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1st woman sworn in as Bethlehem supervisor

JANUARY

• **Sheila Fuller** became the first woman to lead the town of Bethlehem when she was sworn in as supervisor.

• Democratic County Legislator **Charley Houghtaling** of Feura Bush was chosen majority leader of the county Legislature, succeeding **Harold Joyce** of Albany.

• **Steve Wallace**, who was New Scotland supervisor for 14 years in the 1970s and 1980s, died.

• The state Parole Board refused to grant parole to **Christopher Arnold** of Elsmere, who was sent to prison for up to four years after his conviction for second-degree vehicular manslaughter in the 1992 death of fellow teen **Erin Cox**.



Bethlehem GOP Councilwoman **Doris Davis**, appointed in February, celebrates her election in November.

appointed to the town board to replace **Sheila Fuller**, who had been elected supervisor.

• All kinds of crime, from violent felonies to petty misdemeanors, were down in 1993. Bethlehem Police Chief **Richard LaChappelle** reported to the town board.

• New Scotland and Cole-Layer-Trumble, the firm that performed the town's reassessment, went to court to resolve whether the town should make its final \$19,000 payment for the work. "I feel strongly that they didn't deliver on the product," said Supervisor **Herb Reilly**, CLT's harshest critic.

• New Scotland dairy farmer **Charles Van Wie** vowed to

keep his cows' milk free of the controversial bovine growth hormone. "The minute you start talking about hormones, you start turning people off," **Van Wie** said.

• Thanks to seat belts, *Spotlight* columnist **Michele Bintz's** family survived a run-in with a drunk driver on Lower Flat Rock Road. "Why would that man drive a car drunk? He could have killed us," asked 8-year-old **Jackie Bintz**.

• Bethlehem Central Middle School Principal **Fred Burdick** announced that he planned to retire in June after 25 years at the helm of the middle school.

• The Bethlehem boys swim team ended the regular season with a 13-1 record, then won its 23rd consecutive sectional title. Top swimmers were **Colin Izzard**, **Marc Kanuk**, **Adriaan Denkers**, **Patrick Gallagher**, **Tom Leyden**, **Jon Church** and **Dan Mawhinney**.

GOP committee chose **Brian Murphy** to replace **Kaplowitz**.

• During budget deliberations, the Bethlehem Central school board voted to

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Kate Doyle signs a Clearwater for Bethlehem petition in Elm Avenue Park. Controversy over Bethlehem's new water system was the major issue in town in 1994. *Theresa Barrowman*

FEBRUARY

• **Doris Davis** of Elsmere, a member of the Bethlehem planning board, was

MARCH

• After 18 years in the job, Bethlehem Republican Chairman **Bernie Kaplowitz** announced that he would be retiring. The

Hasbrouck likely to chair planning board

By Mel Hyman

Doug Hasbrouck will likely be the new chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board come January.

His name will be recommended to the town board on Tuesday, Jan. 3, by Supervisor **Sheila Fuller**, who selected him after an interview process. **Hasbrouck**, 59, has been a planning board member since 1991.

Fuller is still interviewing candidates for the board vacancy created by the retirement of **Martin Barr**.

With everything that's happening in the town now, such as the Southgate Commons and Price Chopper proposals, **Hasbrouck** said, "It's an exciting time" to assume the chairmanship. "I'm delighted



Hasbrouck

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Dems tap Breslin for county exec job

By Mel Hyman

The race for Albany County executive next year will likely be between two Bethlehem residents — both of whom are considered to be on the conservative end of the spectrum.

Democrat **Michael Breslin** of Delmar is expected to be nominated on Jan. 2 by the Democratic majority in the county legislature to replace GOP County Executive **Michael Hoblock**, who steps down on Dec. 31 to assume the state Senate seat he won in November.

Former Bethlehem Supervisor **Ken Ringler** has already been endorsed by county Republicans, who plan to nominate him next spring to run for the



We're at a tremendously challenging point in history. There are certain needs of society that have to be met.

Breslin

\$80,000-a-year job

Breslin previously ran for town justice in Bethlehem in the 1970s and was defeated three times, although he collected 49 percent of the vote in 1979, finishing just behind Republican **Harry Rezzemini**. But that's when town Repub-

licans enjoyed a 2-1 enrollment edge, he recalled.

Current enrollment figures for the town have the Democrats with 5,192, the Republicans with 7,675 and independents with 5,115.

A former Democratic town chairman (1981-83), **Breslin** resigned to accept the counsel's post for the Capital District Transportation Authority.

County Democratic Chairman **Judge Leonard Weiss** said **Breslin** was the overwhelming choice of the party's executive committee because of his outstanding background.

Breslin, 55, is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BC's report CARd shows strong program

By Dev Tobin

The Comprehensive Assessment Report on the Bethlehem Central School District for 1993-94 shows that BC "continues to have a strong program," according to Assistant Superintendent Judith Wooster.

The annual state report card for the district includes basic skills tests (reading and math in third- and sixth-grades, writing in fifth-grade, second language in eighth-grade and reading and writing in eighth-grade); program evaluation tests taken by fourth-grade science and sixth- and eighth-grade social studies pupils; and Regents competency tests and exams.

The CAR report is useful "as an indicator of the quality of education in the district and a signal that we have to work on continuing improvement in certain areas," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

The 1993-94 CAR report "demonstrates very strong performance on the part of our students," he added. "I'm particularly pleased that student achievement is so high across grades K-12."

In her report to the school board, Wooster said that BC students consistently scored higher than students from similar large central school districts in all areas.

Wooster said that the sixth-grade reading score, with 95 per-

cent above the state reference point (SRP), "is something we will be looking at."

The 95 percent mark has been consistent for the past three years for that test, while other elementary-level tests show 98 to 100 percent above the SRP.

Students who score below the SRP are required to receive remediation, Wooster said.

While the scores were generally high, other areas where improvement efforts will be targeted include hands-on science at the elementary level, persuasive writing at the middle school level and high school math, Wooster said.

"Wherever we see change in an area, we investigate why and what we can do about it," she said.

Wooster's report also included comparative results of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and data on Advanced Placement (AP) tests.

She said that the mean SAT scores of BC college-bound students (486 verbal and 543 math) exceeded the mean scores for the Suburban Council, as well as state and national averages.

For the AP tests, where a score of 3 or greater on a scale of 1 to 5 usually entitles students to a year of college credit, the percentage of BC students scoring 3 or above was 80 percent in 1993-94, up from 74 percent and 73 percent in the two previous years.



All that's left are the final touches for the new Cohoes Savings Bank on Delaware Avenue.

Doug Persons

Cohoes Savings Bank to open tomorrow

Did you ever hear of a bank with hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.?

Well you're likely to be in for a first when the Delmar branch of the Cohoes Savings Bank is scheduled to open its doors to business on Thursday, Dec. 29.

"For the first month or so, we'll go from 8 a.m. to 7 at night to give people an opportunity to stop in before and after work," said bank president Harry Robinson. "It's not

a promise we make forever," but during the start-up phase, "We want as many people in the community as possible to get to know us."

There will be no grand opening ceremony or ribbon-cutting at 197 Delaware Ave., Robinson said. "It will be what's known as a soft opening, not a formal opening. We'll be trying to get all the kinks out, both for staff and customers."

Despite the plethora of banks in the Delmar/Elmsmere area, Robinson predicted a healthy future for the new branch. "There are not that many local banks (in town). Other than Fleet and Trustco, there's just ourselves."

There will be specials offered during the first month of business, Robinson said, such as special rates on CDs and "breaks on new checking accounts."

Wenzel helped modernize Voorheesville

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville of today is a better place thanks to former Mayor William Wenzel, according to his successor, Mayor Edward Clark.

Wenzel, who died last week at the age of 72, was mayor from 1970 to 1980, and was responsible for substantial modernization in the village, Clark noted.

"Modernizing the water system and building the new firehouse were tremendous improvements that were very much needed," recalled Clark, who was a village trustee for part of the time that Wenzel was mayor.

Building the new firehouse had a ripple effect, as the old firehouse became village hall, Clark noted.

"He was very dynamic and put a lot of energy into everything, all the while with the community's best interests at heart," Clark said.

Village Public Works Superintendent Bill Hotaling recalled that Wenzel "kept in tune with all aspects of the village. He loved the people of the village and he loved being mayor."

Wenzel's expertise as an executive with the Walter Motor Truck Co. came in handy when the fire department needed a new pumper truck, Hotaling noted.

"He had a lot of input into the design of the truck," Hotaling said. Bought in the 1970s, the truck "has served us well, with very few breakdowns or problems. It's still one of our front-line trucks."

Wenzel also pushed for a street



William Wenzel

maintenance and repair program that "got us on top of the streets we had problems with."

Hotaling added that, thanks to Wenzel's support of a dramatic increase in street repair expenditures for a few years, "We're in good shape now."

Under Wenzel, the village water system had its pressure problems taken care of by the million-gallon water tank on Swift Road which replaced the New Salem reservoir, Hotaling noted.

"He also brought in an engineer and worked on designing new tie-ins to improve pressure in the system," Hotaling said.

New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly, who served on the town board while Wenzel was mayor, recalled him as "a very nice man, very knowledgeable and kind, never rude to anybody."

Deputies arrest three for credit card spree

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol arrested three teenagers on multiple felony charges following investigation of a burglary in New Scotland.

John E. Doyle Jr., 18, of 605 Krumkill Road, Albany, was charged with second-degree-burglary, fourth-degree grand larceny and five counts of second degree forgery, all felonies.

Ryan Caruso, 19, of 6242 Randomwood Drive, Schenectady, was charged with second-degree burglary, fourth-degree grand larceny and four counts of second-degree forgery.

Christopher Malo, 18, of 71 North Lake Ave., Albany, was charged with second-degree burglary, fourth-degree grand larceny and two counts of second-degree forgery.

Investigator Gary Fish said that the three burglarized a New Scotland residence in early November, when they knew the occupants were away. They allegedly stole binoculars and an item of jewelry, in addition to two credit cards.

One of the cards was used at various stores in Crossgates, Colonie Center and a store in Schenectady, Fish said.

Alerted by the unauthorized charges by a family member who was picking up the mail, the sheriff's department began its investigation.

In a spree that totaled more than \$2,000, the teens allegedly bought a Walkman, tapes, football jerseys, cleats, posters, sunglasses, "basically kids' stuff," Fish said.

The three teens were arraigned in New Scotland town court, and are due back there on Dec. 29.

Fish said the investigation is continuing, and more arrests of people who allegedly used the card, are pending.

Dev Tobin

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Board member proposes moratorium

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville village board's newest member hit the ground running at last week's meeting with a proposal that the village institute a four-month moratorium on major subdivisions.



Huth

Harvey Huth came to the board meeting fresh from the meeting of the planning commission (which he chaired prior to his appointment as a trustee) next door at the Legion Post.

The commission was considering three major subdivisions, "each with a degree of controversy," Huth said.

He said that major subdivisions are now proposed for "tougher areas," where conventional septic systems will not be possible or in the vicinity of electric transmission lines.

"We can't go forward until we have some straight answers," in particular about the long-term viability of alternative (or "raised-bed") septic systems, he said.

Huth proposed a four-month moratorium so that the village could review its subdivision regulations in light of the new septic technology.

He pointed out that while the county health department must approve every individual septic system, health department approval of a technology does not rule out problems in the future.

"I don't think we can abdicate our responsibility to the health

department," Huth said, noting that the once-approved "trans-evap" technology is now not allowed.

"I'm not convinced the new technologies are as viable as they're presented" to be by developers' consultants, Huth added.

He said that his concern over the viability of raised bed systems was intensified by the apparent failure of a recently built system on Swift Road.

Trustees agreed that the village's subdivision regulations should be reviewed.

"The 1984 law only considers

said beginning in 1995, village residents will have to put their commingled recyclables in a hard plastic bin, rather than the plastic bags they have been using.

"We're about the last place that still uses bags," said Hotaling, adding that the plastic bags create extra work for New Options on Waste, the contractor who receives the recyclables.

After a brief discussion, the board decided to buy about 1,500 bins and give one to each household, but residents would have to buy any additional bins they might need.

The board also voted unanimously to appoint Richard Berger to the planning commission to replace Huth.

We can't go forward until we have some straight answers.

Harvey Huth

leach fields," said Trustee Daniel Reh. "We've always given the planning commission the rules, regulations and tools to do their job, and now we find out the commission doesn't have the tools they need."

"We have to reshape our rules to deal with the new septic technology," said Mayor Edward Clark.

The board unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing on the proposed moratorium for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, prior to its regular meeting.

Huth said that the four-month moratorium, if approved, would not apply to projects currently before the planning commission, and should not interfere unduly with any other developer's plans to build in the 1995 construction season.

In other business, Public Works Superintendent William Hotaling

Cops beef up speeding coverage

In response to complaints about speeding in the Van Dyke Road, Brightonwood Road, Murray Avenue and Kenwood Avenue areas, Bethlehem Police have intensified their coverage.

For the period between Wednesday, Dec. 14, and Friday, Dec. 23, town police issued 75 traffic citations for these areas, including 58 tickets for speeding and six summonses for not wearing a seat belt.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt said officers would continue to monitor these neighborhoods closely.

Town police also issued nine summonses on Wednesday, Dec. 21, for parking illegally in handicapped-designated spaces. The one-day crackdown was part of a countywide enforcement effort requested by Albany County Sheriff James L. Campbell.

Planners dig in heels on Haswell Farms move

By Mel Hyman

While acknowledging the historical importance of the Haswell family farmhouse on Feura Bush Road, the Bethlehem Planning Board is opposed to moving a planned roadway 320 feet away from the building.

In a Nov. 10 letter, the state Office of Historic Preservation urged the planning board to move the entrance to the proposed Haswell Farms subdivision away from the farmhouse so as not to disturb the rural ambiance surrounding the early 19th century structure.

