

The selling of BC's bond issue

Parent turnout key to voting

Sal Prividera Jr.

After months and months of research, planning and debate, a final decision on Bethlehem Central's \$11.6 million facilities bond issue is just a week away. Now it is a question of selling it to the voters.

Leading up to the Feb. 15 vote, Bethlehem Central PTAs will step up their efforts to encourage parents to vote for the spending plan, while district administrators will continue to provide information to residents. School officials say that parental support may make the difference.

It is easier for parents to convince other parents to vote for a school facilities bond issue, according to one parent-teacher association president — a good thing in the eyes of school boards and administrators since by law school districts are not allowed to ask residents to cast a positive vote for any budget or bond issue.

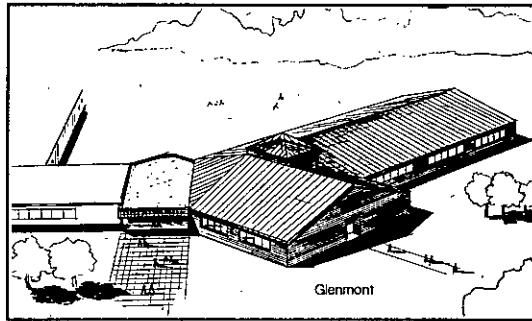
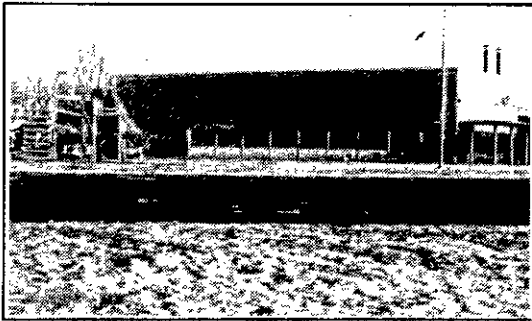
Districts can, however, educate residents on the absolute need for the expenditure and encourage them to vote, and BC administrators are doing a lot of educating.

There was no organized opposition to the recently defeated Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District facilities bond issue, nor is there any to the BC bond issue. But school officials are aware that opposition exists. The RCS vote can be partially attributed to those residents who were alarmed that their taxes would increase an average of \$60 next year. A bond issue is the only opportunity a taxpayer has to veto a tax increase; other taxes levied by state, federal and local government are beyond that sort of control.

RCS Board President Mark Sengenberger said the defeat was

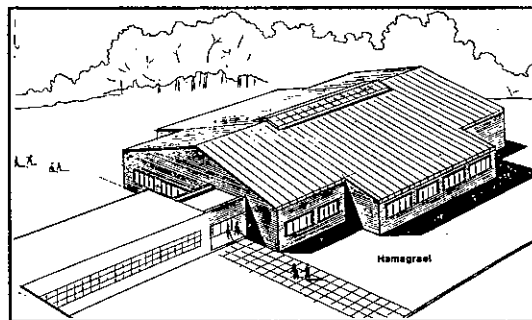
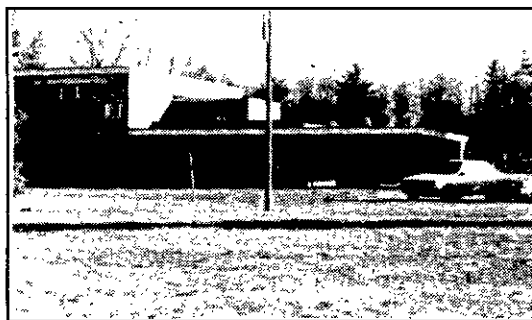
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BC elementary additions



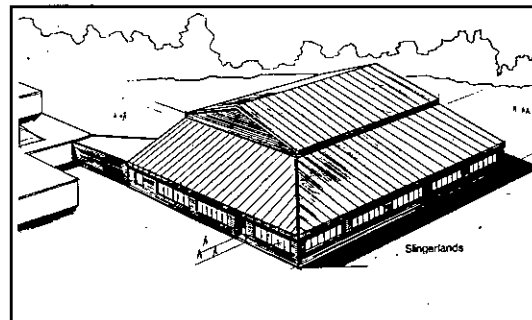
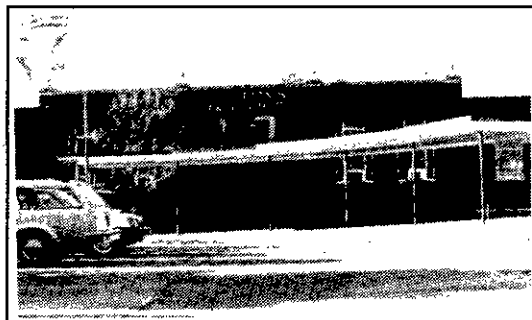
Glenmont:

- 11 Classroom addition
- Cafeteria addition
- Gym station addition
- Expanded library



Hamagrael:

- 10 Classroom addition
- Gym station addition
- Expanded library



Slingerlands:

- 7 Classroom addition
- Two-station gym addition
- New cafeteria converted from old gym
- Old cafeteria converted to classroom space
- Expanded library

Making history

By Mark Stuart

History is a funny word — not in the humorous sense, but in the several meanings the it carries.

The Random House Dictionary of the English Language defines history as "the branch of knowledge dealing with past events." A rather dry and impersonal discipline that invokes visions of dusty books and school rooms.

But at the very bottom of the list is definition No. 6: "The acts, ideas or events that will or can shape the course of the future." In that sense of the word, a small group of Bethlehem resi-



dents are intent on forming the town's past into a living story for generations to come.

The Bethlehem Bicenennial History Committee has begun preparing a book that will bridge Bethlehem's past with present-day Bethlehem to commemorate the town's bicentennial in 1993. Recently, the effort to finance the publishing received a major boost through a \$25,000 grant from General Electric Foundation to the Bethlehem Bicenennial Committee. A portion of that money is earmarked for the Bicenennial History Committee, a subcommittee of the Bethlehem Bicenennial Committee.

As the project's editor, Floyd Brewer of Delmar is heading up the committee and said he hopes to end up with a book that covers the total history of the Town of Bethlehem, from the days when the Indians walked through the fields and woods to the present. But Brewer has one specific goal in mind when editing the book: is to make the past an exciting foundation of today's Bethlehem.

"I've read 35 books on town histories; of them, about 27 or 28 were just plain dull."

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Delmar oil leak: where is it from?

By Linda Anne Burtis

Customers who drove to Stewart's Bread 'n Butter Shop on Delaware Ave. in Delmar for a quart of milk last week found themselves driving around trailer trucks hauling away hundreds of tons of contaminated soil from an underground oil spill.

The spill occurred at Main Care Heating Company's former fuel oil storage site at the rear of the Stewart's building next to the railroad tracks, and Main Care had authorized the clean-up. But the company is not so sure that it's their oil that's being removed. "There is a strong possibility that there may be other sources for the oil," said the company's vice president of marketing, Ronnie Von Ronne.

One thing is certain. The clean-

up won't be finished overnight. "You're talking about a large amount of oil," said Joseph McDonald, spill investigator for the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The state agency is insisting that Main Care install recovery wells to remove any off-site contamination.

Main Care learned from DEC on Jan. 13 that there was a large oil spill in Bethlehem Memorial Park adjacent to its property. DEC also informed the company that it is potentially to blame for the problem. "We found a one quarter-inch hole in one of Main Care's tanks. That's all it takes," McDonald said.

So the fuel oil company hired Clarksville-based Domermuth Petroleum Maintenance Corporation to remove their five under-

ground tanks located behind Stewart's and to dig out the soil surrounding the tanks because it was now contaminated with oil. Domermuth filled 100 trailer trucks with soil from the unused Main Care site and brought them to a Catskill landfill.

Five years ago Main Care relocated its Delmar offices, located on the other side of Delaware Ave. at what is now Main Square shopping plaza, to Latham. At that time the company drained the fuel oil from the storage tanks.

"We never assumed there would be a problem," Von Ronne said. "They are heavy-gauge, one quarter-inch steel tanks."

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A Department of Environmental Conservation test well at Bethlehem's Memorial Park monitors oil that has leaked from a nearby storage site. *Spotlight*

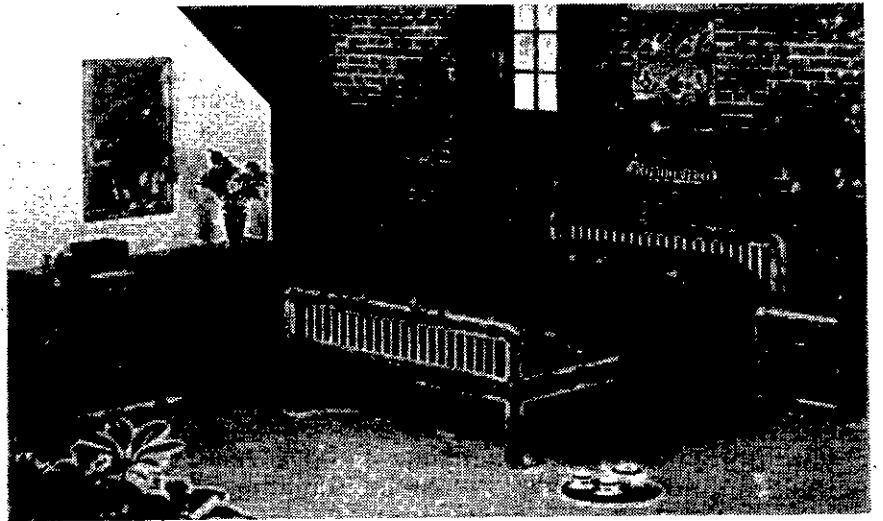
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□ Selling the bond *What's in BC bond issue*

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due to a "backlash" from the Albany County civic center, fee increases and the new Ravena firehouse.

A school district can spend money to present information about what a bond issue contains, the reasons for it and the financial impact to the taxpayer, and can also remind residents when the vote will be held, says Bethlehem Central Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

"School districts cannot make direct statements to residents that they should vote yes," Loomis said. So the districts have to rely on others, such as parent-teacher associations, to make the vote yes statement.

Lorraine Boyle, president of the Elsmere PTA, said the district's parent organizations are involved because "we felt we could reach the most number of parents." She also said it is easier for parents to encourage other parents to vote for the bond issue.

However, the districts' own efforts are also substantial, and often the informational material amounts to a strong case for a positive vote. Both the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Bethlehem Central School districts have provided information to the public documenting the need for additional classroom space. RCS has been holding special education and remedial classes in non-classroom areas such as boiler rooms and hallways because of a lack of space. This fact was documented through photographs and written items, but some residents viewed the information as a staged event to gain sympathy. Ultimately, after two votes RCS remains in the situation of using inadequate teaching space.

Presenting information

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk administration and board of education used several means to get their information to the public. The district contracted with BOCES for a public relations person to assist in disseminating the explanation of the \$9.5 million bond issue.

The district used direct mailings, the RCS Chalkboard publication, informational meetings and a telephone answer line along with the offer to give presentations to any interested group.

Bethlehem Central is using similar methods including presentations to civic organizations, BC Highlights, informational fliers and a well-produced slide show presentation set to "Stand by Me."

Both school districts adopted themes for their informational campaigns, "RCS: Pride — Success" and "Stand by Me. Stand by BC." The themes are intended to play on the voters' loyalty to their school district and encourage positive votes through generating positive feelings toward the school district.

Additionally, Bethlehem Central is distributing orange and black (the school colors) ribbons with the vote date. The ribbon is attached to an informational sheet outlining the rationale for the bond issue, what the bond will pay for and the financial impact.

Bethlehem will spend an estimated \$2,300 on its informational materials, including \$1,850 for the February highlights issue, Loomis said.

Voter apathy

Historically, a school district presenting a bond issue to the public can expect a great deal of

apathy from parents as well as from community members without a direct interest in the schools. Parents often assume the bond issue will pass without their vote and therefore do not go to the polls. However, the tax impact is often enough motivation to bring residents who oppose a tax increase to the polls.

Through the public sessions RCS held to distribute bond issue information, and even during the regular open session where the decisions about the bond issue were made, attendance was dismal. Two of the bond issue presentations drew approximately 40 residents.

Only 20 percent of the eligible voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district voted Jan 25 on the bond issue.

Even in Bethlehem, where some 200 residents attended the meeting where the bond issue contents were decided upon and attendance through the bond issue work sessions was high, interest appears to have waned. An open session last month featuring the district's bond issue slide presentation was attended by about 10 residents.

PTA assistance

The parent-teacher organizations in any school district play an important role in the success of a bond issue because they represent the voters with the most interest in the educational system. The groups also have the most contact with district parents, especially at the primary level.

Prior to the last RCS vote, Superintendent William Schwartz said the key to the bond's success would be the district's ability to convince parents of the need. The RCS parent-teacher organizations as well as the sports association did work for passage of the bond issue, but their efforts apparently did not convince enough parents.

Loomis said the PTA support is "important because they are the official organization, which attracts parents. . . obviously the most natural clientele as a pool of positive voters are the parents of the district." He added that the groups "can be very helpful in encouraging parents to take a hard look and make a decision on the basis of being properly informed."

The seven Bethlehem PTA organizations are coordinating their efforts to promote the bond issue, said Boyle. Letters, signed by all seven PTA presidents, encouraging parents to vote positively are being sent to all district parents, she said. Volunteers will be making telephone calls to parents with the same message during the next week.

The groups may also attempt to send letters to grandparents who live in the district, she said.

Pre-school parents may also be contacted by the PTAs because "their children are the ones who will really benefit, if the bond passes," Boyle said.

The degree of success a district has in convincing voters of the need for the bond issue items, usually facilities projects, can be the determining factor because the voters have complete control over the approval or rejection of the spending plan. Often the bonds have a significant impact on the school taxes paid by a homeowners and it is the only opportunity they have to veto a tax increase.

Residents of the Bethlehem Central School District will go to the polls next Wednesday, Feb. 15, to decide on an \$11.6 million facilities bond issue.

The vote will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. All district residents are eligible to vote.

The 20-year bond issue will provide for the construction of 28 new classrooms between the Glenmont, Slingerlands and Hamagrael elementary schools, improvements to all seven district school facilities, some asbestos removal and roofing work.

Under the proposed bond issue, the Hamagrael school will receive a 10-classroom addition and a gym station addition. The Glenmont facilities plan calls for an 11-classroom addition, a cafeteria addition and a gym station addition. The Slingerlands school will have a seven-classroom addition, a new two-station gym, and new cafeteria converted from the former gym.

Other alterations will be made at all elementary school including expanded library space and site improvement work.

The middle school will get an expanded library, the relocatable classrooms now at Glenmont and athletic field renovation. An improved library facility, athletic field

	Bethlehem	New Scotland
Year 1	\$5.12 per \$1,000 or a 2.5% increase	\$7.31 per \$1,000 or a 2.7% increase
Year 2	\$8.50 per \$1,000 or a 4.1% increase	\$12.14 per \$1,000 or a 4.4% increase
Year 20	\$3.17 per \$1,000	\$4.53 per \$1,000
Average for 20 year period	\$5.94 per \$1,000 or a 2.9% increase	\$8.49 per \$1,000 or a 3.1% increase

renovation and new bleachers are slated for the high school.

The bond issue also calls for the district-wide maintenance shop to be moved to a new building on the high school property. It will also fund \$1,628,715 worth of district-wide roofing replacement.

