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## Barr to leave planning board chair

By Mel Hyman

After five years of marathon meetings, raucous neighbors and occasional lawsuits, planning board Chairman Martin Barr is calling it a day.

Barr's term comes to an end on Dec. 31 and he does not plan to stay on the job. He was appointed to the \$8,500-per-year job in December 1989 by former Supervisor Kenneth Ringle.

Barr's tenure as chairman was marked by the continued development pressures in the town of Bethlehem in both the commercial and residential sectors.

Besides his responsibilities as board chairman, he was a member of the Land Use Management Advisory Committee,

which spent myriad hours hammering out a master plan for the town. The final version of the master plan is now being

Staying on the board would have meant being appointed to a new seven-year term as chairman, Barr said.

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Martin Barr



"It was not a commitment I was willing to make," he said. "It's a job that begins to wear on you a bit, and I wasn't interested in making a second career of it."

Barr, 66, retired as counsel to the New York State Public Employment Relations Board shortly before accepting the planning board post. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and also served as an assistant counsel to the state Public Service Commission.

Completion of the LUMAC report was a major accomplishment, Barr said, that will "help assure balanced growth" in the town.

"You can't put a moat around the town and say that no one else can come in." At the same time, he said, no one wants a development stampede that diminishes the quality of life for those who live here now.

A major concern of neighborhood groups over the past few years has been the steady increase in traffic in areas of Delmar, Slingerlands and Glenmont. In many cases, Barr said, residents' concerns were a "bit exaggerated."

"We spent a tremendous amount of time considering the traffic impact from Boston Chicken," he said, referring to the recently opened eatery at the intersection of Elsmere and Delaware avenues. "The

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## Motorists ignoring crosswalk

By Mel Hyman

Maybe some publicity would help.

That's the only recourse Bethlehem police believe they have as far as forcing motorists to heed the pedestrian crosswalk in front of the Delmar Post Office on Delaware Avenue.

It's been an ongoing problem since the crosswalk was created about five years ago, according to police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt. "When we station a car there, we get compliance. Otherwise, people just ignore it."

It's state law that if someone has entered a pedestrian crosswalk a motorist must stop. But it doesn't work that way in Delmar, Vanderbilt said.

The responsibility is not entirely on the motorist, however. Post Office customers routinely cross Delaware Avenue at the most convenient spot, he explained, and ignore the fact that there's a pedestrian crosswalk just a few feet away.

"We're hoping that if we can get the word out in the paper, then people will become aware of it," Vanderbilt said. Plus there's the definite possibility of receiving a ticket if you park your car on the crosswalk or fail to

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## State wants Haswell Farm put on historic register

By Mel Hyman

The grandfather clock in the parlor of Ruth Haswell Hale's farmhouse came over from England in 1774. It still works.

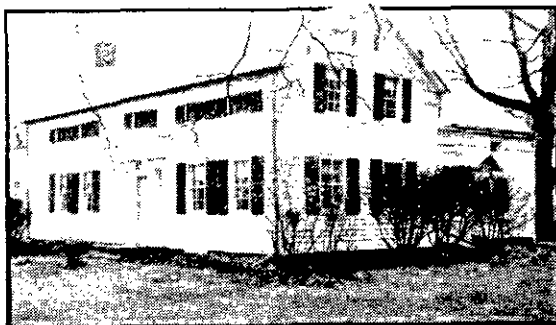
There are lots of fascinating things about the 1820 Haswell farmhouse. So fascinating, in fact, that a state agency has embroiled it in a controversy that has nothing to do with Mrs. Hale or her son Richard.

They're merely the sole survivors of one of the oldest farming families in Albany County and, while the farm has been defunct for many years, the state Office of Historical Preservation considers the house eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Developer Jerry Rosen of RSR Associates is not too thrilled about the state



Ruth Haswell Hale, above, reflects on the past. Her 1820 farmhouse, left, has suddenly become embroiled in controversy.



agency's concern, because it's delaying his plan to build 190 single-family homes off Feura Bush Road on 152 acres that in large part used to be Haswell farmland.

The main sticking point is the preservation office's wish to have the main ingress and egress to the development (called Haswell Farms) moved about 300 feet from the farmhouse so as not to disturb the rural ambiance around the structure.

Rosen originally proposed to the Beth-

lehem planning board that the main entrance to his project be aligned with Murray Avenue, which comes to a "T" intersection with Feura Bush Road less than 100 feet from the farmhouse.

Hasgate Road would extend beyond the farmhouse, which is right on Feura Bush, down into the open fields that used to host cows, horses, pigs, hogs and chickens — and just about every vegetable they used to eat in the late 1880s.

The rent charged to John Haswell I by

□ HASWELL/page 28

## V'ville to consider first group home for adults

By Dev Tobin

For more than 20 years, mentally retarded adults have been moving out of institutions and into group homes, gaining the benefits of community life at a reduced cost to taxpayers, according to Ed Lukomski, executive director of the Albany County Association of Retarded Citizens.

While group homes have been established all around Voorheesville, the one proposed by ARC at 214 Deerfield Court in Salem Hills will be the village's, and the town of New Scotland's, first, Lukomski said.

Lukomski (a former Salem Hills resident) and Mayor Edward Clark will answer area residents' questions about the proposal tonight, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in the

Voorheesville firehouse on Altamont Road.

"We want to make sure residents are well-informed and have an opportunity to ask questions" about the proposed group home, Clark said.



Clark

The Deerfield Court house is slated to be home to four mentally retarded adults, three of whom have been living in one of ARC's "training apartments" in Glenmont, Lukomski said. The four will attend a day program at the ARC facility in North Bethlehem, then return home, where they will be supervised by two ARC employees in the evening

and by one overnight.

ARC has an option to buy the Deerfield Courthouse for about \$120,000. Lukomski

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# Seat belts spare drivers in accident caused by deer

By Mel Hyman

Seat belts are being credited with saving two lives and minimizing injuries in a two-car collision last week on Route 144 that was caused by a deer that ran out into the roadway.

Deer-vehicle accidents are not infrequent this time of year, and Bethlehem has been hit with a rash of them lately. In the latest incident, a car driven by Sandra Sanderson, 31, of Route 143, Ravena, was struck by a deer at about 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, on River Road (Route 144) in the vicinity of Three Farms Dairy, police said.

The accident caused Sanderson, who was traveling northbound at the time, to swerve into the southbound lane and strike a vehicle operated by Paern Boonjamalik, 55, of 311 Kneeland Ave., Yonkers.

As a result of the impact, Boonjamalik's vehicle went off the road, rolled down an embankment and landed on its roof. She was found still secured in her vehicle, hanging upside down by her seat belt.

She was extricated by members of the Selkirk Fire Department and transported to St. Peter's Hospital where she was treated and released.



One of the demolished vehicles involved in an accident caused by a deer running across Route 144 rests in a ditch. Safety belts were credited with saving the life of both drivers.

Doug Persons

Given that both cars were traveling about 55 to 60 mph, it's amazing that the injuries were not more serious, said Bethlehem Police Officer Jeffrey Vunck, who investigated the accident.

"The impact was tremendous," he said. "Both cars were demolished."

Both lanes of traffic on Route 144 between Wemple and Clapper roads were blocked for about an hour.

As the weather turns cooler, chances of being involved in a car-deer accident increase, according to Police Lt. Frederick Holligan. "This time of year the deer start moving because hunters are in the woods and they're foraging for food," Holligan said. "It's also mating season for them, which gets them stirred up."

Motorists should be on the alert at all times of the day and night, he continued. "We've had serious personal injury accidents in all

parts of town, even on Delaware Avenue in the middle of Delmar."

Particular attention should be paid to more isolated areas, however, such as Route 144, Wemple Road and Blessing Road, Vunck said.

The town has been very active in trying to enforce the seat belt law, Vunck said. It this case, it came in handy.

## V'ville library plans upcoming programs

The Voorheesville Public Library at 51 School Road in Voorheesville will host several programs this week.

A writing workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. A job counseling workshop will run from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28. "Nimblefingers" will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m. A CD Rom training session has been slated for Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m.

An appointment is needed for the job counseling workshop. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

## Local Scouts pitch in with area food drive

The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers of the Twin Rivers Council are conducting their annual November food drive.

Scouts will be leaving plastic bags on doorsteps. To make a donation, residents should place non-perishable items inside the bag and set it at a visible location outside the house for retrieval by the Scouts from 9 a.m. to noon.

All collected items will be distributed to local food pantries. For information, contact the Twin Rivers Council at 869-6436.

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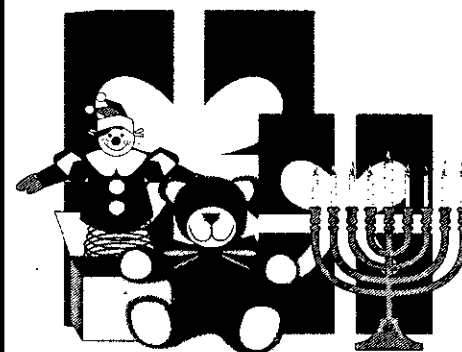
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# Local residents begin regionalization effort

By Dev Tobin

Can local government costless, yet be just as effective in providing services, if certain services are "regionalized" instead of performed by each individual municipality?

The implied answer to such a question is "Yes," but the devil is in the details, as a new blue-ribbon regionalization commission is sure to find out.



Whalen

The State Commission of the Capital Region's 17 members met for the first time last week, for what member Karen Bonventre of Delmar called a pep talk by former Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III, director of the Key Bank Center for Regional Studies at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

"It wasn't even our first official meeting," said Bonventre, chairwoman of the county League of Women Voters Regionalization Committee. She was appointed to the state commission by Albany County Executive Michael Hoblock.

The commission's 17 members were elected or appointed by various constituencies in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties. Over the next 18 months, the commission will study, then recommend and urge implementation of, ways to eliminate wasteful duplication of services.

The commission will meet in the second week of December, and plans on holding a public hearing in February to help set its agenda, Bonventre said.

Whalen, who now lives in Feura Bush, said that the commission will hold six public hearings, two in each county.

The commission formally begins its work Jan. 1, and has a \$300,000 state appropriation to pay for staff and other costs, Whalen noted.

The feedback from last week's meeting "is really good. People seem excited at a real opportunity

to do something that's meaningful," Whalen said.

The change in state administrations should not affect the commission, which had strong bipartisan support in the state legislature, he noted.

"Creating efficiency in government resonates in the Republican Party," Whalen said. The 1994 election results show that voters "want government to get its act together," he added.

The smallest municipalities — villages — elected Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark to represent them on the commission.

The commission will look at "ways of finding economies of scale by providing services cooperatively rather than everybody going it alone," Clark said.

With state, county, town and village highway garages in or near Voorheesville, Clark identified sharing highway department equipment as one area the commission will investigate.

"You can't buy half a truck, so sharing equipment with other departments will allow everyone to get better use of the equipment they have," said Clark, noting that the village "regularly shares equipment with New Scotland on an informal basis."

Other potential savings include having "smaller units piggyback on contracts and on work schedules," Clark added.

The smaller the municipality, the more it can benefit from the potential savings due to regionalization, Clark noted. "Villages can profit the most from economies of scale."

Another area that Clark would like to see the commission address is water.

"I've always been an advocate of regional water — it's the obvious thing to do," he said.

The village is currently investigating drilling a third well, while less than a mile from its borders, New Scotland is also drilling a new production well for the Orchard Park Water District after homeowners there were unsuccessful in getting water from Voorheesville.

"And Guelderland has a system within a mile of our new well," Clark said.

Water systems should be interconnected primarily to provide emergency back-up, argued Clark, adding that the village's proposed new third well is designed as a back-up well.

"I think eventually all these systems will be hooked together," Clark said.

The commission will also have to tread carefully on the prerogatives of local government, Clark said. "Villages are concerned that their unique status as small communities should not be threatened by regionalization."

Another local commission member, Charlotte Buchanan of Glenmont, was out of town and unavailable for comment.

## Pen pal powwow



Pilgrims from Sheryl Ricciardelli's first-grade class at Glenmont Elementary School Andrew McCurdy (center) and Mark Zimmer (right) host Indian Tony Murro from Red Mill School in East Greenbush at a Thanksgiving party. The Glenmont and Red Mill first-graders are pen pals.

## Portfolio approach outlined for BC board

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central students will have more to remember school by, while at the same time learning more and better, as a new portfolio system of assessment is introduced.

Three middle school teachers — Mary Agars, Johanna Shogan and Gail Sobolewski — reported to the school board on their work with the New Standards Project, which stresses portfolios as a complement to traditional "paper-and-pencil tests."

That portfolios may become part of the statewide educational landscape was suggested by the fact the state Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol is chairman of the board of the New Standards Project, Sobolewski said.

Portfolios are a kind of scrapbook of the year's work, showing progress in specific areas that needed to be worked on, Shogan said.

"In English, portfolios help students reflect on and become responsible for their learning," Shogan added. "They learn that the first draft is not good enough."

Students write, and then analyze their writings in a wide variety of forms besides the standard book report, Shogan said.

Students learn to recognize "benchmarks," where their writing has noticeably improved, she added.

"Many students who don't see themselves as poets now want to write poetry," Shogan said.

Portfolios are not just for English. Math portfolios, for example, lead to a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, said Sobolewski, a math teacher.

"The biggest difference in math is that students don't have to just solve a problem; they have to explain what they're doing and why they're doing it," explained Sobolewski. "They become more demanding of themselves and others."

Board members responded positively to the portfolio project.

"Helping kids take a critical look at themselves developmentally is really exciting," said Happy Scherer.

"I'm thrilled with the enthusiasm teachers have for this," added Dennis Stevens.

In other business, the board approved a new seventh-eighth-grade basketball team for girls.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said that funding for the program will come from a grant, fees from a girls basketball clinic held by varsity coach Kim Zornow and savings achieved by hiring junior coaches to replace retired coaches.

"At budget time, we'll have to

figure out long-term funding for the program," he said. "That will be the board's judgment to make."

Also, Loomis reported that a review of case law and state education policies by the school district's attorney Roger Fritts showed that the district's prohibition on fraternity and sorority activities on campus is legal and enforceable.

"There is no question that fraternity/sorority activities have been disruptive on occasion," Loomis said.

He cited a report by high school Principal Jon Hunter that listed inappropriate touching, strange dress, and eating food outside the cafeteria as examples of disruptive behavior.

The board voted unanimously to reaffirm the policy prohibiting fraternity/sorority activities on school grounds and/or at school functions.

At the board's next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7, Loomis will present a report on enrollment projections.

## Faso picked for budget task force

Assemblyman John Faso, who fashioned himself a budget expert during a run for state comptroller earlier this year, will get the opportunity to show his stuff.

The Kinderhook Republican (whose district includes Bethlehem) was appointed chairman of an advisory budget and finance task force last week by Governor-elect George Pataki.

Faso and his nine fellow task force members will be charged with finding ways to cap state spending, implement Pataki's income tax cut proposal and identify what steps should be taken to deal with the state's projected budget deficit.

"I've been receiving condolences as well as congratulations," Faso remarked. The task force will also be asked to assist in choosing the next state budget director.

The task force convenes in Albany this week and will report back with recommendations by the beginning of 1995.

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## V'ville trustee to resign

By Dev Tobin

After 10 years as a Voorheesville village trustee, Edward Donohue will resign effective Nov. 30.

Donohue, whose term expires in March, formally told the board at Tuesday's meeting of his intentions.

Donohue was appointed to the board in November 1984, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Larry Dedrick.

Donohue said he was leaving the village board in response to concerns some had about a possible conflict of interest between the trustee post and his position on the New Scotland town board.

"I always thought it was an advantage to see both sides of the street, and that I was helpful in providing input on both boards," he said.

Donohue said he tried to bring "the view of the man on the street, especially on budget matters" to his work on both boards.

Donohue, who at 10 years is the junior member of the village board, called his fellow trustees "a terrific group of people. We had our differences, but we worked them out. We worked together very well."

Donohue, a Democrat, was elected to a two-year term on the New Scotland town board in November 1993, and said he currently plans to run for re-election next year.

His term on the Voorheesville library board of trustees also runs out in 1995, and he will not run for re-election to that post, he said.



Edward Donohue

Village Mayor Edward Clark said the board would consider nominations at Tuesday's meeting, then pick a replacement to serve until village election in March.

Clark said that he would recommend Harvey Huth, chairman of the village planning commission, for the trustee post.

"Harvey is very familiar with what's going on in the village. He's very highly qualified," Clark said.

(Tuesday's village board meeting occurred after *The Spotlight's* deadline. A full report will appear in next week's paper.)

### Good Samaritan to host open house

The Good Samaritan Nursing Home at 125 Rockefeller Road in Delmar will host its annual open house and "An Olde Fashioned Christmas" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.