The agency considers the house eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, and as such, does not want to jeopardize the integrity of the building or its surroundings.

Haswell Farms developer Jerry Rosen would prefer to construct the main entrance to Haswell Farms directly across from Murray Avenue. That would bring it within 50 feet of the farmhouse, although Rosen claimed the road would not disturb Ruth Haswell Hale or her son Richard because the house would be well-screened by vegetation and at a 10 feet elevation above the roadway.

Hale, who has lived in the house her entire life, is not opposed to the original plan for Hasgate Road.

The state Historic Preservation Office has threatened to delay Rosen's project for a year or more by withholding necessary permits from the Army Corps of Engineers unless Hasgate Road is moved 320 feet east of Murray Avenue.

"Without making any judgments on the historic nature of the farmhouse, we don't find that moving the road would be suitable from the standpoint of safety or good planning," said planning board member Gary Swan.

Moving the entrance way to Hasgate away from Murray Avenue, additional right and left hand turns would be created onto Feura Bush Road, according to planning board chairman Martin Barr.

Feura Bush Road is already a busy thoroughfare, and it would not be wise to dump even more cars on it, Barr said.

"If you fail to connect (Hasgate Road) to Murray Avenue, your chances of getting a traffic light at the intersection of Murray with Feura Bush are almost nil," Barr said. Projections are that nearly 3,000 vehicles a day will be traveling on Murray Road by the year 2000.

Rosen told the board he was willing to endure any hardships placed on him by the Historic Preservation Office.

Neighbors nearby the project turned out in force at a public hearing last month to mostly register their disapproval because of the impact another 200 single family homes would have on traffic and school enrollment. The most fervent opposition came from residents of McCombe Drive who strongly object to having their dead-end street connected to Haswell Farms.

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New Scotland Zoning Committee votes to change density limits for subdivisions

By Dev Tobin

Most of the town of New Scotland will see no more subdivisions like Scotch Pine or Orchard Park, if a proposed zoning law amendment is approved by the town board.

The town's zoning law review committee voted to propose sliding-scale density limits for the RA zone that will dramatically increase average lot sizes.

The RA zone includes most of New Scotland except the four hamlets of New Salem, Feura Bush, Unionville and Clarksville (which have smaller lot size requirements in the RH and CH zones), and the western and southern parts of town (which are zoned RF, with a three-acre lot size minimum).

The current lot-size minimums in the RA zone are one-acre, half an acre if public water and sewers are provided.

Committee member Michael Mackey, who is also counsel to the planning board, proposed the

sliding scale as a way to preserve open space and encourage clustering on larger parcels.

The committee agreed with Mackey's recommendation of a simple, two-step sliding scale, with 10 lots allowed in the first 20 acres, then one lot for every three acres over 20.

"It makes sense to use the simpler scale. The numbers don't change much with more complicated scales," noted committee member Paul Cantlin, who is also the town's building inspector.

Density requirements in the other zones will remain the same, according to the committee's recommendations, although the boundaries of those zones have been adjusted slightly so that they run along current property lines.

The committee considered changing the three-acre minimum in the RF zone, but decided to leave it where it had received "no negative feedback about the current RF zoning," said committee

member Scott Houghtaling (also a councilman).

The committee will recommend that lot sizes in the four hamlet areas also remain the same.

The New Scotland town board will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. for a public hearing on a 90-day extension of the six-month moratorium on commercial and large residential development.

The six-month moratorium is due to expire in mid-January. During the extension period, the board will review and possibly act on the committee's recommendations.

The proposed new density limits, even if enacted, would not apply to Palisades Heights, Peter Baltis' plans for a subdivision of about 70 lots on 38 acres on the site of the former Indian Ladder drive-in theater on Route 85.

While not approved, Baltis' plan has been before the planning board for most of this year, and would therefore be grandfathered in if the zoning law changes.

Krumkill Manor hearing set

A public hearing has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, to discuss a revised site plan for Krumkill Manor Extension — a 23 unit subdivision off Blessing Road.

The Bethlehem Planning Board last summer expressed disapproval of the original site plan submitted by the Charlew Construction Co. of Schenectady for 27 single family homes near Krumkill and Blessing roads because it would have entailed destruction of a wooded knoll behind Stafford's Crossing.

The developer returned to the planning board in the fall with a new plan that avoided cutting through the knoll to construct an access road from the project out to Blessing Road.

The board insisted on the access road because it customarily frowns upon new cul-de-sacs and dead end streets in town that have only one ingress and egress.

The revised plan saves nearly all of the knoll, according to planning board chairman Martin Barr, but it will still be up to the board to decide whether to grant preliminary approval.

The vast majority of neighbors who attended an Aug. 16 public hearing on the original project objected to the plan citing the drastic change to the nearby terrain. Many residents claimed they had been falsely assured by Charlew that land adjoining their homes would not be developed in such an intense fashion.

Fifty-five lots were previously approved for sections 1 and 2 of Krumkill Manor. Most of the single family homes earmarked for these sections have already been built or are under construction.

Mel Hyman

Well wishes



Dan O'Brien, a fifth-grader at Hamagrael School, listens to Art Wasson, who accepted a \$300 check in his capacity as co-chairman of the Make-a-Wish Foundation Adopt an Angel program. Hamagrael pupils raised the money for the campaign.

Hugh Hewitt

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Matters of Opinion

We resolve to ...

Editorials

Americans like to put a positive spin on things. And the advent of a new year is no exception.

We set New Year's Eve as the time we recharge our intellectual batteries and reinforce our moral will.

And although we rarely keep them, the annual resolutions we make force us to take stock of our lives, to look coldly at our failures and our weaknesses, and to rekindle our dreams.

Newspapers, including this one, also like to set an agenda for the new year. We publish editorials supporting peace or the elimination of hunger, demanding the beginning of this or the end of that.

But not this year. First of all, you're already aware of our need to improve ourselves, as a people and as a world. But more important, we believe the resolutions each of us makes will do just fine. If we're kinder to others, if we quit smoking, if we keep closer touch with friends or if we just lose a few pounds, we'll be happier for it.

And if we're each a bit happier, the world automatically becomes a better place.

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Zoning. The meaning is, to limit to a certain use by designating as or placing in a zone.

When a town adopts a zoning code it describes, in descending order of priority, areas within its borders where certain uses of property—agriculture, residential, multi-family, commercial, industrial and the like—will be permitted.

Thus, if you own a parcel of property in a given zone you can use it for that designated purpose or any purpose of higher priority. (That is, a zone designated multi-family need not be entirely multi-family. It can have single-family homes and farms within it; it cannot have industry.)

And you should be able to use it in accordance with that zoning without getting further permission from the town, except to the extent that planning board issues—setbacks, parking, roads, environmental impact and such—are involved.

Rural Place is a short, dead-end street off Delaware Avenue, a major thoroughfare. A house on its corner is in a commercial zone. Nearby along Delaware are scads of high-traffic businesses such as restaurants and shopping centers. The owner of the house wants to put in a deli on the first floor (commercial use) and apartments on the second floor (multi-family use). Each is permitted by the zoning.

Residents on Rural Place nonetheless object, arguing that a deli would generate too much traffic at a point where Delaware Avenue narrows from four lanes to two, that there is not enough off-street parking, and that a business would destroy the "rural ambience" of Rural Place.

We suggest the planning board, which is currently listening to all this, satisfy itself on the pertinent questions over which it has jurisdiction—traffic and parking—and then move on.

The zoning already answers everything else.

Thanks, Mike

County Executive Michael Hoblock, who leaves office Dec. 31, has unraveled a \$4.1 million boondoggle left behind by his predecessor, Jim Coyne, and deserves the taxpayers' thanks for it.

We report the complex details of his going-away present elsewhere in this issue. We will note here only that, due to Hoblock's efforts, the County saves more than \$3 million and still ends up with a new ice skating rink for local hockey teams and the general skating public to use.

When he took office three years ago, both had appeared lost.

Good readers never get bored

The author of this Point of View is a sixth-grade teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

By Jack Rightmyer

Recently I was sitting on my backyard deck reading a novel and enjoying the afternoon sun when a neighbor of mine yelled over, "It must be nice to have all your work done."

"It is nice," I yelled back, but I should have been honest. I still needed to mow the lawn and weed some of the garden, but unlike most

Americans, reading is one of the most important things I do every day, and I'm not going to let some work around the house stop me from doing it. I should have told him that, but I didn't.

I grew up in a family that read a lot. My father was constantly reading, and as a young boy I remember him reading to me aloud. I'd sit there completely enjoying those Kenneth Roberts and Arthur Hailey books. "You'll never be bored if you like to read," he used to tell me.

And he was right. I read many books on long car trips, and I still recall some of those hot summer afternoons when none of my friends were around and I'd sit in the shade of my house sipping glasses of iced tea and reading books by my favorite authors—Ray Bradbury, Jules Verne, Agatha Christie and H.G. Wells.

My mother and my sister were voracious magazine readers. My sister subscribed to "Time Magazine" when she was in high school. My family spent many a night sitting in the living room reading and playing music, and we usually all read for awhile in our rooms before falling asleep. Each of us had our own reading light and bedside stand.

Reading was popular with most of my friends through elementary school. I loved those days when I'd go to the school library find a comfortable seat and start reading my book. I'd get so lost in the novel that sometimes I'd look up and for a few seconds I wouldn't

Point of View

know where I was, and I loved it when I finished a test early and the teacher would let you take out your book and read until everyone else was done.

As a kid I loved going to bookstores. I could spend hours there checking out every section, picking up a book, leafing through it. The smell of a new book is still one of my favorite aromas. My parents would often buy a book for me and when we arrived home I was usually into chapter two.

But reading wasn't as accepted in high school. Our English teachers usually assigned us books to read, and it was considered wimpy to actually read them. Some of my friends would get the Cliff's Notes and tell us what the book was supposed to be about. I often told my friends that I didn't read the book, but when I'd get home I'd usually sneak the book up to my room and read it secretly.

Why is it that most Americans stop reading at a certain age? A recent study done by the U.S. government determined that nearly half of all adult Americans read and write so poorly that it is difficult for them to hold a decent job. These adults can't even figure out a Saturday departure on a bus schedule.

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American business has been saying for years that our country has serious literacy problems. Some employers have rejected three out of four applicants because they cannot read or write well enough to hold entry-level jobs. Yet it's said that at no other time in our history have so many people earned high school and college degrees. Perhaps these degrees are part of the problem since this study also demonstrated

that more than half of the high school graduates in our country were found to have restricted abilities in math and reading.

This study also pointed out that one of the biggest obstacles to getting adults to read more is their own misperception of how they are doing. According to the study, an overwhelming majority of Americans said they read and write "well" or "very well."

As a middle school English teacher, I have many parents that complain about how their children don't read at home. "Do you read in front of your children?" I ask them. "Do you turn the TV off at night and sit in the living room as a family and read quietly? Do you have conversations at the dinner table about books you're reading? Do you tell your children about your favorite authors or books? Do you read to your children?"

If we are going to become a literate society it must begin with us, the teachers, parents and readers. We have to demonstrate that reading is enjoyable. It should not be perceived as something young children do, or something we can do if we have all our other work done. We should value reading and make time for it every day.

Recently I interviewed Nobel Peace Prize winner and author Elie Wiesel. We talked about his experience in the concentration camps

during World War II, and he told me that he worries about people who are indifferent toward each other. "Being indifferent means that you don't care about others," he said. "I believe education is a way to stop indifference, and I tell people in all parts of the world to read books because reading is the basis of all education."

That's what I should have told my neighbor that day when I was reading on my backyard deck.

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Your Opinion Matters

'Dead is better' is appropriate school theater?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The co-chairpersons of the Bethlehem Middle School Student Theater wrote a letter to the editor Dec. 14 about "Ghost Stories." They say the production was "meticulously screened for appropriateness in content and presentation."

Letters

The student curriculum guide contains this quote from the author, Stephen King: "First I try to terrify my readers. If I can't achieve terror, then I try for horror. And if I can't manage horror—I'm not proud—I try at least to gross 'em out." The guide also states, "In this horrifying story, the characters learn a valuable lesson that 'Sometimes dead is better.'"

I do not understand how anyone can say injecting terror into a child's life is appropriate content, and I object to my children being taught that sometimes dead is better.

The co-chairpersons also say Student Theater is a "voluntary subscription program." However "Ghost Stories" was presented during school hours, on school property. What child wants to be excluded from participating in a school-wide event, especially if they enjoy theater?

As a parent I trust the school to screen the productions for inappropriate materials. I believe the school betrayed my trust and emotionally assaulted my children by sponsoring "Ghost Stories." The curriculum guide leaves no doubt in my mind that this is true. I am uncomfortable with permitting my children to participate in student theater when the school believes "Ghost Stories" is good children's theater.

Gordon Magill

Glenmont

Water issue didn't die with Dem defeat

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to urge this paper, and those 2,000 citizens who signed the petition Clearwater for Bethlehem circulated this year plus those who voted for the Town Board Democratic candidate to collectively oppose the new town water supply now under construction, to keep this issue in the news.

This newspaper is a forum for keeping the issue public. The press in the historical mythology of values in our society is called "The tyrants' foe, the people's friend." There is still much to say and do before we have this water pouring forth from our faucets.

Margaret W. Shirk

Delmar

Master plan falls short for farmers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The farming community in Bethlehem is saddened by the town's apparent failure to comprehend our position that agriculture, always economically driven, has never required planning slights of hand to make or keep it viable.

All it needs is the opportunity afforded by the U.S. Constitution, the farmer's individual determination and work ethic, and an adequate supply of natural resources to ensure success (or viability).

