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Fred Webster won't seek re-election

News likely good for Dems

By Mel Hyman

Town Councilman Fred Webster does not plan to seek re-election this November.

For Bethlehem Democrats, that has to be good news. Webster is the kind of candidate nobody likes to go up against. He's mild-mannered, energetic and extremely personable.

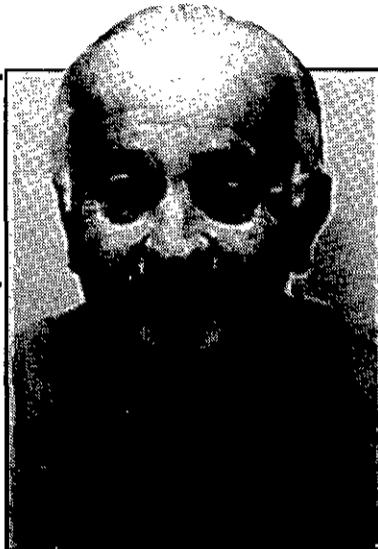
He easily won races in 1987 and 1991, and it's hard to believe that he wouldn't win again. But since he doesn't fit the conventional mold for a politician, Webster doesn't see his seat on the town board as a lifetime pursuit.

"It's someone else's turn," he said. "I've been around awhile and have done my thing. I'm sure there are plenty of other people, from segments of the population I'm not even familiar with, who would like a chance to become involved.

"I'm imposing my own sort of term

*I'm imposing
my own sort of
term limitation.*

Fred Webster



limitation," he quipped.

Webster, 67, was appointed to the town board in 1987 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former councilman Scott Prothero, who stepped down because he was leaving the area.

A lot has happened in the past nine years, and Webster expects that Bethlehem will continue to be a hotbed of

activity in the years to come.

It's no longer a sleepy little suburban town, he said, and finding the right mix of commercial and residential development will remain a challenge.

On 1995, the last year of his current four-year term, Webster said, "We'll still continue to wrestle with the problem of another super-market. I hope we'll see some progress on that this year that will follow

the guidelines of LUMAC (the town master plan)."

Since settling in Bethlehem some 35 years ago, Webster has been as civic-minded as one could imagine. He was a Little League coach for seven years, president of the Bethlehem Babe Ruth league for two years and chairman of Boy Scout Troop 58 for five years.

For the past 15 years, Webster has been chairman of the Elsmere Board of Fire Commissioners. From 1971 to 1974

□ WEBSTER/page 14

Top 10 town salaries fall in \$50k plus range

Five town employees will be making more than \$60,000 this year as a result of appointments made during the Bethlehem Town Board's annual reorganizational meeting last week.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller will earn \$63,475, although she will not be the highest paid public official in town. Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor's salary is pegged at \$69,648.

Town Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph's salary was set at \$60,802 and Police Chief Richard LaChappelle will earn \$60,090 for 1995.

Eight other town employees will make more than \$50,000 this year, including Comptroller Judy Kehoe (who will earn \$54,073), Director of Management Services Jeffrey Dammeyer (\$52,128), Police Lt. Frederick Holligan (\$53,842), Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt (\$53,842) and Police Lt. Colin Clark (\$53,342).

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Dr. Drew recalls 40 years of practice in Delmar

By Susan Graves

When Dr. Roger Drew began practicing medicine, office visits were \$1, house calls were \$2 and delivering a baby was a whopping \$25.

Today, at 81, Drew is retiring from his Delmar practice, despite the objections of his staff and patients.

"This is very hard for us," said practice Manager Anne Cooke. "I feel very privileged to have worked with this man who has helped me grow professionally and personally."

Cooke, who has worked with Dr. Drew at the medical complex on 785 Delaware Ave. in Delmar since 1968, said many patients find it hard to accept the doctor's decision to retire. "They say, 'He can't retire,'" she said.

Dr. Drew, a native of Lowell, Mass., began his career in the late 1930s in Nebraska. "I graduated from high school in

the midst of the Depression, and there was not enough money to go to college," he said.

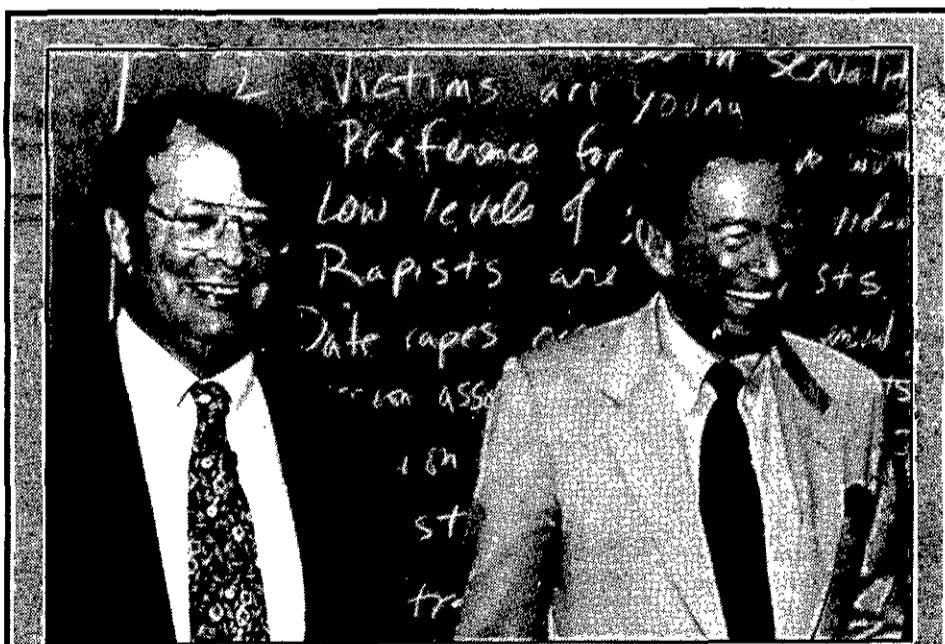
Higher education in the East was cost



Dr. Roger Drew

prohibitive — \$300 vs. Mid-Western schools' \$75 a semester — so Drew decided to join his older brother, who was attending school in Nebraska. Drew started in a pre-med program at Nebraska

□ DREW/page 24



Richard Felson shares a light moment with Mike Wallace of 60 Minutes.