Jenny Geyer, left, Abby Miner and Hannah Olmstead, from the Delmar Reformed Church, carry food they collected on a scavenger hunt to the Bethlehem Food Pantry at town hall. Theresa Barrowman

### Five Rivers slates workshop on birds

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will run a birds workshop on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants will learn some basic principles of bird identification and the names and behaviors of some common birds.

Participants should dress for the outdoors. Pre-registration is necessary.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

### Mothers' Time Out to meet Monday

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, will meet Monday, Nov. 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meeting will include a craft activity and discussion.

For information, call the church at 439-9929.

## Police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police arrested four people recently on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Edward S. Doherty, 35, of Roberts Hill Road, West Cocksackie, was stopped at 2:22 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, on Route 144, Bethlehem Police said. He was released pending a Dec. 20 appearance in town court.

Anthony E. Ferro, 24, of 11 Oakwood Road, Glenmont, was stopped at 4:12 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, for speeding on Delaware

Avenue, Bethlehem Police said. He was released pending a Dec. 6 appearance in town court.

Jeffrey A. Junco, 33, of 111A Beacon Road, Glenmont, was stopped at 9:26 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, for failing to heed a stop sign at Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, Bethlehem Police said.

He was also charged with speeding and reckless driving, police said. He was released pending a future appearance in town court.

### Conference slated on credit card trends

A video conference on "Putting Consumers in Charge: Credit Education Strategies" will be presented at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The national video conference features Terry Savage, a columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Gerri Detweiler, author of "The Ultimate Credit Handbook," Luther Gatling, director of Budget and Credit Counseling Services

Inc., and David McNally, president of Trans-Form Co.

They will discuss new trends and regulations that affect credit and charge card use.

The registration fee is \$5. For information, call the extension at 765-3500.

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# V'ville OKs school energy audit

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville Central School District school board took the first official step to the closest thing to a free lunch — no-money-down building improvements that will pay for themselves in guaranteed energy savings — by approving an energy audit last week.

The audit is a prerequisite to a performance contract with The Conservation Group and Central Hudson Enterprises for \$1.5 million in energy-related improvements in both district schools.

In a public school setting, a performance contract is a binding agreement between a school district and a contractor to make substantial energy-related improvements which will be completely paid for by state aid and energy conservation savings.

"We guarantee it won't cost the taxpayers anything," said Timothy Brock of The Conservation Group.

The energy audit of both buildings will cost about \$9,000, with

most of that defrayed by a grant from the state Energy Office, said Anthony Marturano, assistant superintendent for business.

If the district decides not to go

**We guarantee it won't cost the taxpayers anything.**

Timothy Brock

ahead with the project, it would be liable to pay the net cost of the energy audit, "several thousand dollars," Marturano said.

In any event, the district would retain the audit, which will identify and prioritize energy conservation improvements, he added.

The Conservation Group's preliminary study identified potential savings in switching to energy-efficient lighting, installing a building management system,

controlling poll humidity, upgrading boilers and replacing roofs, doors and windows.

Marturano said that the audit should be complete by the first of the year, and the board could act on approving the performance contract at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 9.

If approved then, the work would be done over the summer and be complete before school starts in September.

Because there is no net impact on the district's taxpayers, performance contract projects, unlike other capital projects, do not have to be approved by the voters.

In other business, the board also scheduled three special "focus forums" — Technology in the Schools, Dec. 19; High School Core Curriculum, Jan. 23; and Pending Curriculum Changes, Feb. 6.

The forums will be at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room in the high school's music wing.

## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Paperboard (single layer cardboard) will be in abundance during the holiday season.

Most will be found in food preparation and gift exchanges. There will be an opportunity to recycle paperboard boxes from Tuesday, Dec. 27, through Friday, Jan. 13, in a roll-off at the town hall on 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The haulers do not pick it up at the curb.

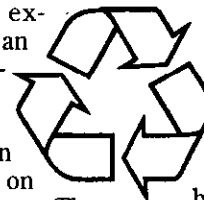
All paperboard boxes must have the contents and wrappings completely removed, and they must be flattened. If the bottom is opened, the box should collapse easily.

Once flattened, boxes can be packed tightly in a paper bag or cardboard box to save space. It takes 50-70 flattened boxes to fill a paper bag. The paper bag or box can be recycled with the paperboard. *No plastic bags are allowed.*

Acceptable items include single layer paperboard such as boxes for cereal, cookie, cracker, shoes, gifts, small appliances, toys, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, cologne, pasta, snack and candy.

A shirt cardboard or note pad backing, toy card and even egg cartons can be included, if free from plastic and egg shells. All

paperboard must be free of food contamination. When possible, remove plastic windows.



Unacceptable boxes include frozen food and refrigerator boxes and cartons. They are unacceptable because they may have plastic coatings and not the clay based shiny surface that cracker, cookie and cereal boxes have.

The paperboard collection in October netted 1,050 pounds for recycling.

As with all recycling programs, the more the word gets out, the greater the increase in the recycling totals. Don't forget all those gift boxes during the holidays, unless you need them for a return or reuse.

The clothing and textile recycling program will end on Monday, Nov. 28.

Clean and dry textiles should be packed in special bags that are available at town hall, town park and the highway department transfer station. The textiles should then be taken to a receptacle at town hall by Nov. 28.

The wearable clothing will be reused as is, and the textiles that can not be reused will be made into rags or fiber for making new materials.

## V'ville choir seek Christmas concert singers

The fifth annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville.

Singers from all area churches

are invited to join the Voorheesville Community Choir for this performance. Practice sessions will begin on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

## Together in song



Peg Dorgan directs an ecumenical choir of singers from Bethlehem churches in a Thanksgiving celebration in song Sunday at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

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# Thanksgiving

Of all our national holidays, Thanksgiving is perhaps the most uniquely American.

## Editorials

Many nations set aside a day to remember their fallen soldiers. Many annually celebrate their working men and women. And Christmas has to one degree or another become a commercial success throughout the Western world.

But in Thanksgiving there is a dual symbolism—that of natural bounty and of sharing—which is typically American. It is a day on which we give thanks for our collective prosperity and for our collective instinct that products of that prosperity must be shared among all our citizens.

In almost every edition of *The Spotlight* readers will find items about one organization or another's effort to help the less fortunate—the addicted, the hungry, the homeless, the disabled, the abused, the retarded, the elderly, neglected children, battered women.

We are a society which notices those among us who have been left out. We are a society which has an impulse to assist. And we are a society which accepts that no matter how often or how much we do share, there will still be a few who are overlooked, omitted or neglected.

That idea of sharing, of "promoting the general welfare," is a core principle, set forth in the Constitution, on which this nation was founded.

We can rightly be thankful that as a people we have kept the idea alive all these years.

# Whither 'teaching'?

In this week's Point of View Dr. John Richman of the Berkshire Union Free School in Canaan lays out the reasons computer technology now centers his school's methods and philosophy of education.

Every school district must decide how to enter the age of computer education.

At Berkshire, computers are both the students' means of access to knowledge and their learning discipline. The teacher no longer is the information provider; he or she is now a facilitator. Administration and staff increasingly commit time and financial resources to accessing remote reservoirs of knowledge. The "information superhighway," not the book, paper, pencil or blackboard, is the student's learning tool and his motivator. Put another way, computer technology at Berkshire has become both the medium and the message.

This revolution will not come easy to public education. Nor will it come cheap. Today's professional educators will need help to redirect learning through an ever-mutating maze of software options and data banks. Today's teachers must begin learning computers and computer usage now if they are to lead in the future's classrooms.

Even then, outsiders will be introduced into the process, as they were at Berkshire. And new issues will complicate financial decisions: Are hardware and software to be bought or leased? Dedicated or remote? Where will technical support come from? How do schools plan for the inevitable obsolescence?

Finally, if Dr. Richman is right and the computer proves a great leveler of IQ and motivational and functional differences among students, learning becomes more subjective and therefore more difficult to quantify. How will the general public view a restructuring of education which makes it harder, not easier, to differentiate progress among students?

All this is not entirely unexpected, of course. Computers now control a good portion of our everyday lives and already are peripheral to instruction in many schools. Yet the change will be disorienting. Kids weaned into the culture of Nintendo should find the transition transparent. But those called on to pay for these all-electronic learning centers may be most skeptical of their promise.

# Wants EPA brought into water controversy

Editor, The Spotlight:

The close victory of Doris Davis over Bill Burkhard does not make Bethlehem's new water supply any better. The water will still be treated leachate from sludge containing human wastes and PCBs lying on the bottom of the Hudson River. The water will be of poor quality compared to the waters used by the residents of Lincoln Nebraska, Green Island and Niskayuna. These are water supplies that are supposed to be comparable to the new supply according to town officials and consultants.

The large amounts of chemicals needed to meet minimum standards will result in adding a combined total of 54 parts per million (ppm) of sodium bicarbonate, sodium chloride and sodium nitrate to the finished water. The use of sodium hydroxide for treatment of industrial cooling water is considered to be much better than the use of calcium hydroxide. However, just the opposite is true for drinking water. The 21 ppm of sodium added will require that people on a severely restricted sodium diet not drink the water.

The proof that the water from the infiltration gallery represents leachate from sludge deposits is contained in a laboratory report sent to John Dunn, P.E., of the NYS Health Department from J. Kenneth Fraser, P.E., on March 2, 1994. The contents of this report were never mentioned at the July 13, 1994 Town Board meeting nor at the meeting of members of Clearwater for Bethlehem with

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Mr. Dunn of the Health Department on September 13, 1994. Sherwood Davies had to obtain the report under the Freedom of Information Act.

Unfortunately the report was not obtained in time to refute the letter from Mr. Dunn to Mr. Secor that was used by the Bethlehem Republican Committee to support a political claim that the water is absolutely safe. The letter from Mr. Dunn shows there is either something drastically wrong with the whole approval process or that the principles of good public health engineering have drastically changed in the past 15 years. Actually I suspect that Mr. Dunn and the consultants got so absorbed in trying to prevent reclassification of the Hudson River from C to A that the data that showed the ground water should be rejected because the ammonia exceeded DEC's standard of 2.0 ppm was completely ignored.

The report shows a total organic carbon (TOC) in treated water of 6.6 to 13 ppm. No TOC test was made on raw water. However, I estimate it was over 18 ppm. This can be compared to New York City's Catskill-Delaware surface water supply that has an average TOC of 2.0 ppm and a range from 1 to 3. The amount of organic carbon in the infiltration gallery water is so high that it should be classified as an extremely poor quality raw water.

The high TOC and the ammonia concentration of 2.66 ppm confirms that the river water is flowing down thru sludge deposits that occur down river from sewage plant discharges.

As former public health engineers both Mr. Davies and I have had extensive experience in the evaluation of all kinds of water. We are unaware of any public health engineer whom we worked with or who preceded us who would have approved a water supply that has 2.66 ppm of ammonia. Further, it is astonishing that permits were issued when the DEC standard of 2.0 ppm is exceeded.

One of the most disturbing things about the data in the report is the 6.6 ppm of TOC remaining in the treated water after an ozone dose and a heavy chlorine dose. The ozone and chlorine byproducts were not evaluated. Therefore, the toxicity of such byproducts are completely unknown. There are slowly decomposing PCBs in the sludges and the decomposition products can be made far more toxic because of oxidation by ozone or chlorine.

Sherwood Davies has written to the Environmental Protection Agency and requested that the town's new water supply be included in the assessment of health effects from PCBs in the Hudson River. I urge the town and the state to support such a request.

William J. Kelleher

Delmar

# 'Tomboys' means tradition and values

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with great interest a letter to the *Spotlight* editor which inquired both about the name of our girls softball league—the Bethlehem Tomboys—and the names of the teams which comprise the League.

Our League began in 1972 for girls ages 10 to 18. Last year, more than 500 girls, ages six to 18, participated in our program. The purpose of our League is to teach girls the fundamentals of the game of softball, how to win and lose, but most of all, to have fun.

Last year some of our membership proposed a change in name for our softball league. Those members decided to poll the membership. The membership voted to retain our existing name by a two to one margin. Our membership viewed the tradition of our league and its values and purpose to be more important than its name.

Our league receives a portion of its financial support from the families that participate but a great deal is also received from our sponsors and advertisers. These

local businesses deserve recognition for their contributions to our program. We try to thank them in a small way by naming our teams in their honor.

The final registration for the 1995 Bethlehem Tomboy softball season will be on Saturday, Jan. 7. I invite all those girls interested in having fun and learning about the game of softball to register at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to noon.

Glenna Grant

President

Bethlehem Tomboys

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Technology works best at core of curriculum

## On-line classrooms open doors for struggling students

A Delmar resident, the writer of this Point of View is Superintendent of Schools in the Berkshire Union Free School District in Columbia County, which was created by the New York State Legislature in 1965 to educate adolescent males from ages 12 to 17 who have been through the court system and previously failed in the public education system.

The design of Berkshire's new building, which opened in 1992, had state-of-the-art computer technology as its centerpiece. With technology at the core of the teaching process, Berkshire insists that all school initiatives, major expenditures and staff development support that priority.

By John A. Richman, Ed.D.

Much has been written over the past 10 years about "culturally deprived," "low achievers," and "at-risk" students.

The problem with such terms is the implication that the problem lies within the student rather than in the school. And yet, for many students, our challenge has been and continues to be the same: How do we motivate, teach and demonstrate the value of education to children who are experiencing educational, behavioral, and/or attitudinal deficits?

One variable with tremendous power available to us is the use of computer technology; technology

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becomes an equalizer for all children because it doesn't distinguish between IQ, gender, race, ethnicity or functioning level.

In the fall of 1992, Berkshire High School established strategic objectives that could only be met with the successful infusion of technology into every discipline and department. Each of our classrooms were installed with four networked student work stations.

Additionally, every teacher received a classroom presentation station consisting of a more powerful computer connected to a 27-inch, wall-mounted television/monitor. The presentation stations are at lectern height because the faculty generally teach while standing or moving about the room. The monitors display information from CD-ROMs, videotapes, laserdiscs or cable TV sources. And, through a program called X-PRESS S-Change, each room can receive more than 200 live international wire services throughout the day or night.

The computers are all networked throughout the school through multiple file servers, CD-ROM servers and CD-ROM drives accessing over 100 software programs and CD ROM titles. Also available are "knowledge system

solution centers" — multimedia hardware and software packages from IBM that are packaged with laser disc players and amplified speakers. The knowledge platforms offer numerous interactive navigational tools so you can research a variety of topics and retrieve not only the text, but also movies, stills, sounds, time lines and views. This type of programming provides a multidimensional, multicultural, and multidisciplinary database that appeals to all children.

Each student is required to complete a 10-week computer literacy course covering such skills as keyboarding, introduction to word processing, spreadsheets, databases, desktop publishing, and creating and presenting video productions.

Students learn how to use the network. Using authoring programs, students produce a variety of multimedia programs individually and in groups using cooperative learning techniques.

One class recently visited a nearby college exhibit on the "Holocaust" and took photos using a Zap-shot camera to use in a video presentation. The students digitized and stored the images, wrote and recorded their own narration, imported music, and presented the program at a school

assembly and at a regional technology conference.

This kind of interaction with information is extremely powerful for kids today. For example, in our 11th grade writing classes,

**Technology becomes an equalizer for all children because it doesn't distinguish between IQ, gender, race, ethnicity or functioning level.**

students use desktop publishing tools to create individual autobiographies — writing text, importing graphics and photographs, sharing on-line with other students, and printing their completed works. While students enjoy writing about themselves, they are learning essay writing skills, creative writing skills, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Located strategically in the center of building, the library/media center is also fully integrated into the network allowing students the ability to access the card catalog and an extensive CD-ROM collection from any classroom. Research can be conducted from anywhere within the building and is not confined to the media center.

Berkshire relies on a combination of individual attention, small classes and heavy use of technol-

ogy to capture the student's attention.

It seems to be working. In 1992, the state Department of Education designated Berkshire a "Best Practices" school for our instruction and program planning with at-risk students. And last year, the U.S. Department of Education named Berkshire High School a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

One final note. It isn't just the quality or the quantity of technology that sets Berkshire High apart, but where we place the importance of technology in our program.

Technology is not just an add-on, it's the foundation; nor is it an event, but a process. As a result, when we began budgeting for our new high school, the costs related to the system were fully integrated into the capital construction project.

And, when we now purchase teaching materials, they must be directly linked to the support of the technology system. We were also able to secure additional support from local, state and national business partners.

In sum, for technology to really change the way we teach and children learn, it has to be "the" priority or it will never become part of your culture — part of the way that you do things.



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## 'Thanks' for song and service

Editor, The Spotlight:

Although hopefully our acknowledgement of gratitude is not limited to just one day a year, we are grateful that the Thanksgiving holiday became the impetus for Thanksgiving in Song, an extraordinary evening presented by the Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association to benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry and the Interfaith Partnership for Homeless.