If the bond is approved, Bethlehem residents will have a tax increase of \$5.12 per \$1,000 or 2.5 percent in the first year. The rate will increase to \$8.50 per \$1,000 or

4.1 percent in the second year when both interest and principal payments become due. The tax increase impact will then diminish yearly to \$3.17 per \$1,000 in the final year.

New Scotland residents will have an increase of \$7.31 per \$1,000 or 2.7 percent in the first year. The tax impact will increase to \$12.14 per \$1,000 in the second year before gradually decreasing to \$4.53 in the twentieth year.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Rape arrest announced

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A Rensselaer man currently in the Albany County Jail will face rape charges in Bethlehem Town Court on a warrant from the Bethlehem Police Department stemming from the 1986 rape of a Slingerlands woman.

Alvin Dubois, 32, was expected to be arrested Tuesday on felony charges of first degree rape, first degree sodomy, first degree burglary, first degree robbery and first degree assault, said Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan. Arraignment before Town Justice Peter Wenger was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

The charges were brought upon Dubois through the use of DNA fingerprinting and an investiga-

tion of the December 1986 incident by Bethlehem detectives, the Albany County District Attorney's office and members of the county rape task force, said Chief Paul Currie.


Currie said he would "rather not indicate the site for valid reasons" such as the possibility of additional charges being brought against Dubois.

Dubois was indicted by an Albany County grand jury in December, 1987, on burglary and sodomy charges stemming from an incident at the Woodgate apartment complex in Guilderland, according to Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenburg.

Holligan said DNA "fingerprinting" of hair and semen samples

from the incident were used to connect Dubois to the rape. DNA is the genetic building block of cells, and the relatively new identification process is based on the fact that DNA for each individual is unique, much as fingerprints are unique. Albany County is the only county in the state currently using the process, Greenburg said, noting that its accuracy was established after a lengthy hearing before former Albany County Court Judge Joseph Harris last year. "It's on the cutting edge of forensic medicine," Greenburg said.

Currie said the charges against Dubois were brought through the "sharing of information" between the offices involved and the work Bethlehem detectives put into the case.



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'Yes' on BC's bonds

After what appears to have been a searchingly thorough and objective evaluation of the existing and predictable requirements of children in the Bethlehem Central School District, the board of education brings a critical proposal before residents.

Editorials

The bond issue on which we are being asked to vote on Feb. 15 tackles a variety of matters, the chief one of which is to create more space in the elementary grades. Somewhat over 70 percent of the \$11.6 million which the bond issue would raise would be for construction of 31 classrooms at the Glenmont, Hamagrael, and Slingerlands schools and alterations at Clarksville and Elsmere.

Other purposes would be removal of asbestos, replacement of old roofing, improvements to athletic fields and facilities, and some library and related improvements.

But the main question clearly is the ability of the school district to provide for some 600 new pupils in the coming decade. The bond issue is said to assure that adequate facilities will be ready for them up to the year 2000 — when, in fact, a very gradual decline in enrollment is foreseen.

These projections, carefully worked out by an enrollment task force of citizens, took into account a wide range of potential factors, from birth-rate trends to the cycles of development. (Is the design flexible enough to adapt to a larger pattern of growth, if that should happen? There are possibilities for further additions at Hamagrael or Glenmont, and on land at the high-school site — but these are regarded as outside possibilities.)

It does appear that the schools board and administration has accepted with full seriousness the obligation to balance the needs of pupils and program with the impact on taxpayers every time another "good idea" is put forward. Schools in recent years have been called upon to take up new responsibilities, and this trend almost certainly will not cease: assuming more of the parental role in different ways. Superintendent Leslie Loomis speaks of exploring ways to make sure the community is receiving fullest use of the facilities that are provided.

The expenditure, to be paid out through additional property taxation over a period of many years, is not to be taken lightly (and surely won't be by numerous people, especially those who have no children in the public schools). Considering the alternatives, however, it seems prudent and responsible to approve the BC bond issue. We soberly trust that it will be approved.

Memento, homo . . .

Because the spring's first full moon will rise early this year, the first day of Lent accordingly falls on this Wednesday, where it will be observed by many of the faithful at their parish altar.

Ever since the seventh century, observance of the fast period has been traditional in the Roman Catholic Church and some other churches. Because the observance falls early in the year, it became confused long ago with the season. Lent, originally meant spring, but through usage the term became restricted to the religious purposes. In fact, it was the Saxons who called March lencten month because then the days noticeably lengthen. Since the chief part of the great fast falls in March, it received the name Lenctenfasten, or Lent.

Today's use of ashes from palms blessed at the last Palm Sunday is believed to date from its introduction by the pope who became known as Gregory the Great through his many deeds of wisdom and kindness.

Drinker, be warned

We like the sound of a new law that is aimed at reducing opportunities for DWI offenders to repeat their crime.

Albany is one of six counties in the state (from Suffolk to Erie) where the law is to be tried out for three years beginning next April 1. Albany's Senator Howard Nolan explains that as of that time courts may require individuals who have been convicted of driving while intoxicated to install an "ignition interlock device" in their cars (at their own expense, which can be up to \$500). The device is similar to the "breathalyzers" that law-enforcement agencies employ. Until it is used properly by the penalized driver, with the effect of showing that the driver is safely sober, the car won't start.

There are certain complexities in administering this encouraging device, as you might expect. Senator Nolan reports, by the way, that such devices have been employed elsewhere in the country effectively.

Teens need 'Safe Home'

Editor, The Spotlight:

We read with dismay the report in today's *Spotlight* regarding a party in Slingerlands at which 150 to 200 teenagers were using alcohol while the host teen's parent was in Florida.

We are troubled that this kind of situation is epidemic in our town. Groups of teenagers apparently travel from house to house to "party" without any kind of adult supervision. One wonders where the parents of the "150 to 200" teenagers were that night? Are we so powerless as parents that we continue to allow our teenagers to congregate in these homes without setting any limitations or standards for their behavior?

We now have an alternative to

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this alarming situation — the Safe Homes pledge. The Safe Homes concept has been extremely successful in other areas of the country and we believe it can have a dramatic impact in the Bethlehem area. The idea is a simple one. Families agree that:

1. They will not serve alcoholic beverages to guests under 21 in their home or knowingly allow the use of illegal drugs by anyone, and
2. They will provide adult supervision at teenage parties in their home.

A directory of those families Delmar

signing the pledge will be distributed to others who become part of the Safe Homes Network. Permission to include one's name in the directory is optional for those who sign the agreement.

Participation in the Safe Homes Network agreement is only the first step. We must communicate with our teenagers, our friends and neighbors, and our teenagers' friends' parents, and put a stop to this laissez faire attitude towards our teens' behavior.

Copies of the Safe Homes Network Agreement can be obtained through the Bethlehem Networks Project, 355 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.

Harvey and Happy Scherer

Parents permitting teens to drink

Editor, The Spotlight:

We recently received the call that parents of all teenagers live in dread of receiving.

The caller informed us that our teen was seriously injured at a party at her home. Her major concern was not for our child, but for her father's anger. She explained that her father had "trusted her" to have a party and she felt reluctant to call an ambulance and jeopardize her father's reputation. We eventually convinced her that it was necessary to have our child transported to a hospital by ambulance, and our family spent a long night in the emergency room.

When we met our teen in the

emergency room, it was obvious that he had been drinking. He admitted that the evening began at a party where parents were home and alcohol was allowed. The party was ended by the host parents after many "minors" had spent hours drinking. The teenagers went in many directions with a carload, including our child, going on the second party where the injury occurred and the unsupervised teen party was in full swing.

Yes, our teenager exhibited irresponsible behavior, but, the behavior and messages from everyone involved in this potentially dangerous incident far surpass irresponsibility.

These two parties were not the Delmar

only ones in Bethlehem that night that enabled "minors" to drink. They go on every night of every weekend here. Fortunately our child's injury, although extremely painful, was not life threatening.

We wonder how the parents who knowingly allow our teenagers to drink alcohol in their homes can sleep at night not ever knowing whose child made it safely home and whose child might not. One day there will be a truly terrible tragedy here unless we, the adults of Bethlehem, begin to take some responsibility by not allowing teenage drinking parties in our homes.

Names Submitted

Two proposals for RCS board

Editor, The Spotlight:

With the second bond issue vote defeated, I hope the members of the RCS Board will take time to consider the real reason for two successive defeats and take different steps to solve their building problems.

The real reason for defeat is very simple: The RCS school population is not growing! With 500 fewer pupils than 14 years ago, it's impossible to argue real need. The RCS area will, however, grow in the next three to five years with the continued increase in the Dowerskill area, the acquisition of the 100 homes in Magnolia Circle, and the 30 or so homes in the Grace Methodist Church area. This growth is in the near future

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and not the present.

This gradual trend may actually provide an opportunity for a sober, second thought by the board. May I offer some suggestions for two steps that will assist the board members as they wrestle with this problem?

1. Hire outside consulting firm: At this stage, the board would do well to hire a professional, independent educational consulting firm to:

a. Assess the real status of our so-called "overcrowding," and

b. Prepare recommendations for a five-year period to guide the board.

Yes, this will cost some money, but I imagine at least \$4,000 has

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been spent already on the two bond issue votes. I think the voters would welcome an independent assessment. Recommendation by the outside consulting firm in short

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A man named Kuralt

I'm aware that many people, because of Sunday morning obligations and options, aren't familiar with what I think of as the best program on television: Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt. It's on every week for an hour and a half, beginning at 9 o'clock.

To me, Charles Kuralt is a favorite personality who offers televised glimpses into the ways that ordinary (and odd) people around the country do their thing. His appearances on the CBS Evening News are too infrequent and too brief, but they rightly have an ardent following. Only a fine person would have the insights, the patience, and the humanity to travel about the U.S. so tirelessly in search of the stories that real people offer. Needless to say, there's never a rich, famous, or powerful individual among his interviewees.

But I've strayed from my first point: Sunday Morning. If you're able to find the ninety minutes (or any portion thereof) to see and hear that great program, you ought to try to do so, for the sake of your awareness of what's right with the world. Forgive me for saying so, but it's a kind of sermon itself.

Just the other Sunday, the program observed its tenth anniversary on the air, making use of some excerpts from previous programs and making due note of the occasion with the customary lack of pomposity. I've watched from the very first (with some lapses). So did my oldest sister, who idolized Charles Kuralt in all his manifestations. She watches no more, but there are those of us who think of

her particularly when each program signs off with no sound but the rustle of grasses on some distant plain or the rush of white water or the calls of the wild.

My friend Art Mitchell was recalling our friend Jerry Blanton. We had attended a service for Jerry, in which the pastor had noted that on the previous Sunday, still within the week, Jerry had been present, participating. On Monday, Jerry had participated, again, in the Martin Luther King march in Albany and the ceremony that followed. He had hastened to be there early. On Tuesday, Jerry did not see the end of the day. Life ended

A letter from the President is just a come-on

for him, as perhaps he would have had it, while he was once more participating, this time in an active sport.

Jerry was indeed a participant in life. In many cases, he was a leader in his activities, as Art recalled even better than I, who counted him as a faithful friend. As did many, many people who had the privilege of knowing him and benefiting from his quiet zest and perceptive embrace.

I received a letter from President Bush this week. At least, I assumed that it was from him

because the envelope bore the impressive name in dignified lettering at the upper left corner: George Bush. But what's this? The return address (discreetly on the back flap) was Dallas. Had George forsaken that Houston hotel room? And, anyway, wasn't he supposed to be in Washington now?

Well, it turned out (big letdown) that the President really wasn't taking time out to write to me, even though he's reputed to be a great letter-writer. The envelope's contents were just an appeal to contribute to a reelection campaign fund for the Texas senator known as Phil Gramm, and better known to most of us as one-half of the "Gramm Rudman Law." I passed, figuring that there must be enough money somewhere in Texas to send old Phil back to D.C.

Newspapers late in January noted the passing of Carl Furillo, who in the 1950s was the great rightfielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers. His age was 66, and he had been suffering with leukemia for years. He was employed as a night watchman. Uncomplainingly, he said, "I never made real money playing ball. So what can I do? I always worked. I got to work."

I wonder how that kind of story is read by today's ballplayers, with their million-dollar salaries. How much of all that surplusage do you suppose they're contributing to the old-time players' pensions?

CONSTANT READER

Cooling off 'what's hot'

I for one am turned off by the current vogue for the term "hot" as applied to some object that is a bit different, perhaps slightly new (to this season's crowd of fast-track in-people), and therefore is supposed to strike awe into your pocketbook if not your heart. In your supermarket, you'll find repeated use of "hot" in the teasers that are used on magazine covers to persuade you that here's one more thing you mustn't miss.

Since I have resolved not to be beguiled by "hot" as used in that fashion, I certainly didn't buy the recent issue of *Newsweek*, with a cover that was devoted to "hot" cities of the U.S. — places where, presumably, it would be great to live. All you would have to do would be to find a really good reason to more to (for instance) Columbus, Ohio. Once upon a more honored time, *Newsweek* would have been above that kind of promotion stunt. *Newsweek* is desperate for circulation (it's way behind *Time*), and so they can count on unusually large sales for a week in several large cities.

And, in the same week, I didn't buy a copy of *TV Guide*, which used its cover to promote "what's hot (on the tube) in February." Thanks, but I can find "Matlock" and "LA Law" without that particular assistance. Also "Washington Week," "David Brinkley," and for a change of pace though still in the capital, "Murphy Brown." (You see, I do find something to do occasionally other than pore over magazines and newspapers.)

Speaking of newspapers, a recent issue of *The New York Times* (Feb. 1) had a compelling article in the business section, one that was both fascinating and vexing. It was, in fact, something of an expose. It was headlined "A Young Elite's Power Over Ads," and the story it tells is the unsupervised influence a bunch of girls in their 20s have attained over what magazines and TV programs advertisements are to be placed in by the ad agencies the young ladies work for.

This directly affects you and me, because these first-rung decisions made by inexperienced, junior-level employees turn out to be the ultimate decisions, too, of the executives who have turned loose this "elite" bunch.

These young people, says *The Times* article, "are partly responsible for the growth of new, trend-oriented magazines, and alternatives of network television."

The Times says "upstart magazines are prospering," while certain older magazines have faltered (lost ad lineage and revenues). For example, a magazine you've never seen, *Spy*, gained 122 percent last year in advertising pages, and lesser, but very substantial gains were made by such publications as *Details*, *New York Woman*, and *L.A. Style*.

This is not merely a quarrel within the publishing industry. You may consider it a relatively minor matter if one or another of your favorite magazines or television programs is missing some adver-

tising that otherwise might have been there. First off, a publication or network that's losing money will eventually trim its expenditures, including the nature and quality of what is presented to you in information or entertainment.

Beyond that, the periodical or TV network that is sufficiently weakened by loss of ad revenue may well disappear. Remember the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Collier's*, the old *Life*? And while one stable publication is being slighted, competitors (*Spy*, *Details*, etc.) are thriving in the marketplace. Your choice of information or entertainment sources is being undercut.

A CBS executive is quoted by *The Times* to the effect that "this group (the young elite) has been instrumental to the success of specialty magazines and cable television," while advertising money is "taken away from newspapers, mass-circulation magazines, and big networks." A magazine publisher says: "You have 22-year-old people responsible for millions of dollars . . . You absolutely have to appeal to them."

And you know how the "appeal" is buttressed? On the basis of parties and other entertainment that's provided to the "young elite." The big hit for them in the past season was found to be a cruise on Malcolm Forbes's yacht. That's just how many multi-million ad budgets are born, according to *The Times* revealing article. Look it up in a library copy; you'll find it engrossing.