U-Albany professor tapped for 60 Minutes segment

By Susan Graves

Delmar resident Richard Felson played host to 60 Minutes reporter Mike Wallace recently.

Felson, a University at Albany professor of sociology, and co-author of a new book, *Violence, Aggression and Coercive Actions*, might find himself the protagonist in the celebrated TV news program.

In their book, Felson and co-author James Tedeschi, a psychologist, contradict the prevailing theory about the motivation behind rape. When the book was reviewed in *Insight* in the News, 60 Minutes decided it was fodder for an upcoming segment. Wallace evidently read the review and wanted to investigate the premise of Felson's argument on a 60 Minutes segment.

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V'ville planners grapple with subdivisions Police: No solid leads on Bethlehem assaults

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville Planning Commission is close to a consensus on how to deal with two controversial major subdivisions after hashing it out in two informal workshop sessions.

Both Claremont Estates and Eric King's subdivision were the subject of lengthy public hearings at the commission's recent meeting.

For Claremont Estates, a 35-lot subdivision proposed by Catherine Froman off Route 156 that is close to final approval, commission members were generally skeptical of the plan to deed four

small parcels near Route 156 to a homeowners association.

The parcels, which are too small to be building lots, could be deeded over to the village at the same time that the subdivision's road is dedicated to the village, said commission Chairwoman Katherine Scharl.

Commission members agreed that the best solution eventually would be for abutting property-owners to take over and then maintain the parcels.

"The idea of a homeowners association is grasping at straws, but the village board would have to agree to take these parcels,"

said board attorney Don Meacham.

Commission member William Reitz said it is unlikely that a homeowners association would maintain the parcels "in perpetuity if there is no real use of the land for the homeowners."

Since Froman cannot develop the parcels, they are "headed for a tax foreclosure sale" if a transfer of ownership cannot be worked out, Meacham added.

The commission informally decided to ask the village board if it would agree to temporarily take title to the parcels while working to eventually turn them over to the abutting property-owners.

The commission also decided to require that Froman put \$47,000 in escrow for the top asphalt coat of the road, which will be applied after she deeds the road to the village and after most of the houses are built.

On the other development, King's plans for his property between Swift and Crow Ridge roads, the commission informally decided that the development should be considered as a major subdivision, and not as a series of minor subdivisions.

"We want a final resolution of this entire parcel, not this piecemeal approach," said commission member Kevin Gerrity.

"If we let Eric King do it piecemeal in the past, that's our fault. But now we are saying, 'Stop, we need to know more,'" Reitz said. "We were nice guys, but nice guys finish last."

Neighbors expressed concerns over drainage problems on King's property at the public hearing.

By Mel Hyman

Months of investigative work have failed to produce any solid leads in the two cases where single women were allegedly assaulted in their Bethlehem homes last year.

Bethlehem Police Det. John Cox said, "We have no solid leads at this point in time. ... Everybody in the office is still working on it, just not eight hours a day like we were."

The most recent incident took place on Saturday, Oct. 15, between the hours of 12:10 and 5:20 a.m. A woman living alone on Clermont Drive in Elsmere was allegedly assaulted by a man who entered her house unlawfully. There were no signs of a forced entry, and nothing was stolen.

The woman apparently accosted the intruder, was struck on the face and pushed onto a sofa where she fell unconscious.

The woman was treated at St. Peter's Hospital for facial contusions.

Laboratory tests have failed to determine whether the victim was sexually assaulted or not, Cox said. The victim initially reported that while she was unconscious on the couch, she was sexually assaulted.

The incident is being treated as a burglary/assault. Nothing was reported stolen from the residence.

Earlier in the year, on Sunday, April 3, at about 3 a.m., a 31-year-old woman living on Hunter Road was accosted in her bedroom by an intruder who gained entry by breaking a window in the basement, police said.

The woman said she struggled with the intruder who allegedly tried to climb on top of her, but then retreated. "She thought he had left so she got up to turn on the bedroom light and saw him in the hallway," said Police Lt. Frederick Holligan at the time.

But the attacker apparently re-entered the bedroom, pushed the woman down and exited through a rear door. The victim incurred facial bruises, police said.

Lab tests sent to the State Police failed to confirm that a rape occurred as the victim had originally thought possible. Nothing was reported stolen from the residence, and it is also being treated as a burglary/assault.

In the first instance, the victim provided police with a description of her attacker, although Cox said that "the description she gave us could probably fit 15 million people."

There are certain similarities between the two incidents, Cox added, but thus far police have "been unable to tie anything together."

While there is no reason to believe that a serial rapist is at large in the community — last year's incidents were first of that type reported in several years — it would still be wise not to leave windows or doors unlocked and when someone does hear a suspicious noise, call police and don't confront the situation head-on by yourself, Cox said.

"It's obvious" the perpetrator becomes violent when confronted, he said.

