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Travelers along Delaware Ave. may occasionally see identical twins Barbara Shea, left, and Patricia Putnam out for a stroll in their matching Nashville jackets. Elaine McLain

Elsmere twins stay together

By Ann Treadway

There are two Buick Regals in the driveway and the license plates read "BJ SHEA" and "P PUTT."

The cars belong to Barbara Jean (Bobbie) Shea and Patricia Ann (Patsy) Shea Putnam, who are identical, mirror-image, now middleaged twins.

They have lived together in the same Elsmere house all their lives except for about three years when Patsy was married and lived in a southern state.

Growing up, the twins were always together — two tomboys against the world — and that describes them pretty accurately even today.

They greeted a visitor in their trim, brick home on a recent Saturday afternoon wearing jeans and identical bright fuchsia sweatshirts. They still dress alike, they said, most of the time.

Although their last names are different because Patsy found it too much trouble to retrieve her maiden name after her divorce, the twins readily concede they are closer than most siblings.

"It's a feeling that's hard to explain," said Patsy, "but it's always there."

Her marriage broke up for other reasons, according to Patsy, but she admitted she "hated being away from here."

The Shea twins attended Bethlehem schools and excelled as athletes. In high school in the 1950's, they starred on field hockey, soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, and track teams — all in interscholastic competition. (Athletic competition among girls is not the recent phenomenon some people would have us believe, at least not in good public school districts like Bethlehem Central.)

As adults, Bobbie and Patsy took up other sports, first bowling and then golf, and they've made their mark in those arenas, too. Patsy is right-handed, Bobbie left-handed.

Over the years, the twins have bowled in three area classic

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BC budget: up 10%?

Board to work on FOB this month

By Sal Prividera Jr.

On the heels of the its recent bond issue victory, the Bethlehem Central School District has begun work on its annual operating budget. Preliminary figures indicate it may increase by nearly 10 percent from last year's budget.

At tonight's (Wednesday) meeting the board will begin detailed discussions of several budget areas: operations and maintenance; transportation; fringe benefits; insurance; debt service and revenue projections.

The budget is expected to be adopted at a March 29 meeting and will be put before voters on May 3.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis presented a \$24,807,518 "fundamental operating budget" (FOB) — the minimum budget to maintain current programs at current levels. The figure represents an increase of \$1,891,508 or 8.2 percent over last year's operating budget of \$22,916,010.

Additional administration recommended additions to the

budget, if adopted, could drive the budget increase up to 9.9 percent.

Loomis said the increase in the FOB represented areas where the district knows increases are required from experience or other information. He said many budget areas were "holding the line," but there are increases "beyond our control" such as health insurance, social security and retirement contributions, and paying a one-year budget note for repairs to

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Closed bridge didn't slow fire response, report says

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The long-awaited review by the Albany County Fire Advisory Board of the fatal Jan. 21 Rarick Rd. fire has found the Selkirk Fire Department's Glenmont-housed units would not have used an open Jericho Bridge, according to county officials.

"It is also appropriate to note the controversy being aired in the media relating (to) this incident and the Jericho Rd. bridge problem are unfounded and a manipulation," the report stated.

However, the conclusion that the bridge would not have been

used if it had been open appears to be in conflict with statements made by fire officials immediately following the blaze, and may not end the controversy over the incident.

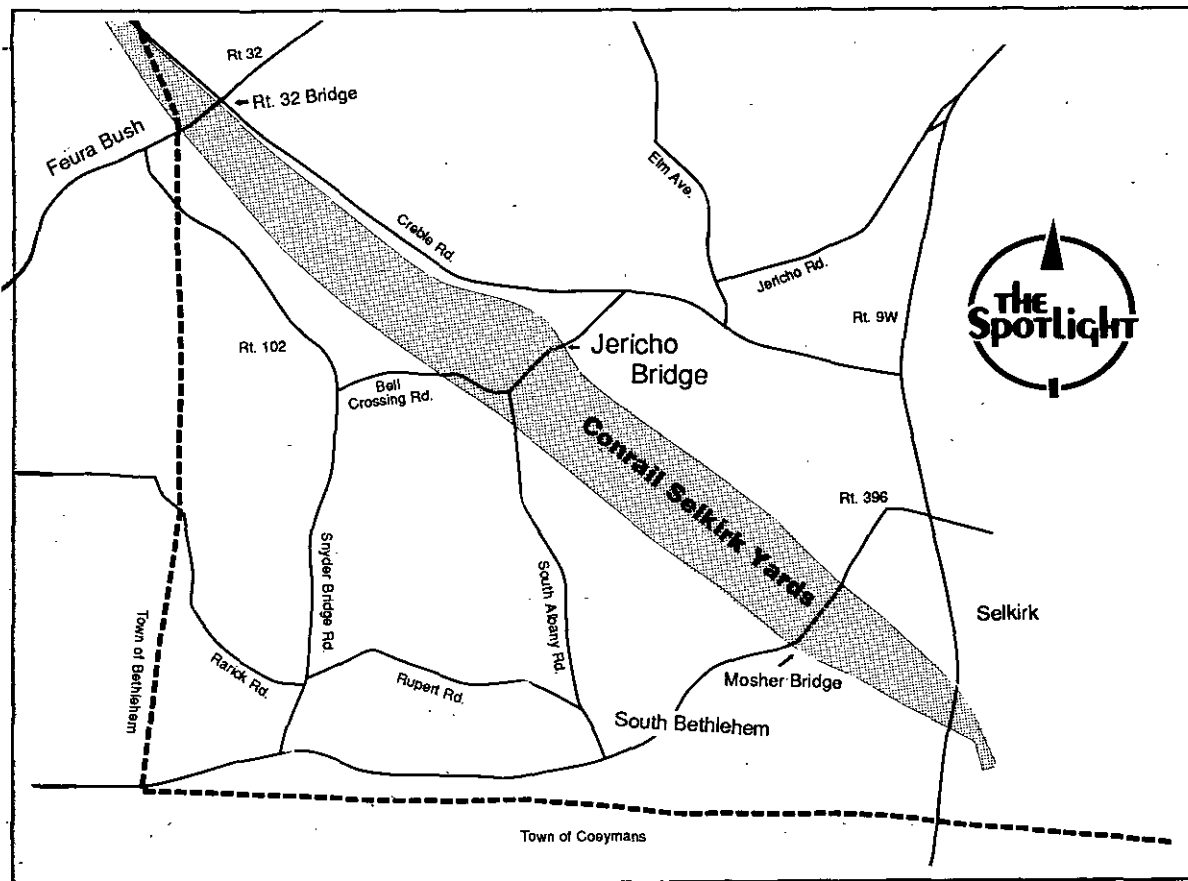
The Jericho Bridge, closed for three years, could not be used by Selkirk units responding to the fire from the Glenmont Fire House, and as a result they responded by way of Rt. 32 and Rt. 102, adding ten to fifteen minutes to their response time. Dr. Robert Rienow died in the fire.

In a related matter, County Executive James J. Coyne said

Monday the county met with officials from Conrail two weeks ago to resolve the issue of financial responsibility for the bridge. Coyne said he expects the question of how to finance the repairs needed to reopen the bridge to be "settled by next week."

The report by the Fire Advisory Board does not itself address the question of response time by the Selkirk units, concluding only that the reports filed by the Selkirk Fire Department were factual and accurate.

Board Chairman John O'Con-



The Selkirk Fire Department apparatus and the Bethlehem Ambulance stationed at the Glenmont Fire House on Glenmont Rd., near Rt. 9W, had to travel Creble Rd. to the Rt. 32 bridge before going to Rarick Rd. via Rt. 102 when responding to the Jan. 21 fire on Rarick

Rd. If the Jericho Bridge had been open and posted at a weight limit of 20 tons, the units could have arrived at the scene 10 to 15 minutes sooner by crossing the Jericho Bridge over the the Conrail Yards, according to fire officials.

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Jericho Bridge report

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nell of Voorheesville, called Monday evening by a reporter, said "no comment" and hung up the phone.

"The bridge did not play any part in saving life or property," Albany County Fire Coordinator Harry Kelly said Monday. Kelly is a member of the advisory board, which is made up of approximately 20 fire chiefs and ex-chiefs from volunteer departments in the county.

Selkirk firemen who had been on the scene said after the fire said that the increased response time of the Bethlehem Ambulance and Selkirk fire units housed in Glenmont had no impact on their inability to save Rienow, but that if water could have been brought to the scene quicker, more of the building could have been saved.

County Executive James J. Coyne reiterated Monday the county's contention that the bridge did not play a role in the fatality. He said he had discussed the report with Kelly and was told the Glenmont units would not have used the bridge if it were open.

Prior to its closure in March 1986 after a hole was found in the bridge decking, the bridge had been posted with an eight-ton weight limit, which would preclude its use by fire apparatus with a normal weight in excess of 18 tons.

Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney said last month that the proposed design limit for the repaired Jericho Bridge would be 20 tons, enough to allow its use by most firefighting apparatus.

"Even if the bridge was posted at 25 tons... even if it were legal, they would not have used the bridge," Kelly said. He said the reason the department would not have used the bridge would have to be obtained from the department.

Selkirk Fire Board of Fire Commissioners Chairman Charles Fritts was unavailable to comment on the bridge use, but according to Fire Commissioner Joe Keller, the department could not have used the bridge if it were posted with an eight-ton limit. He said he "assumes" the department could use the bridge, if it were posted at 20 tons.

Fire Commissioner Glen Lasher refused to comment on the bridge issue or the report, referring all questions to the department's legal counsel, Thomas Jeram. When contacted Tuesday morning, Jeram said he had not seen the report.

County Legislator Gordon Morris said Tuesday he plans to investigate Kelly's role in preparing the advisory board's report and in acting as a spokesman for the board. "I think this whole thing needs to be looked into further," he said.

"There is no question in my mind that that bridge is an absolute necessity for fire safety in South Bethlehem."

That view is shared by Michael Fahey. After the fire, a South Bethlehem citizens' group led by Fahey began its battle to get the county to repair the closed bridge with renewed vigor. That action and press reports following the fire apparently prompted the

advisory board's review.

The board does not normally make such reviews.

Fahey issued a statement sharply criticizing the report. "This is the 'all encompassing edict we've had to wait one month for,' he said. "It flies in the face of past statements made by the Selkirk Fire Department, the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, the Bethlehem Police Department and the Bethlehem Town Supervisor. They all contend that the closed bridge has put Selkirk and South Bethlehem residents at risk, since a vital access route to the area has been blocked."

"I thoroughly resent both the manner in which this board has summarily dismissed the concern raised over the South Bethlehem incident and its failure to even address the perilous situation which residents have had to live with," Fahey wrote.

Kelly said Monday that the advisory board had found there was enough water on the scene because of a water source "close by at Bell Crossing Rd. on the Rarick Rd. side of the bridge and the response time was timely." He also noted the building was fully involved at the time the first units arrived, which was documented in the report filed with the state by the department.

Kelly said the Selkirk firemen, although volunteers, were "real professionals."

The two-page report, which Coyne called "short but thorough", was dated Feb. 20. Calls to

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Walkers, joggers back on bypass

The state Department of Transportation has agreed to take down signs along the Delmar Bypass prohibiting pedestrians, bicyclists and horseback riding.

While horseback riding isn't a major attraction for the Delmar Bypass, bicyclists and joggers use the road frequently and say it is one of the nicest, and safest, routes in town. For that reason, several letters were sent to Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick to complain about DOT's action to have the signs put up in January.

Those letters prompted a meeting between Hendrick and Joseph Kelley, DOT Region Four traffic safety engineer, last Wednesday. Kelley announced Monday that those signs will be taken down "relatively soon."

Kelley said "several major bike and jogging groups" had complained about DOT's action and agreed that the eight to 10-foot shoulder along the bypass is a lot safer than some of the alternate bicycling routes.

Two of the groups objecting were the Mohawk-Hudson Wheelmen and the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club. According to a letter from Jean Kerr of Delmar to Hendrick, the Mohawk-Hudson Wheelmen has over 60 members in the town of Bethlehem alone.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Fred Holligan, who serves as chairman of the Bethlehem Traffic Safety Committee, reported in early February there were no accidents or injuries to necessitate putting the signs up. However, there is some suspicion in the community that with all the recent studies along the bypass involving signalization, corridor studies, speed studies and the like, someone noticed that there were no signs put up when the bypass was completed 25 years ago.

Kelley added that his department is also looking at reducing the speed limit along the bypass between the Juniper Fields development, at the end of the bypass near Elm Ave., and Murray Ave. to 40 mph. Hendrick explained that when Murray Ave. and Elm Ave. are signalized later this year, cars really won't be able to accelerate to the present speed of 55 m.p.h. along that stretch of road.

Mark Stuart

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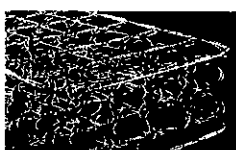
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BC's budget draft

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ceilings at the Clarksville Elementary School. He said those items totaled nearly \$900,000.

The FOB will allow the district to continue its staffing levels, revisions of the grade three and four health program, improvements to the elementary reading program, and its emphasis on the process writing approach, Loomis said.

The recommended budget additions were given to the board in two levels: priority—one or items described by Loomis as needed to maintain the "degree of excellence" in education as the school population increases and priority-two or items Loomis said were "necessary and justified" but of a lesser importance.

The priority-one list totals \$376,311 and would fund four new

elementary teachers due to increasing enrollment, one new special teacher and one elementary guidance counselor. Priority-one instructional program recommendations include improvement in the district-wide guidance program, development of a district-wide art history program and improved in-district computer services for student services and school management.

The administration is requesting the purchase of five new 59-passenger buses and two eight-passenger buses at a cost of \$274,000. Loomis said the bus purchase would be on a five-year payback plan and would appear on the ballot as a separate proposition, if adopted by the board. Loomis said the request is due to the increased enrollment as well as the district policy of not allow-

ing standees and providing transportation to all elementary school children.

The bus proposition would be above the 9.9 percent increase covering the recommended additions to the budget and the payback may not affect the 1989-90 tax rate.

Loomis said the budget was "responsible" and the district was providing "an outstanding return on the dollar in terms of quality ... (we're) one of the best in the capital region."

The tax impact of any adopted budget increase will be in addition to the increase caused by the recently approved \$11.6 million bond issue, which will increase the Bethlehem tax rate by \$5.12 per \$1,000 next year and the New Scotland tax rate by \$7.31 per \$1,000.



Bernard Harvith



Marjory O'Brien

Harvith to run again; O'Brien calls it quits

One veteran member of the Bethlehem Central School Board will not seek reelection, while a second long-time member will run because there are "still problems to solve."

Marjory O'Brien, a ten-year board member, announced last Wednesday that she will not seek another three-year term this May. She noted that 10 years of service was "a long time ... it's time to move on." She thanked the community for the opportunity to serve.

Bernard Harvith, a 17-year board member and twice board president, announced his intention to seek reelection. "I find this exciting ... there are still problems to solve," he said.

Both were elected to three-year terms that will expire on June 30.

In a change in procedure, this year's election will be at-large, meaning candidates will not have to file petitions for a particular seat. The two candidates with the highest vote totals will get the seats.

To qualify, candidates must be district residents and file petitions with a minimum of 69 signatures by April 3.

The elections will be held on May 3 and the school board terms will commence on July 1.

Petitions are available at the district offices at 90 Adams Place.

Sal Prividera Jr.

BCHS high honors announced

Among the students who earned high honors during the second marking period at Bethlehem Central High School are the following:

Grade 9

Joyce K. Aycock, Hillary Baron, Omri Beer, Joshua Simon Bloom, Stephen J. Bradt, Sara Wood Clash, Shane Arik Cunningham, Carly Ann Cushman, Cheryl Beth Davies, John Michael Dianni, Jennifer A. DiDomenico, Benjamin M. DiMaggio, Matthew M. Dugan, Benjamin Mann Faulkner, Shira Glezerman, Julia Sharon Glick, Merlyn Sy Gordon, Sean Harold Hawley, Danielle Jennifer Hecht, Daniel A. Hornick, Eric Neal Horowitz, David Inkpen, Jesse Brian Jack, Kelly Blair Jenkins, Madlen Kadish, Karen Temira Kerness, Matthew Kinney, Adah Korenblum, Debra Koretz, Jonathan Lackman, Benjamin Tyler Lazarus, Rebecca Ann Leonard, Jennifer Rose Matuszek, Melissa S. McGrath, Chloe McCrae, Erin Scully Mitchell, Lori S. Murphy, Robin Brett Parnes, Brian Lee Phillips, Adam B. Price, Kristi

Roger, Joshua M. Rosen, Danielle Schroeder, Nathan Todd Slingerland, Kira Margaret Stokes, Karen E. Stornelli, Todd James Turner, Melissa Rhoads Warden and Carrie L. Whitaker.

Grade 10

Robert Arber, Joel David Begg, Rebecca Biggerstaff, Atman J. Binstock, Jed Bartlett Colquhoun, Jennifer Elizabeth Coon, Justin Davis, Molly DeFazio, Kathryn M. Dorgan, Christopher C. Dumper, Jennifer Fisk, Genise Fraiman, Kevin William Freeman, Michael A. Genovese, Rebecca Leigh Grimwood, Kate Hackman, Anita Kaplan, Naomi Amanda Kubo, Kathryn Sterling Leonard, Nancy Elizabeth Leonard, Keith Manne, Margaret A. Meixner, Michael Moran, Christopher K. Philippo, David Pierce, Joshua Pierce, Erin E. Rodat, Teige P. Sheehan, Robert Scott Strohane, Michael Thomas Sullivan, Victoria M. Taggart, William E. Tsitos, Benjamin William Vigoda and Benjamin Paul Weiss.

