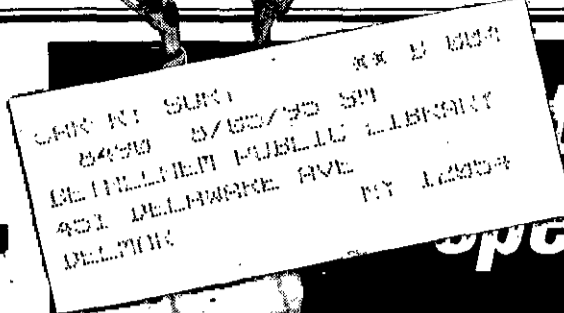


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Residential growth won't pay school tax

By Dev Tobin

What do Delmar delis, Slingerlands supermarkets and Glenmont malls have in common?

All are intensely opposed by neighbors, despite the fact that all would moderate local property taxes, especially the

port said that a new house sending just one child to school would have to cost \$370,600 in order to pay the \$5,874 in local taxes that support each student.

While school officials have long suspected that new residential developments do not generate enough revenue to balance their costs, Loomis' report is the first at BC to do a rough cost-benefit analysis for specific developments.

The report looked at four recent single-family residential developments — Adams Woods, Country Meadows, Quail Hollow and Somerset Woods, whose 165 units are assessed at \$28,865,300 (an average of about \$175,000).

The 165 houses send 129 students to BC schools, so the assessed value per student is \$223,762, far short of the \$370,600 assessed value per student throughout the district, Loomis said.

The resulting tax shortfall from those 165 houses is just over \$300,000, leading to an increased tax burden of 1.2 percent for all other BC taxpayers, he said.

"Residential development does not pay for itself," Loomis said. Acknowledging that "The question of how to slow the rate of residential growth is very difficult," Loomis noted, "We're an attractive community, and families with children are moving in."

His report also estimated that about 300 new single-family homes (mostly in

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You can't have it all — high-quality education, residential growth, moderate taxes and no commercial development.

Leslie Loomis

Bethlehem Central School District tax.

In his report to the school board on the impact of residential growth on school taxes, BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis said that a lack of commercial growth signals problems for the school district.

"You can't have it all — high-quality education, residential growth, moderate taxes and no commercial development," Loomis said. "District residents have to be willing to consider carefully planned, properly scaled commercial development."

Part of the work of the district's long-range planning committee, Loomis' re-



Welcome home, Matthew

Tammy and Stephen Weber stand by their son, Matthew Christopher Weber, as he is sworn in as a U.S. citizen. (See Story on Page 4) Doug Patisolis

Board overrules Loomis on hiring baseball coach

Braverman's in, Furey's out

By Dev Tobin

Who should fill a one-year temporary appointment to a job that pays about \$2,500 consumed more than an hour of the Beth-

lehem Central school board's meeting last week.

For the first time in the eight years he's been superintendent, Leslie Loomis had a personnel recommendation rejected by the board, who decided to hire Jesse Braverman, instead of John Furey, as varsity baseball coach.

Braverman will replace Ken Hodge, who has received a leave of absence to try his hand at coaching at the college level, as an assistant at The College of Saint Rose.

A standing-room-only crowd, largely parents in support of Braverman, filled the district office meeting room to overflowing.

The high school administration had originally recommended Furey for the job, but had neglected to check references, Loomis said. After going through the process a second time, with reference checks, the administration (Principal Jon Hunter and Athletic Director Fred Powers) again recommended Furey.

Both men are "extraordinary people distinguished in every way," Loomis said. "We took pains to make the process objective and complete."

Braverman is a resource room teacher

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Rural Place neighbors: No deli here



This single family house at 273 Delaware Ave. is the center of a tug-of-war between developer John Manning and residents of Rural Place.

By Mel Hyman

The residents of Rural Place gave it their best shot last week.

Concerned about a revised site plan application for a delicatessen and catering service at the junction of Rural Place and Delaware Avenue, nearly 20 people expressed their disapproval during a public hearing before the Bethlehem Planning Board on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Less than a handful spoke in favor of Albany restaurateur John Manning's proposal. Manning wants to convert a one-family house on the premises into a deli business on the first floor and a two-bedroom apartment on the second.

Time and again, members of the Rural Park Residents Association sounded the alarm on traffic.

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Numbers show changing trends

By Dev Tobin

Going by the numbers, Albany County is in fairly good shape, with good news and bad news that reflect society at large, according to *Socioeconomic Trends in New York State: 1950-1990*, a new study by Cornell professor Paul Eberts.

The study, published by the state Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, looked at 40 indicators, from population to stroke deaths per 100,000, over the past 40 years.

Albany is one of nine "upstate metropolitan" counties in the state, according to Eberts' typology, and generally fares better than its peers in the study.

While much of the report's text reviews problems particular to rural areas, the statistics for Albany County are illuminating on their own.

For example, the number of farms in the county plummeted from 1,453 to 460 in the last 40 years, but the number of acres under cultivation only dropped 50 percent, from 56,281 to 28,617.

And, the value of agricultural products, in 1990 dollars, dropped even less, from \$22.5 million to \$16.2 million.

Good, indeed great, news numbers include a steady increase in number of people employed (99,413 to 149,954) and in adjusted per capita income, in 1990 dollars (\$4,258 to \$21,003), while the percentage of families in poverty is down from 17.6 to 8.4.

The post-industrial service economy is well-established in Albany County, with 91.2 percent (second-highest in the state) now employed in the "tertiary-service sector," up from 75.2 percent in 1950. But the report notes that service employment range widely, from high-paid professionals like doctors and lawyers to minimum-wage restaurant and retail jobs.

Education is also a bright spot, with the percentage of people with some college up from 13.4 to 42.2.

There is more good news in the "Personal and Social Well-being" section.

Infant mortality per 1,000 births

has dropped like a stone, from 28.7 to 7.6. Stroke deaths per 100,000 also are down dramatically, from 167 to 50.9. And accident deaths per 100,000 (from 1960 to 1990) have fallen by more than a third, 37.4 to 22.9.

The bad news will come as no surprise to anyone who has a nodding acquaintance with today's headlines. Manufacturing, once the region's bedrock, declined steadily during the 40-year period, from 22.8 percent of total employment in 1950 to 7.9 percent in 1990. All of the decline is related to the shrinking number of large firms, employing 100 or more (down from 51 to 34), while smaller firms held steady, even showing some growth in the last 20 years.

On the social side, the percentage of births out of wedlock rose from 3.8 in 1960 to 28.1 in 1990. Not coincidentally, the percentage of female-headed families with children rose from 10.3 in 1970 to 22.9 in 1990.

The homicide rate per 100,000 is also on the rise, from 1.7 in 1950 to 3.8 in 1990.

Mittens galore



Blanchard American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary member Barbara Palmer (left), Town of Bethlehem representative Mary Martinage and Helen Brockley, auxiliary president, present mittens for the needy.
Doug Persons

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Traffic safety panel targets Brightonwood Road speeders

By Mel Hyman

In response to concerns expressed by the residents of Brightonwood Road, the Bethlehem Traffic Safety Committee has recommended stringent enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit and the possible installation of stop signs if stiff enforcement doesn't do the trick.

Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who chairs the committee, promised during a public hearing last week to "make every effort" to station officers in the Brightonwood Road vicinity for the next month so that committee members can determine if stricter traffic enforcement is all that's needed.

After a month's time, the committee will review the situation and if stricter enforcement of the speed limit doesn't force people to drive slower and more safely, he said, then the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Brightonwood Road and Sussex might be recommended for a one-year, trial basis.

Speed checks conducted by the police department have consistently revealed a speeding problem along Brightonwood. The most recent study showed that about 15 percent of the cars traveling on Brightonwood (between Feura Bush and Wemple roads) traveled 48 mph or above. The study was made during the Nov. 18 to 24 time period.

"I'm very concerned," said Richard Switzer of 50 Brightonwood Road. "When I'm out raking leaves I can see that nobody slows down. Coming out of Chadwick Square, they make the turn (at Sussex and Brightonwood) and just go zooming by."

"If you don't give us the stop signs and an accident happens, I hope you can live with it," said Anita Stein of 25 Brightonwood. "I was out with my daughter bike-riding the other day, and if I hadn't pulled her over twice, she could have gotten hit. If you're waiting for an accident to happen, I guarantee you, it will."

Vanderbilt said that the committee's review of the situation along Brightonwood did not turn up any major accidents. But Brightonwood residents Barbara Silber and Oskar Harmon cautioned that the committee's data may not have been complete.

"I believe there may have been an unreported one," she said. "Some people recently moved here from Canada and on the day they moved in one of their two dogs was killed by a speeder. I heard about it when she came over and introduced herself. I said, 'Welcome to America. We go fast.'"

Harmon said he thought an accident involving a drunk driver had occurred in the Brightonwood vicinity not long ago. In any event, Harmon explained that, "A lot of us moved out here for the quality of life, so that we could allow our kids to ride their bikes in the street — not the 3- or 4-year-olds of course — without having to worry that they're going to get run over by speeders."

Committee member Douglas Hasbrouck summarized the panel's sentiment when he maintained that previous attempts to control speeding on the streets in Bethlehem were not successful and might have even exacerbated the problem.

He cited the example of Fernbank Avenue, where after many months of deliberation, the committee agreed to install some stop signs on the roadway for a year's time and then to evaluate whether they had worked.

Speeding on Fernbank seemed to increase slightly and several near-accidents were reported by drivers frustrated by having to stop for the new signs. It was estimated that only one in two drivers even bothered to stop for the new signs at Fernbank and Brookside.

"Let's see how stricter enforcement works first," he said. "I don't like to see the town buried in stop signs. ... There's not much we can do to control animals, and we can't control children either."

"The one positive benefit from installing stop signs," he said, was that it might deter people from using Brightonwood as a "short-cut over to Feura Bush Road."



Sue Cunningham and Eileen Perkins

Festival Fund helps handle hard times

By Susan Graves

The Bethlehem Festival Fund "Quietly helping Neighbors since 1942" brings good cheer to community residents throughout the year as well as during the holidays. But like many local fund-raisers, it needs help to do it.

Established in 1969, the fund is an outgrowth of a group called White Christmas that helped local families during the holiday season. Today, however, the fund goes far beyond that, and this year is attempting to raise \$6,000.

"The needs are greater in this community than people realize," said Eileen Perkins, Slingerlands Elementary School nurse and a fund board member. "This is a town of haves and have-nots," and of people who sometimes find themselves in a situation where they need a temporary helping hand, she said.

"It's even something as simple as a pair of boots or eye glasses for a child," said Sue Cunningham, who is also on the festival fund board and is also a school nurse, working at Clarksville Elementary School.

As school nurses, Perkins and Cunningham are able to readily identify many needs, and as fund board members they often help remedy a problem. "The beautiful part about the fund is that you see a need and can get that need met," Perkins said.

In some cases, the fund helps out families, who might be having problems paying a heating bill (last year the fund helped out when one family's heat was about to be turned off). In less drastic situations, the fund also provides money for summer camperships and school field trips.

"The good this organization does is incredible," said Perkins. She said all fund members are volunteers and that with the exception of a post office box, there are no administrative costs.

During the holidays the fund prepares food baskets — last year there were 81 — to be distributed throughout the Bethlehem community. Bethlehem school children help collect and sort canned goods, and the fund provides all the turkeys for the baskets, Perkins said. "Some classes have mitten boxes and trees; it's a true community project," she said.

She said many people who have been assisted by the fund in the past return to see if they can help someone currently in need.

To make a contribution, write to the Bethlehem Festival Fund, P.O. Box 341, Delmar 12054 or call Perkins or Cunningham at the Slingerlands or Clarksville school.

Face to face



Good Samaritan Nursing Home resident Mildred March greets 3-month-old Nikolos Ashor at the Delmar facility's "Olde Fashion Christmas" party recently. Nikolos is being held by his aunt, Sue O'Keefe, Samaritan's director of social services. *Doug Persons*

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Five Rivers backers on trail of 16-acre property

By Susan Graves

Members of Five Rivers Limited are keeping their fingers crossed that a 16-acre parcel will be added to the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center property on Game Farm Road.

The acreage is currently owned by Frances Bishop, whose late husband worked for the game farm formerly located on the property.

"She wanted us to have it; her husband used to work for the game farm and she has a soft spot in her heart for us," said Jim Tate, Five Rivers Limited vice president, who

is also in charge of fund-raising.

"She used to walk the land daily; it's the part she really wanted to see protected," said Anne Williams, Five Rivers Limited member and former chairwoman of the land protection committee.

The 16 acres would be a critical addition to Five Rivers because it would help protect the facility from encroaching development. Four housing developments within one mile of the center have been submitted for approval or

built within the last year.

"We're very concerned about

We're very concerned about the center. While it has a diversity of wildlife, the wildlife doesn't know where the boundaries are.

Anne Williams

"Some land owners clearly have no interest in selling," added Williams.

The Bishop property is particularly attractive to Five Rivers, however, since it contains critical wetlands and two tributaries that form the headwaters of the Vlomankill.

the center. While it has a diversity of wildlife, the wildlife doesn't know where the boundaries are," Williams said.

And protecting the existing 328 acres of Five Rivers isn't easy, Williams said.

Five Rivers Limited is currently trying to raise about \$15,000. The group has a short-term option to buy the land at \$10,000 and anticipates related costs of about \$5,000, Williams said.

New citizens sworn in at school

By Dev Tobin

The auditorium of Bethlehem Central Middle School swelled with pride and patriotism Friday as 10 new Americans were sworn into citizenship.

Besides friends, family and government officials, the ceremony included letters from eighth-grade "sponsors," who told the prospective new citizens, ranging in age from 2 to 10 years old, some of what they could expect as Americans.

Ten eighth-grade classes had each "adopted" one of the new citizens, who are adopted children of local families. The students all wrote letters about the American spirit to their prospective new citizen, then chose a representative letter to be read as part of the ceremony, said teacher Maryanne Malecki.

The formal ceremony for the new citizens was "the ultimate primary source, and the students will remember this far beyond anything they learn in the classroom," said Malecki, who helped organize the event as part of a unit on immigration.

Many of the student readers are first- or second-generation citizens, and one is still a resident alien, Malecki said.

"I, if anyone, knows what it is like to move to another country," said Sarah Sandison in her letter to Matthew Christopher Weber, a Korean toddler adopted last year by Stephen and Tammy Weber of Delmar.

Sandison's family moved here from South Africa, and she herself will become a citizen in January.

"The United States is a great place to live, because you can adopt the American way of life, but still keep your own values and beliefs," Sandison told Matthew.

For Stephen Weber, a BCHS graduate, having his son become a citizen in a school he used to attend "means a lot. Hopefully, he'll be in this same auditorium as a student."

Beth Gecewicz told Emilia Rose Hahn Zollo, formerly of Peru, "You'll participate in the pledge to the flag each morning in school. You'll have a party every year on the Fourth of July. You'll sing our anthem before every basketball game and celebrate Columbus Day each year as October rolls around. But these won't mean anything more to you than a bunch of old traditions, and a day off from school, unless you take and cherish, way down in the depth of your heart, that every one of these events represents all that our nation stands for ... the simple idea that all men are created equal."

The citizenship ceremony "is exciting for us and causes each of us to reflect on why we are here and how important America is to us," said Pamela Williams, vice president of the BC school board.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said holding the ceremony in school "is a wonderful way to introduce new citizens to our country. It shows students the great value and strength of diversity."

"The kids really become a part of it; I'm amazed at the way they improve the ceremony," said Gary Hale, officer in charge of the Albany office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Hale said he has tried to bring citizenship ceremonies to the people, especially in schools, because "People get really excited about it, and take home memories they'll have forever."

Dom DeCecco, BC's social studies supervisor (and son of a naturalized citizen), said the citizenship event is like hands-on science for the students— "first-hand and direct, a perfect way to see the process work."

Besides Weber and Zollo, the area's newest citizens are Ian Hwan Eckardt-Rigberg, from Korea; Misha Carl Golub, from Paraguay; Maria Margaret Fusco, from Korea; Marcos Antonio Feller, from Chile; Ahilya May Willis, from India; Alexander Samuel Rimkunas, from Hungary; Stanley Arturas Rimkunas, from Lithuania; and Victoria Marija Rimkunas, from Lithuania.

Safe driving course set

Leonard Hospital's Community Education Programs Office has scheduled a defensive driving course on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Old Roessleville High School, 1237 Central Ave. in Colonie.

Completion of the course entitles drivers to a 10 percent reduction in their collision and liability premiums and a four-point subtraction from the total on their driving record.

For information, call the hospital at 233-0797.

Deputies nab 3 for DWI

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol recently arrested three men for driving while intoxicated in New Scotland.