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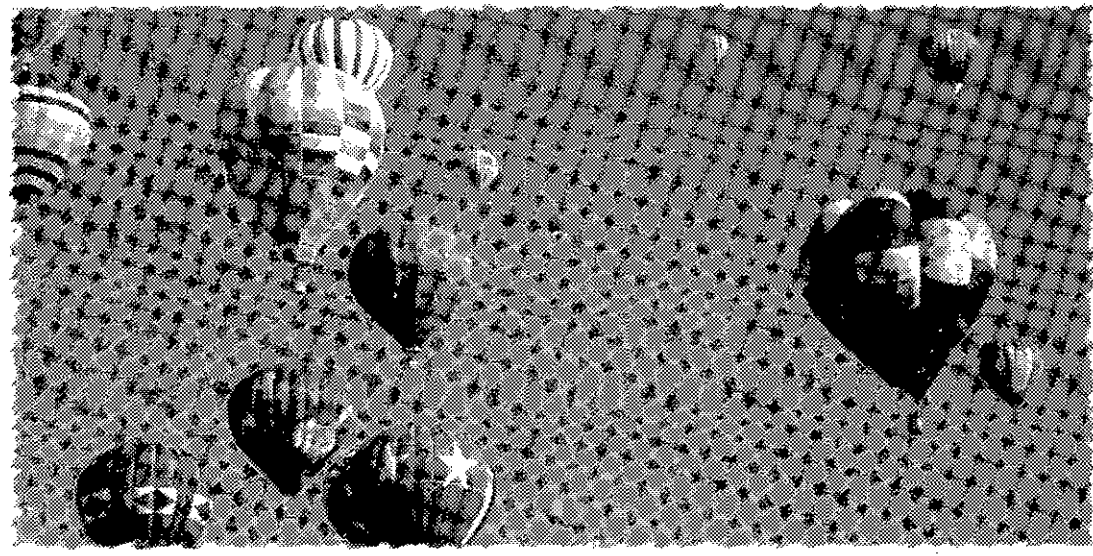
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Farmers protest new NS zoning

By Dev Tobin

Farmers in New Scotland are hopping mad over a proposal that would at least double lot size minimums in most of the town, and they let the town board know about it.

The occasion was a public hearing last week to consider extending a six-month moratorium on commercial and large residential development for another 90 days, to give the town board time to review proposed zoning law changes.

The amendments were unanimously approved by the zoning law review committee, which has been working over the past six months to codify recommendations in the town's update comprehensive land use plan (or master plan).

"Now, all of a sudden, the town will dictate what our retirement will be, and I don't think that's right," said dairy farmer Charles Van Wie Jr. of Clarksville.

"The landowners involved are very much concerned with what will happen concerning the sliding scale," said Karen Moreau, whose family owns several farms in town.

A central part of the proposed zoning changes is a density sliding scale for residential development of large parcels in the RA zone, which comprises most of the town.

The new proposal calls for allowing 10 lots in the first 20 acres, then one lot for every three acres over 20. Under current law, the RA zone allows one-acre minimum lot sizes.

Building Inspector Paul Cantlin, who served on the zoning law review committee, said that the proposed sliding scale is not the last word on density in the RA zone.

The proposed new zoning law would allow cluster and planned unit development that permits greater densities in the context of an overall plan to preserve some open space, Cantlin said.

"If farmers read the document with an open mind, I believe they will see that their concerns have been answered," he said.

The board approved the 90-day extension by a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Edward Donohue objecting to any delay in consideration of "controlled growth, especially of small business."

While last week's public hearing concerned just the extension, the board decided to hold a public information meeting on the proposed changes on Monday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. at town hall.



Jordan Nichols and Tyler Nichols, sons of SuperValu proprietors Jim and Elaine Nichols, provide service with a smile at Friday's preview party. *Dev Tobin*

Shoppers salute new supermarket

By Dev Tobin

Eleven years of pent-up demand for another local supermarket in Voorheesville was relieved Saturday, as shoppers stormed the new SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

By the afternoon, check-out lines stretched to the back of the store, keeping all six cashiers and six to 12 baggers busy.

"It's really fantastic; the whole town seemed to turn out," said an exuberant Jim Nichols, whose dream of owning his own supermarket coincided with a community's intense desire to see another market in the space vacated by Grand Union in 1984.

In a random survey Saturday, shoppers were uniformly enthusiastic about the new store.

"I love it. It's just as good if not better" than the old Grand Union, said Wilma Mosley of Voorheesville. "I'll come here from now on, unless the prices go higher."

The store is obviously more convenient for local residents (the nearest supermarket, Price Chopper in the 20 Mall, is more than three miles away from the village), and the prices also bear up well in comparison with Price Chopper, several shoppers reported.

"It's very convenient, and the prices are in line with, or slightly below, Price Chopper's," said Lori Morse of Voorheesville, adding that one brand of scup was priced substantially lower "and it's not a sale item."

Sarita Winchell, who pinches pennies by day as treasurer for the Voorheesville Central School District, also commented favorably on the new market's prices.

"The prices are definitely competitive, and the store is clean, well-stocked and convenient for people on a tight schedule," Winchell said.

"This is the place I'll be shopping," said Tim Albright of

Voorheesville, adding the crowds showed that "The community needs a market here."

Village Public Works Superintendent Bill Hotaling said that his plans to pick up a few items quickly went awry.

"You have to add about 45 minutes to your shopping because you see everybody you know," Hotaling said.

Former Voorheesville residents Sal and Rose Tassone drove over from Altamont and had filled a cart with groceries before 9 a.m.