Grade 11

Jeffrey Ballou, Matthew Thomas Begg, John James Bellizzi II, Daniel M. Blaustein, Kiva L. Block, Hillary Ann Bollam, Margaret Helen Bragle, Lauralee Anna Butt, Rogean Cadieux, Kara E. Carlson, Craig K. Christian, Michael Kyo Chung, Kimberly Ellen Clash, Rebecca J. Cunningham, Daniel G. Dunn, Timothy H. Edgar, Kathleen Fish, Michelle Fisher, Barbara Lynn Fletcher, Crystal L. Fournier, Margaret Gould, Julie Hammer, Aaron David Hart, Jennifer Haug, Arielle Nicole Hecht, Kirsten Allison Kearsse, Charlene Lynn Kelly, Marilyn Kirk, Susan A. Koeppen, Lynn Stacey Kovach, Timothy J. Lallor, Louis John Lazarus, Joshua Levensohn, Maryann Loegering, Britt L. Luzzi, Courtney Macomber, Michael Savos Mafilios, Daniel Eric Mandel, Sara Renee Masline, Eugene A. Mirabelli, Megan Elizabeth Mitchell, Michael W. Moak and Kathleen Montanus.

Also, Joseph Samuel Nathan, Stewart Newman, Andrew Phillip Pat-

rick, Shannon E. Perkins, Amy Lynne Pierce, Jennifer Ann Platt, Nicole L. Rosenkrantz, Angela R. Schoep, Kevin Robert Schoonover, Marisa Sellitti, Gayle Simidian, Tammy Lynne Smith, Michael Hugo Sussman, Karen L. Timmerman and Jessica Winter Wolpaw.

Grade 12

Leslie G. Anderson, Maena Angelotti, Amy Michele Aylward, Lisa M. Babiskin, Suzanne H. Bellacqua, Ian Douglas Berry, Michele Burkart, Karen Elizabeth Callender, Bryan Carnahan, Rebecca Ann Colman, Jeremy Crean, Robert P. Dillon, Charles William Dixon, Rose M.

Docteur, Jason Y. Dubois, Julie M. Francis, Adam Peter Gold, Lisa Siobhan Gray, Deanna L. Greer, Tammy Guarino, Timothy A. Hansen, Heather J. Hawley, John Hollner, Michelle Lee Hylan, Gregory B. Jaczko, Eric B. Joachim, Gwen Jones, Amy Koretz, Jeffrey Matthew LaPointe, Keisha R. Luzzi, Anne Mineau, Kerry O'Connell, John D. Reagan, Kyle M. Snyder, Lance P. Sprinkle, Sara E. Stasko, Theresa H. Stornelli, Jason W. Tainton, Kristen Jennifer Vancans, Nancy M. Vannosdall, Paul Andre Vichot, Beth E. Whitaker, Randi Wolkenbreit and Evelyn Lea Wright.

Town's top citizens



Holly Billings (left) receives the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce 1988 Citizen of the Year Award at the Chamber's annual dinner at the Normanside Country Club Saturday.

Right, Ken Ringler receives the 1988 Business Person of the Year Award from Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marty Cornelius.

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Opening the 'caucuses'

Governor Cuomo has commendably offered to the Legislature a variety of suggested laws that are intended, as he says, to strengthen certain rights of speech and publication in keeping with First Amendment guarantees.

Among these are bills directed toward ensuring freedom of speech in shopping malls; making the Legislature's position under the Freedom of Information law comparable to that of the executive branch; strengthening the "Shield Law" relating to confidentiality of sources; providing additional protection for whistleblowers in governmental positions; and opening the political caucuses of local governments.

At this time, our favorite is the last of the five on the Governor's list: extending provisions of the existing Open Meetings Law so that they would affect political caucuses of "unicameral legislative bodies (such as the Albany County Legislature or town boards) conducting public business."

As representatives of the public's interests, newspapers habitually find frustrating roadblocks in endeavoring to keep an eye on issues of genuine public concern. Only too often, legislators determine that it's better that their deliberations be private and are to be carried on in closed "caucuses" rather than in open session.

The Governor's proposal is framed in terms that continue to protect the legislators' interests to a very reasonable degree. Further, caucuses intended to conduct only political party business would not be affected. Mr. Cuomo sees his recommendation as "striking a balance between the legitimate needs of political parties to conduct closed political caucuses and the equally important need . . . that public business be conducted in the open."

We see the proposal as a suitable one without excesses. Its most significant clause, perhaps, is the requirement that caucuses involving more than two-thirds of the legislative body's membership could not be closed. This would be a very healthy step.

One step ahead

A proposed law that makes reasonable sense is the one now before state legislative committees that would, for the first time, establish specific restraints for minors in regard to possession of the drug known as alcohol.

As was described in a detailed letter of explanation published in the March 1 issue of *The Spotlight*, the proposal would require everyone, including under-age citizens, to recognize the responsibility that accompanies privilege.

This appears to be a useful stipulation, and one that we can hope will successfully make its way through the confoundingly complex legislative process. Establishing the clear-cut rules that are being considered should help, even if in a limited way, to clear the air for both parents and children in their attitudes toward this substance, which is so subject to abuse.

The press stands up

It would be difficult to foretell the extent of the results stemming from the firebombing of that weekly newspaper published in the Riverdale section of the Bronx in New York City.

The instant impact, of course, was catastrophe, followed by a courageous and defiant show of professional determination and capacity by the newspaper's publishers and editors. The newspaper (*The Riverdale Press*) was issued on schedule the next day despite the extreme circumstances, and plans immediately went forward for emergency alternatives that will enable it to continue publishing.

That resolve was bolstered by offers of material assistance by other newspapers, especially those who are members of the New York Press Association, which represents the state's 400 weekly papers. The assistance provided was real and vital; the spirit in which the support was tendered was heartfelt and utterly sincere.

The free press of this country, specifically including the smaller publications, never has been cowed by violence, nor is it going to be by threats or cowardly acts now. And we daresay that one upshot will prove to be stiffening editorial backbones not only at the *Press* but of the press generally.

Words for the Week

Cursory: Hasty and superficial; not thorough.

Cavalierly: With an ill-considered sureness verging on arrogance.

Burgeoning: Developing rapidly; flourishing; figuratively budding and sprouting.

Whistleblower: One who reveals something covert or who informs against another.

Editorials

Response to DeCecco column

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing in response to your March 1 "Point of View" column in which Dominick DeCecco analyzes a letter and a flyer authored by members of our organization, Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. Both documents are related to the Delmar Village project. Mr. DeCecco implies that we manipulated the facts and printed propaganda instead of "information."

We submit that it is Mr. DeCecco who manipulates the facts. To cite just one of many examples, he "factors out" the projected population increase from Delmar Village over a period of 10 years in order to minimize the growth rate. He ignores the fact that the 232 apartments and 11 single-family houses will be built in the first two years of construction, adding at least 450 people in the first few years. He does the same factoring out with the number of school-age children. Mr. DeCecco's "averages" make no sense and distort the real situation.

Another fact that Mr. DeCecco overlooks is that our flyers clearly stated, "All facts were taken from the Delmar Village DEIS, the Cedar Ridge DEIS, documents and testimony from the public hearing in April 1987, and from traffic studies done by Roger Creighton and Vollmer Associates." Perhaps Mr. DeCecco's dispute about the facts should more appropriately be addressed to the developer's consultants.

Vox Pop

Determining the facts is an important and obviously controversial issue, and the town did establish an appropriate forum for debate. The two days of SEQRA hearings and the lengthy public comment period were designed for all parties to present their positions and question the facts. BCRP submitted 56 pages of written analysis and testified at the public hearings. Mr. DeCecco neither spoke at the hearings nor submitted written commentary to the town board during the legally established period. In this context, one must question not only the motives, but the ethical and legal aspects of Mr. DeCecco's statements in the press regarding the Delmar Village project at this point in time when the public comment period has expired.

Mr. DeCecco may be a Slingerlands resident, but on Jan. 4 he became a paid member of the town planning board. His statements in the "Point of View" column reflect the attitudes and understanding he brings to the planning board. One would think that a newly appointed official would encourage and welcome public input and participation in the planning process. Yet his attitude is negative and critical of our role. His personal attack on one of our members, and his attempt to discredit and undermine our

organization in the media, is inappropriate for a town official and a betrayal of the public trust.

Furthermore, if Mr. DeCecco considers long-range planning merely a "buzz word this year" as he stated in his article, the town board should seriously consider a review of his attitude as well as his credentials and qualifications to sit on the planning board. After all, the town board has mandated long-range planning in the form of a master plan and has appropriated money and hired staff to accomplish it. The town has made a firm commitment to long-range planning, which is far from a "buzzword." Mr. DeCecco's negative and reactionary attitude is not only an embarrassment to the town, but clearly undermines the goal of town officials who have been working positively with community members. Any planning board member with an anti-citizen, pro-development stance and a negative planning attitude should be further evaluated by the town board ethics committee.

Regarding the legal ramifications of Mr. DeCecco's statements about the Delmar Village project, we feel that it is important to take steps to restore public confidence in the Delmar Village SEQRA proceedings. We have asked the town board to evaluate the ramifications of a town official's essay in the media while a project is being reviewed by the town board. In order to ensure an impartial

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Students question Safe Homes

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing in response to the articles printed in the previous weeks regarding "safe homes." We viewed the proposal on the concept and feel that it is a ludicrous and unrealistic goal that the community of Voorheesville could have to preserve the safety of its youth.

Statistically speaking, a list of 59 out of a population of over 3,300 people is too small a percentage to fully activate this program. In addition, approximately four families in the senior class were present on the list. The majority of the people on the list would not be prone to have a teenage party in the first place. These people either do not have children, have graduated children, or simply have children too young to engage in such affairs. Although we

realize this program is trying to increase membership, it would take a majority of the *student* population for it to work.

Let us ask this question: Is such a program an agreement among parents or an agreement among parents and their children? Of course, the latter of the two ideas should be the community's ultimate goal. However, this proposal is an agreement among parents and leaves the children they are trying to protect out. Thus, the establishment of this program will pit families against each other along the lines of who is on the list and who is not. Would a person

who is on this list necessarily be a "good" person and would the converse also be true? We feel that if a parent knows his son or daughter's friends, the ensuing trust that has developed should

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dictate whether he or she should be allowed to visit the friends. We don't feel a list should instruct students regarding who can and who can't be your friends based on their parents' decision to join

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Light on "The Four Sons"

You've been reading about the mysterious disappearance of those valuable pieces of art from one of the chambers of the Albany Institute of History and Art. Some person or persons unknown apparently strolled in one Saturday afternoon and strolled out again with a few choice items of figurines and such.

While the news accounts have been fading away (presumably as keen-witted detectives scratch their heads and museum officialdom bites its nails), I have been giving the matter considerable thought myself. I haven't yet disclosed my theories to the authorities, but I thought that it might be well to try them out on Uncle Dudley's faithful readers.

Among the missing objects, you probably will recall, was a small statuary piece said to be noteworthy because it bore the likenesses of "the four sons of King George III." The date given to this unusual work of art happens to be almost exactly 200 years ago — which also happens to be a period when the King was mired in one of his occasional rounds of insanity. A suspicion might arise that an artist had caught the sons in the act of plotting how and when to make a power grab while Pop was in one of his raving moods.

But the problem I'm having with "the four sons" is that George III actually had not just four but seven sons among his 15 children.

There were George, Frederick, William, Edward, Ernest,

Augustus, and Adolphus, who were the Prince of Wales, and the dukes of York, Kent, Clarence, Cumberland, Sussex, and Cambridge. Two of them ultimately did become kings of England, and Queen Victoria was the descendant of a third.

"... who could have walked off with the royal sons and other items? I have an answer to that puzzler, too."

So the titling of the missing figurine was incorrect, at least as it has been described. "The four sons" were only part of the story. So it's fair to ask, isn't it: What were they up to? Where were their brothers? Just what kind of cabal did that bit of statuary really represent?

In any event, you will be pleased to know that it was in March, 1789, that George rallied from the bout that had him *non compos* for the several preceding months. A recovery, perhaps, just in time to nip the scheming of "the four"?

Then my theorizing takes another twist: who could have walked off with the royal sons and the other items? I have an answer to that puzzler, too.

Clearly, it could be entirely possible for an Anglophile to consider that such an intimate

(and revealing?) grouping did not really belong in the well-meaning halls of the Albany Institute.

To retrieve it, then to restore it to a more seemly spot, would not require an unduly keen mind. But, again, who could organize the raid and carry it off?

To me, the answer is quite clear-cut. The noted championship cricketer, Mr. A. J. Raffles, has not been heard from in sometime. Such a mission as this, however, might well be enough to call him out of retirement (more likely, semi-retirement).

Raffles and his fictional ally in so many a daring exploit, Bunny Maunders, would have thrilled to the challenge of locating and removing one of the mother country's treasured mementoes.

So if I were on of the investigators of the Institute heist, I would sharply inquire of the guards if they might recall noting the urbane passage that afternoon of two handsome and well-turned-out gentlemen (perhaps in Inverness capes). They surely would have paused to admire, too, numerous other striking works on display at the Institute. But what of the other missing items, you may ask. I suggest that their misplacement was but a little smokescreen, and they probably will turn up one day casually dropped behind some detergents in the men's washroom.

And where to look for "The Four Sons"? My best suggestion is on a mantel in Raffles' apartment in that historic London dwelling, "The Albany."

CONSTANT READER

Maine's supermarket wars

A copy of *Maine Times* found its way to me last week, courtesy, I presume, of a newly domiciled Down East friend looking for a discount on her own subscription. If so, my friend did me a favor because the cover story immediately caught my eye.

The lead is worth repeating: "Life in Maine involves making a number of fundamental choices — Red Sox or Yankees, Route 1 or I-95, freshwater or salt, batter or crumbs. And when it comes to grocery shopping, the majority of people in Maine are faced with a choice between two dominant food chains — Shop 'n Save or Shaws." The story, by staff writer Edgar Allen Beam, is not just about the personal preferences that make grocery shopping everybody's sport (favorite or not), but also about two giant corporations and their hand-to-hand combat for the \$1.4 billion Maines citizens could spend on food every year.

One of those corporations, Hannaford Brothers, owners of Shop 'n Save, is moving into Upstate New York in a big way. *Maine Times* gives a not unflattering portrait of the company, but the parallels between its competition with Shaws and the newly developing supermarket wars in the Capital District between Price Chopper, Grand Union and Shop 'n Save are quite interesting.

lively traded company headquartered in Scarborough, Maine, (Shaws, larger nation-wide, is British owned), that evolved from a fruit and produce wholesaler outfit by initially buying out several small chains. Along the road to its present 66 stores it ran into a spot of trouble with the Maine attorney general.

"In 1982, when Hannaford Brothers moved to purchase First National stores in Belfast, Boothbay Harbor, Ellsworth, Rockland and Waterville, a group of Belfast consumers, complaining that Hannaford Brothers already had a Sampson's and a Cottle's in Belfast, petitioned the attorney general to do something about Hannaford's potential grocery monopoly." The attorney general sued the company under the state's Unfair Trade Practices Act and won a consent decree that, the article quotes the Attorney General James Tierney as saying, "changed the way they do business in Maine." The idea in those small towns was to encourage competition that would keep prices down, and apparently it was successful.

But, the article says, competition is not a problem in the more populated part of the state. In areas where Shaws and Shop 'n Save compete directly, everybody benefits. "When they compete, they compete on quality, service

and price," says Tierney. "As a result Maine citizens have lower prices and higher quality foods than some parts of the country." So how do two modern, aggressive supermarket chains compete? Oddly enough, the article finds some agreement between the two chains on their relative strengths. It gives Shop 'n Save "bragging rights" in produce, fish, meat (maybe), health and beauty aids. The competition has also produced a memorable advertising attack by Shaws on, of all things, the way Shop 'n Save makes cookies ("frozen dough"). "You have to be hurting if you have to go pick on cookies," says a Hannaford Brothers executive. And, says *Maine Times*, it does appear that Shop 'n Save is getting the best of it in the Maine competition.

Maine Times is one of those alternative weeklies that has managed to transform itself with the times without becoming a slick, tourist-oriented advertising vehicle. It bills itself as "Maine's Weekly Journal of News and Opinion," and still stresses environmental reporting and some pretty good political commentary. It also has an arts and events calendar and reviews. It's not available except by subscription in this area, but if your interest in Maine goes beyond a trip to the beach and a shore dinner, it's still a thought-provoking read.

25 years of service

The writer is secretary of the Volunteer Fire Officers Association of the Town of Bethlehem. **Point of View**

By Tony Morrell

For 25 years the Town of Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Officers Association has served the community to ensure proper fire coverage for the town's residents.

The association, organized Jan 28, 1962, at the Elsmere Fire House, consists of the five town departments — Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, Selkirk and North Bethlehem — as well as the General Electric fire units in Selkirk. The Delmar Rescue Squad and the Bethlehem Ambulance are also association members. GE assists the town companies with fire and rescue personnel, one pumper and an aerial foam truck plus a rescue unit.

We had many objectives when we started in 1962; the last one was completed a year ago when the town board approved the Emergency Preparedness and Mutual Aid Plan for the Town of Bethlehem.

The members of your local departments spend a great deal of time training, so they are prepared to help when an emergency arises. Training is a weekly requirement by all departments and rescue units in our town and is a standard procedure for the Town of Bethlehem fire departments.

