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Delmar/Elsmere break new ground

Fire companies agree to merger

By Mel Hyman

In a precedent-setting move — at least in this area — the Delmar and Elsmere fire districts have agreed to consolidate apparatus and manpower in order to save money and boost morale.

The joint venture has been in effect on an informal, trial basis for the past year. It was recently made official by a contract signed by Elsmere Board of Fire Commissioners chairman Fred Webster and Delmar Board of Fire Commissioners chairman Gerald Day.

Part of the agreement involves use of the Delmar fire substation on Feura Bush Road by Elsmere, which will pay rent to Delmar for allowing it to park one of its pumpers there.

That obviates the need for Elsmere to build a new firehouse for that part of the district located south of the Delmar Bypass. Even though Elsmere already owns land at the corner of Wemple and Feura Bush roads, not having to build a new fire station is expected to save the district



Delmar Chief James Kerr, left, and Elsmere chief Richard Webster, will oversee the pact.

about \$750,000, according to Webster.

By the sharing of apparatus in the Feura Bush Road substation, both Delmar and Elsmere will save when it comes time to replace equipment.

"When the time comes, we'll only have to replace one pumper instead of two," Webster said. "That should save us about \$240,000."

With the addition of the Elsmere engine to the Feura Bush Road substation, Delmar plans to sell one of the two pumpers it now has stationed there.

The other benefit from the consolidation involves the shared use of manpower.

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Hahn to step down after three decades

By Mel Hyman

After more than 31 years in public office, Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes Ken Hahn can almost be considered an institution.

Even institutions, of course, eventually come to an end, and Hahn is no exception. He does not plan to seek re-election to the \$42,000-a-year job next November.

Most town residents would be hard pressed to recall the name of another receiver of taxes for the town of Bethlehem. Ken Hahn has been in office since Jan. 1, 1964. His current term ended on Dec. 31, and judging by the comments of current and former town officials, he leaves some awfully big shoes to fill.

Ken Hahn



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Sitting very pretty



Six-month-old Ashley Bub gets a bird's eye view from her father, Dave's shoulders at a holiday service at the Bethlehem Community Church. Doug Persons

N. Scotland doctor makes history with land donation

By Dev Tobin

A New Scotland family's backyard park has become the first preserve of the Albany County Land Conservancy.

Dr. William Holt donated 148 acres of land along Copeland Hill Road in memory of his late wife Winifred Matthews Holt, according to Mark King of the Albany County Land Conservancy.

King described the Winifred Matthews Holt Preserve as a "very scenic area, on a hillside overlooking the Indian Fields area."

"There are no rare species or eagles' nests; it's just a very nice spot for people who like to get out into the woods," King said.

The land is "typical of Helderberg hill-tops, with somewhat stunted vegetation," King said. The Holts planted 40,000 conifers on the parcel, to complement the native hardwoods there, he added.

The Holts also built a small pond and created several trails through the prop-

erty, "working with the land to enhance its natural beauty," King said.

"We won't have to blaze any new trails,



Dr. William Holt, left, discusses his gift of land to the Albany County Land Conservancy with its president, Dr. David Shern.

just mark the ones that are already there," he added.

The conservancy is working on a plan for the property that will probably allow limited public use of the preserve, King said.

"We may open up some views toward Bennett Hill and Clarksville to the northwest," in addition to creating a detailed

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Police make 3 DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police arrested three people over the holidays on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Allen R. Haight, 49, of 146 Hudson Ave., Delmar, was charged with a felony count of DWI and a felony count of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after he was stopped at 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, for driving with only one headlight on Route 9W, police said.

Haight was remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$750 bail.

Robert Irish, 55, of 210 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 2 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, for failing to keep right on Oakwood Place, police said. He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court.

Christopher Facticeau, 24, of 8 Skyridge Lane, Selkirk, was stopped at 12:27 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, for failure to keep right on Route 9W, police said. He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court.

Appeals board sets hearings

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has scheduled several public hearings for today, 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 in Glenmont is slated at 7:30 p.m., followed by a hearing on the application of Carmela Martinese at 7:45 p.m.

A hearing on the application of James and Diane Lange is set for 8 p.m.

BC to kick off Friday night cabarets

The first-ever cabaret night at Bethlehem Central High School will be on Friday, Jan. 6, from 8 to 11 p.m.

There is a \$2 admission fee and all high school students are welcome.

BC students will display a number of talents in skits, improvisations, dance, song and guitar playing.

Refreshments will be sold.

Future cabarets are set for Friday, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. Sign-ups for performers will be on Wednesdays, Jan. 18 and 25, in the school auditorium.

For information, call 439-7740 or contact Jim Yeara at the high school.

Library slates talk on dog behavior

Len Smith, president of the L.C. Smith Pet Center in Delmar, will talk about "Behavioral Problems of Dogs" on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The lecture will cover aggressiveness, nipping and biting, housebreaking, fears and separation anxiety.

Participants should not bring their dogs to the program. For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Girl in serious condition after Normanskill accident

A 10-year-old Delmar girl was listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit of the Albany Medical Center Hospital Tuesday after an 11-car New Year's Eve pile-up in which a Slingerlands woman was killed.

Elizabeth Drew, of Euclid Avenue, sustained trauma to her head when the vehicle driven by her father William Drew, 47, of the same address, was struck by a vehicle traveling westbound on the Normanskill Bridge.

The 9:01 p.m. accident was caused by icy conditions, said Bethlehem Police Det. John Cox. William Drew was listed in fair condition Tuesday at Albany Medical Center with serious leg injuries, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Drew's vehicle, which was traveling eastbound (toward Albany) was struck by a car driven by Edward Salsberg, 48, of 2134 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

When Salsberg's car slid out of control, according to Cox, the passenger side of his vehicle was crushed by the vehicle driven by Drew. Salsberg's wife, 46-year-old Bonnie Dekin was killed by the impact.

Dekin was transported to the Albany Medical Center Hospital where she was pronounced dead from multiple internal injuries, Cox said. Two other cars collided with the Drew and Salsberg vehicles, but no other serious injuries were reported.

Five other cars collided as a result of the chain reaction caused by the original accident, with no significant injuries or damage incurred.

"When I got there, just trying to stand on the bridge or the sidewalk was unbelievable," Cox said. "The entire bridge was a sheet of ice."

Ambulance squads from Delmar and Selkirk responded to the accident scene.

Mothers group to meet at church

Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet on Monday, Jan. 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church on 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Childbirth educator Betsy Mercogliano will lead a program on alternative birthing methods.

Baby-sitting services are available. For information, call the church at 439-9929.

Tax help available at V'ville library

Senior citizens in need of assistance with their income tax forms can find competent and confidential help at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, on selected dates.

Seniors may schedule appointments between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 15, March 1, 15 and 29, and April 5. Bring tax forms and receipts, income statements and last year's tax returns to the library.

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BC looks to upgrade high school computers

By Dev Tobin

Ten years is almost an eon in the Information Age, as computer capabilities have improved exponentially, making even 2-year-old equipment obsolete.

So the computer lab at Bethlehem Central High School, with its often-inoperable 8086 and 8088 machines that date from the mid-1980s, is long past due for an overhaul.

At its last meeting, the BC school board approved spending about \$39,000 over three years to buy 21 multimedia interactive 486 PC's for the high school computer lab, bringing the school's major computer instructional center into the 1990s in one fell swoop.

The old equipment is "so archaic something needed to be done," said Richard Gross, BC's technology coordinator.

Despite the "outstanding" repair efforts of the occupational education staff, "We were fighting a losing battle with equipment that simply has reached the end of its useful life," Gross said.

The new computers will "allow teachers to teach as opposed to constantly troubleshooting deteriorating equipment," he added.

Due to the lab's upgrade, students will be able to perform advanced CAD/CAM operations in the principles of engineering course and other advanced applications in business courses, said Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

Gross said that added benefits of the new equipment include providing a central location for staff development technology courses, and acquiring a hardware platform that is consistent with anticipated future technology expansion needs.

He said he hoped the new machines would be delivered by the start of school yesterday.

The old machines will be used for parts to help repair other dated computers in the district, providing students with an opportunity to explore the way computers are put together, along with computer repair and maintenance, said Gross.

The high school computer lab purchase is the second (and last) major investment in technology for BC this year.

Over the summer, the district bought 20 Power Macs, which were used for in-service training for teachers in August, then distributed to district schools (four to the high school, six to the middle school, and two to each of the elementary schools.)

The district is studying its future technology needs as part of the current long-range planning process.

Ben & Jerry's plans to add subs

By Mel Hyman

Ben & Jerry's fans will have go on a temporary diet while the Main Square store closes so it can undergo some minor remodeling for several weeks.

The changes are needed to make room for a new "companion" business, according to Tom Rowlands, owner of the Ben & Jerry's franchise that opened here in 1988.

"The new business will be called Seattle Sub & Pita Co. and will sell french bread, subs and pita-rolled sandwiches," Rowlands said.

"I am very excited," he said. "The two businesses will complement each other so well, each lending support to the other."

For several years now, Rowlands has been searching for a eatery that would be compatible with the Ben & Jerry's operation to increase the sales volume at the Delmar location.

"The truth is that Ben & Jerry stores need a regional draw to be truly successful," he said. "The company would never approve a store in a community the size of Delmar today."

But the Delmar community has always been supportive and Rowlands said he's bristled at the thought of ever having to close the location. "This idea will keep everyone happy, and pose little inconvenience to our current customers."

The new business is not a chain, even though the name suggests it.



Ben & Jerry's in Main Square is closed for remodeling that will add a sandwich store.
Doug Persons

"I wanted to choose something that sounded upscale and cutting edge," Rowlands said, "because that's how I see this new sandwich shop—slightly upscale from your typical fast food sub business. Besides, I liked the alliteration of Seattle Sub."

Seattle Sub and Pita Co. will offer the standard submarine sandwich on a better quality bread, as well as an interesting variety of foods served on a large pita bread. Many of the pita sandwiches will have extra ingredients like cranberry sauce, avocado, pineapple and bacon.

"Ben & Jerry's was open-minded about the whole idea," Rowlands said, "but they were very concerned about mixing corporate

identities. They did not want it to appear there was a sub shop inside a Ben & Jerry's service-versa."

The new seating area, therefore, will be generic while the counter area will resemble a food court in a mall with two businesses side-by-side.

"The awning which serves as our sign will be a little more difficult," said Rowlands, "and with the approvals needed from the town it is unlikely we will be able to change it before our grand reopening."

"Look for Seattle Sub & Pita Co. around the third week in January, he said. "We'll just have to get a little creative about announcing it."

Planning board attorney to step down

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem planning board attorney Robert Alessi plans to leave his position as soon as a replacement can be found.

At its January organizational meeting, the town board will appoint Jeffrey Pohl to replace Alessi (see story below).

With a growing private practice in environmental law, and a burgeoning family to boot, Alessi has decided he needs to reduce his workload so that he can spend more time at home.

"I have a 2-year-old daughter and my wife (Ellen) is expecting another child in April," he said.

In addition, five years of intensive work for the planning board seemed to be enough, he added.

"It seemed like it was time to step aside for someone else," Alessi said.

Alessi, 36, was often called upon by outgoing board chairman Martin Barr — both men began their tenure with the panel in January 1990 — for advice and clarification.

Alessi said that while the job did take time, it usually felt more like fun than work. "It's been a great experience. I really enjoyed the interchange with members of the public, and it was a pleasure to serve with people of great intellect and fairness."



Robert Alessi

"I appreciated the confidence that the town board expressed in

me in supporting my reappointment every year," he said. "I am hopeful that in the future I can return to public service."

Alessi said he also gave up an adjunct professorship at Albany Law School — which he has held for the past five years — so that he could devote more time to his family.

The appointment of Douglas Hasbrouck to the board chairmanship should ensure a continuation of the high quality effort produced under Barr's stewardship, Alessi said.

Barr will be a tough act to follow, but Hasbrouck, who has served on the board since 1991, has "tremendous expertise" and "unquestioned integrity," Alessi commented.