John Springer, 31, of Voorheesville, was arrested for DWI following a two-car accident Wednesday, Dec. 7, at about 9:30 p.m. on Route 85A.

Springer allegedly crossed over the center line and struck a car driven by Albert Syvertsen, 51, who was treated and released for his injuries.

Springer is due to answer the charges in town court on Dec. 15.

Peter McNamee, 33, of Depot Road in Voorheesville, was stopped Saturday, Dec. 3, at about 4:30 p.m. on Krumkill Road for a traffic violation, deputies said.

McNamee failed several field sobriety tests, then was charged with DWI, deputies said. He is due to answer the charge in town court on Jan. 5.

Peter Damiano, 32, of Anne Drive in Schenectady, was sitting in his vehicle with the engine running on Route 85 on Sunday, Nov. 27, at about 1 a.m. when deputies arrived.

Damiano failed several field sobriety tests, then was charged with felony DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation, deputies said. He is due to answer the charges in town court at a later date.

Fund-raising push is on for St. Peter's

The campaign for St. Peter's Hospital, chaired by Loudonville resident Donald Led Duke, has until Jan. 1 to reach its \$10 million goal and qualify for a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation.

Originally, the challenge deadline was Dec. 1, but the Kresge Foundation extended it due to an urgent plea from campaign organizers.

However Led Duke noted that even with the 30-day grace period, raising an additional \$419,421 to meet the \$10 million goal will still be a difficult task.

The \$10 million campaign, along with \$10 million in operating capital and nearly \$59 million in financing, is earmarked for construction and improvements at the hospital.

Red Cross packages aid troops in Haiti

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Area farmers take issue with LUMAC master plan

By Mel Hyman

At least several Bethlehem farmers and large tract landholders are angry about the proposed master plan for the town.

They believe the zoning changes recommended in the master plan by the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee will adversely affect what they can do with their property.

Take 82-year-old Charles Waldenmaier, a lifelong town resident who owns 750 acres of land. Zoning changes recommended in the master plan would be "inequitable and devalue the property that I have invested an entire lifetime in," Waldenmaier recently said in a letter to Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Waldenmaier, who owns about 140 acres adjacent to the General Electric plastics plant off Route 32, objects to the master plan because it would change the zoning on this tract from "light industry" to rural/residential. Under that classification, the minimum lot size would be three acres.

There are numerous others who have written Fuller objecting to their land being rezoned to "rural/residential" or to "conservation," which would mean a five acre minimum lot size for houses.

Michael Waldenmaier of Bethlehem said his father (Charles) has good reason to be upset. "He lived through the Great Depression. He has no pension. His investment in the land, which he bought more than 50 years ago, is his only pension.

"We had the land next to GE appraised, and it's worth maybe half of what it would be if it remained (zoned) light industry," he said. "A lot of these people feel that because they didn't allow their land to be developed when the big push was on, that now they're being penalized to satisfy those who want to keep a rural atmosphere in Bethlehem."

The 88 acres that Gerald Tryon owns just north of Bell Crossing Road has been in the family since "before there was a Town of Bethlehem," he said.

The land, which is now unzoned and used for raising sheep and beef cattle, has been handed down through generations since it was

purchased from Philip Van Rensselaer more than 200 years ago.

Part of the land would be zoned rural/residential and part conservation, according to Tryon.

"I have no intention of ever selling my land," he said. "I want to pass it on through the family. But if I should get sick and have to sell, I don't want something hanging over my head that says what I can do with it. I could end up getting little or nothing" for the land if the master plan zoning changes affecting it are implemented.

The land is bounded on one side by a warehouse used by the GE Plastics Division and on another by the New York Central railroad, Tryon said. "Why would anybody want to build houses on it?"

According to Tryon, "You've got all those Delmar people on the town board with their stocks and bonds. Suppose someone was to tell them when and to whom they could sell them to. Well, it's the same thing here."

Sheila Powers, president of the Albany County Farm Bureau, has taken up the cause of the farmers. In a letter to Fuller during the public comment period for the master plan, she urged a "delay in passage of the (master) plan, directing instead expansion of the committee to include farmers as members.

The master plan now being considered by the town board "will probably eliminate farming as a town industry and the working farmscapes from Bethlehem forever," Powers wrote. "Certainly this is not constant with the stated goal (of LUMAC) to preserve agriculture."

Fuller said she has forwarded all of the letters from disaffected farmers and large tract landholders to LUMAC chairman Jeff Lipnicky. "They will receive serious consideration and will be discussed publicly" when the town board meets to consider adoption of the master plan.

Lipnicky said nothing is written in stone, and it's possible that changes can still be made based on input received during the public comment period.

By Martin P. Kelly

Students in the Voorheesville School District exceed the work of their peers in other Albany County schools and that of students throughout New York state, based on reports presented to the Voorheesville Central School District's Board of Education on Monday.

Regents examinations results this past year show that 99 percent of the Voorheesville students who took the English Regents' test passed, compared to 90 percent in other Albany county schools and 86 percent throughout the state.

This report was made by high school Principal Terence Barlow. He pointed out that on this particular English test in the 1993-94 school year, 90 percent of the 11th-grade Voorheesville students took the test. Those students who did not take the Regents examination, take a local test instead.

Barlow said he saw no significant difference in results by gender among students in the English test or other Regents examinations.

In the comprehensive French Regents test, for example, 93 percent of those students who took the test passed it. In the sciences, 95 percent of those students who took the biology test passed the Regents examination and 91 percent of those students who took the chemistry test were successful.

Barlow answered a board member's question about the weight of Regents' examinations on the students' final school mark. "At one time, if a failing student passed the Regent's examination, he or she received an automatic passing grade," Barlow said. "That is no longer true."

He also pointed out that Regents' test drive the instructional methods of teachers in the grades where the tests are taken. "Students are geared towards the type of questions asked on these tests," he said. "They consume a great deal of class time and effort."

As the high school students appeared successful in surpassing their peers, so, too, elementary students in Voorheesville matched their success. Elementary school principal Edward Diegel reported that overall, the students surpassed their Albany

county and state-wide contemporaries in recent "pupil evaluation programs."

In third-grade reading, for example, Diegel reported that 96 percent of the Voorheesville students who took the test scored results above the state's acceptable reference point. "At least 94 percent of these students read at or above the third-grade reading level," he said.

This 96 percent score compares with 89 percent for the average Albany County school and 82 percent for the statewide average.

In the sixth-grade reading evaluation, 94 percent of the Voorheesville students scored at or above the state's reference point. Diegel said that 93 percent of the Voorheesville sixth graders read at or above their grade level.

The elementary school principal presented similar results for the evaluation programs in math, science, and social studies.

Diegel cautioned the board to understand that although "The Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR) can serve as a useful vehicle for a discussion of student achievement, those who review it should be aware of its limitations. There are many intended outcomes of instruction that are not measured by state tests." He said that among them are outcomes in attitudes, performance skills and product development. It is for the school's teachers to make full use of the information received from these tests in order to prepare the

own methods of teaching and use of instructional material.

Barlow also presented a report to the board which indicated that students in all six grades of the junior and senior high schools did well in achieving honor roll status.

Letters are now being sent to parents, he said, which indicate that 29 students in the seventh-grade, for example, achieved "high honor roll" status (90 percent average or better) and 20 students received "honor roll" status (85-90 percent average). These 49 students represent more than half the approximately 90 students in that grade level.

Among the 80 or more seniors in the high school, 22 achieved "high honor roll" status and 21 made "honor roll."

In other actions taken by the board, a June vote was scheduled for the 1995-96 school budget and it was determined that the vote on the BOCES budget was firmly established by the state on April 26.

The board also approved Jan. 9, 1995, for a public hearing on the proposed changes in the Aged Exemption Slide Scale provisions for school taxation.

IRS announces new phone number

The Internal Revenue Service public affairs office in Albany has changed its phone number. The new number is 431-4494.

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Matters of Opinion

Hard choices

Editorials

As laid out by Superintendent Leslie Loomis, the facts are inescapable: If Bethlehem residents want their children to continue to receive a quality education, they must relax their opposition to multiple family and commercial development.

Or, as Loomis put it to the Bethlehem Central School District Board the other day, education cannot continue to rely on residential growth for its funds and at the same time expect property taxes to remain moderate.

The district's long-range planning committee has developed the following set of numbers:

- It costs \$5,800 in local property taxes to educate a child, after state and other aid is stripped out;
- A home valued at \$370,600 generates that amount in school taxes each year;
- Because the town is widely regarded as a good place to live, the population of the schools is growing at the rate of about 4 per cent, or 100 students, per year;
- The average assessed value of 169 homes recently constructed in four separate local developments was \$175,000;
- The combined school tax shortfall for those 169 homes was about \$300,000, what it costs to educate 52 students for one year, or 1.2 per cent added to everyone's tax bill.

Bethlehem, of course, has no homestead exemption so the tax rate on multi-family, industrial and commercial property is the same as that on a home.

Thus, if Loomis' figures are correct, taxpayers face these choices: either the town builds a wall around itself, relaxes its opposition to commercial, industrial and multiple family residential growth, prohibits the construction of any homes assessed at less than \$370,000 in value, or accepts the fact that its average school tax bills soon will increase at a rather dizzying pace.

Show some guts!

It is unfortunate that the Albany County Retarded Children's Association, having heard a few threats from neighbors, decided to cut and run from a group home it planned in Voorheesville.

The Association wanted to house four moderately retarded clients in a house in Salem Hills and appeared to have won some support from surrounding homeowners at last week's public hearing.

But executive director Edward Lukomski says that after the meeting a handful of people did "a lot of swearing" and made "some threats." It was "almost irrationally vociferous opposition," he said.

Well, our reporter at that meeting says he heard no such commotion, but we'll take Mr. Lukomski's word. Our problem with ARC is not what it says it heard but that it capitulated so easily.

Agencies searching for sites for such group homes or halfway houses should know by now that, initially, they are not going to be popular in the neighborhood. It would be illogical to expect they would, since most people have never had to interact directly with our society's disadvantaged.

But if an agency has done its homework and feels confident in its choice, it must stand up to adverse public reaction. As James Flanigan, executive director of the Rensselaer County ARC says, "the word is out that the more vocal people are, the better chance they have of defeating" a proposal.

Anyway, Mr. Lukomski should know that once such a residence has opened most of the opposition gradually disappears.

As Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark said, "It is hard to believe (ARC) just went away." We agree. The four ARC clients who were to live in the Voorheesville home certainly deserved a tougher minded champion than they had the other night.

In winter, smart drivers make safe drivers

The author of this Point of View is the manager of a defensive driving school in Loudonville and a driver trainer for the Colonie Emergency Medical Services Department.

By Derek J. Ewing

With winter upon us, snow, ice, sleet and freezing rain will make Capital District roads more of a challenge for motorists.

In this point of view, I hope to help prepare you for what lies ahead this winter. The first snowfall happened a couple of weeks ago, remember? It was a brief one with only a couple of inches in accumulation. Unfortunately, as is usually the case, there were accidents all over the place. Several sent people to the hospital, a few claimed lives.

Why does this happen every year after the first snowfall? Is it the fact that drivers haven't driven in snow since last winter and they've forgotten how? Do drivers actually think that this winter's snow isn't the slippery, accident-causing type of last winter, so they can drive as they always do? Or are drivers simply unprepared to handle the conditions of winter driving?

Safe winter driving begins, not on the road, but in your head.

Does this sound familiar? You hear the forecast and it calls for a winter storm. All the bad stuff is coming at once. You know you're going to be dealing with many winter driving hazards. The first question you should ask yourself is, "Do I absolutely have to go out or can I wait until the roads are cleared and are a little safer?" Sometimes the safest thing to do is just stay home and avoid the hazards of winter driving altogether.

Realistically, most of us will have to go to work, or at least somewhere important, during a winter storm. Staying home waiting for snow to melt isn't always an option when we're dealing with time clocks, bosses and deadlines.

One major mistake people make is not planning adequate

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time, prior to driving, to warm up their vehicle and effectively clear away the snow and ice. Some driver stress comes from frantically trying to fit the warming and clearing of their cars into their regular time parameters. Always allow plenty of time to clear the snow from all four sides of the vehicle and the roof. Don't forget the headlights and taillights. They get covered too.

To eliminate even more stress, be sure your gas tank is full or at least above half. Remember, you may have to run your vehicle for several minutes, both at home and at work. If there is still ice, scrape it. Be sure you have a sturdy ice scraper; credit cards, cassette tapes or keys are not the most effective and they may damage your windshield. Or, if time allows, simply let your defrosters go to work.

Once you're on the road, drive slowly. If you've allowed ample time, driving more slowly shouldn't make you late for anything. Watch out for drivers who feel they can drive like it's the middle of summer. They will pass you as if the snow and ice don't exist.

Safe winter driving begins, not on the road, but in your head.

Keep a longer following distance. Generally, the two-second rule applies during good driving conditions. In snow and ice, increase it to at least four or five seconds. Stopping distances, when using snow tires, can increase to as much as 173 feet at only 20 mph on glare ice and 74 feet on loosely packed snow. Give yourself the extra distance between vehicles—you'll need it.

When stopped at a traffic light, leave enough room between you and the other vehicle. If you can see the tires of the vehicle in front of you touching the pavement, you should have room to pull around that vehicle in the event it breaks

down. This rule applies in any season of driving.

Despite your best efforts, you may still encounter a skidding situation. If you're driving a new car or have never encountered a skid in the vehicle you're driving, here are some tips from some reliable sources. The National Safety Council suggests turning the wheel in the direction you want the vehicle to go. The New York State Driver's Manual suggests easing off the gas and shifting into neutral, then turn the wheel in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.

My suggestion is to get to know your vehicle. In a clear, empty lot somewhere, test your reactions in the snow and ice by putting your car into a skid at a low speed. Apply the brake quickly, and experiment with your car and your reactions. It's better to find out in a safe environment than on a highway with other traffic around.

In summary, when people ask me how to drive safely in the winter, I tell them this. "Don't drive unless you absolutely have to; if you do drive, clear and warm your car thoroughly. Drive more slowly and maintain a longer following distance. And watch for drivers who don't drive defensively. They're the worst hazard of all. It also wouldn't hurt to turn your headlights on in the daytime. A snow-covered road and your salt-covered vehicle tend to make it difficult for other motorists to see you. Your headlights will help you become more visible."

I adamantly suggest purchasing safe vehicles. Regardless of your best winter driving techniques, an accident can still occur and sometimes your best defense is the vehicle around you. Anti-lock brakes, air bags, daytime running lights, side-impact protection, safety cages, and crumple zones all add tremendously to your safety. Wearing your seat belt and having passengers do the same is also a great help. And it's the law.

To check on the safety of any vehicle, research its "crash test results." These results can be found in consumer and automo-

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Your Opinion Matters

They would have been good neighbors

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is with both support and concern that I respond to The Spotlight's Nov. 23 and Nov. 30 articles addressing the issue of a group home for retarded people being proposed in the Voorheesville area.

Communities have a responsibility to all their citizens, and we certainly should support such a facility.

I do, however, have to express concern with Mr. Fuld's statement that his people have... "a developmental disability, not a mental illness" and, therefore, (I feel he implies) would not be the undesirable or dangerous neighbors that persons with mental illness might be. I'm confident that his people would make fine neighbors, but so would many people with mental illness.

One out of every four families has someone suffering with mental illness. Scientific data has supported the fact that mental illness is a biological illness, as is diabetes, and is the fault of no one. Treated, mentally ill people are much less likely to be violent than the normal population, and are, in fact, more often the victims of

crimes than the perpetrators.

As a director of the Albany County Association for Retarded Citizens, an organization representing people with disabilities, I believe Mr. Fuld should have been more sensitive to the needs of the people our organization represents—the mentally ill. Mentally ill people do make good neighbors and, with appropriate sup-

port, become contributing, productive members of their communities.

As physician and author Lewis Thomas said, "A society can be judged by how it treats its ill and most vulnerable citizens." I hope we can serve as a role model for future generations to come.

Sherry R. Grenz, Co-President
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Taxpayers must flex political muscle

Editor, The Spotlight:

Election '94 means some mighty big changes for New York State. The change in the Governor's mansion will likely move our state government toward a slowing of spending, lower taxes, and less regulations—if taxpayers make it so.

From December 6-8, New York Farm Bureau will be holding its state convention in Callicoon, NY. At the convention, farmers from around the state will be formulating policy that will guide the state's leading farm and rural advocacy group in the legislative arena. The policy under consideration is also calling for a change in Albany, including reform of the state-mandated programs like Medicaid so that property taxes can be brought down; and reform of the workers' compensation program so that premiums can be lowered.