The Elsmere Fire Department's 69 members spent 3,868 hours training for various types of emergencies.

Fire and Rescue Calls, 1988

	Members	Calls	Man Hours On Calls	Man Hours Training
Slingerlands Fire Dept.	39	60	255.14	1,636
Delmar Fire District	63	107	925	2,429
Delmar Rescue Squad	56	827	2,481	1,950
Elsmere Fire District	69	89	889	3,868
Selkirk Fire Dept.	120	101	2,658	3,050
North Bethlehem Fire Dept.	25	107*	922	1,597
*(includes EMS)				
Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance	60	360	1,652.25	400
General Electric (fire)	60	0	NA	NA
(rescue)	18	8	NA	NA
Totals	510	1,659	9,782.39	14,930

This training is important to the fireman, as well as the residents whom they are sworn to protect, since firefighting is one of the most hazardous occupations.

Firematic training is accomplished first by classroom instruction and outdoor simulation using the fire training center located on Center Lane in Elsmere.

The real thing

The fire/rescue departments answered 1,659 emergency alarms in 1988, spending 9,728 hours on calls. These calls ranged from brush fires to structure fires and other life threatening emergencies. The auto accident and medical emergency calls were numerous.

The fire departments also respond upon request to mutual aid. This system of mutual aid is an agreement by the fire departments with Albany County to render assistance to neighboring departments in the event of an emergency. The mutual aid plan used within the town is an automatic system — when the alarm sounds you can depend on a full complement of men and equipment, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

All of the departments work together as a team to provide fire service to the town's citizens.

Achieving goals

Members of the association are continuing the work of improving our companies' and our neighbors' skills through committee work with the Albany County Volunteer Fire Association. We have recently worked to form a committee to work with the Albany County Local Emergency Planning Committee. We hope this work will yield improved team response to hazardous materials incidents and better response training, an important skill since there are many types of materials at use in the town.

We began our work with several objectives, which we have accomplished in the ensuing years. These objectives were:

- To form a mutual aid standby system for the town.
- To improve the radio and central dispatch systems.
- To provide and encourage compliance with the New York State and local fire codes.
- To establish training programs as well as providing and

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□ 25 years of service

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maintaining a training facility for use by all the districts within the town.

- To foster better relationships between the fire departments/rescue units within the town.

- To protect life and property during any fire/rescue emergencies with the town.

- To strive for better public relations and provide a fire prevention program. Through the prevention program, we also pro-

vide information on home safety and what to do in the event of a fire. Smoke detectors save lives! Do you have one?

- To provide and maintain an air tank bank for the Town of Bethlehem.

I could go on and use up all the space in *The Spotlight* with information. If you as a citizen have any questions, either drop me a note or visit your local fire department or rescue squad. Who knows? Maybe, you will join us. We can always use the help!

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More on DeCecco column

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process and a fair decision, the town board must safeguard the credibility of the SEQRA process and not be influenced by this town official's personal opinions. That is necessary to assure the citizens of a fair and impartial process and decision.

Finally, we are distressed and concerned by the role played by *The Spotlight*, the town's official newspaper. By placing Mr. DeCecco's comments in its "Point of View" column, *The Spotlight* has allowed itself to become an accomplice to the writer's attack on our organization. One might say that Mr. DeCecco is entitled to his "point of view"; this is freedom of the press. Controversy is

Vox Pop

good and sensationalism sells newspapers, but it is unprecedented and unconscionable that *The Spotlight* permits its "Point of View" column to be used by a town official to launch a personal attack on a town resident and to attempt to discredit a citizens' group. Further, BCRP might have been asked to prepare a rebuttal to appear in the same issue; this is a common courtesy and a common journalistic practice. Unfortunately, even our request for this week's "Point of View" column to present our position was denied by the editors of *The Spotlight*.

BCRP, many neighborhood

associations, and other residents of Bethlehem have contributed hundreds of hours of time toward the goal of improved planning in our town. We are encouraged by the town board's strong support of planning activities over the last year. We are pleased that better communication has been established between concerned citizens and town officials. Hopefully, the hostile attitude of one town official will not distort this relationship or set back these gains.

John Smolinsky

Executive Committee Chairman
BCRP

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Column is inaccurate, this writer charges

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

It's a sad day for Bethlehem when a newly appointed member of the planning board appoints himself as the protector of development in our town, and the attacker of individuals who question such development. Not only does Dominick DeCecco violate the objectivity expected from a member of the planning board, but he fails to inform himself sufficiently. Environmental impact statements are not The Gospel, or perhaps they are, according to developers, whose prerogative it is to present themselves in the best light. Readers of the Delmar Village DEIS need to assess the information presented with care, and a sense of critical judgement.

Mr. DeCecco points to statements by the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, which

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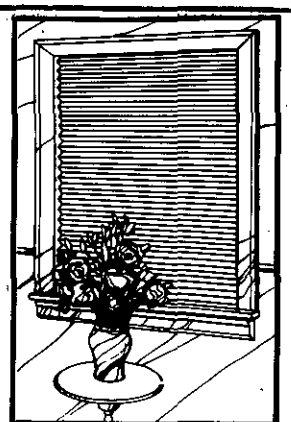
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say that Delmar Village will add 80 to 120 school-age children to our schools. Notice that he does not refute these figures. Nor does he correct them to conform to statements made at the recent public hearing where Mr. Bagdon revised the DEIS figures of 80 students to the current 120. So BCRP was right on target. Those are facts, Mr. DeCecco, not propaganda. In fact, the original proposal projected 130 students, which is probably closer to reality.

What Mr. DeCecco does do, however, is play around with those figures. His "analysis" is as superficial as the "very cursory survey of . . . apartments" that he refers to. Because projections, not cursory surveys, form the foundation for judging impact. In turn, financial impact is determined by these figures. Developers know this and use various guidelines (multipliers) and models to determine such projections.

When the Delmar DEIS states that Delmar Village will contribute the much-publicized figure of \$305,000 in increased school revenues, they base this on the assumption that, upon completion, x units will bring in x revenues in taxes. This would offset the cost to the town of \$334,400 for the originally-projected 80 students, at an adjusted cost of \$4,128 per pupil. (These figures are being challenged by BCRP not only for the new number of 120, but also for the adjusted cost, which we feel is closer to \$4,843 per pupil. This would give an expenditure of \$581,160 and result in a deficit of approximately \$350,000 — almost the mirror image of the DEIS statement.)

It would be ridiculous for the developers to say that for the first year, only 50 units would pay x dollars in property taxes, and that 13 children at \$4,128 per pupil would cost \$53,664. This would violate guidelines and models determined by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. Similarly, it is silly for Mr. DeCecco to argue for Delmar Village by isolating certain years. No intelligent planning can be done on that basis. Impact means anticipated impact at the completion of a project.

Secondly, Mr. DeCecco refers to his "very cursory survey" of apartments. Indeed, it must have been cursory. No source is attributed. Who did it? When? What apartments? Perhaps the same cursory survey would have revealed the wall-to-wall children at some Glenmont duplexes. At any rate, I suggest that he check the January 1988 census figures, as I did, and note the upward corrections submitted to the enrollment and facilities committee.

In addition, he asserts (again, no attribution) that "apartments generate fewer children." Fewer than what? Almost every official guideline to establishing student projections for apartments uses a multiplier of 0.2. Multiply this by 232 and about 46 students are projected at completion. (He keeps referring to a 10-year period, but the developers have informed us on several occasions that they hope for completion of the apartments within 2 years.) Furthermore recent statistics from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission indicate that the type of apartment units

proposed by Delmar Village (approximately 50 percent will have lofts suitable for a second bedroom) would generate 49 percent more children than single-family homes of comparable size. In addition, the single-family homes for Delmar Village now propose to include four bedrooms. Perhaps all this accounts for the official turn-around by the developers, who now concede a 50 percent increase in projections from 80 to 120. We still have not been informed about the multipliers they used. We await this, as well as a significantly revised financial impact statement. We are interested in facts, not propaganda.

Finally, impact should be evaluated not only in terms of what happens with a particular development, but in terms of cumulative impact, particularly on a school like Clarksville. Mr. DeCecco very cavalierly states, "Clarksville can handle that number (52 students) now . . ." He is simply echoing what the developers say in their DEIS, viz., "The Clarksville school should have no difficulty accommodating 52 additional students . . ." But every developer so far has claimed that the projected enrollment from his development can be accommodated. Quote, DEIS for Cedar Ridge: "The Clarksville school would be able to absorb the additional 82 elementary level pupils. . . ." And so on, for Adams Station, Westchester Woods, etc.

Consider that the current \$11.6 million bond issue provides no new classrooms for Clarksville, only alterations. Furthermore, at least three classrooms at Clarksville have been designated for art, music, and Challenge programs, reducing available classroom space to 10 and capacity to approximately 250. Of course, children will be coming in gradually, but from many sources, as evidenced even now by the burgeoning enrollment, which requires the building of 31 new classrooms. Where does Mr. DeCecco think the children are coming from?

Yes, by all means, read all the environmental impact statements. But read carefully, critically, and between the lines. Examine, as

sess, explore, question, research. Be an informed, concerned reader, not a gullible one. We'll all have to do this, because, unfortunately, our confidence in the judgment of Mr. DeCecco as a member of the planning board has been sadly undermined.

Make no mistake. Delmar Village will have a major impact on significant areas of our community.

S.L. Ponemon
Education Committee
BCRP

BCRP member asks questions of DeCecco

Editor, The Spotlight:

I address the following to Mr. Dominick DeCecco, whose letter appeared as *The Spotlight's* Point of View on March 1:

As a member of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, I must ask you one question: Where have you been for the past two years? You attended only one of our meetings during that time. That meeting, I might add, did not deal with the Delmar Village issue. You participated in none of the meetings that we held to gather and prepare our facts for presentation to the town board. You didn't even attend the informational meeting we hosted at the library prior to the public hearings. Did you bother to contact any of your fellow members who worked so long and hard to prepare the 56 pages of testimony that were submitted to the town board? Did you offer to share your "information" or even express your thoughts with any of us? Yet you call yourself a member. A \$5 donation does not a member make, Mr. DeCecco. I have to question why you would bother to join a group that evolved from the Delmar Village issue.

One is led to conclude that your letter received the Point of View spot because of your position on the planning board, and you are therefore expressing the "official" viewpoint of that body. If you wrote as a private citizen, I found no disclaimer to that effect in your letter.

For two years, BCRP has worked toward opening the

communication channel between town government and the people. Your letter implies that public opinion is neither wanted nor tolerated. For a public servant to make such a statement and for *The Spotlight* not only to have published it but to have given it such prominence, is an embarrassment not only to our group but to our entire community.

Jean Ducar
Treasurer
BCRP

Point of View writer criticized for role

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have tried to convince myself over the past few months that your newspaper is not biased. However, in the March 1 issue, your Point of View column leaves a serious doubt in my mind.

When there were public hearings on Feb. 15 and 16 to give everyone concerned about the Delmar Village project an opportunity to express themselves, where was Mr. DeCecco? I attended both nights and found that the town board was presented with a lot of valuable information. The Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning are to be commended for their time and efforts in presenting well substan-

tiated facts and figures. Will they be given the opportunity to answer Mr. DeCecco's accusations in your Point of View column? This would seem only fair.

This brings me to a question regarding SEQR review process. Is it not a fact that all comments on the DEIS were to be submitted to the town board in writing by Feb. 26?

What concerns me the most is *The Spotlight's* attitude toward Mr. DeCecco's letter. Did you ask Mr. DeCecco if he was expressing his own opinion or that of the planning board? Are his views shared by the rest of the planning board? The article leads me to believe that he is speaking in an official capacity.

Mr. DeCecco, in expressing his views as a town official, clearly erred. Should this project ever be submitted back to the planning board, we all know how he will vote.

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Matters of Opinion

Safe Homes program questioned

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the program. Also, when parents go away on vacation, their home is no longer considered a "safe home" even though their name is still on the list.

In the article Mrs. Ohlerking made reference to the fact that values should be taught at home. We feel that this decision should be left up to the parents, but let's not allow a list to dictate these values. When a parent declares his home a "safe home," does this fact alone prevent teenage drinking? If someone wants to drink badly enough, he/she can find another avenue to explore. You should not turn your children loose in the environment with a desire to drink and keys to the car. The next time you meet your loved one, with whom you have spent the last 17 years of your life, it could be at your child's funeral where you can only lament the loss of a life instead of celebrating a bright future. We believe that all students who drink do not drive drunk. We have noticed that at unsupervised parties there are teenagers responsible enough to be designated drivers. Although an unsupervised party can cause problems for the unwary, most teens are responsible enough to control their own actions. As stated previously, if one does not let these intelligent young adults into a stable social atmosphere, they may be forced into bad decisions regarding drinking. For instance, a person in the possession of alcohol may drive around looking for a party and before too long those few innocent sips can

add up to an intoxicated driver.

Foremost this program is designed to prevent teenagers from drinking. Other programs are designed to prevent teenagers from driving drunk; this program has taken their efforts one step farther. In a society where alcohol is widely accepted and readily available how can a group of 59 families wipe out drinking among teens. It would be hypocritical of parents to preach against drinking to their children when they in fact also drink.

We are not trying to advocate teenage drinking, but instead are attempting to convey the message that such a program is futile. Plotting to control the activities of teenagers may only lead to revolts amongst teens who want time to themselves. The program is designed to keep alcohol out of the homes and keep them "safe." This minority of "safe home" advocates wants to police the actions of the majority. But what is next — safe parks, safe cinemas, safe colleges? People should attempt to deal with the problem instead of illusions of prevention of the consumption of alcohol. Is the program merely a list of alcohol-free homes for teens to visit, or a lynch mob set on forcing their beliefs on parents? Although these mobs will probably not occur, it might pit neighbor against neighbor when teenage drinking comes in to play.

We thank the parents of the community for their concern over the issue of drinking and especially the issue of driving while intoxicated, but as young adults

we would like to see young adults more involved in discussions concerning this subject.

Name submitted

Voorheesville

Many attended church dinner

Editor, The Spotlight:

The fresh ham dinner held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow, was a great success. This dinner has always been well attended but never more so than this year. Attendance was far above what was anticipated. Perhaps the unusually mild winter contributed to the overwhelming turnout — or the fact that there were no other dinners in the area — or just the fact that people really look forward to and enjoy this particular dinner. However, the church deeply regrets and apologizes for having to turn away quite a number of people. Every effort will be made to prevent this from happening again.

Jeanette Cary

Publicity Chairman

Holly Billings' award wins applause

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to extend my congratulations to Holly Billings for being selected Citizen of the Year by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. She should be citizen of the decade.

Her tireless efforts to bring an awareness to the community of the drug and alcohol problem is truly commendable. This unending search for alternative activities and/or solutions to problems both big and small deserves our admiration and support.

Priscilla R. Wing

Delmar

Town must address growth issues

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recent traffic impact reports prepared for residential developments at Delmar Village and Cedar Ridge, and the commercial complex at Bethlehem Village have identified a host of costly off-site highway improvements, which the developers say will be needed if development continues in the Town of Bethlehem. Conveniently, each of the proposed development projects assumes little responsibility for likely off-site increases in traffic problems on Bethlehem roads and identifies the elusive "background growth" as the reason for Bethlehem's growing traffic concerns. Additionally, reference to mitigating measures to offset traffic impacts suggests that emerging transportation problems on existing highways in the town will simply take care of themselves through existing federal and state transportation programs.

The reality of the current situation, however, makes it very unlikely that traffic impacts of new development will be addressed through existing federal, state or local aid projects. Lately, the crunch has been so bad that local elected officials (though CDTC) took nearly \$10 million worth of much needed projects off the regional highway improvement program to balance the books for committed projects. So, prospects for public funding of new capacity projects such as those proposed in the Delmar Village and BTR-Price Chopper traffic studies seem to be extremely slim.

With the cost of providing public infrastructure systems and services steadily increasing and more and more competition for the funds that are available, the financial implications of proposed impacts must be carefully identified and weighed explicitly and

up front. Appropriately, the traffic impact study should be the mechanism by which the cost and probable source of funds for improvements to the existing highway system are identified. Required highway system improvements should be shown to fit within applicable funding limits. Where available funds cannot meet additional needs attendant to a proposed development, then serious consideration should be given to deferring any further development until agreements are secured to assure that development and any necessary infrastructure improvements happen simultaneously. Under no circumstances should a developer be permitted to build a project that generates traffic at levels that would exacerbate current or expected future problems.

The conclusion for town residents is this: We cannot assume that our growing transportation problems will simply take care of themselves as developers and town officials creatively tell us they will. We must insist, as other area towns have, that plans and implementation strategies that address traffic and other infrastructure concerns are in place before development occurs not after, when it is very often too late. Without a conscious, responsible effort on the part of developers and elected officials, there is no reason for us to believe that the transportation system and other public services of tomorrow will offer anywhere near the level of mobility and service that is currently afforded, nor that it will foster the proper land use essential to maintaining Bethlehem's quality of life

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Elsmere Twins

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leagues (which require a minimum average of 165), and their highest averages were 184 (Patsy) and 183 (Bobbie). Both rolled highest-ever games (so far) of 289.

They first played golf at the former Tall Timbers Club in New Scotland, and when that closed they tried out a number of public links in the area. Two years ago, they joined the Normanside Country Club because they wanted to compete in organized events.

Shortly after joining Normanside, they won its Ladies Memorial Day Tournament, but Patsy now calls that "beginner's luck." She ended the 1988 season with a 22 handicap, higher than in many past years, and Bobbie has been struggling to score in the 90's.

"But I think we've got the problem with her swing figured out," Patsy said confidently.