New McDonald's planned on Route 9W in Glenmont

The Bethlehem planning board on Tuesday considered a proposed new McDonald's restaurant for the vacant parcel between the Glenmont Plaza and the Mobil station near the junction of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W.

Proposed by the McDonald's Corp., plans for the freestanding store call for 2,917 square feet with

a seating capacity of 52. There will be parking available for 46 vehicles.

Assuming the necessary town approvals are granted, construction is scheduled to begin this April and continue through August.

A McDonald's restaurant was planned for this site back in 1990, according to town planner Jeff Lipnicky, but the applicants did not follow up on the proposal.

The main concerns planners have regarding the current proposal are the effects of lighting and signs.

"We're asking them to tone down the lights and the signs in order for (the restaurant) to fit in better with the residential character of the surrounding area," Lipnicky said.

Meanwhile, the McDonald's restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Elmsmere closed on Sunday, Jan. 1, for a major overhaul.

It is scheduled to reopen with a new kitchen and totally new interior around the middle of March.

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RCS students form group to fight Coeymans dump

By Dev Tobin

Joining parents, administrators, school board members and town officials, students at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School have formed their own group to fight a proposed ANSWERS regional landfill.

The student group, Fear For the Future, issued a statement condemning Albany, the lead municipality in ANSWERS, for targeting Coeymans, a town that is not a member of the regional solid-waste group.

With the landfill on Rapp Road in Albany due to close in 1996, ANSWERS is currently preparing a draft environmental impact statement to site a new landfill on a 320-acre site about a mile-and-a-half northeast of the RCS Middle and Senior High School campus on Route 9W.

In a petition signed by a majority in the high school, students called the landfill proposal "taxation without representation" and in "blatant disregard of Coeymans' town laws."

Aside from not joining the ANSWERS consortium, Coeymans also passed a local law ban-

ning the importation of solid waste. The ANSWERS group includes every other municipality in the county except Colonie, plus the cities of Schenectady and Rensselaer.

The student group held its initial rally on the last day of school before the Christmas break, and it was really successful, according to Ben Marshall, one of the student organizers.

Marshall said that the students' interest in fighting the landfill disproves the stereotype that young people are politically apathetic.

"Students will respond when we feel something unjust has occurred," he said.

The high school's participation in government class will likely pick up the landfill siting issue as a project, and high school students are also working to improve recycling at the school, Marshall added.

"The ANSWERS garbage has nothing to do with the town of Coeymans," Marshall argued. "Coeymans said 'No,' and that was supposed to be the end of it."



'Das Boot' by Gene Lewis is one of the Delmar resident's works on display at the Broadway Gallery.

Bethlehem artists featured at gallery

The work of two Bethlehem artists will be featured at the Broadway Gallery on 991 Broadway in Albany on Friday, Jan. 6.

There will be an opening reception for Delmar resident Gene Lewis from 5 to 8 p.m. His works, *Travels in Time - Space* and

Fantasy will be on display.

In addition, fiber art by Anita Rabbino-Goldman of Feura Bush will be exhibited, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

In addition to the receptions for the artists, Snickering Witches will

present *Dancing through the Darkness* in an evening of performance honoring the solstice.

Stories from around the world and songs of the seasons will be performed from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Two additional paramedics join Delmar Rescue Squad

Two additional paramedics have joined the ranks of the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad, according to Delmar Fire Chief James Kerr.

Lt. Timothy Mirable of the Delmar Fire Department and Battalion Chief Larry Powers of the Onesquethaw Fire Department recently completed paramedic training and are now on line as practicing paramedics for the Delmar Rescue Squad.

The paramedic training course consists of about 1,600 hours of

classroom study and practical work at local hospitals, along with many hours of independent study required to successfully complete the training.

Paramedics Mirable and Powers bring the total number of paramedics on the Delmar Rescue Squad to seven.

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New Scotland board ties up loose ends

At its year-end meeting, the New Scotland town board made routine end-of-year transfers, accepted a road and appointed an engineering firm to represent the town in upcoming improvements to the Swift Road pumphouse.

Supervisor Herb Reilly said the transfers covered expenses for

legal work involving reassessment contractor Cole-Layer-Trumble, a small deficit at the town's solid waste transfer station, and mapping work done by the town's zoning law review committee.

The board accepted a continuation of Overlook Road in Carra-dale Estates off Swift Road, along

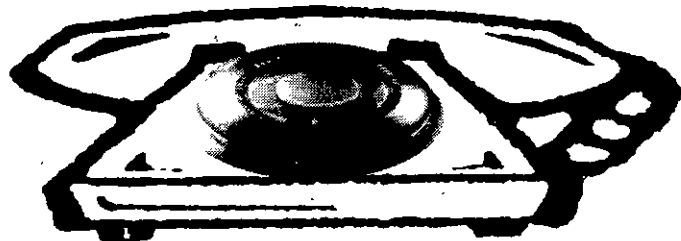
with a bond of \$16,1265 to complete the top course of pavement and make one minor road repair.

The board also appointed Fraser & Associates as a consultant on upgrading the Swift Road pumphouse, with an escrow account of \$15,700 set aside for that work.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

As the holidays wind down, more recycling ideas come to mind. First, remember not to place newspaper and other paper curbside for recycling if it is raining or snowing. Wet paper is no good for recycling.

If newspaper is baled wet, the potential for fire is similar to wet hay in the barn. Keep all recyclable paper dry.

Candle wax can be difficult to remove. Use the proper candle holders or candle drip catchers to prevent wax spills. Blow out candles gently or use a candle snuffer to prevent wax being blown all over a favorite tablecloth.

If an accident occurs, scrape off as much wax as possible. Place a paper towel on top and bottom of the wax stain and apply a hot iron. Move the towel around and repeat to continue absorbing wax.

Did you receive popcorn tins? They make great wastebaskets, recycling bins or a good place to keep stored items safe and dry.

All plastic store bags can be recycled at the Grand Union in the green bin located in the front of the store. The bag should be turned inside out to make sure that all paper slips have been removed. Paper is a contaminant in the plas-

tic bag recycling process.

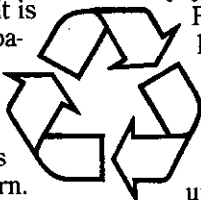
All paper bags: brown, green, red or white, can be recycled as paper bags if they are not shiny. Please remove plastic handles.

Did you receive more cologne, with 10 bottles already in the cupboard? Please don't throw this liquid in the trash. If the scent is pleasant, a few drops in the toilet bowl will substitute for potpourri in the bathroom. Clear, brown and green empty bottles can be recycled. Other colored bottles or ceramic containers are not recyclable.

It's time for the calendar shuffle. Heavy, glossy calendars can be recycled with magazines. If similar to copy paper, non shiny calendars can be considered office paper. The metal/plastic spiral or strip on the top of the calendar *must be removed*. It can be as easy as cutting across the top.

Leftover ice cubes can slowly water indoor or outdoor plants, rather than be tossed into the sink. The dirt left in the plant pot can be dumped near a bush, tree or in the garden to replenish lost soil, rather than in the trash with the pot that can not be recycled.

Have a happy and safe New Year.



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.

Bethlehem library to show Tandy film

"The Story Lady," a "school's out" film for kids in grades three and up, will be shown on Monday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Starring the late Jessica Tandy, the G-rated film tells the story of a lonely widow who discovers she has a magical talent.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Woman to speak to caregivers group

A caregivers support group will meet on Sunday, Jan. 8, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Delmar resident Cynthia Rogan of Special Care in Gunderland will be the guest speaker.

For information, call the church at 439-9929.

Networks board sets biannual meeting

The Bethlehem Networks Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, at the Networks Project offices at 318 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Meetings are held on a biannual basis. For information, contact Mona Prenoveau at 439-7740.

Pro Musica chorus to present workshop

The Albany Pro Musica Chamber Chorus will be at Bethlehem Central High School on Monday, Jan. 9, to present an open rehearsal/workshop and concert under the direction of Dr. David Griggs-Janower of the University at Albany.

In the workshop, from 7 to 7:45 pm, Griggs-Janower and Albany Pro Musica singers will work with Bethlehem choral students on techniques in performing the choruses of Handel's "Judas Maccabeus."

Members of the community are invited to observe the workshop.

At 8 p.m., Albany Pro Musica singers will present a concert of encore music from their December '94 program, "Sing We Merrily."

The second part of the concert will be arias, duets and choruses from "Judas Maccabeus." Albany Pro Musica members will sing the arias and duets, and Bethlehem Choralier students will join Albany Pro Musica singers for the five of the choruses including "Hallelujah, Amen" and "See the Conquering Hero."

The open rehearsal and concert is free to all BC students. Adults are asked for a \$5 admission fee to cover both the rehearsal and the concert.

The Bethlehem Music Association is underwriting this event.

Course slated for pesticide users

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 recertification credits.

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

For information, call 765-3500.

CHP offers class on smoking cessation

Community Health Plan and the American Cancer Society are teaming up to offer FreshStart Smoking Cessation classes, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. at the CHP Delmar Center at 250 Delaware Ave.

FreshStart is a realistic quit-smoking program that helps participants understand and deal with smoking as a chemical addiction, habit and psychological dependency. Participants choose either a tapering, postponing or cold-turkey approach to quitting. Group discussion will revolve around

ways to cope with urges, symptoms of recovery and stress.

The class, which is open to the public, costs \$14, and participants who attend three of four sessions will be refunded the fee. Non-refunded fees will be donated to the American Cancer Society. For information, call CHP health promotion at 783-1864, ext. 4444.

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Matters of Opinion

Coming commerce

The announcement in last week's *Spotlight* that Cohoes Savings Bank has opened a branch in Delmar is another welcome though nagging reminder that the commercial growth option will continue for Bethlehem in 1995.

New Scotland's value system soon will receive a similar nudge when SuperValu Foods opens in the old Grand Union building on Maple Street in Voorheesville.

Both towns understandably would like to remain more or less as they are. And if growth is inevitable they would prefer it to be residential, on five-acre lots. But with the costs of education and other services soaring, residential development alone can no longer foot the entire bill; as we have said repeatedly, both towns must come to grips with the expansionist pressures on their industrial and commercial bases.

Cohoes Savings, SuperValu Foods, the Price Chopper supermarket planned for Slingerlands and the Southgate shopping center for Glenmont all offer the kind of relief Bethlehem and New Scotland taxpayers need more of. Such relief will continue to be available, however, only if the public's attitude and the zoning codes in each town are sufficiently modernized to accommodate it.

You're too late

It's only human nature, we suppose, that those who sit by while the work is being done still feel free to complain about the end result.

Recent complaints from the local farm lobby about the town's just-completed land use master plan are a good example.

Specifically, the Farm Bureau of Albany County wants the Town Board "to delay acceptance" of the plan until the committee which drafted it is expanded "to include farmer residents as members."

Now LUMAC members (LUMAC is the acronym by which the committee is known) were appointed by the Town Board. No interest group which sought it was denied representation. There were no pre-conceived criteria for membership. The committee met on several occasions with members of the farming community, farmers were canvassed in random surveys mailed out during the drafting process, and LUMAC held a number of workshops for farmers — workshops that were advertised in and covered by *The Spotlight*.

It thus is unreasonable, to say the least, for the farm lobby now to demand that seven years' work be shelved, and the process restarted, just to get one or more of its members on the committee. LUMAC is at present actively soliciting public reaction to its draft plan and soon will reconvene to take up the objections and suggestions for modification it receives. That is the appropriate route for local agricultural interests unhappy with the preliminary findings to follow. It's too late in the game to do anything else.

Kenneth Hahn

One of the best arguments against term limits we can think of has been Ken Hahn.

Hahn has been Bethlehem's Receiver of Taxes since 1964 and the town has been lucky to have him.

During that time the number of tax bills the town sends out each year has doubled and the amount billed has almost quintupled. Hahn and his staff have collected all but the smallest fraction of the amounts due and every penny shows up on his books.

Still, he doesn't fit the image of the taxman. People actually like him. They trust him. As former Supervisor Ken Ringler noted, Hahn has worked hard to build and then to preserve good relationships with Bethlehem's people.