In Albany, change will not occur unless the taxpayers get tough. We cannot expect the Governor-

Library staff helpful

Editor, The Spotlight:

As Coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project, I often find myself working at the Bethlehem Public Library. I may be doing research, creating a display, or scheduling a program in the Community Room. Often I need the assistance of the staff. The people who work at the library are always extremely helpful and patient.

I would like to thank all the dedicated, hard working people who work at the Bethlehem Public Library for supporting the youth initiatives of The Bethlehem Networks Project.

Also, I would like to thank the Children's Room staff for always providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere, even for adults like me.

Mona Prenoveau
Bethlehem Networks Project

Great coverage!

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your outstanding coverage of our Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

We had serious concerns about covering our cost only two weeks before the event. As a result of the media coverage, we had our best Thanksgiving Day Dinner ever!

Mary M. Seeley
Executive Director
Equinox

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elect to wave a magic wand and make things better. Though we can remind him of why he won, there are still 211 state lawmakers who must understand the message, too. I'm confident that Governor-elect Pataki will supply the leadership. As taxpayers, we need to supply the political muscle. The skids will only be put on spending, taxes, and regulations if we put the pressure on state lawmakers to make it happen.

The Farm Bureau will lobby hard to make the climate better for farmers, other businesses, and taxpayers. However, we won't be able to do it alone. When the time comes, letters and phone calls will be needed to the new Governor and to members of the legislature. I hope you'll help out.

Mark F. Emery
New York Farm Bureau

'Ghost Stories' was appropriate

Editor, The Spotlight:

As co-chairpersons of Bethlehem Middle School Student Theatre we would like to explain the nature of Childrens Theatre.

It is a voluntary subscription program presented to the parents each September in the form of a pamphlet describing the content of each production. At that time they may decide whether they wish to subscribe to the program for the upcoming year. The productions that are chosen are seriously and thoughtfully previewed at a showcase attended by professional producers of childrens' theatre from all over the country

and Canada. We adamantly believe that a production can not be judged as to quality and appropriateness without preview.

'Ghost Stories' was adapted from some of Stephen King's stories. It was meticulously screened by both the producer and the committee for appropriateness in content and presentation. Was it violent? No. Was it spooky? Yes. Was it quality theatre? Definitely. We urge any parent at any time regarding any concerns about a production to feel comfortable in discussing them with us.

Pat Bush
Sue Zick

New planning board chair must care about ecology

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that Martin Barr has resigned from chairmanship of the Planning Board, wouldn't it be wonderful if his place were taken by someone who understands, and will push for, ecological preservation in the Town? This is a great opportunity to do the many things that the LUMAC report calls for and which should be done.

There are many people in the town who could shoulder this responsibility, other than those already on the board. We need someone who is knowledgeable and understanding of the need—perhaps some of those who have decried the despoliation of the

landscape lately, in the Fisher Blvd. area in particular.

For instance, is there any action or thought to save that beautiful little patch of mature woods that nestles in between Cedar Ridge and the other developments that are in operation to the west and north? Some very similar woods have already been destroyed at the south end of Cedar Ridge.

Isn't this a most opportune time to do something right for a change? I think most persons in town would agree.

Dan Foley
Delmar



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- Keep indoor pets in a dry, warm area free of drafts. Elevate you pet's bed off the floor.
- Provide outdoor dogs or cats with a dry insulated pet house or shelter out of the wind. Staying warm demands extra calories, so feed your pet accordingly when temperatures drop. Bring your pet inside if the wind chill or other weather conditions become severe.
- Remove ice, salt and caked mud from your pet's paws and coat at once. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect you pet has frostbite. Frostbite skin may turn reddish, white or grey, and it may be scaly or sloughing.
- Cats and kittens often nap on car engines. Knock on the hood or honk horn; then wait a few minutes before starting the car.
- Pets like the smell and taste of antifreeze, but even a small amount can kill them. Thoroughly clean up spills at once. Tightly close containers and store them where pets cannot get to them.
- Holiday paraphernalia can hurt pets. Cover or tack down electrical cords. Keep tinsel and glass ornaments out of reach. Read warnings on items like spray-on snow. Never put ribbon around a pet's neck or allow it to play with plastic or foil wrappings or six-pack beverage holders.
- Keep your pet on its regular diet. Holiday treats, such as chocolate and bones, can be harmful or toxic.
- Many plants - including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron and dieffenbachia - are toxic to pets. Keep them out of your pet's reach.
- Always have fresh, clean water available.

(Have a Safe and Happy Holiday This Season)

Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society is now half way through its Annual Fund Drive for 1995. Supported by donations, membership fees, and bequest. Life Membership \$100; Annual Member \$5; Sustaining Member \$50-\$100. A donation or membership will be appreciated to help us in caring for animals and continuing this service.

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tive magazines or by calling the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393.

If you're already driving a safe vehicle, be sure it's equipped with winter survival equipment. The National Safety Council suggests you have these items in your car: snow shovel; scraper with a brush on one end; tow chain or strap; tire chains; flashlight (with extra batteries); abrasive material (cat litter, sand, salt or traction mats); jumper cables; warning device (flares or reflective triangles); brightly colored cloth to signal for help; empty coffee or similar type can containing candles, matches (in a water tight container) or a lighter; high energy food (chocolate or dried fruit, for example); sleeping bags or blankets; ski caps and mittens; first aid supplies; and a compass.

If you are currently the owner of a cellular phone and are a member of an auto club, you are already quite prepared for an unexpected breakdown. The above items are vital to you and your passengers while waiting for help to arrive.

I also suggest that drivers enroll in some type of safe driving course or point/insurance reduction program. These courses are great refreshers for drivers of all ages. Topics such as winter driving are covered in depth as are many of the new safety features mentioned above. These courses also provide drivers with a discount off collision and liability insurance premiums for three years and they subtract four violation points from a driver's record. Check the yellow pages under "Driving Instruction" or "Defensive Driving Courses" for a course being conducted in your area.

Opinion

Creepy's good

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is in response to the story you printed about the Stephen King play seen by the Middle School.

I am a Middle School student who saw the play. I and my friends thought it was the best play we

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have ever seen at school. It was interesting and exciting and fun, because it was a little creepy.

Defenseless young minds? How old do we need to be to see a play that makes us use our imaginations? Anyone in Middle School should realize the story was fake! The play spooked everyone a bit, but it wasn't going to make me afraid of anything.

I am thankful that the play was shown, and I think by middle school it is time to stop babying us. I think if we are old enough to deal with real life, we are old enough to deal with our imaginations.

Joanathan Dorn
Age 12

Delmar

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Sketchbook in hand, artist catches hold of history

By Hugh Hewitt

With Margaret Foster and David Coughtry, Mark Peckham forms a triumvirate of local artists whose work appears in the second Bethlehem bicentennial publication.

The dust jacket features Coughtry's oil painting of the early 19th century Adams House near the four corners in Delmar. Foster interprets elements of Bethlehem history in three pen and ink sketches. And throughout the book, Peckham's pen and ink drawings provide a visual record of yesterday and today in Bethlehem.

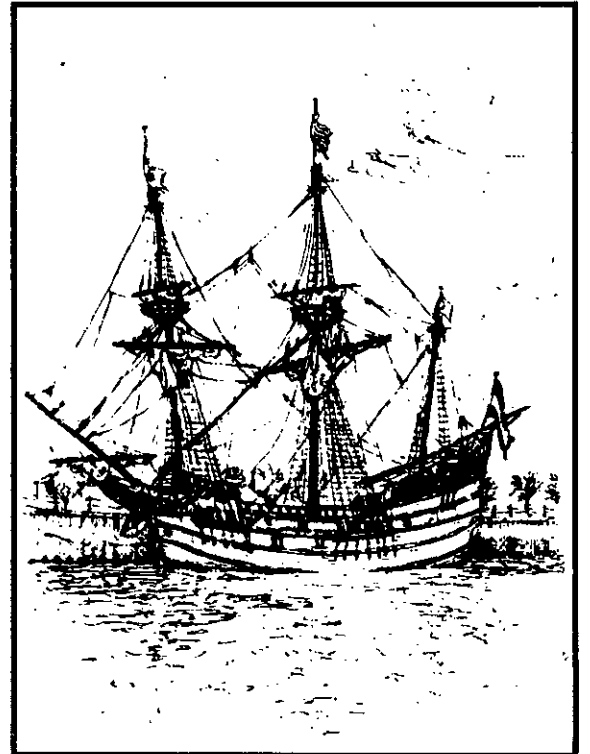
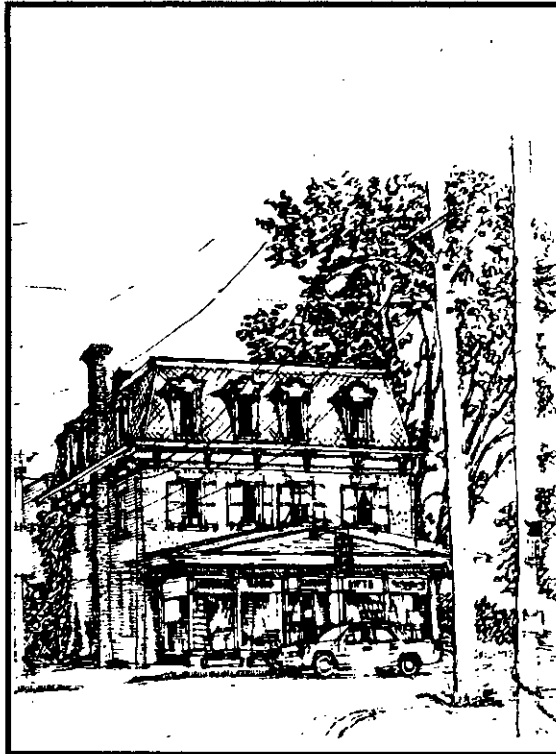


Peckham

During the production of *Bethlehem Dairy*, I was responsible for choosing illustrations to supplement the diary entries. One day, Chuck McKinney, who has been deeply involved with the entire layout of the book, suggested that I contact Peckham who, he said, had made a "few" sketches of old buildings in the town. Perhaps they would be useful.

We scheduled a meeting, and Peckham brought several hand-bound sketch books with him, books filled with two decades worth of drawings. And there were many more at home, he said. As I looked through the books, I saw that Mark had produced a panorama of Bethlehem's architectural history.

When he was in seventh and eighth grades, he was active in an after-school art club. And his interest in keeping a record of buildings and scenes around the community continued through his high school years. Peckham continues to keep a pen-and-ink record using a fountain pen and sepia-colored ink. In his sketch books, a



Mark Peckham's sketches of the former post office (now I Love Books) at Delmar's Four Corners and the Half Moon.

visual record of buildings in Bethlehem, Albany, in fact, whenever he is.

As an undergraduate in college, Peckham majored in political science and urban planning at State University College at Brockport. His master's work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was in urban planning. His studies there also included courses in historic preservation.

His first job after graduation was in Seattle, where for two and a half years he conducted a survey of historic buildings.

He and his wife, Shauna, bought and restored an old house there, putting historic preservation into practice. But by the time their restoration work was completed, Mark was laid off. Every other house in Seattle, it seemed, was for sale then.

The wisest course was to return to this area. Eventually their Seattle house was sold, and they bought a house on Rural Place in

Elsmere, where they live today.

Here, Peckham became involved in researching historic structure reports for the architectural firm of Mendel Mesick Cohen & Waite for two and a half years. Since 1983, he has been employed in the State Historic Preservation Office.

Peckham and I share an interest in things nautical, he much more actively than I. My sailing takes place mainly through reading the Jack Aubrey-Stephen Maturin novels of Patrick O'Brian. I've also canoed down the Hudson from Troy to Barren Island just south of Coeymans with my friend, Harry Howes. But Peckham actually helped as a volunteer to construct the full-scale replica of Henry Hudson's *Half Moon*, built in 1989 at the Snow Dock in the Port of Albany.

He was a crew member when it was exhibited along the East Coast and during the tall ships Operation Sail in July 1992. He was the

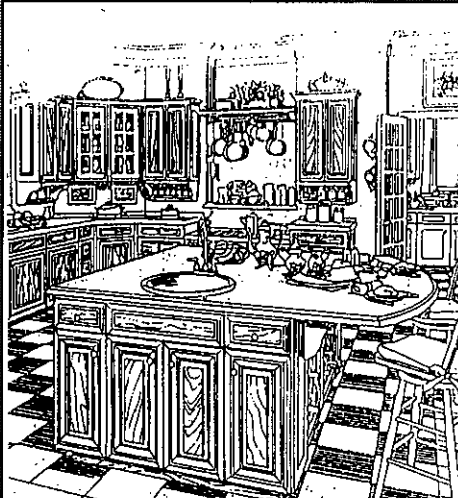
helmsman who steered into New York Harbor among all the tall ships at that celebration, up to the George Washington Bridge, and the following week to Tarrytown, where he left the ship. It continued north, and at Catskill I signed on as crew member for the rest of the journey to Albany.

Peckham has been and continues to be active in Scouting. When he was growing up in Delmar, he was a member of Troop 58. When his son, Chris, joined Cub Scouts, he became a Cub leader, and when Chris joined Troop 75, he became a patrol adviser. It was Peckham who was responsible for designing and building the troop's replica 18th-century bateau *Sturgeon*, which was launched in the Hudson this past October.

The drawings which accompany entries in *Bethlehem Diary* illustrate how successful Peckham is in preserving our town's heritage through his pen-and-ink sketches.

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Second-graders learn to help out feathered friends

By Susan Graves

The Bethlehem Garden Club is unfazed by cold weather.

Although members might be spending time planning next year's vegetable patch or the configuration of the flower boxes that grace town businesses, many are still active during the winter months.

This year, garden club member Nancy Fraser found herself busier than ever transporting a Christmas tree to various places in the community.

And though the tree is decorated, it serves a "higher" purpose for a species that would be out on a limb without it.

Fraser, with help from garden club member and Five Rivers Naturalist Instructor Phyllis Howell, helped second-graders from Albany Academy make ornaments for the tree that would sustain birds in the cold weather.

Howell explained to the boys that birds expend more energy in the winter and therefore need more nourishment. "The most

important thing is to protect them in winter," Howell said.

"The kids sort of sponged it right up," said Fraser, before helping the boys make the ornaments for the tree that was also featured in the Bethlehem Historical Society's "Cat & Mouse Christmas" display.

The boys used cranberries, suet, raisins, sunflower seeds, bread and peanut butter to adorn the well-travelled tree that was eventually placed outside their classroom window.

But the boys weren't the only learners in the process of helping out Mother Nature.

When Howell asked the boys about the importance of birds to the environment, she found one answer particularly touching. "One of the neat things I learned was 'because their so beautiful,'" responded one boy, she said.

And Fraser said the tree is probably one of the "best loved Christmas trees ever."



Second-graders at the Albany Academy decorate a Christmas tree with much needed nourishment for the birds.

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Kudos for Crummles' Macbeth

By Tom Rossman

"By the pricking of my thumb, something wicked this way comes."

Wicked? Not so. It's Shakespeare with a twist a la James Yeara.

Macbeth, presented by Bethlehem High School's Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe, is a superb example of Shakespearean tragedy at its best. The sets themselves, including a thrust from the main stage and an abstract set keep the audience riveted to the action.

Macbeth, called Shakespeare's most dangerous play, had no unexpected incidents in this performance that went off without a hitch.

Director James Yeara made excellent choices for the leads.

Julia Donnaruma was by far the best actress in the role of Lady Macbeth. Her performance guided the audience to the time

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and place of the play. And Dan Aycock as Macbeth was the perfect counterpart for Donnaruma.

Given the school's dated lighting apparatus, I was surprised at how well the lighting, sound effects and special effects were

pulled off. Every time the lights were out, even for a second, a mad scampering of feet and squeaking of floor boards echoed throughout the auditorium, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.

Considering the production started out with a savings account with less money in it than I have in mine, it deserves high praise. The set, costumes and acting were all excellent.

Performances of *Macbeth* are set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.


Rossman is a student in Anne Connolly's composition class, who studied and reviewed the play.

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The Spotlight remembers

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

- Beginning its 30th year of publication, *The Spotlight* put out a 40-page issue, the largest in its history.
- It was a case of dueling petitions at the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals, as 677 signatories supported a new drive-through at the McDonald's on Delaware Avenue, and 182 neighbors signed on in opposition.
- The new state Bottle Bill caused a sharp drop-off in business at Bethlehem's recycling center on Adams Street, and Supervisor Thomas Corrigan recommended that the center be closed.
- Bethlehem Central High School seniors Paula Mueller and Joel Lieberman began work on organizing a Students Against Drunk Driving chapter at the school.
- Kathleen Manzella of Slingerlands and Shari Van Hoesen of Voorheesville received Good Citizen Awards from the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- The Convenient Food Market on Kenwood Avenue in Slingerlands was a complete loss after an early morning fire.
- Fire claimed the lives of two New Scotland residents who were found dead from carbon monoxide poisoning in their home at county Route 308 and Orchard Hill Road.
- The proposed 1984-85 Bethlehem Central school budget contained a 10 percent property tax increase — the largest tax increase in the district's history.