The only problems they have with competition come when they are on opposing teams. "We root for each other," Bobbie said. When she was on a league-leading bowling team that beat Patsy's team, she "felt bad."

Both Bobbie and Patsy have always kept active and busy. They do all their own home repairs, and plow their own and other neighbors' driveways. In the summertime, they plant a large vegetable garden ("The animals love it," Patsy said wryly), and mow as many nearby lawns as need it.

But perhaps the activity the twins are best known for today is walking, because they walk — always fast and always together — every day.

Their walking regimen of three miles a day in about an hour's time started five years ago when Bobbie's doctor recommended it for her high blood pressure. So Patsy does it with her, either early mornings or evenings, on different routes all over Elsmere and Delmar.

"It really tones you up and is great for your cardiovascular system," said Patsy, adding that she doesn't believe jogging is good for you.

On their walks, the two women are easily spotted by area motorists, because they wear either bright orange Thruway Authority jackets, or royal blue jackets



Twins Patricia Putnam and Barbara Shea still share many interests, including golf. Elaine McLain

that say "Nashville" on the back — souvenirs of a southern vacation trip.

Patsy has worked for the Thruway Authority for 27 years and is currently assistant to the director for tool collections. Bobbie has had an even longer career with the state, 35 years at Workers Compensation, now as supervisor of a typing pool.

They recently went through "quite an adjustment," as Bobbie put it, since their mother's death last September. (Their father died in 1962.) One change has been

that they now go out more together, rather than with other friends, because they often took turns staying home with their mother.

They share cooking and house-keeping duties in their long-time home, with very little friction. "We both hate a lot of it, but it has to be done," said Patsy.

And when they socialize these days, it's usually with two brothers, Ed and Peter Hunting, whom the twins met on the golf course at Tall Timbers. Patsy and Ed have dated for many years, and Bobbie and Peter started joining

them in the past year.

The twins have always liked living in Elsmere — "We feel safe here," Bobbie said — and they appreciate the arterials that now make their commutes to work much faster and easier.

If they could suggest one improvement, they agree, it would be installation of a "Walk" sign at the corner of Delaware and Elsmere Avenues, where they have had several close encounters with turning cars. "Once Bobbie tripped there and almost got killed," Patsy said.

The twins have similar mannerisms — and strikingly similar good looks — but dissimilar personalities, Patsy pointed out. "I'm the hyper one with the mouth," she said.

"And I'm the quiet one," Bobbie said, "which probably explains my high blood pressure."

But she'll keep that under control with those brisk daily walks — and a twin sister always by her side.

Parmentier to speak in Clarksville

The Clarksville Neighborhood Association members will gather for a presentation by Robert Parmentier at the Clarksville Community Church, on Wednesday, March 15. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

BTR, master plan addressed tonight

The zoning change application for the proposed Bethlehem Village development along New Scotland Rd. and LeGrange Rd. will be presented to the Bethlehem Town Board tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Also scheduled to be on the agenda is the naming of candidates for the town's master plan committee by Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick.

The Bethlehem Village proposal, which includes 134,000 square feet of commercial retail space and 146 residential units, will be presented by representatives of BTR Realty Inc. The presentation will not be open for public comment.

Hendrick said the master plan committee will be composed of 11 people who will act as "the mechanism by which the process of plan preparation is guided."

St. Patrick's Day dinner scheduled

The Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner, on March 17, from noon to 7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The dinner will cost \$6.50. Reservations are not required.

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Woodhill seeks new building extension

By Mark Stuart

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has been asked to consider an extension of a special exception for 15 lots in the Woodhill subdivision.

Vincent Riemma, speaking at a public hearing last Wednesday, asked for a five-year extension primarily because site plan approval for the project was granted last September by the town planning board after two years in the planning process.

Located off Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont, the entire Woodhill subdivision is in an A-Residential and CC-Commercial zone and will consist of 15 four-family homes and 54 single-family homes. The special exception will apply only to the 15 four-family homes.

The original five-year special exception was granted by the Board of Appeals effective Dec. 19, 1984.

Beside the delay in the planning process, Riemma also said the project has been delayed by bank paperwork since bank ap-

proval is contingent upon compliance with the "conditions and safeguards" required by the Board of Appeals.

Riemma said that construction on four of the 15 four-family homes has begun and that water, sanitary sewer and storm drain systems have been completed for the 15-lot section. He also said that the project's cul-de-sac has been cleared and only needs its gravel base and asphalt pavement, which is expected to be completed by the end of spring.

When asked whether the remaining buildings could be completed within the requested five-year time frame, Riemma replied that it would depend on the economy and the cooperation of the masons involved in the construction of the brick homes.

"If I were to put those 11 buildings up fast, I don't think I'd be able to build them the way I've been building them—brick...I'd have to go with vinyl siding," he said.

Board member Gary Swan, a Glenmont resident who lives in

the vicinity of the development, along with two other nearby neighbors, complained about the construction debris that has been blown into adjacent yards along Feura Bush Rd. from the subdivision.

"We'll check into it, we'll get on it," Riemma said. When one resident told Riemma that insulation boards were being blown around, Riemma quipped, "At \$10 apiece, I'll be over in the morning to pick it up myself."

The board also held two other public hearings Wednesday night.

Georgine and James Plant requested a variance for a deck that extends into the 25-foot rear yard limit at their home at 410 Krunkill Rd. in North Bethlehem. The \$1,200 three-tier deck has already been completed and was only noticed when a building inspector was on assignment in an adjacent yard.

Mrs. Plant told the board that the deck was built with the understanding that it was part of the approved site plan that was okayed by the planning board in 1986. However, problems with the original builder arose and when a new builder was hired, certain details were overlooked.

Mrs. Plant told the board she and her husband are looking to acquire a parcel of land behind the home to extend the rear yard line. That parcel, according to Mrs. Plante, is currently expected to be put up for auction by Albany County for tax foreclosure.

No one spoke for or against the Plant's request.

Beth and Chris Smith of 47 Wakefield Court, Delmar, requested a side lot variance to build a second garage at their three-year-old home.

The home is in an A-Residential zone. If the proposed 12-by-24 foot garage is built, a corner of the garage will be 18 feet from the rear lot line, which is less than the allowed rear lot limit of 25 feet. Mrs. Smith told the board that the new garage would have the same siding and roof as the rest of the house.

Two letters from neighbors in favor of the garage were read into the record.

In other business, the board set two public hearings for March 15. At 7:30 p.m. the board will hear a request from Peter and Karen Gerstenzang to build a sunroom addition on the rear of their residence at 12 Parkwyn Circle, Delmar. A variance for percentage of lot occupancy will be needed since the proposed structure would exceed the lot occupancy limit by 3.8 percent.

At 7:45 p.m. Clean Harbors Inc. of Glenmont is also scheduled to make a request for a 40-by-60-foot addition and 10-by-10 foot guard-house for their Bask Rd. facilities. A variance for side lot and front yard set back requirements will be required for the proposals.

By request of the Gasoline Retailers Association of Northeastern New York, the Board of Appeals will consider the omission of two products included in an amendment proposal now before the town board designed

to limit the products sold at gasoline stations.

The board's original amendment recommendation to the town board was that in addition to the sale of auto accessories and maintenance fluids, gas stations will be allowed to sell candy, cigarettes, coffee, soda and individual-sized snacks. The proposal requested that the sale of food, beverages, video, newsprint, lottery tickets or other grocery or delicatessen products be prohibited. The sale of soda in cases and cartons of cigarettes would also be prohibited.

A letter from Ralph Bombardiere, executive director of the retailers' association, requested that the sale of newspapers, cartons of cigarettes and sandwiches be allowed under the amendment. In response, Board of Appeals Chairman Charles Fritts has said that only newspapers and cartons of cigarettes will be reconsidered.

One-car crash injures five

A one-car crash on Rt. 85 Sunday, Feb. 26, injured five people, Bethlehem police said.

Police said the car driven by Daniel Ritchie of Albany apparently slid on the snow covered road and slammed sideways into a tree.

Ritchie was listed in fair condition at Albany Medical Center on Monday. Two passengers in his car, Lori Ritchie, 12, and Daniel Moon, 26, were treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital. Two other passengers, Adrian Ritchie, 9, and Ed Bomaker, 35, were reportedly taken to St. Peter's for treatment of injuries.



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Board weighs funding for county study

By Mark Stuart

The cost sharing method of the proposed generic environmental impact study for Bethlehem, Guiderland and New Scotland came under question Monday night by members of the Bethlehem Planning Board.

Appearing before the planning board, Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney answered questions regarding the legality of impact fees, cost sharing and bonding regarding the proposed GEIS.

The GEIS is estimated to cost \$300,000, and is the result of a six-month traffic study conducted by Clough-Harbor Associates in which roadway improvements and new roadway link-ups were proposed for the Krumkill Rd. area in Guiderland and North Bethlehem. That study evaluated the amount of growth in New Scotland, Bethlehem and Guiderland in relation to the existing roadway conditions in the Krumkill area.

By broad definition, a GEIS is an environmental impact study that looks at a large area and generally is designed to evaluate the cumulative effects of development that may not appear in a smaller-scaled environmental impact statement done for a specific project. Cooney termed those effects "synergistic effects" and said that when one development is constructed next to another, the result in traffic sometimes is not twice as much, but rather three or four times the expected amount.

Cooney said he expects the GEIS to be funded through impact fees to developers. After the

study is completed, developers would be able to purchase into the GEIS in lieu of a draft environmental statement, which would be required anyway. The initial money could be provided by the three towns and reimbursed through impact fees.

No clear-cut solution to the financing problem was given. "There are as many ways to finance this as there are people in this auditorium," Cooney said, adding that varying the debt service and principal would change the costs.

One of the benefits of the GEIS to the developers would be that the information is readily available and would not require a lengthy DEIS process for each project. One of the drawbacks would be that a moratorium lasting approximately one year would be imposed during the study.

Cooney said the developers wouldn't directly bear the brunt of the impact fees, but rather would pass them along in the sale price of the building. Cooney stressed that the impact fee charged to developers who will use the information compiled in the GEIS has been found to be legal, despite a previous court ruling involving impact fees and transportation costs in the town of Guiderland.

In Guiderland's case, impact fees were charged to developers and earmarked for townwide roadway improvements, such as the proposed Southern Bypass link-up between Dr. Shaw Rd. and Schoolhouse Rd. The Appellate Division of State Supreme Court, the state's middle-level appeals

court, ruled last year that those impact fees were illegal. Cooney said that as long as the impact fees are well defined in their purpose, they can be imposed. In the case of Guiderland, there was no clearcut purpose for the impact fees, which were collected on a townwide basis under the general purpose of transportation improvements.

The impact fees, Cooney stated, could run between \$2,500 and \$7,900 per home. He said that according to the fee structure allowed by law, the municipality may charge up to two percent of the total costs for a residential project and may charge up to one

and a half percent for a commercial project.

In this case, the lead agency for the study may be all three towns, the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the county or the county Health Department, Cooney said.

Planning Board Chairman Ken Ringler questioned whether the county was putting the "cart before the horse" by first coming up with roadway project recommendations and then studying their impact.

Cooney responded that the reasoning behind the approach is to control where development may go based upon the existing

transportation systems. "If you point the traffic in one direction, development will follow. Look at the Northway. The Northway developed Clifton Park and not the other way around," Cooney said.

Ringler also questioned the method in which only the developers in a certain district are charged for the GEIS when in actuality commuters from the Hilltowns are also contributing to the traffic problem.

Asked about floating a bond to fund the study, Cooney balked, saying that if the study is funded through a county bond, other similar studies in the county may also seek bonding.

Jericho bridge

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the Coyne's assistant Mark Reuss that week yielded no report and promises it would be made public as soon as it was completed. A copy of the report was provided to *The Spotlight* on Monday by Fahey.

Coyne said the advisory board will continue to study areas throughout the county where fire protection is affected by bridge closures and weight-limit postings. He said such areas were pointed out as "potential prob-

lems" and the board will take steps to alleviate them.

Kelly said the finding regarding re-routing of emergency vehicles in areas affected by bridge problems and the continuing study of those areas were the idea of advisory board chairman O'Connell.

Coyne has been criticized by local officials and Republican county legislators for his handling of the negotiations with Conrail to finance the bridge repairs. Previously, the two sides have

agreed on the application of Section 93 of the state Railroad Law, which makes Conrail responsible for the bridge framework and the county responsible for the bridge decking.

The meeting two weeks ago resulted in a draft proposal that is currently being reviewed by the county engineer's office, Coyne said.

Coyne said he expects the matter to be "settled by next week. . . I feel confident it will be settled in the positive."



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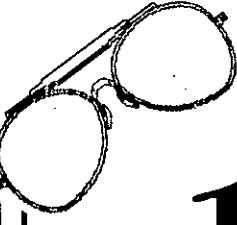
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LENTEN SERVICE, with guest speaker Pastor Paula Gravelle, Faith Lutheran Church, Glenmont, covered dish dinner at 6 p.m., service at 7 p.m.

RESUME WORKSHOP, with Judy Fruiterman, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

PARENTS, KIDS AND THE LAW, video of community forum presented by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Channel 31, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, Evening Group, program on antique music boxes presented by Anthony Costa, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

"BUILDING KINDER FAMILIES", part of Contemporary Family Issues Series, presented by Debbie Gall, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 6:50 p.m. Information, 439-3192.

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 mornings. Information, 439-4258.

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

SECOND MILLER'S, luncheon meeting at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, meet second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS, meet second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

ALBANY

ALBANY ROUNDTABLE LUNCHEON, with speaker Charlotte Gray, third floor court room of Federal Building, State University at Albany Plaza, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-4557.

PRESS CONFERENCE, held by anti-prosser women's groups, LCA press room, Legislative Office Building, noon. Information, 434-7372.

STORIES IN WORD AND SIGN, series through April 1, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., and New Scotland Branch Library, 369 New Scotland Ave., 3 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., 6:15-9:30 p.m. Information, 465-0055.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, slide group will feature Vanessa Kostic, First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

"BLACK VELVET LADY" COMPETITION, model search for women over 21, Silver Dollar, 677 New Loudon Rd., Latham, 9 p.m. Information, 1-800-727-7827.

WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB DINNER MEETING, "Children at Risk — A New York State Crisis," featuring Anona Joseph, Park V Restaurant, Colonie, 6 p.m. Information, 457-7463.

VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATORS ASSN., meeting with Walter Kopczuk, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Colonie, noon. Information, 442-5585.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

JON KIMURA, PARKER, pianist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

EXHIBITS

"AN ABIDING PLACE", "The Search for a Decent Life in Rural New York," through April 16, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

ART EXHIBIT, selected works by art students at Luxen Art College, Shenyang, China, through March 17, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., noon-5 p.m. daily. Information, 454-5185.

"THREADWORKS", selection of quilts, mourning pictures, lace, fabrics and other textiles from collection of Albany Institute of History and Art, through June 25, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 463-4478.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY, sponsored by Normanside Women's Organization, cocktails at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-5362.

"BRUSH AWAY YOUR CARES", presented by Dr. Minoo Buchanan, for children 3-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. or 1 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF CAPITAL DISTRICT, meeting, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 453-1805.

"STAR SPANGLED STATES", presented by fourth grade students at Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., 2:15 p.m. Information, 439-7681.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Tawasentha Chapter, featuring Dr. Wayne Helsev, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-1437.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP, of Capital District, Cerebral Palsy Center, 314 South Manning Blvd., 7 p.m. Information, 439-5872.

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

KABBALAH CLASS, class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

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.

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, main street class, 7 p.m.; workshop, 9 p.m. every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible study, 10 a.m.; creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR FIRE DEPT. LADIES AUXILIARY, regular meeting, second Thursdays of every month except August, at firehouse, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL V.F.W. POST 3185, meeting at post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY, second Thursdays, firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

BOWLING, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

NEW SCOTLAND

HELDREVIEW GARDEN CLUB, "Bring Back the Bluebird," Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

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

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

VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. when agenda warrants, Zoning Board, first Wednesdays at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at district offices in high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

BETHLEHEM TRANSFER STA-

VOORHEESVILLE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, Unit 1493, Department of New York, meeting, Post Meeting Room, Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-4306.

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS, 4-H group for youths between 8 and 19 years, meets every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

ALBANY

"OVERCOMING DEPRESSION", workshop led by Henry Hughes, Ed.D., Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

MEETING, for members of special committee for Albany County Civic Center Project, Legislative Caucus Room, ninth floor, 112 State St., 4 p.m.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP, led by Ted Lind, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 4-7 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

BOOK READING, by author Robert Coover, recital hall at State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3075.

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

NEW SCOTLAND TRANSFER STATION, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, available at town hall.

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

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

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

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

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Youth Bureau works for juveniles

The Youth Bureau, which is part of the Special Services Division of the Bethlehem Police Department, is staffed by one detective and one officer. The primary function of this unit is the investigation and resolution of all criminal activity involving children, under the age of 16 years, either as perpetrators or as victims of crime.

In addition to the mandated New York State training for certification as a police officer, youth officers receive specialized training through the Bureau for Municipal Police on dealing with juveniles. The training includes consideration of substance abuse prevention, child sexual abuse and New York State Family Court Law.

The officers assigned to the Youth Bureau are responsible for the presentation of educational programs to all segments of the community. The programs address many topics, including alcohol and substance abuse prevention, bicycle safety and Halloween safety. The Youth Bureau also serves as a referral source for troubled youth.

Each year officers from this unit spend a great deal of time working in the schools and have a good deal of positive interaction with children in the Bethlehem community.