Historically, we only need to examine the pattern of property lines within the Van Rensselaer land grant to see this. Agricultural business was clearly the primary reasoning used when drawing property boundaries within the grant. In order to ensure sufficient business gains to gratify his royal grantors, the Patroon carefully apportioned the proprieties, allowing each farm adequate natural resources to maximize agricultural production.

To a large degree, these property lines remain; they are the farm boundaries of Bethlehem today.

The LUMAC committee's failure to include agricultural industry concepts as an integral component of today's master plan proposal (unlike the Van Rensselaer foresight) will probably eliminate farming as a town industry, and the image of working farmscapes from Bethlehem forever.

Certainly, this is not consistent with stated goals to preserve agriculture; the simple obvious expedient of including a working farmer or two on the committee would have avoided this.

Comprehensive land use plans Delmar

are meant to reflect our past history, our current status and a view of the future — they frame the future. As such, they should be drafted by an adequately representational group of residents. When towns fail to include a working resident farmer as a committee member, they have exposed an intention that, instead of respecting and retaining agriculture, eliminates it for the future.

All data forming the basis of the plan should be accurate, up to date, well rounded and as consistently correct as possible, thereby supplying a solid foundation for its conclusions.

These sources of data should include all information, such as Albany County soils studies and the record of permits for septic systems as approved by the Albany County health department. The current plan not only does not, but uses data not consistent with the facts contained within the other sources.

A collection of all these things, as well as a farmer member on the master plan (LUMAC) committee, would guarantee town board members a better basis on which to make their decision. Indeed, to

Three cheers for Roger

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central Middle School Leadership Club would like to thank Roger Smith Decorative Products for their generous donation of paints to help improve our school.

Thanks for your support!

Lisa Wood

provide less than this puts the town board members in grave danger of abdicating their responsibility to their electorate as they vote on the master plan, which will be the most important action they will ever take. After all, a vote to pass causes the plan to become the legal basis for zoning that will directly impact the value of all properties within the town.

While we understand the LUMAC committee's desire to move on the project, we strongly urge the town board to delay acceptance, directing instead that conclusions be based on all available current data sources, as well as an expansion of the committee to include farmer residents as members. In this way, farming remains and the land parcels continue to be worth their taxable burden, because the owners have had a stronger future to plan for!

In the interest of good government, we urge you to deal the passage of the plan and to redirect the committee. In this regard, the Albany County Farm Bureau is preparing an agricultural impact statement for use, reflecting all known farm operations within the town of Bethlehem.

Sheila C. Powers
Farm Bureau
of Albany County

Why not FAX your comments for *The Spotlight's* letters column? Our FAX number is 439-0609. Your signature must be included, along with your address and phone number.

Delmar student wins sheriff's scholarship

Ruth VanDenburgh of Delmar, a student at Hudson Valley Community College, recently received a \$500 scholarship from Albany County Sheriff James Campbell.

VanDenburgh is a criminal justice major with a 3.75 grade point average. She was awarded the scholarship based on her academic performance and her desire to pursue a career in criminal justice.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association presents 32 of these scholarships throughout the state.

Five Rivers to focus on lives of beavers

A program on the life of the beaver is scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The program will begin indoors with an introduction to the behavior and habitat of beavers. Following the indoor presentation, center naturalists will lead participants on an outdoor walk to a pond site where beaver activity may be seen.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Tree festival entry had roots in Selkirk

A Christmas tree on display at the Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History and Science was decorated by the Multi-Age Team at A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk.

The tree was titled "All Children Smile in the Same Language." Students on the team made ornaments depicting a child of another culture.

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Bethlehem announces honor, merit roll students

Bethlehem Central High School has announced its honor and merit rolls for the first marking period of the 1994-95 school year.

Ninth-grade honor roll

Rachel Arcus, Heather Barclay, Sean Battle, James Bell, Shannon Bennett, Nicholas Berry, Virginia Blabey, Pamela Brannock, Joseph Cacciola, Keith Campbell, Nicole Conway, Matthew Cook, Kristin Darlington, Karly Decker, Michael Delucco, Laura Dicker, Lucy Dunne, Beth Finkelstein, David Fogelman, Jill Foster, Marcy Goedeke and Matthew Hauf.

And Abby Kahn, Scott Kind, Beth Lee-Herbert, Jared Macarin, Sarah MacDowell, Brian McCarthy, Heather McTighe, Christopher Messina, Wesley Miaw, Kathleen Moon, Timothy Moshier, Ryan Peterson, Marielle Postava-Davignon, Jennifer Prior, Emily Prudente, Kristen Reinertsen, Matthew Reuter, Lauren Ricé, Scott Richman and Emma Samelson-Jones.

And, Amit Sanghi, Renata Sellitti, David Shaye, David Sherrin, Mark Svare, Maggie Tettelbach, Sarah Teumim, Amy Tierney, Benjamin Vancik, Kerry VanRiper, Amy Venter, Erin Virgil, Stephen Wallant, Mark Winterhoff and John Zox.

Ninth-grade merit roll

Kristin Albert, Kristine Asprion, Vladimir Babiy, Deborah Bartley, Mary-Elizabeth Baselice, Anna

Berger, Anne Bishko, Peter Bocala, Sean Boyle, Edward Bradley, Gregory Bradt, Eamonn Brennan, Peter Bulger, Trevor Byrnes, Breton Byron, Maureen Carpenter, Thomas Carroll, Michael Caruso, Michael Coker, Bradley Colacino, Rachel Cole and Daniel Cornell.

And, Stephen Corson, Emily Criscione, Brian Davies, Gaetano DeGennaro, Claire Delvecchio, Sean Demarest, Stephen Domermuth, Trafton Drew, Hilary Eldridge, Andre Ellman, Peter Eminger, Kathryn Farrelly, Melanie Finkel, Bradley Fischer, Heather Franklin, Mark Frazier, Danedra Gagnon and Christopher Gerber.

And Mark Gilmore, Carolyn Giovannetti, Adam Greenberg, Andrea Greenberg, Andrew Gutman, Eric Haggerty, Joshua Habedel, Elizabeth Hart, Andrew Hartman, Emily Haskins, Jodi Heim, Matthew Hill, Emily Hitter, Erik Hjeltnes, Amanda Hooker, Scott Hopke, Sara Hughes, Geoffrey Hunter, Nazeer Jalal, Lauren Johnson, David Kaplan and Timothy Kavanagh.

And, Diana Kelly, Alan Kimball, Daniel Laiosa, Megan Laird, Kasey LaPierre, Anastasia Limnatis, Andrew MacMillan, Lani Maloney, Jeffrey Mapes, Jessica Marsh, Elizabeth Marvin, Megan McDermott, Courtney McGrath, John McGuinness, Ashley Mettauer, Gregory Milgo, Colleen Murray, Robert Nagel, Manpreet Narang and Bethany Nichols.

And, Brian Nussbaum, Brian

Olmstead, Gary Osterhout, Diana Paksarian, Charise Pfeffer, Malissa Pilette, Justin Pinchback, Kelly Ray, Shane Reilly, Scott Rhodes, Justin Riccio, Meredith Rice, Katherine Riedel, Erin Riegel, Kevin Russell, Thomas Rydberg, Briana Sagendorph, Leah Sajdak, Rachel Schoolman, Tariq Sheikh, Jennifer Shumelda, Kelly Signorelli, Steven Silver, Alissa Simons, Aaron Smith, Heather Smith and Katie Smith.

And, Michael S. Smith, Erica St. Lucia, Wendy Stark-Riemer, Scott Strickler, John Taflowski, Melanie Thornton, Robert Tocker, Marc Tommell, Shannon Tougher, Matthew Tulloch, Ryan Unser, Jane Valentino, Leticia Valverde-Woodward, Kirsten Vazci, Brett Vincent, Peter Wagle, Elizabeth Walsh, David Winters, Louis Wittig, Diana Woodworth, Daniel Xeller and Cheryl Zirpoli.

Tenth-grade honor roll

Jennifer Abelson, Jennifer Adriance, Kelley Banagan, Zachary Beck, Candice Bocala, Shari Bogen, Sean Bradley, Michelle Brandone, Michael Burns, Jennifer Burroughs, Sarah Burtis, Anthony Carona, Seth Carr, Christine Cedilotte, Carrie Danziger, Jennifer Dawson, Ethan Drake, Jennifer Eames, Brad Einhorn, Lisa Engelstein, Laura Eslinger and Myles Falkenhainer.

And, Jessica Fein, Michael Ferraro, Kate Fireovid, Seth Fruiterman, Annette Grajny, Mita Gupta, Scott Gurley, Amy Guzik, Jennifer Hahn, Thomas Hitter,

Sarah Hotaling, Andrea Kachidurian, Philip Keitel, Sarah Kennedy, David Lefkovich, Melissa Leibman, Joseph Lengefeller, Elizabeth Macarilla, Jeremy Muhlich, Nancyann Oberheim and Sarah Parsons.

And, Charles Peters, Suzanne Pivar, Philip Poczik, Bradley Pryba, Amir Rasowsky, Jatin Roper, Joelle Rosenkrantz, Benjamin Samelson-Jones, Brian Schwartz, Sarah Searle-Schrader, Avram Shoss, Stephen Smith, Leigh Stevens, Brian Strickler, Sarah Svenson, Hema Visweswaraiah, Allison Voetsch, Nathaniel Walker, Elizabeth Waniewski, Corey Whiting and Alison Wilson.

Tenth-grade merit roll

Mary Abba, David Austin, Sean Barclay, Lindsey Baron, Brian Belemjian, Justina Bidell, Sarah Bigelow, Kelly Bittner, Elizabeth Black, Jaime Boomhower, Marc Borzykowski, Kelly Boughton, Raegan Boyle, Francesca Bracaglia, Julie Bredderman, Leo Bresnahan, Jennifer Bub, Daniel Burrell, Mary Capobianco, Davin Carroll, Benjamin Chady, Jeffrey Ciprioni, Theresa Consentino and Daniel Conway.

And, Kevin Corrigan, Winifred Corrigan, Brianne Culkun, Cory Czajka, Meghan Dalton, Christopher Danchetz, Jason Danforth, Scott DeFeo, Caitlin Deily, Michael Delgiacco, Jeremy Deyoe, Thomas Downes, Maggie Erlich, Stephanie Esmond, Steven Euler, Sharon Fellows, Philip Fibiger, Meghan Fitzpatrick, Kyle Flynn,

Kimberly Foster, Brandon Freeman, Jason Galea and Michael Geis.

And, Amanda Genovese, Amanda Gerhart, Marisa Gertzberg, Vincent Giglia, Leah Gisotti, Daniel Glick, Stephanie Goeldner, Jennifer Gould, Andrew Gregory, Hally Gutman, Daniel Gutterman, Lowell Harrison, Kenyon Hill, Marni Hillinger, Zoe Isdell, Ana Jenkins, Trevor Kahlbaugh, Gregory Kaladjian, Mark Katz, Matthew Kelly, Brad Korzatkowski, Eric Kotlow, Rian Kovarik and Yong-Min Lee.

And Jaime Leonard, Patrick Leonard, David Levine, Christian Line, Katey Link, Andrew Loux, Jennifer Luck, Sean Lyman, Jennifer MacDowell, Heather Mann, Erika McDonough, Jeffrey McQuide, Daniel McSweeney, Abigail Miller, Andrew Mittan, Emily Mondschein, Emily Murphy, Matthew Nayfeld, Nicholas Nehrbauser and Melissa Nuttall.

And, Garrett Pape, Jill Pappalardi, Dana Perlmutter, Gary Peterson, Colin Poole, Danielle Pope, Reid Putnam, Matthias Quackenbush, Dana Reid-Vanas, Robert Reinfurt, Tara Rooney, Sarah Rosenthal, Allan Ryan, Nicole Sajdak, Beth Scott, Jennifer Shapiro, Richard Shaye, Tricia Sleasman, Kevin Smith, Martyn Smith, Megan Stevens and Douglas Sweet.

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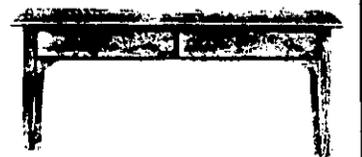
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11th-grade merit roll

Jessica Barnes, Jacqueline Baselice, Elizabeth Bassotti, Daniel Baum, Jeanna Bellizzi, Adam Bender, Nathaniel Beyer, Alexandra Bishko, Jennifer Carlson, Gayle Chaifetz, Alyson Chorbajian, Jonathan Church, Michael Cohen, Meghann Combes, Molly Conway, Shannon Cornelius, William Cushing, John Czajka, Clarissa D'Ambrosio, Joseph D'Angelo and Chad Davey.

And, Rachel Degnan, Laura DelVecchio, Nathan Derucher, Lisa DiDomenico, Christopher DiMuria, Rebecca Dorn, Shauna Dowd, Lisa Eaton, Matthew Eldridge, Todd Everleth, Charles Feldman, Jacob Felson, Marcy Finkel, Seth Finley, Peter Flanagan, Meghan Fleming, Kathryn Flynn, Kevin Fournier, Kelly Ger-

ber, Samuel Ginsberg, Brian Govanlu, Kenneth Halvorsen and Matthew Harbinger.

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And, Adam Sharron, Staci Shatsoff, Janice Siewert, Matthew Simons, Abigail Smith, James Spinner, Emily Spooner, Lauren Staff, Sarah Stiglmeier, Jason Sundram, Nicholas Turner, Shaun Wagner, Adam Waite, Christopher Wenger, Karen Wereb, Stephen Wieland, Timothy Wilson and Matthew Zalen.