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Bethlehem Lutheran to host holiday tunes

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Performers will include local residents David and Penny Van Deusen, Jennie Moak, Beth Kebea, and Diane and Michael Mineau. They will sing holiday standards such as "Winter Wonderland," "Do You Hear What I Hear?," "White Christmas," and "Silent Night."

The free event will be produced by dvd productions. Refreshments will be served. For information, call the church at 439-4328.

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Centenarian stays close to local roots

By Allison Bennett

Leroy Vanderbilt of Onesquethaw celebrated his 100th birthday with a family dinner party on Oct. 26 in the house in which he has lived his entire life.

On being asked what kind of cake he would like to have for his birthday he asked for a prune cake with mocha frosting. His wife, Waldine Vanderbilt, is an excellent cook who was happy to bake this confection.

After the big day, the family held an open house for friends and neighbors who had known Vanderbilt over the years.

Grover Cleveland was president of the United States when Vanderbilt was born in the fieldstone farmhouse that had been in his family since its construction in 1807. It is located across the road from the Onesquethaw Reformed Church in a setting that has changed little in 200 years.

Vanderbilt accounts for his longevity in part because the midwife who assisted at his birth had an old-fashioned belief that the new baby should be "carried up before it was taken down," and she carried the newborn up into the attic before he was carried down into the lower floor of the house. It's an old wives' tale, but in this instance there just might be some truth to it. Vanderbilt still sleeps in the same room in which he was born — a true rarity in these days when many people move on average of six or seven times during their lifespan.

During Vanderbilt's working years, the farm was run as a dairy farm with 100 head of cattle, and over 200 acres of land were needed to produce food for this herd. Upon reaching maturity his son, Elwood Vanderbilt, joined in the opera-



Roy Vanderbilt is about to enjoy his 100th birthday cake. He is standing before a framed indenture to the family farm that was granted to the family by the Patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer in 1790.

tion of the farm. They operated a tank truck that picked up milk from area farmers and hauled it to the Normanskill Dairy in Albany for processing, bottling and distribution.

In later years they sold their milk to Elmhurst Dairy in Long Island, and every other day a tank truck from there came to pick up the milk and take it back there to

be processed and sold in the New York City area.

By 1981, the time had come to sell off the dairy herd and Vanderbilt's son ventured into a new field of work.

The farm's acreage is still rented to local farmers who plant and hay the fields, but the Vanderbilts are out of farming altogether. However, Vanderbilt drove his

trucks and tractors around his acres until he was well into his 90s.

Although Roy Vanderbilt worked as a farmer tending to his cows, he never became a bib over-all man. Whenever he appeared in public, he was always dressed in white shirt and business suit or attractive casual clothing.

He was always proud of his ancestors who strove to overcome the wilderness of Albany County in the early years and who fought in the American Revolution in the struggle for democracy.

He was active in community and is member of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church. For many years, he was treasurer of the Onesquethaw Cemetery Association and a director of the Bethlehem Mutual Protective Association, a local fire insurance company that was founded by residents of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Vanderbilt's son Elwood and wife Doris live across the road in a smaller stone house of the same vintage as the home place.

His grandson, Lt. Richard Vanderbilt of the Bethlehem Police Department, just built a log home up on the hill and three other granddaughters live close by with six great-grandchildren.

His daughter, Esther Tooley, lives in Florida but was present for the birthday celebration. There are also two grandsons and three great-grandchildren in Florida.

In these days of quickly changing times and changing ways, it is reassuring to know that there are some who still live in the place where they were born and enjoy a stable way of life with few surprises.

Bethlehem planning free Christmas dinner

Bethlehem Senior Services will join forces with seven area churches in sponsoring a Community Christmas Turkey Dinner on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

There will be no cost for dinner, but good-will offerings will be accepted.

For information or reservations, call Bethlehem Senior Citizens at 439-4955.

Christmas concert set in Slingerlands

The Community United Methodist Church Adult Choir will perform Christmas music during worship services on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church at 1499 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

The church's Christmas Eve service is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. The candle-light service will feature a children's pageant.

Art association plans holiday gift exchange

The Bethlehem Art Association will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:45 p.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Members are asked to bring a piece of artwork for a gift exchange.

Matilda Carol Krause, a local artist and teacher, will give a demonstration at the meeting.

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Bethlehem middle school names honor pupils

Bethlehem Central Middle School recently announced its honor and high honor rolls for the first marking period. To qualify for the high honor roll, a student must have an average of 90 or above. To qualify for the honor roll, a student must have an average of 80 to 89.

Sixth-grade high honor roll

Samuel Abrams, Ashley Ackerman, Chelsea Adewunmi, Richard Bailey, Blaire Banagan, Allissa Bango, Edward Barnard, Anne Barrett, Matthew Berhaupt, Rebecca Berlow, Robin Betzhold, Matthew Bittner, Amanda Boltz, Joshua Bonaventura-Sparagna, Shannon Boughton, Kelly Boyea, Heather Bradley, Laura Braunstein, Stephanie Breen, Matthew Breslin, Julia Brewer, Alysyan Brod, Erica Brunner, Julianne Bub, Lili Buchanan and Joshua Burnett.

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Sixth-grade honor roll

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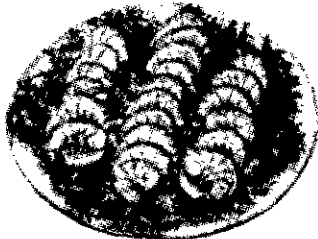


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BCHS volunteers join gift-wrapping project

Bethlehem Central High School students are volunteering to wrap books at local bookstores in order to support individuals afflicted with HIV and AIDS.

Customer donations will benefit a program sponsored by the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York.

Over 40 BCBS students will join volunteers from around the area at Borders Books and Music and Barnes & Noble bookstores from Monday, Dec. 20, through Friday, Dec. 23.

Families can count birds at Five Rivers

A family-oriented bird count will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead the group on a short walking tour of the center grounds in order to observe a range of species.

Participants should bring binoculars and a field identification book, if possible.

For information, call the center at 475-0291.

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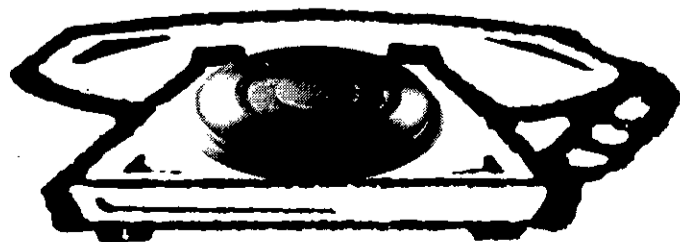
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Coach

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in the middle school, and coached modified baseball last year. Furey is a high school physical education teacher, and coached junior varsity baseball last year.

"It was a pleasure to have people call and say how much teacher-coaches meant to them," said

I'll teach them what I can about the game and help them enjoy it.

Jesse Braverman

board member Happy Scherer, noting the calls were "the largest outpouring of positive stuff since I've been on the board."

"I only wish we had the community involvement on other issues that we have on this issue,"

Epilepsy Association selling coupon books

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District is selling Entertainment '95 books for \$40.

Holiday donations make practical gifts

The Hunger Action Network of New York State is giving people the opportunity to buy an alternative holiday gift.

For a donation of \$10 or more, the network will send a holiday greeting card to a person, noting that a donation has been made in their name to help end hunger.

For information, call the network at 434-7371.

Insurance women to celebrate season

Insurance Women of Albany will hold a holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road in Colonie.

said board member Dennis Stevens.

Braverman said he preferred not to comment on the process, but said he's "very happy to be the coach — it's something I've always wanted to do."

Braverman said he will bring "dedication, love of the game, and love of the kids I work with" to the varsity post.

"I'll teach them what I can about the game and help them enjoy it," he added.

Some of his players have a bitter taste in their mouths following the unique appointment.

"Once it was given to Coach Furey the second time, that should have been it," said one, who requested anonymity. "The parents had a problem (with appointing Furey over Braverman), not the players."

The books contain discount coupons for area restaurants and businesses.

All proceeds will be used to educate children about the effects of epilepsy and expand the association's services.

For information, call Jeannine White at 456-7501.

Growth

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the Clarksville, Glenmont and Hamagrael elementary school areas) were likely to be built over the next three years.

The report also analyzed housing starts over the last 50 years, finding that "There are lots of peaks and valleys, but the peaks are getting higher and the valleys less frequent and not as low," Loomis said.

He said that decisions about the nature and rate of growth in Bethlehem are made by the town, and not by the school district.

"We have submitted two letters and all this data as part of the district's formal comment on the master plan," he said.

To maintain the quality of education with moderate taxes, the district works to "control costs very carefully," Loomis said, adding that the town can help by slowing the rate of residential growth and "providing a better mix of development to spread the tax base."

In a related report, Neil Sanders, BC's director of computer operations, explained that the district should improve its enrollment projection methodology to avoid

what happened this year — 96 more students than expected.

The new method Sanders proposed is "a more aggressive tech-

about 5,000 students (reached in 1970) in the 2000-01 school year, and continue to grow after that.

Sanders' report showed that the town of Bethlehem's share of Albany County births has steadily risen in the last 20 years, from 6.2 to 9.1 percent.

At the same time, the district has also been gaining in its relative share of students in the county, from 10.4 percent 10 years ago to 11.3 percent in 1993.

The long-range planning committee will use the new methodology to come up with recommendations about how to deal with capacity problems at the middle school and high school, Loomis said.

There are lots of peaks and valleys, but the peaks are getting higher and the valleys less frequent and not as low.

Les Loomis

nique" that will generally yield higher and more accurate estimates.

Using the new methodology, Sanders said that the district's enrollment (currently 4,254) will likely exceed its historic peak of

Headlight campaign slated this week

Drivers across the country will keep their headlights on this Friday, Dec. 16, as part of the "Lights on For Life" campaign, an observance in remembrance of people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes.

Stop smoking program to begin next month

The American Lung Association of Northeastern New York will offer a seven-session "Freedom from Smoking" program beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 6:30

The campaign is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National 3D Prevention Month Coalition, a group of government, corporate and advocacy groups.

to 8:30 p.m. Cost of the program, including materials, is \$70. For information, call the association at 459-4197.

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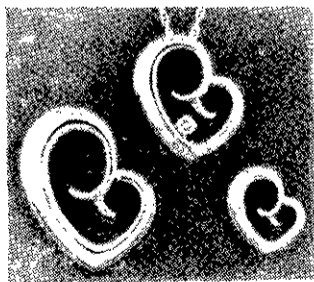
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RCS holiday concert scheduled

The RCS school holiday concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 15, in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

For information, call 756-2155.

Becker school collecting tapes for education

A.W. Becker Elementary School is participating in the power in education register tapes program.

Price Chopper cash register receipts can be redeemed toward educational equipment such as computers and science, band and sports equipment.

Tapes will be collected until Feb. 4.

RCS Partners in Education schedule meeting

RCS Partners in Education will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in the large group room.

The program, featuring Judy Karis, will begin at 7:45 p.m. Karis will discuss "The Role of Guidance in the Middle School."

For information, call 756-2155.

Christmas party tonight

The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem Church are sponsoring a Christmas party tonight, Dec. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper.

Bring a grab bag gift marked his or hers.

Devotional leader for the event will be Rose Mayo, who will also be conducting the program.

The theme is "Finding Christmas Today." Spouses are invited. Ada Court, Laurie Gracelon, Alice Haskell and June Tidd will be the hostesses.

For information, call 767-9953.

NEWS NOTES

Selkirk South Bethlehem
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Board seeks input on smoking policy

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board is seeking reactions and suggestions about a smoking policy proposal at its Monday, Dec. 19, meeting. The proposal is expected to be adopted at the board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Written comments should be sent to Superintendent William Schwartz, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk 12158.

Seniors receive school tax exemptions

Income tax levels for senior citizen reductions have been raised by the RCS board of education.

The income range for receiving an exemption has been raised from 21,300 to 25,000.

Eligible seniors should apply to the town assessor's office by March 1.

Children's Christmas party slated at firehouse

The 24th annual Christmas party sponsored by the Selkirk Fire Company 3 and ladies auxiliary, will be on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the firehouse on Bridge Street.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. for all children up to 10 years of age in the South Bethlehem and South Albany area.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, guitarist George Kendall, musician Jay Gorham and clown team, Sugar

and Spice, will be at the party. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 767-9513.

Ambulance service to hold special meeting

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance service will conduct a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at its headquarters on Route 9W, just south of Lasher Road. After the meeting, the Christmas party will be held.

For information, call 767-2301.

Festival organizers looking for input

The organizers of the 1995 Friendship Festival are already in the planning stages for next August's event.

Any ideas or suggestions to improve the festival can be sent to:

Friendship Festival, c/o Ravena Village Office, 171 Main St., Ravena 12143.

Johns Hopkins center seeks talented youth

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) has opened its annual talent searches to identify fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders with high verbal, mathematical or general intellectual abilities.

CTY academic programs, which are available to those who qualify in the talent search, offer individualized, fast-paced courses. A three-week summer residential program is offered at college campuses on the east and west coasts.

Students who score in the 97th percentile or above on national standardized tests are eligible for the talent search.

For information, contact the local school district or Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218.

Sand machinations



Max Lyons and Suzanne Thorman of the Slingerlands Elementary School kick some sand around during play time at the Slingerlands United Methodist Church.
Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

Blood pressure screenings at town hall

The Town of Bethlehem conducts blood pressure screenings on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the town hall auditorium on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

There is no charge and appointments are not necessary.

In addition, the Marion Martin Display for Independent Living will

offer programs dedicated to increasing public awareness on various health, social and civic issues.

Additional information is available by calling Caroline Wirth at 439-4955.

Natural materials turn into great ornaments

A program on natural holiday decorations will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The indoor/outdoor session will focus on simple holiday ornaments that can be constructed from natural materials in an environmentally-sensitive manner.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

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Stars of Bethlehem



Bethlehem Lutheran Church's senior high school youth group are rehearsing for this year's living nativity on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 and 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the church on 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar. Saturday's performance will be followed by a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Let's consider the odds and ends we can't bear to throw out because "There must be something to do with it?"

Does the mail or newspaper arrive with a rubber band wrapped around it? Local post offices welcome rubber bands for reuse in special blue boxes made for them by Brownie Troop 76 from Hamagrael. Participating post offices are Delmar, Glenmont, Slingerlands, South Bethlehem and Selkirk.

Another item that can be reused or recycled is the six-pack ring holder (the flat ones, not the collars.) A box full of these plastic rings was collected on Oct. 1 and donated to the Glenmont Discount Beverage Center on the corner of Feura Bush Road. They reuse them in-house.

The beverage center now has a box into which to put (flat) six-pack plastic rings. When they receive more than is needed, the rings will be returned to Hi-Cone manufacturer for recycling. There they are made into new rings.

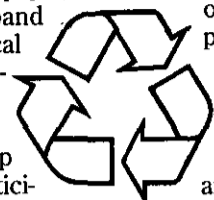
Reuse styrofoam "peanuts" to mail gifts to distant relatives and friends. The overflow can be donated to mail-order companies for reuse.

Fishermen can organize their hooks with styrofoam pieces so that the sharp points are not exposed. Seamstresses who lack a pin cushion can substitute a chunk of styrofoam to keep the pins and needles.

Styrofoam forms can be recycled with Shelter Enterprise, 8 Saratoga St., Cohoes. Styrofoam trays are not recycled in this area and should not be placed in recycling bins. Choose alternatives whenever possible.

Reuse cookie and candy tins for your homemade gifts. They can be refurbished by painting with left-over spray paints and decorating with silk flowers and bows. If these tins are damaged or in abundant quantities, they can be recycled as a steel can in the commingled containers recycling bin.

Fountain pens, either the older bladder type or newer cartridge type, are not only the best example of reusable pens, but also heirlooms if repaired and maintained properly. David Lazarus, member of Pen Collectors of America and the Pen Restorers Guild, has turned this hobby into a collection. If you need assistance with a damaged fountain pen, call Lazarus at 439-8882.



Gender expert talks on communication

The Health Care Managers Association of Northeastern New York has scheduled its monthly breakfast meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Desmond, 600 Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie.

Elaine Ognibene will speak on

"Different Words, Different Worlds: Gender and Communication."

The breakfast costs association members \$8 and non-members \$10. For information, call Catherine Plummer at 262-3499.