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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.

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BETHLEHEM

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

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

SENIOR NIGHT, Bethlehem Central High School pool, open to all high school seniors, 8-11 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAMILY FUN NIGHT, featuring games by Linendolls, sponsored by Voorheesville PTSA, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-4898.

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

ALBANY

THREADWORKS, exhibition of rarely displayed textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through June 18.

OPENING RECEPTION, for "Oriental Suite," things of beauty Art Gallery, 247 Lark St., 7-9:30 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP, on application process of Department of Conservation grants to assist localities in solid waste management planning, Town of Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., 1:30-5 p.m. Information, 457-5400.

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

BLOODMOBILE, sponsored by Albany Area chapter of American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

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

WINTER WALK FOR HOMELESS, one-mile candlelight walk begins at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Fourth and State Sts., Troy, 6 p.m. Information, 272-2582.

COVERED DISH SUPPER, for Christian singles over 25, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740.

ENTERTAINMENT

"Snoopy," family musical, Foy Campus Center Theatre, Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

GEORGE SHEARING AND MEL TORME, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

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BETHLEHEM

TREE IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information or registration, 453-1806.

DR. WHO MINI-CONVENTION, dress as your favorite "Who" character, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSN., featuring Frank Alexander, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-6808.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS, meeting and dinner, Clarksville Community Reformed Church, 10 a.m. Reservations, 765-3510.

MINIATURES SHOW AND SALE, sixth spring celebration and sale to benefit Albany County unit of American Cancer Society, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, adults, \$2.50; children under 10, \$1; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 377-3936.

ALBANY

"WHEN I WAS HUNGRY," prayer service to inaugurate Albany CROP Walk, Trinity Methodist Church, Lark and Lancaster Sts., Albany, 7 p.m.

FREE VOICE CLINIC, sponsored by College of Saint Rose Communication Disorder Program, free speech, hearing, ear, nose and throat examinations, Albany Medical Center, room K203, 9 a.m.-noon. Appointments, 454-5256.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM, sponsored by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 765-4011.

"THE HOMELESS: HERE," open forum addressing issues of homeless in Capital District, State Museum, 1 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

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

CAPITAL DISTRICT

EASTER ACTIVITY, for children 4 years and older, McKownville Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0023.

EXHIBITS AND SLIDE SHOW, for those interested in local history of Grange and conditions of rural life, Ravena Grange Hall, Coeymans Hollow, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2770.

CRAFT FAIR, sponsored by Ballston Area Community Center, Ballston Spa Middle School, Rt. 67 West, Ballston Spa, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 885-3261.

MYSTERY MURDER NIGHT, featuring Stephen and Diane O'Connor, sponsored by Friends of Pruyn House, Cultural Center, 207 Niskayuna Rd., Newtonville, 6:30 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

ENTERTAINMENT

"Snoopy," family musical, Foy Campus Center Theatre, Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

OLIVER CHASSAIN, classical guitarist, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Main and Madison Aves., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 272-1734.

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

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

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays. Information, 439-9252.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday school and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by 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.

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM, church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-3406.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, of Delmar, worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45; 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.; Sunday 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 for all ages, 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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, sponsored by Voorheesville Area Ambulance, American Legion Hall, \$3 adults, \$2 children, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

HERITAGE TEA, Voorheesville Girl Scouts and New Scotland Senior Citizens, St. Matthew's Church, 1-3 p.m. Information, 439-8339.

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 for age three through adult, 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

OPEN HOUSE, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, noon-5 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

FILM, "With Babies and Banners," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FAMILY ACTIVITY, "Quilting Patterns," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 2-4 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

TOY TRAIN SHOW AND SALE, sponsored by Empire and Eastern, Albany Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 274-2608.

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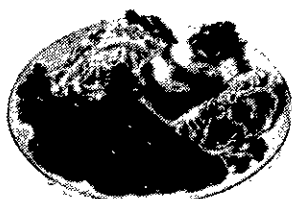
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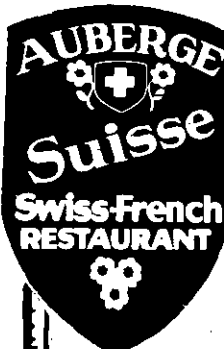
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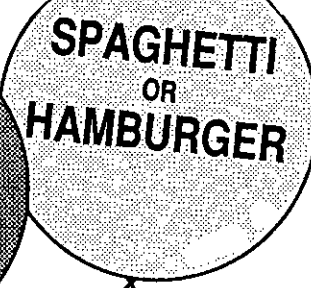
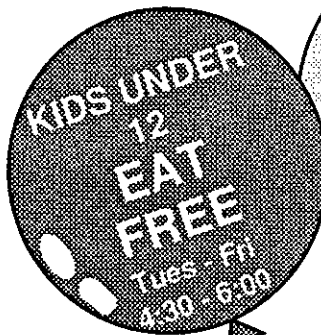
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ENTERTAINMENT

ALBANY SYMPHONY FAMILY CONCERT, program of classical and contemporary music, Palace Theatre, Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 465-4663.

ALL-STAR JAZZ ENSEMBLE, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, 4-6 p.m. Information, 474-5986.

"REQUIEM," modern music composition for organ and orchestra, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 10:15 a.m. Information, 436-8544.

LUCY MCCAFFREY, harpist and singer, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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, district offices, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

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

ALBANY

ORIENTATION SESSION, for adults interested in becoming foster parents, Parsons Child and Family Center, 845 Central Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

ENTERTAINMENT

SPEAKEASY, featuring Joyce Carol Oates, presented by Visionary Landscape Literary series, Russell Sage College, Information, 273-0552.

ALBANY

POST-POLIO SUPPORT GROUP, featuring speaker John Seacor, "What Can O.V.R. Do For You?" Colonie Community Center, Room 11, 1653 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 438-8785.

INFANT AND CHILD CPR, with Emergency Action Techniques Certification Workshop, sponsored by After School Child Care Program of Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., 6:30-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-3313.

ENTERTAINMENT

"FLUTE INTO THE NIGHT," concert featuring Marielena Arizpe, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

EXHIBITS

SEYMOUR DRUMLEVITCH, recent paintings and collages, through April 16, University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, Information, 442-4035.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Information, 439-7864.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

CLARKSVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, meeting, featuring Robert Parmentier, Clarksville Community Church, 7:30 p.m.

POP WARNER SIGN-UP, for players and cheerleaders, St. Matthew's Church, 6-8 p.m. Information, 765-3677.

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

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NEGRO COMPANY ENSEMBLE, "The Mississippi Delta," State Museum, 12:10 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., 6:15-9:30 p.m. Information, 765-4011.

ENTERTAINMENT

VIENNA CHOIR BOYS, program of sacred and secular music, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

DELTA PROGRESS CLUB, Antique Study Group, discussion on Creamware, led by Pat Lattimer, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-5353.

LENTEN SERVICE, guest speaker Pastor John Huenniger, Faith Lutheran Church, Glenmont, covered dish dinner at 6 p.m.; service at 7 p.m.

SIGN LANGUAGE X, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELTA PROGRESS CLUB, Antique Study Group, discussion on Creamware, led by Pat Lattimer, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-5353.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS, public hearing, Town hall, 441 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

MUSIC DISCUSSIONS, featuring Geoffrey Simon, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

"SPRING BIRD," slide program, presented by Susan Wolfe, Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

FRI
MAR 17

BETHLEHEM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, sponsored by Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

"THE MOUSE THAT ROARED," presented by Dionysians, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

SAT
MAR 18

BETHLEHEM

CRAFT FAIR, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4817.

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, and dancing, sponsored by American Legion, Post 1493, Voorheesville, \$11 per person, 6 p.m.

"THE MOUSE THAT ROARED," presented by Dionysians at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

OUTDOOR EXPLORATION, of natural history of spring, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

SPRING BOOK SALE, through March 20, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MON
MAR 13

BETHLEHEM

WOOSTER CHORUS, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 263-2373.

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY, for children ages 2-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE PLANNING, meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 441 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8624.

DELMAR KIWANIS, meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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.

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

TUE
MAR 14

BETHLEHEM

LITERATURE GROUP, of Delmar Progress Club, featuring Dr. Perry Westbrook, author, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-4603.

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 Fire House, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

HIGH SCHOOL TOUR, and community meeting to consider bond issue, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

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Parents, RCS board meet in open forum

By Cheryl Clary

Approximately 30 Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District residents discussed topics ranging from the pre-kindergarten program to the defeat of the building bond during an open forum held by the school board last Monday at Ravena Elementary School.

The board members encouraged residents to raise issues so that problems and concerns could be addressed by the board and Superintendent William Schwartz.

Near the close of the meeting, the defeat of the building bond was considered. Parents asked what could be done. The board members said they welcomed suggestions and needed more community support to inform voters of the need for additional building space.

Board President Mark Sengenberger said that "parents didn't care. They don't mind being second class citizens as far as education goes." Board Member Konrad Raup said only one-half of the district's graduates go on to college. "That's an abomination,"

Raup said. "Parents should be pounding on our doors demanding that we do better."

Parent Liz Scheinholtz voiced concern about the phasing out of the pre-first and the development of a pre-kindergarten program. Ravena Principal Diane Kilfoile said the pre-kindergarten eligibility guidelines are being based on family income level. A total of 80 percent of the children served by the pre-kindergarten will be from lower income families as state guidelines recommend, according to Kilfoile. Regarding kindergarten and pre-first grade students going on to first grade, Schwartz said, "We will work with these children at this level." The district is also looking into adding another section of kindergarten to reduce class sizes, according to Schwartz.

Kilfoile explained that changes in the kindergarten screening process are being considered to test eligible children in the fall, when they enter the program, rather than the spring before.

After noting that the building bond defeat will keep class sizes higher, another parent asked if

the money might be better spent elsewhere, rather than on non-state mandated programs.

According to Sarah Hafensteiner, a board member, one goal of the program is to reduce class size at the kindergarten level. She explained that as the pre-first was eliminated, two full-time classrooms would be made available for the additional kindergarten and the pre-kindergarten sections. Hafensteiner said developmentally needy children in the district could then be served right in the district's schools. She said these children typically spend 60 to 90 minutes in transit to other districts at a cost of over \$1,000 per month per child. She viewed "helping our own" as a plus, starting with this program.

Board member Maurice Satin suggested that the board was looking to "save money over the medium haul. Because kids are given a little help up front, it can save money in the long run. This is a cost cutting measure." He said pre-kindergarten is eligible for 89 percent in state aid.

Before questions about the pre-kindergarten continued, a district parent asked whether or not full-day kindergarten had been considered. District officials noted a lack of space for any such consideration.

A resident asked about the status of the developmental kindergarten and whether the new pre-kindergarten would be serving the same students. Schwartz said the pre-first did not seem to guarantee success for the child in future schooling, as indicated by local and state studies.

As to how the district would locate children for the pre-kindergarten, Board Member Linda Bruno cited "a network of social services to identify the families and target children at risk." Special Education Director Nancy Andress said the parents of the students would be involved in the school as well. Additionally, she said young and single parents who seek parenting skills would be encouraged to attend workshops designed to further these skills.

Bruno said the program was not a duplication of the Head Start program, and no needy child would "be allowed to fall between the cracks" if they failed to meet guidelines. According to Board Member Sherry Putney, "RCS will be in the vanguard with this program" and it is "not a radical idea."

Parent Colleen Janssen offered comments and suggestions on a variety of issues. She voiced concerns regarding unification of curriculum for students at A.W. Becker, Pieter B. Coeymans and Ravena elementary schools. She said fifth grade students at Pieter

B. Coeymans changed classrooms and teachers for math and reading.

Janssen said not enough publicity about events at A.W. Becker Elementary School reached the community. She brought attention to the lack of a PTA for the junior-senior high level. She asked for better communications with the community and suggested rescheduling of the junior high concert set for Maundy Thursday.

Janssen questioned the effectiveness of the REACH program for gifted students. She suggested that science and art be included in the program and that sessions be lengthened. She suggested advancement programs in reading and math that would "help kids reach for the stars a little."

Janssen praised the board members for their work. Janssen said she saw the educational process as "a joint effort between parents and the board of education."

The session closed with questions regarding advanced placement classes in the senior high, the possibility of ninth period classes if there was a need for more academic class time, the status of the parent volunteer program and the problem of locked bathrooms in the senior high school.

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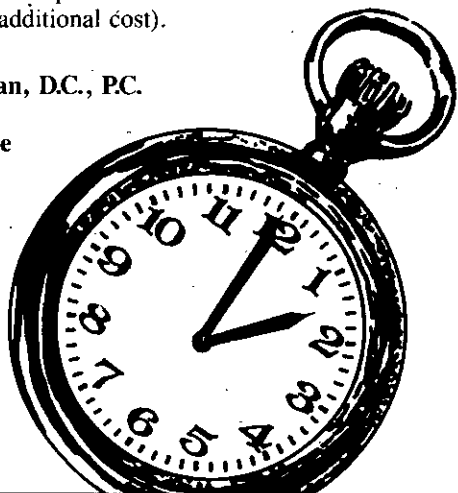
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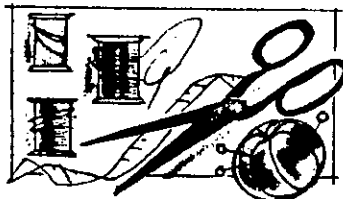
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Bethlehem Grange celebrates 115 years

In celebration of the 115th anniversary of the Bethlehem Grange, the Friends of the Grange will present a slide show and exhibit program at the Ravena Grange Hall in Coeymans Hollow on Saturday, March 11. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

For information call 767-2770.

Heisev to speak

Dr. W. Wayne Heisev will discuss "Geography and Soviet Military Power" during the next meeting of the Tawasentha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, at the Bethlehem Public Library, beginning at 7 p.m.

For information call 439-1437.

Gall to speak about families

Debbie Gall will discuss "Building Kinder Families" on Wednesday, March 8, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The program will begin at 6:50 p.m.

All are welcome. For information call 439-3192.

Film series offered at library

La Federation Franco-Americaine Du New York will sponsor the presentation of three films on Sunday, March 12, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. "Job Study-Bon Boss" will be shown at 2 p.m. and will be followed by "Quebec, Quebec" and "Ville-Marie."

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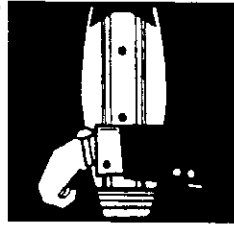
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Grade 10

Eric Caswell, Elizabeth Demis, Erik Deyoe, Robert Feuerbach, Jennifer Finch, Sarah Fink, Beth Kane, Mark Keating, Amy Lobdell, Joan Marie Nunziato, Amy Pass, Matthew Schwabrow and Jason Turck.

Grade 11

William Cornell, Joseph Croscup, Nina DeCocco, Melissa Roberts, Mirinda Staats, Sandra VanDorn, Cherie Vernol, Dorothy Whiting and Ami Wilber.

Grade 12

Pamela Carras, David Cary, Melanie Cherner, Joshua Curley, Dawn Dinardi, Jeanne Frese, Jill Gottesman, Denise Guthrie, Darrin Hall, Krista Henry, Chad Hotaling, Stephanie Lane, Wendy Parker, Tamie Persico, Stephanie Ricciardi, Mark Spoor, Erika Warnstadt, Kelly Williams and Rebecca Zinzow.

RCS Senior High School students named to the honor roll for the second quarter include the following:

Grade 9

Pamela Ashby, Melissa Barry, Chris Borrero, Colleen Brady, Jennifer Eichner, Tracey Fuhrman, Michelle Griffin, James Kapusta,

Police arrest two for drinking, driving

Bethlehem police arrested two drivers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated during separate incidents this week.

Police charged a 32-year-old Troy man with DWI after he was observed speeding on Delaware Ave. early Friday morning. He was arrested after he failed a pre-screening device test, police said.

A 29-year-old Glenmont man was arrested for DWI after he was stopped for speeding on Rt. 9W early Friday, police said. Police said the arrest was made after the officer detected the odor of alcohol and the man failed both pre-screening and field sobriety tests.

Mary Jane Kosowsky, Antoinetta Losee, Shannon Michaud, Robert Moore, Paul Parisi, Sonya Quay, Chad Rooney, Joseph Salin, Dawn Sylvester, Tammi Tune, Brenda VanAlstyne, Kelly VanAlstyne, David Wickham, Carlton Winslow and Constance Wright.

Grade 10

Catherine Bestler, Robert Burns, James Carroll, Lori Friday, Thomas Gallagher, Krissy Gottesman, Thomas Holsapple, Amy Keir, Kevin Kosowsky, Traci Layman, Robert Newkirk, Tricia Quay, Christopher Racine, Dustin Rock, Jason Romano, Michael VanAlstyne, Kimberly VanderZee, Jessy Wilson, Susan Wood and Michelle Wyant.

Grade 11

Marlene Arnold, Sara Ayers, Jason Barrios, Anthony Cary, Melissa DeFlumer, Lynette Denney, Erin Fahey, Aleshia Frey, Kimberly Frey, Kristin Legere, Garrett Mabee, Frank Maiorana, Jason Mantor, Laura Nicholson, Rebecca Novko, Kelly Orsino, James Rexford, Cherie Stalker, Jennifer Stooks, Tina VanWormer and Christy Watters.