Choirs and musical instrument ensembles from eight area churches led an audience of many faiths with hymns, prayers and scripture readings. The united voice from this 100-member choir exhilarated all of us and surely made even the angels sing in this prelude to the holiday season.

We are thankful to the directors of the choirs, the pastors of the churches and the efforts of the approximately 150 persons who contributed to this special evening including the graceful signing of one munificent resident who speaks so beautifully in so many ways to those with or without a hearing impairment.

When the Rev. James D. Daley of the host church, St. Thomas the Apostle, led the closing prayer, his voice reflected the reaction to us all: we were touched by music unquestionably enriched by a United Spirit.

The concert capped a full day of efforts by many of us in another of Bethlehem's community efforts: the Community Partnership. This coalition of concerned individuals

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formed by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Bethlehem Networks Project includes parents, representatives from our schools, businesses and other interested persons who work together to guide our children through the maze of today's challenges with clear vision and attainable goals.

A big thanks to the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, The tireless efforts of Holly Billings, the superb direction of Mona Prenoveau and many others who made this day possible.

So much can be accomplished when our community works together. This day was proof positive. Happy Thanksgiving, Bethlehem.

Lorraine C. Smith

Delmar

## Thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thanks to to each of you—all the election workers—for your hard work and perseverance during the conduct of the General Election. I realize it was a very long day and appreciate all of your help. May each of you have happy, healthy holidays. Checks will be in the mail soon. Thanks again.

Kathy Newkirk

Town Clerk

## Editorial was 'hogwash,' news coverage 'puff'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a registered Independent who would like to take exception to three aspects of your recent election coverage.

On the front page of the Nov. 2 issue of *The Spotlight* you headlined a Doris Davis puff piece "Incumbent 'In Tune' With Town." In the first sentence we learn that she "wants to maintain the quality of life in Bethlehem." Employing the subjective and unattributed "in tune" in such a headline is highly questionable, and should be reserved for an editorial page endorsement.

Davis is clearly out of tune with the majority of the town's citizens on the water issue, regardless of how and why they came to that opinion. We'll never know the exact percentage of this discord, as the Town Board has blocked and *The Spotlight* has ridiculed any attempts at a public referendum on this most crucial issue.

Secondly, you seem to support the Town Board theory that Clearwater for Bethlehem alone has spread scare tactic, misconceptions and mistruths throughout the town. In the post election Nov. 16 issue of *The Spotlight* recap, you write that "Clearwater for

Bethlehem began as a grassroots movement ... but the group became increasingly political as the year wore on." I would say that they were political from the beginning, as the personal is the political.

If the Republican candidate was against the Hudson River aquifer and Bill Burkhard was for it, Clearwater would have supported Davis instead. If Davis had voted against the Board's water plan even once in her nearly 500 consecutive "independent" consenting votes, she wouldn't have been her party's nominee to begin with. If anyone working for the consulting, designing, construction, and industrial firms that are profiting from this multi-million dollar chemical experiment wrote a damaging letter of concern to your paper, which has a generally excellent record for printing dissenting readership viewpoints, they would be terminated faster than you can say PCB.

Thirdly, your Nov. 16 editorial, "Go With The Facts," contains two specious arguments. "It is irrational to believe they would willingly Jonestown the entire community, including their own children, just to avoid acknowledging

a mistake in judgment." Hogwash! Recent history is replete with examples of delayed reaction to Jonestown, from asbestos to incinerators to second-hand cigarette smoke.

Many of the people who sped this through don't even have growing children. And those that do will see them escape before the filtration system gets clogged to the point of rising toxicity and expensive repairs. Their grandchildren will drink bottled water. You conclude with, "logic and scientific opinion argue that when Bethlehem's water is drawn from the Hudson aquifer it will be of good quality and therefore safe." In my opinion, "logic" indicates that the Board acted hastily, and at this point they should swallow their pride and be very thankful for the compromise plan of providing this new water source to the industrial users while maintaining proven Alcove Reservoir water for residential use.

And "scientific opinion" is by definition both divided and transitory, as healthy Town Boards should be.

Shawn Purcell

Delmar

## Painters perfect while painting the PIT

Editor, The Spotlight:

Wednesday, Nov. 16, thirteen enthusiastic members of the Middle School Leadership Club repainted the graffiti wall of the PIT.

Since there were already 50 students in the PIT, playing pool, listening to music, playing ping

pong, hanging out in the snack bar, I must admit I had some misgiving about the addition of ample supplies of paint. My worries were all unfounded. The Leadership Club students, ably led by Lisa Wood and Linda Sobolewski, were wonderful. Cooperative, helpful, enthusiastic and responsible, they worked well.

Thanks also to Katie Strait, Nicole Priviters, Caitlyn Crowley, Claire Bandel, Tara Gerber, Stephanie Breen, Laura Ricciardelli, Sarah Hines, Amanda Root, Lisa Ricciardelli, Liz Spiller, Lindsay Holley, and Jeff Krenn.

Holly Billings

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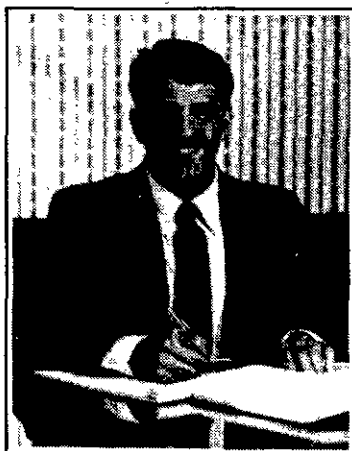
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# Sign up to march in parade

Mark your calendars now for Friday, Dec. 2. This year's Ravana holiday parade will leave at approximately 6:30 p.m. from the Coeymans Landing Gazebo en route to the Village of Ravana for a 7 p.m. tree-lighting ceremony and caroling with music.

Everyone is then invited to the Ravana Firehouse for refreshments and a visit with Santa. Organizations, clubs or musical groups are invited to participate in the parade.

Call the village office at 756-8933 by Monday, Nov. 28, if your group wants to participate.

## Driving course set at Ravana Grange

A defensive driving course will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday, on Dec. 7, and 8, at the Ravana Grange Hall in Coeymans Hollow.

Class will be from 7 to 10 p.m. both nights. For information, call Bob Payne at 756-6551.

## Elks planning party for kids

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge in Cedar Hill sponsors a children's Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m.

The party is open to children through 12 years of age. Children who want to attend must sign up by Sunday, Dec. 11. There is a sign-up sheet at the lodge.

For information, call Robert Hausmann at 767-2886.

## Rev's Tours taking T'day dinner trip

Rev's Tours of South Bethlehem is again planning a special Thanksgiving Day dinner trip to the Williams Inn in Williamstown, Mass.

Buses are leaving Thursday, Nov. 24, at 1:30 p.m. with dinner at 3 p.m. The cost of the trip will include deluxe coach transportation and buffet dinner at the inn.

For information about cost and reservation, call 767-2281 or 767-9953.

## Art association works on display at library

The Bethlehem Art Association is holding its annual November art show through Nov. 30 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

For information, contact Jean Eaton at 765-9341.

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## Seniors schedule party

The Sunshine Senior Citizens annual Christmas party will be at the United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue in South Bethlehem on Monday, Dec. 12.

Festivities will start at noon. Punch will be served followed by dinner and program. There will be a drawing for door prizes.

The menu will consist of fresh baked turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, gravy, juice, coffee, tea and cake.

Reservations must be made and paid for by Thursday, Dec. 1. For information, call 439-1541, 767-2371 or 767-2484.

## Annual silver tea slated Dec. 4

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association, at Clapper Road and Route 144 is planning a Silver Tea on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.

This event is open to the public. For information call 439-8338.

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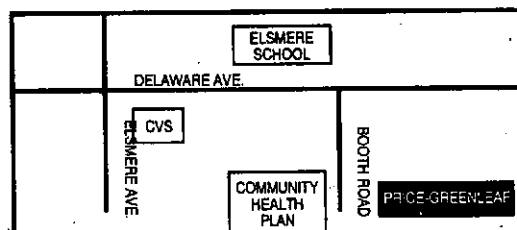
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# BCMS leadership group taking charge of change

By Susan Graves

Students in the Leadership Club at the middle school have taken the ball and are running with it.

In the early fall, 27 of the 48 club members attended a leadership training conference at Silver Bay, which generated a lot of enthusiasm in their ranks. Two middle school teachers, Lisa Wood and Linda Kowalewski who attended the conference said the students worked hard and came back to BCMS with a host of ideas as to how to improve the atmos-

phere at school.

She said the group recently met with the head custodian Frank Daley and discussed ideas about how to improve the cafeteria setting. "The culmination of the weekend were our action plans to improve the environment at the middle school," Kowalewski said. Wood said the students had really done their homework before meeting with Daley.

"The made phone calls to businesses. ... They've gone from A to Z," as far as presenting their case,



From left, middle school student Alex Poole, teacher Lisa Wood, and students Jeannine Tobin and Liz Capiello enjoy a light moment at the fall leadership training conference at Silver Bay.

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she said. Some of the things the students want are plants, murals and piped in music.

The leadership group has gotten a positive response from the new administration, said Wood.

Principal Steve Lobban, for one, couldn't be happier. He is delighted with the group's performance. "It's a tremendous group" who are interested in investing themselves in improving the school, he said. "It's extraordinary what they can do," said Lobban when they are empowered to make decisions and feel a sense of ownership toward the school.

Mona Prenoveau, Bethlehem Networks Coordinator who organized the first club conference last year and attended this year's, said the club is a wonderful opportunity for the students. "You find out that some kids who are not necessarily good at school are very good at life (skills)," she said.

And an added plus is being in an informal setting with teachers. "It helps build credibility," in that the students learn the teachers really become a part of their team.

Through the experience, the students have gone on "to build other connections" both in the school community and the community at large, Kowalewski said.

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# Sports

## Soccer dinner fetes six girls

By Janice Gallagher

An all-round successful soccer season came to an official close last Friday night at the Bethlehem girls soccer banquet and awards ceremony.

The girls varsity team finished at 10-6-2 and hosted the first home sectional game ever for the girls soccer program at Bethlehem.

Six awards were given out at the banquet, including one for most valuable player that went to senior Karen Gisotti.

"The whole team had an amazing season," Gisotti said, "and I will miss it next year because of the people I played soccer with this year and in the past."

Gisotti, who made first all-star sectional team last year and the second team this year, plans to play soccer in college. She is looking at Division I and III colleges such as Siena, Nazareth, Loyola, LaFayette, and Hobart and William Smith.

A new award was given by the Bethlehem Soccer Booster Club this year called "The Spirit of the Eagle." It recognizes a senior who exemplifies leadership, sportsmanship, and character. Senior Janni Plattner was this year's recipient.

Plattner, having played soccer for only four years and varsity for two, is considering Northwestern, the University of Michigan, Boston College and the University of Pennsylvania.

Other awards included Best Offensive Player, which went to senior Jessica Romano; Best Defensive Player, which sophomores Heather Mann and Leah Gisotti split; the "Total Soccer" award, which eighth-grader Melissa Kanuk received; Rookie of the Year, which went to sophomore Lisa Engelstein, and the Outstanding Senior award to Janice Gallagher.

The Eagles will lose six seniors next year (Stacey Bylsma, Colleen Doody, Gallagher, Karen Gisotti, Plattner and Romano), but the team is likely to stay strong if the junior varsity team is any indication.

The JV team was 17-1 and won the Suburban Council Championship title. Among the top JV players are most valuable player freshman Addie Blabey, and Most Valuable Offensive Player Kerry VanRiper, with 20 goals in the season.

## BC hoop squads ready for '94-95

The schedule for BC girls basketball:

- Friday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. Holy Names vs. BC
- Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Amsterdam vs. BC
- Friday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Catholic Central vs. BC
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. BC at Shenendehowa
- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Burnt Hills at BC
- Friday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. Saratoga at BC
- Wednesday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. BC at Niskayuna
- Friday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. BC at Mohonasen
- Wednesday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Columbia at BC
- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m. BC at Colonie
- Friday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. Scotia at BC
- Friday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. BC at Burnt Hills
- Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. BC at Shaker
- Friday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Niskayuna at BC
- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Mohonasen at BC
- Saturday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m. BC at Guilderland
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Shenendehowa at BC
- Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. BC at Columbia

Boys basketball:

- Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, 7 p.m. Colonie Tip-Off
- Friday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Scotia at BC
- Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. BC at Burnt Hills
- Friday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. BC at Saratoga
- Tuesday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m. Niskayuna at BC
- Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 27-28, 8 p.m. tourney at BC
- Friday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Mohonasen at BC
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m. BC at Columbia
- Tuesday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Colonie at BC
- Friday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. BC at Scotia
- Saturday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. BC at Colonie
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Burnt Hills at BC
- Tuesday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Shaker at BC
- Friday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. BC at Niskayuna
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. BC at Mohonasen
- Friday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Guilderland at BC
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. BC at Shenendehowa
- Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. Columbia at BC

## A real predicament



BC varsity wrestlers Matt Carotenuto (bottom) and Flynn Heiss mix it up during a preseason practice.

Brian Berry

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# Pop Warner coaches see a bright future in store

By James A. Williams

The Bethlehem Pop Warner football season drew to a close on Sunday, Nov 13 with a look to the future and a feeling of optimism for the program.

This season was regarded by some as disappointing because only one of the four teams managed a .500 won-lost record. On the other hand, many of the teams had relatively inexperienced players who faced Capital Region teams with more experienced players from well-established programs.

At the same time, Bethlehem had a smaller-than-expected turnout this fall (only about 170 players), meaning that each team had much less bench strength to draw from than other teams they faced.

But nevertheless, the kids played with fervor and good heart and gave the Bethlehem Pop Warner organization a good player foundation for next season.

## JR. PEE WEES-CONDORS

Although the Junior Pee Wees (ages 9-11, weighing less than 90 pounds) had a 2-6 record, the 18-player squad had plenty of exciting moments.

Led by quarterback Kevin Neubauer, they won their season-opener on the road at Ballston Spa, 12-6, on the strength of fine running by Joshua Goldberg and Zachary Brandow.

Excellent line play by Nathan Panucci, Jason Gerasia, Jeffery Beach, Kevin Manilenko, Donald

Ballard, Jeremy Trotta and Josh Class helped move the opponents back and open holes for the ball carriers.

Five weeks later, the Junior Pee Wee Condors took an 8-6 decision from visiting Burnt Hills.

As they had done all season, strong defensive performances were turned in by Sean Singleton, Eric Minnear, Tom Francovic, Brian Danchetz, Andrew Fisher, Matthew Lewis and Anthony Livieri.

The Condors' most exciting regular season game was a 24-22 loss to undefeated Watervliet in which quarterback Ryan Williams pitched a 25-yard touchdown pass to Brandow. The Condors held the lead until the last 1:25 of the game.

The final game, a post-season contest against South Colonie in West Albany's pocket park, produced a tremendous upset victory for the Condors. On the strength of 45-yard run by Brandow and an intercepted pass for a touchdown by Goldberg, the Condors won 14-6.

Until then, the Bethlehem Jr. Pee Wees had not defeated a South Colonie team since 1985.

Also playing on the team for the post-season game were Mark Bulger, Brian Guertze and Dan Kohler from the Pee Wee team. They were permitted to play on the Condor team because they met both the age and weight requirements.

## PEE WEES-FALCONS

"This group will vie for championship honors in next year's campaign," said Falcons head coach Mitch Griffin.

This was a building period for the Falcons who closed the season with a 4-4 record. But in the process, excellent performances were turned in by quarterback Mark Bulger, running the squad out of the Power I formation.

For the year, he connected with his favorite receivers Paul Wolfert, Aaron Griffin and tailback Tyler Crosier for 12 touchdown passes.

The Falcons' running game got added punch from the efforts of Crosier, Dan Kohler, Matt Sergeant and Dan Hazen.

Up front, pathways for the runners were cleared by Dave Sergeant, Paul Roberts, Jake Day, John Mooney, Joe Emma, Jeff Daniels and Brian Andersson.

Tough, hard-nosed defensive play was the key to several of the Falcons' victories this season. Smart, heads-up play and hard-hitting tackling by Mason Jones, Mark Bulger and Zach McDaniels gave opponents plenty of second thoughts.

Rugged line play by Justin Winne, Pat Thomas and Brian Guertze shut down numerous run attempts by opponents, and accounted for several quarterback sacks.

The Falcon effort was also bolstered by Ryan Connors, Ross Simmard, Jim Wheeler and Pat MacDonald.

Mark Bulger from his outside linebacker position snagged seven pass interceptions.

Touchdowns were scored by Crosier (seven), Bulger (three), Aaron Griffin (two), Paul Wolfert (two), Geurtze, Kohler and McDaniels (one each).

## JUNIOR MIDGETS-HAWKS

Words like "lotta heart," "gutsy," and a "super-spirited bunch," punctuated coach Pat Franklin's description of the 20 players (ages 10-12, weighing 90-120 pounds) that comprised the junior midget Hawks.