The coffee game

The writer of this guest editorial is a partner in a Delmar retail business.

By Lee Cohen

Point of View

What's the world's largest commodity? Oil. What's the second largest? Coffee.

I feel that even though I'm only a two-cups-a-day coffee drinker, I must be doing my part to prevent a coffee glut in the worldwide markets.

Last year, here in our small cafe and modest retail store in "Main Square" on Delaware Avenue — "The Daily Grind" — we sold perhaps seven tons of coffee. Can you imagine how many cups of coffee that would put onto tables around Bethlehem and nearby areas? Now that I stop to think about it, I realize that it would be more than 600,000, probably closer to 700,000 cups. The old song that told us "They've got a lot of coffee in Brazil" was true enough — but there's a lot of coffee right here, too. Joe DiMaggio, look to your reputation!

My sister Barrye and I have been in business here in Delmar for nearly 15 months now. (We have had Daily Grind stores — no cafe — also in Albany and Troy for several years, but this is our prize, our pride and joy.) One or the other of us is here for several hours seven days a week, working with and supervising our full-time employee, Matthew Dunmore, and nine part-time employees, who are chiefly BCHS students.

We know a lot more about coffee, about business, and about people than we did in November 1987 when we helped Main Square to open. We know, for example, that our patrons are especially fond of our private blend of coffees from Central and South America. We understand the popularity of the widely advertised Colombian coffee. And we find that many people respond to the richness of Sumatran coffee.

We realize the importance of giving people what they want — and that the first step toward this little success is in determining what it actually is that they do want. I find that I have this motivation to satisfy the customer; "I can't say no."

Our original concept of what this Daily Grind was to be has been altered — by the patrons' likes and preferences. We hadn't envisioned the 25-chair cafe to be nearly as broadly inclusive as it has turned out to be. Not only have we featured such items as soups, a variety of croissants, etc., but demand has enticed us, just now, to add completely different "deli" specialties. We've learned that people will choose to take home one or another of our 30 varieties of coffee (a great deal of it decaf) five times oftener than they will select tea.

As a rule, people are now as likely to buy a pound of coffee beans as they are to have us grind it for them. (We roast all our coffee in Albany, which gives the Lark/Spring Street area its heady aroma so much of the time. Our coffees, known as Arabica, contain half as much caffeine as the robusta coffees you'll buy in a can.)

Enough for now about coffee. I'd like to talk about the people who sit down and drink it with us.

They're interested in getting to know whom they're dealing with. They are loyal to the businesses where they have traded (and of course that initially made introducing ourselves to them a bit more restrained). But their loyalty, when you tap it, can mean that they are energetic and eager to recruit their friends' interest and patronage.

Our cafe business, particularly, has varying crosscurrents of preferences. Menu selections five days a week are quite different from weekends, when our Belgian waffles, cinnamon rolls, and cream-cheese croissants are more in favor than the crab imperial salad or turkey sandwiches that are featured weekdays. This has much to do with the nature of the clientele itself: on weekends we're more likely to have couples and little families, compared to the Monday-Friday young mothers with small children and, also, retired ladies singly or in pairs. Men, for the most part, have been conspicuously absent, but I expect that will be changing with the introduction of more hearty dishes such as the deli items. Younger customers are generally more ready to experiment and have fewer no-no's (spices, nuts, etc.).

As a reformed social worker, I like to experiment, as does Barrye. One day, we'd like to have the opportunity to experiment with an outdoor cafe on the Delaware Avenue side. So far, setting up shop in Delmar has been a really joyous enterprise for us despite the long hours. (We're open 92 hours a week.) And we're glad that the Main Square entrepreneurs sought us out as a suitable business for this area.

The other day a young couple came in for coffee and a snack in the noon hour. The man excused himself and disappeared for several minutes. He returned with a pot of white tulips for the table during their meal. It was their anniversary. The sentiment happens to fit in exactly with our vision of The Daily Grind. And I was reminded of the lines from a song:

"... A small cafe, mam'selle; a rendezvous, mam'selle ..."

At such moments, life can be especially rewarding.

Matters of Opinion

(From Page 4)

would have the advantage of not presenting biased recommendations by the board.

2. Appoint a planning committee: This committee would consist of three groups:

a. Five persons representing the board, administration and teacher representatives;

b. Five persons representing citizens of the RCS district, including PTO members;

c. Five distinguished citizens of the Capital District who do not reside in the RCS district.

The last category may seem surprising, but it is vital to have a set of impartial eyes help the board and RCS citizens look at the issues without any particular axe to grind. Finally, the chair of the committee should also be one of the distinguished citizens from the Capital District — again to avoid the ap-

Vox Pop

pearance that the committee is simply another pawn of the board.

When the planning committee reviews the work of the educational consultants, it can then forward its report to the board for its consideration.

I hope the members of the board will consider these suggestions seriously. Whatever they do, they must take steps to restore their credibility with the RCS public. They have not presented all the facts; until they do, they will continue to be frustrated at the voting booth.

Frank J. Filippone, Ph.D.

Dr. Filippone is a former superintendent of the RCS school district and a former member of the board. — Ed.

Bike ban on bypass arouses cyclist

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to Supervisor Hendrick for the attention of the town board:

Our bicyclist group in Delmar strongly objects to the recent action taken by the state Transportation Department prohibiting use of the Delmar Bypass by bicyclists. Furthermore, this arbitrary action was taken without offering public explanations of its intent.

We are asking you, initially, to help clarify this matter, and are requesting an opportunity to meet with responsible authorities in the town and state to discuss what seems to be an intent to place constraints on bicyclists using such state routes, including Delaware and Kenwood Avenues.

Your personal assistance and

reply will be very much appreciated.

Ross Gutman

Delmar

Bond issue 'balanced' in BCAA opinion

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association had an opportunity to hear a presentation by Dr. Leslie Loomis, superintendent of Bethlehem Central School District, concerning the upcoming bond issue. As you know the BCAA has as its primary responsibility, the supporting of athletics and athletic activities in the school system. We consider that a balance between academic and extra-curricular activities such as athletics is essential for the development of our students.

We believe the proposed bond

issue is well-balanced and will provide needed funds for the healthy future. We encourage parents of athletes and the community at large to vote in support of this proposal.

Maryellen Saba

President, BCAA

Jogger flirting with disaster

Editor, The Spotlight:

To the jogger who pursues his health regimen in a dark sweatshirt in the dead of the night on Wemple Rd. with his back to the traffic:

You are very hard to discern. Please run into the face of the traffic and wear reflective stripes on your clothes.

Without these precautions, you are relying too much on the careful driving skills of the motorist using this totally unlit road.

Motorist

(Name Submitted)

Glenmont

Cars parked on lawns draw her objections

Editor, The Spotlight:

I notice with increasing frequency how many cars are being parked on front lawns throughout the Tri-Village area, i.e., Kenwood, Cherry, Delaware, Borthwick.

If there is anything that quickly makes a neighborhood look rundown, this certainly does. Aren't there restrictions to preclude this being allowed? If not, perhaps it's time to consider some.

None of us wishes to see our property values decrease, and in this writer's opinion allowing parking on front lawns may bring this about.

If a former single-family residence becomes a multiple-family dwelling, a stipulation should be included that sufficient off-street parking must be available.

Jane Prescott

Delmar

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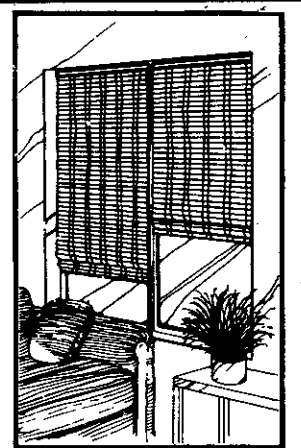
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Your Opinion Matters

BC administrators, school board lauded

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central school system has been a proven asset to our community for a very long time.

It not only has provided us with a long and distinguished history of service as an educational institution, it has also served us well as the home for many of the community organizations that make Bethlehem such a rich and rewarding place to live.

Groups like the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girls Scouts use the school facilities constantly. They house activities carried out by the Delmar Dolphins, the Bethlehem Soccer Club, Pop Warner Football, and the fifth and sixth grade basketball league. The Tri-Village Little League uses the baseball diamonds for practice too.

In addition, several town recreational programs take place in our schools. Then there are the continuing education classes for adults. The middle school is used for public swimming during the winter. And many public meetings and seminars take place in our schools, including activities sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, and various PTA organizations. There are craft fairs, Parents as Reading Partner meetings, concerts, interscholastic athletic competitions, theatrical events, and more.

Without question, our schools are busy places. And it is the staff and community members who run our schools who make this excitement possible. Their commitment is to making our schools a strong member of our community.

They are serious people, hard-working people you can rely on to do their best for us. They have the vision to see what is possible and the good sense to do what is practical.

Consider their work on the bond issue proposal on which we will be voting Feb. 15.

It is no secret that our school system's stability has been threatened by age, constant use, and a growing student population. Last year there was a lot of public pressure to act quickly. But the admin-

istrative staff, supported by the school board, had the courage to choose another route.

They decided that it was in the community's best interest to do a lot more research and analysis before they formed a plan of attack on these problems.

Their goal was to find the right plan of action for the right cost to the community. And they didn't leave a stone unturned.

They met and talked with many people. They went to experts for advice. They held a series of public meetings. Then they carefully considered what they discovered. What came out of all of this effort was a bond-issue proposal that their common sense told them would get the job done right.

Now their work is done and it is up to us to make a commitment to these plans.

If you believe that our school system has proven itself to be a valuable partner to you as a member of the Town of Bethlehem, please take a moment on Feb. 15 to come out and vote "yes" to this bond-issue proposal.

This small contribution of time to the well-being of town and its children will be remembered for a long time after the cost of this project has been forgotten.

Greg Maher

Delmar

Family Night support expressed by PTA

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Elsmere Elementary School PTA, we thank all the following Delaware Avenue businesses that supported our Jan. 27 Family Night.

Special thanks to: Brooks Drugs, Johnson's Stationers, Tri-Village Drugs, Danker Florist, Handy Andy, Baby's Breath Florist, Woolworth's, Stewart's, Friendly's, The Paper Mill, Dunkin' Donuts, Grand Union, Golden Krust Bakery, Price Chopper, and McDonald's.

Barbara Riegel
Barbara Kavanagh
Carol-Lisa Gutman
Family Night Chairmen

'Delmar Village' costs to residents estimated

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem is a highly desirable place to live, as can be witnessed by the numerous proposals to construct housing complexes in the community. One such proposal is "Delmar Village," which would have 232 rental units.

One of the major problems posed by this project is its cost to the average resident. While many citizens may not be impacted because this project is not located next to them, all Bethlehem property-owners would be personally affected. This impact would be felt every year as they pay municipal and school taxes. This can be gleaned from the developer's "Fiscal Impact" statement wherein the developer reports a loss, in that municipal/school expenditures exceed revenue or tax-dollars collected. This worsens as one takes into consideration the impact of inflation on assessed values, and makes corrections to the developer's calculations such as the use of the residential assessment ratio instead of the equalization rate.

The cost of Delmar Village to taxpayers is the result of the type of community in which we live. In the language of urban planners, Bethlehem is a "mature suburb." What is meant is that Bethlehem is composed primarily of single-family homes occupied by residents whose median age is higher than that of surrounding areas. As a result, Bethlehem has a lower ratio of school-age children to total population than the mean of the Capital District. According to statistics supplied by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, the type of apartment units proposed by the developer would generate 49 percent more school-age children than single-family homes of comparable size. At the same time, the assessed value of the Delmar Village apartments would be substantially lower than that of single family homes.

As a result, Delmar Village would generate less tax revenue than single-family homes while

needing more tax dollars to educate a school-age population larger than that generated by surrounding single-family homes. This discrepancy between tax revenues and municipal/school expenditures would result in an additional cost to all property taxpayers.

As we go into public hearings on Delmar Village, residents need to be aware of its adverse fiscal impact on our community. Ask ourselves: Are we willing and able to pay higher municipal and school taxes for a housing project that has little or no benefit to the community?

Since this project would result in increased taxes for existing residents, we are entitled to know why we should subsidize it. I fail to see its "public benefit," a term I always thought is supposed to be associated with construction projects subsidized by taxpayer dollars.

I believe the developer should go back to his drawing board and create a project that doesn't ask for money from Bethlehem taxpayers.

Brian J. Danforth

Bethlehem

The developers of Delmar Village assert in their Draft Environmental Statement that the project would result in a net increase in school district revenues of \$376,000 and a net decrease in town revenues of \$65,000. Both that assertion and Mr. Danforth's conclusion that the project would result in higher municipal and school taxes are based on assumptions that may or may not be valid. Readers who wish to draw their own conclusions are reminded that the Bethlehem Town Board will hold a public hearing on Del-

mar Village Feb. 15, starting at 7:30 p.m., to be continued Feb. 16 if necessary. Ed.

Slingerlands PTA says 'yes' on bonds

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Feb. 15 Bethlehem residents will have an opportunity to invest in the future with a positive vote for the bond issue. We, the executive board of the Slingerlands PTA, believe that by supporting the bond issue we are affirming the American ideal of a strong public education.

The problem with increasing enrollment has had a negative effect on the educational atmosphere in the elementary schools, and studies have shown that the enrollment will continue to increase. Redistricting would at least equalize the overcrowding for the present but even that would not take care of future space needs. Now is the time to make improvements that will last.

The bond issue decision is a result of a two-year effort brought about by a task force of staff members and citizens. Much information was gathered and many different options were considered. The plan that was formulated brings the best of all the ideas together.

Residents chose to live in this community because of the quality of its schools. Our PTA would like to extend its support for the Feb. 15 bond issue. A positive vote will help assure that our children's educational future will be secure.

Lorraine Lang

Slingerlands PTA president

Words for the week

Pomposity: Pompous demeanor, speech, behavior, or act; related to self-importance or arrogance.

Beguiled: Hoodwinked, led by deception; or, pleased or persuaded by the use of wiles.

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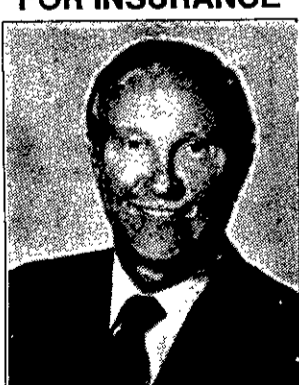
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Fire review extended

Jericho Bridge focus of county probe

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Albany County Fire Advisory Board has begun a review of the actions taken by the Selkirk Fire Department during its efforts to extinguish the fatal Rarick Rd. blaze on Jan. 21.

But the review, apparently prompted by the controversy over delays in responding to the fire caused by the closed Jericho

Bridge, will take longer than originally announced, and the officials directly involved are refusing to discuss details.

According to Albany County Fire Coordinator Harry Kelly, who said he is a member of the advisory board, the board is conducting a "thorough review of procedure and what took place" during the fire that resulted in the death

of Dr. Robert Rienow. He said the review is being conducted with the fire department's cooperation.

The review will encompass "everything", including the department's response to the scene and firefighting tactics, Kelly said. The board has met with the Selkirk Fire Department once and has another meeting scheduled. The meetings and a review of the facts will yield a report "by the end of next week," Kelly said Friday.

Selkirk First Assistant Chief Dick Hummel, who was in charge of the fire scene, said Friday he had no comment on the review or the meetings.

"I don't care to comment at all on it," said John O'Connell of Voorheesville, chairman of the

advisory board, when contacted Saturday. He said the report would take "as long as it takes."