"We plan to do a majority of our shopping here," said Sal Tassone. "We've been waiting for a long time."

The new store was drawing other shoppers from outside the village on its first day.

"The set-up is nice and the prices aren't bad," said Pat Porter of Westerlo. "And it's a lot closer than the city."

Hearing set on zoning law

By Dev Tobin

Proposed revisions to New Scotland's zoning law will be the subject of a formal public hearing on Monday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m., the town board decided at Monday's meeting.

The public hearing will follow the board's regular meeting, which will begin at 6:30 instead of 7 p.m.

The controversial revisions, which would substantially increase minimum lot sizes in most of the town, are the culmination of years of work on a master plan update and six months of work by the zoning law committee to turn

master plan recommendations into proposed changes in the zoning law. (See related story above.)

The town board has the final say on any zoning law amendments, and will likely vote on the amendments after the Feb. 13 public hearing, which is required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

With a public information meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m., board members were concerned that there be enough time to consider changes to the proposed zoning law and map before a public hearing on the final draft is held.

Supervisor Herb Reilly said he had "at least half a dozen items that need to be addressed. I couldn't approve it as it exists today."

Councilwoman Victoria Ramundo, who chaired the zoning law committee, said that committee members would brief the board "point by point" on the recommended revisions.

That briefing will lead off the Feb. 6 public information meeting, according to Councilman Scott Houghtaling, another committee member.

Copies of the recommended zoning law revisions, and the proposed new zoning map, are available for inspection at town hall.

BC to test bus drivers for drugs/alcohol

By Dev Tobin

Half the school bus drivers at Bethlehem Central School District will be randomly tested for drug and alcohol use, according to a policy adopted by the BC school board at last week's meeting.

The testing is an unfunded federal mandate expected to cost about \$8,000 this year, said Franz Zwicklbauer, BC's assistant superintendent for business. The district employs 65 bus drivers.

District officials still need to meet with union representatives to iron out details of the testing program, especially the impact of a positive result within the context of state civil service regulations and the local collective bargaining agreement. But Zwicklbauer emphasized, "We will test" in compliance with the federal law.

Aside from the 50 percent random test requirement, drivers can also be tested if there is "reasonable suspicion" of drug and/or alcohol use, he said.

The blood alcohol content that will trigger a positive result is set at .02 percent (a level caused by consuming one drink) by the federal law, he added.

The district will contract with the state Association for Pupil Transportation to do the testing and maintain the paperwork, which will help ensure confidentiality, Zwicklbauer noted. The testing will be conducted at the association's Guilderland office.

The blood alcohol content that will trigger a positive result is .02 percent (a level caused by consuming one drink).

In the event of a positive test, the driver would be evaluated by a substance abuse professional and have to complete the treatment recommended. The driver would be suspended, and then retested before returning to duty, Zwicklbauer said.

Drivers who test positive will have the right to appeal the result to Superintendent Leslie Loomis, he added.

In addition, any driver who tests positive may face unspecified civil

and criminal penalties imposed by the federal Department of Transportation, he said.

Zwicklbauer said that, with the exception of one case in the early 1980s, BC has had "no complaints" about bus drivers drinking on the job and/or using drugs.

In other business, the board recognized Glenmont Elementary School Principal Don Robillard for his participation last year in the first Fulbright principal exchange.

In the spring of 1994, Robillard spent six weeks at a British middle school whose principal, Chris Thatcher, had come over to Glenmont for six weeks in the fall of 1993.

Robillard called the exchange and a five-day retreat in the 1960s to study open education the two highlights of his teaching and administrative career.

Loomis commented that Robillard was "excellent at promoting innovation, year in and year out" at Glenmont.

Robillard and Glenmont Elementary each received plaques from the United States Information Agency commending their participation in the exchange.

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Art group framed as good Samaritans

By Susan Graves

Seventeen members of The Bethlehem Art Association painted up a storm recently to help brighten up the Women's Unit of E-5 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

The Design for Healing project, organized by the Junior League of Albany, was a joint effort of volunteers, who gave of their time, talents and money to redecorate and uplift the cancer unit.

A total of 25 paintings from association members were donated to brighten the hallways and rooms in the unit, said Jean Eaton, art association president. "Because of the fantastic turnout (by Bethlehem artists), they put a plaque on one of the doors" recognizing the contribution, she said.

Eaton said the association, who currently has 82 members, is dedicated to working with the community.

The art association was formed in 1966 by the late Ed Becker, whose daughter donated one of the paintings for the hospital renovation, said art association member Ray Decker.

Connie Elliott of the association said the works in the hospital have helped to give an anchor to the patients.

Art association members who contributed to the hospital healing project include: Jean Eaton, Robert Alft, Robert Andersen, Amelia Andersen, Edwin Becker, Rita Buttiker, Constance Elliott,



Eveline Ward-Sells, of the Junior League of Albany; E'sie Whiting, Albany Medical Center patient care service director; Jean Eaton, Bethlehem Art Association president; and association members Connie Elliott and Ray Decker at the E-5 Women's Unit at the hospital.

Theresa Barrowman

Linda Jordan Bunzey, Joan Krathaus, Mary Ellen Kiernan, M. Carol Krause, Charles Schade, Fumiko Shido, Lilly Szell, Ann Warren, Eve Wasser, Barbara Wooster and Raymond Decker.

The art association's next

meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

Dillard Parker will give a demonstration of the air brush technique. A relatively new concept,

the air brush can be used on T-shirts, license plates, photos, glass and etchings. The public is welcome.