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Daniel Aycock, Jared Beck, Paul Belemjian, Ross Borzykowski, Emily Bourguignon, Christopher Britton, Sarah Cook, Kristen Cushman, Julie Davidson, Natha-

niel Dorfman, Jennifer Duffy, Melissa Dunkerley, Cynthia Dunn, Claire Dunne, Emily Fireovid, Sarah Frank, Janice Gallagher and Jillian Gecewicz

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Thomas Birdsey, Rebecca Bloom, Michael Bonenfant, James Boyle, Andrew Brennan, Jennifer Browe, Alicia Cacciola, Cara Cameron, Matthew Carotenuto, Shauna Caterson, Sofia Cerda, Nicole Clark, Brian Cohen, Daniel Corbett, Justin Cornell, Keri Cox, Robin Crogan, Erin Cykoski, Michael D'Aleo, Nathaniel Deily, Stephen Demarest, Kelly Dobbert, Julia Donnaruma and Joel Dzekorius.

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Extension offering pesticide course

A training course to help pesticide users become certified will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office on Martin Road in Voorheesville on Monday, Jan. 9, and again on Monday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The course is also open to individuals who are already certified and want to gain three re-certification credits.

Certification examinations will be administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on Monday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the office.

For information, call 765-3500.

Troop 58 seeks historical info

Boy Scout Troop 58 of Elsmere will celebrate its 75th anniversary in February.

Celebration planners are seeking information from past Scouts and adult leaders. To share past experiences, call Donald W. Geurtze at 439-7848.

Walk to delve winter plant life

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar has slated a guided walk on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.

The walk will focus on the natural history, uses and legends of winter plant life.

Firefighters attend training course

Several local firefighters recently completed a state-certified Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Course.

The firefighters are: Jason Albert, William Berry, Chester Boehlke Sr., James Daly, Walter Eck, Walter Eck Jr., Robert Flagler, Joseph Flagler, William

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Breslin

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an infantry commander during the Vietnam War. He also graduated first in his class from Toledo Law School.

"He's a fine, decent example of American manhood," Weiss said. While he has never held public office before, said Weiss, Breslin will have 1995 to demonstrate his "fitness for office."

As far as going up against Ringler, Breslin said the former supervisor would be a "formidable opponent."

Breslin said he was motivated to run in part because, "We're at a tremendously challenging point in history. There are certain needs of society that have to be met" yet handled in "as efficient a manner as possible."

Breslin declined to evaluate the performance of Hoblock or to say what changes he thought should be made in how the county is run, preferring to make those judgments once he's been on the job for a few months.

In a close election — as the 1995 race should prove to be — Weiss said the Conservative party line will take on great significance. "We covet it, we want it and (Breslin) will vigorously pursue it," Weiss said. "He's the kind of man the Conservative Party will feel

comfortable with."

Legislature chairman Charles Houghtaling, D-New Scotland, predicted that Breslin would be a strong candidate. "He has an excellent military background and he's well known by a lot of people, especially his family, with his brother (Thomas) being the county court judge."

Meanwhile, the Capital District Liberal Party Tuesday announced its intention not to support Breslin because he represented the "conservative machine that got the county in trouble in the first place," according to state Liberal Party vice chairman Joseph Laux.

"We definitely feel that the (county) Legislature should nominate Ken Ringler because he would be a much better county executive."

Ringler said that while he welcomed support from all parts of the political spectrum, he would not accept the Liberal Party line next November because "at all levels of government it's the liberal tax-and-spend philosophy that has created many of the problems that exist today."

He reiterated his intention to seek the Conservative line as well as an independent line for the general election.

Group slates course on defensive driving

E&E Defensive Driving Associates will run a defensive driving course on Wednesday, Jan. 4, from 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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Prepaid registration is required for the class. For information, call E&E at 459-9048.

RCS school board resets schedule

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education has rescheduled two January meetings.

The board will meet on Monday, Jan. 9, (rescheduled from Jan. 3) at its offices and on Monday, Jan. 23 (rescheduled from Jan. 17) at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

Standing board committees will meet at their regularly scheduled times.

Trash pick-up set in New Scotland

Town of New Scotland residents are reminded that the trash collection schedule will remain unchanged during the week of Jan. 2 through 6.

Chair

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to have the opportunity."

"For me, it was a good time to take on something like this," he said, adding though that he's "not committed to a hundred years or anything like that."

Managing a seven-member planning board shouldn't be too new or different for Hasbrouck since he since he spent 33 years working in a management capacity for the state. His work experience includes six years as assistant director for design and construction for the state Facilities Development Corporation and seven years as executive secretary to the state Board for Engineering and Land Surveying.

Now that he's retired, Hasbrouck is confident he'll have time to devote to the chairman's job. He said he's completely comfortable with the current planning staff for the town, which he said does a first-class job handling the many proposals that come in.

When he's not immersed in planning board matters, Hasbrouck said he can usually be found out on the golf course. That's his real love, he confessed, and he has just started teaching golf in the summer at the municipal course at Frear Park in Troy and the Brunswick Greens course in Center Brunswick.

Filling the shoes of Barr won't be easy. "He's done a great job,"

Hasbrouck said. "He was a good chairman and a good leader. I have great respect for him."

Barr did an excellent job of "walking the line" between government regulation, protection of the environment and addressing public concerns, according to Hasbrouck.

"The public hearings are generally well attended," he said. For the most part, people (in Bethlehem) don't come out just to spout off. They do their homework and generally offer useful advice."

Fuller said she hoped Hasbrouck "takes a look at ways to speed up the business of the board. We've had people waiting two or three years to get on the (planning board) agenda."

Hasbrouck's appointment would be for a one-year term at a salary of \$8,900.

"I was pleased that Doug was willing to take on the job," Fuller said. "He brings a wealth of experience and a new perspective to the position."

Marine completes training cycle

Marine Pvt. David E. Ryan, son of Joyce A. Valle of Selkirk, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C., recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine and personal and professional standards.

Ryan is a 1994 graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School.

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County to purchase ice rink

By Tom Murnane

Outgoing Albany County Executive Michael Hoblock announced last week that Albany County would purchase the \$4.1 million county ice rink in Colonie for \$960,000 from the state.

"I wanted to get this done before I left office," said Hoblock, who is leaving his county post Dec. 31 for a seat in the state Senate. "It took almost three years, but it feels great that we've finally got it done."

The rink was built near the Albany County Airport after former Albany County Executive James Coyne Jr. and the county Industrial Development Agency appropriated money for the project from the Al Tech Trust Fund. The federal Economic Development Agency established Al Tech during the 1970s as a revolving loan fund designed to create and

help retain jobs in the county.

The state Job Development Authority, Al Tech's federally appointed trustee, approved the rink's construction despite criticism that the arrangement would bankrupt the fund. Costs of the rink skyrocketed and eventually ran 40 percent over budget, Hoblock said.

Shortly after Hoblock — who used the rink's financing as a campaign issue — took office in 1992, the federal EDA ruled that the JDA had improperly used the trust fund and ordered it to stop using Al Tech to pay off the bonds sold to finance the rink's construction.

Fleet Bank, which had guaranteed the bonds, was forced to pay off the debt and sued to recoup its losses.

After weeks of vacillating on

the details of the agreement, the JDA and Fleet Bank finally agreed to the terms.

Under the agreement, the JDA has agreed to pay Fleet Bank \$1.4 million in one lump sum and will use the property as security, Hoblock said. The county's \$960,000 payment is to cover the balance of what Fleet Bank is owed, he said.

Hoblock said the JDA will also give the Al Tech Trust Fund, now under control of two newly formed boards, a minimum of \$2 million to recover the money used to pay off the rink debt. The agreement also included another \$2 million for additional debt payments.

Al Tech now has \$7.5 million, with about \$4 million available for loans. More money could be made available to the fund under federal EDA mandates.

The Spotlight remembers

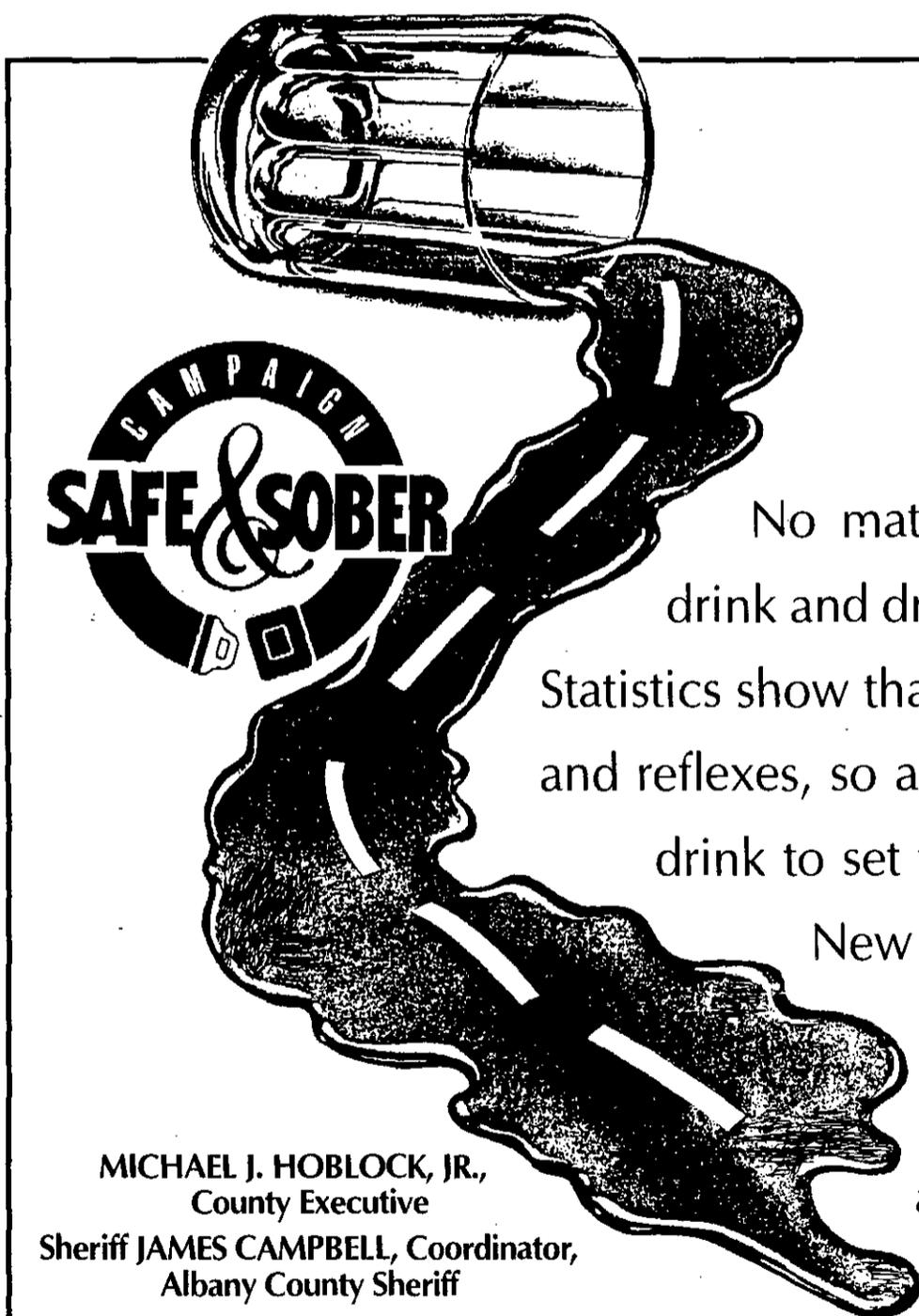
This week in 1984, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- At public meetings in Bethlehem and Voorheesville, skeptical crowds questioned County Executive **Jim Coyne's** plans for a downtown civic center. "With all due respect to the experts, if there is a shortfall, the county taxpayers will pick it up," said **Sherwood Davies** of Delmar. Voorheesville Mayor **Richard Lennon** presciently observed, "If the \$40 million estimate is as accurate as the estimate for the South Mall, it will be between \$80 and \$100 million before we're done."

- The country group Southbound, composed of five guys from Voorheesville, **Dave Burnham, Dave Flint, Bob Kendall, Doug Bernhard** and **Billy Montana**, recorded their first album and video, "Southbound Fever."

- **Nancy McKenna** of Slingerlands was the only woman officiating boys interscholastic basketball games in Section II. "I work hard, know all the rules, and stay in shape by running almost every day," she said.

- The initial phase of construction was completed for the first of two bridges slated to span the Normanskill at Route 9W in Glenmont.

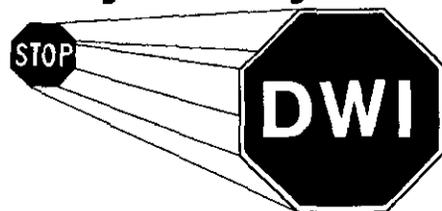


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Festival seeks community input

The 1995 Ravana Friendship Festival, scheduled for next August, is getting started.

Sports tournaments, fireworks, and the usual assortment of booths and crafts are already in the planning stages.

As of now, the festival will be taking place on the streets surrounding the park. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will improve this year's Friendship Festival, address a letter or postcard to: Friendship Festival, c/o Ravana Village Office, 171 Main St. Ravana, 12143.

School board wants smoking input

The Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk school board is seeking input about a smoking policy proposal expected to be adopted at the

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board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

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

Scouts planning skating outing

All Ravana Neighborhood Girl Scouts and their families are invited for an evening of ice skating at Albany's Swinburne Rink on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Skate rentals will be available at the rink, and there is a snack

concession. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. For information, call Anna Ferndal at 756-2389.

John Hopkins recruiting for summer programs

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

Academic programs are available to those who qualify in the talent search. A three-week summer residential program is offered at college campuses.

Students who score in the 97 percentile or above on national standardized tests are eligible to become part of the program.