Ken Hahn announced last week he won't run for reelection in November. Which is unfortunate for there's no doubt he'll be missed.

Editorials

Feeding wildlife during winter can do more harm than good

The writer of this Point of View is director of the Five Rivers Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

By Alan Mapes

Feeding birds and other wild animals is a popular winter activity around the Capital District. Songbirds, pigeons, crows, ducks, geese, wild turkeys, squirrels, raccoons and deer all are fed by well-meaning nature lovers.

But is this feeding of wild creatures a good idea — for the animals or for the people involved?

Sorry to do this, but my answer is the old "yes and no." Let me suggest some of the good and bad sides to the question so that you can decide for yourself.

Winter is certainly a stressful time for many of the wild animals that share the area with us. Some can happily avoid the hardships of finding food during winter. Many of our birds and several kinds of bats simply leave; they fly south to more hospitable places.

Other animals, like bears, raccoons and skunks, get nice and fat in the fall and sleep most of the winter away. A few, like woodchucks and some bats will actually hibernate. They slow their metabolism way down and stay in a state of suspended animation.

For the ones that stay active all winter, however, life can be hard. Many of these animals will take the opportunity for an easy meal if it is offered. With birds, there do not seem to be many down sides to feeding. Birds are easy to attract (most of the time) and it is wonderful to see these creatures up close.

Your feeders and the ground around them should be kept clean, of course, since moldy seed can cause respiratory diseases. Other diseases, like salmonella, can be transmitted between birds at feeders, as it was with pine siskins a



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couple of winters ago.

This year the House Finches got an eye disease that is passed from one bird to another. The Department of Environmental Conservation is recommending that people stop feeding for two weeks if they find affected finches at their feeders. Feeding can be resumed after that, with a good cleaning of feeders recommended. Most of the time wild birds can find their own food, but our offerings can increase survival rates during times of toughest winter weather.

More controversial is the feeding of animals like raccoons opossums and deer.

Stick to small birds when you want to feed wild animals. Enjoy the others when you see them, but let them keep their wildness and their dignity.

Raccoon rabies has made us very aware of the dangers in attracting animals to our homes and I would certainly recommend not putting out tables scraps to bring in raccoons. Rabies is forecast to be with us at varying levels over the coming years.

Most questionable is the feeding of white-tailed deer. Most of us love to see deer; their grace and speed are inspiring whether you are a photographer, a hunter or just a backyard wildlife enthusiast. But feeding them can be bad

for you, your neighbors and for the deer themselves.

Most homeowners in the Capital District are painfully aware of what deer do to landscape shrubbery. The white cedar, rhododendron and holly around my house are strongly fenced early in the fall.

Why is feeding bad for the deer? Like cows, deer have several stomach chambers and have microscopic organisms in their guts that help digest the rough plant food they eat. Deer normally live on "browse" (twigs, buds and evergreen needles) during winter. The proper kinds of bacteria are present in their stomachs to digest certain foods. A deer can fill up on the alfalfa hay you put out in the backyard, but may not be able to digest it; deer can starve with full stomachs.

Successful deer feeding must be started early in the fall and must be continued regularly all winter long. That way the deer will adapt to digesting the food offered. Multiple feeding stations are needed to ensure the younger, weaker deer get some of the food. The strongest deer will claim a single feeding station and keep out the deer that need food the most. Despite our visions of Disney, little Bambi eats last, if there is anything left. All of this adds up to a lot of trouble and expense — and the deer will still eat your neighbor's shrubs.

My advice? Stick to small birds when you want to feed wild animals. Enjoy the others when you see them, but let them keep their wildness and their dignity.

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Your Opinion Matters

'Parameters of concern' in water source

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is inevitable that the water controversy will continue.

In the process of obtaining information about the Hudson River water project, Clearwater keeps turning up more disturbing information. Recently, monitoring and sampling records were obtained from the Department of Environmental Conservation. The data consisted of the results of water samples collected at a monitoring site on the Hudson River at Glenmont.

The report, based on the sampling, reads as follows: "the water quality at this site has been rated POOR due to the moderate macro-

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invertebrate impact, a fish consumption advisory, and the number of parameters of concern in the water column." It continues, "The water column analyses show iron, lead and phenol to be parameters of concern."

If samples exceed the assessment criteria more than 15 percent of the time, it is designated a parameter of concern. At the Glenmont site phenol values greater than the criteria occur 50 percent of the time. Phenols are toxic and water soluble. They also

create taste and odor problems in water.

This is the water that will be drawn into the aquifer from the Hudson River and will be the source of our water supply. Why are we trading a superior source for one characterized as "poor"? Surely, avoidance is a more prudent approach than extensive chemical treatment. Also, an issue of this magnitude should never have been decided without a referendum.

If you wish to read this report, Clearwater has started a file at the library. Ask at the Reference Desk.

Frances Royo

Clearwater for Bethlehem

On conquering Alzheimer's

Editor, The Spotlight:

Former President Ronald Reagan's announcement that he is in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease was poignant and courageous. He and his wife, Nancy, gave us all the model for facing the reality of Alzheimer's disease with honesty and dignity.

Most of us know enough about Alzheimer's to fear it. In fact, family members very often refuse to recognize obvious symptoms because they can't bear the thought of a loved one falling victim to Alzheimer's disease. Getting a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is the essential first step in getting help. Those who learn about the disease develop caregiving skills and get support are most able to ensure the best possible quality of life for the afflicted individual.

We can conquer this disease, but we must make doing so a top priority. As the largest funder of Alzheimer research outside of the federal government, the Alzheimer's Association can fund only 20 percent of the excellent grant applications we receive. If we as a society don't make the investment in research now, one out of 10 of us can expect to have Alzheimer's disease after age 65; half of us will have it in our 80s.

Alzheimer's disease is one of the most significant health issues of our time, yet it has not received the attention it deserves. Part of the reason is paralyzing denial. While there are an estimated four million Americans with the disease, many have not been diagnosed; as a result, they are not receiving the help they need.

There are other important reasons for this neglect. For one thing, our nation's health care system is dedicated to making sick people well, but Alzheimer's so far has no cure. Organ transplants with their astronomical expenses are covered by many health insurance policies. But Alzheimer's disease is not covered by most health insurance policies or even Medicare.

Ignoring "Old-Timers Disease" also overlooks the fact that as much as 10 percent of cases are people in their 40s and 50s. Moreover, many adult children and grandchildren are caregivers of elderly parents and grandparents.

Researchers say they can develop interventions within the next decade that can delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease by perhaps five years. This would mean that many thousands of individuals might be able to maintain their mental capacities and independence to the end of their lives.

Stuart C. Roth

The National Alzheimer's Association, Chicago

A simpler life

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to thank you for printing my Christmas memory in your Dec. 21 issue of *The Spotlight*. I have had several phone calls, and letters thanking me for re-awakening memories of youthful experiences which were similar to mine.

If there is one thing which I think that all of the comments I have received seem to be saying is that they wish to return to that time when life was simpler, problems were easier to resolve and the world was still full of promise. What a glorious gift hope is, and the innocent giving of self will always help rekindle it. Let us all pray that charity, kindness and selflessness will always survive the world's efforts to squelch them. As the poets say: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me," "for we are of such stuff as dreams are made," "and that the angels envy."

Thank you again, and may all of your new years be richer and finer than the ones that went before.

Daniel C. Lawlor

Delmar

New York cannot afford food program cuts

Editor, The Spotlight:

As part of their Contract with America, Newt Gingrich and the House Republican leadership are proposing to eliminate this nation's federal nutrition programs.

Programs such as food stamps, school meals, summer meals, and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) would be combined into a single block grant to be given to the states. States would not be required to administer any of the existing programs. It is likely that some states would eliminate the food stamp program. States would also be able to write new restrictions for any of the programs.

Maximum first year funding for the block grant would be capped

Parish remembers seniors

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who were responsible for the wonderful luncheon held for the seniors at St. Thomas School on Dec. 17.

The food was wonderful and the service magnificent. The seniors of St. Thomas Parish are truly grateful for the time and effort that the Parish puts into making us feel remembered at this time of year. Thank you for a wonderful time, and for the lovely gifts. I am sure that each decoration will be hung with a warm sense of love. Thank you.

Emily Capobianco

Delmar

Holiday donations

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Thursday, Dec. 15 Ms. Schade, Mrs. Judge, and Mrs. Szczech's classes made a trip to the Elsmere Grand Union.

Seventy-two students from the three classes all brought in money to buy non-perishable foods for the Bethlehem School Food Drive. Most of us had earned the money by working at home. Parents from each class went with us to help shop for the food. The Grand Union donated a 20 pound turkey to the food drive.

Patrick Shaffer

Coline Cassidy

at least \$3.4 billion a year below current funding levels, a nine percent cut. The block grant would not be an entitlement program; funding for all nutrition programs would be discretionary and would not grow to meet increased need during any given year, such as during a recession. Presently, food stamps and school meals are provided to all families which meet the income guidelines. If the Republican plan goes through, benefits would have to be reduced or waiting lists would have to be started.

The federal nutrition programs are an important safety net for low-income families and their children. In New York State, more than 2 million New Yorkers are receiving food stamps, including nearly a million children. More than a million children in New York participate in the school lunch program. Any money saved in cutting nutrition programs will be lost later in increased health care costs and other social problems; six of the ten leading causes of death in the U.S. are linked to malnutrition.

Eliminating successful programs that provide vital nutrition to families and children will only lead to increased hunger in this

Club projects helped

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Lions Club wishes to thank the Bethlehem community for its support in making our seventh annual Christmas tree sale a success. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the Club's sight and hearing conservation projects and community service activities within the Town of Bethlehem.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and area business establishments who gave of their time and resources to assist the Bethlehem Lions Club: Flach Industries, Inc. of Glenmont; Butler & Brown Insurance of Delmar; Red Star Express; Joe Hodder; and the Dole Family. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

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At long last, new market in town

At 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, a ribbon cutting ceremony will officially open Voorheesville's new SuperValu market on Maple Avenue.

Opening day will feature special discounts, gifts and a visit from the purple dinosaur.

Regular store hours will be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Training session slated

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon there will be a training session for parents who want to help with the elementary school banking program.

For information, call Robin Olsen at 439-6012.

PTA to meet

This month's PTA meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Auditions under way for March production

Fifth and sixth graders will audition this month for the drama club's production of "Once Upon a Summer." The performance is scheduled for March 17.

Parents are encouraged to help with all aspects of the play.

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To volunteer, contact Chris Collins at 765-4568.

Contingency days listed

Contingency days have been established when school will not be in session depending upon the number of snow or emergency days used.

Students will not attend school on the following dates: April 13, if no snow days are used; May 26, if one snow day is used; May 30, if two snow days are used. If three snow days are used, school will be in session on all three dates.

Board sets hearing on age exemptions

The board of education will hold a public hearing on changes to the senior citizen property tax exemption on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room of the high school.

Following the hearing, the board will conduct its regular monthly meeting.

Kudos to soccer players

Congratulations to high school soccer players Kevin Burns, Bryce

Fortran, and Adam Keller, who were recently named Class C All Stars by the Capital District Region Boys Soccer Coaches.

Town board meeting set

The New Scotland town board meeting is Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

Gardening calendar available from extension

The Capital District Gardening Calendar is available from the Cornell Cooperative Extension on Martin Road for \$2.

The calendar contains original artwork, timely garden tips and the dates of horticultural programs.

For information, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Kiwanis slates pressure clinic

The Kiwanis blood pressure clinic is this Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Zoning committee to meet Jan. 11

The New Scotland zoning law committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

Epilepsy Association selling coupon books

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

The books contain discount coupons for area restaurants and businesses.

For information, call Jeannine White at 456-7501.

RCS accepting applications for pre-kindergarten class

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk pre-kindergarten is accepting applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children must be residents of the district and be 4-years-old by Dec. 1.

Applications are available at the elementary school buildings.

Parent information night is tonight, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at Ravena Elementary School.

For information, call Jan Lincoln, pre-K parent coordinator, at 756-9157.