Mark Reuss, an assistant to County Executive James Coyne, had said immediately following the fire that the investigation would be completed by the end of last week. He said the report would be made public when it is completed.

The county advisory board is made up of approximately 20 fire chiefs and past chiefs from volunteer departments in the county, Kelly said.

The review is not a normal activity for the board and was prompted by media reports that an open Jericho Bridge could have made a difference in saving Rienow's life, Kelly said. He said the statements were "unfair without the facts."

"I believe the board was called upon for its expertise. . . (It is) a group of professionals with the ability to sense whether there's a

problem and advise on proper procedures."

The closed bridge delayed the arrival of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance squad and backup units from the Glenmont Fire House, which had to travel a longer route by way of Rt. 32 and Rt. 102 because the bridge is closed. On the night of the fire, Selkirk Fire Commissioner Charles Fritts was quoted as saying the delays might have cost Rienow his life.

Firefighters at the scene said later that the delays did not affect their efforts to save Rienow, but did make it more difficult to control the fire and may have resulted in greater property loss.

The bridge has been closed for three years. Albany County and Conrail have acknowledged responsibility for repairs, but have not been able to agree on how the costs should be distributed, and Coyne has been criticized for the delays.

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Delmar oil leak

(From Page 1)

But the accident may have occurred before then. It's difficult to tell how long oil has been seeping into the ground. "It could have spilled as far back as seventeen years ago," according to DEC investigator McDonald.

Telephone troubles accidentally led to the discovery of the leaking fuel. Peter Mueller, a spokesman for the New York Telephone Company, explained that repairmen were working near the park on telephone lines that had been damaged by moisture when they smelled oil. The telephone company then hired Clean Harbors, Inc. of Rensselaer to locate the source of the oil. The clean-up

service installed several monitoring wells to track the flow of the spill.

Although DEC is still waiting for a clear answer from Clean Harbors, they believe that Main Care is the cause of the major spill. Main Care, however, is not convinced of that. "Many facilities along Delaware Avenue have leaked gas and oil over the years," Von Ronne pointed out.

There is also disagreement over the history of spills at the site. DEC's McDonald told *The Spotlight* that Main Care tanks have leaked before. One accident, he said, occurred between 1970 and 1971 and also affected telephone lines.

"According to our records there was no spill. The tanks were inspected and tested at that time and there were found to be no leaks," Von Ronne said.

He admitted that it would cost "substantial money" to clean up the spill, but he declined to say how much.

McDonald said the accident is not a health hazard because there is no nearby source of drinking water.

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Bypass closed to bicyclists

By Mark Stuart

Bicyclists, joggers and walkers who normally enjoy the smooth, wide-open and presumably safe use of the Delmar Bypass will no longer be allowed to do so.

The state Department of Transportation has erected signs along the bypass prohibiting pedestrians, bicycles or horseback riding, and some residents are upset about it.

The signs were put up along the bypass, which is part of state Rt. 32, for safety reasons, according to several DOT officials.

"We've put up those signs because the speeds along the bypass are up so high that it's not appropriate for pedestrians and bicyclists," said William Logan, of the DOT's Region One Division of Traffic Safety. "The state Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law says there are to be no pedestrians or bikes on an expressway highway. Technically, the Delmar Bypass isn't an expressway highway, but the Delmar Bypass functions as an expressway highway. It has no driveways, there is limited access and it has a speed limit of 55," Logan said.

Logan added that no accident or letter prompted DOT to install the signs, but that "it was simply brought to our attention."

DOT has recently been involved in projects on both ends of the bypass. Signalization of the west end of the bypass became a issue last fall for many residents and citizens' groups when plans were approved for a CDTA Park and Ride lot located at the intersection of the bypass and Elm Ave. In conjunction with that, the Murray Ave. intersection is also being signalized, and the light at Elsmere Ave. is being updated. At the east end of the bypass, a traffic study along adjacent Rt. 9W resulted in a recent lowering of the 45 m.p.h. speed limit along Rt. 9W.

But some residents say they feel the bypass is one of the safest bicycle routes in Delmar. Ross Gutman of Delmar, who has long

been an advocate for local bicyclists, said he is disturbed about the signs not only because they prohibit the use of the bypass, but also because of how it was done. "This decision was without precedence. This was done with a secretive intent, no one gave a meeting and there was nothing in the (newspapers) about it," he said.

Gutman said he is not alone in questioning the signs. He said that he was approached by "many" residents who use the bypass as a bicycle route.

In terms of safety, Gutman said the bypass has a six-foot wide shoulder, which he said is wide enough for safe use by bicyclists and vehicles at the same time, and that visibility for drivers and bicyclists is excellent.

On Jan. 31 Gutman, a member of the Mohawk-Hudson Wheelmen, wrote a letter to the Bethlehem Town Board to complain about the state's unannounced actions. "Our bicyclist group in Delmar strongly objects to the recent action taken by the State Transportation Department prohibiting use of the Delmar Bypass by bicyclists. Furthermore, this arbitrary action was taken without offering public explanations of its intent."

Jean E. Kerr, also a member of the bicycling club and a 40-year Delmar resident, also wrote to the board, noting that bicyclists have had access to the bypass for as long as it has been in existence.

Police Lt. Fred Holligan, chairman of the town's Traffic Safety Committee, said the Bethlehem Police have never issued a ticket to a bicycle rider using the bypass and that the Traffic Safety Committee had never been contacted by the state regarding pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the bypass.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick and Holligan both reiterated that there have been no reported fatalities or vehicular injuries involving pedestrians or bicyclists on the bypass to prompt DOT's actions.

Logan said that bicyclists who

use the bypass to get to the town's Elm Ave. Park can use secondary roads instead, but Gutman said that idea is unsafe. "The bypass has six-foot wide shoulders. It's more dangerous on the side streets where cars are passing through intersections and (blind spots). You have to share a narrow road with a motor vehicle that may be going 20 miles per hour, but that's enough to do harm too. Getting hit by a car going 20 is just as dangerous sometimes," Gutman said.

In a Feb. 2 letter to Mrs. Kerr, John Taylor, director of DOT Region One, promised to look into ways of solving the alternative routes dilemma.

Rensselaer man charged for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested a 42-year-old Rensselaer man for driving while intoxicated early Thursday morning after he was stopped for speeding on Rt. 9W.

Police said the man was arrested after officers detected the odor of alcohol and the man failed a pre-screening device test.



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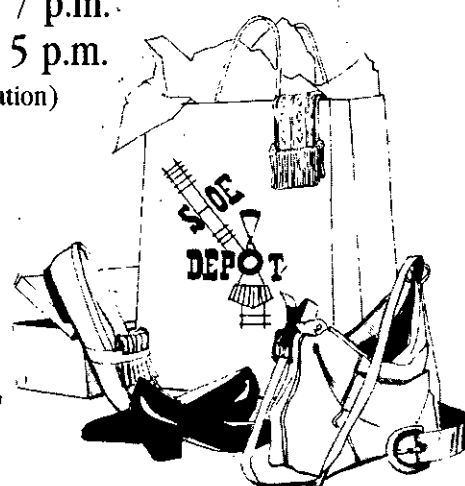
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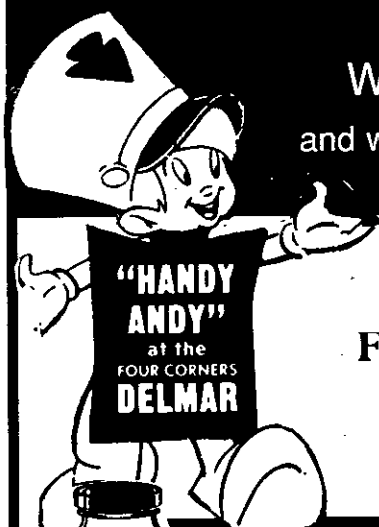
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Writing Bethlehem's history

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Brewer said. "They were just bad books. They would look at the government, show a few statistics, but there was nothing interesting about the people."

Brewer is a former associate professor of education at the State University at Albany and hopes to use his extensive background in amateur archaeology in his role as editor of the book (his formal education is in psychology and counseling and he holds a doctorate in education from Columbia University). Although Brewer considers his part-time field work in archeology "a hobby", it is undeniably impressive: Pre-historic Cave Site, Bordeaux, France; 72 AD Roman Tower, England; 16th

Century Huron Indian Village, Ontario; 17th Century plantation of the first governor of Virginia. The list goes on and on, and includes several digs in Bethlehem as a founder and leader of the Bethlehem Archeology Group.

"Social history will be our emphasis, that's what will make the difference in this book. This won't be just a routine history book, it will be a modern approach. Our journey for today... will be to present a string of events relating to social history by focusing on personal stories. What the people ate, what they wore, what they did in their everyday life," Brewer said.

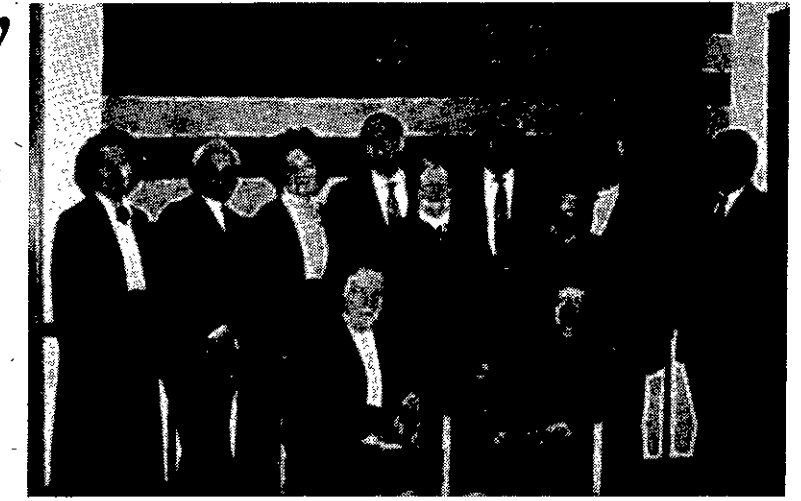
"Even photos can be boring. We want to use a lot of photos, but not of buildings or barns or people

just standing around. We want to use dynamic photos, such as people (interacting), coming out of a church, living photos."

Brewer said he expects the success of the book to be based on the help of those chosen to serve as writers, photographers, associate and assistant editors. "We couldn't be where we are without key people, which is the crux of our success so far."

Some of the people working on the project include State Archaeologist Dr. Robert E. Funk, former State Archaeologist William H. Ritchie and Tom Knight, professional photographer for the Library of Congress for three years specializing in the photography of artifacts.

"Frankly, we're having a ball putting this together. Brand new pages of history are being written in the Archaeological lab every day." Brewer pointed out that historical items dating back as early



Members of the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission are, standing, from left, Town Historian Valerie Restifo, Robert Kerker, Sue Zick, Floyd Brewer, Ann Patton, Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick, Claire Ruslander, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz and Dominick DeCecco. Seated are co-chairmen Cynthia Wilson and Sue Ann Ritchko. Commission members Peter Kermani and Barbara Meinert are absent from the photo.

as 6,500 B.C. have been uncovered by the Bethlehem Archeology Group and studied at the Ralph B. Wood Archeology Laboratory on Rt. 32, including the remains of an Indian whom they have nicknamed "Mugwa".

Brewer praised the efforts of Adrian Gordon, a ceramics specialist who studied over 12,733 fragments of ceramics at the old Nicoll-Sill estate in Cedar Hill off Rt. 144, which the group is using to help analyze the lifestyle of Elizabeth Salisbury Nicoll (1712-1790).

"From her work, we can draw a number of conclusions. For example, we know that when she set a table, she set a good table from the fruit dishes we've found. We know that she had more than one set of dishes for the different types of meals or guests she had. In short, we can bring the past to life," Brewer said. "As a result of her work, we will have many new pages in history that have never been written before."

The book will be offered in both paper back and hard back. Each of the nine chapters will deal with a separate time in the history of Bethlehem and will be written by the assistant editors.

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Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick, center, accepts a donation of \$25,000 from the GE Foundation from Barry Gibbs, general manager of GE Selkirk, to Bethlehem's Bicentennial Commission. Part of the donation will cover the cost of publishing a history of the town. Town Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko, who also serves as co-chairman of the commission, and Floyd Brewer, who will serve as editor of the book, look on. The book will be part of the town's bicentennial celebration in March, 1993.

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Billings, Ringler honored

Holly Billings has been named citizen of the year and Kenneth Ringler Jr. has been named business person of the year for 1988 by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Billings is the president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, which offers activities for teenagers and workshops for parents including the recent workshop "Parents, Kids and the Law" about the impact of teen drinking. She has been active in the organization since 1985.

BOU was one of the groups involved in establishing the Bethlehem Networks Project for substance abuse prevention.

Billings and her husband, Warren, have three children.

planning board, is the owner of Del Lanes and the Delmar Car Wash. Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited holds its "Teen Night" at Del Lanes during the summer to offer teens a place to go on Friday nights. The successful program offers a variety of activities to teens including reduced-price bowling and live teen bands.

Ringler was president of the Chamber for one year prior to his appointment as planning board chairman in January, 1988. He serves on the town Senior Citizens Committee and the Community Center Committee in addition to his planning board duties. He is also a member of BOU and vice president of the New York State Bowling Proprietors Association.

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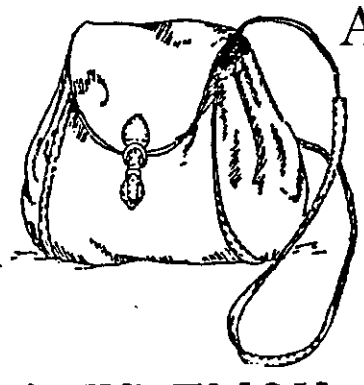
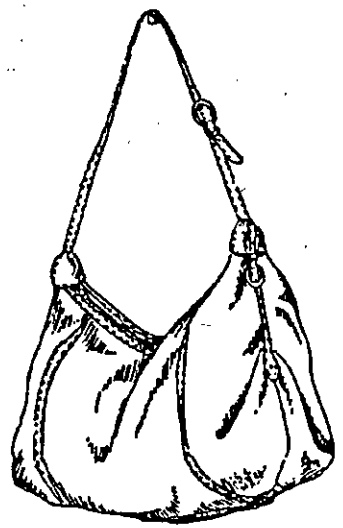
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BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience, all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information 439-4258.

RED MEN, second Wednesdays, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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MARIAN MCPARTLAND, jazz pianist, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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NORMANSIDE COUNTRY CLUB, women's organization, bridge luncheon, Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-5362.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Mohawk chapter, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 482-4838.

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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

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MEETING, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1493, Department of New York, post meeting room, Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-4306.

HELDERVUE GARDEN CLUB, "Bring Home the Blue Birds," Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4544.

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THE YOUTH NETWORK

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In the Bethlehem Central School District, approximately 13 percent of elementary children don't fit the "traditional two-parent family" description. They live with one parent or one natural parent and a step-parent or unrelated adult, or move between homes of parents and stepparents, and have zero to several siblings, full, step, or half.

Research during the 70's and 80's generated several conclusions:

1. All children of divorce suffer. A child loves both parents and experiences severe loss when they separate.
2. Children express this loss in many different ways; most somewhere between the extremes of total personality change and pretending nothing is different.
3. On the average, it takes a child about three years to finally adjust to the new situation and to accept his or her circumstances.
4. The more receptive those around the child are to acknowledging the reality of the problem and allowing him or her to express his or her feelings, to talk about the circumstances, the easier the adjustment will be.