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

Students picked for 'Who's Who' list

James M. Davis, son of Robert and Eileen Davis of Delmar, and Daniel Haughney, son of Kathy and George Haughney of Delmar, were recently named to the 1994-95 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

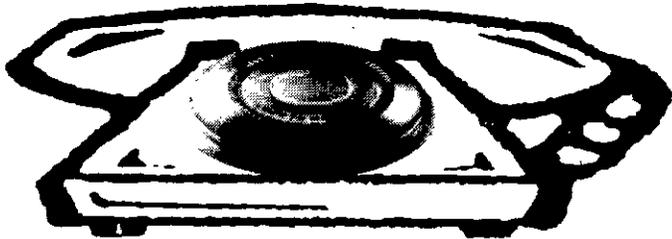
Both are students at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. Davis is an accounting major and Haughney is a criminal justice major.

Students are selected for the publication based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for future success.

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Guide to Old Glory



Nathaniel Acams Blanchard American Legion Post Commander Warren Boutelle, left, presents Bethlehem school Superintendent Leslie Loomis with "A Children's Guide to the Pledge of Allegiance."

V'ville woman to oversee health system

Elizabeth A. Kormos-Ozmat, 43, of Voorheesville was recently appointed vice president of the Iroquois Healthcare Consortium. She will direct the group's Northeastern New York Health Quality Partnership program.

Kormos-Ozmat will plan, organize and supervise activities related

to the project, designed to develop a common information system which will measure the quality of care provided by 21 participating area hospitals. The consortium was recently awarded a first-year grant of \$185,000 by the state Department of Health to plan and develop the new system.

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Deputies make holidays brighter V'ville lists upcoming swim classes

Thanks to overwhelming local support, Albany County sheriff's deputies Amy Carman and Mike Winnie collected more than 1,000 toys, 1,200 pounds of food and 11 boxes of clothing for families in the Hilltowns and New Scotland.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, Santa brought toys and holiday cheer to children at a Christmas party sponsored by the sheriff's department at New Scotland Town Hall.

Everyone had a great time. The majority of the items collected were distributed to families through the Hilltown food pantries.

Schools on winter recess

Voorheesville schools are closed this week for winter recess. School reopens on Tuesday, Jan. 3. A staff development day is planned for Jan. 20 at the elementary school. Children will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m.

Even though the weather is getting colder, pupils at the elementary school will continue to go outside for recess as much as possible. Be sure your child is dressed for the weather.

Parents to receive model questionnaires

The site-based management team at the high school will hold its next meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. in the high school library.

Students will present the team with a model questionnaire on the open campus policy. The questionnaire is for parents of 11th and 12th graders.

For information, call Debbie Baron at 765-9371, Sandi Lindner

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at 765-4713 or Derris Tidd at 765-4277.

Organizational meeting slated Jan. 3

The New Scotland Town Board organizational meeting for 1995 will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m. at town hall.

Following the meeting, there will be a public hearing to consider extending the current moratorium on commercial and large residential development.

Girls' shine in school and on teams

Two fall interscholastic athletic teams at the high school have won scholar-athlete recognition.

The girls' varsity soccer team has a team grade-point average of 92.1, and the girls' varsity tennis team a grade point average of 92. All team members received scholar-athlete pins.

SuperValu on target for grand opening

Residents of Voorheesville are eagerly awaiting the grand opening of the Nichols' family SuperValu market on Maple Avenue.

The community has watched the progress of the renovations until recently when holiday wrap was put on the windows.

Everyone will be in for a pleas-

ant surprise when the new store opens Saturday, Jan. 7.

Zoning board to meet

The monthly meeting of Voorheesville's Zoning Board of Appeals is on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at the village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Five Rivers plans winter nature walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar has scheduled a winter nature walk for Saturday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m.

Five Rivers naturalists will lead participants on a tour focusing on the adaptations animals make to their environment.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Animal tracking on tap at Five Rivers

A program on animal tracking is planned on 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 the center at 475-0291.

The Voorheesville Continuing Education Program will offer four exercise programs beginning in January.

A course in water aerobics will meet on four consecutive Tuesdays starting on Jan. 3.

A separate water aerobics class will meet on four consecutive Thursdays beginning Jan. 5.

Recreational swimming will meet on five consecutive Wednesdays beginning on Jan. 4.

Hydroslimnastics will meet on four consecutive Mondays, beginning Jan. 9.

All classes meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and cost \$12. For additional information, call James Hladun at 765-3314, ext. 134.

Chamber artists group to perform in V'ville

Capitol Chamber Artists will perform on Friday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library located at 51 School Road in Voorheesville.

A reception will follow the concert.

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Story times offers best in children's literature, art

The spring season of storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers at the library will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Registration for the free 10-week program begins in person on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 9 a.m.

Telephone registration starts at 1 p.m. the same day and will continue until all sessions are filled.



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Preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, and advanced listener, age 4 and a half to 6, have 30-minute sessions for



John Drazen, 5, and Christopher Drazen, 2, enjoy the Winter Tracks model train display at the library.

10 weeks. Two special drop-in storytimes not requiring registration are also available for preschoolers, age 3 to 6, and their families. There is a choice of days and times.

The schedule is:

For toddlers, Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., and Thursdays at 10:15 and

11 a.m.

For preschoolers, Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For the advanced level, Wednesdays, at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Family drop-ins are on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

There will be no storytimes during school vacation week from Feb. 20-24 or on days when Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening because of the weather.

All sessions end on Thursday, April 6.

Preschoolers and a parent are invited to the monthly 30-minute drop-in film program on Friday, Jan. 6, at 10:30 a.m.

"Happy Birthday Moon," "Red Riding Hood" and "The Ugly Duckling" will be shown.

The children's author of the month is Avi, a Brooklyn born librarian who writes for young adults. His novels, *Things That Sometimes Happen* and *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* have been Newberry Honor Books.

Several organizations and individuals contributed decorations

and displays this month.

Thanks to the Delmar Progress Club, the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers, the Friends of the Library, Diane Jordan and local residents for Winter Tracks, a model train exhibit.

Both the adult services department and the children's room have locked glass cases that are available on a monthly basis to individuals or groups with displays to share.

Contact Pat Gerou in adult services or Janis Dominelli in the children's room for complete details.

The library will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 1 and 2, and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Anna Jane Abaray

Little Big Band tuning up for tonight's performance

Alan Thompson's Little Big Band will set your toes to tapping tonight, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m., with an evening of musical swing for all ages. Join us for great family holiday entertainment.

The library is looking for individuals with stories on the theme of How the Library Changed My Life. If you can credit the public library as an important or even dramatic influence in your life, let us know by phone or mail. Address your comments to Director Gail Sacco.

Patrons should notify the library of any address changes which have resulted from the 911 restructuring.

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3. There are no story hours until Monday, Jan. 9.

Barbara Vink



The Friends of the Library are holding a contest to develop a logo. Anyone in the Voorheesville school district is eligible to enter. Details are available at the high school and the library.

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Sports

VV wrestlers gain 1st win BC swimmers snap hex, sink Tappan Zee

By Joshua White

The Voorheesville wrestling team last week earned its first Colonial Council victory of the season over Albany Academy, 45-16.

"It was a nice win" said head coach Dick Leach. "We had a few kids sick the night before and they came and battled adversity. This victory will give us momentum going into the Christmas break."

Senior Matt Cootware (155 lbs.) led the attack by rolling his opponent in 26 seconds. The win improved Cootware's record to 6-0.

Also impressive were senior Jim Cook (132) and junior Bryce Fortran (145), who improved their records to 4-2, with pins respectively. Junior Griffin King (167) and sophomore Brandon Holcomb (126) earned decisions.

Sophomores Todd Dombrowski (112) and Dave Vandavelde (119) both won their first matches of the season. Junior Jesse Clement (215) and eighth grader Nick Gaudio (98) were victorious by forfeit.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Blackbirds played host to Mechanicville. Cootware was the only Blackbird grappler to pin his opponent. Sophomores Jeff Stewart (132), Dave Koltai (155), and Jim Coffin (167) won by forfeit. Nonetheless, the Blackbirds fell short 51-24.

"We came out flat and weren't ready to wrestle," said Leach. "Mechanicville just took it to us. We made adjustments that didn't work out. It was probably our worst effort of the year."

On Saturday, Dec. 17, the Blackbirds participated in the Hudson Falls Tournament. Cootware placed first in his class, while Cook placed second in the 132 pound category. Fortran placed third in weight class 138 and eighth grader Ryan Spanswick placed fourth in his class of 98.

"It was definitely a tough early season tournament," said Leach. "Even the kids who didn't place wrestled well."

Leach realizes that the season has just begun and the tougher competition still awaits. "We have three Saturday tournaments in January with the rest of our tough Colonial Council schedule. We need to be ready and pick up where we left off."

The Blackbirds' next meet is away against Schalmont on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m.

By Jessica Romano

The Bethlehem boys swim team overcame a mighty obstacle last week when it defeated perennial state powerhouse Tappan Zee High School.

Bethlehem lost to this downstate, nonleague rival team twice in the past two years. The final score, 89-81, illustrates how closely the two teams matched up against each other.

"The meet was fun and evenly matched," said coach Ken Neff. The two teams "traded events."

The eight-point lead, which became the deciding point of the meet, was determined by the 200 free relay. Reid Putman led off for BC, followed by Brian Strickler, Ken Shultz and anchor Sean Barclay. According to Neff, the race was such a close one that it was like a photo finish.

Bethlehem was able to take more of the third, fourth and fifth place finishes, including all third place finishes in the relays, which earned the team many points.

Neff was pleased with the way the team swam. "The guys finished off the meet very well."

BC had the home pool advantage which also helped team morale. Many alumni were in the audience cheering for the Eagles.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, BC overwhelmed Shaker, 116-70.



Bethlehem swim coach Ken Neff gives some last-minute pointers prior to his team's meet against nonleague powerhouse Tappan Zee. The Eagles prevailed, 89-81. *Doug Persons*



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Dolphins take honors

A large contingent of Delmar Dolphins were among the 336 swimmers who turned out in force recently for the Dolphins' Developmental Dash swim meet.

A developmental meet excludes the fastest swimmers and awards certificates to those who achieve time standards for their age groups.

In the 9-and-10-year-old girls' age group, for example, Teresa Rosetti achieved, for the first time, an "A" time in the 50-yard butterfly and the 100 yard individual medley.

Courtney Arduini achieved an "A" time in the 50-yard backstroke, was fourth in the 50-fly and sixth in the 100 IM. Katie Wilsey was fifth in the 100 IM, Tiffany Bowdish, Larissa Suparmanto, Kathleen Hart, Jeanne Drucker, Hannah Gold, Bethany Harren, Katie Parafinczuk, Elizabeth Pesnel, and Katie Van Heusen achieved personal bests.

Among 9-and-10-year-old boys, Ricky Grant was first in the 50 back and second in the 50-yard freestyle. Joseph Cardamone was fourth in the 100 IM, eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke, and ninth in the 50 back.

Caleb Bonvell was 10th in the 100 IM. James Traylor, Matt Pasquini, Justin Contento and Mike Blendell achieved personal bests. The Dolphin relay team won

first place in the 200 free relay.

In the 11-12 girls' category, Melanie Hill achieved an "A" time in the 50 back and was third in the 100 IM. Beth Malinowski achieved an "A" time in the 100 IM, was first in the 50 fly and 50 free, and fourth in the 50 back. Sara Gold was fifth in the 50 free.

Becky Parafinczuk and Kate Finnigan achieved personal bests. In the 11-12 boys' age group, Andrew Wilsey and Stephen Troiano achieved personal bests.

Among 8-and-under girls, Emily Fong achieved an "A" time in the 25 back and was first in the 25 breast and 50 free. Emily Malinowski was second in the 25 back and 50 free.

Elizabeth Boyle was fourth in the 25 breast and sixth in the 50 free. Rebekah Brattrud, Ryan Galloway and Nicole Fletcher achieved personal bests.

Among boys 8-and-under, Scott Solomon achieved an "A" time in the 25 breast, was first in the 50 free and second in the 25 back. Gregg Blendell, Steve Blendell and Tim Pasquini achieved personal bests.

Among 13- and 14-year-old girls, Diana Kelly was second in the 100 free and fourth in the 200 IM. Liz Hart, Angela Rosetti, and Galina Rybatskiy achieved personal bests.

Teamwork keeps BC competitive

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem boys varsity basketball team struggled through three games in the past two weeks, dropping two and winning one, bringing their record to 2-2 league, 2-4 overall.

On Dec. 14, the Eagles could not buy a basket, scoring only 31 points. However, luck was with the Eagles, as defense and even worse play by Burnt Hills gained Bethlehem a 31-30 victory. Jason Gutman was the only player in the game to reach double figures in points with 11.

Bethlehem then traveled to Saratoga on Friday, Dec. 16, where their struggling play caught up with them. Saratoga led 43-17 at halftime and dominated the Eagles, who were outshot and out hustled. Bethlehem made a run in the second half, however, as they played the Blue Streaks even. The Eagles dropped the 71-45 decision. Erik Gill led BC with 17 points.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Eagles were at home against the undefeated Niskayuna Silver Warriors. The Eagles dominated the first three quarters of the game, but Niskayuna came back to outscore Bethlehem 18-10 in the fourth quarter to tie the game and send it into overtime.

In OT, Niskayuna hit a short jump shot with five seconds to play, giving the Silver Warriors a 59-57 overtime win. It was the second last-second loss for the Eagles this year, who were led in scoring by Gill and Chris Bannigan, each with 12 points. Sean Berry added 10 points for BC.

It was a tough loss for the Eagles to stomach, said senior point guard Matt Winterhoff. "We played hard, but with no win, I guess we didn't play hard enough. We're playing better as a team, making up for our lack of a superstar by playing unselfishly. We will bounce back."

Bethlehem is hosting the Helderberg Holiday Tournament this week.

BC gymnasts improving

The Bethlehem varsity gymnastics team improved considerably from its first meet when it fell short against Shenendehowa last week.