Those attributes were required because the team had a less than satisfying season this fall, posting a 1-7 record.

The Hawks suffered from a lack of experience combined with a schedule that matched them against teams of much greater experience and program depth.

Two of the Hawks' opponents, Colonie and Watervliet, are Pop Warner Super Bowl contenders.

Nevertheless, Franklin said the kids "kept coming to practice every night, so I can't call that a losing situation."

The coach lauded the efforts of Summet Gupta, recently from India, on his desire and ability to learn the game. He became a starter later in the season. He also had praise for wideout Matt Elfeldt who also learned the game this fall for the first time.

The Hawks offense was led by quarterback Bobby Hazen and featured fullback Peter Hempstead and tailback Evan McQuaid. The line consisted of Dan Santola, Matt Grenier, Tom Pludzynski, Joe Donnelly, Mike Conway, Tom Regle, Gupta and Elfeldt.

On defense the workhorses on the line were Josh Smith, Jonathan Santola, Janson Fros and Jason Brown. Backing them up in the secondary were Billy Noonan, Pat Hoakamp, Mike Mooney, Paul Roberts and Dennis Clark.

The Hawks "learned a lot and never gave up on themselves," Franklin said, adding "They're

going to be a lot better next year."

## MIDGETS-EAGLES

Some of these older players will move up to Bethlehem Central's freshman and junior varsity programs next year. But the younger players who will return to Pop Warner program next fall will have the benefit of this year's experience on which to build for next season.

While posting a 2-7 record this season the players were always hustling and never gave up. Opponents had no easy games.

## Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Oct. 23 at Del Lanes in Delmar:

Senior Circuit Men: Harold Eck 231 and 836 four games; Harold Singer 222; Steve Walley 541 triple.

Senior Circuit Women: Doris Aupperle 188 and 502 triple; Mary Germano 181; Harriet Klotz 460 triple.

Men: Marv Sontz 300 and 983 four games; Paul Germain 288; Mickey Grady 746 triple.

Women: Kim Bates 245 and 593 triple; Judy Carkner 243; Heather Selig 783 four games.

Adult-Junior Men: Gordon Martin 236 and 565 triple.

Adult-Junior Women: Susan Kondrat 208.

Boys: Steven Leno 162; Travis Davey 206 and 537 triple.

Girls: Kelly Yates 168; Laurie Kondrat 141.

Junior Classic: Jeff Dievendorf 244 and 863 four games; Kevin Fournier 247; Marcus White 223 and 783 four games; Andrea Kachidurian 225 and 733 four games.

## Babe Ruth signups

The Bethlehem Babe Ruth will offer signups on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

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## Barr

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figures tell you there's an awful lot of traffic going through that intersection but thankfully, after having put in some changes to the traffic flow pattern (for the restaurant), it looks as though there's not going to be the problem that some people feared."

In terms of the future, Barr said the town could benefit from more public park space, creation of a community center and installation of bike paths around the town.

A resident of Delmar since 1960, Barr served as chief spokesman for the Delaware Avenue Improvement Association during the 1960s and '70s.

## Group

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added that because of the strict state requirements for group homes, the homes usually become "standouts on the block."

In response to two concerns commonly raised by neighbors of proposed group homes, Lukomski emphasized that "study after study" has shown that group homes do not negatively affect surrounding property values, and that residents will be supervised 24 hours a day.

"The opposition often comes from fear of the unknown, from people who have no familiarity with the mentally retarded and confuse them with the psychiatric population," Lukomski said.

As time goes by and people interact with their mentally retarded neighbors, community residents will come to lose their fear of the unknown, he added.

While opposition to group homes is often intense, Lukomski said that, under state law, municipalities can stop such a project by proving that the area is already saturated with the residences.

"The municipality can also recommend an alternate site, and, if it meets our needs, we can opt to take it," Lukomski said.

Clark said that, in checking with surrounding communities that have ARC group homes, he found that the "promises that were made about what it would be like and how it would be kept up were all fulfilled."

Clark added that the residents requested a meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, but "If that's a bad time for people, we'll have another meeting."

Village Trustee Daniel Reh,

Planning board member Gary Swan, also a five-year veteran of the panel, said Barr's departure will be a "great loss."

"He devoted a tremendous amount of personal time and hard work in guiding the board," said Swan. "Not enough can be said about the extent of his contribution to LUMAC and the entire planning process over the last five years."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said she would soon begin reviewing the resumes on hand. Anyone interested in the job can submit a resume to the supervisor's office in the town hall.

who lives in Salem Hills, said, "The residents I've talked to are pretty open-minded about it, but they're looking for answers to questions about what kind of home it will be and what kind of people will live there."

Kevin Garrity, president of the Salem Hills Park Association, said that the neighborhood organization will "take a real objective view" of the group home proposal.

Garrity acknowledged that "the likelihood of mounting a challenge to stop it is not possible; we would just spend a whole lot of money on litigation and have nothing come out of it."

## Local nature walkers to search for turkey

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a nature walk on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m.

The wild turkey will be the focus of the walk, which will be led by center naturalists.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

## Bird club to show slides of Louisiana

The Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Gregg Recer and Cathy Graichen will present a slide program on birds and birding sites of Louisiana.

For information, call 439-8080.

## Historical association mulls moving church

The Town of New Scotland Historical Association has scheduled a historical talk on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Old Road in New Salem.

Don Carpentier will speak on "Moving the First Universalist Church of Duanesburg to Eastfield Village."

For information, call 861-6022.

## Crosswalk

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yield to a pedestrian who is using it.

Delmar postal supervisor Eric Tiemann said the problem is not so much parked cars blocking the crosswalk as drivers who simply pay it no heed.

"They just keep going right by and don't stop to let anyone cross. Many of our customers have suggested that we do something to alert people to the fact that it exists."

Delmar resident Alexander J. Woehrle has written the state

Department of Transportation and the state Department of Motor Vehicles seeking help with the situation.

Woehrle believes that painting the crosswalk yellow and designating it as a no parking zone with bright yellow letters on the pavement might force motorists to take notice.

"It's not just a problem in Delmar, but all across the state," he said. "We're very lax about (crosswalks) here. Over in Massachusetts they're much more vigilant about it and they'll ticket you if you don't comply."

## The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1984, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- The Bethlehem Central School District learned that it will receive back about 40 percent of its \$390,000 investment with the bankrupt Lion Capital Group.

- The Voorheesville football team closed out its 6-4 season with a 12-0 loss to Hoosick Falls in a Class C wild card playoff game. Seniors playing their last game included Ed Mitzen, Lee Krause, Jeff Caimano, Clint Wagner, Lew Bernstein, Tom Paeglow, Bob Wilklow, Craig Applegate and Kevin Furlong.

- BC swimmers Lynn Apicelli, Lynn Schultz, Sandi Blendell and Susan Mallery won the state championship in the 200 medley relay.

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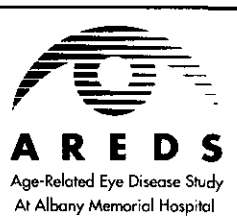
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# Program set on communicating with hearing-impaired

Three upcoming programs for adults—Communicating with the Hearing Impaired, Mind-Body Healing and Year-End Tax Strategies have been slated by the library's reference and adult services department.

Edith Waltzman, a representative from "HEAR," Hearing Endeavor of the Albany Region, an



advocacy and support organization for persons with hearing loss,

will present "Communicating with the Hearing-Impaired" on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. She will be accompanied by audiologist Marilyn Frantsov, who will answer technical questions.

Waltzman will discuss the problems the hearing-impaired face in communication, and how it can affect many aspects of a person's life. Waltzman was a voice teacher and musician until she suffered hearing loss. She has been a member of HEAR since its inception.

During the program, she will demonstrate several of the listening devices she uses, including a TTD (telecommunication device for the deaf) and pocket talker.

Frantsov is affiliated with Memorial Hospital and has had a private practice, Better Hearing Services, in Albany and Schenectady since 1984. She will use transparencies to explain the physical causes of hearing loss. She will also discuss how to identify hearing loss and steps that can be taken to prevent or alleviate it.

Learn how stress, beliefs and emotions can affect physical well-being from Cindy Perlin at "Mind-Body Healing" on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.

Perlin has nearly 20 years of experience in human services and is a certified social worker with a practice in Delmar specializing in holistic approaches to health.

She will discuss the psychological factors that affect our health, such as chronic illness and anxiety. Perlin will describe mental strategies for change using such techniques as relaxation, meditation, creative imagery and emotional expression.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., Bumper Wagoner and other analysts from the Associated Insurance and Financial Group will offer a free seminar on "Understanding Year-End Tax Strategies."

They will discuss how to take full advantage of tax credits and how to determine future financial needs.

The reference desk is now taking reservations for these programs. If you would like to attend, call 439-9314. All library programs are free and open to the public.

The library will close at 5 p.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 23, and on Friday, Nov. 25, and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

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## Reformed smokers to meet in Delmar

A one-session Former Smokers Support Group program will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Community Health Plan Delmar Center at 250 Delaware Ave.

The meeting offers former smokers the chance to share experiences with one another.

Pre-registration is necessary. For information, call CHP at 783-1864, ext. 4444.

## Business club sets Christmas party

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Steuben Athletic Club in Albany.

The Sound System singers of Bethlehem Central High School will entertain.

For information, contact Helen N. Smith at 439-3916.

## Shop offers discounts for food donations

In and Out the Window at 125 Adams St. in Delmar is participating in the Capital District Consignment Network's food drive.

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# Free clinic slated at church

The Albany County Health Department, with the assistance of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, is holding a free immunization clinic for infants and preschoolers on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Parents are reminded to bring their children's immunization records with them. No appointment is necessary.

## Salem Hills group to conduct annual meeting

The Salem Hills Park Association's annual meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

The association's financial status and special projects for the coming year will be discussed.

All residents of the development are encouraged to take an active role in the association. New board and committee members are needed. Information about these positions will be available at the meeting.

## Holiday mini-courses on continuing ed agenda

Two holiday mini-courses are being offered through the continuing education program at the high school.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 10 p.m., you can make your own fresh green 16-inch holiday wreath. The instructor is Mardell Steinkamp of Helderberg Gardens. The class fee is \$10 with a \$12 materials fee.

Course participants need to bring pruning shears, scissors and garden gloves.

Lara Hladun will teach you how to make your own fresh holiday boxwood tree and decorate it in your choice of Victorian or traditional style on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. The class fee is \$10 with a \$25 materials fee.

Both classes will be held in Room 138 of the high school. Preregistration is required.

A water aerobics and hydros-limnastics mini-course is scheduled for January. The class will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school pool. The fee is \$12.

To register for any of the mini-courses, call 765-3314 extension 134 during school hours.

## Seniors plan Christmas trip

The New Scotland senior citi-

## Extension workshop to focus on herbs

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a program entitled "Herbs for the Holidays" on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William Rice Extension Building on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

Featured speaker Debbie Kavakos will discuss herb culture, with a stress on culinary herbs.

Cost is \$5 and pre-registration is required by today, Nov. 23. For information, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

## NEWS NOTES

### Voorheesville

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zens are planning a trip to Beck's Grove Christmas show in Blossvale on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The group will leave from the Voorheesville firehouse at 8:30 a.m. and return around 9:30 p.m.

A fee of \$36 includes bus transportation, a buffet lunch and Christmas show at Beck's Grove, and the entrance fee to the Altamont Fair's holiday lights display on the return trip.

For information, call Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

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## V'ville players earn sports honors

David Burns of Voorheesville has been named the Metroland Conference's Division II player of the year.

Burns is a quarterback and middle linebacker for Bishop Maginn High School.

David Stewart, a defensive noseguard for Maginn, and Rocky Fittizi, a defensive back for Christian Brothers Academy, were also named to the coaches first all-star team.

Tight end Tom Krajewski of Maginn was named to the second team.

Everyone hopes to see David Burns make a full recovery from knee surgery for an injury he suffered late in the season.

# Facility announces special holiday hours

The library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. and reopen at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 25.

There will be no writers' group this week and no afternoon story hour on Friday.



Job Counseling appointments are available on Monday, Nov. 28, between 5 and 8 p.m.

Call the reference desk at 765-2791 to schedule an appointment.

ACD-ROM training session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m. Call ahead to sign up.

When the Capital District's Festival of Trees ends on Sunday,

Dec. 4, the Helderberg Garden Club will adorn the young people's area with the wonderful tree they are displaying in the festival.

Clever and creative, and the result of many hours of work, the tree depicts the theme of Peter Rabbit and Mr. MacGregor's garden.

Be sure to visit during the month of December and see it.

Don't forget that the Friends of the Library book auction and drawing are happening this month. Books and paintings are on display in the main reading room of the library.

If you think the library might be closed due to bad weather, tune into radio stations WQBK, WTRY, WGY or WROW for the announcement.

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Daniel and Maureen McCarroll

## Serrao, McCarroll marry

Maureen Serrao, daughter of Richard and Eileen Serrao of Castro Valley, Calif., and Daniel W. McCarroll, son of Walter and Bella McCarroll of Glenmont, were married Oct. 15.

The Rev. Edward Kaminski performed the ceremony in St. Dominic's Church, with a reception following at the Fort Mason Officers' Club, both in San Francisco, Calif.

The maid of honor was Christine Serrao, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Suzanne McKaig-Laber, Nancy Laber-Bush, Ana Rodrigues and Kelly Bourgeois.

The best man was Thomas

McCarroll, the groom's brother, and ushers were Dennis Serrao and Richard Serrao, the bride's brothers, Louis Concra and Buddy Judge.

The bride, a graduate of San Francisco State University, is employed as director of royalties for Bug Records in Los Angeles.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Schenectady Community College. He is a professional drummer with the Epic Records recording group The Grays.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple lives in Los Angeles.

## Koroluck tapped for good citizen award

Gabriel Koroluck of Delmar, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, was recently named a 1994-95 Good Citizen Award-winner by the Tawasentha Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

High school seniors are chosen by students and faculty members for the award on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

The winners will be presented with pins, certificates and \$50 cash awards at the chapter's meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Association on Route 144 in Bethlehem.

## Orthodontist earns professional honor

Dr. Michael J. Sbuttoni, an orthodontist from Slingerlands, was recently inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 64th annual convocation in New Orleans, La.

The college, an honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding service to the profession, presented Sbuttoni with a membership plaque and gold key.

Sbuttoni has been in clinical practice in the Capital District since 1981.



Alexander and Robin Ann Finn

## Deitcher, Finn marry

Robin Ann Deitcher, daughter of Stephan and Nona Deitcher of Slingerlands, and Alexander Finn, son of Michael and Tanya Finn of Schenectady, were married Oct. 9.

Rabbi Daniel Ornstein performed the ceremony in Congregation Ohav Shalom, Albany, with a reception following at the Canfield Casino, Saratoga Springs.

The matron of honor was Amy Beth Kaplan, and bridesmaids were Kristine Roberts, Lien Kennedy, Kristine Caravella and Natalie Berk. The junior bridesmaid was Beth Deitcher, the bride's sister.

The best man was Vladimir Simkhovich, and ushers were

Michael Deitcher and Jason Deitcher, the bride's brothers, Pat Notar, Todd Horteau and Leon Bensonoff, the groom's cousin.

The bride is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Boston University. She is employed as a modernization coordinator by the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority.

The groom is a graduate of Linton High School and Union College. He is employed as a computer consultant by James McGuinness & Associates, Schenectady.

After a wedding trip to St. Maarten, the couple lives in Niskayuna.

November 24, 1994

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Charles and Nancy Hite

## Hite, Doran marry

Nancy Elizabeth Doran, daughter of Willard and Joan Doran of Troy, and Charles Allen Hite, son of Paul Hite of Castleton and Mary Luter of Suffolk, Va., were married July 23.

The Rev. James Mackey performed the ceremony in St. Michael the Archangel Church, Troy, with a reception following at the Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia.

The matron of honor was Kathleen Congero, the bride's sister, and the bridesmaid was Rhonda VanDeWal, the groom's sister.

The best man was Peter Moran,

and ushers were Daniel Doran, the groom's brother, and Wayne Smith Jr.

The bride is a graduate of Catholic Central High School, Dean College, SUNY Cortland and Russell Sage College. She is employed as a teacher by the Troy City School District.

The groom, a graduate of Maple Hill High School, is a licensed land surveyor and owner of Charles A. Hite Surveyors in Ravena.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Delmar.

## Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, John David Springer Jr., to Theresa and John Springer, Voorheesville, July 30.

Boy, Daniel William Morrell, to Victoria and David Morrell, Delmar, Oct. 31.

Girl, Samantha Ashley Martin, to Donna and Richard Martin, Voorheesville, Nov. 4.

### Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Daniel Joseph Brill, to Anne and Douglas Brill, Voorheesville, Oct. 23.

Boy, Austin Matthew Smith, to Cynthia and Terry Smith, Delmar, Oct. 29.