As a result of these social changes and investigations, many school districts across the country have begun to provide opportunities for the millions of children who experience parental separation to have support and assistance in making the transition. Bethlehem Central is one such district.

We have available for some students a program called "Banana Splits". It was first conceived by a school social worker in Ballston Spa and today has groups in every state. The children meet every other week with a trained leader to talk about the pains and joys of changing families. In a safe, accepting setting a child can discover that she or he is not unique, that there are many who have gone through similar experiences, and that talking about feelings and problems can make them seem more manageable and bearable. It is a support group versus a therapeutic group. Should the leader identify a child whose issues need more intense help, the parent will be contacted. The children operate under established rules which ensure confidentiality. Issues may be discussed at home, but the use of names is forbidden. The sessions end in June with a big Banana Split party to celebrate a year of growth and adjustment. The children are proud of themselves for being able to face tough challenges and meet them successfully.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program should contact Gwen Guillet, BC Elementary Counselor, at 439-3102.

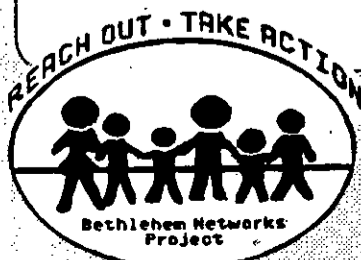
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MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

TALENTSHOW, "Salute to the Hilltowns," Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School auditorium, Berne, 7:30 p.m. Information, 872-0681.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER CLUB, registration for spring program, open to youths born between 1979 and 1983, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$22, 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-6465.

ENTERTAINMENT

"LATRAVIATA," presented by New York City Opera National Company, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

SNOWSHOEING, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children, State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

EXHIBIT

EXHIBIT RECEPTION, featuring paintings by Bruce Stiglich, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through March 12, 5-8 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

**FRI
FEB 10**

BETHLEHEM

QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER, meeting, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 477-9705.

RECOVERY INC., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER, services and discussion, followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

MOVIE, "Crime and Punishment," Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-3075.

TRAINING SESSION, for those interested in becoming members of CDCPC Mental Health Players, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 447-9611.

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self-help group for adolescents who use drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

ALTAMONT STATION SQUARES, dance, Guelderland Elementary School, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

**SAT
FEB 11**

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM TOMBOYS, registration, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon.

SWEETHEART GET-TOGETHER, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 439-2172.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION, figure drawing workshop, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

CHABAD CENTER, services followed by Kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

VALENTINE'S DANCE, sponsored by SPIRIT, grades 7 through adult, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, \$5 admission, 8 p.m.-midnight. Information, 765-3314.

ALBANY

PLAYATHON, presented by Empire State Youth Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, Percussion and Jazz Ensembles, Colonie Center, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 438-8868.

MOVIE, "Looney, Looney, Looney Bugs Bunny Movie," State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

WINTER SERIES RUN, 4, 10 and 20 miles, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, State University at Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 477-9422.

PET EXPO, presented by R. W. Comerford and Sons, New Scotland Ave. Armory, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 242-1849.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

OPEN HOUSE, hosted by Montessori School of Albany, Washington St. and Third Ave., Rensselaer, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 455-8964.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Gansvoort chapter, meeting at Pruyn House, Old Niskayuna Rd., Colonie, 2 p.m. Information, 456-4580.

ENTERTAINMENT

BILL EVANS, dancer, Emma Willard, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 272-1557.

"GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS," through March 19, Capital Repertory Company, Albany. Information, 462-4534.

"INTRIGUING MUSIC," featuring pianist Max Lifchitz, recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

EXHIBIT

"ACCESS TO ART," for visually impaired, through April 2, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9 a.m.; 3-year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible study, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; family worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. family communion service, first Sundays. Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday school and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont. Information, 463-6465.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 465-2188.

**SUN
FEB 12**

BETHLEHEM

MIDWINTER FILM FESTIVAL, "Blood of a Poet," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, sponsored by North Bethlehem Firehouse, Russell Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 456-5996.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, service and Sunday School, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, of Delmar, worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m.; Christian education, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

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.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

RIBBON CUTTING, Voorheesville School District Public Library, 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.



Brian Drillinger (left) is Stanley and Kurt Deutsch is Eugene in Neil Simon's hit play "Broadway Bound," appearing at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8 and 9.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND, adult class, 9:30 a.m.; worship and church school, 10:30 a.m. nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Christian education, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

PET EXPO, presented by R. W. Comerford and Sons, New Scotland Ave. Armory, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 242-1849.

BIRTHDAY BASH, to celebrate 198th birthday of museum, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ORGAN RECITAL, presented by St. Peter's Choirsters, St. Peter's Church, 3 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, Sunday evenings, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0974.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS, flag meeting, every second Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Information, 462-6138.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

ORGAN RECITAL, presented by Community Reformed Church of Colonie, 4 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

YOSEF YANKELEV, "An Evening of Ethnically-Inspired Virtuoso, Romantic Music," Page Hall Auditorium, State University at Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

SKIP PARSON'S RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND, with Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 3 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

AL-ANON GROUP, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

ALATEEN MEETING, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by another's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

MOTHER'S TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

NEW SCOTLAND

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Voorheesville Central Schools, district offices at high school, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

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

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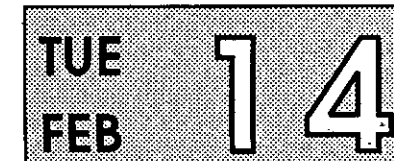
DALE CARNEGIE SALES COURSE, presented by Dale Carnegie Institute of New York. Information, 439-0798.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SKIFEST, featuring Eggs Benedict Breakfast, dog sled demonstration, and children's parade of flags, Windham, 8:45 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

PRISCILLA HERDMAN, with Anne Hills and Cindy Mangsen, traditional and contemporary music performance sponsored by Old Songs Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.



BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, literature group, review of "A Voyager Out - The Life of Mary Kingsley," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-5353.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

A.W. BECKER PTA, meets second Tuesdays, A.W. Becker Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesdays, Slingerlands Firehouse, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PTSA MEETING, features program on childhood education, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2382.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

BUILDER'S MEETING, sponsored by Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-6611.

ENTERTAINMENT

"CROSSIN' THE LINE," presented by Capital Repertory Company's Outreach program, Market Theatre, Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

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WED
FEB 15

BETHLEHEM

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRAM, presented by Dr. Pauline Vaillancourt, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

COMMISSIONERS NIGHT, sponsored by Onesquethaw chapter, 818, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

PUBLIC HEARING, on "Delmar Village," Bethlehem Town hall, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0517.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, antique study group will present "Valentine Days Remembered," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 439-5353.

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. Information, 439-4258.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB, meets first and third Wednesdays, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, Information, 765-2109.

ALBANY

"ELIMINATING RACISM," presented by Dr. Williams-Meyers, College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, Capital District chapter, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., 7:45 p.m. Information, 785-3192.

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, on carpentry, Albany County Cooperative Extension, 230 Green St., 7-9 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, photo essay meeting, First Methodist Church, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

PMS SUPPORT GROUP, meeting, Bellewood Room, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 8:30 p.m. Information, 346-9438.

THU
FEB 16

BETHLEHEM

PUBLIC HEARING, on "Delmar Village," Bethlehem Town Hall, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0517.

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"OLANA: FREDERIK CHURCH'S WORK OF ART," slide program, Bethlehem Historical Association meeting, Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

SAT
FEB 18

BETHLEHEM

FAMILY STORYHOUR, with librarian Dorothy Lovelock, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, with caller Ken Downs, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-0490.

"NEST BOXES AND BOX NESTERS," program on how to build or buy nest boxes, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE, sponsored by Tawasentha chapter, NSDAR, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 283-1096.

SUN
FEB 19

BETHLEHEM

ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE, sponsored by Tawasentha chapter, NSDAR, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 283-1096.

BETHLEHEM TOMBOYS, registration for softball league, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6-8 p.m.

MON
FEB 20

BETHLEHEM

FAMILY CONCERT, with Chris Shaw, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TUE
FEB 21

BETHLEHEM

VACATION WEEK FILMS, "Abbot and Costello's Jack and the Beanstalk," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM TOMBOYS, registration for softball league, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6-8 p.m.

"A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO THERAPY AND COUNSELING," part two of two, presented by Elizabeth Reid, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP, meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

BLANCHARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY, sponsored by Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary, 1040, Department of New York, post rooms, 6-7 p.m. Information, 439-5541.

FEBRUARY SUNSHINE, 3-day vacation Bible school, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 1-3:15 p.m. Information, 439-4328.



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ALBANY

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, meeting of legislative forum, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-5353.

WED
FEB 22

BETHLEHEM

FEBRUARY SUNSHINE, vacation Bible school, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 1-3:15 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY, sponsored by Elsmere School PTA, Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$2, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 439-9215.

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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

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Talent sought for show
Dust off your hat and cane. Sharpen up your lines, and head down to the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. On Friday, Feb. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m., there will be an open call for talented people who would like to perform in the "First Annual Variety Show" to be held on March 17.

Jim Staats of South Bethlehem, who manages the career of his daughter Mirinda, will be organizing the show for the benefit of the new parsonage fund. "We're looking for all kinds of talent," says Staats, "singers, dancers, comedians and novelty acts." There is no age limit. Anyone interested in auditioning may call Staats at 767-2744 or the Rev. Gary Dickson at 767-9953.

Group reviews Church's work

"Olana: Fredrick Church's Work of Art," will be the topic of a slide program by Robin Eckerle at the Feb. 16 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk. Church, who created Olana, a 19th Century estate, was one of America's foremost Hudson River School artists. Mrs. Eckerle has been associated with Olana since 1981 and is responsible for education programs, special events and guide training. All are welcome.

Children entertained

Students at Ravena Elementary School recently enjoyed watching a performance of "Story Salad II."

The children saw favorite story book characters come to life in both story and songs. The children especially enjoyed seeing Clifford the Big Red Dog become a movie star and Amelia Bedelia as she went job hunting. The program was sponsored by the PTO.

Hannakrois DAR to meet

The Hannakrois chapter of the NSDAR will hold a meeting and program on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Route 144 Cedar Hill, beginning at 2 p.m.

Peter Christoph will speak about "A Day in the Life of Fort Orange Under Dutch Nationals Ca. 1624."

All are welcome. Regent Mrs. Bruce A. Fernald will preside.

American history celebrated

The NSDAR will celebrate American History Month during February. Ravena Mayor Raymond T. Bailey has issued a proclamation calling for residents to join in and study our nation's history.

Displays will be open to the public at the Bethlehem Historical Schoolhouse Museum and the Ravena Library.

High school presents drama

This year's RCS Senior High drama production will be "Horror High." The spine chilling play will be presented on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Parents meet at school

Members of the RCS Special Education Support Group will be meeting at the Board of Education Building on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

Peg Wallace of the Cetric Training Program of BOCES will speak about parenting skills.

PTO sponsors book fair

The Ravena PTO is sponsoring a book fair. Area parents and students are invited to browse and buy books.

Police charge teen for public lewdness

Bethlehem police arrested a South Bethlehem teen last Tuesday for public lewdness after he was observed urinating on a roadway.

Police said an officer observed the 16-year-old youth walking along Rt. 396 near the Selkirk Fire Department while urinating. Police said the teen then continued to a John St. home where he was arrested. The teen was found to be intoxicated and told police he drank a bottle of rum from his parents' house, police said.

Slingerlands home robbed

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of currency and clothing from a Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands home last Wednesday during the morning hours.

Police said \$150 in cash was taken along with womens' undergarments and a pair of boots. All the items were taken from the master bedroom, police said.

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Sewer problems? call town

An advisory has been issued to Bethlehem residents who use the town's sewer system asking them to call the Department of Public Works before they call a plumber in the event of a sewer backup.

Paul Wagner, business office manager for the Department of Public Works, said residents with sewer backups should call for town assistance before allowing any plumbing work to be done. Recent incidents involving backups were due to clogs in the sewer main and not the private system. Consequently, attempts to clear the clogs were unsuccessful and when the sewer cap was removed from the basement traps the result was a rather messy situation requiring costly cleanups.

Wagner said those plumbing

and clean-up costs will be reimbursed by the town.

He explained that the sewer main clogs occur regardless of the age of the sewer line and are more commonly caused by disposable diapers. "It's an engineering design (of the manufacturer's) that we can't do anything about," Wagner said.

Town public works personnel are on 24-hour call and will come to the home and make sure the problem is not the main sewer line itself. The phone number to call is 439-2125. There is no charge for this town service.

"We want to educate the people and hopefully save tax dollars for cleanups and avoid the inconvenience of the mess," he said.

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Jan. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Jan. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Transport
Jan. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Jan. 30	Elsmere Fire Co.	Alarm Drop
Jan. 30	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Jan. 31	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 1	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Feb. 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Feb. 1	North Bethlehem EMS	Auto Accident
Feb. 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency

The Elsmere Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

Members of the North Bethlehem Fire Dept. will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Services announced

Lenten services at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 8, and will continue every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for the six weeks of Lent.

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Clarksville water district discussed

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Clarksville is back in the good graces of the federal government. Feura Bush has some old bills due, Font Grove Rd. is getting under way and Unionville is being surveyed. As usual, water developments dominated New Scotland's monthly town board meeting last Wednesday night.

Also in the water department, the board announced that the town of Bethlehem had set a water purchase rate of \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons for 1989, down four cents from last year's \$2.14 figure. The town adds about 40 cents per 1,000 gallons to Bethlehem's charges to maintain water mains and related equipment. The Bethlehem supply currently furnishes the Feura Bush, Heldervale and Swift Rd. water districts, as well as residences along Delaware Turnpike with water.

The board discussed a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the Clarksville water district.

While HUD funding for the

district had been jeopardized by inaction during the Larned Mine and Orchard Park disputes, the HUD letter indicated that "the Town now completely understands the issues as well as the corrective actions necessary to resolve (HUD's concerns)." The letter noted the "extensive delay in the completion of this program," but said that Supervisor Herbert Reilly "has been working diligently to successfully complete this grant." According to Reilly, HUD funding will continue undisturbed for the Clarksville project.

While the board received final official notice that \$249,800 in grants and another \$272,700 in loans had been made available from the FmHA for construction of the Clarksville water district, notice was received from Laberge Engineering saying that the town still owes HUD \$8,949.41 and \$5,334.58 for the Feura Bush water district.

The \$5,334.58 figure, apparently from 1985, was a surprise to the board, and is "being looked in to," according to the supervisor.

Three resolutions were passed, authorizing the supervisor to apply to the state Department of Audit and Control for a water district for Font Grove Rd., as well as for a boring permit under the Delaware and Hudson tracks, and for a New York State water supply permit for the creation of the district.

A questionnaire has been circulating among Unionville residents regarding establishment of a water district in their area. A meeting with area residents to discuss the results of the questionnaire was scheduled by the board for 8 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the town hall.

In an unrelated water issue, the town notified residents of the possibility of an insurance discount should they live within 1,000 feet of a working fire hydrant.

In another matter, wastewater and drainage were among the concerns voiced in a petition from Heldervale and Mason Lane residents asking the board and planning board to carefully consider the possible impacts of Heldervale IV, a proposed development in their area. A letter was also received

from Alice Fruehan and her attorney stating objections to the proposed subdivision.

