk, Heidi Ruckwid; chaplains, Father James Daly, Anthony Morrell and Joseph Fuller; director (two-year term), Michael Taylor, and director (three-year term), Bill Martin.

#### Selkirk

The three Selkirk Fire Companies recently elected officers. The line officers for Company No. 1 are: chief, Chuck Wickum; first assistant chief, Bill Aspion; second assistant chief, Dan Hotaling, and third assistant chief, Craig Wickum.

The civil officers are: president, Bob Weedell; vice president, Bill Gonyea; treasurer, Chuck Viviano, and secretary/corresponding secretary, Kathy Hotaling.

The line officers for Company No. 2 are: chief, Dick Hummell; first assistant chief, David Languish; second assistant chief, Bill Woehrmann, and third assistant chief, Tom Docous.

The civil officers are: president, Jack Bailey; vice president, Joe Keller; secretary, Bob EnTin, membership secretary, Merle Oliver; treasurer, Bob Shultes, and pine room chairman, Steven Hummell.

The Ladies Auxiliary officers are: president, Lynne Hummell; vice president, Stephanie Corbett; recording/corresponding secretary, Ann Seaburg; membership secretary, Alice Corbett; treasurer, Elizabeth Fritts, and chaplain, Chris Peterson.

The line officers for Company No. 3 are: chief, Curtis (Butch) Apple; first assistant chief, Curtis Witt; second assistant chief, Cliff Apple, and first assistant chief, Craig Apple.

The civil officers are: president, John Telfer; vice president, Randy Northrup; treasurer, Donald Gager, and corresponding secretary, Everett Rarrick.

#### North Bethlehem

North Bethlehem Fire Department's line officers for 1988-89 are: chief, Joe Fahn; first assistant chief, Frank DeCerce; second assistant chief, Bill Cleveland; captain, Dave Kellerman; first lieutenant, Ray Berry; second lieutenant, Phil Schwepenhauser, and third lieutenant, Lional Harrie.

The civil officers are: president, Kay Kellerman; vice president, George Mears; secretary, Julie Kellerman, and treasurer, Norm Kellerman.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bosworth

## Delmar man wed in Florida

Constance Elizabeth Phillips, daughter of Dorothy C. Vander-Voort of Hendersonville, N.C., and Judge Charles M. Phillips, Jr. was married to Mark VanWert Bosworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bosworth of Delmar, April 8 in Florida.

The bride, a graduate of

Clearwater High School, Clearwater, Fla., is employed at I.V.I. Travel Inc., Tampa, Fla. The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology, is employed by Agfa-Gevaert, Inc. as a sales representative.

The couple will reside in Clearwater, Fla.

### CHIC sponsors kitchen tour

Capitol Hill Improvement Corporation will sponsor the "Cooks and Kitchens" tour on Sunday, May 15, from 2 until 5 p.m.

Neighborhood gourmets have volunteered their kitchens, cooking talents and favorite recipes. Each cook will demonstrate the preparation of a favorite dish. Homes on the tour are on Willett, Chestnut, Elm and Madison Aves. in Albany. For \$12 reservations call 462-9696 or stop by the CHIC office, 260 Lark St., Albany.



Kathryn Lynn McPartlon

### McPartlon-Kansas

Dr. James McPartlon of Schenectady and Anne Kathryn Brown of Clifton Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Lynn, to George Peter Kansas, son of Peter and Theresa Kansas of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western New England College MBA School. Her fiancé is a graduate of the Western New England College School of Law.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beach

## Delmar couple wed 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beach of Delmar recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married in West

Fulton, N.Y., April 30, 1938, and have lived in Delmar for over 45 years. They have two children and five grandchildren.

### Church serves meal

The Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, will serve a strawberry supper on May 21 at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10. Toddlers in high chairs are free. For reservations call 439-2046.

### Squares on Saturday

The Tri-Village Squares Square Dance Club will hold a dance Saturday, May 11, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. Jim Ryans will call the mainstream with a plus tip. Refreshments will be served.