Boy, Michael Charles Carmen Patti, to Maria and Michael Patti, Delmar, Oct. 30.

## Tour guides needed at Historic Cherry Hill

Historic Cherry Hill is seeking adult volunteers to help with its educational programs.

The house museum on South Pearl Street in Albany needs volunteer teachers to educate children about five generations of family living. Guides are also needed to give tours to adult and family groups on weekdays six hours per month.

Volunteers should have an interest in local history and are expected to attend a series of training programs in January.

If interested, call Cherry Hill by Dec. 15 at 434-4791.

## Chamber of commerce offers health coverage

Members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce have the opportunity to enroll in the WellCare Health Plan effective Jan. 1 through the chamber.

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John DiBlasi and Melissa Aloisi

## Aloisi, DiBlasi to marry

Melissa Susan Aloisi, daughter of Harry and Millie Aloisi of Selkirk, and John Samuel DiBlasi, son of John and Joanne DiBlasi of Albany, are engaged to be married.

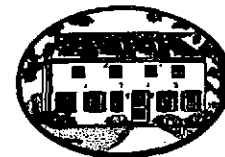
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The future groom, a graduate of Albany High School and the New School of Contemporary Radio, is employed by Radio 810 WGY in Albany.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College. She is employed

The couple plans to marry on July 21.

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## Hamagrael PTA slates craft fair

The Hamagrael Elementary School PTA sponsors its annual craft fair Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on McGuffey Lane.

The fair features more than 70 craftspersons in crafts like jewelry, pottery, wreaths and quilts. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction.

For information, call Martha McCormick at 475-9702.

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## Obituaries

### Herbert F. Storm

Dr. Herbert F. Storm, 85, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 15, at his home.

Born in Vienna, Austria, he was a world-renowned electronics engineer.

He received a degree in electrical engineering in 1932 and a doctor of engineering sciences, cum laude, in 1933 from the Technische University in Vienna.

Dr. Storm worked for General Electric Co. in Schenectady from 1947 until he retired in 1974.

At GE's corporate research and development center, he did basic work in magnetic amplifiers.

In 1960, he was named consulting engineer and his responsibilities were broadened to the development of solid-state devices.

Dr. Storm was also an adjunct professor of electrical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy for more than 10 years.

He had more than 20 patents to his name and wrote more than 50 professional papers.

His book, *Magnetic Amplifiers* was translated into French, Japanese and Russian.

Dr. Storm was the organizer and first chairman of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Magnetics Society.

He was also founder and first chairman of the International Magnetics Conference and honorary chairman of the International Magnetics Conference in Stuttgart.

He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers nominating committee for the achievement award of the Magnetics Society, the founder and a member of the editorial board of Transactions on Magnetics.

He was the recipient of the institute's Centennial Medal in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Kozlowski Storm; two daughters, Elizabeth Mary Storm of California and Marietta Douglas of Connecticut; and a grandson.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Services were private.

### Edward W. Lortie

Edward W. Lortie, 78, of Village Drive in Delmar died Saturday, Nov. 19, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Granville, he was educated in the school system there and was a 1938 graduate of St. Bonaventure University. He lived in Delmar since 1966.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

For a short time after he graduated from school, he lived in Schenectady and worked for the former Central Markets. He then worked for a year as a state trooper.

He later became an FBI agent working in the Chicago, New York City and Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Lortie was assistant director of security for Brookhaven National Laboratory, Suffolk County.

From 1953 to 1958 he worked for Standard Oil of New Jersey in the security field. From 1959 to 1961, he worked for the Thoroughbred Racing Association.

Following that job, he returned to the state Police as a senior investigator for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. From 1973 until his retirement he was an investigator for the state Department of Social Services.

He was a member of the Association of Former NYS Troopers, the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar. He was also a member of the senior bowling league in Delmar and was the starter at the Colonial Acres golf Course in Glenmont for seven years.

Mr. Lortie was a member of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include two daughters, Christine Lortie of Brooklyn and Mary Jean Macbeth of Schenectady; a son, Stephen Lortie of Virginia; and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered today, Nov. 23, at 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna.

### Dorothy Mae Storm

Dorothy Mae Storm, 85, of Lakeland, Fla., a former New Scotland resident, died Monday, Oct. 31, at her home.

Born in Berne, she lived in the Clarksville area for many years before moving to Florida.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Storm; a son, Sherman Storm of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; a sister, Dora E. Barber of Albany; a brother, Clayton Barber of Westerlo; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

### Delmar cheerleader to perform on TV

Shannon Flynn of Delmar, a senior at the Academy of the Holy Names, will be among 500 select cheerleaders to perform during the 27th annual Peach Bowl on New Year's Day. The game will be nationally televised.

Flynn has been a volunteer coach for Bethlehem Pop Warner football cheerleading since ninth grade.

The cheerleaders will participate in the Peach Bowl Parade and perform during the pre-game and halftime shows.

### Holiday concert blends old and new

The Delmar Community Orchestra will present a program of traditional and contemporary holiday music on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The program will include famous carols, as well as incorporating an innovative approach to holiday music.

For information, call Ralph Mead at 439-3845 or John Collier at 439-4180.

### Healing workshop to combat stress

Cindy Perlin, a social worker with an office in Delmar, will lead "Mind-Body Healing," a workshop on stress, beliefs and emotions, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Perlin specializes in holistic approaches to health. She will discuss and demonstrate mental strategies that can be used for healing.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

## Starting early



Mary Ann Morrison and son Robbie, members of the Friends United Craft Club of Voorheesville, put the finishing touches on one of the Christmas trees on display at 15 Voorheesville Ave. Doug Persons

## Ravena church lists weekly events

The Grace United Methodist Church at 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena has announced its schedule for the week of Nov. 23.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, with morning worship at 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. The Grace Ringers will rehearse at 7 p.m. that evening.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28.

### Historical association to hold December tea

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its Silver Tea on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Hill School House on Route 144 in Selkirk.

For information, contact Helen N. Smith at 439-3916.

The church's finance committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The New Dawn grief class will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30. The junior class will also meet at 6:30 p.m., the TOPS Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the adult study group will meet at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call the church at 756-6688.

### Bethlehem Lutheran slates advent services

Advent services at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar, are slated for Wednesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 and 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The services will be led by Rev. Warren Winterhoff.

For information, call the church at 439-4328.

### Bethlehem library lists holiday hours

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 25. The library will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.

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## Death Notices

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## Fake firs

### Art-full trees grace Albany institute's annual festival

By Eric Bryant

Although Christmas is still more than a month away, one of the area's best-known holiday traditions will kick off this week. The 11th annual Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History and Art opens Friday, Nov. 25, and will run for 10 days.

This year, nearly 90 trees, some decorated with whimsy and others with a message, will fill the museum's three floors.

The theme of this year's festival is "There's Art Behind Those Trees," and last Friday, as exhibitors began working on their creations, the variety of artistic motifs became clear.

"The theme really has two meanings," said the institute's Bea Krauss. "In one sense, we'd like to emphasize that there

actually is artwork behind the trees. But it also says that there is a lot of creativity and artistry behind designing these trees."

Take, for example, the tree decorated by the institute's board of directors. Fittingly, the tree is made of pine boards, coated with a soft covering of snow and then decorated. As in the past, the ideas from this year's festival span an imaginative spectrum. There's the playful "Peter Rabbit's Garden," decorated by the Helderview Garden Club; the solemn "Until There's a Cure," sponsored by the Support Ministries for Persons with AIDS; and "Capital Uphols-Tree," from, who else, Capital Upholstery.

In one of the downstairs rooms Friday, June Bonilla and Anne Baumann were



Among the 90 trees featured in the Albany Institute of History and Art's Annual Festival of Trees will be this pine board tree, decorated by the AIHA's board of directors. *Eric Bryant*

## Way-off Broadway



Recording stars Petula Clark and David Cassidy are set to appear in Willy Russell's musical "Blood Brothers" at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on Nov. 29 and Nov. 30. The pair will recreate their roles from the hit Broadway show, which was nominated for six Tony Awards, including for Best Musical, in 1993.

putting the finishing touches on the tree decorated by Community Health Plan. "We just opened a new health center downtown," said Bonilla. "This is such a tradition down here that we wanted to be a part of it."

Festooned with plastic fruits and prevention proverbs, the tree was one of the first nearly completed for the festival. Other artisans working patiently throughout the hallways and galleries were in

awaiting its locomotives. "It was a huge hit."

Although there is no formal entry fee, the institute requests a donation to stroll through the festival, which has proved to be the museum's biggest annual money-maker. With more than 20,000 patrons over the festival's run, the event often pulls in nearly \$40,000.

Requested contributions are \$4 for adults; \$3.50 for seniors, students and

### There is a lot of creativity and artistry behind designing these trees.

Bea Krauss

varying stages of construction and creation. They'd lay a set of lights, take a step back and recheck, and perhaps pause to glance at others further along in the process.

Although they're the main attraction, there will be more than just fancy fake firs at this year's festival. Two of the most popular exhibits with children last year will be making a return appearance: The massive train layout in the upstairs Lansing Gallery and the gingerbread house village, which will again be set up in the auditorium.

"People would come up here and just stare at the train set for hours," said Krauss as she looked at the blank table

AIHA members; and \$1 for children ages 5 to 12. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Friday hours extended to 9 p.m.

The festival is only a 10-day affair, said Krauss, although patrons often think it lasts much longer.

"Almost every year we get someone who calls a few days after Christmas and asks how much longer the festival will be on. We have to tell them that it ended about a month ago," she said.

Special holiday activities will also be scheduled throughout the festival's run. One of the highlights this year will be the appearance of jovial "Today" show weatherman Willard Scott. Scott will broadcast live from the festival on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## Thanksgiving brings holiday season which also brings A Christmas Carol

'Tis the season for *A Christmas Carol* now that Thanksgiving is here. On Thanksgiving night (Nov. 24), the Albany production of Charles Dickens' 150-year old work opens with the hope that this season's success will herald an annual event at the Palace Theater.

When it was first done for a month last year, the producers announced they needed at least 40,000 tickets sold to break even.

They sold a little more than 30,000 but were sufficiently encouraged to test the local waters again. However, this year, the out-of-towners hedged their bet. They scheduled the locally-produced show for only two and one-half weeks and then booked it for two more weeks in Philadelphia. This way, they'll only need about 25,000 Albany tickets to succeed because the show is selling very well in Philadelphia. As of last weekend, ticket sales in Albany were sluggish, but that has been the experience of just about every theater producer in the area this fall, including Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

With the hiring of well-known and highly respected actor John Astin to play Ebenezer Scrooge this year, the producers were also attempting to cover their bets. Astin has been most cooperative, giving interviews, doing television spots and appearing at local events to plug the show.

Local corporations have also been cooperating, including the State Employees Federal Credit Union (SEFCU) which is sponsoring this Friday and Saturday nights' (Nov. 25 and 26) performances. These performances are benefitting the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Albany.

Additionally, the two and one-half weeks of performances are also being sponsored by The Times-Union and WNYT-TV NewsChannel 13.

Starting next week, performances will be given Wednesdays through Sundays at the Palace Theater in Albany for a total of eight performances, including four matinees.

Tickets/info and reservations at 465-4663.

How popular is *A Christmas Carol* around the country? Many regional theaters balance their annual budgets with holiday productions and in New York City this year, a new lavish production is playing throughout December at the Paramount Theater with 90 cast members.

## Cinderella musical preparing to take its place among holiday productions

The New York State Theater Institute is in its final week of rehearsals prior to opening *A Tale of Cinderella*.

This new work, funded by part of a \$400,000 five-year grant to produce new family musicals, is based on the Brothers Grimm story except now it is set in Venice. The script by local writer, W.A. Frankonis is augmented by music composed by Warner/Chappell artists George David Weiss and Will Severin. The lyrics are by Weiss who was recently inducted into the National Song Writer Hall of Fame.

Both are managed by Warner Music Group which donated the \$400,000 to NYSTI.

Performances of *A Tale of Cinderella* begin with a 10 a.m. preview Friday, Dec. 2 and will open officially Sunday, Dec. 4. It will continue through Dec. 21.

Ticket/info and reservations at 274-3256.

## Proctor's presents British musical Blood Brothers Nov. 29 and 30

Petula Clark and David Cassidy headline the touring production of the Broadway success, *Blood Brothers*, an English musical written by Willy Russell. The author wrote script, lyrics and music for this show which is still running in New York.

The production has been touring this fall throughout the country and has brought back Clark who was a recording star in the 60s. Cassidy, best known for this work on television, has also been a recording star and has seen his career blossom after appearing on Broadway.

The musical is based on twin brothers who were separated at birth and the story which evolves when they confront each other as adults.

Performances on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Proctors is at 8 p.m. Ticket info: 346-6204.

## Around Theaters!

*Inspecting Carol*, at Capital Rep through Dec. 11. (462-4531)



Martin P. Kelly

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**"INSPECTING CAROL"**  
by Daniel Sullivan, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 11, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531.

**"CINDERELLA"**  
world premiere adaption of classic fairy tale, through Dec. 21, Schacht Fine Arts Theatre, Russell Sage College, Troy, \$8 to \$15. Information, 274-3256.

**"BLOOD BROTHERS"**  
Willy Russell's musical starring David Cassidy and Petula Clark, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2 and 8 p.m., \$36.50, \$29.50, and \$25.50. Information, 382-5392.

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**  
starring John Astin, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Nov. 24 through Dec. 11, \$22.50 to \$32.50. Information, 1-800-848-4874.

## MUSIC

**ALLAN ALEXANDER**  
lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Nov. 26, and Dec. 3, 10 17, and 31, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

**PRISCILLA HERDMAN**  
folksinger, Spencertown Academy, Route 203, Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 392-3693.

**NEWBERRY CONSORT**  
to perform 14th-century Italian music, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., \$12, \$6 students. Information, 382-7890.

## JIM GAUDET

folksinger, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

**CAPITOL HILL CHORAL SOCIETY**  
Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, Nov. 26, 2 and 4 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

**CHRIS SHAW AND BRIDGET BALL**  
Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Sunday, Nov. 27, 3 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

**FIGARO TRIO**  
Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., \$13, \$6 students. Information, 273-8135.

**JAZZ VOICES**  
Riverview Country Club, 847 Riverview Road, Rexford, Sunday, Nov. 27, 1 to 6 p.m., \$10. Information, 237-3129.

**KAT TRACKS**  
karaoke and DJ, Haggerty's 155 Delaware Ave., Friday, Nov. 25, 9:30 p.m. Information, 439-2023.

## DANCE

**GREGORY HINES**  
dancer/singer, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., \$36.50, \$28.50, and \$22.50. Information, 382-5392.

## POETS

**POETS' OPEN MIKE**  
QE2, 12 Central Ave., Albany, Monday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., \$1. Information, 438-6314.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

**SATURDAY STAR SHOWS**  
"Bear Tales (And Other Grizzly Stories)," 11:30 a.m. and "More Than Meets the Eye," 12:30 p.m., Henry Hudson Planetarium Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, Nov. 26, \$4, \$2 senior citizens and children. Information, 434-6311.

**BOOK SIGNING**  
by local children's author, Carol Casatelli-Vivencio, The Country Trunk, Route 20, East Greenbush, Festival, Nov. 27, 1 to 3 p.m.

**FESTIVAL OF TREES**  
Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Nov. 25 through Dec. 4. Information, 463-4478.

**"IS IT DONE WITH MIRRORS?"**  
magic show by Jim Snack, New York State Museum, Albany, Friday, Nov. 25, 1 and 3 p.m., \$3, \$2 children. Information, 474-5877.

## VISUAL ARTS

**"EACH A GLORY BRIGHT: MARY BANNING'S MUSHROOMS"**  
watercolors of fungi by Mary Banning, New York State Museum, Albany, through Jan. 8. Information, 474-5877.

**"THE MOTORCYCLE"**  
action/reaction exhibit, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Feb. 26. Information, 463-4478.

**"FLUFF & FEATHERS"**  
"An Exhibition on the Symbols of Indianness," New York State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 31. Information, 474-5877.

## "WHO'S IN CHARGE?"

workers and managers in the U.S., Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Dec. 31. Information, 463-4478.

**BOB BLACKBURN'S PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP**  
Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Dec. 31. Information, 463-4478.

**GEOLOGY EXHIBIT**  
"The Birthplace of Geological Science in America," Riverspark Visitor Center, 251 River St., Troy, through Nov. 30. Information, 270-8667.

**JAMES O. CLARK**  
sculpture, Picotte Hall Art Gallery, 324 State St., The College of Saint Rose, Albany, through Dec. 4. Information, 485-3902.

**"BLACK & WHITE & READ ALL OVER"**  
history of journalism in Rensselaer County, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, through June 30. Information, 272-7232.

**GREG ZOLTOWSKI**  
drawings and monotypes, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, through Dec. 16. Information, 274-4440.