In their first home meet of the season, the Eagles narrowed down their margin of defeat and came away with five third-place ribbons.

Melissa Mann placed third in the all-around competition. Mann also came in third on the uneven bars and in the floor routine. Sara Haskins also finished third on the balance beam. Jill Pappalardi placed third in vaulting.

Three Eagles earned four fourth-place ribbons as well. Haskins placed fourth in the all-around competition. Sharon Fellows finished fourth in the floor routine. Amy Schron came in fourth in the vaulting competition and Mann placed fourth on the balance beam.

BC's next meet is against Shaker at home on Thursday, Jan. 5.

RCS hosts holiday basketball tourney

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School will host the 24th annual Ravena Gold Medal Basketball Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 29.

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The RCS boys open tonight against Chatham at 9 p.m.

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add six teachers at the middle school to cope with rising enrollment.

• In the first contested race in 10 years, Voorheesville Mayor **Edward Clarke** easily won re-election, outpolling **Robert Boyle** by a 675-206 margin.

• Bethlehem's controversial water treatment plant received a permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

• On behalf of the New York State School Boards Association, Slingerlands attorney **Jay Worona** argued before the Supreme Court that the state could not subsidize the Kiryas Joel School District, which was run by an Orthodox Jewish sect.

• The Bethlehem girls basketball team lost in the sectional semifinals to end the season with a 16-6 record. Standout players were **Karena Zornow, Sheila McCaughin, Sarah Mineau** and **Kiley Shortell**.

APRIL

• **Bernie Harvith**, the longest tenured member in the history of the Bethlehem Central school board, died suddenly at the age of 55. **Harvith** had served on the BC board for 22 years.

• The draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Southgate Commons mall in Glenmont called for expanding Route 9W from two to five lanes in the area of the mall.

• State Supreme Court Justice

George Ceresia invalidated the Bethlehem planning board's approval of Manning's Menu, a proposed deli at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Rural Place. Town officials said they would appeal the ruling.

• Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher **Howard D'Arcangelis** was arrested for felony crack possession in Albany.

MAY

• The 1994-95 Bethlehem Central School District budget passed by the narrowest margin in 10 years, 1,311 to 1,161. The \$35.7 million spending plan will raise taxes an estimated 5 percent for district residents in Bethlehem and 5.5 percent for district residents in New Scotland.

• **Michael Hotaling**, New Scotland's highway superintendent, resigned to take a job with the Guilderland Highway Department. The town board appointed **Darrell Duncan** to replace **Hotaling**.

• **May Blackmore**, a 27-year member of the Delmar Progress Club, was honored as Woman of the Year by the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

• **Cheryl MacCulloch**, principal of Clarksville Elementary School, was tapped to head the Bethlehem Central School District's special education and guidance programs.

• The Second Milers Club, a group of retired men who meet for lunch and fellowship once a month in the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, celebrated its 30th anniversary.



Longtime Bethlehem GOP chairman **Bernard Kaplowitz** (above with his wife, **Kathleen**) stepped down. He was succeeded by law partner **Brian Murphy**.

JUNE

• Price Chopper proposed building a new supermarket at New Scotland Road and Cherry Avenue Extension in Slingerlands. The project is a scaled-down version of a plan rejected by the town in 1987.

• **Stephen Lobban** was named principal of Bethlehem Central Middle School, replacing **Fred Burdick**.

• Voters rejected the Voorheesville school budget for the third time in four years by a margin of 593-476. The \$12 million spending plan would have raised taxes by an estimated 4.3 percent in New Scotland.

• Glenmont Elementary School teachers **Mary Capobianco** and **Gale DeRosia** won the first Alice

Kenney Award, presented by the Friends of New Netherlands, for their production of a study guide using Dutch colonial records.

• The Voorheesville girls softball team lost in the state semifinals, ending a sparkling 24-2 campaign that included winning the Section II C-CC title. Star players included **Larina Suker, Cristie Arena, Jill Frender, Melissa Cooper, Nicole Tracy, Lauryn Lloyd, Deah Burnham** and **Jen Delaney**.

JULY

• The Bethlehem Central school board appointed **Dr. Stuart Lyman** to the board, replacing the late **Bernie Harvith**.

• **James and Elaine Nichols** announced that they will definitely

be opening a SuperValu supermarket on the site of the old Grand Union on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville.

• **Father James Daley** of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

• Voters in the Voorheesville Central School District rejected the proposed 1994-95 budget a second time, by a 414-333 margin.

• New Scotland imposed a six-month moratorium on commercial and large residential development, while a committee studied how to amend the town zoning law in light of the updated master plan.

• **Fred Carl**, who built New Salem Garage into the area's premier Saab dealership, died at the

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• In its second try, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library was established by vote of RCS district residents.

AUGUST

• State Supreme Court Justice **J. Robert Lynch** rejected Niagara Mohawk's suit for a \$220 million assessment reduction for its Glenmont generating station.

• Five-year-old **Christopher Junco** of Delmar died of complications from leukemia. The little boy's plight had sparked an outpouring of support from the community.

• **John Larabee** was named editorial page editor of Spotlight Newspapers, replacing longtime editor **Dan Button**.

• On the third try, the Voorheesville Central School District budget for 1994-95 passed by a 801-754 margin. The \$11.78 million spending plan will cause tax rates to rise an estimated 3.7 percent in New Scotland.

• Based on their work in a summer cheerleading camp, Bethlehem Central High School cheerleaders **Tricia Kandefer** and **Kristen Cushman** were chosen to perform at halftime of the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

SEPTEMBER

• Bethlehem Republican Councilwoman **Doris Davis** defeated Democratic challenger **William Burkhard** by a 61-11 margin in a

primary for the Conservative line.

• The 300-member-strong Delmar Full Gospel Church, led by Pastor **Mark Bratrud**, moved into its new building on Elsmere Avenue just west of the Delmar Bypass.

• After neighbors complained, the family of convicted murderer **Carl DeFlumer** decided not to invite him to live with them in their Glenmont home.

• Bethlehem began negotiating with GE for a site for the town's composting facility on Route 32 in front of the Selkirk GE plastics plant.

• The area's second natural gas vehicle refueling station opened at the Stewart's on routes 9W and 32 in Glenmont.

• Slingerlands residents turned out in force to oppose a 59-lot subdivision proposed for Fisher Boulevard.

• Work began on the Big Backyard nature study area behind Glenmont Elementary School.

OCTOBER

• Bethlehem's new master plan, many years in the making, drew mostly positive comments at its last public hearing. "It doesn't slam the door on new growth, yet it helps us maintain our small town character," said **Jim Dombrowski** of Glenmont.

• In a long weekend of work, hundreds of volunteers completed a major renovation and expansion of the playground behind Elsmere Elementary School.



By the end of the year, the completed steel skeleton of the new Delaware Avenue bridge stood next to the span that it will soon replace.

• Pastor **Robert Hess** of Delmar Reformed Church was the honored guest at a surprise service noting his 30th year in the ministry and his 15th year at the Delmar church.

• The dominant issue in the Bethlehem town board contest was whether the town should go ahead with a new water system based on wells near the Hudson River. In dozens of letters to *The Spotlight*, opponents derided, and supporters defended, the system and its expensive treatment plant.

NOVEMBER

• Republican incumbent **Doris Davis** won election in her own

right to the Bethlehem town board, outpolling Democrat **William Burkhard** by a 6,996-6,718 margin.

• In other races, voters in both Bethlehem and New Scotland picked all winners on Election Day, including **George Pataki** for governor, **Carl McCaff** for comptroller, **Dennis Vacce** for attorney general, **Michael McNulty** for Congress, **Mike Hoblock** for state Senate and **John Faso** for state Assembly.

• Former Bethlehem Supervisor **Bert Kohinke** died at the age of 88.

• **Martin Barr** announced that he did not wish to be reappointed as chairman of the Bethlehem planning board.

• Longtime Slingerlands elementary school music teacher **Virginia Dale** died at the age of 70.

• The Albany County Association of Retarded Citizens withdrew plans for a group home for mentally retarded adults in Salem Hills in Voorheesville after neighbors objected vociferously.

• **Jessica Romano** of Bethlehem Central High School was named to the Section II Class A first all-star soccer team.

• The Voorheesville girls soccer team ended its season with a loss in the sectional semifinals. The girls won the Colonial Council title with a 10-1-1 record. Standouts were **Cristie Arena**, **Jane Meade**, **Angie Berg**, **Kristin Dougherty**, **Jessica Reed**, **Kristen Conley**, **Julia Guastella**, **Jen Delaney** and **Shannon Magee**.

DECEMBER

• Former Bethlehem Supervisor **Ken Ringle** announced that he will run for Albany County Executive with the support of the county Republican committee. The November 1995 contest will likely be an all-Bethlehem affair, as county Democrats nominated attorney **Michael Breslin** of Delmar to replace **Mike Hoblock**, who was elected to the state Senate.

• Voorheesville village Trustee **Edward Donohue** resigned, and the board appointed **Harvey Huth**, planning commission chairman, to replace him.

• While work on a new Delaware Avenue bridge over the Normanskill continues, the state Department of Transportation announced plans to widen Delaware Avenue near Delaware Plaza.

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- Avoid making alcohol the main focus of the social event.
- Provide drinkers with alternatives to driving. Offer a place to spend the night, drive the friend home, call a taxi, or ask someone who has not been drinking to drive your friend home.

Parents and teens should be aware of the following myths and facts about alcohol:

Myth: "Drinking coffee sobers me up."

Fact: Coffee cannot rid your system of alcohol. It just makes you a nervous, wide-awake drunk. Only time reverses impairment.

Myth: "I always stay away from the hard stuff."

Fact: Alcohol is alcohol. Beer has the same effect as straight whiskey. One twelve-ounce beer contains as much alcohol as a 1.5 ounce shot of whiskey or a 4 to 5 ounce glass of wine.

Myth: "I'm bigger so I can handle my liquor better."

Fact: Size is only one factor in how much you can drink. Metabolism, amount of rest, and food intake all play a part in how you handle liquor. Impairment can begin with the first drink.

Myth: "All I have to do is splash my face with cold water."

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Steven and Alyse Peterson

Pickholtz, Peterson marry

Alyse Pickholtz, daughter of Yuri and Renee Pickholtz of Marlboro, N.J., and Steven Peterson, son of the late Robert Peterson and Marilyn Peterson of Delmar, were married Sept. 17 in a civil ceremony in Round Lake, Saratoga County.

The matron of honor was Pamela Kostbar-Jarvis, and the best man was Lawrence Peterson, the groom's brother.

The bride, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,

is an environmental engineer with the state Department of Environmental Conservation in Colonie.

The groom is a graduate of Guelderland Central High School, SUNY Morrisville and SUNY Plattsburgh. He is employed by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in Saratoga.

After a wedding trip to Ontario, Canada, the couple lives in Round Lake.

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Boy, William Robert Coleman, to Sandra and Russell Coleman, Glenmont, Nov. 1.

Girl, Lea Michelle Wright, to Susan and Gerald Wright, Slingerlands, Dec. 3.

Boy, Matthew Ryan McKenna, to Karyn and Brian McKenna, Selkirk, Dec. 10.

Boy, Nicholas Salvatore Celeone, to Melissa and Salvatore Celeone, Voorheesville, Dec. 14.

Boy, Dylan Tyler Schrom, to Tara Hoose and Harley Schrom Jr., Selkirk, Dec. 15.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Timothy Donald Van Apeldoorn, to Kimberly and Donald Van Apeldoorn, Malta, Dec. 14. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Carole Van Apeldoorn of Glenmont, and paternal great-grandmother is Mary Vagele of Glenmont.

Class of '94

SUNY Oswego — Gregory Gerhard of Delmar (bachelor's in English writing arts) and Karyn Honikel of Slingerlands (bachelor's in biology).

Board of appeals slates hearings

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has scheduled several public hearings for Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

A hearing on the application of Richard Pulice of Reigning Cats and Dogs is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., a hearing on the application of Carmela Martinese is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. and a hearing on the application of James and Diane Lange is scheduled for 8 p.m.

RCS preschool sets information session

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk preschool has slated a Parent Information Night for Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at Ravena Elementary School.

The preschool is accepting applications for the 1995-96 school year. Students must be 4-years-old by Dec. 1, 1995.



William and Lois Bub

Bubs celebrate 50th

William and Lois Bub of Capital Avenue in Elsmere celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 9 with a dinner attended by family and a few close friends at the George Mann Tory Tavern in Schoharie.

The former Lois LeGallez was raised in Slingerlands, and Bill was raised in Forest Hills, Queens.

Until his recent retirement, Bill was the owner of LeGallez Electric, the oldest business in the town

of Bethlehem.

Lois founded and still runs the Doorway Bookstore on Delaware Avenue.

The couple met at Syracuse University, where Bill was preparing for active duty in World War II.

The Bubs have five sons: William, Dennis, John, Stephen and David, all of whom live in the Capital District.

The Bubs are also the proud grandparents of 11 grandchildren.

Peggy Eyres releases new recording

"Earned These Lines," the latest album by musician Peggy Eyres of Selkirk has been released.

The album, recorded at NRS Studios, includes 10 original blues, folk and country songs. The Band keyboardist Richard Bell assists Eyres on two tracks, "Might As Well Be Me" and the title cut.

"Earned These Lines" is a follow-up to "Chameleon" and "BioSongs," which Eyres released in 1992.

Earlier this year, she received

her second Honorable Mention Award for Songwriting from the nationally publicized Billboard Song Contest. Two of the songs on her new album, "When Will I Learn" and "Hardworking Waitress," won her a spot in the South Florida Folk Festival songwriting competition.

In Delmar
The Spotlight is sold at
Convenient-Express,
Stewarts, Tri-Village Drugs
and Sunoco Elm Ave.