Library receives several grants

Thanks to two New York State Council for the Arts Decentralization grants, the library will present several music craft and storytelling programs this year.

In addition, a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System has

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been used for new videos and books.

New videos include "Free Willy," "The Nutcracker," "The Secret Garden" and "Snow White."

Scouts plan skating outing

Ravena Neighborhood Girl Scouts and their families are invited for an evening of ice skating at Swinburne Park in Albany on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Admission is 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

Volunteers complete training

Delmar Fire Department volunteers have been busy attending training courses during the last three months of 1994.

Attendance at New York State sponsored fire training courses is one of the ways the department develops and maintains proficiency.

Firefighter Lance Brickwedel completed 39 hours on the Essentials.

Volunteers J. Steffens and C. Emery completed 12 hours on Aircraft Crash Fire and rescue.

Fire police officers P. Applebee and P. Spagnola, and assistant quartermaster completed nine hours on Fire Police Operations.

Lt. L. Stoeller completed 24

hours on Preparing for Command.

Assistant chief R. Lemieux, Capt. G. Gould, Lt. S. Dorsey, Quartermaster M. Fabe, Assistant quartermaster H. Stoker, and firefighters C. Giglia, W. Gould, S. Kellogg and P. Spagnola completed 18 hours on Ladder Operations.

D. Scoons, C. Preska, Lemieux, Gould and Dorsey, plus Soeller, Stoker, L. Allanson, M. Ferguson, Giglia, M. Roberts, T. Stricos, K. Uhl, E. Wroblewski and I. Glas-tetter completed 24 hours on Fire Cause and Determination.

C. Preska and paramedic M. Preska completed 16 hours on Infection Control for Emergency Response Personnel.

Gould and Soeller completed eight hours on Breathing Apparatus Field Maintenance.

Embroidery guild slates meeting

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Yvonne Welch will lead a program on Hispanic and Pueblo embroidery. Participants will work on a Colcha embroidery project.

For information, contact Nancy Schlegel at 477-4511.

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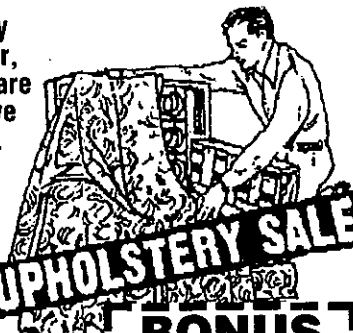
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Lecturer to discuss winter depression

Feeling blue after the holidays? Are you sleeping and eating more, running on less energy, or feeling less productive at work?

You may be experiencing seasonal affective disorder, appropriately known as SAD. Dr. Denise McCarthy of the Center for Cognitive Therapy in Albany will present a program about the winter blues on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the library.



McCarthy will discuss the symptoms, causes, effects and treatments of the disorder and suggest ways that people can cope with depression experienced during winter.

Call the reference desk to register for this free program at 439-9314.

Fewer hours of sunlight in the winter months can cause some people to develop malaise and depression. During the 1980s, SAD gained widespread scientific acceptance. Researchers estimate that it may affect as many as five percent of Americans.

SAD is most pronounced in January and February, but can occur anytime between Novem-

ber and March. It is more prevalent the farther north you go and affects more women than men. It occurs most often to people in their 20s to 40s.

No one knows for certain what causes SAD, but researchers believe light deprivation is at the root of the problem. There are several theories about how too little sunlight entering the eye triggers changes in body chemistry.

According to McCarthy, many people get the winter blues, but few actually develop the very specific, clinical symptoms of seasonal affective disorder.

For mild cases, doing things such as brightening the decor of one's home or office, or scheduling some outdoor exercise during the daytime might help. Clinical help may be needed to treat severe cases. Treatment may involve stress management techniques, anti-depressant drugs or light therapy using bright artificial lights.

McCarthy holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from Antioch/New England Graduate School and is a member of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America. She has been an associate psychologist at the Capital District Psychiatric Center and has a private practice in Albany.

Anna Jane Abaray

Safety Council sets driving classes

The National Safety Council will sponsor two defensive driving courses at local venues this month.

On Mondays, Jan. 23 and 30, from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m., a class will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street in Ravena. Attendance at both sessions is required.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., a class will be offered at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Hall on Poplar Drive in Elmsmere. Attendance at both sessions is required.

Successful completion of the course entitles participants to a 10 percent automobile collision and liability reduction for each of three years. All graduates are eligible for a reduction of up to four points from their Department of Motor Vehicles violation record.

Class size is limited. For information and to preregister, call 767-2474.

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.

Enhance your creativity

A four-week session on techniques to enhance creativity will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m.



The workshop, led by Chris Muia, is a follow up on the creativity seminar held in November.

Anyone with an interest in the arts, writing, music dance or the quality of life is invited to bring pen and paper to participate in

some mind expanding exercises.

Charcoal portraits by Voorheesville resident Jean Knouse are on exhibit in the hall gallery this month.

Cindy Scherer's All Manner of Cows is in the display case.

Lifestories, a memory writing workshop, will resume its Saturday sessions at 10 a.m. beginning on Jan. 7.

Story hours will begin the winter schedule on Monday, Jan. 9, Tuesday, Jan. 10, Wednesday, Jan. 11, and Friday Jan. 13, at 130 p.m.

Barbara Vink

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Chamber offering health coverage

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

WellCare offers benefits that include coverage for office visits, baby and child care, hospitalization, mammography screenings, vision tests and prescription drugs.

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

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.

For information, call Jan Lincoln at 756-9157.

Sophomore wins college award

Jonathan Meester of Glenmont was recently honored with the Distinguished Sophomore Award at the annual SUNY Oswego Scholarship Ceremony.

Meester is studying biology at the college. He is the son of Peggy Meester of Glenmont and the late Rev. Johannes Meester.

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Sports

Captures Helderberg title with win over BC

Voorheesville shows it can play with the big guys

By Kelly Griffin

The king of the Helderbergs has been crowned and it's Voorheesville High.

The Blackbirds defeated Guilderland and Bethlehem, both Class A schools, on their way to the title last Tuesday and Wednesday in Bethlehem's Helderberg tournament.

"We had a great week," said V'ville's head coach Skip Carrk. "It's a feather in a little school's cap to beat big schools like those two."

In the finals of the tournament, V'ville went up against host Bethlehem. The 'Birds kept an even pace with the Eagles, and the score stood 31-31 at halftime.

In the third quarter, V'ville shifted into high gear. It went on a 13-0 scoring run and never looked back. The final score was 61-53 in Voorheesville's favor.

"We worked very hard, both the starters and the guys off the bench," said Carrk. "It was certainly a win that was well-deserved. It was a real team victory."

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, the 'Birds faced Guilderland in the opening round. They fell behind in the third quarter, which motivated them to go on a 15-2 streak to recapture the lead. Voorheesville was victorious 59-54.

Standout center and tournament MVP Dave Burch shone in

both games, scoring 26 points versus Guilderland and 25 against Bethlehem. He also tallied 21 rebounds in the two games combined.

Senior forward Josh White was tough underneath for the Blackbirds, pulling down 22 rebounds for the week.

Junior Mike Beadnell chipped in 10 points in the Guilderland game, and was named to the All-Tournament team.

I think that, after those two wins, we have a lot of momentum to carry into the next segment.

Skip Carrk

"A lot of people did very well for us this week," said Carrk. "Andy Bayus, starting for the injured Jacob VanRyn, gave a great performance. Jacob is a very solid player, and Andy stepped it up so we didn't miss him as much."

"Joe Robichaud, Robert Baron and Ryan Foster were all strong off the bench for us," Carrk said.

"This week was more fun than most weeks because of the holidays and vacation. It was also a turning point in our season. I think that, after those two wins, we have a lot of momentum to carry into the next segment."



BC's Erik Gill goes up for two against V'ville's Dave Burch during the Helderberg Tournament held last week at BCHS. Following the action are Josh White, left, and Jason Gutman. V'ville won, 61-53. Brian Berry

Dolphins break records at Union

Three Delmar Dolphin swimmers broke meet records at the Winter Heat Invitational swim meet at Union College recently.

Tom Roman, swimming in the 11-12 boys category, set new meet records in the 200-yard individual medley event, 50-yard breast stroke and 50-yard freestyle, and was first in the 200-yard freestyle.

Brian Dowling won the 100-yard butterfly and was third in the 50 free.

In the 11-12 girls group, Lisa Fong established a meet record in the 50 breast and was first in the 200 IM, 50 free, 100 IM, 50 fly and

100 free.

Elyse McDonough was first in the 100 back, 200 free and 100 fly; second in the 100 IM, 200 IM, 50 back and 50 fly; and fourth in the 50 free.

Stephanie Fong set a meet record in the 200 breast in the 13-14 girls category, and was second in the 100 breast, third in the 200 IM, and seventh in the 100 free.

Among 13-14 boys, Steve Corson won the 500 free and was second in the 100 breast and 100 free. In the 10-and-under girls category, Becky Corson won the 100 fly and was second in the 50

fly; third in the 200 IM, 50 and 100 breast and 200 free; fourth in the 100 IM and fifth in the 50 free.

Teresa Rosetti was second in the 100 fly, fifth in the 50 breast, and seventh in the 50 free. Among 10-and-under boys, Thalys Orietas was second in the 50 back, third in the 50 free, fourth in the 100 breast and fifth in the 100 IM.

Lax club organizes

The Capital Region Youth Lacrosse Club is organizing for its fifth spring season.

Travel teams and intra-club "house" teams are planned for the third through ninth grade levels.

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Registration will be on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the New Gym, Shaker High School, on Route 155 in Latham.

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BC girls top CCHS, win holiday classic

By Janice Gallagher

The Bethlehem girls' basketball team continued its winning streak this vacation by beating rival Catholic Central in the Lady Crusader Classic tournament last week 56-50.

Junior point guard Katie Sherwin had 20 points and senior forward Karena Zornow had 16 to spearhead the victory.



Zornow

"We weren't expected to win because they had beaten us earlier this year, but the team came together and took their tournament from them," said Sherwin.

"It was very exciting. ... We knew what we had to do, and we had to play as a team. We were really psyched, and in the end it paid off."

The Eagles jumped out to an early lead, but the Lady Crusaders came back in the fourth quarter to make it a tight game.

The Eagles lost to Catholic Central on Dec. 2, but Zornow said, "I knew we had a good shot at winning this game. Our defense has picked up since the beginning of the year, and I think that made all the difference on Friday."

Zornow, the co-captain of the team, was also the tournament MVP and had 10 rebounds in the game. "We wanted to show them we were good enough not only to be on the court with them, but to beat them," she said.

Senior forward Julie Davidson had 12 rebounds, and freshman

Star bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 25 at Del Lanes:

Senior Circuit Men: Nobi Tanaka 243 and 776 four games; and John DeFlumer 220 and 620 triple.

Senior Circuit Women: Doris Michaels 170; and Doris Aupperle 459 triple.

Men: Bill Cornell 300; Bob Bardin 714 riple; and Orvil Bates 986 four games.

Women: Heather Selig 248 and 783 four games; Bonnie Robbins 232; and Sue Duncan 616 triple.

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Nicole Conway added 13 points.

The Eagles got to the finals of the tournament by beating Saratoga on Wednesday, Dec. 28, by a score of 40-29. Conway had 14 points, and Zornow scored 12.

"We had just played them and won, so it was harder to get up for the game. But we ended up playing well," Zornow said. The girls faced Saratoga on Dec. 16, and defeated them 50-32.

The Eagles' next few games are against less competitive teams. They play at Mohonasen this Friday (Jan. 6).

"We will now see how good we really are, because with games against weaker teams, it's much harder to get up for them and play our best," said senior co-captain Colleen Doody. "You tend to play to the level of your competitor."

The Eagles improved their league record to 4-0 with a 38-29 win against Niskayuna on Wednesday, Dec. 21, but were not satisfied with their level of play.

"We had to practice hard, run a lot and shoot a lot between the Niskayuna game and the tournament. Our shots just weren't going in against Nisky," said Sherwin, who had a game-high 11 points.