Toys for Tots still accepting donations

The Sage Evening College and Sage JCA alumni associations are co-sponsoring this year's U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, which will run through Dec. 16.

Public donations of new holi-

day toys can be dropped off at the Sage Albany Campus Center on New Scotland Avenue in Albany. Donations should not be wrapped.

For information, call the alumni office at 445-1725.

Pruyn House group to ring in the holidays

Friends of the Pruy House members have set their annual Christmas bash for Saturday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road in Newtonville.

Magician Glen Kinnicutt will provide entertainment.

For information, call the Pruy House at 783-1435.

CDTC to hold meeting

The Capital District Transportation Committee will meet at its offices located at 5 Computer Drive West in Colonie on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m.

Town of Colonie Supervisor Fred Field will preside over the meeting. Public participation is encouraged.

For information, call the committee at 458-2161.

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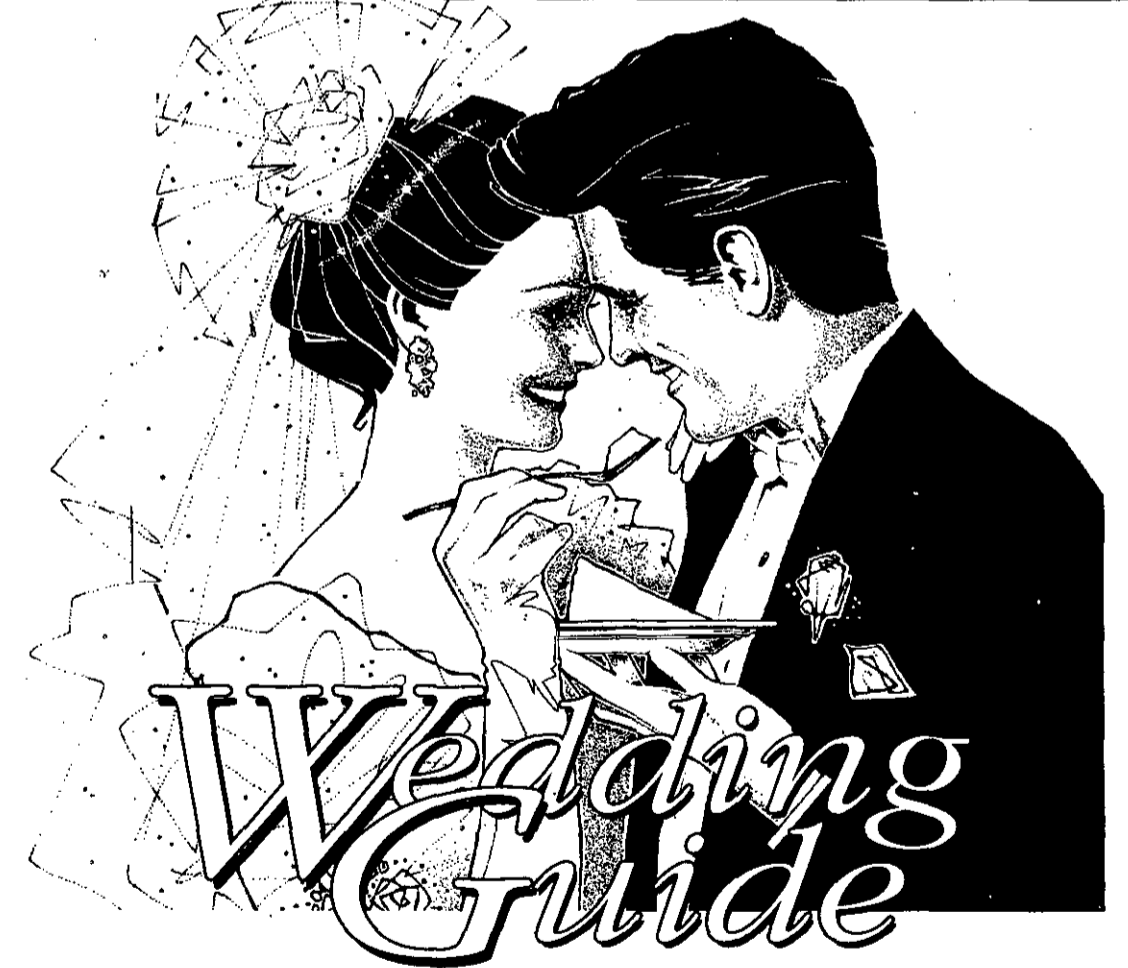


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V'ville community Christmas festival set Sunday

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue will host the fifth annual Voorheesville community Christmas festival.

A combination of traditional and new music will be performed by an ecumenical choir, with plenty of opportunities for the audience to join in on their favorite holiday carols.

Returning this year are director Ken George and accompanist Dorothea Pfeleiderer, as well as the Community Brass Ensemble led by Lydia Tobler.

Beginning at dusk, a living creche will grace the lawn in front of the church. The creche will be staffed by members of the congregation and will conclude at 7 p.m. when the community Christmas festival begins.

Village plans Christmas party Sunday

Voorheesville will be filled with holiday spirit on Sunday, Dec. 18, when the village holds its annual Christmas party at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

Santa arrives at 1 p.m., and a magician will entertain the children. Soda and munchkins will be served. The party is open to all children who live in Voorheesville.

NEWS NOTES

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Village board reschedules meeting

The Voorheesville board of trustees meeting has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. in the village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Because of this change, the Dec. 20 meeting of the planning commission has been moved to the American Legion Post next to village hall. The meeting starts at 7:15 p.m.

Harvey Huth, chairman of the planning commission, has been appointed to complete Edward Donohue's term on the village board. The term will expire March 31, and on March 21, an election will be held to fill the position.

Snow emergency rules in effect to April 15

Residents of the village of Voorheesville are reminded that snow emergency regulations are in effect from Nov. 15 until April 15. Parking is prohibited on all village streets between midnight

and 6 a.m. Any cars violating the regulation will be ticketed.

Site team slates open campus meeting

The site-based management team at the high school invites concerned parents to attend an open meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. in the high school library to discuss a student government proposal for an open campus.

The proposal would allow students in grades-nine through 12 to go outside the school building during study hall and would allow 11th and 12th-graders to leave campus during study hall and lunch.

Parents' input is requested.

For information, call Debbie Baron, at 765-9371, Sandi Lindner at 765-4713, or Derris Tidd at 765-4277.

School board sets forum on technology

The school board will hold a focus forum on technology in the schools at a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Historical group presents Pound awards

The New Scotland Historical Association presented the third Arthur Pound Award to Martha Slingerland and Bryce Butler at

its December meeting.

The award recognizes individuals who have helped promote and preserve the history of the town of New Scotland in an extraordinary way.

Slingerland has served as chair of the association's genealogy committee for many years and has devoted a significant part of her life to preserving the recorded history of the town of New Scotland.

Butler is a reporter and features editor at the *Altamont Enterprise*. Through his coverage of the events and programs of the New Scotland Historical Association, Butler has helped make the history of the town of New Scotland an accessible and living experience.

Legionnaires to serve Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Local Brownies bring cheer to CDPC

Brownies from Troop 824 recently brought a little bit of the holiday spirit to patients at the Capital District Psychiatric Center in Albany.

The girls brought homemade chocolate candies and greeting cards for the patients and sang a

medley of Christmas carols.

Emily Burns, Kaitlyn Arrico, Brittany Baron, Erin Brackett, Caitlin Conway, Ashley Schultz, Jessica Engel, Sarina Fiero, Christine Reddy, Kate Thorman and Amber Gravelin participated.

Zoning law group meets tonight

The New Scotland zoning law review committee meets tonight, Dec. 14, and also next Wednesday, Dec. 21, both at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

V'ville Scouts slate village caroling spree

The Voorheesville Cub Scouts will sing Christmas carols on Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 4 p.m. at Voorheesville Elementary School, then heading to Maple Avenue and Voorheesville Avenue.

Those who want the Scouts to sing for them are asked to leave an outside light on.

Families can count birds at Five Rivers

A family-oriented bird count will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead the group on a short walking tour of the center grounds in order to observe a range of species.

Participants should bring binoculars and a field identification book, if possible.

For information, call the center at 475-0291.

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Under the direction of Joseph Farrell, the students will sing classical and popular music selections, along with holiday favorites. Bring a half-dozen of your favorite cookies to share. A beverage will be served.

An RSVP for this free program is appreciated, but not required.

Sound System, a select mixed chorus of students in 10th through 12th-grade, performs works ranging from pop music to madrigals, in ensemble and small groups.

The members of 1994-95 Sound System are: Daniel Aycock, Sean Bradley, Julia Donnaruma, Brad Einhorn, Sarah Frank, Seth Fruiterman, Amanda Genovese, Anna Groper, Hally Gutman, Kimberly Harvey, Andrea Kachidurian, Elizabeth Karam, John Kuta, David Lefkovich, Sarah Macarin, Tessy Nedy, Jennifer Rifkin, Adam Sharon and Matthew Simons.

Bass-on-Up, a select men's chorus which performs in four-part harmony, will join them with a varied repertoire that includes doo-wop numbers, the Merle Travis classic "Sixteen Tons," and carols.

The Concert Singers, a treble voice choir, will sing a medley from "The Secret Garden."

The library is participating in Price Chopper Supermarkets' "Register Tapes for Education" program.

This program enables educational organizations to collect donated register tapes and exchange them for needed equipment or software. The library's goal is to upgrade the personal

Mother's Time Out to meet next Monday

Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, will meet on Monday, Dec. 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The meeting will include a Christmas party for children.

For information, call the church at 439-9929.

Church choir presents Christmas cantata

The Bethlehem Community Church Adult Choir will present the cantata "Christmas People" on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9:30 a.m. at the church at 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

The church will also host a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.

computer facilities available here for people in the community to use.

The library is asking patrons, neighbors and friends to help reach this goal by saving and donating tapes. Price Chopper will issue pink register tapes until Feb. 4. All tapes must be received at the library by Feb. 11.

Circle the total and deposit tapes in the specially marked receptacle in the receptionist's office.

The 1994-95 edition of the Library's Community Contacts is now available. This 25-page booklet lists nearly 100 groups in and around the town of Bethlehem, and is a convenient guide to sometimes hard-to-find information.

Community groups are listed alphabetically and include an address, phone number, description, contact persons and are indexed by category. The library is assisted annually by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library to make this publication possible.

Free copies are available at the reference desk.

Anna Jane Abaray

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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Costs are \$499.32 per quarter for single coverage and \$1265.31 per quarter for family coverage. For information, contact Brenda Lee at 446-0200.

Carolers bring cheer to McDonald House

The New Salem Reformed Church is planning "Caroling for Kids" on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Ronald McDonald House in Albany.

Participants will sing traditional carols for residents at the home, which provides low-cost housing for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at local hospitals.

Participants will meet at the church in New Salem at 4 p.m. All are invited to participate. For information, call Barbara Van Zetten at 439-6179.

Natural materials make nice decorations

A program on natural holiday decorations will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The indoor/outdoor session will focus on simple holiday ornaments that can be constructed from natural materials in an environmentally-sensitive manner.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Magician, Santa Claus to arrive in V'ville

The Voorheesville Fire Department and Auxiliary are planning a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. at the firehouse in Voorheesville.

"Clem the Magician" will entertain, and Santa Claus will take last-minute requests for Christmas.

Post office extends hours this weekend

The Delmar Post Office will extend its hours on Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

For information, call 439-1933.

Annual Food for Fines program begins Dec. 15

Food for Fines begins on Thursday, Dec. 15. To cash in on our unique offer to bail out your overdue books with canned goods, bring both to the circulation desk, and we'll explain how it works.

Terri Berger, Elizabeth Moore and Frank Jablonowski won paintings that had been donated by local artists.

Our thanks goes to all who participated in the Friends Book Auction, many of whom are now the happy owners of autographed copies of the books they bid on. Both promotions were a great success.

Don't miss the delightful Peter Rabbit tree by the Helderview Garden Club now on display near the children's area.

The writer's group will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. Story hours end on Dec. 18 and will resume on Jan. 9.

The library will be closed Dec. 24 through 26 for the Christmas holiday and from 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, through Jan. 2, for New Year's.

Barbara Vink



But don't delay — the offer expires on Monday, Jan. 15.

It's almost over already — the "Toys for Tots" donations will be collected for distribution on Sunday, Dec. 18. So if you have not brought your gift to the library yet, please hurry.

Congratulations to the winners of our Friends of the Library raffle drawing.

Tax bills to be sent out

Property tax bills for 1995 will be mailed on Jan. 6, 1995, to all Bethlehem property owners who do not have an escrow account with a bank.

Owners with escrow accounts will have their tax bills sent directly to their respective banks for payment. All payments are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Those residents wishing to defer payment beyond the Jan. 31 deadline may do so, but will incur a late payment charge of 1 percent during February, or 2 percent if paid during the month of March. A \$1 mailing fee will also be charged if it becomes necessary to send out a reminder card for late payment.

If you should have received a property tax bill, but did not, please contact the town tax department at 439-4955, extension 177, to advise them of that fact. If you have an escrow account and received a tax bill, please notify the tax department which bank is involved.

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Sports

V'ville boys are raising some eyebrows

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville boys basketball team (3-0) continued its early season success last week with two more marks in the win column.

"I think we snuck up on the league," said coach Skip Carrk. "From now on teams are going to be ready for us."

The 'Birds began the week with a hard-earned 70-63 victory over the Mechanicville Red Raiders. "It was a very good win for us to get on the road," Carrk said, "especially against that team, because it was picked to be one of the top teams in the league this year."

I think that everything is coming together for us. Everyone is just really excited to play.

coach Skip Carrk

Senior center David Burch led the way for V'ville, shooting 75 percent from the field. He connected on 15 of 20 field goal attempts for a game-high 30 points.

Senior guard Adam Keller con-

tributed 11 points. As a team the Blackbirds were an impressive 24 for 29 from the foul line.

On Friday, Dec. 9, V'ville defeated Lansingburgh at home. Carrk credited the team's backup players for helping pull out the win.

"Our bench strength wore them down at the end," he said. Reserve players Andy Bayus, Joe Robichaud, Jason Diehl and Ryan Foster all had key roles in the 79-60 victory.

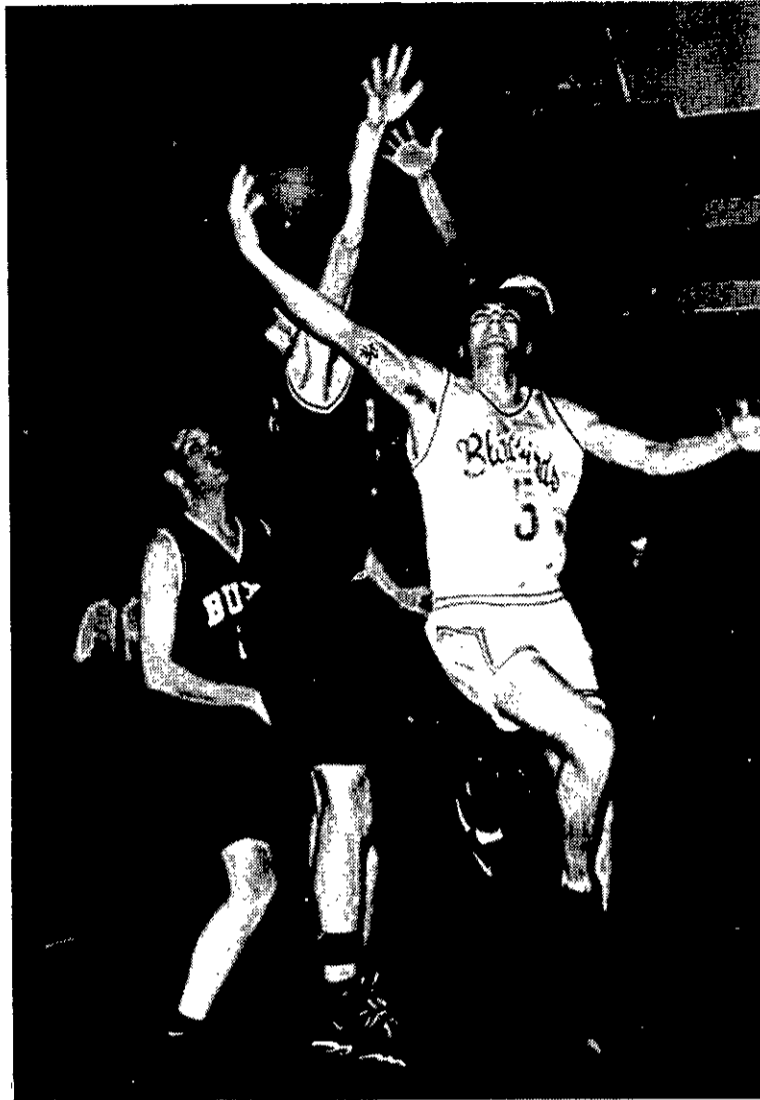
Robichaud had 11 points, Bayus had nine and Diehl contributed four.