Grade 12

Chad Blakesley, Barbara Boehm, Kevin Brown, Jodi Cary, Matthew Clouse, Amy Collins, Karen DeCocco, George Delude, Geoffrey Demis, Michelle Dewsbury, Michele Herdt, Karen Jensen, Tony Johnston, Nicole Jordan, Bridget Kelley, Kenneth Leavitt, Deonne Leigh, William McMillen, Amy Misuraca, Susan Newkirk, Philip Nicewonger, James Noeth, Tracey O'Brien, Michelle Olson, David Pistrutto, Cherie Prior, Nancy Pyle, Jeffrey Schaffer, Jennifer Schaffer, Kevin Schiffmann, Christine Schoonbeek, Shane Smith, Charles Trenchard, Curt VanderZee, Christine Waltz and Jennifer Williams.

Children's activities offered at library

A variety of activities will be offered for children this week at the Bethlehem Public Library.

A program for children 3 to 5 year and their parents about maintaining good dental health, entitled "Brush Away Your Cares," will be offered by Dr. Minoo Buchanan on Thursday, March 9, at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ADr. Who mini-convention has been scheduled for Saturday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m.

A Mad Hatter's tea party for children 2 to 5 years will be held on Monday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m.

For information call 439-9314.

Variety show planned

Variety show planned

A variety show will be presented on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at the church. Admission will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 12. Proceeds will go to the church's parsonage fund. All are welcome.

Parents, teachers meet

The A.W. Becker PTA will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 13, at A.W. Becker Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Child care will be available.

Registration opens

Registration for the Hudson Valley Little League will be held on Saturdays, March 11, March 18 and April 1, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Little League Clubhouse in Ravena.

Any girl or boy who is 5 years and not yet 13 years before Aug. 1 may register. A special league for 5-year-old children will be organized if there is enough interest. Tryouts for pony baseball and majors baseball will be held on April 1 at 1 p.m. All managers are being asked to attend. For information call Michael Currey at 767-9673.

Classroom volunteers sought

Mrs. Reed's second grade class at Ravena Elementary School has been enjoying reading with Mrs. Katherine Williams, a classroom volunteer. The children select a special book to share with Mrs. Williams each week. The children look forward to improving their reading skills. Anyone who has extra time to share with a class, is invited to call one of the district's elementary school principals.

Kenney attends conference

A legislative breakfast for seven occupational education student organizations was attended by Michelle Kenney, a

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Cheryl Clary 767-2373



ninth grade student at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, and her advisor, Alice Lammy.

Kenney is the state officer of the Future Homemakers of America. While attending the breakfast, Kenney and Lammy learned about the benefits offered to students through various organizations.

Birds of season studied

Susan Wolfe, a staff member at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, will show slides of "Spring Birds, Nesting and Migration" during the next meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association at the Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144 at Clapper Road. Wolfe previously served at the Rogers Environmental Center in Sherburne, Chenango County.

Concert is postponed

The "Music in Our Schools" concert at RCS Junior High School has been postponed. A new concert date will soon be announced. The concert was previously scheduled for Thursday, March 23.

Senior high presents concert

The music department at RCS Senior High School will present a "Music in Our Schools" concert on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will include

presentations by the senior band, under the direction of Brent Wheat, the senior high chorus and harmonics, directed by Mildred Stahl, and the jazz ensemble, under the direction of Scott Andrews.

Fund-raisers honored

Prizes have been awarded to Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School students who placed highest in sales during the school's recent fund-raiser. First place and a five-inch TV went to John Frangella, who sold \$450 worth of merchandise. The second place salesman was Holly McDermott, who received a \$50 prize. Third place honors went to David Wolfe, who was awarded a telescope.

Sunshine seniors meet

Bethlehem's sunshine senior citizens will meet at the First Reformed Church in Selkirk for a covered dish lunch on Monday, March 13, at noon. All area seniors are invited.

Membership drive for Red Cross

The Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross has begun its annual membership campaign fund raising "phone-a-thon."

Volunteers will be calling Capital District residents with donation requests through the end of March.

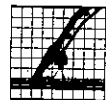
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\$8.9 M Voorheesville bond issue detailed

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Some 50 residents spent last Monday night touring the Voorheesville Elementary School and receiving information about the district's proposed bond issue.

The 20-year \$8.9 million bond issue will be put before voters on April 12 and will include funding for asbestos removal, correction of fire safety code violations and improvements to both district schools.

Residents did not directly oppose the district's plans, choosing instead to use the question and answer period to become better informed about the reasons for the bond issue and its contents. Most of the residents seemed supportive of the district's plan when asking questions; a change from the more typical confrontations between residents and district officials over the past year. In the past, members of the public have been openly hostile to both board members and administrators.

The tour, lead by Acting Principal John Tobiasen, included stops on all three floors to explain the various facets of the elementary school plan and to point out the building's deficiencies.

A similar tour of the high school is planned for Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m.

If the bond is approved, the district will begin asbestos removal in both schools beginning this summer. Asbestos removal at the high school will be conducted this summer regardless of the bond issue outcome.

The initial tax impact of the bond issue is expected to be an increase of 2.71 percent or \$8.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.



Acting Voorheesville Elementary Principal John Tobiasen shows some of the school's deficiencies and the improvements proposed in the

proposed bond issue to a group of concerned parents. The bond issue will go before voters on April 12.
Sal Prividera Jr

However, should the bond be defeated, the board has decided to include a number of items as contingencies in the 1989-90 operating budget. The \$2,690,900 worth of contingencies would fund asbestos removal at the high school this summer along with bypassing heating pipes buried in asbestos, correction of all fire safety items in both buildings and provide for handicapped access at the high school.

The inclusion of the work in the annual operating budget is not subject to voter approval and would dramatically increase the tax impact on district residents.

Board President Joseph Fernandez said the bond issue "deals with the issues that need to be advanced... we tried to be clear-headed about the choices." He said the board realized the im-

act on taxpayers and said the decision to vote for the bond issue should not be based on having children in the district, since those in the district have benefited from the generations before.

When asked about the district's annual operating budget, Fernandez said "the budget will increase, I can't predict one or two percent, in all honesty it will probably be more... there will be an increase in the budget that's for sure." The tax impact of the budget increase will be in addition to the effect of an approved bond issue.

Asbestos removal

Joseph Conroy of Professional Services Industries, the company that compiled the district's asbestos management plan, explained the nature of the asbestos-containing materials in the schools. During the federal and state-mandated asbestos testing conducted last fall, Conroy said, spray-on asbestos was found on ceilings in both hallways and classrooms. It was also found in floor tiles and "mudded fittings" or pipe insulation.

The asbestos was then determined to be either friable, easily crushed and able to become airborne or non-friable.

"Friable asbestos has to be addressed... we made the recommendation of removal due to the nature of the potential health effects," Conroy said.

The bond issue will fund the removal of asbestos from classroom ceilings, corridors, lobby, cafeteria, swimming pool, auditorium and business offices as well as piping at the high school.

The elementary school project will remove asbestos from classroom, library, cafeteria, kitchen, and corridor ceilings. Asbestos containing floor tile will also be removed from the elementary school cafeteria. Asbestos will be removed from piping under the plan.

The cost of asbestos removal is \$2,574,300.

All of the removal would be done during the 1989 summer vacation and be completed before school opens, if the bond issue is approved, said Board President Joseph Fernandez. The associated reconstruction work,

such as ceiling replacement, would be carried over into the start of the school year, he said. The work is not expected to disrupt teaching, Fernandez told a concerned parent.

One parent wanted to know if there would be any asbestos left in the schools after the project was completed. Fernandez explained all asbestos-containing materials would be removed except the floor tile because "it's not friable... there is no need to remove it." He added that the plan calls for the existing high school piping buried below the floors to be disconnected so there would be no need to pull up flooring to deal with a piping problem.

"The State Education Department does not consider floor tile a hazard and does not provide (building) aid to remove it," Bob Abromaitis of H2AF, the district's asbestos consultant, told the residents.

Conroy also explained to a resident the alternatives to removing asbestos. He said encapsulation was a "band-aid effect" and the cost factor "would be right up there" with removal because of the similar preparation costs. Abromaitis agreed, saying the encapsulated areas would have to be redone after five years.

Safety code violations

Voorheesville Building Inspector Jerry Gordinier, who conducts the annual district building inspections, explained that correcting the fire safety code violations was "not an option" for the school district.

The violations from the 1987-1988 education department mandated inspection include replacing exit doors, which are currently being chained closed at night and on weekends, and providing chlorine room ventilation in both schools.

Other elementary school violations are improper exit windows in the 1929 and 1949 building sections, lack of a second means of egress from the stage and the lack of exits equipped with panic hardware in the cafeteria. All of the items will be corrected by the bond issue.

At the high school, the building plan calls for providing two exits from the courtyard and a two-hour fire rated door between

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a crawl space and the boiler room to correct code violations.

Additionally, an open vent between two floors at the elementary school may be corrected as part of the bond work, once the extent of the problem is determined. The code violation was discovered by Gordinier and New Scotland Building Inspector Paul Cantlin when they conducted the 1988-89 inspection. Gordinier said the vent would have to be closed because in the event of a fire it would allow smoke to travel through to the next floor.

Building and program improvements

The building and program improvements were detailed by architect Ben Mendel of Peterson Ryan Mallin Mendel Architects and board members Mary Van Ryn and Steven Schreiber.

Van Ryn described the work planned for the elementary school, including the movement of services to the second floor and the clustering of grade levels. She told residents that she wanted "to look for the positive" in the bond issue. She said the board focused on "upgrading (the elementary school) in a way our kids deserve, not glossy... a safe and healthy place."

The elementary school building improvements include renovation of bathrooms and locker rooms, upgraded lighting, upgraded wiring, installation of a new fire alarm system, repair of

the foot bridge, improving the bus waiting area and providing an all-weather playground area.

Mendel explained the area adjacent to the auditorium would become the new bus pick-up and drop-off point because it provides "safer and easier access."

The program-related work calls for upgrading both gymnasiums for safety, reorganizing support service rooms and moving the library, art room, computer room and remedial learning lab to the second floor. Van Ryn said the relocation provided "central location" for the services used by all students.

The building plan includes the installation of an elevator to provide handicapped access to all floors of the elementary school.

Schreiber described the plan to cluster the grade seven and eight classrooms together at the high school the "most exciting part" of the project. The plan calls for a four-classroom addition to be constructed and used as teaching space for the seventh-grade core classes (English, science, social studies and math). The grade eight core classrooms would be adjacent to the new classrooms, in effect creating a middle school setting.

"In principle, we'll be able to accomplish, if not a middle school, a middle level concept," Schreiber said. Due to costs the board can not support a new middle school, he said. Mendel, in response to a

resident's question, said the cost of new middle school would be between \$8 million and \$20 million.

The district is proposing to construct the Buckley Room, in memory of former teacher and coach Tom Buckley, as part of the project. The funds raised by the community to build the weight training gym would then be used to purchase the necessary equipment.

Other program-related improvements include relocating and upgrading several classrooms including science and computer classrooms, upgrade the library and create a library classroom, and locker replacement.

The building will also get a new hot water heating system and new piping to bypass existing pipes buried in the concrete flooring, which have been failing throughout the building over the past few years.

Tax impact

Board member John McKenna said the bond issue was a "good investment... for the next 10 years or so." He explained the bonding process the district

hopes to use, if the bond is approved.

The district will use bond anticipation notes (BANs) for the first two years and borrow only \$5 million the first year at 6.5 percent. The district would then renew the \$5 million BAN and issue a second BAN for \$3.9 million. If the bond market is favorable at the end of the second year, the district would bond for \$8.9 million for the remaining 18 years of the 20-year payback schedule.

If the district uses BANs and bonds at an interest rate of 7.5 percent, New Scotland residents would have a tax rate increase of \$8.75 per \$1,000 or 2.71 percent in the first year. The tax rate impact will increase again by 3.85 percent or \$12.97 per \$1,000 in the second year. The heaviest tax impact would be in the third year when the rate increases by an additional 1.67 percent or \$5.69 per \$1,000. The tax impact would then decrease each subsequent year.

McKenna said some of the \$5 million BAN would not be spent initially and could be invested by the district. He said the district

could earn interest on the balance "in the neighborhood of \$40,000."

He pointed out the district receives state aid at a rate of 60 percent or 60 cents for every dollar spent. The project is designed to "make the maximum use of state aid," McKenna said.

"I think we have minimized the likely effect (on taxes) as much as possible," McKenna said.

Information line

Residents with question or comments about the bond issue can call board of education members at 756-3313 from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 9, 22 and 30 and April 6. Calls can also be made Tuesday, April 11, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Simon to speak of composers' works

Conductor Geoffrey Simon will discuss works by Composers Samuel Barber, John Antill and Gustav Mahler on Thursday, March 16 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The program will begin at 3 p.m. For information call 439-9314.

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Lyn Stapf

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Pancake breakfast planned

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Squad will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 12, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Seniors invited to tea

All area senior citizens are invited to attend a "Heritage Tea," sponsored by the New Scotland Senior Citizens and the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts. The tea will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 1 until 3 p.m., at St. Matthew's Church. For information call 439-8339.

Girl Scouts celebrate

Area Girl Scouts and their families will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday, March 12, during the 10 a.m. services at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church. All are welcome.

Family night organized

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold a family fun night on Friday, March 10, from 7 until 9 p.m., at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. The Linendoll family of Altamont will coordinate games for the entire family.

Admission is 50 cents. PTSA members will be admitted free. For information Elaine Burns at 765-4898.

Craft tables available

The Auxiliary of the Voorheesville Fire Department will hold a craft fair on Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the firehouse on School Rd. All are welcome. Anyone interested in reserving a table may call Sue Halpin at 765-4305 or Beth Timmis at 765-2421.

Pop Warner registration opens

The New Scotland Pop Warner Football Club will hold registration for its 1989 season on Wednesday, March 15, from 6 until 8 p.m., at St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Rd., Voorheesville. All boys and girls ages 8 through 12 are invited to join as players and cheerleaders. For information call Anthony Fittizzi at 765-3677 or Gerry Gordinier at 765-4815.

St. Patrick's Day approaches

St. Matthew's Men's Association will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance on Friday, March 17, at the church social area. Cocktails at 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by DeeJay Hank Piquette from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets will be available for \$15 after every Mass this weekend. Tickets may also be obtained by calling Mike Burns at 765-4390.

Legion celebrates

The Voorheesville American Legion will hold a St. Patrick's



Voorheesville Elementary School teacher Penny Davis watches as Michael Cavanaugh makes measurements with a scale that uses paper clips as units of weight. The second graders

were weighing objects in terms of paper clips, a skill used in state education tests, as part of their hands-on science project. Lyn Stapf

Day dinner-dance on Saturday, March 18. The festivities, which will include a corned beef and cabbage dinner, will begin at 6 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Reservations are available for \$11 by calling 765-4712.

Gardeners plan meeting

The Heldervue Garden Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 9, in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The program, "Bring Back the Bluebird," will begin at 8 p.m. following a business meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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Area's history considered

The Village of Voorheesville will hold its second "Arthur Gregg Local History Seminar" on Thursday, April 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, beginning at 8 p.m. Peter G. Rose of South Salem, N.Y., will speak about the "History of Dutch Foodways in the Hudson Valley."

All invited to tour school

The Voorheesville Board of Education will meet on Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices in the high school. All are welcome.

On Tuesday, March 14, the board will hold a second community meeting regarding the upcoming bond issue. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at the high school and will be preceded by a tour of the high school at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Legion Auxiliary meeting set

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493, Dept. of New York, will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. President Lucy Roche will conduct the business meeting. Refreshments will be served by Mae Duncan and Agnes Tucker.

Registration extended

Anyone who missed registration for the spring baseball programs, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, may call Ron White, youth commissioner, at 765-3639.



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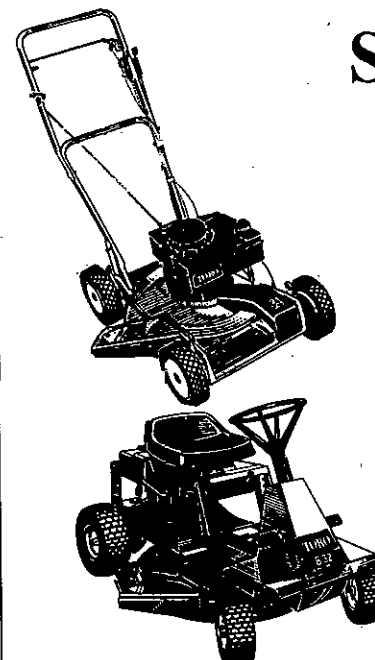
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Voorheesville library plans Baker to resign, old building for sale

By Lyn Stapf

The board of trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library accepted "with regret" the resignation of Walter Baker, a member of the board of trustees, during a meeting last Monday. Baker, who was elected last May, left the board because of other commitments.

Fred Volkwein of New Salem will serve in Baker's place until the June election. Volkwein, who is director of institutional research for the State University at Albany, was sworn in by Town Clerk Edie Probst. In order to serve the remaining four years of Baker's five-year term, Volkwein will have to run for the seat in this year's election.

After noting that the school district's annual meeting and budget vote usually held in May have been scheduled for June, the library board members discussed whether the library should hold its own vote in May or go to the voters with the school district. The board voted to continue its practice of polling with the district. The annual meeting and budget vote will be held on June 13 and 14.

After researching various options, Don Meachem, attorney for the library, advised the board to sell the old library by bid. More

details concerning the sale of the Main St. structure were to be presented at the board's March 6 meeting.

Board President Sally Ten Eyck said she had received a phone call followed by a letter from Assemblyman Richard Connors with regard to her request for a bike/pedestrian path along County Route 208 (School Road), which runs past the library. Connors, who was very instrumental in obtaining the bike path along Rt. 85A, stated that he will pursue the project with both county and state authorities.