For information call 438-1227.



## Community Corner

### Bike Rodeo

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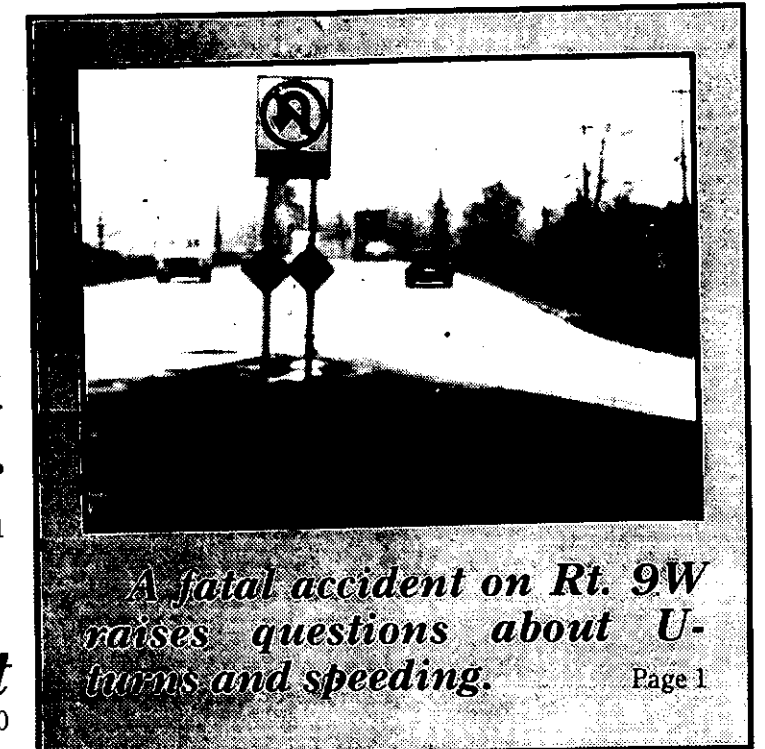
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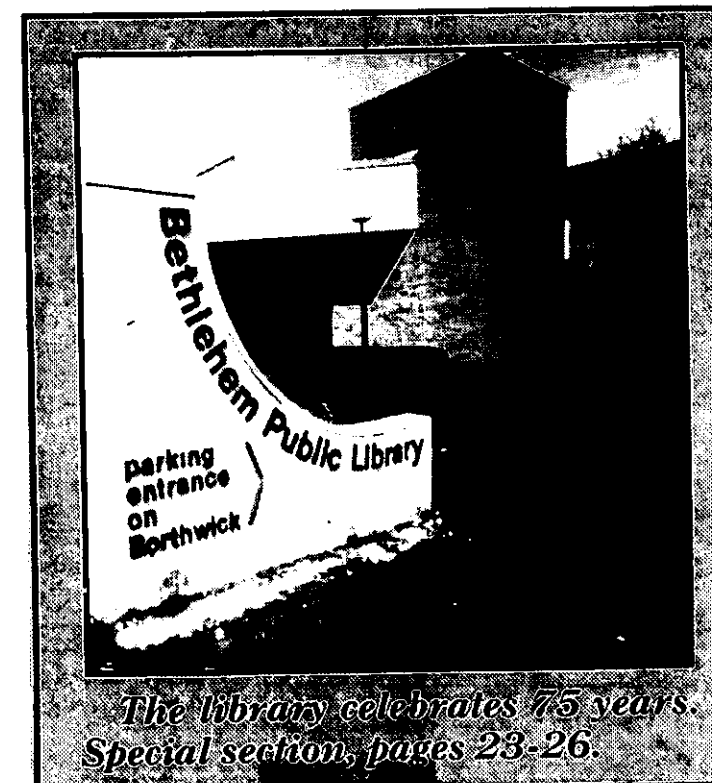
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