Preceding the regular meeting, there will be a short business meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Park still has openings in programs

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in many recreation programs this winter. Included are adult aerobic classes for all ability levels, youth swim classes, badminton, adult lap swimming and more.

T'ai Chi the Chinese art of meditation in motion is a new course for senior citizens this year. This exercise class combines movement, meditation and relaxation while improving balance and flexibility. The class is set for Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 23.

Pre-registration is required by phone, mail or in person between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Participants must be residents of the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

For information call 439-4131.

Local woman to present slide show

Dr. Melita Gesche of Slingerlands will present a video and slide presentation on a cruise she took on a Russian icebreaker from Spitzbergen, breaking ice off the Siberian Coast to the Bering Strait last summer.

The program will be shown on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the William K. Sanford Library on 629 Albany Shaker Road in Colonie.

Gesche, retired from the state Health Department, has traveled on all continents and is a member of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society of America. The society is sponsoring the free program that is open to the public.

Clearwater to meet for info session

Clearwater for Bethlehem is planning an information session on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. in the board room at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Three speakers will discuss "The Hudson River, Waterford and G.E."

For information, call 439-7573.

Winter blues to be topic of discussion

Dr. Denise McCarthy of the Center for Cognitive Therapy in Albany will discuss "The Winter Blues: How to Cope with Seasonal Affective Disorder" at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

McCarthy will discuss the symptoms, causes, effects and treatments of Seasonal Affective Disorder, the depression experienced during winter.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

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V'ville asks AG to clarify sex offender policy

By Martin P. Kelly

Communications in various forms consumed most of the discussion at the Voorheesville School District board meeting on Monday.

School Superintendent Alan McCartney was asked to elaborate on a policy statement under review concerning notification of release of sex offenders in a community by the state Division of

provide the school with a description of the offense for which the offender was convicted and the modus operandi of the parolee.

McCartney said the under the Freedom of Information Law, he would be required to provide the name, picture and prior crime to any parent who requested it. "I would not be permitted to give the work place address or phone number to anyone who requested it," he said.

as a result of receiving this type of information. Action on a policy statement will be deferred until an answer is received.

The board members criticized the parole board for placing such a responsibility on the schools even though state authorities throughout the county have been equally criticized in the past for not letting a community know a paroled sex offender was released.

Early in the meeting McCartney explained the district's current working arrangement with Cablevision, the company with the cable television franchise that provides cable hookups between school buildings.

McCartney said Cablevision is wiring both the elementary school building and the high school so students will be able to broadcast from the high school to the elementary school.

This is part of a program Cablevision has agreed to provide as community access to television broadcasts. The holdup now is the need for NYNEX to install a cable box to permit the proper transmission between schools.

"It is expected that NYNEX will have this done by February," McCartney said. "Cablevision is expected to complete installation of a broadcast studio in the high school by October at the latest. It will provide a great incentive for students to use this new technology and to permit teachers greater opportunity for broader explanation of subject matter."

It was also suggested that it will

be possible for future board meetings to be broadcast to the public over the cable access channel.

The television wiring is being done in conjunction with the networking of the district's almost 200 computer stations, McCartney said. "We want to make it possible for all students to learn word processing as soon as possible for their written assignments," he said.

"It will mean that all students will have greater access to information, particularly when we link up with our libraries."

McCartney said the computer networking will also speed up reports from the guidance and business offices. He said plans are under way to upgrade software and purchase additional hardware over the next three years.

He said he will also take his own study and merge it with a study conducted by board vice president Steven Schreiber who heads the board's technical committee. Schreiber said, however, he wants to be sure "The technology put into to place in the future keeps education as its main purpose."

He was referring to some discussion of possible introduction of virtual reality, now used mainly for games, into the network in the future.

McCartney had previously suggested the technology would permit students to see a recreation of Abraham Lincoln delivering the Gettysburg Address."

Library sets talk on college costs

A representative from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy will be at the library today, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. to answer questions from parents and students about the financial aid process for college.



Information on filling out forms will also be available. Space is limited for this popular program, so call ahead to be sure there is room.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at noon local artist Diane Wozniak will conduct a doodling workshop for pairs of adults and kids.

Children should invite a parent or grandparent or other favorite adult to accompany them for two hours of artful bonding with a variety of supplies provided by the library.

At the end of the session, the masterpieces will be assembled for an impromptu art show to be hung in the community room.

Three other creative workshops are also scheduled this week. The Every Other Thursday Nite Poets will meet on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

Lifestories will meet on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Creativity Workshop meets at 6:30 p.m.

All of these programs welcome new participants. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

Barbara Vink

I would hate to see a community live under a 'siege mentality' as a result of the information.

Erica Sufrin

Parole.

The statement has been suggested by counsel for the state schools boards association and the school administrators association to limit school liability, McCartney said. "The state parole board has informed us that they will notify the school district if it paroled a convicted sex offender into our community," he said. "In turn this places a responsibility on us to notify all school personnel to be aware that such a person is in the community."

McCartney said no such notification has been given to the district, but "We have been urged by counsel to prepare a policy to guide us when and if such a situation arises."

In essence, the proposed policy would provide the name, photograph and description of the paroled offender to all teachers, school administrators, staff, school bus drivers and aides working with school children. "If the paroled offender is seen around the school by our personnel, then we would notify the person's parole officer for action to be taken by an official agency," McCartney said.

The parole board would also

Board members were concerned about the schools liability if a crime occurred among the school population. McCartney said that "This was the reason for the policy so we can be sure to take every possible precaution."