**JURIED ART SHOW**  
Spencertown Academy Gallery, Route 203, through Nov. 26. Information, 325-6126.

**"SHADES OF REALITY"**  
works by Tom Nelson and Channing LeFebvre, Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Guilfordland, through Nov. 30. Information, 482-1984.

**JANET SMITH AND SEAN STEWART**  
recent works, Broadway Gallery, 991 Broadway, Albany, through Nov. 29. Information, 463-3252.

**"FLAMING SENSES"**  
work by Steven Dunning and Kevin Cook, Sage Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Dec. 16. Information, 445-1778.

**"ZOOLOGIC"**  
animal imagery, Russell Sage College Gallery, Troy, through Dec. 17. Information, 270-2246.

**"VINTAGE RECOLLECTIONS"**  
by Karin Vollkommer, Brookside Gallery, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa, through Dec. 17. Information, 885-4000.

**GAIL NADEAU**  
photography, Upstairs Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, Chapel and Monroe streets, through Dec. 30. Information, 462-4775.

**JEANETTE FRINTZ**  
abstract paintings, Leslie Urbach Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, Chapel Street, Albany, through Dec. 30. Information, 462-4775.

**FUMIKO SHIDO**  
paintings, Upstairs Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, Chapel Street, Albany, through Dec. 30. Information, 462-4775.

## Weekly Crossword

By Gerry Frey

## "Monopoly"

### ACROSS

- 1 Monopoly need
- 5 Choicest part
- 10 Sr. org.
- 14 Chemical endings
- 15 Pole dance
- 16 Ice
- 17 Important Monopoly player
- 19 Deflated tire
- 20 Prefix for three
- 21 City slicker
- 22 Instructs
- 24 Assisted
- 26 Get back
- 28 Impetuous
- 30 Dally toll
- 33 Newborns
- 36 North American tribe
- 38 Baseball's Carew
- 39 Woe is me
- 40 Spice
- 41 Ponder
- 42 A short religion
- 43 One cubic meter
- 44 Underground conduit
- 45 Particulars
- 47 Concordes & others
- 49 Inborn
- 51 Tie-down
- 55 Approximate
- 57 "A Death in the Family" author
- 59 French Island
- 60 Verbal
- 61 Monopoly proofs of ownership
- 64 Retain
- 65 Exemplary
- 66 Unconfined
- 67 Proof readers word
- 68 Confection
- 69 Ripped

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- 2 Accustom
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- 4 Superlative ending

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- 6 Watermelon residue
- 7 Middle East prince
- 8 Mr. Lincoln
- 9 Monopoly lien
- 10 Romance
- 11 "Property \_\_\_\_\_": Monopoly goal
- 12 Horse of a different color
- 13 Teachers' favorites
- 18 Notions
- 23 Rank
- 25 Mr. Clinton, briefly
- 27 Obliterates
- 29 8 Down's nickname
- 31 Apple leftover
- 32 German river
- 33 Irish poet
- 34 Away from the wind
- 35 Monopoly St.
- 37 Title of respect
- 40 Monopoly avenue
- 41 Nuisance
- 43 Chinese: Combining form
- 44 Horse
- 46 Short sock
- 48 Rock 'n roller Dan
- 50 Consumed
- 52 Sacred: Combining form
- 53 Church official
- 54 Visualize again
- 55 Flagmaker
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To list an item of community interest in the calendar, send all pertinent information—who, what, where, why, when and how to

**Calendar of Events**

**The Spotlight**

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# AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 23**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**REACH TO RECOVERY**  
 breast cancer support group, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

**BINGHAMTON VS. RIVER RATS**  
 AHL hockey, Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$11 for adults and \$6 for children and students. Information, 487-2244.

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**  
 Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

**FARMERS' MARKET**  
 Holy Cross Church, Western and Brevator avenues, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 23)**  
 Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**
**CHORUS REHEARSAL**  
 sponsored by Capital and Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**
**SQUARE DANCE**  
 Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**  
 Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 24**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**FITNESS CLASS**  
 Thanksgiving Day "Eat Without Guilt" class, Albany YWCA, 28 Calvin Ave., Albany, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 438-6608.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 23 to Nov. 17)**  
 Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

**THE QUEST**  
 a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

**FARMERS' MARKET**  
 Albany YWCA, 28 Calvin Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

**FARMERS' MARKET**  
 corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

**SENIOR CHORALE**  
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SARATOGA COUNTY EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 25**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**ADIRONDACK VS. RIVER RATS**  
 AHL hockey, Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$11 for adults, \$6 for children and students. Information, 487-2244.

**BABYSITTING CLASS**  
 given by the Albany chapter of the American Red Cross, Hackett Boulevard at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost, \$25. Information, 433-0151.

**INFANT AND CHILDSAVER COURSE**  
 given by the Albany chapter of the American Red Cross, Hackett Boulevard at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 433-0151.

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
 8' Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

**FARMERS' MARKET (JUNE 24 TO NOV. 18)**  
 Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MOTHERS' DROP IN**  
 sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 26**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**"CHRISTMAS ON ICE"**  
 starring Nancy Kerrigan and Aaron Neville, Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, \$22.50 or \$28.50. Information, 476-1000.

**HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR (June to Sep.)**  
 beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 25 to Nov. 12)**  
 First Congregational church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

**SARATOGA COUNTY PET ADOPTION CLINIC**  
 sponsored by the Capital District Humane Association—For the Love of Animals, M & E Kennels, off Route 9P, Saratoga Lake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 581-2171.

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 27**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**DANCE PROGRAM**  
 "Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
 Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

**MONDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 28**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**SUBAREA ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
 Capital Region council of Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York to meet at Health Systems Agency offices, Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. Information, 452-3300.

**FREE DIABETIC EYE EXAMS**  
 by appointment, The Child's Hospital, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 5 to 8 p.m. Information, 487-7230.

**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**
**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
 Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 29**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**"BLOOD BROTHERS"**  
 play starring David Cassidy and Petula Clark, Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 458-8163.

**"A WOMAN'S JOURNEY"**  
 "A Woman's Journey: Mid-Life and Beyond," workshop on transitions in a woman's life, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**  
 applications to the Salvation Army for toys or holiday food certificates, 22 Clinton Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 463-6678.

**EXECUTIVE EXCHANGE LUNCHEON**  
 sponsored by the Guildland Chamber of Commerce, to discuss recent tax developments, Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost, \$10 for chamber members, \$12 for non-members. Information, 456-6611.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 21 to Nov. 8)**  
 St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**TRUE FRIENDS**  
 female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

**BINGO**

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
 self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**
**MARINE BIOLOGY TALK**  
 Dr. Karen Erickson to discuss "Treasure Trove of the Deep: Marine Organisms as Sources of Anti-Cancer Agents," room 106, Science Hall, Russell Sage College, Troy, 4:15 p.m. Information, 270-2299.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**
**EARLY PREGNANCY**  
 program on various issues concerning the early stages of pregnancy, Bellevue...The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy-Schenectady Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9464.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
 self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30**
**ALBANY COUNTY**
**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP**  
 Plaintree Activity Room, seventh floor, wing C, United States Government Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

# Spotlight on Dining



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**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 23**
**BETHLEHEM**
**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

**TOWN BOARD**

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BINGO**

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**WELCOMEWAGON**

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

**AA MEETING**

First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**AL-ANON MEETING**

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

**FAITH TEMPLE**

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

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Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

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**NOVEMBER 28**
**BETHLEHEM**
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Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

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**DELMAR KIWANIS**

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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**AA MEETING**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**AL-ANON GROUP**

support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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 Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP**  
 First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**BINGO**  
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 Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

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 First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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**FAITH TEMPLE**  
 bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 1**
**BETHLEHEM**

**BIRD ID WORKSHOP**  
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**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB**  
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**NEW SCOTLAND**

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**FAITH TEMPLE**  
 Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

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**DECEMBER 2**
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 Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

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 First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 3**
**BETHLEHEM**

**CRAFT FAIR**  
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**AA MEETING**  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30**
**BETHLEHEM**

**BINGO**  
 Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**  
 Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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 Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

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# Regional food bank works to help the hungry

## Holiday needs strain already thin resources

By Eric Bryant

Each day, the need is greater, but each day, it gets harder to fulfill.

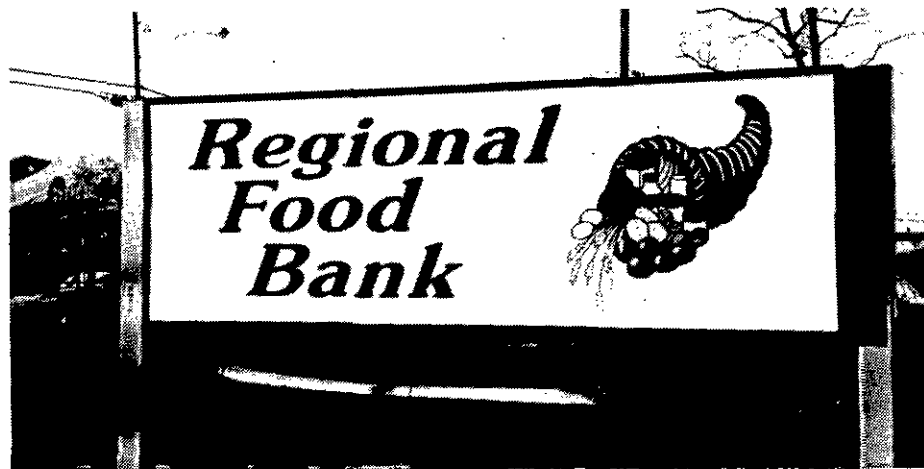
With the holiday season approaching, the Regional Food Bank, located at 965 Albany-Shaker Road in Latham, continues to provide services and food to more than 600 agencies in 23 counties. More than 10 million pounds of food were distributed last year. That's 30 times the amount distributed by the food bank just ten years ago.

The holidays are an especially rough time for the food bank, according to Director Mark Quandt. Although monetary donations increase, so do the needs of the food bank's member agencies, the hundreds of food pantries and soup kitchens that the bank services. Thanksgiving meals provide a special dilemma, as soup kitchens' staff and resources are stretched by a surge in need.

For example, Concern for the Hungry, a Schenectady-based outreach group, will provide 2,500 Thanksgiving baskets this week. Most of that food will come from the food bank.

"That's a tremendous amount just going out to one agency and there are many out there that provide the same thing," Quandt said. "These groups are still providing their regular services, but then are faced with providing, let's say, another 200 baskets this week."

But while the food bank's clients be-



the Regional Food Bank, located at 965 Albany-Shaker Road in Latham, continues to provide services and food to more than 600 agencies in 23 counties. *Eric Bryant*

come more numerous, its funding continues to diminish.

Two years ago, The Federal Emergency Food Assistance Program, (TEFAP) was providing approximately half of the commodities distributed by the food bank. Federal price control subsidies allowed the government to give out surplus cheeses and other dairy products. But when the surpluses ran out, the government began to cut the program — from \$160 million in fiscal year 1992-93 to \$80 million in fiscal 1993-94. This year, the subsidy program was slated to be eliminated altogether, but lobbying salvaged \$25 million.

"There is simply no way to replace that

food. Two years ago, it was providing about 50 percent of our food," Quandt said. "Now it's less than 20 percent."

This past Monday, Nov. 21, marked the kickoff of the Holiday Hunger Appeal, a fund-raising event based at Colonie Center where shoppers can donate money and hang an ornament on the Food Bank Christmas tree. Volunteers staff the hunger appeal which will run until Christmas

Eve. The event raised more than \$35,000 for the food bank last year.

Much of the bank's food comes from wholesalers and distributors looking to get rid of inventory, so year-end is often a good time for the food bank. "The majority of the food that comes in is from the food industry. These are items that are perfectly good to eat but for whatever reason are not marketable. They may be broken or overproduced or dented. The companies can either donate it or dump it and we try to encourage them to make the first choice," said Quandt.

Although it covers an expanding range of service agencies — north to the Canadian border and west to Delaware County — the Regional Food Bank still accepts food donations from individuals at its Latham facility. Those who would like to donate non-perishable food items can drop them off at the bank's main warehouse, located on Albany-Shaker Road north of the Albany County Airport.

"We always want to give people an option," Quandt said. "They can either bring it here or we can give them the name and number of a local food pantry that might be closer to their home."

## New Indian longhouse on view at state museum

The New York State Museum in Albany recently opened a new permanent exhibit, "A Mohawk Iroquois Village."

The exhibit features a life-size replica of a Mohawk Iroquois longhouse, the first

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## Museum sponsors trip to see Broadway show

The New York State Museum is planning a day trip to New York City to see "Beauty and the Beast" performed on Broadway on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Museum curator John Schere will discuss the history of Broadway musicals on the way down to the show. The trip includes a visit to Lincoln Center and Rockefeller Center.

Participants will leave the museum at 7:30 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The trip costs \$118 for adults and \$108 for children. The cost includes transportation, a buffet brunch and tickets.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, Dec. 2.

For information, call the museum at 474-5801.

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Slingerlands Fire District  
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# Haswell

(From Page 1)

Patron Stephen Van Rensselaer was, according to Ruth Hale, "three fat hens, six bushels of wheat and horse and carriage service when needed."

The preservation office is threatening to delay a required approval for the project unless the entrance to Haswell Farms is moved away from the farmhouse.

In a Nov. 10 letter to planning board chairman Martin Barr, state historic sites restoration officer Richard Lord described the farmhouse as "historically and architecturally significant as a representative of early 19th century rural ... architecture in Albany County."

"While structures like this once predominated in towns like Bethlehem," Lord wrote, "the pressures associated with suburban development have destroyed their set-

ting or, worse, resulted in their demolition. The Haswell farmhouse is a substantially intact reminder of this building type in Bethlehem."

Specifically, the agency warned Barr that unless the main entrance to Haswell Farms is moved 320 feet east of Murray Avenue, it would require a complete analysis of the project's impact on a historic area, which could take up to a year. If the developer cooperates, Lord said, the necessary permits needed from the Army Corps of Engineers could be issued within 30 days.

Barr said when he received the letter from the state he considered it a veiled threat and felt the tone was "offensive." Moving the entrance to the development would mean two extra turns for motorists traveling from Murray Avenue. That would complicate traffic both on Murray Avenue and Feura Bush

Road, which are rapidly becoming two of the busiest thoroughfares in town.

## I miss seeing the cows down there.

Ruth Haswell Hale

A traffic study commissioned by the developer estimated that about 3,000 cars will be traveling Murray Avenue each day by the year 2000.

How all this will play out remains to be seen. In the meantime, Hale and her son are curious onlookers.

Hale said she doesn't consider it a big thing that Hasgate Road might pass as close as 50 feet to the farmhouse because she's been assured that landscape screening will be installed and the road grade will be 10 feet lower than the prop-

erty.

A member of the Bethlehem Historical Association, Hale said she is nostalgic about the old farming days when six generations of Haswells farmed land on both sides of Feura Bush Road between Elm and Elmsmere avenues.

"I miss seeing the cows down there." But those days are gone, she said.

"The city is moving out. If the situation was such that we could still run a farm here, that would be different. But it's just the two of us now. We're the last ones."

That was the main reason why all but 3.5 acres of the original Haswell homestead has been sold off, Richard Hale said. "First we got rid of the cows and then the chickens. And finally we got out of the fruits and vegetables. Now all we have is the saw sharpening business."

## Financial seminar scheduled at library

Analysts from the Associated and Financial Group will offer a free seminar at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The discussion will focus on how to take advantage of year-end tax credits, determine future financial needs and develop financial goals.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

## Environmental singer to perform at Borders

Delmar resident Peggy Eyres is scheduled to perform selections from her *Bio-Songs* album on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. at Borders Books & Music located at 59 Wolf Road in Colonie.

Eyres is a songwriter and educator who uses music to teach children and adults about environmental issues in the Adirondacks.