Ring in New Year with birds

Novice and experienced bird-watchers are invited to the 15th annual New Year's Day Bird Count on Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road.

Participants should bring binoculars and a bird identification book. For information, call 475-0291.

Obituaries

William J. Wenzel

William J. Wenzel, 72, of Guilderland, a former mayor of Voorheesville, died Monday at his home.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Stewart Manor, Nassau County, before moving to Voorheesville in 1960. He moved to Guilderland two years ago.

He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Pace University.

Mr. Wenzel was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Active in community affairs, he was a member of the Voorheesville board of trustees from 1967 to 1970, then served as mayor from 1970 to 1980.

He was on the board of directors of the former Voorheesville Savings and Loan Association. He was an honorary member of the Voorheesville Fire Department.

Mr. Wenzel worked for the Walter Motor Truck Co. in Voorheesville, serving the firm in various capacities. He traveled extensively and retired as company president in 1989 after 44 years of service.

He was a member of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club, the Voorheesville American Legion and the Colonie Elks Lodge. He was president of the Country Village Townhouse Association where he lived. He was an avid golfer and served as president of the Helderberg Seniors Golf League.

Mr. Wenzel was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Kneff Wenzel; two daughters, Barbara J. Hurley of East Greenbush and Linda M. Goodrum of West Berne; a son, William J. Wenzel Jr. of Delanson; a sister, Catherine Lang of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home and St. Matthew's Church, both in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Ellis Hospital Foundation, PO Box 1015, Schenectady 12301-1015.

James H. Edwards

James H. Edwards, 65, of New Salem Road in New Scotland, died

Tuesday, Dec. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had lived in New Scotland for the past 40 years.

Mr. Edwards worked as a baker for Freihofer's in Albany for several years, and then as a mason for the Paddock Pool Co. in Colonie for 15 years, retiring 12 years ago.

He was an Army veteran who served during the Korean War.

He was husband of the late of Louise Filkins Edwards.

Survivors include a daughter, Suzanne Trudell of Cohoes; four sons, James Edwards of Schenectady, Donald Edwards of Tucson, Ariz., William Edwards of Albany and Randy Edwards of New Scotland; a sister, Jessie 'Sis' Schramm of Westmere; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in New Scotland.

Dr. Arthur J. Sullivan

Dr. Arthur J. Sullivan of Delmar, a physician and surgeon in Albany for more than 50 years, died Monday at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Manhattan College and Albany Medical College. He was a surgical resident at St. Francis Hospital in New York City before opening his practice on Delaware Avenue in 1940.

Dr. Sullivan was an attending surgeon at St. Peter's Hospital before retiring in 1979. He was the physician for the CBA sports teams and the Albany Senators baseball team during the 1940s and 1950s. In 1974, he was presented with letters of affiliation by the Institute of the Christian Brothers.

Dr. Sullivan was a life member of the Albany Medical Society of the State of New York, the American Medical Association and was an honorary member of the New York State Society of Surgeons.

Survivors include his wife, C. Doris Burto Sullivan; a daughter, Sheila S. Wilson of Delmar; two sisters, Virginia Canning and Elizabeth House, both of Albany; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to CBA, 1 De LaSalle Road, Albany 12208, or to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Melvin B. Casey Sr.

Melvin B. Casey Sr., 70, of Eaton Drive in Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Boston, he moved to the Capital District in 1954. He was a graduate of Harvard University. He served in the Navy in submarine service during World War II.

Mr. Casey worked as a sales representative for the Dennison Co. of Framingham, Mass., many years ago and for the American Chain and Cable Co.

He retired in 1986 from the state Department of Civil Service in Albany, where he was a health insurance representative.

He was a member of the Harvard Alumni Association.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary A. Casey; two daughters, Marguerite Zolad of Ashland, Mass., and Carol Rokeach of Middletown, Orange County; a son, Melvin B. Casey Jr. of Niskayuna; two brothers, John H. Casey of Chatham, Mass., and Alan F. Casey of West Hartford, Conn.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Anna Harriet Merz

Anna Harriet Merz, 95, of Elsmere died Wednesday, Dec.

21, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Brooklyn, she had lived in Queens Village and in Seaford, Nassau County. For many years, she lived in Westmere and Delmar before moving to the nursing home four years ago.

Mrs. Merz was a member of the McKownville Methodist Church and a choir member and in recent years was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She also was a volunteer for the Red Cross bloodmobiles for more than 10 years.

She was the widow of Thomas V. Merz Sr.

Survivors include a daughter, Doris B. Gmelch of Delmar; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Endowment Fund of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Randall Diegel Sr.

Randall D. Diegel Sr., 85, of Breckenridge Village in Selkirk died Friday, Dec. 23, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a life-long Capital District resident.

Mr. Diegel was a fireman and engineer for the former New York Central Railroad for more than 12 years. He then worked for the Quail Linen Service in Albany for more than 17 years. He also worked for the Atlantic Cement Co. in Ravena before he retired in 1974.

He was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He was husband of the late Evelyn Jones Diegel.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Transue Diegel; three sons, Elmer D. Diegel and LeRoy A. Diegel, both of Colonie, and Randall D. Diegel Jr. of Glenmont; a stepson, Len V. Bergstrom of Selkirk; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for today, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Colonie.

New Year's Day to begin with birds

The 15th annual "New Year's Day Bird Count" is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. at the Five Rivers Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Led by center naturalists, the program helps both novices and experienced birders get a head start on personal bird lists.

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

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.



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SPOTLIGHT ON

Family Entertainment

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Family attractions top First Night party

By Michael Kagan

On New Year's Eve, when around 18,000 people converge on downtown Albany for First Night, only the area's babysitters need be left without anything to do. Kids don't have to be left at home for the Capital District's biggest party, event organizers said.

From the 6 p.m. musical kickoff to the midnight fireworks over the Hudson, the area's ninth celebration of First Night offers a variety of family entertainment — a

non-alcoholic collection of eclectic talent for a single cover charge.

Admission

For admission to shows and events, patrons must be wearing First Night buttons. The buttons also cover transportation on CDTA buses and free Ben & Jerry's ice cream at City Hall.

Buttons can be purchased at local Price Choppers, the Knickerbocker

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Celebration highlights Bethlehem talent

Several of the shows scheduled at the First Night celebration will have a distinct Bethlehem flavor.

BluesWing

The Delmar-based band will perform acoustic-electric jazz from 7 to 7:45 and 8 to 8:45 p.m. at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Lucy McCaffrey

This Delmar resident will play harp from 7 p.m. to midnight at Albany Visitors Center and Planetarium, 25 Quakenbush Square. Advanced tickets are required.

The Jazz Factor

A Glenmont-based band, The Jazz Factor will play from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Albany Savings Bank, on the corner of State and N. Pearl streets.



Vinny Grosso & Merdwin the Mediocre will bring magic to New Year's Eve at Albany's Boys & Girls Club, while the Delmar-based band BluesWing, right, will perform at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Ringling in the New Year family style

Along with the jazz, classical ballet & other adult entertainment, this year's First Night celebration will offer a number of family-oriented shows:

Magic

- **Jim Snack Inc.** — Trinity Methodist Church Hall; 7:30-8; 9-9:30; 10:30-11
- **The Magical Cabaret** (magic, song & dance) — Emmanuel Baptist Church; 7-7:45, 8:30-9:15
- **Vinny Grosso & Merdwin the Mediocre** — Boys & Girls Club; 7:30-8:15, 9-9:45, 10:15-11

Stories & songs

- **Cathy Winter** — City Hall Basement; 7-7:30, 10:30-11
- **Dadsongs by Bruce Jennings** — Harmanus Bleeker Building; 7:30-8, 9-9:30, 10:30-11
- **Four Stories High** (four Capital District storytellers) — Steuben Athletic Club; 7:35-7:55, 8:35-8:55, 9:35-9:55, 10:35-10:55
- **Magic Fire Productions** (fables, legends & folktales) — Steuben Athletic Club; 7-7:30, 8-8:30, 9-9:30, 10-10:30
- **Robert L. Boston Presents** (open Karaoke) — 41 State St., Broadway Entrance; 7-11 (with breaks)
- **Storycrafters** (international folktales, songs & games) — Harmanus Bleeker Building; 8-8:30, 9:30-10, 11-11:30
- **Traveling Players** (folk stories, music & comedy) — Trinity Methodist Church; 7-12

Educational

- **Dean Davis Living World Reptile Show** — Omni Albany Hotel; 7:15-8, 8:30-9:15, 10-10:30
- **Ruth Pelham** ("Musicmobile lady") — OTB on N. Pearl St.; 7-7:40, 9-9:40, 10:45-11:45

Music

- **Angel Cake Players** (music from the movies) — NYNEX Building; 7:15-8, 8:30-9:15, 9:45-10:30, 10:45-11:30
- **Whole Village Theater** (cabaret-style review including "Shenendoah" & "Hair") — Albany Institute of History & Art; 7:15-7:45, 8:45-9:15, 10:10-10:40

Clowns, comedy & drama

- **Astro the Clown** — Harmanus Bleeker Building; 7-7:30, 8:30-9, 10-10:30
- **Brandon Schnell** (comedian) — 112 State St.; 7-7:30, 7:45-8:15, 9:30-10
- **Gracie Hanneford Dog & Bird Show** — City Arts Building; 7:45-8:15, 9-9:30
- **Gizounie the Clown** — OTB, N. Pearl St.; 8-8:30, 10-10:30 (face-painting between shows)
- **Park Playhouse** (musical review) — Swyer Theater at The Egg; 7-7:40, 9:15-10
- **Ramsey Meyer** (comedy & impressions) — 112 State St.; 8:30-9:15, 10:15-11
- **St. Florian's Theater** (David Mamet's "The Frog Prince") — Broadway Arcade; 7:30-8:10, 8:45-9:25, 10-10:40
- **Wizzie the Clown** — Albany Saving Bank; 7-11

Special events

- **Wind In the Willows** — First Night button wearers will be admitted at half price (\$3 kids & seniors, \$4 general admission) to this family adventure at Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave. at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve. For reservations, call 438-5503.
- **Henry Hudson Planetarium** — Premier star show "Welcome to the Universe" will be shown for free to First Night button holders. The show is 10 minutes long & will be shown every 20 minutes beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Albany Visitors Center. For information, call 434-5132.
- **Kwanzaa** — The celebration of African-American culture will include Jazz, Reggae, games, displays & storytelling at the Albany County Courthouse, Eagle St.
- **Albany River Rats** — First Night button wearers can take in a 7 p.m. Knickerbocker Arena hockey match with the Cape Breton Oilers at a discount. Purchased today, Dec. 28, adult tickets will be \$7, reduced from the usual \$11, & child/student tickets will be \$5, compared to the normal \$6. After today, discounted tickets will be \$9 & \$6. For information, call 487-2244.

SPOTLIGHT

IN THE

By Martin P. Kelly

Mac-Haydn Theater greets new year with announcement of summer sked

Artistic producing directors Lynne Haydn and Linda MacNish don't let time pass them by, even with the holidays. As the New Year dawns, the two veteran producers of the MacHaydn Theater in Chatham have put together their summer schedule.

And, as usual, it will be eight musicals which will take the season from May 18 through September 10 and feature two new musicals for this region.

Although the *Will Rogers Follies* played as a road production at Proctor's Theater this past season, it will be produced for the first time on a regional basis by MacHaydn this summer. From July 13 through July 30, the expansive musical with show girls and variety acts built around the monologues of Will Rogers will be presented.

And, the final production of the season will be the sequel to the ever-popular *Annie* when MacHaydn premieres *Annie Warbucks* to the region. It's a production which has played on tour and made a pass at Broadway but despite its lack of a Broadway run, has proved to be popular throughout the country.

In this version, Daddy Warbucks has to find a wife or else he can't adopt Annie. Will he or won't he?

August 31 through September 10 are the dates for the new *Annie Warbucks*.

MacHaydn will open with *Dames at Sea* (May 16-28), then follow it with *1776* (June 1-11); and opening on June 15 will be *Carousel* which plays through June 25.

It's production of *Damn Yankees* June 16-July 9 will open several weeks before another production of the show in Albany's Park Playhouse in late July.

Following the *Will Rogers Follies*, a revival of *Hello Dolly* will be offered August 3 through August 13. The August 17-27 slot is still open as the producers are working on rights to another large musical.

Info, reservations are available at 392-9292.

Park Playhouse in action also around the holiday season

Committed to doing *Damn Yankees* next summer, the Park Playhouse is now busily engaged in raising money for the new season.

Each night of the 36 performance season costs \$10,000, according to the producers. With the prospect of diminished public and corporate aid this next summer, the staff is attempting to raise money by holding a raffle.

On February 9, the theater will present the winner of the lucky raffle ticket with an original wall hanging by Daniel Barrett. *Rhyme, Rhythm and Reason* is a 43 inches by 26 inches steel work originally constructed in 1983 by the world renowned Schenectady resident.

The hanging is valued at up to \$40,000. The raffle will be held at the Steuben Club in Albany. Information about the season or the raffle is available from Jill Rafferty, 434-2035.

Proctor's books more performances of newly revived musical, Grease

After originally scheduling the road company of the Tommy Tune revival of *Grease* for three performances in January, Proctor's Theater in Schenectady, will instead move the production to May when it will present it for eight performances.

Beginning Tuesday, May 23, the production will play through Sunday, May 28 with matinees on Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28.

This touring production of *Grease* is a spin-off of the successful Broadway revival of the 1970s show which chronicles the lives of teenagers in the 1950s.

The success of the Broadway show and the large audiences gained by the road tour company for the past year prompted Proctor's to move the show to a week when they could do eight performances.

This will be the first production in several years that has been booked for eight performances, a full Equity week. Info, reservations at 346-6204.

Around Theaters!