Board member Erica Sufrin expressed concern that such information could cause alarm within the community. "We certainly can't contain this information within a school community, once it has been released to our full staff," she said. "I would hate to see a community live under a 'siege mentality' as a result of the information."

The board agreed that McCartney should draft a letter to the state Attorney General to get more clarification on a school's liability

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Regulating regulators

Legislators sometimes are wrongly blamed for regulations which in fact were issued by non-elected government boards, authorities and agencies.

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One classic example is the rule, promulgated by some Environmental Protection Agency dunderhead, which, when applied to businesses using air in their manufacturing processes (such as in compressors), required that those businesses complete an analysis of the chemical content of air and file a report on it.

Governor Pataki's order last week barring state agencies from issuing any new rules or regulations for 90 days no doubt intercepted some equally hair-brained ideas.

The governor acknowledges that agencies have a habit of exceeding their legislative mandate by imposing unrealistic and unnecessary burdens on business. Those burdens, he says, often exacerbate unemployment. We agree. And we hope that before he moves on to other matters the governor also orders someone to look at the many statutes which do the same thing. A good place to start would be that nightmare known as workmen's compensation.

What price glory?

Why are we not surprised that Jason McEnaney, who was shot while helping disarm another SUNY Albany student during a classroom hostage crisis, is now suing the state, meaning its taxpayers, for \$20 million?

The theory of his case, according to McEnaney's attorney, who stands to get a sizeable chunk of any damage award, is this: since the gunman had had previous run-ins with the law (a cocaine bust and an arrest for waiving a gun at his mother), had been treated for mental problems and had "exhibited bizarre behavior on campus," the university should have placed him under some kind of watch.

Think about that. If the university had to "watch" every student (and every faculty member) who "exhibited bizarre behavior," who ever had sought help for mental or emotional problems and who ever had used cocaine, it would need a security force the size of an Army division.

Although we'll never be certain, we suspect this is just another case of an opportunistic attorney prodding someone injured in a celebrated incident to see if they both can grab some big bucks.

Mr. McEnaney's selfless, though entirely voluntary, action was rightly called heroic. And he was injured and should be compensated for his expenses. But 20 million bucks? Does that mean, in this era in which everything has its price, that \$20 million is now the going rate for courage?

Who's there?

In a story elsewhere in this issue on break-ins at two Bethlehem homes, Police Detective John Cox repeats some old but valuable advice. If you hear a strange noise, particularly at night, suggesting someone may be in your house, call 911. Do not investigate, or challenge an intruder, yourself. Also, lock doors and windows before retiring.

House burglars, though not known for it, can become violent. And not everyone who breaks into a home is an experienced burglar. Anyway, you don't know what the noise is. That's why you're concerned. Call the police. They're trained to handle these situations.

Reduce redundancy

The merging of parts of the Elsmere and Delmar fire district operations is a change we heartily endorse. And we hope the precedent will stimulate interest in combining other common municipal services into single units across wider geographical areas. Such consolidations not only reduce the need for taxpayer investment in plant (fire stations) and equipment (Estimates are \$1 million will be saved in the cost of fire protection in Elsmere and Delmar alone), but also in the costs of operation. Apart from the provincialism of some local politicians, there is no reason any number of similar consolidations could not be forged.

Marriage: Those in want out while those out want in?

The contributor of this Point of View is the Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator, a marriage counsellor residing in North Bay Canada. He is a frequent visitor to the Capital District and a regular contributor to the Montreal Star and the St. Catharine Standard.

Point of View

By The Rev. Kenneth Cleator

If any one wonders whether more or fewer marriages will occur in 1995, let him or her scan the printed media, local and national.

It's all there in the marriage announcements, complete with pictures of brides and grooms, in the social notices, tucked in after the births and deaths, in the last lines of personals (looking toward a relationship "with a view to a long-term relationship/marriage").

The popularity of marriage also is evident in the daily journals of religious leaders who perform marriage ceremonies in Christian churches, chapels and cathedrals, in Islamic mosques, Jewish synagogues, Hindu and Buddhist temples and other faith sanctuaries.

Ask your spiritual leader how many marriage services he or she is slated to perform in the coming summer months and it will be the rare clergy person who has not already booked several.

Marriage is not likely to go out of fashion as long as two persons are moved by physical attraction, emotional intimacy and spiritual conviction to establish a relationship they hope will be happy and lasting.

Marriage has the distinction of being one of civilization's timeless institutions, characteristic of every race, color, culture, language, environment, religion and century.

Samual Butler, 19th century English humorist and satirist, was right on target, asking in his poem Hudibras, "In what stupid age or

nation was marriage ever out of fashion?" But if marriage is never "out of fashion," it is subject to human error, physical pressures and individual immaturity.

"Is not marriage an open question," asked Montaigne, 16th century French essayist, "when it is alleged, from the beginning of the world, that such as are in the institution wish to get out and such as are not wish to get in."

The road to marital happiness is studded with many a human obstacle and none more threatening and damaging than emotional and mental immaturity.

In marriage the individual must be ready to accept the challenge of becoming a corporate partner in a relationship that will test his or her emotional and mental resources and reveal whether each will nourish and enrich the other's being or doom the relationship to failure.

If you are lucky enough to be born into a caring and loving family, whose physical, emotional and mental endowment influences and encourages healthy social ideals and cooperative communal living, chances are you will succeed in marriage. But there is still promise and hope for those born into

Perfection in marriage? Not likely. A more modest level of achievement is the best humans can hope for. That leaves a lot to work toward and be thankful for.

dysfunctional families with a history of and propensity for violent, destructive, abusive behavior.