Burch and Keller stood out again for V'ville. Burch finished with 30 points and eight rebounds while Keller was exceptional at point guard, collecting 10 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Senior forward Josh White was strong on the boards with eight rebounds.

"I think that everything is coming together for us," Carrk said. "Everyone is just really excited to play."

The boys face Waterford at home on Friday.



V'ville guard Adam Keller goes up for a shot during the Blackbirds' win over Lansingburgh last week. Jonathan Getnick

Eagles walk over Scotia

By Janice Gallagher

The Bethlehem girls basketball team won its first league game on Friday, Dec. 9, by a lopsided score of 49-31 over Scotia. Senior co-captain Karena Zornow delivered 15 points, freshman Nicole Conway had 12, and senior Julie Davidson chipped in with eight.

"We played a solid game against Scotia," said Eagles coach Kim Zornow. "We came out a little sluggish in the first quarter, but picked it up in the second quarter when Nicole started scoring."

"We were pretty dominant," agreed junior point guard Katie Sherwin. "We have had a tough first few games, but I think we're coming together now."

The Eagles faced Shenendehowa in a nonleague game on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and lost 42-26. They outscored their opponents in the third quarter and came within 10 points of the powerful Plainsmen. Karena Zornow led the scoring with eight points.

"I thought we played well in the Shen game, but we struggled to score," coach Zornow said. "We have freshmen who are seeing a lot of time and doing well. The more experience they gain at the varsity level, the more they'll improve."

The Eagles have a rematch against Shen at home in February.

"We have a lot of talent this year, and we're looking not only to win the next few, but to go a long way in sectionals," Sherwin said.

"We're trying to take it game by game," coach Zornow added. "We need to improve our defense until our shooting picks up, which it will."



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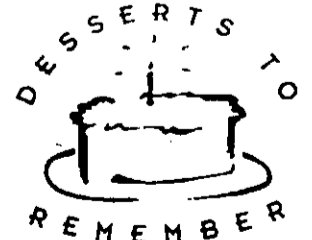
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Coach Leach is optimistic

By Josh White

The Voorheesville boys wrestling team is anticipating the upcoming Colonial Council season.

This year's squad has drawn strong numbers with 23 total grapplers turning out. The Blackbirds have reason to believe they can improve on last year's lackluster record.

"We are ready to wrestle and be competitive," said head coach Dick Leach. "Our good pre-season has us moving in the right direction. The bulk of our team is young and composed of mainly sophomores and juniors.

"Everyone is working hard to get better," he said. "I have definitely seen a steady day-to-day improvement.

"In the last few years, we have been in over our heads," Leach continued. "We will be challenged with tough competition again this year. Our strength is in the 126 to 145 weight class."

Key returnees on this year's squad include senior co-captains Jim Cook (132) and Matt Cootware (145). Also, senior Mike Burns (157) and juniors Griffin King (155) and Bryce Fortran (132) should contribute.

Other experienced wrestlers are sophomores Todd Dombrowski (112), Chris Horan (119), Jeff Stewart (132) and Jim Shear (138).

In their first match on Thursday, Dec. 8, against Ravena, the Blackbirds fell short 39-20. Nonetheless, V'ville received victories from eighth-grader Ryan Spanwick (105) and sophomore Brandon Holcomb (126). Cook pinned his opponent, while Cootware and King posted decisions.

Swimmers look strong

By Jessica Romano

The BC boys swimming team, favorites to once again win the Section II championship, have started its season off on the right foot.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the boys clobbered Shenendehowa 68 to 26. "Overall this is a good solid team," said head coach Ken Neff. "So far I am very pleased with the amount of work being done."

Their hard work paid off in the Eagles' first home meet of the season on Thursday, Dec. 8. Guilderville, a merger between Voorheesville and Guilderland high schools, was no contest for Bethlehem. The Eagles won handily 79 to 39.

The 200 medley relay team of Adrian Denkers, Brian Strickler, Pat Gallagher and Andrew McCoy captured first place in a time of 1:48.03.

Reid Putnam's first place finish in the 50 freestyle added to BC's lead. A clean sweep in the 500 freestyle secured the win for BC. Steve Corson, Milt Orietas and Scott Strickler took first, second and third, respectively. Zach Medwin took the lead in the diving competition to earn more points for the Eagles.

"We have a young but talented team that is very dedicated," Neff said. "Each year is a new group. We lost some better swimmers, but we have always worked hard to maintain depth, and we are still favored."

The team's first real test will be against Tapanzee on Friday, Dec. 23 — a team that has defeated BC the past two years.

BC hoopsters break through

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem boys varsity basketball team won its first game of the infant season by defeating Scotia at home, 60-55.

The game was back and forth throughout, as Ryan Wotherspoon of Scotia hit seven three-pointers to keep the outmanned Tartans close.

However, the massive inside presence of Joe D'Angelo and the sweet shooting touch of Sean Berry enabled the Eagles to put away Scotia in the final quarter.

Junior center D'Angelo amassed 14 points and 15 rebounds, while junior forward Berry

hit for 11, seven coming in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles, who are now 1-0 league, 1-2 overall, head to Burnt Hills on Wednesday, Dec. 14, in a Suburban Council league game.

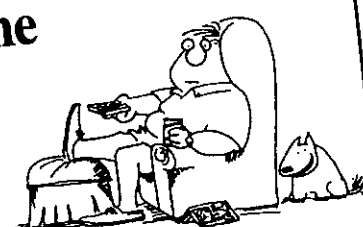
BC grid stars cited

Several BCHS football players were named to the Metroland Division II all-star team.

Punter Nate Kosoc and offensive tackle Jim Boyle were named to the first team.

Running back Rick Sherwin, defensive end Nat Beyer and linebacker Keith Riccio were named to the second team.


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V'ville girls nipped at the buzzer

By Jacob Van Ryn

Lansingburgh handed the Voorheesville girls basketball team its first loss of the year on Friday, Dec. 9, by the score of 57-56.

The game was close throughout, and when freshman Jane Meade made two free throws with five seconds left in regulation, the game was sent into overtime. In the extra session, Voorheesville played well and was able to take the lead, but with about five seconds remaining, Lansingburgh's Renee Istria hit a three-pointer that won the game for the Knights.

"It was a very difficult loss, but the kids played hard, and we lost to a very good team," said coach

Jack Adams. "It was one of those games where you thought that the team that had the final possession would win the game and that's exactly how it turned out."

The 'Birds were led by senior Jen Person who had 16 points for the 'Birds. Also contributing were Becky Dawson and Kristin Dougherty who had 11 and 13, respectively.

Lansingburgh was led by Kris Pasinella, who had an outstanding game contributing 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Adams spoke very highly about Pasinella. "She's an excellent player, and definitely one of the best players in the league."

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the 'Birds

won home opener against Mechanicville in a cakewalk, 58-14. The 'Birds attack was led by Kristin Person and Kristin Dougherty, as they combined for 21 points.

"The girls did a good job. Whenever you hold a team to 14 points, you know that your team played well," said Adams.

After posting a 2-1 record in their first three games of the year, Adams is pleased with what he sees. "Things are looking good so far, we've made a lot of progress.

"The girls are working very hard and learning to play together as a team. Once we get a few more games under our belt, I think we'll be a solid team."

Dolphins registration on tap for Dec. 21

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club will hold registration for new members on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the administrative conference room of the Bethlehem Central High School.

Membership is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem or its school district who are 6 to 18 years old and able to swim 25 yards without help.

Membership fees from January to March range from \$115 to \$150 and there is an annual \$25 insurance fee. The club offers a

two-week trial period for \$50 to first-time members. For information, call 475-1689.

In recent action at the Gator Invitational Swim Meet in Glens Falls on Sunday, Dec. 4, Delmar Dolphins captured numerous medals.

Winners included Emily Fong, Emily Malinowski and Patrick Shaffer, who finished first in the 25-yard breaststroke.


Strong finishers in the 10-and-under girls included Courtney Arduini, Sarah Roman, Teresa

Rosetti, Kathleen Shaffer, Tiffany Bowdish, Katie Parafinczuk and Larissa Suparmanto.

In the 10-and-under boys competition, Joseph Cardamone performed well along with Ricky Grant, Thalys Orietas and Justin Contento.

The Dolphins placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Other standouts included Melanie Hill, Beth Malinowski, Becky Parafinczuk, Brian Dowling, Bob Pasquini and Tommy Roman.



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BBC results: Week #2

The second week of the Bethlehem Basketball Club season was highlighted by key ACC matchups.

Brian Rowan's slashing drives through the lane ripped the nets for 13 points as Wake Forest beat Duke, which was led by Elliot Frank and Chris Carriero.

Georgia Tech, with a balanced scoring attack headlined by Hillary Cooley and Pete Smith edged Virginia 40-27, even with Lauren Falkenhaimer's tenacious play.

A strong Maryland contingent, with Josh Brody in charge, blasted Florida State 27-11, which was led by Alix Czajka.

In a late night finale, North Carolina blew by Clemson in a determined stretch run 37-33. The Tarheels were distinguished by Gabe Polow's moves underneath and Clemson was sparked by Tim Hwang's 10 markers and Chris Lecherling's spirited all-around effort.

In MAAC competition, the green and gold of Siena followed their namesake in defeat, succumbing to Niagara 24-14; the Purple Eagles dominating behind Aaron Griffin's 10. Matt Patry controlled the tempo in St. Peter's 28-21 victory over Canisius with Pat Riegel netting six in defeat.

Loyola, behind Nate Mehlman's 10 and Dave Sargent's eight, ran past Fairfield 34-19, notwithstanding Mark Bulger's nine. Eric Lowery led the charge as a strong Manhattan quintet roared past Iona 30-13, with Noah Bacon's 12 coming from everywhere on the court.

In the competitive Big East, Georgetown behind Mark Wiley's three clutch hoops beat Providence 33-28. Rodrigo Cerda led Boston College over St. John's despite Mason Jones's strong effort.

Combining Billy Combe's control of the glass with Dave Guttman's 12, Villanova blasted Pitt 40-16. J.B. Horgan had six for the losers. In a game dominated by the big men inside, Syracuse wore down Miami 39-32 behind Geoff Decker's nine.

Highlighting the NBA division, the Bulls behind Katie Strait's 13 points and Connor Berry's rebounding pulled away in the second half to down the Hornets, 58-41.

Josh Plattner swished in eight points for the Hornets. In a heated tussle the Nuggets edged the Knicks, 31-28 with Toby Cushing's 12 points negating Kevin Valentine's 16.

Paul Roberts sterling floor leadership led the Sun's down the victory path 47-21. Alexis Grant played a solid inside game and scored five points for the Spurs.

Finally, Adam Zaranko's rebounding and defense, together with Brendan Bannigan's 15 points, wore down the Warriors, 44-29, with Travis Davey contributing eight points for the losers.



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"Why hasn't Mr. Manning been required to submit a traffic review?" asked Diane Everhart of 18 Rural Place. "Boston Chicken was required to do three along with an intersection accident review."

Neighbors on Rural Place — a narrow, dead-end street that juts off Delaware Avenue just east of the D&H railroad bridge — warned the planning board that allowing additional traffic on their street would endanger children walking to and from the school bus stop on the corner and hinder access to the street by emergency vehicles.

Left turns from Rural Place going east onto Delaware Avenue are "next to impossible" to make now, said Mark Peckham of 9 Rural Place. "Customers (of the deli) in a hurry to get their food home may not have the patience to wait (for a break in the traffic)."

An estimated 1,800 to 2,000 cars already travel Delaware Avenue during peak periods in the morning and afternoon and adding new traffic is going to mean longer back-ups at the Four Corners and on Kenwood Avenue, said Lisa Tang of Delmar.

But traffic was not the only concern. Perhaps the greatest fear that neighbors have is how a commercial establishment at the end of the street would affect the rural ambience that exists now.

Deep ravines and woods surround much of Rural Place, but they won't matter a hoot, residents say, if commercialism is allowed to

encroach on their domain.

"It would destroy the residential character of the street," Peckham said. "The street is 18 feet wide. There's barely enough room for two cars to pass now let alone if they bring in their delivery trucks and 18-wheelers."

Rural Place resident Anthony Umina hammered away at the parking lot configuration proposed by Manning, claiming that nine parking spaces would be insufficient. Anytime someone services the refuse bin or drives up to the loading dock there are going to be one or two fewer spaces, he said.

"When people are in the apartment (above the deli), you've got to subtract another one or two (spaces)."

"How many employees will be there?" Umina asked. "And where will they park?"

John Valenti, of 6 Rural Place, said the board should also consider the "Rural Place herd."

On any night, "you can see (deer) after 10 p.m., especially in the bad weather," he said. "What's to prevent the plantings around the deli from being destroyed by these poor starving deer?"

A state Supreme Court justice earlier this year overturned the planning board's approval of the project because it was determined that the board had wrongly computed the number of parking spaces that was required.

The lawsuit was brought on behalf of the 14 property owners

on Rural Place by Guilderland attorney John Hayko, who claimed that the original proposal violated the town zoning ordinance. Hayko hinted that residents could bring new legal action if forced to.

Of all the arguments used by the neighbors, planning board chairman Martin Barr said concern over traffic was the weakest.

"We just had a traffic study done (for Delaware Avenue) that's contained in the LUMAC report. The (southbound) traffic actually decreases after Elsmere. Can you honestly compare the Boston Chicken situation to this?"

"They can assert it, but I think the Boston Chicken situation had the potential for a lot more traffic being generated than Manning's Menu," Barr said.

Problems with the parking lot, which may be too narrow for vehicles — particularly delivery trucks — to move around freely, could be a "more serious set of circumstances for the board to consider," Barr said.

The planning board is not expected to vote on Manning's proposal until January.

Not everyone attending the public hearing was adamantly opposed. "I'm in favor because it's in a commercial zone," said Marie Capone of Delmar. "This is what zoning was established for. I talked to the Bethlehem Central School District and the person in charge of transportation said they had no problem with a business going in there."

Joyful celebration



Participants in the Common Unity Bible Study's recent Christmas party and luncheon include Amanda McDowell, Matthew Malossi, Anna Bersani, Garrett Frueh, Zachary Bersani, Jacob Constantine and Sue and Alex Malossi. The group meets every week at the Bethlehem Community Church on Elm Avenue. Doug Persons

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The maid of honor was Tricia Rozell, and bridesmaids were Jennifer Delaney and Susan Kenney, both cousins of the bride, and Rebecca Walker.

The best man was Peter Zdg-

iebloski, and ushers were Steve Swanson, Dennis O'Shaughnessy and Michael Reinsch.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and attended Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed as a secretary by Catholic Charities Developmental Disabilities Services in Albany.

The groom attended Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and is employed as a mechanic by National Freight in Feura Bush.

After a wedding trip to Lancaster, Pa., the couple lives in Ravena.

Dudzik completes West Point training

Brian Dudzik, son of Lawrence and Christine Dudzik of Delmar, recently completed cadet basic training at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and has been accepted as a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, Class of 1998.

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Dudzik is a 1994 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Navy man back home after Persian Gulf duty

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Anthony Sroka, son of Barbara S. Smith of Glenmont, completed a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the destroyer USS Fletcher, which recently returned to its homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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During the deployment, the destroyer visited the Marshall Islands to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the islands' liberation during World War II. It also visited Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea and Japan.

A 1990 graduate of Guilderland High School, Sroka joined the Navy in December of 1990.



Carolyn and Henry Field

Cohen, Field marry

Carolyn Joy Cohen, daughter of Henry and Carol Cohen of Delmar, and Henry Spooner Field, son of the late Darwin Field and Doris Field of Sutton, Mass., were married Oct. 8.

The Rev. James Jaekel performed the ceremony in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with a reception following at the Canfield Casino, both in Saratoga Springs.

The maid of honor was Delia Cohen, the bride's sister.

The best man was George Field, the groom's brother, and ushers

were Brian Cohen, the bride's brother, and Malcolm Field, the groom's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. She is employed as an executive assistant by the Greater Capital Region Association of Realtors in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Alfred. He is employed by Home Depot in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple lives in Saratoga.

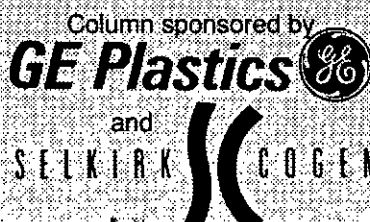
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Jennifer and James Ross

Holtz, Ross marry

Jennifer Lynn Holtz, daughter of William and Diane Holtz of Wyckoff, N.J., and James Michael Ross, son of James and Margaret Ross of Delmar, were married June 25.