The girls next game is on the road against Mohonasen on Friday, Jan. 6. They return home on Wednesday, Jan. 11, to play Columbia.

Freshman Meade having an impact

By Joshua White

The Voorheesville girls basketball team defeated overmatched Greenville last week 57-20 in a nonleague game.

The Lady Birds jumped out to a 18-3 first quarter lead and didn't look back. After that, Voorheesville went on a 34-1 run over the remainder of the first half to take a 30-point halftime lead, 34-4.

"We played solid defense," said head coach Jack Adams. "Also, we executed our offense well and had good looks at the basket."

The Lady Birds' ferocious first half defense frustrated the Lady Spartans' shot selection. Finding themselves ahead 44-8 at the end of the third quarter, the Lady Birds backed off their full-court press.

Sophomore Becky Dawson and freshman Jane Meade combined for 25 points. Dawson led the Lady

Basketball

Birds with 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Meade poured in 12 points and also added eight steals.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Lady Birds played host to Schalmont. The Lady Sabres used an 11-0 run midway through the fourth quarter and a 6-3 run in overtime to edge the Lady Birds 43-40.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied at 12. The second quarter was nip-and-tuck as well. Baskets were traded and the Lady Sabres led at the intermission 19-18.

The third quarter belonged to the Lady Birds. They took off on a 12-2 run over the first six minutes

of the period.

The Lady Sabres answered with their own fourth quarter run to send the game into overtime. Schalmont's six overtime points proved to be the difference.

"We had a 10-point lead and it turned into a 1-point deficit," said Adams. "In the last six minutes of regulation, we only scored one point. We took good shots but just couldn't convert. It was a game we should have won in regulation."

"We did a lot of good things," said Adams. "The kids did a great job defensively. Our offense is improving but needs to get better."

Meade continued her solid play by scoring 14 points and playing superb defense against Schalmont's star guard Kelly Paolino. Seniors Kristin Dougherty and Jen Person each scored seven points.

Glad expects an improved 2nd half

By Zack Beck

The future looks bright for Bethlehem hockey.

With 10 games to go, coach Tom Glad is confident the team will improve and be more competitive against teams they have been trounced by in the past.

In only its first varsity season, BC has had a tough year although the Eagles did manage a 4-2 win over Troy High and narrowly lost to a tough LaSalle squad. This


year's varsity team includes nine seniors, six juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, BC will skate into the Albany County Hockey Rink with a 1-7 league record and face a tough Saratoga squad.

Bethlehem will have to meet the challenge with a quick offense

led by Joey Castiglione, John Czajka, John Quinlan and captain Brad Mattox.

A hard-hitting defense led by Chris Thorton, Ethan Drake, Mike Esmond, Kevin Gallagher and Greg Hopke will attempt to protect the BC goalmouth. Joel Dzekciorius, Sharif Kabir and Peter Powell will mind the nets.



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SuperValu schedules grand opening Saturday

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville supermarket drought comes to an end Saturday at 8 a.m., as the gift wrap comes off the windows and the new SuperValu on Maple Avenue formally opens.

For almost 11 years, since the Grand Union closed, the village has been without a full-service market.

It's been a hectic six months for Jim and Elaine Nichols, whose vision of running their own supermarket is scant days from reality.

The Nichols family moved to Voorheesville this summer from Sullivan County, where Jim was the general manager of a three-store supermarket chain. He has been working on the project for more than a year, receiving final loan approvals last summer.

The SuperValu organization, a major grocery wholesaler from Keene, N.H., will provide brand-name and IGA-brand groceries for the Voorheesville store, which will be independently owned by the Nichols.

The Voorheesville store has been refurbished inside and out, with new floors, walls and ceiling, as well as new shelves, refriger-

ated cases and electronic check-out system, Jim Nichols said. The parking lot has also been repaved and restriped.

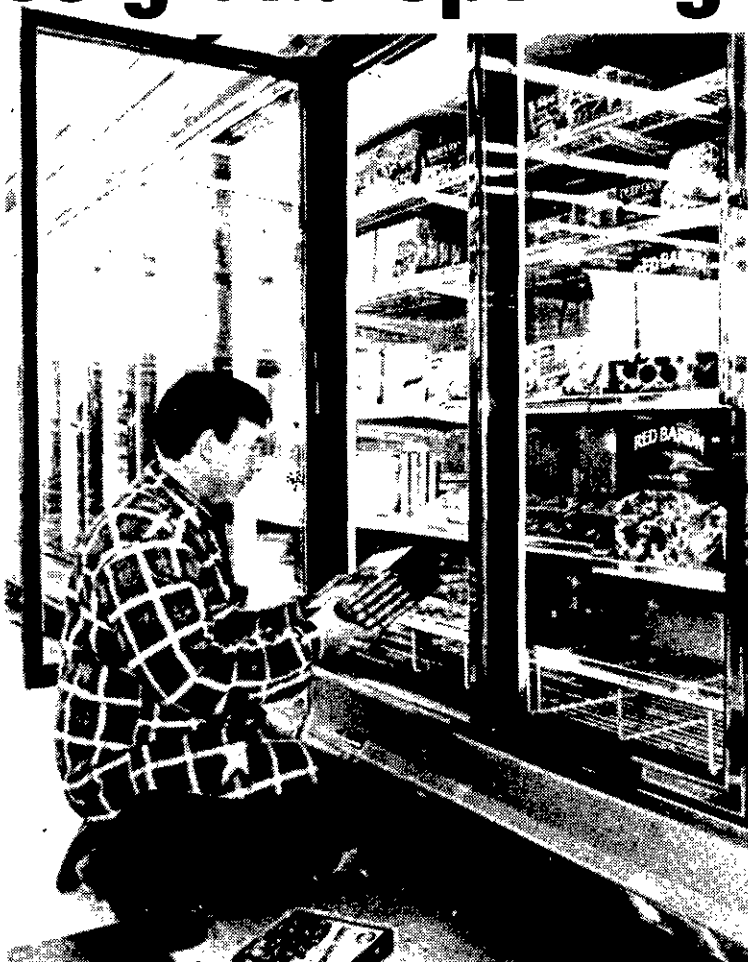
The shelves are all stocked with non-perishables, and deliveries of produce, meat, dairy products and bread will be taking place later this week, he said.

Training of the store's 20 full-time and 50 part-time employees will continue through this week, said Elaine Nichols, a former teacher who will be the store's office, personnel and promotions manager.

Some people, seeing the lights on and cars parked in front, have been coming in to try to buy groceries already, Elaine Nichols said.

Service will be important at SuperValu, Jim Nichols said. "We will stress customer service because I know people don't like to stand in line."

While smaller than the superstores built by local supermarket chains, the Voorheesville SuperValu will offer a complete range of products and services, including fresh produce, seafood, meats, deli and a hot food takeout service, Fresh and Fast at Five, Jim Nichols said.



Brian Robertson stocks frozen pizzas in the new freezers at the Voorheesville SuperValu.
Doug Persons

As much as possible, the store will feature local products, including cider from nearby Indian Ladder Farms, "the best and freshest we can get," he said.

The store's prices will be competitive with the larger supermarkets, Jim Nichols said, and the first SuperValu circular bears that out, with turkeys at 48 cents a pound, milk at \$1.68 a gallon, hard or Genoa salami at \$2.49 a pound, three pounds of bananas for \$1 and broccoli at 99 cents a head.

Part of the grand opening will be a contest for a year of free groceries (\$50 a week's worth), Jim Nichols added.

For Bill Candido of Voorheesville Pharmacy, the supermarket opening is "wonderful for the village. The way I see the Nichols go at it, I expect they'll do well."

Candido had worked on finding a new market for the space back in the mid-1980s, so he was especially pleased that the new supermarket is finally set to open.

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Training for checkout and bagging at the new SuperValu are, from left, Mary Ann Weidman, Brian Tanner, Brian Robertson and Barbara Kennedy.
Doug Persons

1984 closing hit hard

By Dev Tobin

Eleven years ago, the news that Grand Union was closing its Voorheesville market sent "waves of shock and dismay through the village," Lyn Stapf noted in her front-page article in the Jan. 11, 1984 edition of *The Spotlight*.

Stapf's day-by-day account, from Tuesday's appearance of "cash only" signs at the registers to Saturday's bargain hunters facing near-empty shelves, featured several interviews with disheartened shoppers.

The sense of loss was obvious. Store employee and village resident Andrea Stewart's four-word question captured the community's mood, "Isn't it just awful?"

Young mother Tawn Hollick expressed a common sentiment, "I don't care what store goes in there, as long as it's a supermarket."

For Joan Roberts, the convenience of the supermarket on Maple Avenue was paramount.

"The store was never run well, but I did all my shopping here," she said.

In the same vein, an anonymous shopper added, "They have never been competitive in services or commodities, but they

were all we had."

No one looked forward to trekking up to Western Avenue to the nearest supermarket, and village officials convened an *ad hoc* committee to work to bring in another supermarket.

"I just want to keep a viable store in the place," said Village Trustee Dart Reh, who worked with Don Meacham, village attorney, and William Candido, proprietor of the adjacent Voorheesville Pharmacy, on the committee.

Prospects for a new supermarket looked bleak, since Price Chopper (the other major chain in the area) was "definitely not interested." Price Chopper did offer a van service to bring senior citizens to its supermarket at the 20 Mall in Guilderland.

At the time, the chains were going through a modernization phase, building new "superstores" of about 60,000 square feet, about three times the area of the Voorheesville building.

Grand Union still had eight years to go on its lease, so technically it was up to them to find another tenant, noted landlord Robert Wiggand. "I'll do whatever I can to bring in another supermarket."

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That should be a boon to both districts, Webster said, because only a small percentage of the 70 or so volunteers from each district live south of the bypass.

"Each department is essentially doubling its manpower," he said.

The consolidation was prompted in large part by tremendous growth in the area of Bethlehem south of the bypass. When Delmar built the Feura Bush Road substation in 1970, the area was just starting to develop, said Day. With the arrival of subdivisions such as Lauralana Heights, Elm Estates, Colonial Acres and Bicentennial Woods, hundreds of new homes have been built and the population has boomed.

There are plans for several new subdivisions for the area encompassed by the two fire districts, including 195 new single-family homes as part of the proposed Haswell Farms project. A spate of new commercial growth is also predicted for the Glenmont area.

"This is the first agreement of this type in Albany County, and possibly in upstate New York," Webster said. "I've heard of another such arrangement on Long Island where they share facilities, but not manpower."

Volunteers firefighters have traditionally been resistant to change and protective of their turf, Day said. "I don't think anyone else

has really looked at it like we have."

Further down the line, Day and Webster said they hope to hold joint training sessions so that volunteers unable to attend drills or exercises scheduled for their own district can attend sessions conducted by the other district.

Delmar Fire Chief James Kerr and Elsmere Chief Richard Webster agreed that above and beyond saving money, the consolidation would boost morale for volunteers living south of the bypass.

Now that both Elsmere and Delmar have trucks ready and available for the Feura Bush Road area, Webster said, "The guys will be a lot more eager to respond." Before they were "waiting and waiting" for manpower, he said, but now with "both groups of men available, they are getting out a lot more quickly."

"It's part of the pride thing," Kerr said. "A lot of firefighters have that go get 'em attitude. They like to be on the first truck out."

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.

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For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Kids to climb walls on Halfmoon trip

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an afternoon of indoor rock climbing in Halfmoon for eighth-graders on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m.

The trip costs \$7 per child, and parent volunteers are needed. For information, call the town park office at 439-4131.

Pit seeks game donor

Bethlehem Central Middle School's recreational center, the Pit, would appreciate the donation of a useable foosball game. For information, call the school at 439-6885.

Lawyer joins forces with Albany firm

Former Bethlehem Town Justice and Town Attorney Harry B. Rezzemini has merged his Delmar law practice with the Albany law firm of Rosenstein & Bouchard.

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"There has never been a more dedicated public employee," said former Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler. "He would bend over backward and go the extra mile for anyone who didn't understand the system or had difficulties with the process. His one-on-one interaction with people was wonderful."