In other business, the town:

- Authorized waste disposal expenses as the town will pay J.A.P. of Schenectady \$10 per ton to recycle the town's newspapers. A resolution was also passed to institute regulations and fees at the town's garbage transfer station. Fees will be instituted for tires, refrigerators, stoves and other large residential waste.

- Scheduled a Feb. 15 meeting for the Recreation Committee to prepare a comprehensive three-year youth service plan for the Albany County Youth Bureau.

- Resolved to participate in a Generic Environmental Impact Study proposed by Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney for the Krumkill Rd. area. The study would require the cooperation of the towns of Guilderland and Bethlehem, which have not yet agreed to participate.

- Renewed the bond anticipation note on the highway garage roof at 6.75 percent. \$20,000 remains to be paid on the note over the next two years.

- Passed a resolution providing developer Robert Mitchell with a letter to take to the town of Guilderland stating that New Scotland would accept an approximately 500-foot road in the proposed Woodland development if Guilderland would take care of the road's plowing and routine maintenance.

- Approved a request to purchase equipment including a snowblower, tailgate ramps to move equipment onto trailers, and power steering for the town's tractor for the Parks Department, and a \$1,400 typewriter with screen for the Highway Department.

- Resolved to hold a public hearing on March 1 at 7:45 p.m. to continue Senior Citizen exemptions on real estate.

- Appointed Patricia McVee dog enumerator at 65 cents per dog plus mileage to conduct a census of area dogs at the request of the Agriculture and Markets Department. The last dog enumeration was done in 1986.

- Unanimously approved a \$600 donation to help the New Scotland Soccer Club defray the cost of insurance.

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TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND

New library ready to open

New library opens soon

With the move almost completed, a ribbon cutting at the Voorheesville School District Public Library, Prospect St. and Depot Rd., has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 12., at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

The library will open for business at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 13. According to Sally Ten Eyck, library board president, a formal dedication of the new building will be held later.

Volunteers made move

Spring was in the air as well as in the step of the volunteers who helped move Voorheesville School District Public Library books during the last week in January. According to the volunteer moving committee, more than 1,200 volunteers, including close to 700 students from Voorheesville Elementary School, used over 4,000 bags and 400 boxes to move the library's 35,000-book collection from the old library on Main St. to the new facility. Volunteers are still moving other items. Some items are being left in the old building for and upcoming sale.

Stewart's is sponsoring a matching fund drive for the library. All are welcome to make donations. Checks may be made payable to the Voorheesville Public Library. The drive will end on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Story hours resume

Preschool children will get a look at the new library this week when story hours resume on Feb. 13. According to Nancy Hutchison, children's librarian, Valentine's Day story hours will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

School board meeting set

The Voorheesville Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the district offices. The meeting is open to the public.

Garden club members meet

The Heldervue Garden Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Paryse Shaughnessy will speak about how to "Bring Home the Blue Birds." All are welcome. For information call President Mary Portanova at 765-4544.

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Voorheesville News Notes

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Voorheesville American Legion Unit 1493, Dept. of New York, will hold a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

PTSA schedule is full

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Voorheesville Elementary School. The 7 p.m. business meeting will be followed by a 7:30 p.m. program on early childhood learning, including a presentation by school personnel, a video and a discussion period.

The PTSA is reminding residents that the Campbell's Labels for Education Program will end next week. Donation of labels and other valid proofs of purchase may be sent to the elementary school. In the past the grade school has obtained free athletic, scientific and education equipment through the program.

Finally, the PTSA has announced that the PTSA Family Fun Night will be held on March 10. The evening will feature games for the entire family by the Linendolls of Altamont.

Valentine's dance planned

SPIRIT will sponsor a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8 p.m. until midnight, at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

All adults and students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend the non-alcohol event. Tickets will be available for \$5 at the door.

Preschool lottery announced

The lottery for registration in the Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, at 6:30

p.m. All applications must be received before the lottery. For information call Sue Vanderwarker at 862-6457.

Registration closes

Tonight will be the final registration night for Voorheesville's continuing education program. Individuals who do not sign up for spring courses between 7 and 9 p.m. may register by mail. For information call 765-3324, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Fire inspection details available

Results of the 1988-89 inspections for fire hazards in the Voorheesville Central School District are available for review at the district office, according to Louise M. Gonan, superintendent of schools.

4-H seeks school

project coordinators

Workshops are being offered to curriculum coordinators, teachers, parents and other youth educators who are interested in leading 4-H school projects focusing on "Trash Tragedies." The projects are developed by staff members at Cornell University.

In addition to music and slides, educators will be provided with information on how we have historically dealt with trash, local issues and statewide management objectives.

A workshop for the kindergarten through fourth grade will be offered on Feb. 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The grade 5 through 8 program workshop will be offered on Feb. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Workshops will be held at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center, Voorheesville. For information call 765-3540.

Lenten services announced

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany will hold Lenten services beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The Rev. David Ball will be the guest preacher for the first service.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the guest preacher will be the Rev. Gary Kriss. On Feb. 10 it will be the Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger.

Chamber sponsors achievement seminar

On Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Glenmont, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will present William A. Powell, M.S.Ed., who will lead a seminar on "Personal Empowerment-Achieving Maximum Powerment."

The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will cost \$45. To register call 439-0512.

Electrician unions seek apprentices

Electricians Locals 724, 166 and 438 are seeking 32 apprentices 18 years or older. Applicants should be high school graduates who have completed at least one year of math. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 17.

Applications may be obtained from the union offices at 16 Wade Rd., Latham, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekdays.

For information call 457-5519.

Kingsley's life reviewed

The literature group of the Delmar Progress Club will review *A Voyager Out: The Life of Mary Kingsley*, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Nellie Evant will review the book. Shirley Cunningham and Eunice Spindler will be hostesses. For information call 439-1370.

Village Stage sponsors Bard competition

The Village Stage is sponsoring awards for winners of the fifth Bethlehem Central High School Shakespearian Competition on Thursday, Feb. 9.

Financial prizes will be awarded for first, second and third finishers in the competition, which is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Hearings scheduled

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will hold a series of public hearings on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On the agenda will be applications from Edward A. Mayer of 99 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, and Michael J. and Rebecca Lipnick, and Stephen Kaiser of 40 Hazelhurst Ave., Albany.

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Convenient mart goes on hold

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Plans for a Convenient Food Mart to be located off Voorheesville Ave. in Voorheesville appear to have hit a snag.

"It's just a matter of trying to work and adjust," said John Haluska, director of corporate real estate for CFM Enterprises, the food mart's parent company.

Haluska explained that there were matters regarding lot size and other specifications that the firm needs to work out with the Albany County Planning Board before the project proceeds, and said that the country had "raised some objections to the scope of the project".

Haluska denied that the request for a deferment had anything to do with recent statements by William Hammond of Crown Group Development regarding the possible location of an IGA supermarket in the former Grand Union building on Maple Ave. Hammond said that despite delays his company still intends to go forward with the project, but that if the village approved a Convenient first it would probably kill his project.

Town officials say they have not received anything from the Crown group that would indicate that plans for an IGA are on-going.

Voorheesville

John Zongrone, a member of the Voorheesville Planning Commission, said that to the best of his recollection, the county planning board's questions regarding the Convenient application involved sideline, lot size and coverage variances. "We had a letter from Mr. Haluska asking to defer action, and that's what we did," he said. "It's just my opinion, but personally I don't think this has anything to do with the IGA."

Mayor Ed Clark said he is still hopeful. "The system is working, and whatever comes of it is what we should have," he said. Clark said that Haluska "took special pains to call and tell me that they were not withdrawing their application indefinitely, but they wanted to address the county's concerns first." He said that while the county's decision is not binding on the Voorheesville board, "we don't take their regulations lightly."

When asked if he thought the delay had anything to do with the Crown Group statement, Clark said, "I haven't heard anything from the IGA, so I don't know."

Stronger enforcement of town zoning planned

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

"It should be explained that there weren't really sufficient resources — time and money — in the past," said New Scotland Building Inspector Paul Cantlin.

Cantlin wants the town to know that is changing. "The Town of New Scotland indeed has zoning ordinances, and the town realizes that there are certain rules and obligations taken on as to their enforcement," he said.

That enforcement is now up to Cantlin. Appointed building inspector in January of 1988, Cantlin obtained permanent status when he scored the highest mark on the civil service test for building inspectors given this past fall. And with the recent addition of Cynthia LaFave as attorney for zoning administration, the building inspector's findings finally have legal backing.

"There was too much work for this position to be part-time," Cantlin said. "But it used to be. Now, with enforcement and extra help, we are really going to start. The board has appointed an attorney (LaFave) to provide legal advice, and to pursue violators to the degree of compliance, and/or punishment for zoning violations," he said.

Cantlin finds it unfortunate that to gain compliance for his regulations he has to do things through legal channels. "It costs us about 100 bucks for each legal letter. The monies saved from the voluntary compliance of just one of these violations could more than pay for a public awareness program. If they complied with the first letter I sent out, we wouldn't have the expense. But somehow, when it comes from a lawyer, it makes a difference," Cantlin said.

"This way, the whole process can take three or four months. At present, we are legally involved

in eight separate cases of alleged violations. The time and money spent on these could well be used elsewhere if compliance was better," he said. "They may be made to get rid of the materials or whatever, but they also might be made to pay court costs as well. We're working on that, so it wouldn't cost the town anything if we do win."

Cantlin finds the job difficult at times. "They tell us in code class, 'don't apologize for the law, just enforce it.' I may not always agree with everything on the books, but it's my job, and I will enforce it."

He also wants it made clear that code enforcement is an on-going process. "We are not picking on anyone special. We act on the complaints in the order we get them. And if you really don't like the rule, you can come down to town hall and get it changed."

Cantlin has several ideas for improving the New Scotland landscape. One involves having the town reconsider obtaining the use of a car crusher at the town landfill to let residents dispose of unsightly junked automobiles properly. "Dates could be set for crushing, with notices posted and/or sent out to residents so everyone could avail themselves of this feature," he said.

In all, Cantlin said, "We've got 70 square miles in New Scotland, and I'm sure you'd find violations on every one if you looked hard enough. And if we get a complaint, we have to do something. We can never catch up in this job. But I think I'm an asset to the town."

"I've been in the building business for 35 years, so I've got a good idea when a guy is trying to bend the law or cheat. We just want people to know now that in short, zoning is for real, and those who violate these ordinances will be duly cited, and dealt with legally."

Orchard Park meeting reveals salt problems

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

"I'm glad we had the meeting, but no one seemed to want to come to any conclusions," said Robert Cook of last Thursday's meeting regarding salt contamination of the aquifer serving the Orchard Park development.

Cook, the Town of New Scotland's water advisor, said the

meeting was held to discuss very preliminary results of a study by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on the effects of a nearby New York State Department of Transportation salt pile on the development's aquifer.

The residents of Orchard Park currently have law suits pending against Orchard Park's developer,

Peter Baltis, and the town of New Scotland in an effort to resolve their water problems.

Present at Thursday night's meeting were Orchard Park residents, and representatives of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and C.T. Male, the town's engineering consultants.

According to one person who attended the meeting, the DEC study indicated that there are two aquifers serving the development. The preliminary results could not conclusively prove that the lower aquifer, which serves the older part of the development, was salt-contaminated. However, the upper aquifer, which serves the newer

section of Orchard Park, is shallower and was very likely contaminated by the salt pile.

"The meeting was very promising," said Pat Bulgaro, president of the Orchard Park Homeowners Association. "It finally shows some evidence that a problem exists. We are hopeful that the government agencies involved will address the problem."

Neither C.T. Male or DEC officials could be reached for comment.

According to Bulgaro, another meeting to discuss the results will be scheduled for the end of the month.

Delmar man arrested for failure to comply

Bethlehem police arrested a 19-year-old man for failure to comply with a police officer and charged him with several vehicle and traffic law violations Wednesday.

Police said officers responding to a call about a motorcycle with an expired registration observed the man riding on Delaware Ave. Police said the officer then attempted to pull the man over by using his emergency lights. He allegedly continued until he failed to negotiate a turn onto Paxwood Rd. from Bennet Terrace and was arrested.

The man was also charged with operating an uninspected, unin-

School's Out offers vacation care

School's Out Inc. is offering child care for children in kindergarten through grade five during the February vacation period.

Care will be available at the Kenwood Avenue site from Feb. 21 through 24, between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Activities will include gymnastics, crafts and field trips.

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sured, and unregistered motorcycle. He also faces charges for operating out of class, failing to reduce speed and having improper plates.

Luncheon planned

The women's organization of the Normanside Country Club will hold a bridge luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 9.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a cocktail hour. Lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m. For information call 439-5362.

Olana explored

The Bethlehem Historical Association will present slides of "Olana: Frederick Church's Work of Art" on Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, at 2 p.m.

For information call 436-8289.

Support group to meet

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 2 p.m.

For information call 452-1631.

Quilters meet

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, on Friday, Feb. 10.

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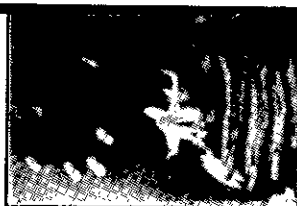
Tawasentha chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold an antique show and sale on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Admission will be \$2.50. For information call 439-2636.

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Local airport 'flying high'

By Lyn Staff

Many motorists who travel the road between Elm Ave. extension and 9W have been surprised to find low flying airplanes and are usually even more surprised to find that those planes have just landed at the South Albany Airport.

Although the facility has been a fixture in the area since the 50s, the airport has really been "flying high" since 1985, when it was purchased by a 16-member corporation that has since made several major improvements to the facility. All licensed pilots whose primary jobs are not in the field of aviation, the new owners have made their investment a labor of their love of flying, pooling not only their resources but also their talents to make the airport as modern as possible.

Their interest is exemplified by the new flight building they built totally by themselves during the past few years. The building houses a small store, the communications system, records and a meeting room for those who use the airport.

According to corporation secretary and stock holder Howard

Business

Staats, almost everything made by the corporation has gone back into the airport, which houses more than 50 single and twin-engine planes.

In addition to offering "tie down service", the airport also offers pilots and plane owners other services such as the use of several hangers where they may have their planes serviced by licensed mechanics or where they themselves may tend to their aircraft. Student instruction is also offered at the site by three licensed instructors from Glenmont Aero, while those looking for some time with their head in the clouds may make arrangements for sightseeing tours from the air. Annual required inspection may also be obtained at the site.

Also available are a number of pilot supplies, everything from sun glasses to aeronautical charts, to "the lowest price on fuel in the north east." In fact, Staats remarked, some pilots land just to take advantage of the "great price

on aviation fuel."

Staats also points out that in general the only fee charged to those who use the facility is for storage of the planes and perhaps needed maintenance, with no fee being charged for landing or taking off.

Although the airport may be off the beaten track, it is far a second rate facility, Staats said. The facility has surplus runway lights purchased from the Albany County Airport and boasts a snow removal operation that makes South Albany Airport's 3,000 foot runway ready either at the same time or before the Albany County Airport. Air buff Jack Nielson adds that the airport has a unique and conservation-minded method of lawn care—sheep, neighboring animals that with the blessing of the airport, come to graze on the side lawn.

"We have been good neighbors," Staats remarks. The airport recently received a letter of appreciation from the state Department of Environmental Conservation for its consideration of the nesting eagles in Alcove. And in turn, Staats adds, their neighbors have been good to them, including the Town of Bethlehem.

Delmar store offers unique shirts

To Sue Staro, owner of "Designing Woman" in Delmar, her unique shop has given her a chance to leave her mark on life and use her creative talents as well.