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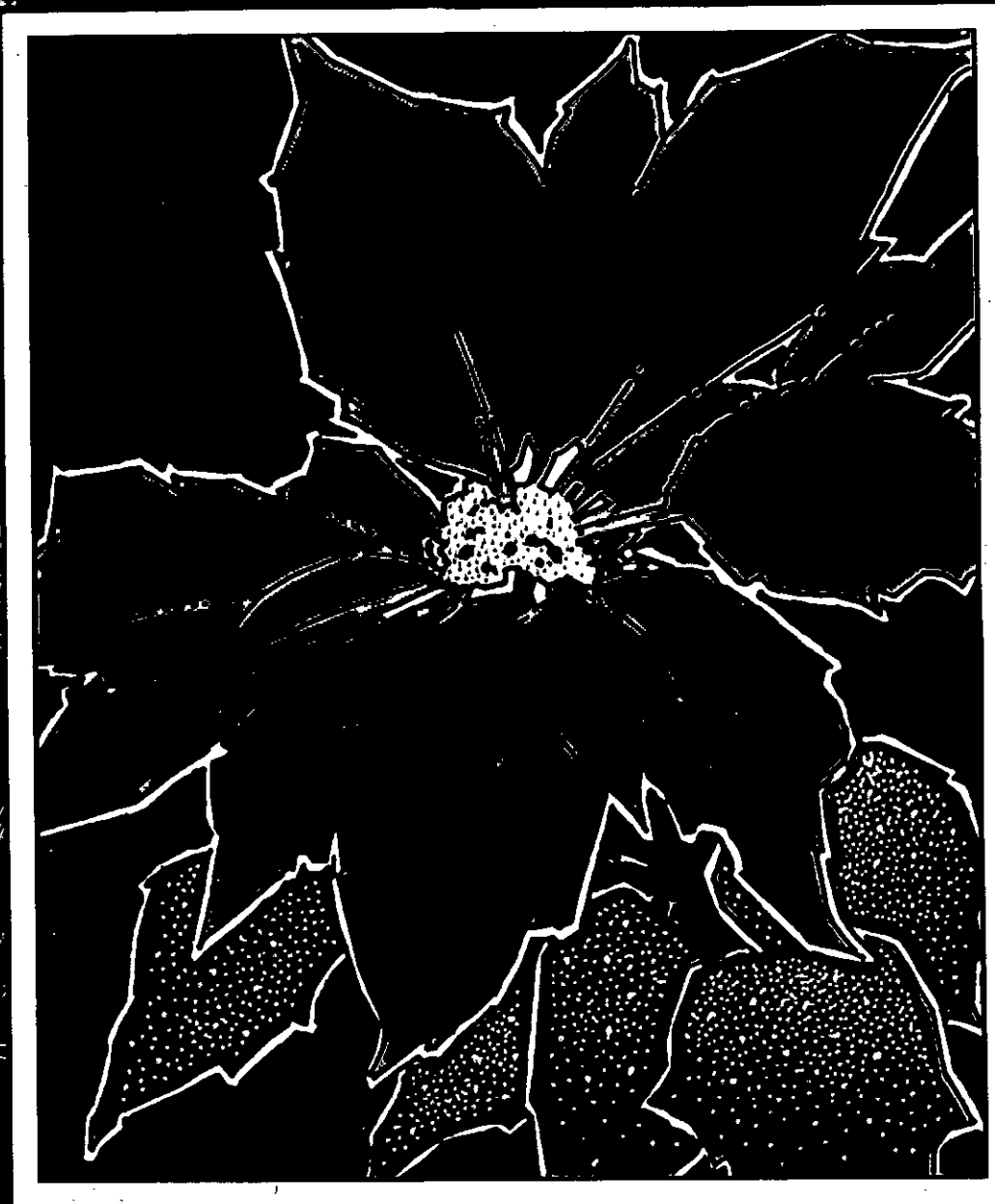
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## HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE I



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## Stand up and be counted for the homeless

By Susan Graves

Little things mean a lot — especially to area homeless people who turn to local shelters for a helping hand. And, according to Pat Campbell, board member for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, one fund drive for the homeless makes a lot of common "cents."

"Several years ago, 'I saw an article in the *New York Times*,' about raising money through collecting coins, Campbell said. She then decided to present a similar version of that fund drive to the interfaith board. The board bought her idea, and Pennies for Haven became the partnership's biggest annual fund-raising effort.

"Pennies," indeed add up, and the fund-raiser, now in its fourth year, has garnered about \$7,000 annually for the partnership, a group that provides refuge for homeless people at 26 South Swan

St. in Albany.

The Interfaith Partnership, founded 10 years ago by a group of local churches and synagogues, was designed to help people who

But because of the growing number of people who come to the shelter for help, the need for funding is greater than ever, she said. The beds are filled every

***We're extraordinarily frugal and make sure we spend every penny well.***

Pat Campbell

have no home; have lost their apartments or have health problems, said Campbell. More than 125 congregations are part of the not-for-profit organization that attempts to help people with chronic or one-time problems in a number of ways.

Sometimes, a person comes to the shelter for a place to sleep at night or a meal during the day. "It serves people of all ages," said Campbell.

night, and last year's harsh winter translated into unusually high heating bills, making it even harder for the shelter to maintain its budget, Campbell said.

"We're extraordinarily frugal and make sure we spend every penny well," she said, but the need for additional funding is critical. A budget shortfall of \$15,000 is anticipated this year after four years of break-even operation at the shelter, said Campbell.

The Pennies fund-raiser is conducted every year around Thanksgiving, and all the money goes directly to support the expenses of running the shelter, which has expanded its services over the years.

Interfaith also helps people find jobs or apartments, offers health and wellness programs and provides clothing at the shelter.

Churches, synagogues, businesses, schools and community organizations can participate in the drive by displaying buckets and posters and encouraging their members to empty their change jars or pockets, Campbell said.

Of course, 5 cents, 10 cents and any other amounts will be greatly appreciated, she added.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 3 p.m., individuals will be able to make a contribution at Stuyvesant Plaza in Gunderland. With the

assistance of Fleet Bank employees, coins will be collected and counted and donated to the interfaith partnership.

Interfaith served more than 600 people last year. About half of those who were served went on to move into permanent housing and on to a job or educational facility.

One relative of a person who had been helped at the shelter recently wrote: "Hope that you folks can continue to be available for those who need it. We're thankful that you were there when a relative needed you a few years ago. He's doing fine now but certainly we are all just a paycheck or illness from being one of your clients."

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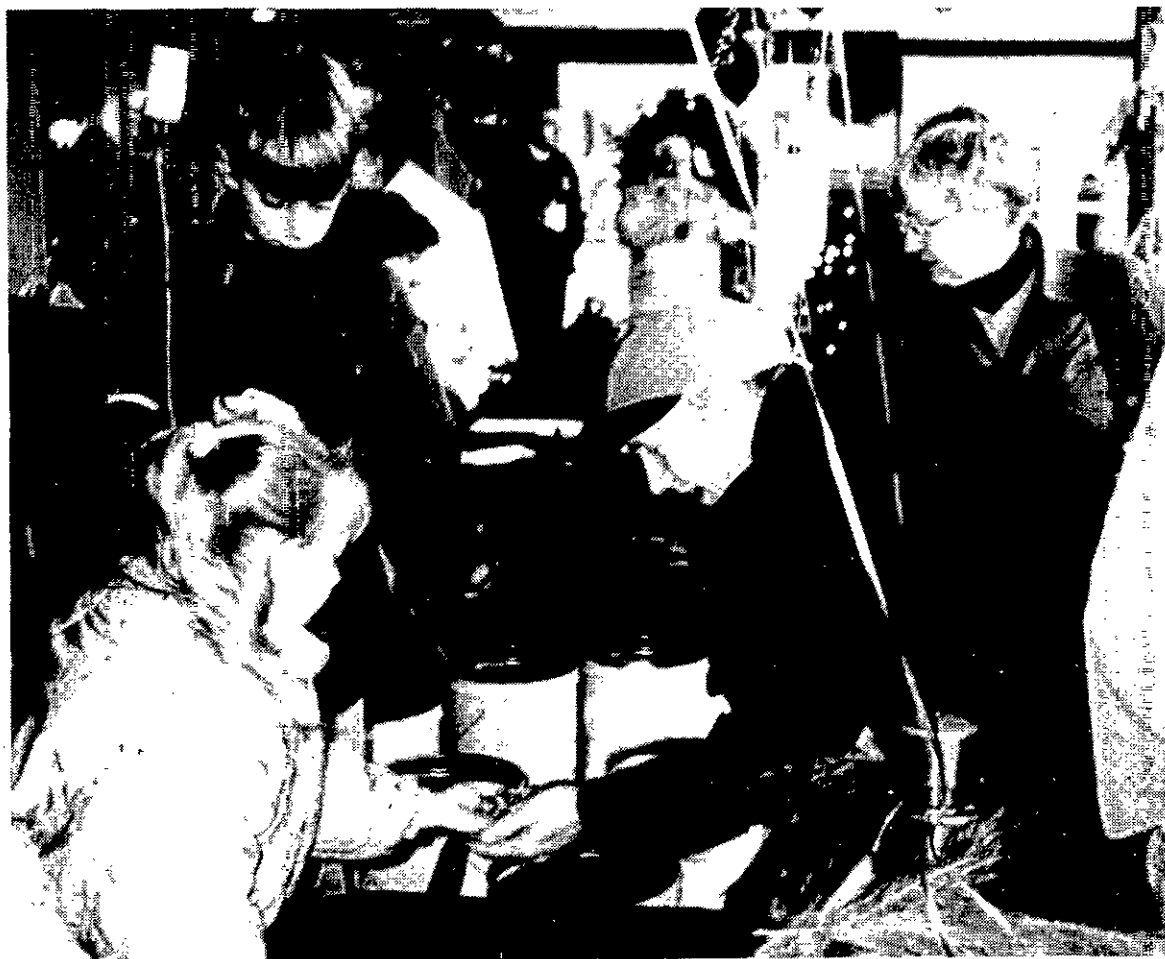
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Steve Winters, right, collects pennies to help the homeless from Melissa Sharp and Brian Bosman, left, at Stuyvesant Plaza.

## Protect pets on holidays

A fleece-lined bed, a new toy...are you wondering what to buy for the furriest family member on your Christmas list? According to the experts, the best gift you can give your pets this year is proper protection from holiday hazards in the home.

"Holiday decorations are like a playground brought indoors for your pets, but they can contain hidden dangers. You need to take a little extra care to identify, and prevent, potential problems for your pets," says Dan Carey, D.V.M., the Iams Company.

- Place a Christmas tree in a room that can be closed off when you are away. For pets, one of the most dangerous holiday decorations is the Christmas tree, which they can pull down on top of themselves by accident.

- Keep lights high up on the tree, or try substituting low-voltage lights for an even safer tree. Both dogs and cats are prone to chewing on electrical cords, which can eventually cause serious electric shock and burns to the mouth and face.

- Unless the tree area is always off-limits to pets, don't use tinsel or glitter. Pets usually end up swallowing them.

- Place popcorn garland high up on the tree, out of pets' reach. While the popcorn itself is harmless, in most cases the string can be dangerous.

- Keep pets and munchies apart, and ask guests not to give in to "begging" pets. Dogs and cats should not be allowed to eat too much chocolate or "people food," as it can upset their digestive systems and balanced diets.

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## Centennials generate unique gifts for history buffs

By Dev Tobin

Birthdays that end in double zeros are a big deal.

The national bicentennial in 1976, with its Tall Ships parade and fantastic fireworks, is still memorable almost 20 years later.

And any individual who reaches 100 years of age is sure to be the center of attention at an especially festive birthday party, complete with legislative proclamations and reporters' questions about the "secret" of such longevity.

Locally, Bethlehem's bicentennial in 1993 produced and Colonie's centennial in 1995 will produce not only community celebrations, but also unique gift ideas related to the birthdays and to the towns' histories.

The T-shirts and mugs are all gone, but the two books produced to commemorate Bethlehem's bicentennial are still available at local stores and at town hall.

While the shirts have 1993 emblazoned on them, and therefore would have been a hard sell in 1994, the 500-page bicentennial history *Bethlehem Revisited* is "timeless, a great gift," noted Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

*Bethlehem Revisited*, written by a team of volunteers under the direction of Senior Editor Floyd Brewer, tells the story of the town from pre-Columbian times to the present.

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The Voorheesville Brass Band, here shown in 1887, was an important part of village social life, playing at town picnics, political campaign rallies, clam-bakes, and other functions.

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A follow-up book, *Bethlehem Diary*, due in local stores before the holidays, provides a window on recent town events (from 1983 to 1993) through the eyes of Brewer, a retired University at Albany professor.

Brewer recounts his views on everything from the travails of editing and publishing *Bethlehem*

*Revisited* to how to cope with the memorable October 1987 snowstorm.

*Bethlehem Diary* will cost \$19 after Nov. 30, but just \$15 before then for those who reserve and pay for a copy at the town clerk's office, Brewer noted.

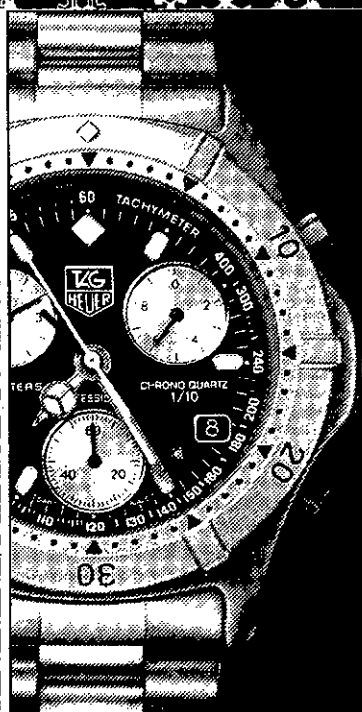
Other books of local historical interest in Bethlehem/New Scotland, available at local bookstores, include *More Times Remembered*

by *Spotlight* columnist and former Bethlehem Town Historian Allison Bennett and *Media Rare* by the late Nat Boynton, a former *Spotlight* publisher.

The comprehensive *People of the Town of Bethlehem*, by Peter and Florence Christoph, presents a thorough review of public and church records for the years 1698 to 1880 and is available from the Bethlehem Historical Association.

Colonie's Centennial Commission offers a broad range of centennial gifts, including sweatshirts, T-shirts, caps, mugs, a calendar featuring historic photographs, pins, a Christmas ornament and a history of local churches, according to David Vail of the commission.

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lar, Vail said, outselling the centennial logo sweatshirt 3-1.

Centennial gift items are available at Latham Circle Mall, the Shaker Shed on Route 155 near Sand Creek Road and the Shaker Museum (with a limited selection of shirts and mugs) and can be ordered at town hall, Colonie village hall, the town's senior citizens' centers and Clearly Yours on Route 9.

*The Town of Colonie: A Pictorial History*, a collaborative effort edited by Colonie town historian Jean Olton, is a splendid collection of old photographs, maps and engravings, along with text that fully recounts the town's history (including before it officially became a town in 1895).

The book is available at the Shaker Heritage Society museum shop and from Olton.

The Shaker museum shop is a font of gift ideas for those inter-

ested in Colonie's most famous 19th-century inhabitants.

The shop features Shaker reproductions and a wide selection of books about the Shakers, said shop manager Carol Ray, who noted that the museum also sponsors a six-week Christmas craft fair.

New Scotland is between centennials, having split off from Bethlehem in 1832, but its historical association has produced a 1995 calendar full of remarkable vintage photographs, mainly featuring turn-of-the-century scenes of the Helderbergs.

Several of the photographs, from local collections and the New York State Museum archives, have never been published, according to Laura Ten Eyck, who worked on the calendar with her husband Dietrich Gehring.

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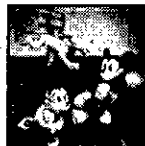
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The calendar is available for \$5 at several local outlets, including the Stonewell Market, the Voorheesville Mobil station and Indian Ladder Farms.

Two local history books by Voorheesville village historian Dennis Sullivan — *Voorheesville, N.Y.: A Sketch of the Beginnings of a 19th-century Railroad Town* and *Charles Bender and the Bender Melon Farm* — are available at the historical association's museum in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany, noted that his coffee-table local history book, *Albany, Capital City on the Hudson*, was reprinted for the city's tricentennial in 1986, but is out of print and can be found only at used bookstores, like Bryn Mawr in Albany.

"One great advantage of these centennial celebrations is that they generate interest in local history," McEneny said.

McEneny suggested that a good gift for commuters might be a taped version of one of William Kennedy's novels, realistic tales

of early 20-century Albany.

"People in the suburbs spend a lot of time driving back and forth," he said. "The thing about Kennedy is that he can be deadly to read, but on tape, his writing comes across the way the Irish speak, in long, flowing sentences.

Kennedy's works on tape are available in the "Albany Cycle" (abridged versions of *Ironweed*, *Billy Phelan's Greatest Game* and *Legs*) and in individual versions of *Ironweed*, *Legs* and *The Ink Truck*.

Kennedy's non-fiction *OAlbany*, while not on tape, is "good for Albany history," McEneny said.

McEneny also recommended *The Trial of Bat Shea*, a fictional retelling by Jack Casey of an actual murder trial in Troy that resulted in the execution of an innocent man.

"What could be more topical to read in January?" as the legislature and Gov.-elect George Pataki prepare to enact the death penalty, said McEneny.

For those who want to see the way things used to be, McEneny noted that Morris Gerber's *Old Albany* series of books of vintage photographs continues to be reprinted and available at local bookstores and museum shops.