The board president also expressed the concern by some over the traffic on Prospect St. Ten Eyck said she would communicate with local authorities about ensuring that the speed limit is enforced.

Library Director Gail Sacco reported on the opening of the new library. According to her statistics on Feb. 13, 610 books were checked out. She said only 80 books circulated on the same day of last year. Sacco said the circulation has doubled since the new library opened. Circulation figures for the first week totaled 1,889 books, and the total for the first two weeks since the opening

was 3,826 books, according to Sacco.

Sacco reported that an average of 40 children and parents have participated in each of the four weekly story hours. She said the Feb. 21 folk music concert by Chris Shaw drew close to 100 people.

Regarding other business, the board members discussed plans for a plaque to commemorate the new building, library policy on the use of the community room and future landscaping around the library.

Wolfe presents slide program

Susan Wolfe, a staff member at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, will present "Spring Birds," a slide program, on Thursday, March 16, at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144 at Clapper Rd., Selkirk. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

For information call 436-8289.

T-Ball registration in New Scotland

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for its April T-ball league this week.

Registration hours for tonight through Friday will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday hours will be 9 to 11 a.m.

Boys and girls in kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 are eligible. Second graders will have the option of playing T-ball or minor league.

Although team selection for the minor and major league teams has already begun, there is still a chance for late registration. Anyone interested should call Ron White immediately.

For information on all teams, call Mr. White at 765-3639.

Festival rescheduled

The daffodil festival, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, has been rescheduled for Tuesday through Saturday, April 4 through 8, because of the weather. The festival was previously scheduled for March 22 through 25. For information call the American Cancer Society at 438-7841.

Business club offers college scholarships

The State Street Business and Professional Women's Club is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for women who are age 25 or older.

To qualify, the applicants must be taking a course that will enable them to advance their career and must be a member of any District Three Business and Professional Women's Club.

Applications are due by March 31 and may be obtained by contacting Kathy Cooke, 253 C Palmer Rd., East Greenbush, N.Y., 12061.

Stories told in word and sign

A new series, entitled "Stories in Word and Sign," will be held at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. and 369 New Scotland Ave., through April 1.

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Lower bridge speed limit rejected by state DOT

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

A dangerous underpass, the rising cost of waste disposal, additional questions about nature for a wide variety of topics discussed at New Scotland's Town Board Meeting last Wednesday night.

Voorheesville and New Scotland residents have recognized the problem of motorists' speed endangering pedestrians under the railroad bridge on Rt. 85A for quite some time now. And while a serious injury occurred there last summer, it looks like no substantive help will be forthcoming from the state Department of Transportation.

In a letter received by New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly, DOT Regional Traffic Engineer Joseph Kelly said that lowering the speed limit from 30 to 25 m.p.h., "would not result in a reduction in travel speed at the underpass."

A DOT study found that 95 percent of the vehicles went over the speed limit, and that the average speed was 37 m.p.h. According to Kelly, "if we were to lower the speed limit to 25 m.p.h., which is the lowest speed limit allowed

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by law, the average speed at the underpass would still be approximately 37 m.p.h."

Reilly said he is puzzled by Kelly's thinking. "That's just like saying if enough kids cheat on a test, that the teacher has to okay the marks," he said.

Kelly said that the only way to accomplish safe pedestrian lane widths would be to widen the underpass, "which is not economically feasible at this time."

The DOT did offer to install pedestrian warning signs in advance of the area, and has sent a copy of the radar measurements to the Albany County Sheriff's Department's substation in Voorheesville.

The board once again addressed the subject of waste management.

The New Scotland landfill became a 'transfer station' after the landfill was closed in 1983. Recently, the town paid over \$1,700 to have several truckloads of tires 'transferred' from the

station to a Watervliet site.

In order to finance the removal of tires and 'white goods' (old refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers and other metal appliances) from the station, the board unanimously resolved to start charging fees for the goods.

As of April 1, the transfer station will charge \$2 for car tires, \$5 for truck tires and \$5 for all white goods to help defray the town's transfer costs.

In a related matter, Anthony Cashara, representing the Voorheesville Central School District, asked the board to consider classifying the district as a 'resident' of the community as opposed to a 'business'.

Town residents — not businesses — are the only ones allowed to use the transfer station in order to prevent mass dumping of tires, white goods and other refuse.

The school has old desks and other equipment that it has little room to store, and would like to be able to use the transfer station as needed. But as a 'business', the station is off limits to the school.

Reilly told Cashara that "Perhaps we could work out some

kind of financial agreement," for the disposal, adding that waste management is "a big responsibility for the town, and we certainly don't need a fire like Catskill's."

The board also considered three appointments. Pat Geurtze was appointed to collect the water bills, Town Clerk Edita Probst was appointed to the position of marriage officer (with a tongue-in-cheek warning from the board to be careful when she says 'I do' from now on), and after an executive session, Paul Jeffers was appointed the town's assistant building inspector.

Some controversy surrounded Jeffers' appointment, as he had not taken the civil service test for building inspector.

Reilly pointed out that the position was only as an assistant, which does not require an inspector's examination. He added that none of the nine applicants for the position had taken the civil service exam.

"Paul is an excellent choice," Reilly said. "He was picked because he is knowledgeable, he will have the free time, and he has dealt with the community since 1964."

A request from another controversial political figure — Albany County Executive James Coyne — caused some negative reactions among the board.

The board received a request from Coyne for comments on the proposed state legislation that would allow counties to impose a five cent per gallon "dedicated" tax on gasoline to be used only for highway and transportation improvements. In an apparent indi-

cation of their mixed feelings, it was agreed that no comments would be sent by the board.

Voorheesville resident Dan Reh echoed the sentiments of one faction of the board saying that the tax "would have more of an impact on the people in the outlying areas."

Reilly said he does not agree. "I think the county has to raise the money, and this is the closest to a user fee that they can get. Just go and stand under Plank Rd. bridge — our infrastructure needs work. And we use these roads every day, certainly more than the people in the city do, so we are not being penalized."

In other business, the board:

- Learned that Stone and Webster Engineering has contacted the town about adding an additional "loop" of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline in the Wolf Hill Rd. area. According to Reilly, "the looping project is just an artery off the main pipeline, running parallel to it." The new pipeline would come through New Scotland via Westerlo, ending in the Wolf Hill loop.

- Learned that Engineers from J. Kenneth Fraser Associates, who represent Breen Coyle, the developer of Swift Road Estates, are scheduled to meet with New Scotland's engineering representatives, C.T. Male, to discuss the possibility of adding the subdivision to the Swift Rd. Water District. Swift Rd. Estates would finance the water district extension.

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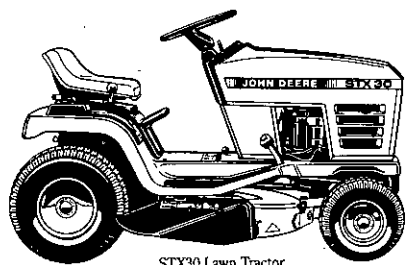
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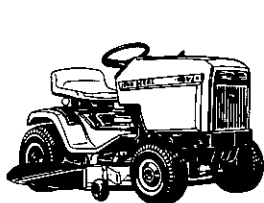


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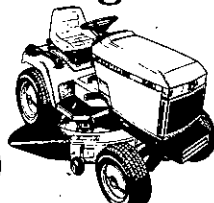
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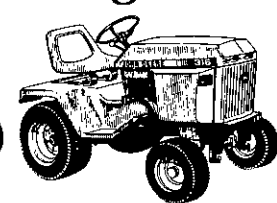
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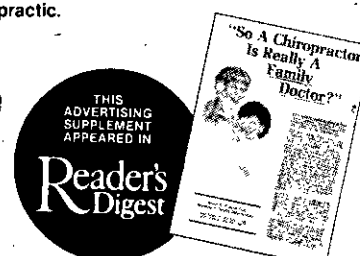
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• Heard a request from Vincent Laviano, developer of the recently approved Heldervale IV subdivision, that the development be connected to the Bethlehem sewer system.

Laviano wrote to Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick offering a \$104,000 payment for sewer service to the 13 new homes. Bethlehem has not acted on the matter yet.

• Reviewed a letter from Donna Baltis to Zoning Attorney Cynthia LaFave regarding payments of some \$7,600 which the town alleges the developer has not made for green space in the Orchard Park development. Baltis called town officials "ignorant", and said that the claim was "another indication of prejudice and bias" on the part of town officials.

• Discussed in the executive session the fact that LaFave's fees have exceeded the \$2,500 retainer allocated by the town for the zoning attorney's post.

The board set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on April 5 to consider a new swimming pool ordinance, and to create a new schedule of fines and penalties for the town's zoning laws. The regular town board meeting will follow the hearing.

Maria College offers scholarship

Maria College in Albany will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships during its annual Business Scholarship Contest Wednesday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The scholarships will be awarded to the winners of math and typing contests and can be applied toward accounting, business administration, executive secretarial programs or office management degrees at the college.

For information call 438-3111.

Heldervale IV approved, 5-2

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

With two board members dissenting, the New Scotland Planning Board gave Heldervale IV the okay last Tuesday night.

The controversial development has residents of the existing Heldervale subdivision mobilizing for a fight. While none of the residents contacted would go on record as saying a lawsuit was in the works, a laundry list of objections was voiced.

Calling the transvap sewer systems planned for Heldervale IV "turn-of-the-century out-houses", one area resident later said: "In the beginning, the other residents here told me that the development was already a *fait accompli*. Maybe I should have believed them. But I believe that preventing future ills is better than having to develop a cure for them when they occur. I don't know why the board wouldn't see that. They have given preferential treatment to the developer, and this 'don't worry about it, it'll be alright' attitude is wrong."

The approval came in a five-to-two vote with board members Bill Giles and Annick Belleville dissenting. "I think we did all that we could do" to provide safeguards for the area, said Planning Board Chairman Robert Hampston.

The project was reviewed and received positive comments from the town's engineering consultants, C.T. Male, Inc. The town also attached a list of requirements to the approval, including \$365,000 for improvements on drainage and water lines, measures preventing construction debris and run-off from entering the Phillipinkill, reinforced concrete basements for water protection, and other pre and post-construction requirements.

As for the transvap systems, they have yet to be approved by the Albany County Department of Health. There is still a chance that Heldervale IV may be required to hook up to the existing sewer system, which the department mandated for the rest of the development in 1982.

In other business, Norman and Lynn Warrell, who wish to open a crafts store at the former Cape Cod Fence Co. location on New Scotland Rd., had their site plan approval postponed due to a technicality.

It appears that the property extends into a non-commercial low-density residential (LDR) zone. If this is indeed true, the board will have to either 'grandfather' the property in, as it has always been in commercial use,

or rezone the area.

Since the property adjacent to the Cape Cod Fence Company is in the planning process to become a home center and could likewise be affected, rezoning may be necessary.

Another LDR versus commercial zone issue has surfaced regarding the industrial-zoned area approximately from Rt. 155 to Rt. 85. The area was originally zoned industrial because of its access to the railroad. But over the years, it has become primarily residential, and to protect the residential area, the board will seek to rezone the area LDR.

"It has grown up residential," Hampston said, "and there is interest in rezoning before someone comes in with an industrial proposal we could not rightfully deny at present."

Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly said he agrees with Hampston. "Anybody could apply for an industrial permit. We would rezone because we feel it is no longer suitable for industry," he said.

The board also discussed the problem of people building garages, barns and other 'accessory' structures, and either conducting business or living in them. By law, these accessory structures must be an 'accessory' to a 'principal' structure, or house. Planning Board attorney John Bailey, who was not present at the meeting, will be asked to make formal comments on the issue.

The board was scheduled to hold a special meeting to begin work on the master plan on Monday night, and will hold its next regular meeting on March 14.

Slingerlands class presents play

The fourth grade at Slingerlands Elementary School will present "Star Spangled States" on Thursday, March 9, at 2:15 p.m.

"Star Spangled States," an original play written by the students, will be directed by their teachers, Evonne Lutkus and Carol Putnam.

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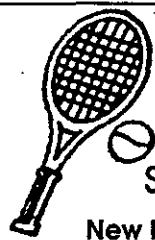
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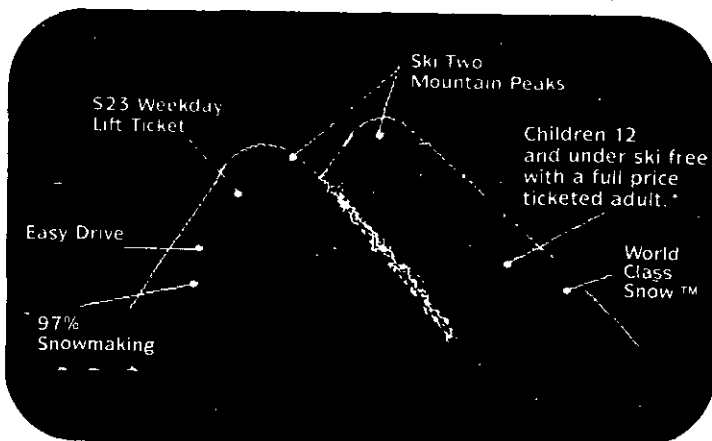
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Two businesses open at Plaza

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Two businesses will celebrate grand openings this week at Delaware Plaza — Kid Co. on Thursday and TCBY Yogurt Co. on Friday.

Kid Co., a New York-based chain of children's clothing and accessory stores, has been in operation since 1986 and the Delmar store will be its sixth location. The store operates as a warehouse club, but is open to the public, said Debbie Ward, vice president. Memberships are available for \$10 per year and members benefits include paying lower prices, she said. Non-members pay an additional 10 percent.

Other store locations in Rochester and Buffalo average between 5,000 and 7,000 members, she said.

"We try to provide extra values for members," which includes monthly promotions ranging from extra shopping hours, giveaways and additional discounts, Ward said.

The store will sell boys and girls clothing from infants to size 14 and accessories such as underwear and jewelry, she said. The store will carry clothing lines by Osh Kosh, Lee and Healthtex. Ward said the store will "offer quality children's clothing at the best price possible."

Kid Co. will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

The second new member of the Delaware Plaza lineup is TCBY Yogurt Co. offering a variety of flavored yogurt.

Sandy Baker, the company's promotion representative, said the yogurt "tastes like soft serve ice cream." The store will offer four different flavors each day in addition to vanilla and chocolate.

The flavors range from papaya to bubble gum to strawberry cheesecake and dutch apple, Baker said. The company makes some 60 different flavors and is

Wireless cable on the air

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

There were a lot of people watching television in Ballston Spa last Tuesday night. This wouldn't be so unusual, except that these were representatives of everything from the Disney Channel to Off Track Betting, and they were watching their 'cable' programs — without cable.

Instead of running along miles of over or underground wires, the pictures being broadcast came from a microwave tower atop the Helderberg escarpment, on the former Albany Bible Institute site in New Scotland.

Broadcasts from the Capital Wireless Corporation's tower will mean access to 22 cable channels for residents within a 60 mile area of the signal, including many Bethlehem and New Scotland residents now living in areas too scarcely populated or geographically isolated to merit conventional cable being extended to their homes. The company estimates that the service will make cable television available to some 40,000 additional homes in its signal area.

Capital Wireless operates on an MMDS, or multi-channel distribution system, developed by General Electric. According to Ron Polomsky, manager of sales and marketing for the system, development started in 1982, and the system was brought to the market in 1986. There are approximately 20 systems operating currently, and Capital Wireless is the largest thus far.

"On a theoretical basis, it should be better, clearer and more reliable than conventional cable," Polomsky said. The only drawback is that buildings blocked by dense foliage or another building may not be able to receive the signal, he noted.

Polomsky explained that to see if a location can receive the signal, special trucks have been designed with "crank-up" towers similar to the antenna the firm installs at the location. "The truck parks in your driveway, cranks up the tower, and turns on the television installed in the truck to see if your house can receive the signal," he said.

Installation for the three-foot by two-foot antenna in this area is a one-time fee of \$49.95, and includes the familiar converter box for channel selection. The basic 21 channels of service is \$15 monthly, with additional sets at \$6.50. The Disney



The 110-foot tower located high above New Scotland will broadcast Capital Wireless Company's cable programming to some 40,000 Capital District homes.

channel costs \$8 and Starion, a movie channel, is \$10 a month. Service for two televisions, with the pay channels and converters costs \$42.98 monthly.

G. Patrick Grace from Integrated Systems Communications, who helped get Capital Wireless on the air, said the company had "taken great pains to satisfy the town, the environmental concerns, and to be a good neighbor," and that there was some additional clean up and landscaping left to do at the transmitter sight.

Grace also thanked Paul Cantlin, the New Scotland building inspector, who was very surprised to hear that Capital Wireless was on the air. According to Cantlin, Capital Wireless had not yet received permission to occupy its building.

A certificate of occupancy and other matters will be discussed at a Friday meeting called by Cantlin.

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continually concocting a new flavor every month, she said.

She said the treats do not have a "yogurt taste like store yogurt." She said the store's yogurt products are low calorie and 96 percent fat free.

Baker said samples of the yogurt are always available and the company will provide a sam-

pling to any group or organization for free.

The Delmar store will be operated by East Greenbush Associates and is a franchisee of TCBY Yogurt Co. based in Little Rock, Ark. The group of 10 partners currently operates a TCBY Yogurt Co. in East Greenbush and will be opening a Clifton Park and other Capital District locations in the near future, she said.

Alexander will speak to artists

Frank Alexander will speak about the "Art World — Past and Present" during the March 11 meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. For information call 439-6808.