"He's been a tremendous asset to town government," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "He's a wealth of information, and people, especially senior citizens, have a great deal of trust in him."

Hahn is a perfectionist when it comes to keeping the books, Fuller said. During the past year, for example, he collected more than \$47 million in town, county and school taxes and not a penny went unaccounted for.

Hahn also takes a personal interest in people, which is not all that common in this day and age, she added. "If he sees a change in a person's water bill, he'll call them up and ask if it could be leaky faucet or toilet."

Town Democrats might be cheering Hahn's decision not to run for another four-year term because he has been extremely active in local GOP politics since he first ran for office in November 1963. But the 66-year-old Republican said he plans to remain involved in politics, particularly when it comes to enlisting the support of Conservative Party members for Republicans seeking to run on that line in the general election.

When Hahn first took over the reins the number of tax bills sent out was approximately 5,600. That number has nearly doubled since then with about 11,300 properties listed on the tax rolls for 1993. About \$47 million came into the office last year compared with about \$10 million in revenues recorded for 1964.

"We've seen a lot of growth," Hahn said. "When I started everything was handwritten — the tax rolls and all the bills. The first innovation that really helped out was when the addressograph machine came along."

Over the years, Hahn has had opposition for six of the eight times he's run, but never had a close call. Despite being a staunch Republican, he's also shown himself to be independent-minded, as evidenced by his endorsement of Democrat Bill Burkhard for town board in 1993.

Hahn threw his support behind Burkhard because Republican Town Councilman George Lenhardt, who was running for his first full four-year term, supported the late Charles Fritts during a 1987 Republican primary for receiver of taxes.

That was the only time Hahn faced challenge from within his own party and it harkened back to 1986 when he supported Gary Swan over town GOP chairman Bernard Kaplowitz in a Republican primary for the state Assembly seat vacated by former Assemblyman Larry Lane.

Hahn said he's proud of the efficient manner he's been able to run his office over the years and he credits his staff — both full- and part-time — with helping to achieve a high level of accuracy.

It will be a switch having so much free time on his hands, but besides remaining active in politics, Hahn said he'll pursue his "second love," which is drum and bugle corps music.

"They have a high fatality rate and they require a lot of money to keep going," he said. "I plan to do whatever I can to support them."

Bethlehem Superintendent of Schools Les Loomis said Hahn's commitment and competence will be missed. "Quite a small amount of school taxes go uncollected. The accuracy and thoroughness with which he runs his department has contributed to the extraordinary high level of taxes collected by the district."

CDPHP names woman to sales position

Janet Flanagan of Delmar has been appointed to the position of assistant director of sales for Capital District Physicians' Health Plan.

Previously, Flanagan served as a sales and account manager for Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Albany. She earned her bachelor's degree in history from the University at Albany.

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.

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Jeanne and Blair Johnson

Gorman, Johnson marry

Jeanne Gorman, daughter of Richard and Sheila Gorman of Delmar, and Blair Johnson, son of Richard and Delphine Johnson of Mobile, Ala., were married Oct. 15.

The Rev. James Daley performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with a reception following at Altamont Manor in Altamont.

The matron of honor was Mary Lou Benck, and the best man was Russell Johnson, the

groom's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, SUNY Oswego and American University. She is employed as an analyst by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of the National Capital Area in Washington, D.C..

The groom, a graduate of the University of South Alabama, is employed as a civil engineer by the federal Patent and Trademark Office in Arlington, Va.

After a wedding trip to Ireland, the couple lives in Annapolis, Md.

Delmar man tapped for CDPHP position

Capital District Physicians' Health Plan has announced the promotion of Delmar resident William Cushing to the position of director of marketing.

Cushing has served as assistant director of marketing with CDPHP since June, 1993. Previously, he was an advertising and public relations consultant to CDPHP for nine years. Prior to joining CDPHP, he was an administrative vice president for marketing/public relations with Trustco Bank.

Cushing is president of the Bethlehem Central Community Organization, vice president of the Bethlehem Soccer Club, board member of the Bethlehem Basketball Club and a nationally licensed soccer coach.

CDPHP is a health maintenance organization founded in 1984 and based in Albany. It has over 2,200 locally participating physicians and providers and serves over 165,000 members.

Feura Bush group sets meeting, dance

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Association has slated a meeting and square dance for Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerusalem Reformed Church on Route 32 in Feura Bush.

Capital District professional square dance caller Lon Penna will call the dance.

For information, contact Judith Wing at 439-2948.

Eyres to perform at Eighth Step

Peggy Eyres of Selkirk will introduce her new album in a concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, at The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St. in Albany.

"Earned These Lines," Eyres' latest release, showcases her bluesy songwriting style.

Admission is \$9 and the doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information and reservations, call 434-1703.

Student tapped for honor society

Karen Elizabeth Stornelli of Delmar was recently inducted into the Binghamton University Chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

SUNY Oswego student completes internship

Rebecca Smith of Delmar recently took part in an internship through SUNY Oswego's Experienced-Based Education Program.

Smith interned at Oswego Alumni Association at SUNY Oswego. A senior studying psychology and business at the college, she is the daughter of David and Kathy Smith of Marlboro Road in Delmar.

The program places students

in internships that allow them to earn college credit while gaining real-life experience.

BOU to meet

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-6885.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

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



Heather and Russell Ruckterstuhl

Wolfe, Ruckterstuhl marry

Heather R. Wolfe, daughter of Raymond and Phyllis Wolfe of Slingerlands, and Russell M. Ruckterstuhl, son of Robert and Meryl Ruckterstuhl of Slingerlands, were married June 25.

The Rev. Robert Hess performed the ceremony in Delmar Reformed Church, with a reception following at the Bavarian Chalet in Gunderland.

The matron of honor was Dawn Stewart-Walker, the bride's cousin, and bridesmaids were Tracey Honors, Jennifer O'Connor and Janie Owens.

The best man was Peter Lewis, and ushers were David DeCecco,

Eric Staton and Daniel Owens. The ring bearer was Benjamin Naseby, the bride's cousin.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego. She is employed as a laboratory technician by the American Red Cross in Charlotte, N.C.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and North Carolina State University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer by Southerland Associates in Charlotte.

After a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Islands, the couple lives in Charlotte.



Free hearing screenings at Good Samaritan Snr. Apts.

A short film on the importance of being able to hear and understand by Peter Nichols, board certified in hearing instrument sciences, will be shown at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, in the community room of the Good Samaritan Senior Apartments.

Afterward, Nichols will be available for brief hearing screenings for all those interested.

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Obituaries

Bonnie J. Dekin

Bonnie J. Dekin, 46, of Slingerlands died Saturday, Dec. 31, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Iliion, she graduated from Skidmore College and earned a master's degree from The College of Saint Rose. She was a doctoral student at the University at Albany's school of educational administration and policy studies.

Ms. Dekin was the director of continuing education at the University at Albany school of public health. In the late 1980s, she was the director of education and training with the state Department of Health AIDS Institute and was an associate advocate for the state Office of Advocate for the Disabled.

From 1974 to 1988, she served in various administrative positions at the Center for the Disabled. During her tenure, she served as assistant vice principal, director of day care services, director of

human resources and vice president for educational services.

Ms. Dekin was a member of the Association for the Care of Children's Health, serving as vice president of the Central New York/Capital District Chapter, vice president of the board of directors of the Kids' Club in Voorheesville, a member of the AIDS Advisory Committee, consultant on educational technology for the United Cerebral Palsy Association national office. She was also an adjunct faculty member at Russell Sage College.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Salsberg; a daughter, Haven Battles of Slingerlands; a son, Benjamin Battles of Slingerlands; a stepson, Ian Salsberg of Slingerlands; and two brothers, Timothy Dekin of Chicago and Michael Dekin of New Jersey.

A memorial service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Division of Educational Service, The Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

David W. Haran Jr.

David W. Haran Jr., 50, of Selkirk and formerly of Port Henry, Essex County, died Saturday, Dec. 24, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Rochester, he worked for Cardona Construction of Schenectady as a steelworker.

Survivors include a son, Glen W. Haran of Middlebury, Vt.; his mother, Doris Provoncha of Crown Point, Essex County; three brothers, Glen Haran of Port Henry, Daniel Haran of Crown Point and William Haran of West Berne; five sisters, Patricia Sage of Scottsville, Monroe County, Marilyn Vanderhoof of Port Henry, Carolyn Vanderhoof of Crown Point, Barbara Perry of Minville, Montgomery County, and Pam Jacobs of Denver; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Harland Funeral Home in Port Henry.

A graveside service will be in the spring in Fairview Cemetery in Crown Point.

Thomas S. Stevenson

Thomas S. Stevenson, of Frankfort, Ky., and formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the Bluegrass Regional Medical Center.

Born in Maysville, Ky., he had

lived in the Capital District since 1930, returning to Kentucky in 1992.

He had worked for the Federal Bureau of Public Roads as a civil engineer before retiring in 1964.

Mr. Stevenson was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a captain from 1942 to 1945.

An avid golf and tennis enthusiast, he was the co-founder of the Bethlehem Tennis Association.

He was husband of the late Katherine Bell Stevenson.

Survivors include his wife Florence Anne Stevenson; a son, John H. Stevenson of Lake Placid; and a grandson.

Arrangements were by the Rogers Funeral Home.

Services were from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Burial was in Frankfort Cemetery.

Alice Janz Herber

Alice Janz Herber, 70, of Delmar died Sunday, Jan. 1, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a senior clerk and typist for the Hartford Insurance Co. in Delmar.

Mrs. Herber was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church since 1966 and the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Charles H. Herber Jr.; a daughter, Linda Houly; a granddaughter; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were scheduled for 11

a.m. today, Jan. 3, at the Meyers Funeral Home, 741 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Mountainview Cemetery, Castleton-on-Hudson.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany.

James F. McGraw

James F. McGraw, 80, of Glenmont died Sunday, Jan. 1, at his home.

Born and educated in Albany, he served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

Mr. McGraw was deputy commissioner for the Albany Water Department before he retired after 50 years of service.

He was a volunteer fireman for 38 years. He was a member of the Friday Night Dart League of the Selkirk Fire Department and a member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge.

He was husband of the late Ruth Schilling McGraw.

Survivors include a son, Jerry McGraw of Clifton Park; three daughters, Sandra Westfall of Selkirk, Karen McGraw of Greenwood, Steuben County, and Michelle McGraw of Watervliet; a sister, Edna Shepherd of Albany; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1650 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Gerald VanDerVeer

Gerald R. VanDerVeer Sr., 72, of New Scotland Road in New Salem died Monday, Jan. 2, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Central Bridge Schoharie County, he had lived in New Salem since 1959.

He was employed by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 106 in Albany for 30 years before he retired.

Mr. VanDerVeer was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Jacobson VanDerVeer; two daughters, Margaret Throop of New Salem and Sherry Grippin of Gunderland; a son, Robert VanDerVeer of Voorheesville; two sisters, Luella Patricelli of Albany and Ellen Garrison of Zephrrhills, Fla.; a brother, Ernest Gross of North Canton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Services were private.

IRS announces new phone number

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

— Salvatore Rappoccio —

Salvatore "Sam" Rappoccio, 79, of Albany died Sunday, Jan. 1 on his birthday, in Albany Memorial Hospital.



He was born in Montomurro, Italy, and moved to the United States in 1956.

At the time of his death, he owned and operated Sam's Italian & American Restaurant, 125 Southern Blvd., since 1971.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. James.

Survivors include his wife, Angela Santa Lucia Rappoccio; a son, Paul Rappoccio of Glenmont; two daughters, Carmela Daubney of Glenmont and Caterina Gallo of Lenox, Mass.; two brothers, John Rappoccio of Italy and Vincent Rappoccio of Brazil; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. James. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Arrangements were by the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 8 Dudley Heights.

Contributions may be made to the Northeastern Association of the Blind, 301 Washington Ave., Albany NY 12206.

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Ski happy trails at nearby West Mt.

By Susan Graves

If you're in a New York skiing state of mind, you might want to check out the slopes at West Mountain in Queensbury, a 45-minute drive from Albany.