Modern psychotherapy and pastoral care techniques offer a wealth of psychological services that have helped countless, troubled married couples in achieving marriages they could

remain in and enjoy until death separated or claimed them.

Growing up, becoming mature, achieving the marriage of one's hopes and dreams, or close to them, requires self-understanding, self-acceptance, self-denial, self-sacrifice.

Add patience, courage, faith, commitment, trust, a sense of humor and long vision.

Mix them all in the crucible of experience and the result may be bittersweet or just possibly a taste of heaven.

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A 1993 study of marriages, conducted by Dr. David Olson, professor of family social science, University of Minnesota, and Yoav Lavee, University of Haifa, and published in the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, identified nine crucial areas that have the potential of deciding their quality.

Olson and Lavee asked 8,385 couples, ages 17 to 66, to rate themselves on these areas—personality issues, communication, conflict resolution, financial management, leisure activities, sexual relationship, children and parenting, family and friends and religious orientation.

Outcome? Let the researchers tell the story.

"Forty percent of the couples were classified into Type 1, labelled devitalized marriage, (and) characterized by dissatisfaction with all nine dimensions of the marital relationship. In contrast, 9 percent were classified into Type seven, vitalized marriage. These couple show a high level of satisfaction with most every dimension of their relationship.

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Olson and Lavee researched five other marital types who indicated a mixture of satisfaction and trouble in their relationships:

- Type 2, Financially Focused, 11 percent — were strong only in financial matters and were weak and dissatisfied in the other dimensions of their marital experience.

- Type 3, Conflict-oriented, 14 percent — formed the war department of the marital enterprise, being low in communication, conflict resolution, sexual

satisfaction and had little success in coping with leisure activity, children and religious life.

- Type 4, Traditional, 10 percent — were unhappy in their sexual experiences and ability to communicate, but enjoyed relationships with extended family and friends.

- Type 5, Balanced, 8 percent — communicated well with each other, were satisfied with their

problem-solving strategies, enjoyed their sexual life and leisure time activities but had trouble managing their financial affairs.

- Type 6, Harmonious, 8 percent — like each other's company but tended to be self-centered, regarding their children as a burden and parenting a source of distress.

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Marriage, wrote Lyn Davis Genelli in *Vogue* September 1980 "is a way of learning to love. If we can learn to love one person unconditionally, then perhaps we can expand that unconditional love to include all human beings."

Rural Place issue needs 'complete, thorough review'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to comment on the editorial which appeared in *The Spotlight* issue of Dec. 28. Your comment was directed toward the planning board's review of Manning's Menu's application and Rural Place residents objections to approval of the application. You stated "we suggest the planning board, which is currently listening to all this, satisfy itself on the pertinent questions over which it has jurisdiction—traffic and parking—and move on".

Rural Place residents agree with your editorial comment but believe there are issues which go beyond parking and traffic which must be considered. It would not be prudent to move on pending their resolution. The traffic and parking issue, however, are in our opinion, unresolvable by the applicant.

On Dec. 16 Robert G. Peters, Bethlehem Central School District Transportation Supervisor, in a letter to Scott Anson, a Rural Place resident, stated: "Rural Place is one of those dead end streets that we cannot send a school bus down". The issue of traffic safety is of major concern, and begs the question that if a school bus cannot traverse our undersized street then how can oversized trucks negotiate the same street. The issue of emergency vehicle access, ie: fire trucks and ambulances, is of prime concern.

On Dec 6, at a public hearing, our attorneys submitted a 10-page memorandum in opposition to this project. In addition to traffic and inadequacy of parking, testimony and documents were submitted

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to the planning board that detailed zoning problems, building code problems, issues of fire code compliance and handicap-access in addition to traffic and pedestrian safety.

Subsequent to the Dec. 6 public hearing, Mr. Powers wrote his memo to Mr. Anson which puts on record the Bethlehem Central School District's position regarding sending school buses down dead end streets.

We believe the planning board has much to consider. We think it ill advised to rush to judgement regarding Manning's application. We agree with your editorial in general but think the comment "move on" implies a less than thorough review.

Rural Place residents have steadfastly requested a complete review of Manning's application. Public hearings were conducted. The matter was litigated. Petitions were submitted in opposition. We feel, in light of all that has preceded, nothing less than a complete and thorough review is warranted. Time is not of the essence when it comes to public safety.

Anthony Ken Umina

Delmar

Spotlight letters to the editor may be faxed to 439-0609. Letters must contain the writer's signature, address and telephone number.

Increasing minimum lot size is confiscatory

Editor, The Spotlight:

As Americans we have the right of ownership. We also have the right to choose what we want to own as long as we can pay for it. Some people spend their money on cars, some on jewelry and clothes or any other item they wish to, including land. Land is an asset no different than any other.

I have made a decision to invest my money in land. That's my decision, that's my right. Open land in particular is the topic of much discussion with respect to the new zoning law for the Town of New Scotland. Even though farmers and other concerned landowners of this town have spent the last several years telling the planning board that the existing lot sizes are desirable, the issue of lot sizes is again being discussed.