The recently elected officers of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association are Joseph LeWanda, vice president, second row from left, Anne Baxter, Kevin Flahive, Victoria Tomsons, treasurer, and Richard Alger. Also

elected were Nancie Shelhammer, front row left, Clint Hegeman, president, and Virginia Keifer, secretary. The association represents the plaza's 34 stores.

Sal Prividera Jr.



\$2,000 winner

1988 Tri-Village Little League President John Bellizzi, left, presents a \$2,000 grand prize check to Richard Jones of Latham. Jones was the grand prize winner in the Tri-Village Little League Capital Improvements Raffle.

Academic award to remember Oberheim

The 1984 Bethlehem Central football team has announced the establishment of the Oberheim Award in memory of their teammate Chris Oberheim who was killed in a car accident in January while returning to Colgate College where he was a senior.

The Oberheim Award will be given to the senior on the football

team with the highest grade point average at the team's annual banquet in November. The amount of the award will be determined by the donations received and deposited into a trust fund.

While at Bethlehem Central, Oberheim was a member of the National Honor Society during his junior and senior years. "He received the Eagle Award for his outstanding achievements on the football team and was well-liked by all for his sense of humor and kindness," one of his teammates said recently.

Contributions may be sent to: The Chris Oberheim Fund, c/o Chris Jadick, 56 Carstead Dr., Slingerlands 12159.

Southwood manager going to Israel

Mike Friedman of Delmar, manager and tennis director of Southwood Tennis Club, is a member of the 35 and over tennis team that will represent the United States in this summer's 13th World Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The World Maccabiah Games are held every four years and bring athletes from around the world in together in competition similar to the Olympics. More than 4,000 athletes from 38 countries will compete in some 30 sports from July 3 to 13.

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Women — Ruth Dolen 228, Geri Smith 607 triple.

Major boys — Matt Reed 204, 499 triple.

Major girls — Heidi Cornell 185, 439 triple.

Junior boys — Matt Barkman 177, 524 triple.

Junior girls — Beth Matthews 223, 588 triple.

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Prep girls — Andrea Kachidurian 151, 381 triple.

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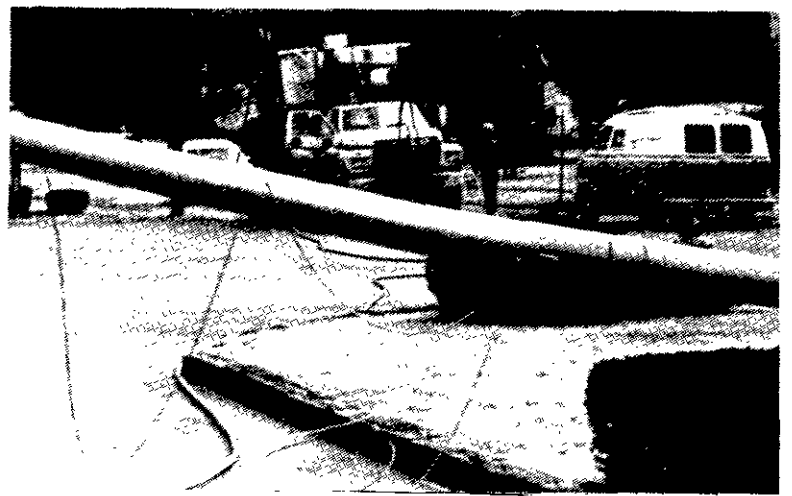
RCS hoop benefit set for March 17

A "March Madness" basketball game to help benefit a summer basketball camp program for needy children in the Ravena area will be held March 17 in the RCS high school gym.

The senior high faculty will match up against the junior high faculty in an 8 p.m. game. At 6:30 p.m., the annual Junior-Senior class matchup will be held. The senior will be coached by varsity standout Phil Nicewonger. The junior class team will be coached by Mark Winnie.

At halftime of each game, there will be a chance for the fans to try and make a half-court shot to win a \$20 prize for \$1 per shot.

The RCS Sports Association will operate a concession stand that evening. Admission is \$1.



New York Telephone and Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. crews were called out at about 8:30 a.m. Friday after a tractor trailer accidentally tore down a guy wire to a utility pole in front of the Elsmere Fire House and the American Legion Post on Poplar Dr., Elsmere. The guy wire shorted out power, downed telephone wires, and knocked down the legion hall flag pole. About 300 customers temporarily lost phone service and 25 lost power. No injuries were reported. The truck driver was ticketed by Bethlehem Police for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

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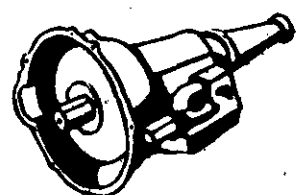
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Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(March 8, 1989)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York, an election for qualified voters of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, will be held on the 27th day of March, 1989 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Road, Glenmont, New York, for the purpose of voting Yes or No on whether to purchase a New Custom Foam Pumper with 75' Aerial and Remote Control Nozzle for an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00, which sum shall not require any indebtedness on behalf of the Fire District.

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Secretary-Treasurer
(March 8, 1989)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Meeting of and for the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York (the "District") will be held on the 12th day of April, 1989 at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Building for the Voorheesville Central School District from 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m. or as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the voters then present to cast their votes on the following proposition:

RESOLVED: (a) The Board of

LEGAL NOTICE

Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York is hereby authorized to reconstruct, in part, and construct additions to the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and the Voorheesville Elementary School, including the furnishings, equipment and apparatus, and all necessary alterations and ancillary work required to effectuate the foregoing building and facility improvements; and to expend for the above stated purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00).

(b) The Board of Education is hereby authorized to issue obligations of the district in the amount of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars

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(\$8,949,700.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to levy a tax upon the taxable property of the district in the aforesaid sum of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00) to be collected in installments as provided by law.

The above sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by a tax on the taxable real property of the said school district to be collected in annual installments, and, in anticipation of the collection of such tax, said school board shall issue obligations of said school district therefor in accordance with the Local Finance law.

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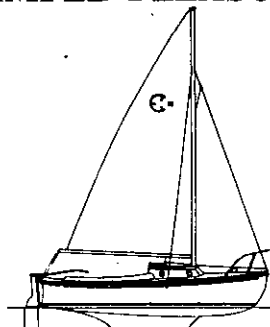
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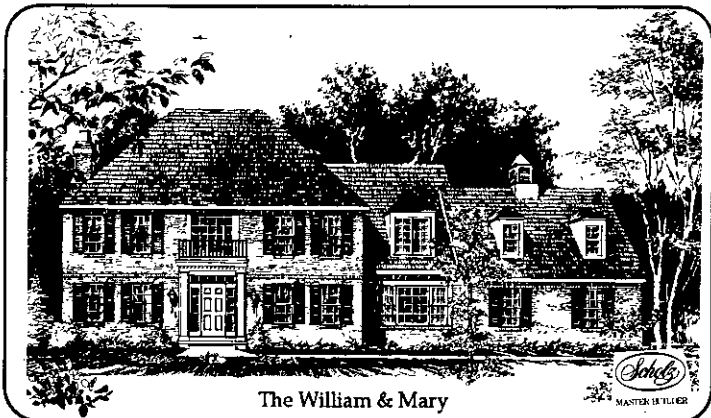
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Obituaries

Magne H. Amudsen

Magne H. Amudsen, a Delmar resident and World War II veteran, died March 1 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. He was 63.

Heresided in Delmar for more than 25 years. Born in Bergen, Norway, he fought with the Norwegian underground resistance during World War II. He was smuggled out of the country to England, where he became a pilot with the Royal Air Force.

He returned to Norway after the war and attended the University of Oslo. An avid skier, he coached the Canadian ski team when they trained in the country in 1948.

During 1950 he came to the United States. He attended Columbia University before going to work for Sager Spuck Inc. He was employed by the company for more than 35 years and was an executive vice president at the time of his death.

A professor in the Evening Division of Russell Sage College, he served on the board of the National Association of Purchase Management. He was a member of the Fort Orange Club, a member of the Brotherhood of the Paternal Order of Elks in Bethlehem, and a past member of the Albany Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, and two sons, John-Erik and Stein, all of Delmar; two daughters, Lise and Trine Amudsen, both of Bergen, Norway; a brother, Finn Amudsen of Bergen, and other family members in Norway and the United States.

Services were held on Saturday at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany. Donations may be made to St. Peter's Hospice.

Frances Dooley Guertze

Frances Dooley Guertze of Wellspring House, formerly of Delmar, died Feb. 27 after a short illness. She was 81.

She had been a board member of the Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She was the wife of the late Garrett J. Guertze Jr.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcia Knowlson of Loudonville, a son, Garret J. Guertze III of Clifton Park, and a sister, Kathryn Congdon of Albany. She is also survived by five grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at the Magin and Keegan Funeral Home, Albany, and at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Latham.

Louise Altieri Iannucci

Louise Altieri Iannucci, formerly of Elsmere, died March 2 in Our Lady of Hope Residence after a long illness. She was 93.

Born in Italy, she has been an Elsmere resident for many years.

She was a communicant of the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle, Delmar, and a member of the Altar Rosary Society. She was a Gold Star Mother, and the widow of John Iannucci.

Survivors include a daughter, Cecelia Mosher of Delmar, three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Edna E. Salisbury

Edna E. Salisbury, a Delmar resident for more than 60 years, died at the Albany County Nursing Home on Feb. 27 after a long illness. She was 86.

Born in Rensselaer, she worked as a clerk in the state Department of Health's Cosmetology Licensing and Health Laboratories on New Scotland Avenue. She retired in 1973 after working for 27 years.

She was a communicant of the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlotte Rooney of Delmar, three sisters, Helen Burke of Albany, Mary Keenan of Schenectady and Ann Rogan of Schenectady, and a brother, George Smith of Albany. She is also survived by three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany, and at the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Jessie Steinberg

Jessie "Tiny" Blackman Steinberg, formerly of North Street, Voorheesville, died Feb. 28 in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany. She was 80.

She had been employed by the former Duffy-Mott business in Voorheesville, and as a clerk at Montgomery Wards in Menands.

A past president of the Guildland Senior Citizens, she was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Voorheesville.

Survivors include her son, William Blackman of Guildland and her sisters, Ada Mitchell of Rensselaer and Lena Flansburg of Voorheesville. She is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Friday at the McKownville Methodist Church. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery, with arrangements by the Brunk Meyers Funeral Home.



Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
Feb. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Feb. 16	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Feb. 17	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
Feb. 17	Elsmere Fire Co.	Mutual Aid
Feb. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Feb. 18	Elsmere Fire Co.	Standby
Feb. 18	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Rescue Call
Feb. 18	Elsmere Fire Co.	Structure Fire
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
Feb. 18	Elsmere Fire Co.	Structure Fire
Feb. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 20	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Feb. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Feb. 21	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Feb. 21	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Feb. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 22	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
Feb. 23	Bethlehem Ambulance	Structure Fire
Feb. 23	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Standby
Feb. 23	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Feb. 23	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Feb. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Feb. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Feb. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
Feb. 25	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 26	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Standby
Feb. 26	Selkirk F.D. M46	Rescue Call
Feb. 26	Slingerlands Rescue	Rescue Call
Feb. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad I	Auto Accident Mutual Aid
Feb. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident Mutual Aid
Feb. 26	General Electric Ambulance	Auto Accident Mutual Aid

The Onesquethaw Fire Department will sponsor fish fries on Fridays March 10, 17 and 24, at the Clarksville Firehouse. The meal will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Selkirk Fire Police have scheduled a roast beef dinner for Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m. The price of the meal is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children younger than 10 years. No tickets will be sold at the door. For reservations call 462-3537, 436-1033, 767-9037, 767-3014 or 462-4973.

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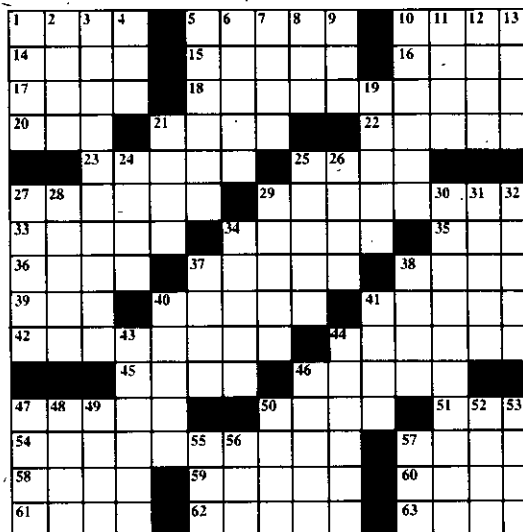
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- The masses: with Polloi
- Eli's machines
- Washing machine cycle
- Intermissions
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- Roofing material
- Sinned
- These could be double
- Little devil
- Housing material
- Wax
- Fini
- Precedes "TION": feeling
- Impressionists
- bifida
- Outside light holder
- Up to date
- This is in the dictionary!
- Mistaken
- First name of 12 down
- Mr. Goren
- Precedes "a dub dub"
- Place for the Singer
- To _____ one's muscles: get in shape
- Irish exclamation
- A small porch
- Took a cab
- Lily _____
- Citizens of Lapland
- Latin love or Cupid

DOWN

- Window part
- Spread
- Place for relaxing
- Existing
- Anatomically
- Sights of Rome
- Hostelries
- Third century starter
- Barbie's beau
- Sollicitous
- In a short time
- "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes": author
- Gimp
- Cheshire cat's expressions
- Type of rags
- Pre-owned furniture eg.
- Knee/ankle connectors
- Colonial furniture material
- Stair railing supporter
- Redolence
- Red _____: to sit out the season
- Place for entertaining
- To edit
- Floral arrangement



Rev. Arvin Schoep Schoep to lecture

The Rev. Arvin Schoep of the Clarksville Community Church, will speak on "Trial and Crucifixion," on Wednesday, March 15, at the Delmar Reformed Church. The lecture is part of the 1989 Area Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study series. Following registration at 9:30 a.m., the program will run from 10 to 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

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Tracy Scoons and David Busch

Scoons - Busch

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Scoons of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Lynn, to David Scott Busch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Busch of Wells, N.Y.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School, is employed as a teacher at the Kids Too day care center. Her fiancé, a graduate of Wells Central High School, is a truck driver for Crowley Foods Inc.

A May 6 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Hallman

Richard Hallman marries

Victoria Lynn Gordy, daughter of Mary C. Simmons of Boca Raton, Fla., and Richard C. Hallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall C. Hallman of Delmar, were married on January 28 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

The bride is a graduate of the State University of Ohio in Athens.

The groom attended the Albany Academy for Boys, and graduated from Emerson College, in Boston. He received his master's degree in drama from Ohio State University in Columbus and has recently graduated from the New York Restaurant School in New York City.

The couple plan to reside in Albany.

Judith Gordy, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor and Robert M. Hallman, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Bethlehem Lutheran Holy Week services

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church will begin its Holy Week services on Thursday, March 23, with a communion service at 7:30 p.m.

The church will be open for prayer and meditation during the day on Good Friday, March 24. A "Tenebrae Service" will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 26, will be celebrated with festival services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The services will be led by Rev. Warren Winterhoff and Rev. David Nuss. Nursery service is available.

Lions sponsor pancake breakfast

The Bethlehem Lions Club will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere.

Admission will be \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for seniors over 62 and \$2.50 for children under 12. Preschool children will be admitted free.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the club's community service projects, such as sight and hearing conservation, and senior citizens and youth activities.

For information call 439-0669.

BOU sponsors senior night

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will sponsor senior night at Bethlehem Central High School on Friday, March 10, from 8 to 11 p.m.

The school pool will be open. Games and activities will be organized. For information call 439-4921.

Senior Citizens



Registration is now open for the April classes of the 55 Alive Driving Course, sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The courses will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4 and 5. Two sessions will be offered, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and from 1 until 5 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

The course is open to any person 50 years or older. Individuals who complete the course will be entitled to a 10 percent discount on automobile liability and collision insurance.

To register for \$10 call Joyce Becker in the Senior Services Office at 439-4955, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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Audubon meeting set

The Capital Region Audubon Society will hold a meeting at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Thursday, March 9, at 8 p.m.

For information call 453-1805.



Megan Douglas Preston

Preston-Vail

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Preston of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Douglas, to Peter C. Vail of Malden Bridge, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and the State University College at Oswego.

Her fiancé is graduate of Ichabod Crane High School and Cornell University. He is employed by Carolina Eastern Vail of Salem, N.Y.

A July wedding is planned.



Community Corner

Wooster Chorus in Delmar

The Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will host the Wooster Chorus, the touring choir of the College of Wooster of Ohio, on Monday, March 13, at 8 p.m.

The chorus is directed by John M. Russell and is composed of 56 students. The vocalists will present Renaissance anthems and motets by Thomas Weelkes, William Byrd and Volkmars Leisring.

The program will surely close the day on a bright note. All are welcome.

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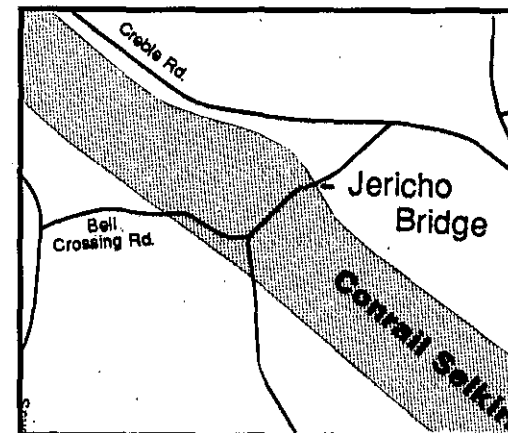
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