Although she had started in silk screening in high school, majored in art in college and dabbled in it again in adult education courses, Sue Staro didn't get up to her elbows in ink until last September when she answered an ad for help at the shop in Delmar. The former flight attendant and mother of two was looking for a part-time job while her children Sara and Chad were in school. But working at "Designing Woman" became more than a job—it became a passion.

After working at the shop for over a year she purchased the business from owner Sheila Norton Ostrander this fall.

Since it began in 1981, the shop located around the corner from Johnson Stationers on Delaware Ave. has specialized in selling t-shirts, sweat shirts, tote bags, football jerseys, baseball shirts, buttons, school jackets and hats—all emblazoned with sayings, pictures, logos or names. Using both silk screening and heat press techniques, as well as hand painting to order, the shop has catered to thousands of customers, including many groups or businesses that have placed huge orders for items.

"I remember the first job I worked on," Staro muses. "It was an order for 1,000 shirts to be used as give-aways at a local convention."

The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 until noon, and Staro is ready to meet with customers by appointment as



Sue Staro, owner of Designing Woman, at work on a hand-painted t-shirt used in "That's Entertainment", last weekend's Bethlehem Central Middle School production. Lyn Staff

well. Her well-stocked inventory also makes for good browsing, and if you don't see what you want she'll make it up for you.

"We'll print on almost anything," Staro says, adding that she even silk screened directors chairs this

fall.

Those with larger orders are forewarned that it may take four to six weeks, since she is at the mercy of distributors and UPS. But if items are in stock she has been known to fill special orders quicker.

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Joel Sussman Bureau names Sussman associate P.R. director

Joel Sussman of Glenmont has recently been appointed associate director of public relations for the New York State Farm Bureau.

Sussman, a graduate of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, has been with the farm bureau for the past two years. He was previously a reporter and news director for radio station WCKL in Catskill for three years. He is editor of the bureau's monthly newspaper, produces a weekly radio report and commentary, oversees a farm safety program, and helps coordinate media relations campaigns and special events.

Correction

The Klersy Building Corp. reports paying a total of \$50,000 per year in Bethlehem property taxes. The \$150,000 total listed in the Jan. 25 edition of *The Spotlight* was incorrect.

First Investors Corp. to open Delmar office

First Investors Corporation is planning to open an office in the Delmar area and is seeking local employees.

The company, which has been a presence on Wall Street for over half a century, currently services more than half a million clients nationwide with more than \$5 billion in assets under management. The company offers a wide variety of investment opportunities, financial services and tax deferred investments.

Since its expansion program began in 1980 with three offices, First Investors has opened over 250 offices throughout the country. Division manager Joseph Ventura said the company offers a complete management training program and is looking for eight people from the Delmar and surrounding areas.

Council names head of public relations

Robert Ward of Bethlehem has been named director of public relations for The Business Council of New York State, Inc., the state's largest broad-based business organization.

Ward joins the council after 11 years as a legislative aide aide in the state Assembly and as a reporter and editor of *The Knickerbocker News*.

His responsibilities will include editing the council's newsletters, *Capital Journal*, and *Small Business Wire*, and acting as press spokesman.

He is a native of Albany and a graduate of Syracuse University.

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Spikers down Tamarac to win Colonial crown

By Josh Curley

With intimidation and an advanced level of play, the Ravena girls volleyball team soared to a victory at the Colonial Council Tournament last weekend. The Tournament ended the season for the Indians.

Ravena defeated Schalmont and Voorheesville in their division of the tournament by not allowing the opponents past eight points in the 11 point games (games started at 4-4).

"They weren't tough games", said Coach Ron Racey. "I think we just intimidated them out there." The top two teams then competed in the crossover against the cream of the other division.

Ravena faced Watervliet in the first match. The Indians had no trouble handling Vliet with a serve success rate of 95 percent. RCS won 15-5, 15-6.

Ravena advanced to the finals where they played Tamarac. The first game was very close with both teams battling it out equally well. RCS squeaked out the victory 15-

12. The second and deciding game was all Ravena's. The Indians dominated the match 15-2.

The Indians captured three all-star spots along with the championship trophy. Seniors Jill Gottesman and Dawn Dinardi and junior Theresa Darlington were voted to the top team. Hope Ackert and Cherie Prior received honorable mention.

"Cherie dominated the net very well throughout the tournament," said Racey. He said he felt Dinardi played the best all-around for Ravena, capitalizing on defense, sets and serves. Over the past two tournaments Dinardi has delivered 56 good serves out of 57 attempts.

The team closed the season with a 26-4 record.

Despite the loss of four starters to graduation, next year's volleyball team promises to be extremely competitive. The varsity squad returns five members and will be aided by 16 Olympians from this year's 16-0 Colonial Council Championship junior varsity team.

Second consecutive title for Ravena wrestlers

By Josh Curley

With 11 out of the 12 wrestlers scoring in the Colonial Council Tournament last weekend, Ravena's 190 points topped all other teams for the second consecutive title. Ravena out scored second place Voorheesville by 44 points while no other team managed triple digits.

Individually, RCS carried four champions. Sophomore Shannon Cowles was champ at 98 pounds.

Bob Pelletier breezed through the competition at 105 pounds, not letting a match get past the first period including a pin at 1:08 in the finals. Pelletier has won the tournament trophy for two years.

Another of last year's champs, Geoff Demis could not repeat at 112 pounds. "Geoff had some bad brakes, some tough calls," said Coach John Vishneowski. Demis lost the match in the finals 7-5.

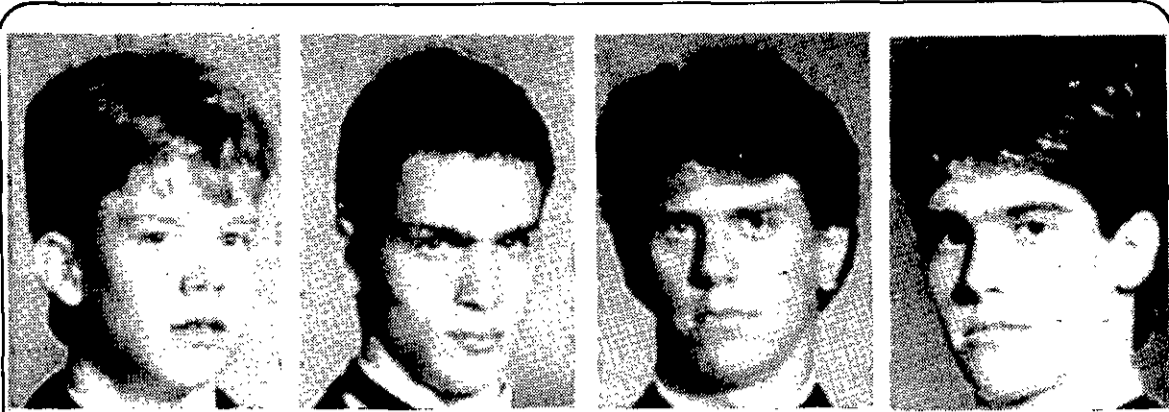
At 119, Bill Stanton earned the championship trophy with a pin in the finals against last year's champion.

Chuck Swaider (138 pounds), Joe Dillberg (167 pounds), and eighth grader Dave Baranska (177 pounds) were runner ups at their weight classes.

Curt VanDerzee and Jeff Friday took third place in the Colonial Council and Dan Egan nabbed fourth.

Coach Vishneowski was concerned about the Indians performance since the squad hadn't practiced for two days prior to the tournament.

This week RCS will make up a match against Watervliet and then compete in the Class B's. Top competition is expected from Queensbury, Averill Park, Hudson Falls and Glens Falls.



Chris Engstrom

Chris Drew

Scott Whitney

Justin Baird

The Class endures

BC swimmers in class by themselves

By Nat Boynton

Constituents who have been waiting all these years for someone to push Bethlehem Central off the Adirondack League swimming pedestal will have to endure another year.

Until last week, there was some apprehension that Troy High might be the one to make the historic breakthrough, but that vanished in the wake of BC's 45-38 triumph last Tuesday in the Troy tank. For the Eagles, entrusted with preserving an 18-year rule in Section 2 dual meets, the battle of the league's two unbeaten teams turned out to be reasonably routine.

The heroics were well distributed among Ken Neff's stalwarts. The senior stars produced as well or better than expected, leaving it to the supporting cast to deliver the critical second and third places that tipped the balance.

Like Drew Patrick's third in the 50 and second in the 100 and Craig Mattox's third in the backstroke. Chris Engstrom, an experienced senior, came through with vital points in winning the backstroke in 1:01.76, but his third place in the 200 free was pivotal.

With each team fielding at least two of the section's premier swimmers considered virtually unbeatable in their specialties, the strategy of the rival coaches in race assignments was significant. In this context the meet's key matchups were in the sprints and the 'fly, and when BC's Pat Fish touched out Troy's David LeBlanc to win the 'fly, the Eagles took command.

LeBlanc was expected to win, but Fish pulled off the upset with his best clocking, 57.2 seconds. Those four vital points, coming after BC's 1-2 sweep in diving, gave the Eagles the lead for the first time, 23-22, and when Chris Drew and Patrick followed with a 1-2 in the 100 free, Bethlehem was uncatchable at 29-23.

That might have been different if Troy's Sean Maxwell, who had won the 50 despite a powerful swim by Drew, had gone to the blocks, but Trojan strategy assigned their star to the breaststroke

instead. Troy's 1-2 in the breast put them within five points at 39-34, but the Eagles, needing only a second in the final relay, had their top people ready and won in a breeze. Justin Baird took the opening split by half a pool length, and by the time Drew finished his anchor leg the margin was a lap and a quarter. For icing, the Eagles also took third.

There was a touch of drama early in the meet when Baird, in a career rivalry with the equally versatile Maxwell, regained the Troy pool record in the 200 free. Maxwell had wrested from him a year ago. The BC speedster shaved a full second off Maxwell's 1:47.91.

Baird, nearing the end of a brilliant scholastic career, also lowered by six seconds his own pool record of 5:03.26 in the 500, set on BC's last visit in 1987.

The Eagles won six of the 10 swimming events, but trailed by 18-13 on the scoreboard after the first four. When the 1-2 sweep by Bill McCarthy and Andrew Satinger in the diving — held in another pool — was announced, the score was tied at 19 apiece. That set the stage for Fish's upset of LeBlanc in the 'fly, followed by the 1-2 BC sweep in the 100 free.

Bethlehem, standing at 13-1 and undefeated in the league, had only Shaker and Queensbury left on the dual schedule. Last week's meet with Shaker was postponed on both Thursday and Friday due to weather. Queensbury was scheduled for a BC matchup yesterday (Tuesday). Queensbury posed a mild threat, having lost to Troy by one point.

The lone setback came a week ago Saturday at New Hartford, ranked No. 3 in the state. Despite a 105-57 mismatch, Neff was encouraged by the showings of his freshmen and sophomores against top-level competition. His best lift was delivered by David Cleary, a ninth grader, who had a 2:13 in the IM and a 1:01 'fly. He didn't place against Troy, but had a 2:15 and a 1:03 respectively.

Pee Wee wrestling

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Pee Wee Wrestling program for grades 3-9 will begin Feb. 27 at the Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Sessions will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for six weeks and will feature instruction by the coaches of the Bethlehem Central wrestling team. Busing will be provided from the elementary schools to

the Middle School. Registration will be held at the first session. For further information, contact the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department or Coach Poplaski or Coach DeMoe at Bethlehem Central High School (439-4921).

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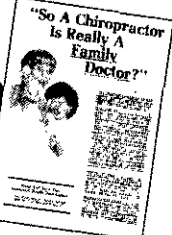
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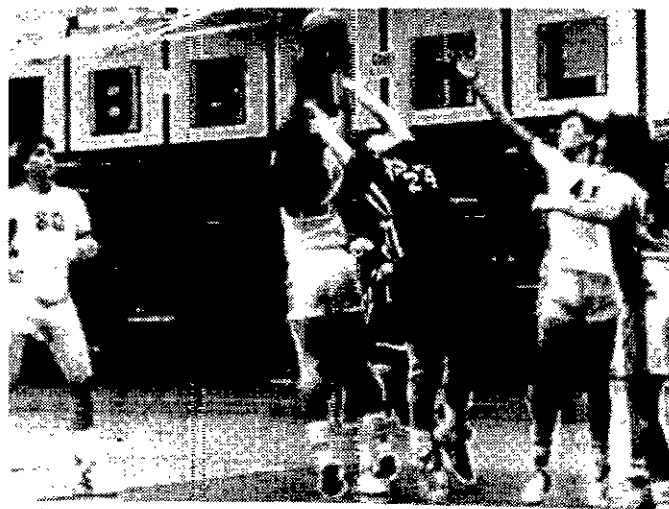
Francis sets new BC career point mark

By Justin Cresswell

It was a very good week for the Bethlehem girls basketball team. They started it out by capturing the Suburban Council Gold Division title with a 49-22 home victory over Shaker on Tuesday.

It continued on Saturday as Julie Francis broke the school record for career points scored and Anita Kaplan poured in 29 points to equal the total points scored by Scotia.

In the first quarter of Tuesday's Shaker game, Shaker was unable to drive on the Eagles tough defense and went to the outside shooting game to hold a 13-10 advantage after eight minutes. Unfazed, BC adjusted their defense at the start of the second stanza and blew past the visitors to take a 28-19 lead at halftime. Kaplan, BC's sophomore center, scored 22 points and snatched 21 rebounds to lead the Eagle's attack. Also turning in stand-out performances were senior guard Amy Koski who dished out seven assists, had four steals, and snared 10 rebounds, while Francis, a senior forward,



Amy Koskin, number 22, reaches past a Scotia player for a Bethlehem rebound.

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added 12 points.

On Saturday the Eagles got past Scotia 47-29 despite shooting a horrid 28 percent from the field, to run their record to 12-1 in the league and 17-1 overall.

Kaplan matched Scotia's point total as a team with 29 of her own to go with 19 rebounds. Julie Francis scored a highly significant eight points to become the most prolific scorer in the history of BC girls hoop. Her current total of 1,043 surpasses the total of 1985 graduate Kim Zornow by two points.

This Wednesday, the Eagles take on an unfamiliar role when they travel to challenge undefeated Shenendehowa as underdogs. The Lady Plainsmen (12-0 league, 18-0 overall) use a tough full court, man-to-man press to create turnovers which they convert into easy baskets. BC has handled this type of pressure before, from Niskayuna, and was able to break it behind the leadership of Koski, Leslie Anderson, and Karyn Mendel. If the Eagles are able to break Shen's press, the mid-court lanes will open up and Kaplan can dominate.

Ladybirds fall into second

By Matt Hladun

Last Tuesday night, Voorheesville's girl's basketball team proved they were one of the top teams in the area and they still came out of the game with a loss. They erased a 14 point halftime

BASKETBALL

RCS play baffling

By Curt VanDerzee

The RCS boys basketball team continued to be the mystery team of the Colonial Council as they split two games this week. One day they can play good enough to come from behind and knock off the first place team, but then they come back and get killed by the third place team.

On Tuesday night the Indians hosted Waterford, who came into town with a seven-game win streak and a share of first place. Ravena on the other hand had lost their last three games, the last one being a heartbreaking loss to Council co-leader Watervliet.

The 59-57 win was, by far, the biggest of the year for the Indians.

Rexford led the way for RCS with 17 points while Nicewonger added 16, including seven in the fourth quarter.