"There's no need to get up at 6 and rush because we'll start when you get to the mountain," said Jordan Serlin, who works in media relations for West Mountain. And, "We're close," in relation to the Capital District, he added.

West Mountain has also undergone some revisions to make skiing or snowboarding more appealing this year. There is one new trail, the Coy Dog, three new night-skiing trails, new tower-mount snowguns, improved lighting, a state-of-the-art snow groomer and a night lift ticket, Serlin said. About 70 percent of the skiing area of the mountain is lighted for night skiing.

Further, Serlin added, there are all the comforts of home, including town lodges, two cafeterias, a gift shop and ski and snowboard rentals available.

To sweeten the package even more, there are more than 100 instructors, who specialize in all ability levels. Special lesson and lift-ticket combination programs also can make a ski outing easy on the pocketbook.

Special four-week programs include:

- Sunday afternoons, beginning on Jan. 8, include lift privileges from 1:30 to 6 p.m. with a one-hour lesson at 2 p.m. For all ages and abilities, the cost of the program is \$65.

- Friday daytime programs beginning Jan. 6, offer 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. lift access with an hour-and-a-half lesson at 10 a.m. at a cost of \$50.

- Also on Friday nights starting Jan. 6, a program from 7 to 10:30 p.m. with an hour-and-a-half lesson at 7:30 for \$50.

- A Super Senior Program kicks off today, Jan. 4, at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Lift access for the four weeks is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a training session at 10 a.m. The cost for the program is \$55.

Equipment rental for all four-week programs costs \$40.

And if Mother Nature isn't cooperating, West Mountain's new snow grooming machine helps make the man-made powder almost like the real thing, said Serlin. "With granular snow, this is really great at breaking up ice rocks," he said.

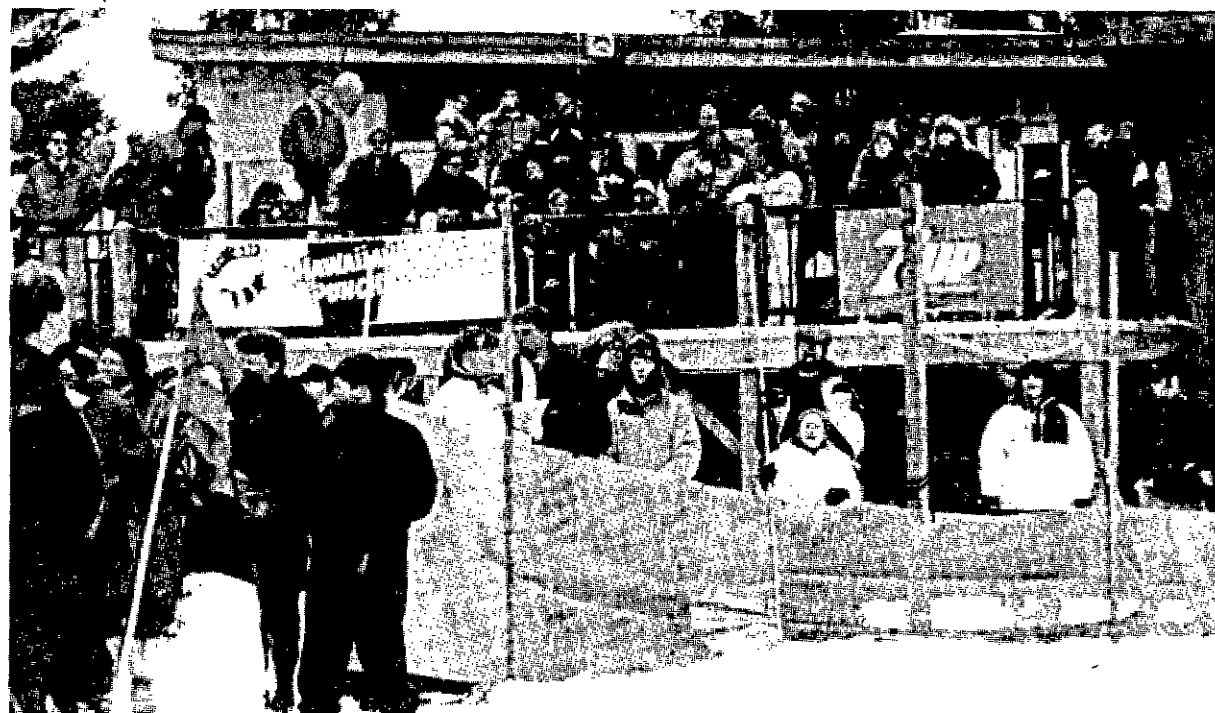
Also new this year is the \$19 night lift ticket available Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 9, West Mountain will host the first in an ongoing hospitality ski party series. The event is open to anyone who works in the hospitality industry, including chefs, kitchen staff, waiters and waitresses, bartenders, receptionists, owners and managers. For \$10, participants



Skiers enjoy the view from one of the trails at West Mountain, while observers enjoy some of the activities at the bottom of the mountain. Many of this year's special programs begin this week.

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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

A Christmas Carol impresses critics in Philly but fails to draw audiences

The production of *A Christmas Carol* which opened Thanksgiving weekend at the Palace Theater in Albany and after 18 performances moved to Philadelphia for 16 additional performances, suffered the same fate in that city as it did in Albany.

The show which played for a second year in Albany, simply didn't draw as well as last season. Overall, it drew fewer people than in 1993.

The producers had hoped that the Philadelphia poor Albany showing. But, it didn't despite getting good reviews.

What originally was announced two years ago as an annual event at the holidays is now destined to be scuttled. The only prospect, given the fact that scenery, properties and costumes are still in the hands of the producers, is a touring show.



Martin P. Kelly

This may be the only route for the show to go. In this way, the show would be booked at theaters throughout the east for the month before Christmas, playing one-nighters or several days' engagements in different cities.

A person close to the production believes that this is the only hope for the producers to salvage the project. Once the show is booked into a theater, then the local theater would be responsible for selling the tickets in that community. The producers would have a guaranteed fee to bring the show into the various cities.

Would Albany be one of those cities? Possibly! But, it would mean that at the Palace Theater in Albany, for instance, the theater's board of trustees, representing the city which owns the building, would have to guarantee the fees for performances and then sell the tickets. It could represent several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The problem for the producers of *A Christmas Carol* is the need to make a decision quickly. Often, bookings at theaters around the country during the holiday season are booked a year ahead of time. At the Palace Theater for example, the Albany Symphony and the Berkshire Ballet Company required December bookings and in many instances, theaters around the country have local shows which they do for Christmas.

In any event, a decision will have to be made during January by the producers of *A Christmas Carol*.

Whatever their decision, most certainly they will not play the musical show in Albany for several weeks. If it comes here at all, it will be as a touring show.

Neil Simon play in rehearsal at ACT for early January opening in Albany

Doug deLisle's staging of Neil Simon's *Fools* is currently in final rehearsals for its opening Friday (January 6) at the Albany Civic Theater.

Described as a comic fable for adults, Simon's comedy played briefly in New York but has become a favorite among regional and community theaters.

DeLisle has newcomers to the company David Girard and Bonnie Brodsky as the leads in the production. Most of the 14-member cast are new to ACT. Only Louise Koenig has appeared previously on the ACT stage.

Some of the actors for the production were brought to the attention of the director by their work in a children's show done by ACT.

Interestingly, *Fools* is one of the reasons Neil Simon is planning to produce his next show, *London Suite*, off-Broadway. The playwright's last three productions on Broadway have been costly to produce and have not pulled in audiences to give them runs such as his earlier works.

He told the Press Club in Washington recently that he thinks the costs to bring a production to Broadway are prohibitive. "You have to charge too much for tickets," he said.

Broadway producers are not happy Simon is taking this stand. They're afraid it will start a trend where only musicals will be done on Broadway and all other shows done off-Broadway.

Right now, there is only one non-musical show on Broadway. *An Inspector Calls*, a British import, has lasted through the season. All other shows are musicals.

It appears Simon has a point.

Tickets and reservations for the ACT production of *Fools* are available at 462-1297.

Around Theaters!

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

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"KEELY AND DU"

drama by Jane Martin, Capital Repertory, Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, 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, 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.

"LILY"

one-woman performance starring Brynna Weiss, Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Sunday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., \$10, \$4 students. Information, 377-9903.

"FOOLS"

comedy by Neil Simon, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Jan. 6 through 22, \$10. Information, 462-1297.

"GREAT WOMEN OF COLOR"

by Cheryl Yvonne Jones, National Black Touring Circuit production, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Jan. 11, 12 and 13, 10 a.m. Jan. 14, 8 p.m. and Jan. 15, 2 p.m., \$15 adults, \$13 senior citizens or students and \$8 children. Information, 274-3256.

FREE PUBLIC TOUR

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m. Information, 382-3884.

"GEMINI"

by Albert Innaurato, Capital Players production, Capital District Psychiatric Center, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, Jan. 6 and 7, 8 p.m., and Jan. 8, 2 p.m., \$8, \$6 senior citizens and students. Information, 373-8237.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER

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

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

PETER MAHIGAN

organ recital, The Cathedral of All Saints, Swan and Eagle streets, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 8, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 436-0543.

PEGGY EYRES

singer, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., \$9. Information, 434-1703.

TONY TRISCHKA

banjo master, The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 434-1703.

ANDY & ANDREA ROTH

Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

EDWARD FLOWERS

classical guitarist, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

CAMBRIDGE BACH ENSEMBLE

Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Sunday, Jan. 8, 3 p.m., \$12, \$6 students. Information, 382-7890.

PHIL FOOTE TRIO

Barnes & Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

DANCE

GARTH FAGAN DANCE COMPANY

Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 7, Information, 473-1845.

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

Guilderland Elementary School, Route 20, Saturday, Jan. 7, 11 p.m., \$6, \$2 children. Information, 765-2815.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

VOLUNTEER NIGHT

for designers, set builders, ushers, and prop people, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., no experience necessary. Information, 462-1297.

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.

LECTURES

SURVEY OF THE HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, Thursday, Jan. 5, 12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

READINGS

KAY HOGAN

local author to sign and read selections from *Bless Me Father* and *Catholic Girls*, Barnes & Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

FILM

"THE SWAN PRINCESS"

animated feature, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Jan. 5, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$2, \$1 children (downstairs), \$3, \$2 children (balcony). Information, 382-1083.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

"AN EVENING OF OLD NORSE TALES AND POETRY"

Spring Hill Waldorf School, 62 York Ave., Saratoga Springs, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. Information, 584-7643.

VISUAL ARTS

"EACH A GLORY BRIGHT: MARY BANNING'S MUSHROOMS"

watercolor reaction exhibit, Albany 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.

"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.

"CHILD BELOVED"

multi-media exhibit on parent-child relationships, Visions Gallery, 40 North Main St., Albany, through Jan. 6. Information, 382-5147.

"IN THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL TRADITION"

Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 31. Information, 482-1984.

"CLOTH AS NARRATIVE"

by Joyce Dushane Bartlett, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, Jan. 10 through Feb. 10. Information, 274-4440.

"PALETTES FOR PALATES — WINTER SHOW"

featuring works by modern masters, realists, impressionists including Picasso, Kent, Katz and Mowry, The Underhill Inn, Route 22, Hillsdale, through March 31. Information, 325-5660.

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Russell Sage College Gallery, Troy, Jan. 11 through Feb. 11. Information, 270-2248.

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**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY**
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ALBANY COUNTY
SAFETY STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN

programed by The Empowerment Project, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Information, 447-3951.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

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

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

CASTA

Capital Area Ski Touring Association, a cross country ski club, to meet at Brunswick Greens Golf Course, Route 7, Troy, 6 to 7 p.m. Information, 489-2275.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC

for those with a concern about a child up to 2 years old, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 456-9071.

SKI TALK

cross-country ski talk on latest equipment, sponsored by the Environmental Clearing House of Schenectady, Freeman's Bridge Sports, 38 Freeman's Bridge Road, Scotia, 9 a.m. Information, 370-4125.

WRITING WORKSHOP

for advanced fiction writers, room 210, Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-8927.