Wind in the Willows, fantasy fairy tale at Steamer 10 in Albany Sat., Dec. 31 and other performances through Jan. 22. (438-5503) ... *Keely and Du*, new drama at Capital Repertory Company through Jan. 29. Four planned after-show discussions have been cancelled. (462-4534)



Martin P. Kelly

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"KEELY AND DU"
drama by Jane Martin, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Dec. 29 through Jan. 29. Information, 462-4531.

"WIND IN THE WILLOWS"
adapted from a book by Kenneth Grahame, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, through Dec. 31 and Jan. 16, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and Jan. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22, 1 and 4 p.m., \$8, \$6 senior citizens and children. Information, 438-5503.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER
lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Dec. 31, and Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

BERKSHIRE BACH ENSEMBLE
Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Sunday, Jan. 1, 3 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

DON GAYLORD
folksinger, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Dec. 30, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

BOYZ II MEN
with Babyface and Kevin Campbell, Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, Friday, Dec. 30. Information, 476-1000.

MENDELSSOHN CLUB
New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, Wednesdays, Jan. 4 and 11, 7 p.m. Information, 482-8701.

MICHAEL PANZA DANCE BAND
Panza's Restaurant, Saratoga Springs, Saturday, Dec. 31, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Information, 584-6882.

DANCE

CONRADANCE
presented by The Eighth Step, First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Friday, Dec. 30, 8 p.m., \$6. Information, 438-3035.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITIONS
for the musical drama "Quilters," Spencertown Academy, Route 203, Jan. 3 and 4, 7:30 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

CLASSES

PRE-BALLET CLASSES
Albany Dance Institute studios, 170 Myrtle Ave., Tuesdays starting in January, 3 to 4 p.m. Information, 432-5213.

ADULT THEATER WORKSHOPS
New York State Theatre Institute, Russell Sage College, Troy, Jan. 28 through May 6. Information, 274-3295.

POETRY

OPEN MIKE/OPEN MIND POETRY
hosted by Mary Panza and Linda Boulette, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

OPEN MIKE POETRY
Albany YMCA, 274 Washington Ave., Jan. 1, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6314.

FILM

"THE SWAN PRINCESS"
animated feature, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Dec. 31, 1:15 and 6:30 p.m., Jan. 3 to 5, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$2, \$1 children (downstairs), \$3, \$2 children (balcony). Information, 382-1083.

"TRUE LIES"
starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Dec. 31, 3:30 and 8:45 p.m., \$2, \$1 children (downstairs), \$3, \$2 children (balcony). Information, 382-1083.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
featuring illuminated sculptures and caricatures, Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, through Jan. 1, \$8 per car. Information, 861-6671.

SCHENECTADY PLANETARIUM
"A Star for Santa's Tree," 1:30 p.m., "Winter Constellation Show," 2:30 p.m., and "A Star of Wonder," 3:30 p.m., Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, through Dec. 31. Information, 382-7890.

HOLIDAY SALE
Iroquois Museum, Caverns Road, Howes Cave, through Dec. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 296-8949.

WEEKEND FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES
The Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, weekends through Dec. 31, 1 and 3 p.m., \$3.50, \$2.50 children. Information, 235-2120.

FAMILY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
New York State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 31, 1 and 3 p.m. daily, \$2.50 adults, \$2 senior citizens, \$1.50 children. Information, 474-5801.

"COMMUNITIES: PEOPLE AND PLACES"
family workshop on communities, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Wednesday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, \$6 families, \$5 member families. Information, 463-4478.

FIRST NIGHT
New Year's Eve multi-venue celebration of the arts, downtown Albany, Saturday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m. to midnight, \$12. Information, 434-2032.

PREMIER STAR SHOW
"Welcome to the Universe," Henry Hudson Planetarium, Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m. to midnight, admission only with a First Night button. Information, 434-6311.

"KNOW SNOW AS ART"
family workshop, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Thursday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, \$6 member families, \$5 non-member families. Information, 463-4478.

VISUAL ARTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

JEANETTE FINTZ
paintings, Leslie Urbach Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, Chapel and Monroe streets, through Dec. 30. Information, 462-4775.

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

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

FUMIKOSHIDO
paintings, Upstairs Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, Chapel and Monroe streets, Albany, through Dec. 30. Information, 462-4775.

HOLIDAY HANGINGS
selected holiday works on display, through Dec. 31, at Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Guilderland, Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sundays noon to 6 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

"IN THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL TRADITION"
Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, Jan. 1 through 31. Information, 482-1984.

Weekly Crossword

" Farewell 1994 "

By Gerry Frey

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PROVIDENCE 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.

REACH TO RECOVERY

breast cancer support group, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

BABYSITTING COURSE

American Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter, Hackett Boulevard at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost, \$25. Information, 433-0151.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

FARMERS' MARKET

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

FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 23)

Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SQUARE DANCE

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 29**

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET (June 23 to Nov. 17)

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

THE QUEST

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

FARMERS' MARKET

Albany YWCA, 28 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.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 30**

ALBANY COUNTY

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.

BOYZ II MEN

with special guests Babyface and Tevin Campbell, Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany. Information, 476-1000.

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

FARMERS' MARKET (JUNE 24 TO NOV. 18)

Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 31**

ALBANY COUNTY

CAPE BRETON 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.

TORAH STUDY

B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 482-5283.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER

with 10 p.m. service and a midnight Eucharist, Abba House of Prayer, 647 Western Ave., Albany. Information, 438-8320.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

with dinner, open bar and music, Albany German-American Club, 32 Cherry St., Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$45. Information, 477-5485.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 1**

ALBANY COUNTY

ROAD RACES

"Hangover Half Marathon," a 13.1 mile race, and "Sober Up Three Mile Run," organized by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, races begin at the physical education building of the State University of New York at Albany, noon. Entree fee, \$2 for club members, \$3 for non-members. Information, 286-3070.

DANCE PROGRAM

"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**MONDAY
JANUARY 2**

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 3**

ALBANY COUNTY

WOMEN'S EXERCISE PROGRAMS

a variety of weekly programs beginning Jan. 3, 4, 5 and 7, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information, 452-3455.

SURPLUS SALE

through Jan. 5, sale of government surplus items, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Building 145, Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 266-5126.

NURSE TRAINING COURSE

through Jan. 7, to prepares nurses for the state board exam, Russell Sage College, Albany Campus, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

SAFE PLACE

support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

TRUE FRIENDS

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

SINGLE PARENTS MEETING

sponsored by Parents Without Partners Chapter 380, Colonie Community Center, Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-0870.

FARMERS' MARKET (June 21 to Nov. 8)

St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BINGO

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

RECOVERY, INC.

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

SAMARITANS SUPPORT GROUP

for suicide survivors, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY RECOVERY, INC.

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

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP

group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

EATING DISORDERS GROUP

Union College, fourth floor campus center, Schenectady, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

Spotlight on Dining



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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 28**

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

NEW SCOTLAND FAMILY CONCERT
Alan Thompson's Little Big Band, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on January 11, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 5 of the year 1989 which establishes an Interim Development Density Act and Local Laws No. 7 of the year 1991, No. 2 of the year 1993 and No. 1 of the year 1994 which extend said act. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 14, 1994
(December 28, 1994)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Fuel Oil for the use of said Town, including Water District No. 1, during the year 1995, as and when needed.

Bids will be received up to 2:15 p.m. on the 11th day of January, 1994 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

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Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 14, 1994
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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.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 29**

BETHLEHEM ANIMAL TRACKING PROGRAM
Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Road, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 14, 1994
(December 28, 1994)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 1995, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of James and Diane Lang, 24 Lavery Drive, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition at premises 24 Lavery Drive, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
Chariman
Board of Appeals
(December 28, 1994)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard Pulice, Reigning Cats and Dogs, 759 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17 and Article XX, Non-conforming Buildings and Uses, Section 128-89 of the Code

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

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

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.

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

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

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 30**

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

LEGAL NOTICE

of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition to kennel at premises 759 Route 9W, Glenmont to accommodate additional cages under cover.

Michael C. Hodom
Chariman
Board of Appeals
(December 28, 1994)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 1995, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Carmela Martinese, 2 University Street, Albany, New York 12205 for Variance under Article X, Highway Frontage and Access, Section 128-38 and 128-39 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, to construct a single family dwelling with access to a section of Glenmont Court which has not been built and deeded to the Town for highway purposes.

Michael C. Hodom
Chariman
Board of Appeals
(December 28, 1994)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 1995, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on application of Charlew Construction Co., Inc., RD5, Box 437A, Schenectady, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a 25 lot subdivision comprising 23 new lots and two revised lots, property located at the intersection of Stafford's Crossing & Blessing Rd., also approximately 800 ft. south of the intersection of Blessing Rd. & Krumkill Rd., as shown on map entitled, "Preliminary Plan, Survey Plat, KRUMKILL MANOR EXTENSION 1, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York," dated October 29, 1992, Revised to 12/16/94 and made by Ingalls Smart Associates, Schenectady, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

Martin L. Barr
Chariman
Planning Board
NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advance notice is required.
(December 28, 1994)

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

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

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 31**

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

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 1**

BETHLEHEM NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD COUNT
Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Road, 9 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:50 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 767-9059.

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 FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

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.

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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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.

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.

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.

**MONDAY
JANUARY 2**

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

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

BLANCHARD AMERICAN LEGION POST MEETING
16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

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

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

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.

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 3**

BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

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

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information, 482-8824.

A.W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
town hall, Route 85, 6 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

VOORHEESVILLE PTA
in the elementary school cafeteria, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 4

First Night

BETHLEHEM

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
given by E & E Defensive Driving Associates, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. Information, 459-9048.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

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

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.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

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Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Days Inn, Route 9W, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB
Steuben Club, North Pearl Street, Albany, 6 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 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 VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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.

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

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

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

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Price Choppers, the Knickerbocker Arena, Albany City Hall, Albany Visitors Center, area Ben & Jerry's restaurants, the Palace Theatre and designated Fleet and Albany Savings banks.

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JANUARY 5

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

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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.

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.

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Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

FRIDAY
JANUARY 6

BETHLEHEM

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

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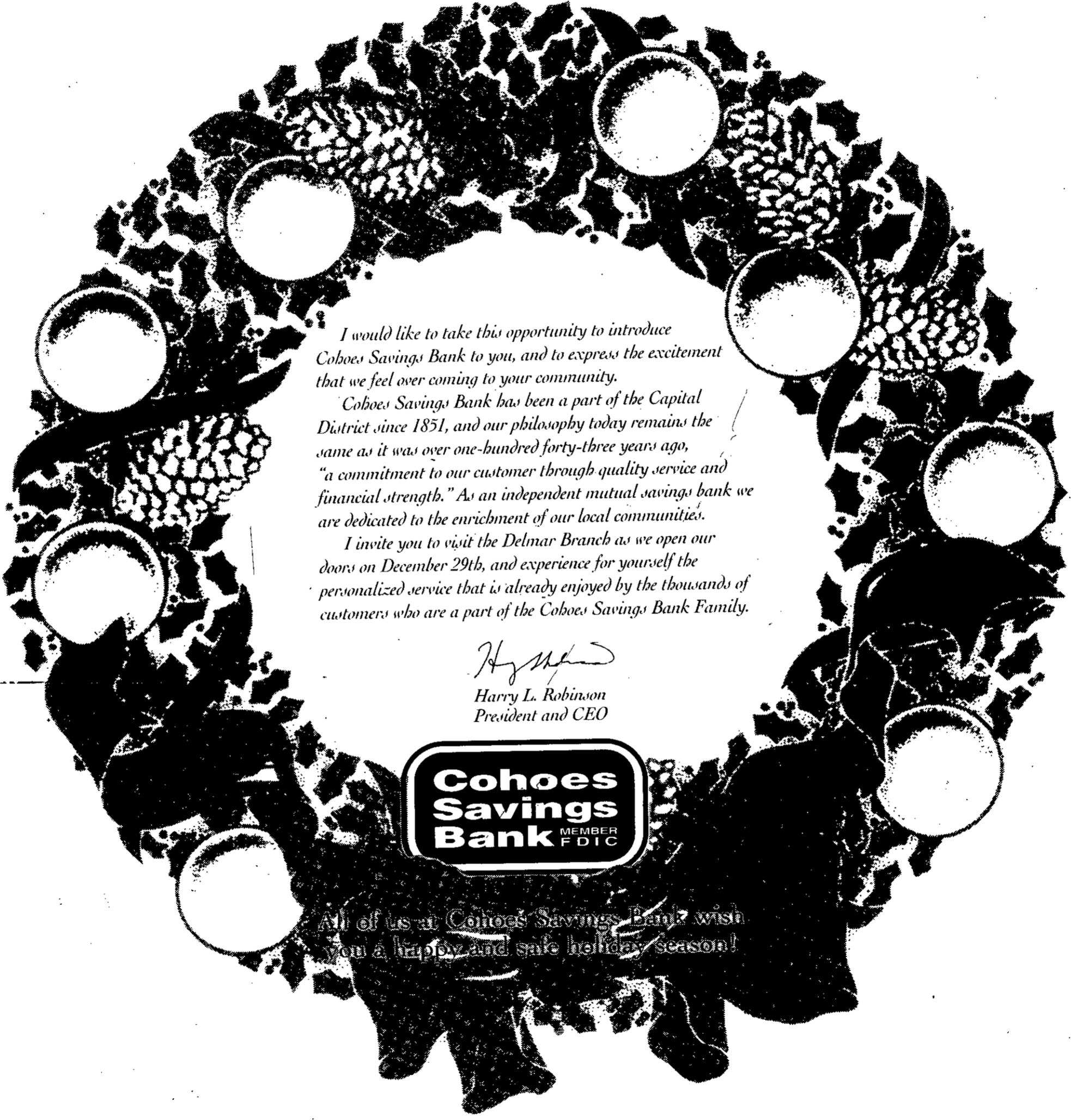
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