On Saturday the Indians turned around and played by far their worst game of the year as they lost to Schalmont 61-45. Schalmont jumped out to a 30-18 halftime lead and was never in danger as the Indians couldn't get any closer than 11 points in the second half. Ravena did not place a scorer in double figures as they fell to 7-8 and 10-8 overall. Julio Colon and A.J. Nunziato each had 6 points for Ravena.

deficit against Lansingburgh, but they found themselves behind by four points when the final Buzzer sounded.

They travelled to Lansingburgh for a battle for first place in the Colonial Council. The Birds got off to a very slow start, down by seven at the end of the first quarter, and down 36-22 at halftime.

Coach Nadine Bassler put on full court press against the Knights and Voorheesville shaved down the lead. Ten points, then seven, then five, and finally with about two minutes to go, they had finally tied the game. With the score tied at 48, neither team was able to score for about 40 seconds. Then Tricia Carmody picked up her fifth foul attempting to pick up a loose ball. Lansingburgh converted on both ends of the one-and-one, giving them a two-point lead with about a minute left. Voorheesville came up empty on two consecutive trips down the court, but they still found themselves only down by two. Bassler called her last timeout with 28 seconds left. With Carmody out of the game, she set up an outside

shot for Kim Sullivan or Tally Bausback.

It was Bausback who took the shot, a three-pointer, but the shot came up empty. The ball went out of bounds, and it was Lansingburgh's ball. On the inbounds play, Sullivan was called for an intentional foul, giving Lansingburgh two shots and the ball. They converted on both foul shots.

Carmody led the Ladybirds with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Jen Ellicott and Carey Donahue added 10 points each. Bausback pulled down eight rebounds.

Lansingburgh now has sole possession of first place with a 10-2 record, while Voorheesville is in second place, along with Mechanicville, with 9-3 records. This week, they close out the regular season with their last two Colonial Council games and one non-league game. On Monday, they play Watervliet away in a make-up game due to Friday's weather. They travel to Averill Park in a non-league matchup. They finish the week with a home game against Schalmont.

Guilderville swimmers return to winning ways

By Zack Kendall

The Guilderville boys swim team put their name back on the winners' list last Wednesday by upsetting Saratoga 47-29.

Freshman Seth Rose had a particularly good day: the young sectional qualifier won both the 200-yard freestyle in 2:05.19 and the 500-yard freestyle in 5:37.34. Gary Washburn had an equally good day, placing first in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.02, as well as the 100-yard freestyle in 54.75. Scott Bowden set the pace to beat in the 100-yard breaststroke and maintained it right to the finish, with a time of 1:10.29. Dave Wash-

burn did the same thing in the 100-yard butterfly, taking first in 1:02.63. Matt Kost took second in the 100-yard freestyle in 58.51, as well as in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Tyrell, Washburn, Bowen, and Washburn stayed constantly ahead of their opponent, and added this victory to their long record of wins.

Guilderville's meet with Niskayuna has been postponed until next week, and Coach Larry Dedrick has predicted that it will be "very close, and a true test of our abilities."

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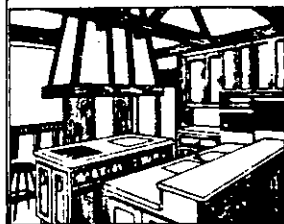
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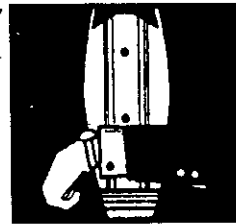
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Eagle wrestlers finishing strong

By John Bellizzi III

All indications are pointing towards a strong finish this season for the Bethlehem Central varsity wrestling team. Last week saw the conclusion of dual meet participation, as well as a fine performance for the Eagles in the highly competitive Suburban Council Invitational Tournament.

The Eagles placed sixth in the Suburban Council Tourney with 112 team points. BC finished strong behind some of the region's strongest scholastic wrestling competition: Burnt Hills (ranked No. 2 in the state), Niskayuna (ranked No. 10 in the state), Saratoga, Beekmantown, and Pine Bush.

John Gallogly, wrestling at 138 pounds, was Bethlehem's only finalist, falling to John Bena of Niskayuna in the finals 4-1 to earn second place. "Gallogly wrestled a very strong tournament in a good weight class," said Bethlehem

Coach Rick Poplaski.

"Mike Leamy also had a pretty good day," said Poplaski. Leamy was taken down with only seconds left in a tied 132 pound semifinal match to get knocked out of the championship bracket, but he came back in the consolation finals with a 3-2 decision to take third place.

In the last dual meet of the 1988-89 season last week, the Eagles fell to Shenendehowa in a close 42-28 battle.

Eric Brown picked up Bethlehem's first win with a 9-4 decision at 119 pounds. Pat Leamy won by fall in the third period of the 126-pound match, and Mike Leamy won 3-1 at 132 pounds, narrowing Shenendehowa's advantage to 21-12.

The varsity Eagles finished dual meet competition with a league record of 4-5 (6-7 overall).



Bethlehem wrestler Pat Leamy looks for the referee's decision in a match last Wednesday against Shenendehowa. The meet was the last home appearance of the season for BC. *John Bellizzi III*

BC expects No. 2 seed

By Bill Dixon

A record of 5-8 is good enough to make the Bethlehem boys basketball team a contender for a second place seeding in the upcoming sectional tournament.

The standings will be determined next week and will include Colonie, Burnt Hills, Mohanason, and possibly Niskayuna. While Bethlehem's loss to Shaker and consequent victory over Scotia last week had little significant effect on the team's record, this week's matches against Mohanason and Shenendehowa will be crucial to determining the Eagles' placement in the tournament.

Facing Shaker on Tuesday, BC forced a close game throughout both halves and extended its pace into a trying overtime that ended with Shaker downing Bethlehem 74-71. Eagles Coach Jack Moser said that he was generally pleased with the way the team handled its opponents.

"Everybody played really well.

We had four of our starters out, so that hurt us, but we still had a lot of good plays," said Moser.

Though perhaps less eventful, Friday's game with Scotia was certainly more pleasing to Bethlehem, as BC virtually controlled the court throughout the game, finishing off the opposition mercifully with a score of 78-56.

Friday BC will play Mohanason, a team the Eagles beat by 18 points earlier in the season. Mohanason has shown some signs of improvement, however, as they upset both Colonie and Shaker. Bethlehem will face them in their last home game of the season, a time when Mohanason should be especially fierce.

Tuesday the Eagles went up against Shenendehowa, who currently has a record of 12-13-0 and is

described by Moser as being "a formidable opposition."

"We're just going to have to go up there and not worry about their record, and let the chips fall where they may."

Tomboys registration scheduled at library

Registration for the Bethlehem Tomboys girls softball league will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The league is open to all girls in grades 3 through 12. Registrants must be at least 9 years by Dec. 1, 1989, in order to register for the 1989 season.

Dual meet season ends

By Kevin Schoonover

The Bethlehem girls gymnastics team had their second highest showing this week, losing close matches to Saratoga and Niskayuna. BC was scheduled to close out the dual meet season yesterday against Shaker and Shenendehowa.

Bethlehem had two girls place last week. Chrissy Mann placed fifth on bars, second on beam, fourth on floor, third on vault, and second all-around. Amy Shafer placed third on floor and sixth on vault. The Bethlehem varsity team this year included Mann, Shafer, Jen Schoonover, Jen Tucker, Jen Bishop, Maggie Franzen, Jen Googins, Jen Singerle, Kira Stokes, Jen Thomas, Ashley Durant, Karen McCue, and Tricia Hampton.

This year's team will lose no one to graduation this year. Bethlehem has no seniors or juniors on the varsity team and hope to lose no gymnasts for the next two years. Most girls are expected back next year and a better season is almost guaranteed. Bethlehem is hoping to be represented by Mann and/or Shafer at the All-Around Meet in Saratoga this Saturday. Bethlehem will be competing at the sectionals on Saturday Feb. 18, at Shenendehowa.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Jan. 29 at Del Lanes in Delmar go to:

Senior citizen men — Paul House 245, Joe Flack 539 triple.

Senior citizen women — Doris Aupperle 177, 497 triple.

Men — Willie Boughton 299, Earl La May Jr. 733 triple, John Bickel 972 four game series.

Women — Nina Germain 233, Josie Vindittie 551 triple, Nina Germain 775 four game series.

Major boys — Matt Reed 190, 502 triple.

Major girls — Michelle Ortiz 193, 460 triple.

Junior boys — Don Robbins 202, 522 triple.

Junior girls — Lisa Green 199, 483 triple.

Prep boys — Jimmy Boyle 175, 506 triple.

Prep girls — Lisa Seaburg 152, 491 triple.

Bantam boys — Jason Seaburg 135, 333 triple.

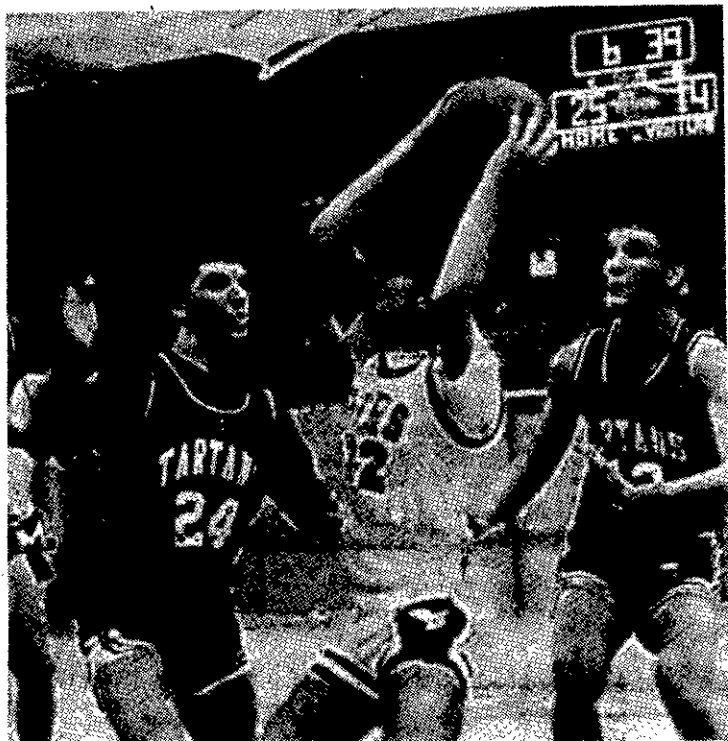
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Major boys — Mike Graves 253, 905 four game series, Paul Graves 241, 803 four game series.

Major girls — Suzanne Brown 236, 845 four game series, Tammy Smith 231.

Junior boys — Mike Aylward 237, 804 four game series.



Bethlehem's Neil Breslin looks for an opening in Scotia's defense during first half action Friday night. *R.H. Davis*

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Strong showing for V'ville at Colonials

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville Wrestling team is finally beginning to wrestle to the best of their ability.

At the Colonial Council Wrestling Tournament, on Saturday, the Blackbirds turned a few heads including Coach Dick Leach's.

Due to illnesses, the Blackbirds were able to take only nine wrestlers to the tournament, and of those nine wrestlers eight placed in the top four of their respective weight classes. Voorheesville placed seven wrestlers in the finals and came away with four champions, and three runner-ups.

The Birds also collected a fourth place finish.

The four champions were: Chris Dell'Acqua, 126 pounds; Tom Ravida, 138 pounds; Rick Leach, 155 pounds; and Paul Novak, 167 pounds. Novak also received the tournament's most outstanding

wrestler award.

The runner-up finishers for the Blackbirds were: Tim Reeth, 132 pounds; Bob Blanchard, 119 pounds; and Chad Hotaling, 215 pounds. All three of these wrestlers wrestled well and had valid chances for the championship at their weight classes.

Reeth, in his first two matches, defeated the first and the second seed in his weight class before losing a close decision in the final.

The Blackbirds travel to Corinth for the Class C Sectional Tournament Friday at 3:30 p.m. and then again on Saturday at 11 a.m. The top four finishers in each weight class will advance to the state championships later this month.

The Blackbirds match against Schalmont was postponed on Thursday because of inclement weather and was rescheduled for Tuesday.

V'ville loses close one; sectionals a win away

By Rick Leach

After recording back-to-back victories to halt a nine-game losing streak, the Voorheesville boys basketball team entered last Tuesday's home game against Lansingburgh with some newly found optimism.

They had easily defeated Co-hoes and Mechanicville and were now hoping to defeat a team that had only beaten them by five points in Troy. However, it was not to be, as the Birds were edged 48-46.

The game started off slowly for both squads and the score at the end of the first quarter was 4-2 in favor of the Knights.

Voorheesville's home game last week against league-leading Watervliet was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be made up on Tuesday, Feb. 14. This week the Blackbirds were scheduled to host Waterford on Tuesday and to travel to Schalmont on Friday. Voorheesville will need to win one of these three games to earn a trip to the Class CC Sectionals.

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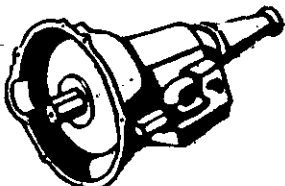
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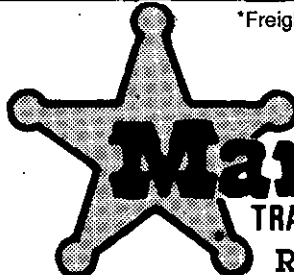
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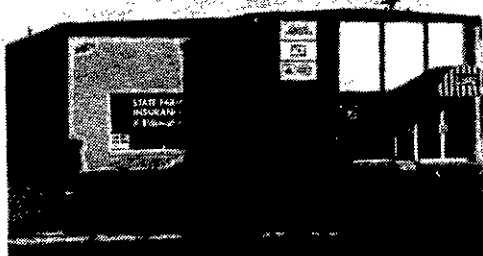
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace

Wallaces' 60th anniversary

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Charles Wallace, who was born on April 30, 1906 in Delmar, attended school in Slingerlands. At the age of 18 he went to work at the

Slingerlands Printing Company, where he worked until 1932. He worked on federal and town projects, including the landscaping at the Bethlehem Central Middle School. He also worked at the Albany Castings Company of Voorheesville for 20 years. The Wallaces met during July of 1928 and were married that December.

They had four children, Betty, Marion, John and Patricia, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Geel-Toussaint

Mr. and Mrs. John Lent of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Audry Marie, to David Neil Toussaint Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David N. Toussaint of East Greenbush and Glenmont.

The bride-to-be is an administrative assistant for Koldin and Levine Law Center. Her fiancé is a branch manager for a window replacement company.

Von Renteln-Cosimano

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Wooster of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Von Renteln, to Steven Cosimano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cosimano of Syracuse.

The bride-to-be is a watercolorist. She is pursuing a master's degree in art education.

Her fiancé is a mortgage consultant for the Empbanque Capital Corp. in Albany.

A July wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hoffman

Hoffmans celebrate 50th

A surprise 50th wedding anniversary party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hoffman of Delmar on Nov. 24.

Mr. Hoffman is retired from the Albany Post Office, where he was a mail carrier for 33 years. Mrs.

Markham-Wooster

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Markham of Constableville, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to John B. Wooster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Wooster of Delmar.

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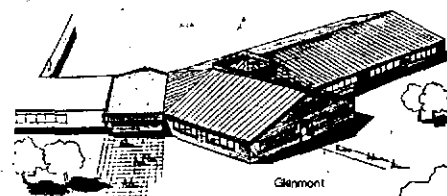
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