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
JANUARY**
5
ALBANY COUNTY
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

continued Jan. 12, Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 438-2365.

MOMS IN MOTION

pregnancy fitness course, Thursdays, Jan. 5 to 26, Woman's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Cost, \$20. Information, 452-3455.

WATER AEROBICS

class on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Jan. 5 to March 4, The Albany Academy, 135 Academy Road, Albany, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. Saturdays. Cost, \$25 for eight classes, \$45 for 16 classes and \$55 for 21 classes. Information, 465-1461.

AEROBIC SWIM TRAINING

Tuesdays and Thursdays Jan. 5 to March 2, The Albany Academy, 135 Academy Road, Albany, 6 to 7 p.m. Cost, \$25 for eight classes and \$45 for 16 classes. Information, 465-1461.

INFORMATION SESSION

semi-annual Russell Sage Graduate School Information session, Sage Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 270-6878.

SHARE

support group for people who have experienced an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth or death of an infant shortly after birth, board room of St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

MEN'S RETIREMENT GROUP

for men 55 to 70, meets weekly for 12 weeks beginning Jan. 5, offered by Jewish Family Services, facilitated by Joseph Adelman, Ph.D., 930 Madison Ave., Albany. Information, 482-8856.

THE QUEST

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

SENIOR CHORALE

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

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

introductory survey of the history of photography, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, 12:10 to 12:55 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

**FRIDAY
JANUARY**
6
ALBANY COUNTY
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Torah discussion on "Let my people go," B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

INFORMATION SESSION

for Empire State College's independent study programs for adult students, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

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

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY
FAMILY SERVICE AND POTLUCK DINNER

Congregation B'Nai Shalom, 167 Third St., Troy, 6:30 p.m. Information, 272-8872.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY**
7
ALBANY COUNTY
REGISTRATION DEADLINE

for Jan. 28 State University of New York at Stony Brook Freshman Scholarship Examination to be held at the Albany Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 516-632-9027.

SWIM LESSONS

Saturdays, Jan. 7 to March 4, The Albany Academy, 135 Academy Road, Albany, American Red Cross lessons 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., adult lessons 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., pre-competitive lessons 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 465-1461.

BRAINWAVE

weekly enrichment program Jan. 7 to Feb. 4 for children in kindergarten through 10th grade, fun and educational programs offered, University at Albany Uptown campus, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost, \$55 for one course, \$65 for two. Information, 783-0185.

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

walk-in clinic given by the Albany County Department of Health, Guilderland Community Center, 2021 Western Ave., Guilderland, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 447-4602.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY**
8
ALBANY COUNTY
INFANT AND CHILD CPR COURSE

American Heart Association-approved course, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 1 to 5 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 452-3455.

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.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
SISTERHOOD MEETING

Berith Shalom Sisterhood, Congregation Berith Shalom, 167 Third St., Troy, 2 p.m. Information, 272-8872.

**MONDAY
JANUARY**
9
ALBANY COUNTY
HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

Adults In Dialogue Supporting One Another, Jewish Family Services, 930 Madison Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 482-8856.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM

led by Peggy Furlong-Malay, R.N., St. Peter's Hospital Family Life Information Center, 632 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 458-2644.

SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

to meet for a luncheon and program, Sergeant Paul Huslander, commander of the community division of the Albany Police Department, to speak, 22 Clinton Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 463-6678.

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

continued Jan. 10, Troy High School, 1950 Burdett Ave., Troy, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 271-5392.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
ALL ABOUT INFANTS

parenting class continued Jan. 16, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 346-9410.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**TUESDAY
JANUARY**
10
ALBANY COUNTY
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSION

College of Saint Rose Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5150.

WOMEN'S DEFENSE PROGRAM

"Women: Talk Your Way Out of an Attack," offered by The Empowerment Project, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Information, 447-3951.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Teresian House, Washington Avenue Extension, 4 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

TRUE FRIENDS

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

BINGO

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

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

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

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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
MORE ABOUT BREAST-FEEDING

Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 10 a.m. to noon. Information, 346-9410.

REFRESHER LAMAZE

for couples who have attended Lamaze classes in a previous pregnancy, continued Jan. 17, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$45. Information, 346-9410.

SKI-TRIP

cross-country skiing sponsored by the Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady, Schenectady Municipal Golf Course, Golf Road, Schenectady, 9 a.m. Information, 370-4125.

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY**
11
ALBANY COUNTY
INFORMATION SESSION

on the graduate program of the Empire State College, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., 5 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 4**

BETHLEHEM BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

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.

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

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

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

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
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.

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

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

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

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 5**

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

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

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.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS
4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7 to 8 p.m.

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.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 7**

BETHLEHEM

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP
"Tales of the Mother Archetype," led by Marni Schwartz, The Story Studio, 101 Cherry Ave., \$50. Information, 475-9482.

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

SUPERVALU GRAND OPENING
new supermarket in Voorheesville, 5 Maple Road, 8 a.m.

LIFESTORIES WRITING GROUP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 8**

BETHLEHEM

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP
for people caring for frail or elderly relatives, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 3 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

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.

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.

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
worship service and Sunday school, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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 9**

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.

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

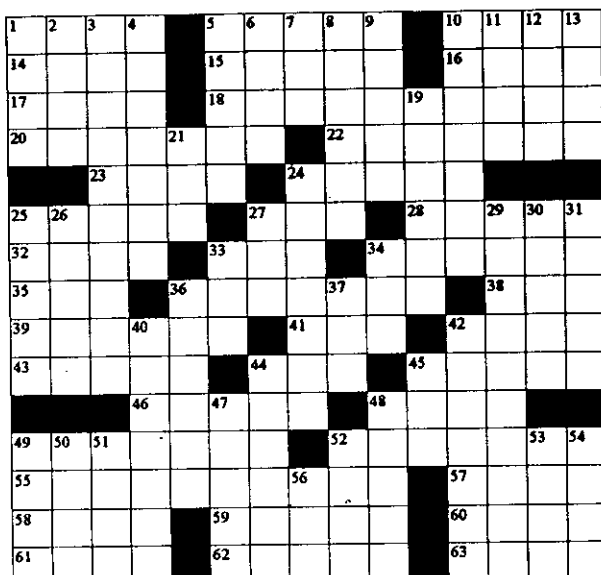
SUNSHINE SENIORS
covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

Weekly Crossword

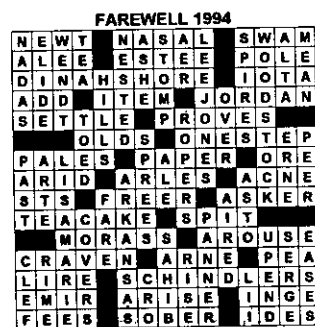
" Ports of Call "

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- Hats
 - Nomadic people
 - Pro
 - Plenty; 2 wds
 - Cavalry sword
 - Arabian prince
 - Father
 - Louisiana city
 - Confirms
 - Maize
 - Eye part
 - Suit material
 - Ice
 - Hot dog holder
 - Subsequent
 - Skin
 - Congressional V.I.P.
 - Plant the seedlings again
 - Bird prefix
 - Boston, e.g.
 - Mr. Parseghian
 - Obeys
 - Connecting words
 - Cut short
 - Lawn tool
 - Arid
 - Bomb parts
 - Legal
 - Robin Williams role
 - Comes into view
 - Laguardia for one
 - Comfortably stout condition
 - Tune
 - Gen. Robert
 - Deserve
 - Halt
 - Absorbs
 - Oglers
 - Concordes



- DOWN**
- House in Madrid
 - Landed
 - Disbursing
 - Navigated
 - Aides
 - Cheerleaders' words
 - Abbreviated abbreviation
 - German city
 - Cut
 - Stitch once again
 - Here:Fr.
 - Car need
 - Carney & Garfunkel
 - Baby eagle
 - Fam. member
 - Brace
 - Picture need
 - Furious
 - Ms. Arthur
 - Conveys
 - Uncanny
 - Harvests
 - Precedes dog or hot
 - Railroads:Abbr.
 - Precedes killer or number
 - Containing minerals?
 - Cancels
 - Outshine
 - Film producer Walt
 - Distant
 - Wicked act
 - Central ideas
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 - Precedes pony or shirt
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 - Saudi Arabian region
 - Donnybrook
 - Bugle call
 - Poet's before



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

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excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

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**TOWN BOARD**

town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A. Information, 765-3313.

PESTICIDE TRAINING COURSE

pesticide certification and training course, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

INTERN PROGRAM

with James Milstein of the Albany County Public Defender's Office, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-3500.

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY
JANUARY 10

BETHLEHEM**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.

NEW SCOTLAND**NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS**

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

PLANNING BOARD

town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

CREATIVITY WORKSHOP

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 11

BETHLEHEM**TOWN BOARD**

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

BC LONG-RANGE PLANNING

district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

WELCOME WAGON

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

RED MEN

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

SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND**ZONING LAW REVISION COMMITTEE**

town hall, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4072.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

SQUARE DANCE

sponsored by the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2948.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

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.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 12

BETHLEHEM**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185

404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Amendment to Paragraph (a) Sub-division 3 of Section 467 of the Real Property Law in the Large Group Instruction Room in the Music Wing located in the Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A, Voorheesville, New York at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 1995. This amendment would exempt property owners of Voorheesville Central School District who are at least 65 years of age from taxation on a sliding scale as follows:

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biological inventory of the property, he said.

The county land trust will closely monitor public use of the preserve, looking out for timber thieves, beer parties and illegal camping.

"If it becomes a problem, we may have to limit use to guided walks," King said.

The Holts first contacted the Nature Conservancy, the pioneer national land trust organization that concentrates its efforts on endangered species and habitats. The property did not fit the Nature Conservancy's criteria, so the Holts were referred to the fledgling county land trust, King said.

"They could have had houses on the property with spectacular

views, but that's not what they wanted," King added.

The Albany County Land Conservancy is a non-profit land trust founded in 1992 to protect open space in the county through conservation easements (permanent development restrictions) and voluntary donations. The Holt property is its first donation, and the group is also working on its first easement, King said.

Land trusts based on the Nature Conservancy model have grown in recent years, as federal and state funds for land acquisition and preservation have become limited, he said.

"Land preservation is just one of the many demands on government," King said. "Government agencies are aware they can't do it all."

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1985, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- After three terms in office, Bethlehem Supervisor **Thomas Corrigan** announced that he would not run for re-election.

- Bethlehem Planning Board Chairman **Charles Redmond** announced his resignation. **Redmond** had served for 24 years on the board.

- A major revision of the Bethlehem zoning code, limiting certain business uses along Delaware Avenue, was approved by the town board.

- **William Wright** of Delmar was elected president of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Other officers with local connections were **George Mears** of North Bethlehem, first vice president; **William James** of North Bethlehem, treasurer; **George Bloodgood** of Selkirk, chaplain; and **Frank DeCere** of North Bethlehem, sergeant-at-arms.

- In a game marked by poor shooting on both sides, Voorheesville defeated Bethlehem 47-33 in the semifinal of the Helderberg Tournament. **Brett Hotaling**, with 17 points and 14 rebounds, and **Brian Rubini**, with 11 points and nine assists, led the Blackbirds.

Good neighbors



Members of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association accept a check for \$1,000 from general manager of the Selkirk Cogen Plant Dennis Snyder, fourth from left. Association members, from left, are Dick Waugh, Judith Wing, John Loucks, Pat Black and Cliff Nooney.

Delmar woman tapped for business post

Victoria Ryan of Delmar has been appointed business development coordinator for the Coltin Group of Burnt Hills, which develops and markets systems for the recycled pulp industry.

Ryan comes to Coltin from the office of former Albany County Executive Michael Holblock, where she served as an economic policy analyst. Holblock was

elected to the state Senate in November, and the Albany County Legislature recently appointed Michael Breslin to take his place as county executive.

With the county, Ryan worked on building a coordinated economic development alliance with the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, developing and publishing marketing

materials to attract new industry to the county, and improving hotel room tax collection.

At Coltin, Ryan will develop and implement a grants service program for the pulp and paper industry, in addition to public relations, marketing and project administration duties.

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