The Rev. Charles Hart performed the ceremony in St. Elizabeth's Church in Wyckoff, with a reception following at the Women's Club of Ridgewood, N.J.

The matron of honor was Karin Holtz, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Kelly Ross, the groom's sister, Carin Arvidson and Tricia Sollenberger.

The best man was Jeff Ross, the groom's brother, and ushers were Greg Holtz, the bride's brother, Craig Gallagher and John Kelly.

The bride, a graduate of Gettysburg College, is client support manager for Reuters Newsmedia in Reston, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Stanford University and the University of Chicago Law School.

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

Births

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Rachel Nicole Edic, to Elizabeth and Steven Edic, Clarksville, Oct. 28.

Girl, Kathryn Eleanor Rothfuss, to Patricia Richards and David Rothfuss, Delmar, Oct. 31.

Boy, Jordan Michael Kuhn, to Gloria and Douglas Kuhn Jr., Selkirk, Nov. 1.

Girl, Amanda Joan Semenuk, to Jill and David Semenuk, Selkirk, Nov. 3.

Girl, Mary Margaret Doane, to Sandra and Eugene Doane, Selkirk, Nov. 6.

Boy, Aaron Benjamin Sklar, to Sharon and Mark Sklar, Delmar, Nov. 9.

Boy, John Christopher Cook, to Grace and Christopher Cook, Delmar, Nov. 10.

Girl, Natasha Violet Jewett, to Alexandra and Edward Jewett, Delmar, Nov. 15.

Boy, Jordan Peter Henry, to Amy and Ronald Henry, Voorheesville, Nov. 19.

Girl, Kellie Howatt Cunniff, to Amy Petersen and Walter Cunniff, Delmar, Nov. 20.

Boy, Jack Richard Martino, to Michele Martino, Glenmont, Nov. 24.

Twins: girl, Emily Staci Ginsburg, and boy, Evan Bernard Ginsburg, to Carolyn and Bruce Ginsburg, Slingerlands, Nov. 25.

Boy, Matthew Harrison Futia, to Donna and Anthony Futia, Delmar, Nov. 27.

Girl, Carly Rachel Myers, to Amy and Andrew Myers, Voorheesville, Nov. 29.

Out of town

Boy, Alexander Francis Fullerton, to Nancy and John Fullerton of Mansfield, Mass., in Norwood Hospital, Nov. 16. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Alice Hamill of Delmar.

Post offices bracing for Christmas rush

The Delmar and Glenmont post offices will extend their hours the weekend before Christmas.

The Delmar Post Office at 357 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

The Glenmont Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17.



Cynthia and Jay Lawrence

Tanner, Lawrence marry

Cynthia Lynn Tanner, daughter of William and Carol Tanner of Voorheesville, and Jay Peter Lawrence, son of Walter and Ruth Lawrence of Canton, St. Lawrence County, were married Sept. 10.

The Rev. George Klohck performed the ceremony in the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, with a reception following at the Quality Inn, Albany.

The maid of honor was Laurie Mills, the groom's niece, and bridesmaids were Christine Tanner, the bride's sister, Stacie Mills, the groom's niece, and Nancy Lancaster and Amy Mahar, both cousins of the bride.

The best man was Brian Lawrence, the groom's brother, and

ushers were David Lawrence, Stuart Lawrence and Scott Lawrence, all brothers of the groom, and Andrew Tanner, the bride's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and SUNY Cortland. She is employed as a counselor by the Albany County Association for Retarded Citizens in North Bethlehem.

The groom attended Canton Technical College and graduated from the Diesel Technology Institute. He is employed as a state corrections officer at the Greene Correctional Facility in Coxsackie.

After a wedding trip to the Poconos and Virginia Beach, the couple lives in Guilderland.

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.

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Community Corner



Five Rivers Center to hold animal tracking class

A program on animal tracking is planned for Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. at the Five Rivers Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead participants on an outdoor walk to look for signs of wildlife. For information, call 475-0291.

Obituaries

David VanWie

David Christopher VanWie, 25, of Guilderland and formerly of Voorheesville, died Monday, Dec. 5, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Lyons, Wayne County, he had lived in Voorheesville for most of his life before moving to Guilderland last year.

Mr. VanWie was a graduate of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and SUNY Oneonta, where he earned a bachelor's degree in geography.

Mr. VanWie was attending the University of Maryland and working on a project for NASA at the school. He previously interned at the Nature Conservancy.

Survivors include his parents, David and Maureen Wasson VanWie of Guilderland; a sister, Christine VanWie of Mahopac, Putnam County; and his paternal grandparents, Willard and Margaret Weaver of Guilderland.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville. Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206, or the Nature Conservancy, 251 River St., Troy 12180.

Thomas J. Kelly Jr.

Thomas J. Kelly Jr., 71, of South Main Street in Voorheesville, died Monday, Dec. 5, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland.

Born in West Albany, he lived in Voorheesville for 30 years.

He was a Marine veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Mr. Kelly worked for the state Department of Transportation for 35 years, retiring as a supervisor in 1984.

He was a member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Kircher Kelly; a daughter, Tracy K. Abbott of Albany; a brother, George E. Kelly of Seffner, Fla.; and two grandsons.

Services were from St. Francis de Sales Church in West Albany.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Life Center Activities Fund.

Alice Bulson

Alice V. Ogren Bulson, 82, of New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, died Thursday, Dec. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Bulson was a graduate of Albany Business College.

Along with her husband, the late Stanton Bulson, she owned and operated Bulson's Restaurant in Slingerlands for several years.

Mrs. Bulson enjoyed gardening and traveling.

Services were from the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home in Albany, with burial in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203, or to the Delmar Fire Dept. Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Kathleen Booth

Kathleen M. Booth, 76, of Elm Avenue in Delmar, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Kingston, she was employed as a representative by the New York Telephone Co. for 32 years, retiring in 1975.

Mrs. Booth was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include a cousin, Francis McDermott of Kingston.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Joseph V. Leahy Funeral Home in Kingston.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice.

Margaret Day

Margaret E. Day, 92, of Stuart Fla., a former Delmar resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, at her home.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Stuart for the past four years. She had previously lived in Charles, Ill., and in Delmar for 50 years.

Mrs. Day was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Marvia Court, all in Albany.

Survivors include a son, Thomas G. Day of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Lois Beckman of Stuart; a brother, Edward Hawley of Albany; a sister, Ruth Posselt of Bayonne, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association, 633 E. Fifth St., Stuart, Fla. 34994, or St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany 12203.

Catherine Phillips

Catherine Phillips, 79, a Glenmont native, of Knox Cave Road in Knox, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, at her home.

Mrs. Phillips worked as a nurse's aide at the Nash Rest Home in Knox for many years.

She was the widow of Elmer Phillips.

Survivors include two daughters, Anna Hayes of Delanson and Ruth Gifford of Glenmont; two sons, Robert Phillips of Delanson and Edward Phillips of Glenmont; a sister, Anna Brisk of Westerlo; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Duanesburg and the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Burial was in Meadowlawn Cemetery in Petersburg.

Contributions may be made to the Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, 53 Maple Ave., Scotia 12302.

Hilbert W. Raynor

Hilbert W. Raynor, 80, of Bethlehem died Monday, Dec. 12, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Freeport, Nassau County, he was a longtime resident of the Selkirk area.

He was a laborer and handyman for the YMCA before he retired.

Mr. Raynor was a member of the Bethlehem Grange 137 and the Albany County Pomona Grange 4.

Survivors include his wife, Neita Merritt Raynor.

Services will be on Thursday,

Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Caswell Funeral Home, 64 Martins Hill Road, Coeymans.

Burial will be in the spring in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in New Baltimore.

A calling hour will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Ambulance Service.

Edward L. Kuhl

Edward L. Kuhl, 93, of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Before moving to Delmar, he served in the Cavalry in Texas. He had lived in Delmar since 1937.

Mr. Kuhl worked as an inspector of precision instruments for the federal government.

He was a charter member of the Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club in Clarksville and a member of the Onesquethau Lodge F&AM 1096. He was an avid bowler.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Klein Kuhl, and a sister, Marion Sehl of Leesburg, Fla.

Services will be on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m. from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Calling hours will be today, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Interment will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Delmar Navyman returns from Haiti

Navy Fireman Michael J. Morin of Delmar recently returned from operations off the coast of Haiti aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Eisenhower transported

Health screenings available at town hall

Bethlehem Senior Services has slated blood pressure screenings on Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The free screening is open to all town residents on a walk-in basis. A volunteer dietician will be available during the screening to answer nutrition questions.

The Marion Martin Display for Independent Living will feature literature on programs and benefits offered by the American Association of Retired Persons during the screenings.

For information, call the town hall at 439-4955.

Coeymans firefighters complete state course

Members of the Coeymans Hollow Fire Department recently competed the firefighting essentials course given by the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

They are: James Cross Jr., Matthew Feit, Kevin Boissy, Kathleen Heltzman, Richard Heichel, Christos Jones, Bill Kapusta, John Lopinski, Mark Mahar, Richard Mahnken, Russell McBride, Joseph Nicosia, Philip Pausley, Charles Powell, Stephen Wieland Sr. and Stephen J. Wieland.

The 39-hour course is designed to provide information and skills essential to basic firefighting.

1,800 soldiers and 50 helicopters to Haiti.

The 1992 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School joined the Navy in December of 1992.

Mylod sings with St. Michael's chorale

Marianne H. Mylod, daughter of Helen T. Mylod of Delmar, recently performed in the annual Christmas concert at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt.

Mylod, a freshman at the college, is an alto in the school chorale. The 58-member group regularly travels to Boston and Montreal for performances.

Grants opened to engineering students

High school seniors planning to pursue an engineering degree in college are eligible to receive scholarship money from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Materials are available in high school guidance offices. Applications are due by Dec. 1. For information, contact Leo Hetling at 439-2102.

Driving course set

E & E Defensive Driving Associates has scheduled a defensive driving course today, Dec. 14, from 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Drivers who complete the classroom course will receive a 10 percent discount on collision and liability premiums and a four-point subtraction from the total on their driving record.

Pre-paid registration is required for the class. For information, call E & E Defensive Driving Associates at 469-9048.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

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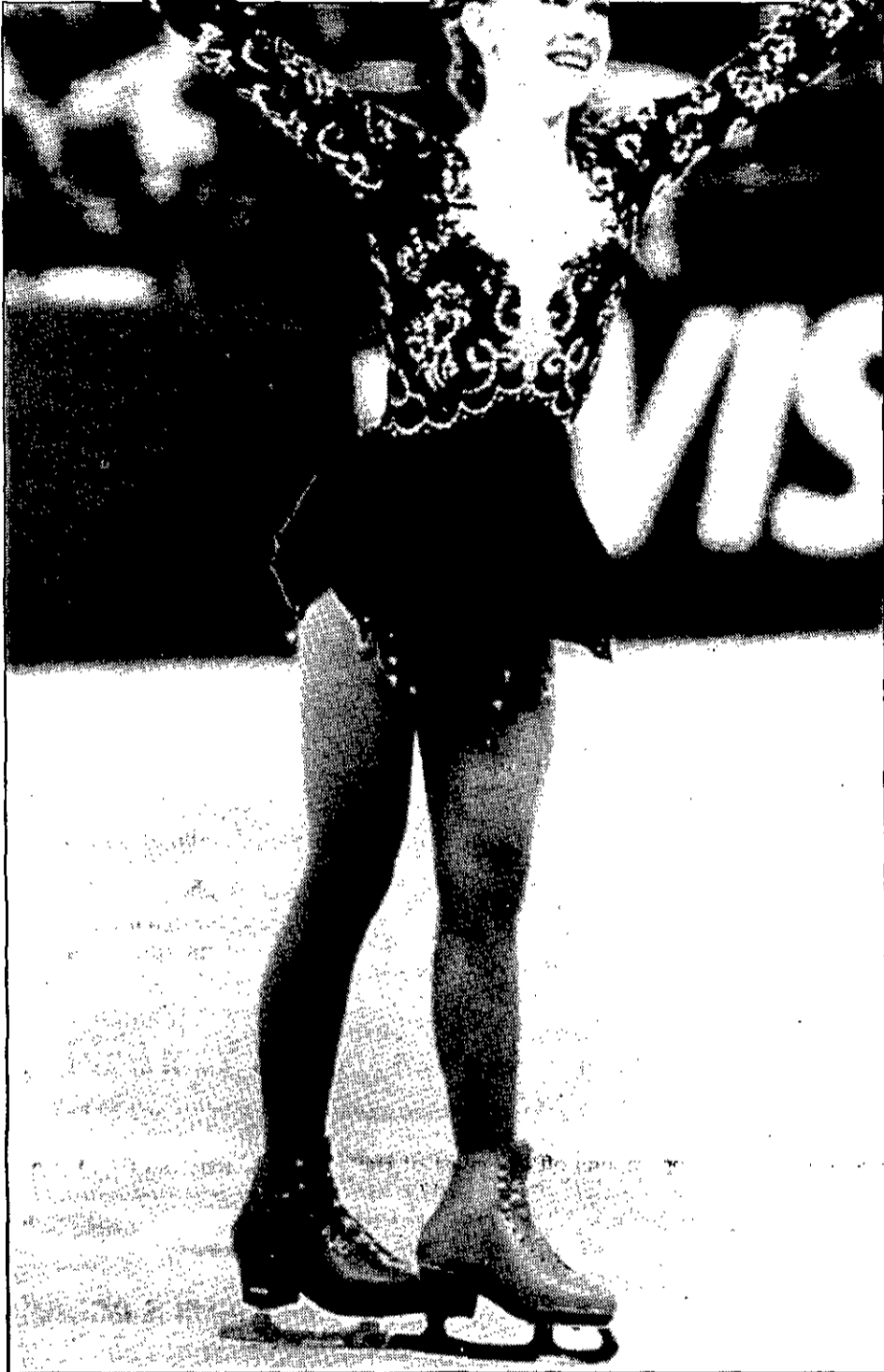


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Olympic gold medalist Oksana Baiul will skate in the "Nutcracker on Ice" on Monday, Dec. 26, at the Knickerbocker Arena. Dancers from the Capital Ballet Company (featuring Alyssa Kahn, below) and the Albany Berkshire Ballet Company (right) promise more traditional performances of the ballet.



Going nuts

Four performances take crack at Tchaikovsky's holiday classic

By Martin P. Kelly

This weekend, you'll be able to throw a snowball in any direction and hit a Sugar Plum Fairy. At least, it will seem so.

Three productions of the classic and delightful Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker" will play over the weekend, two in Albany and one in Schenectady, and all three will feature ballet performers from major companies.

And, for anyone who doesn't get his fill of sugarplums this weekend, the "Nutcracker on Ice" will be offered at the Knick Arena Dec. 26.

At the Empire State Performing Arts Center at the Egg in Albany, New York City Ballet principal dancers Wendy Whelan and Nilas Martins will dance the leading roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier with the Capital Ballet Company.

They will be supported by William Otto, a New York City Ballet member, as "the Drosslmeyer" and Bruce Bouchard, Capital Rep's artistic director, playing the elderly grandfather in the party scene. Bouchard studied ballet for four years before switching to theater studies and professional theater.

This annual production of "The Nutcracker" by Capital Ballet Company features members of the company and students from the Albany Dance Institute. David Otto, founder and artistic director of the company, is a former soloist of the New York City Ballet and also founder of the Albany Dance Institute.

Performances at The Egg are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Reservations are available at 473-1845.

Across town at the Palace Theatre, the Albany Berkshire Ballet Company is presenting its version of "The Nutcracker" through Sunday also. Paula Weber, principal dancer with the company and a member of the faculty of the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri, will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Samuel Abramian, a graduate of the Bolshoi Academy of Moscow who has danced with the Bolshoi, the Tokyo Ballet and the Polish National Ballet, will perform as the Cavalier.

The Albany Berkshire Company, which continues to refurbish its properties and costumes for this annual production of the famed Russian ballet based on the music of Tchaikovsky, will introduce a new backdrop for the Kingdom of the Sweets in Act 2.

Karen Knerr, a featured company member, will be among the supporting

cast that includes a group of dancers recruited from among ballet companies throughout the country, resident company dancers and children from area schools who portray mice, soldiers, angels, clowns and reindeer.

The production will be presented for performances at the Palace Theater at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Reservations are available at 465-0681.

The Northeast Ballet Company has already opened its version of "The Nutcracker" out of town. Two busloads of company members traveled to Lake Placid this past weekend and, following rehearsals Friday night and Saturday morning, performed the ballet Saturday afternoon and



evening.