Modeling the latest in Colonie centennial wear are Spotlight staffers, from left, Carol Stuart (in the popular daffodil sweatshirt), John Salvione (in the centennial logo sweatshirt) and Beth Ryan (in the "100 Years of Shakers and Movers" T-shirt).  
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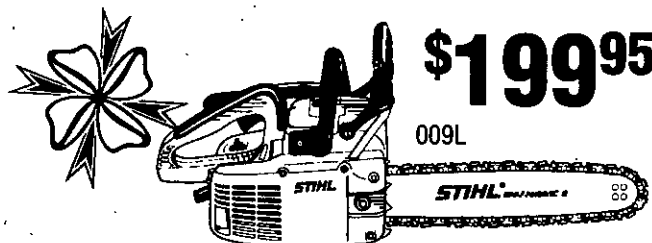


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## Safety concerns depress demand for toy guns

By Mel Hyman

If your child is bugging you about getting him or her a toy gun for Christmas, you might have a hard time locating one, at least in local stores.

Ten or 20 years ago that certainly would not have been the case. But in the 1990s, however, crime is one of the top issue on the minds of Americans, and parents are wary of the danger that playing with toy guns may pose for their children.

***We pulled everything from the stores on Oct. 15. Guns for the last few years have not been big sellers. I think a lot of parents have been getting away from it.***

Vince DiGiacomo of Kay Bee

Still and all, it wasn't until about two months ago when a child in California was killed by a policeman who thought a gun was being pointed at him that concern about realistic toys guns really began to take hold.

In the interim, several of the nation's largest toy retailers have stopped selling realistic toy guns

— or toy guns of any type — in response to the tragedy in California.

At Kay Bee Toys in the Delaware Plaza, for example, you won't find a one in the store.

"We made the (TV) news a few weeks ago when the company destroyed all of its inventory and recycled the materials," said Vince DiGiacomo, district manager of 15 Kay Bee Toy stores in the Capital District.

"You shouldn't find any realistic toy guns in any of our Kay Bee stores either in the area or nationwide," DiGiacomo said. "We pulled everything from the stores on Oct. 15, if I remember right. We were told of an incident in New York City or California where a policeman shot someone."

Toy guns were never a "great part of our inventory," DiGiacomo said. "Guns for the last few years have not been big sellers. I think a lot of parents have been getting away from it."

Toys R Us, the nation's largest toy retailer with stores in Colonie and Clifton Park, also reacted swiftly to the California killing.

Company executives recently announced they would be selling off whatever inventory they had left over and that would be it.

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George Bronson, manager of Duane's Toyland in Albany, says his store still stocks toy guns.  
Doug Persons

plans to handle will be the fluorescent variety that come in colors like orange, hot pink and green so that they cannot be mistaken for the real thing.

At least one retailer in the area still sells toy guns, although how realistic they are is open to debate.

"They're more like western-type rifles and six-shooters," said George Bronson, store manager of Duane's Toyland in Albany's Westgate Plaza. "They have an orange tip on the end of them so they can't be taken for the real thing."

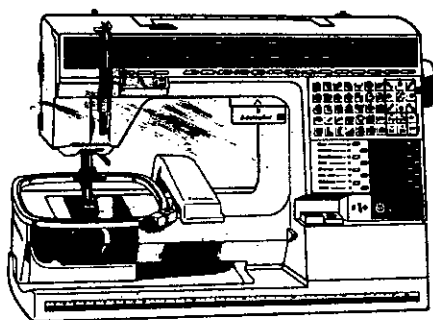
"It's a decent part of our inventory," Bronson said, "especially around Halloween and Christmas, although it's not what it used to be," Bronson said. "Everybody else seems to be getting out of it."

It would depend on the situation if the guns could actually be considered at threat, Bronson said. "If you were in a dark alley late at night, I can see where a policeman could think it looked like a weapon."

It's vital that parents instruct their children not to point the guns at people, he added.

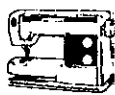
"It's fun to use them in pretend situations and when you're outside playing Cowboys and Indians," he said.

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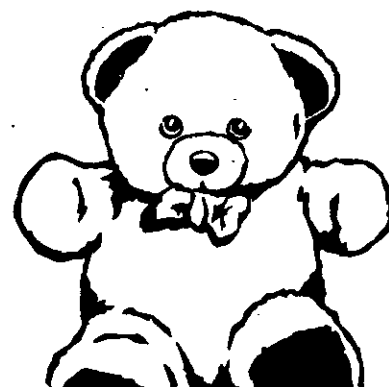
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## Feura Bush family hopes tree farm finally yields fruit

*After 10 years of work, some trees are ready for holiday season*

By Susan Graves

The fruits of Gordon and Judi Dyndor's labor are finally being harvested — after a 10-year wait for the Feura Bush couple.

Dyndor Tree Farm, located on Waldenmaier Road just outside Delmar, will have a variety of Christmas trees for sale this year, although any profit yielded will be negligible, considering the effort the couple has expended.

Ten years ago, the first several thousand Douglas firs planted by the Dyndors perished because the soil wasn't hospitable to the species. The Dyndors said they had called the local cooperative extension for advice about what to plant for good Christmas trees and were told that Douglas trees were among the best.

"Finally, I got a forester who said white pine, Scotch pine and Balsam," would be better for us because of the clay soil, said Gordon Dyndor.

Undaunted, the couple started all over again, hand planting several thousand more trees on the 9.2 acres of land. At first, they thought it would be fun just to watch the trees grow, but they soon learned that, like most ba-



Judi and Gordon Dyndor are struggling to make a go of their fledgling Christmas tree business on Waldenmaier Road in the town of Bethlehem.

Hugh Hewitt

bies, the young trees would need a lot of nurturing.

The planting, said Judi Dyndor, "was just the beginning." The task became somewhat more Hercu-

lean what with herbicides, pesticides, fertilizer and shaping the trees, her husband added. And with all that care, the Dyndors figure they still ended up with

about 4,000 trees out of a total of 16,000 that were planted over the years.

Another problem is that hungry deer seeking food have

wreaked havoc at the farm. "Last year the deer sort of killed us." They became so tame that "One morning I saw one in the front yard, and I really expected it to wave to me on my way out," said Judi Dyndor.

*Last year the deer sort of killed us. ... One morning I saw one in the front yard and I really expected it to wave to me on my way out.*

Judi Dyndor

This season, they estimate that between 75 and 100 trees will be ready to sell. Trees will be priced from \$20 to \$22 and can be cut or dug up on site, the Dyndors said.

Along with the trees, wreaths and greens will also be available beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving. The farm is located on Waldenmaier Road in the town of Bethlehem, about 2 miles from Elm Avenue Park. For information, call 439-1637.

"It would be nice to get just a little profit from this," Judi Dyndor quipped.

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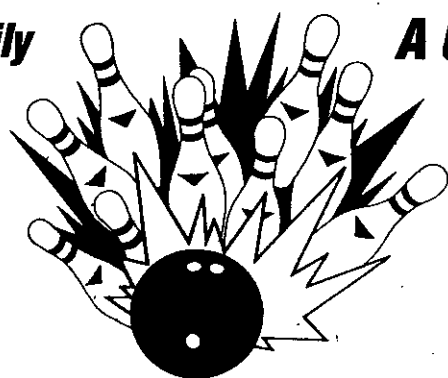
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**Thursday, Nov. 24**
**FITNESS CLASS**

Thanksgiving Day "Eat Without Guilt" class, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 438-6608.

**Friday, Nov. 25**
**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

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**Tuesday, Nov. 29**
**EXCALIBUR LEGEND PUPPET SHOW**

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**Wednesday, Nov. 30**
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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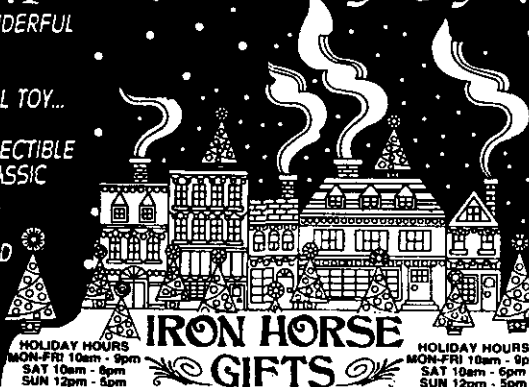
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given by the University at Albany Chamber Singers, First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 442-3995.

## CHRISTMAS GREENS SHOW

featuring wreaths made by members of the Van Rensselaer Garden Club, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, noon to 8 p.m. Cost, \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, \$1 for children 5 to 15.

## PRUYN HOUSE HOLIDAY

tours, decorations, table arrangements and music, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, 783-1435.

## "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The Dickens classic at Russell Sage College, James Meader Little Theatre, Troy, 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children. Information, 270-2248.

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

## HOLIDAY HOUSE

Traditional decorations at the Ten Broeck Mansion, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. \$3. Information, 436-9826.

## CRAFT FAIR

annual fair sponsored by the Hamagrael PTA, Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 475-9702.

## SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY

a session on preparing a Christmas centerpiece presented by JoAnn Canonico at the Albany-Shaker Road Shaker site, 10 a.m. to noon, \$30 for non-members and \$28 for members. Information, 456-7890.

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## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

organized by the Greater Loudonville Association, The triangle, between Route 9 and Old Niskayuna Road, Loudonville, 5 p.m. Information, 465-4236.

## WINTER CONCERT

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## Monday, Dec. 5

## COLONIE TOWN BAND

holiday concert, Latham Circle Mall, Latham, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2760.

## Tuesday, Dec. 6

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

of the Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, noon. Cost, \$12. Information, 439-1287.

## Ongoing

## THEATER

## "INSPECTING CAROL"

by Daniel Sullivan, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 11, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531.

## "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

starring John Astin of "The Addams Family," Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Nov. 24 through Dec. 11, \$22.50 to \$32.50. Information, 1-800-848-4874.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Nov. 25 through Dec. 4. Information, 463-4478.

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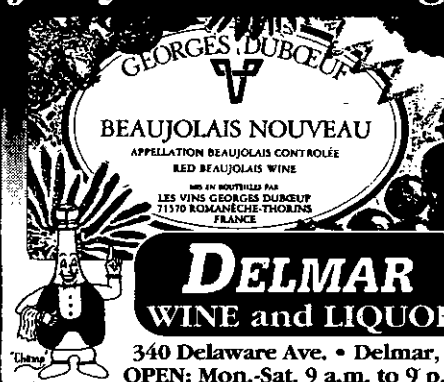
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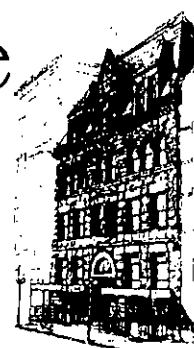
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# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

## Cut flowers are great last-minute gift idea

Running out of ideas — and time — for finding that perfect holiday gift?

Fresh cut flowers are one of the most appreciated and desired gifts, according to recent studies. And flowers are appropriate for both personal and business gift giving.

Flowers should be selected as carefully as any other holiday present, with the personality and taste of the receiver in mind.

The California Cut Flower Commission offers the following guidelines to help you and your florist create a special floral gift for everyone on your holiday list.

### You and the recipient

Start by giving the florist information about the recipient, such as age, gender, personality type, as well as your relationship — business, personal, family — with that person. Let your florist know if there is a particular sentiment you'd like to convey. He or she will know the right kind of flowers which are traditionally used to express certain feelings. Indicate if there are favorite flowers you would like used.

### Colors

Specific colors are typically

associated with the holiday season, but outside of tradition, floral color decisions can be made in several ways. You may wish to match or complement colors of the recipient's home, office, or wherever the flowers will be displayed.

Monochromatic color selections can be quite striking, and are used for both modern, trendy arrangements as well as nostalgic Victorian effects. Be sure to let your florist know what color hue you prefer.

Arrangements of mixed colors are always good, and particularly

if you draw a blank on color choice. Mixed colors also reflect the way flowers grow in a natural setting.

### Price

The price of an arrangement or bouquet is determined by several factors. Usually, the more flowers, the higher the price. Domestically produced flowers in season will cost less than unusual ones that are out of season.

During the holidays, good flower buys can be found in standard varieties such as chrysanthemums, carnations, and roses, as well as some specialty cut flowers.

Accessories — such as balloons, stuffed animals, candies — could increase the price of an arrangement. Vase and floral container prices can also vary.

The total cost of your floral arrangement will typically include a design fee. The training, experience, and reputation of the florist will determine this, just as in any other industry. Floral wire services also offer the convenience of ordering an arrangement for delivery across the country. Be sure to ask about all charges (including delivery) before finalizing your floral purchase.

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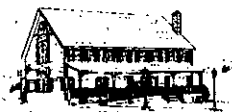
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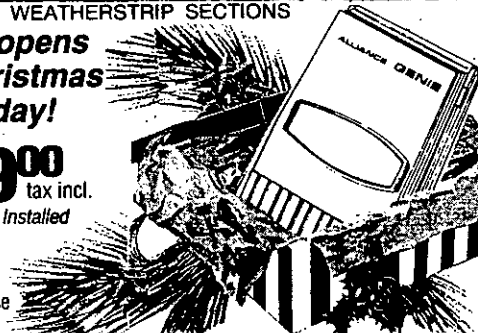
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# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

## Fitness equipment combats unhealthy holiday habits

As much as you hate to admit it, your most strenuous holiday exercise probably consists of lifting your hand from the cheese tray to your mouth.

You're not alone. Kicking back and digging in have become the main course during the holidays. Unfortunately, so have the accompanying weight surge and winter doldrums.

Unhealthy holiday habits have led to an increased focus on fitness, according to Phil Singer, owner of The Fitness Experience, a specialty fitness dealer with five locations in the Chicago area.

"Fitness equipment is becoming an increasingly popular gift choice," Singer said. "People who used to spend \$2,000 on a stereo or wide-screen television are choosing to spend their money on a premium-quality treadmill that can be used by the whole family."

Singer attributes his surge in November and December business to chilly temperatures, nasty weather and a shortage of daylight.

"Most of us can't get outdoors as much to do the things we usually do to stay active, like jogging, biking, golfing or in-line skating," Singer said.

A motorized treadmill is the most popular piece of cardiovascular fitness equipment, according to Singer. "Treadmills provide the most natural form of exercise — walking," he said. "People have been walking their whole lives, so they've had a lot of practice. Cross-country ski and rowing machines take a lot more skill and coordination to operate."

Because walking on a treadmill is a weight-bearing exercise, it uses and recruits more muscles in the buttocks, hips and thighs than non-weight-bearing equipment, Singer said. And by strengthening bone mass, treadmills delay the onset of osteoporosis, a bone disease characterized by a reduction in bone density and increased brittleness.

According to Larry Stallings, president of True Fitness Technology, a manufacturer of premium-quality home treadmills, there are several important factors to consider as you look for a treadmill.

- **Durability** — The unit should feel steady and secure. The running surface should feel resilient and absorbent.

- **Noise Level** — Treadmill noise varies widely by manufacturer.

Compare each model's noise, keeping in mind that it will be even more pronounced in your own home.

- **Safety Features** — Among the features enhancing the safety of some treadmills are a removable safety key and circuit breaker that shuts down the unit, hand rails, an enclosed motor compartment and rear roller shields.

- **Cushioning** — All treadmills are easier on joints than pavement, but shock absorption varies dramatically among different models. Some of the special cushioning features available are thicker running belts, a shock-absorbing deck and rubber feet under the frame.

Stallings suggests visiting a specialty fitness store to learn more about treadmill features and benefits.

"Most important is to use the treadmill before purchasing it," he said. "Just like you wouldn't buy a car without giving it a test drive, don't buy a treadmill without spending several minutes trying it out."

For more information about the benefits of using a home treadmill and the name and location of the specialty fitness store nearest you, call 1-800-883-8783.

## Make holiday shine with car wash gift

Searching for a unique gift for someone special this holiday season?

Try gift certificates for free or discounted car washes at your neighborhood professional car wash. Gift certificates are practical, affordable and give that someone special a reason to feel good.

Come on, admit it — you feel better when driving around in a clean car. In fact, according to an independent study conducted for the International Carwash Association (ICA), car owners said driving a clean car made them "feel good," the same feeling they got after "taking a shower or going to the hair stylist."

Individual car wash gift certificates cost only about \$5 each. Books of five or more washes are available, as are certificates offering discounts on additional services such as detailing, waxing, vacuuming, etc.

They make wonderful grab-bag gifts at the office party, as well as perfect stocking stuffers. (They're also a great way to drop a subtle hint to the neighbor who always parks his dirty car in front of your house.)

Frequent professional car washes are the best way to remove road grime, tar, oil, bugs, salt, acid rain and the countless other elements that take their toll on a car's delicate finish.

ICA recommends a professional wash every 10 days, and especially immediately following a rainfall, when the effects of acid rain can damage a car's clear-coat surface.

A professional wash is also the only effective method for removing potentially corrosive winter salt buildup on and underneath the car.

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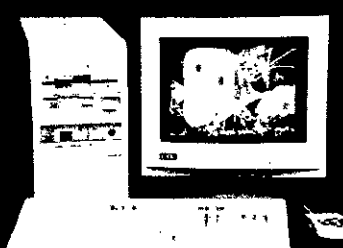
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