They returned to Schenectady Sunday evening after the community-sponsored event in the Olympic village.

Northeast's company will open its annual version of "The Nutcracker" for local audiences at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., and conclude its two-performance run with a 2 p.m. show on Sunday, Dec. 18.

New York City Ballet Company principal dancers Kyra Nichols and Philip Neal will be seen as the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier in the seventh annual production by the Northeast Ballet Company.

The ballet, which was first danced in Russia in 1892, is in two acts involving four scenes that permits a large cast to entertain holiday audiences. At Proctor's, the Northeast company will have 100 cast members, including a number of school children who responded to open auditions in September.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

A Tale of Cinderella has novel plot but music doesn't measure up

Bill Frankonis, a Delmar playwright who prefers to be known as a novelist, has turned around the Cinderella fairy tale in his adaptation that takes place in Venice.

Now in its final performances at Russell Sage's Schacht Hall in Troy, the New York State Theater Institute's *A Tale of Cinderella* gives the story an Italian background and makes Cinderella a post-teenager with a mind of her own. The premise works.

What doesn't always work is the music by Will Severin and George David Weiss, a pair of respected songwriters from Broadway and Hollywood. There's the influence of Andrew Lloyd Webber in this new musical as its 22 songs, though tuneful and often melodic, merely substitute for dialogue.

Songs in a musical should highlight a scene and move the emotions. With only a few exceptions, here they merely carry the show along as Frankonis rests on his pen. There are no memorable songs you might sing in a shower. A show with this type should furnish such songs.

In other instances, songs that beg for more development are over just as you're getting to like them. *Some Sweet Day* is a lilting ballad that should be developed more fully as Cinderella's big moment. Moments shared by Lorraine Serabian and John Romeo as a couple of robust and eccentric godparents of the lovers are other instances when the merriment is cut short.

If *A Tale of Cinderella* looks for a future, it needs to be reworked musically.

Performances continue Thursday, Friday and next Tuesday and Wednesday (December 20 and 21) at 10 a.m., this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket information at 274-3256.

A Christmas Carol opens tonight in Philadelphia after Albany run

Cast, crew and scenery from the Palace Theater's production of *A Christmas Carol* arrived in Philadelphia Monday morning to set up shop for two weeks of performances, ending Christmas eve.

The 21 performances completed at Albany's Palace Theater with John Astin as Scrooge, were a disappointment to the producers despite good reviews and audience reaction. Playing seven less performances than last year in Albany, the producers had hoped to attract last year's 33,000 customers at least. This would have made up some of last year's financial loss. However, although the final attendance figure for this year's run hasn't been announced, it would seem to be much less than hoped for.

Philadelphia has a decent advance and could help the producers financially. But, what this year's presentation in Albany represents is a dampening of prospects for a return engagement next season. The prospective annual presentation of *A Christmas Carol* at the Palace Theater could be merely a scene from Christmas Past.

If there's any solace for the Albany producers, the big New York production of *A Christmas Carol* now in the Paramount Theater in Madison Square Garden received mediocre notices despite its lavish production.

It's just not a good year for Dickens.

Capital Repertory Theater does well with spoof of Dickens' classic

Inspecting Carol, the Daniel Sullivan spoof of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, has garnered the important ingredient for a theater—word of mouth.

Originally slated to close last Sunday at the Capital Repertory Theater in Albany, it was extended a week when people insisted on telling their friends to see the show. A producer's dream has some dark spots however. In spite of the success of the show, it can't be extended any longer because there's another show ready to open at the end of the month.

This kind of thing is what makes producers old before their time. It's probably a reason artistic director Bruce Bouchard is leaving at the end of the year—to recover his sanity.

Inspecting Carol's reservations at 462-4531.

Around Theaters!

The Hobbit at Maureen Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy Friday through Sunday, Dec. 16-18, (459-4961)



Martin P. Kelly

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

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"INSPECTING CAROL"

by Daniel Sullivan, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 18, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531.

"A TALE OF CINDERELLA"

New York State Theater Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 21, \$15 adults, \$13 senior citizens and students, \$8 children. Information, 274-3200.

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 16, 21, 22 and 23, 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 17 and 18, 3 p.m., \$10, \$8 children. Information, 587-4427.

"THE HOBBIT"

Masque Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through Dec. 19, 2 and 8 p.m., \$7.50, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 270-7170.

"THE SHEPHERD'S PLAY FROM OBERUFER"

Spring Hill Waldorf School production, Spring Hill Waldorf School, 122 Regent St., Saratoga Springs, Sunday, Dec. 18, 4 p.m., \$4. Information, 584-7643.

MUSIC

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with special guest Jackyl, Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., \$25.50 and \$19.50. Information, 476-1000.

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Spencertown Academy, Route 203, Spencertown, Saturday, Dec. 17, 3 and 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 children. Information, 392-3693.

ALBANY PRO MUSICA

Trinity United Methodist Church, Lark Street, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 816 Union St., Schenectady, Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m., \$12 and \$10. Information, 356-9155.

HOLIDAY MUSIC POTPOURRI

featuring area school bands and choirs, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

CRYSTAL GAYLE AND EDDIE RABBIT

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m., \$25.50 to \$36.50. Information, 346-6204.

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William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 437-9880.

THE BALTIMORE CONSORT

to perform old holiday carols and dance tunes, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Friday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., \$18. Information, 273-0038.

OCTAVO SINGERS

to perform Handel's "Messiah," Schenectady High School, The Plaza, Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$11, \$9 senior citizens and students.

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady, Sunday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. Information, 374-4403.

ALLAN ALEXANDER

lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Dec. 17 and 31, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

ALFRED FEDAK

organ recital, The Cathedral of All Saints, Swan and Eagle streets, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m. Information, 436-0543.

CONCERT

by the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys of the Cathedral of All Saints, The Book House, Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Information, 436-0543.

FINDLAY COCKRELL

classical pianist, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

MAGPIE

with Kim and Reggie Harris, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 434-1703.

DANCE

"THE NUTCRACKER"

Capital Ballet Company, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Dec. 16 through 18, \$17, \$7.50 children. Information, 473-1845.

"THE NUTCRACKER"

Albany Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Saturday, Dec. 17, 3 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., \$15 to \$21. Information, 426-0671.

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

Guilderland Elementary School, Route 20, Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 to 11 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

"THE NUTCRACKER"

Northeast Ballet Company, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m., \$18.50. Information, 346-6204.

"A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS"

holiday story told through original dance, music, and theatre, eba Dance Theatre, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Dec. 15, 10 a.m., \$7, \$5 children. Information, 465-9916.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITION

for role of Miss Forsythe in Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," New York State Theater Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3 to 5 p.m. Information, 274-3485.

AUDITIONS

for Schenectady Light Opera production of "Nonsense," Opera House, 826 State St., Wednesday, Dec. 14, and Friday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Information, 381-4530.

AUDITIONS

for March production of "Talk Radio" by Eric Bogosian, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second St., Albany, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19 and 20, 7 p.m. Information, 462-1297.

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WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14

ALBANY COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING
of the state Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities' Technology-Related Assistance Project. Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 4 to 7 p.m. Information, 474-2825.

SAVE THE PINE BUSH
vegetarian lasagna dinner, James Howard Kunstler, author of "The Geography of Nowhere." First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$2 for children. Information, 434-1954.

WINTER EMBER DAYS
and Dec. 16 and 17, three days of prayer in anticipation of Christmas and winter, Saint Gregory of Rome Orthodox Mission, Grace and Holy Innocents Church, 498 Clinton Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 475-7223.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
for new Habitat for Humanity volunteers, Evangelical Protestant Church, Clinton and Alexander streets, 7 to 8 p.m. Information, 462-2993.

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.

RESOLVE
infertility support group, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 381-7048.

ELDERLY HEALTH PROGRAM
"Helping the Elderly to Use Medications Wisely," Albany Senior Services Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Information, 433-9011.

FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT ORIENTATION
Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SQUARE DANCE
for new Habitat for Humanity, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

LECTURE ON PSYCHICS
"What is it Like to be Psychic?" given by numerologist David Pitkin to the New Growth Fellowship, Ramada Inn, Lower Nott Street, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$6. Information, 399-0644.

BREASTFEEDING PREPARATION
class for new and expectant parents, Bellevue...The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 346-9400.

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

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15

ALBANY COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET (June 23 to Nov. 17)

Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

SCOLIOSIS SUPPORT GROUP
for individuals and families, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Boulevard, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

FARMERS' MARKET
Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin 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.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY FOR MOTHERS ONLY
support group for new mothers, Bellevue...The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16

ALBANY COUNTY

"THE NUTCRACKER"
and Dec. 17 and 18, performed at the Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 18, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17. Information, 473-0559.

"LIGHTS ON FOR LIFE"
drivers around the country will leave their headlights on during the day as a remembrance of people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes.

SHABBATEVENING SERVICE
new member Shabbat and dinner, B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

SENIORS' PROGRAM
"Offering Help and Coping with the Dying Process," led by Patricia O'Malley, A.C.S.W., Albany Senior Services Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Information, 433-9011.

INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE
state Martin Luther King, Jr., Institute for Nonviolence meeting, 41 State St., Albany, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 426-2300.

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

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 17

ALBANY COUNTY

BOOKSIGNING
with retired state trooper Anthony R. Strallo and Dorothy Wills-Rafferty, authors of "Four Long Days: Return to Attica," Borders Books and Music, Wolf Road, Albany, 1 to 2 p.m.

BINGHAMTON 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.

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.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
Congregation Berith Sholom, 167 Third St., Troy, 10:30 a.m. Information, 272-8872.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
Catholic Central High School, 625 Seventh Ave., Troy, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost, \$38. Information, 273-3133.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
given by Leonard Hospital's Community Education Programs Office, Greenbush Reformed Church, Hays Road and Route 9, East Greenbush, 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Information, 233-0797.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18

ALBANY COUNTY

AEROSMITH
with special guest Jackyl, Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$25.50 or \$19.50. Information, 476-1000.

"OVERVIEW TOUR"
four featuring the permanent collection at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"ONE FAMILY—TWO FAITHS"
"One Family—Two Faiths: The Issues Surrounding Christmas and Hannukah," Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Information, 482-8856.

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.



Spotlight on Dining



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- COQUILLE ST. JACQUES.....12.95**
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14

BETHLEHEM

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

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. Information, 459-9048.

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.

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

WELCOME WAGON
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.

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND ZONING LAW REVISION COMMITTEE
town hall, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4072.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

4-H TEEN COUNCIL
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

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

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15

BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION
community room of the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 767-3052.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON
for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bible study, 10 a.m., children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16

BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
breastfeeding support group to discuss "Nutrition and Weaning," 7:30 p.m. Call 439-5254 for meeting location and information.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

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

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 17

BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

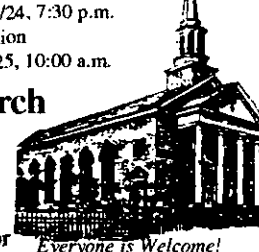
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-1486.

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SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
worship service and Sunday school, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

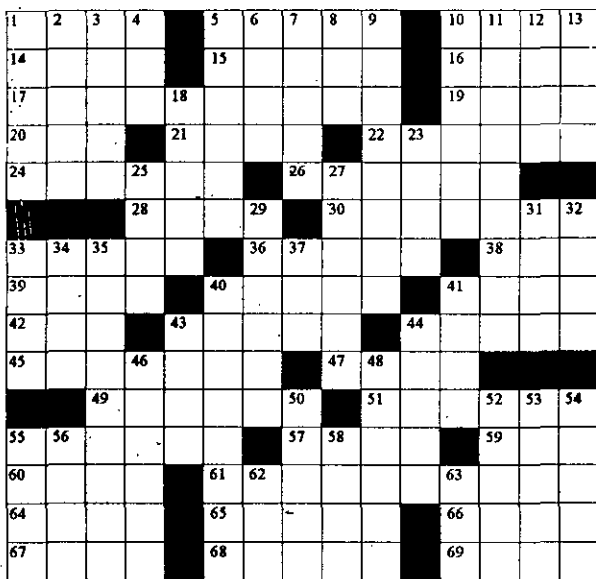
Weekly Crossword

" Winter Wonderland "

By Gerry Frey

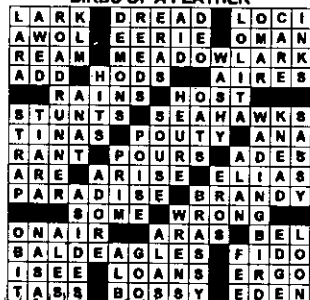
ACROSS

- 1 Quilting sessions
- 5 Residues
- 10 Use the pool
- 14 Comedian Johnson
- 15 Word with reef or sea
- 16 Ireland
- 17 Winter vehicle
- 19 Genetic evidences
- 20 One in Berlin
- 21 Chemical endings
- 22 Inspires
- 24 Crave
- 26 Property
- 28 Back talk
- 30 Word for word
- 33 Unspoken
- 36 Skirt type
- 38 Tax writeoff initials
- 39 Alanzo Stagg
- 40 Throw with violence
- 41 Former Russian ruler
- 42 Sis, e.g.
- 43 down: Collapse
- 44 Shoe parts
- 45 Fireplace fixture
- 47 Greek porch
- 49 Emergencies
- 51 Gives out
- 55 N.Y. college
- 57 Melody
- 59 Sportsmens' org.
- 60 Winter Diamonds ?
- 61 Winter pastime
- 64 Scottish slope
- 65 Innovative
- 66 "Suits you to _____"
- 67 Theological schs.
- 68 Ganders
- 69 Porgy's friend



- 7 Get up
- 8 "My ___ Sal"
- 9 Winter weather word
- 10 Composed
- 11 December car chore
- 12 Dies ___: Latin hymn
- 13 Army chow
- 18 French revolutionary
- 23 Tardy
- 25 Goddess of fertility
- 27 Arm supports
- 29 Salty solution
- 31 Asian sea
- 32 Swedish man
- 33 Ancient Irish kingdom
- 34 Prayer ending
- 35 Winter facial cleanser ?
- 37 Linear: Abr.
- 40 Icing
- 41 British events
- 43 Jewish rite
- 44 Book of the Bible
- 46 Eye parts
- 48 Bell sound
- 50 Comedian Martin
- 52 Combine
- 53 Sea eagles
- 54 Wise men
- 55 Marble game
- 56 Land measure
- 58 Utilizes
- 62 Sebastian ___: Runner
- 63 Bill

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
 Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
 worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
 worship services, 8:30 and 10 a.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
 Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

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

VOORHEESVILLE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
 Voorheesville Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4442.

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
 excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
 Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

BECOMING A WOMAN OF FREEDOM
 women's bible study, Emmanuel Christian Church, Retreat House Road, Glenmont, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-3873.

NEW SCOTLAND VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
 village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING BOARD
 Legion Post, Voorheesville Avenue, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
 Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

STORY HOUR
 Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Nutcracker

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Reservations for these two performances at Proctor's are available at 346-6204.

One professional production of the Russian classic is new to the area this year. Ukrainian Olympic gold medalists Oksana Baiul and Viktor Petrenko will present the "Nutcracker on Ice" Dec. 26 at the Knickerbocker Arena. They will be joined by U.S. open professional skating champion Rory Flack Burghart who will skate the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The two Ukrainian stars will perform as Clara and the Nutcracker.

The evening performance of the famed ballet transferred to ice will be completing its month-long tour of major arenas in the United States and Canada a few days after the Albany performance.

The large company of skaters with elaborate costumes will also be seen Dec. 31 at 4 p.m. on NBC-TV in this production of "Nutcracker On Ice."

Reservations for the Knickerbocker Arena performance are available at the Knick box office or by calling 476-1000, and also at Ticketmaster outlets.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
 Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

SOUND SYSTEM SINGERS
 Bethlehem Central High School musical group, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

TESTIMONY MEETING
 First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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.

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
 evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
 town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

AA MEETINGS
 Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
 Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 20

BETHLEHEM BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
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PLANNING BOARD
 town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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 First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BINGO
 at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

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DELMAR ROTARY
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 middle school library, 332 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

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

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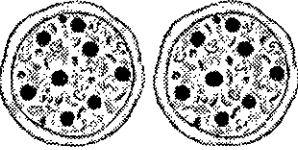
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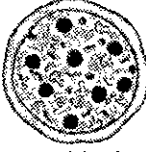
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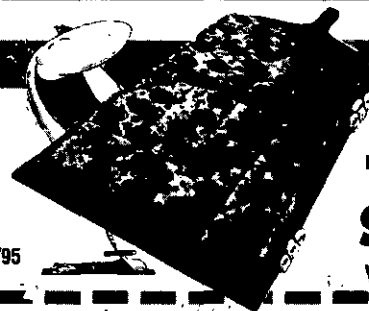


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