Currently the minimum lot size for land zoned residential/agriculture is one acre. That's the minimum. If the land owner decides that a larger lot size is desirable certainly that is possible. Furthermore if a lot cannot be self supporting with respect to the water and sewage disposal requirements of the Albany County Health Department, the most demanding health department in the state, then the lot will never receive a permit for a house. This

is a built-in safeguard against lot sizes becoming so small they infringe on the surrounding property/people. This is a valid function of government, to promote the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Land, like any other asset, is subject to the laws of economics. When one purchases/sells a large parcel of land, the cost/return per acre is considerably less than when a smaller parcel is transacted. Consequently, mandated large lot sizes necessarily reduces the return a landowner receives on his investment. Large lot sizes also reduce the value of his land as collateral, should an owner choose/need to borrow against his property. The amount of acreage to be transacted should be negotiable between the parties as long as it doesn't infringe on the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The reason the town zoning commission gives in order to justify increasing the minimum lot size is to "preserve the rural character" of the town. This subjective notion of rural character is concerned exclusively with aesthetics and has nothing to do with government's function of preserving the public health, safety and welfare.

Another fundamental economic law comes into play here. Nothing is free. Who is going to pay for this? Obviously the landowner. The more land he owns, the deeper his cost. Who will benefit from larger lot sizes? The people with *nothing* at stake.

Seeing how the majority of people are not large land owners, this "rural character" will be free to them. Of course they are for it. It's the same as taking ten people, nine of them having one dollar and one having a million dollars and then taking a vote (to be democratic of course) "How many are in favor of putting our money together and then dividing it up evenly?" Of course you will get nine "yeas". Just because the majority ruled doesn't make it right.

Increasing the minimum lot size will effectively devalue property, giving mandatory "volume discounts" to all purchasers. If the town wishes to impose legislation that will result in the devaluation of private property, for purely aesthetic reasons, then the town should be prepared to compensate those affected. If you want something, then you must pay for it. Nothing is free.

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David N. Moreau

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Eyesore policy needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

The arrival of Jay Hostetter's new Mobil station on the corner of Delaware and Elm Avenues has taken an already attractive business and made it even more appealing to the eye. Jay was already noted for the effort he put into his old station, and his new one is even nicer.

In a stark contrast to Jay's new station is the abandoned eyesore on the opposite corner. This property now serves as an illegal parking lot and a newspaper drop. Very few residents of the town would allow their properties to fall into such decay, and those that did would probably receive a notice from neighbors or the town itself.

The town should move immediately to end all use of this property by others than the legal owners, and should give the owners three months to either improve the property or tear it down. At the end of that time the town itself should demolish the remains of the building, and

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charge the owners appropriately.

There are countless other unused properties in the town that should be of concern to town officials. Instead of making it difficult for the small or large businessman to do business in Bethlehem, the town should be encouraging and facilitating their efforts. Companies interested in large shopping areas could be encouraged to look at properties such as Town Squire that are mostly unused and could be given incentives, in the form of tax considerations, to pick up these areas, expand if necessary, and make these places productive.

What is the alternative? I fear it will be more and more banks into which we'll be able to put all the money we can no longer spend in town.

Delmar

Peter A. Xeller

Et tu, Bethlehem?

Editor, The Spotlight:

In *Cities Then and Now* (MacMillan 1994), Jim Antoniou, in describing ancient Rome, states: "The Tiber supplied water until the volume of sewage discharged in the river made it undrinkable. A vast system of elevated aqueducts was built to bring clean water into the city from the surrounding hills. A total of 316 miles was eventually built, carrying 200 million gallons of water daily." Also, "Permission to build a new private bath was restricted to those who could arrange an adequate water supply for themselves."

Now, 2000 years later, we are going backward, as Bethlehem's populace will be forced (by those who claim to represent us) to drink from the sewage-laden and chemically polluted Hudson in order to provide water, not to a new private bath, but to a private company, GE Co-Gen, also financed by the local industrial development authority.

Aren't we supposed to learn from history?

Delmar

Gavin B. Burt

Smile, you have a choice

Editor, The Spotlight:

I had the pleasure of shopping during the opening of the new *Super Valu* Food Market in Voorheesville. One could not help feel the excitement of this grand event by the citizens of this community. The first thing I noticed was that everyone was greeting each other with cheerful "good mornings" and friendly smiles. The store was bright, and smelled deliciously of fresh baked goods, fresh roasted chickens and complimentary coffee. It was at the complimentary coffee station that I met the owner, Jim Nichols, who introduced himself to me, and willingly offered to look into carrying a product that was not in their inventory.

While waiting in the check-out line, I met a local senior citizen who could not stop telling me how wonderful it is to have a grocery store this close to her home. She can only drive during the day. She was able to purchase her favorite spice, which up until now, she could not buy locally. The opening of *Super Valu* Food Market is

what has been needed in this area for at least 15 years.

I live on New Scotland South Road and travel past the Grand Union each day to and from work. To know that I will no longer have to stop there for the incidental items needed on a daily basis, nor be forced to drive to Gunderland or Colonie to do my weekly grocery shopping, makes this an even better happening.

I feel sorry for the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem who have been denied the right of choice, when the proposed Price Chopper for that area was turned down on more than one occasion. Hopefully, those citizens might decide to drive to Voorheesville to shop, and witness how the citizens and elected officials worked together for a better community.

Sharon Boehlke

Delmar

Chamber luncheon to focus on retirement

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its January membership luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 26, at noon at the Beverwyck Retirement Community, 40 Autumn Drive in Slingerlands.

The luncheon will feature a panel discussion led by Mark Bryant of Bryant Asset Protection Inc., Timothy Casserly of Burke and Casserly, P.C., and Irene Magee of Eddy Community Services.

Bryant, a certified financial planner, will address special retirement planning and investment considerations. Casserly, an elder law attorney, will speak on legal issues affecting elder planning.

A hot and cold buffet lunch will be served. The luncheon costs \$10 at the door. Reservations are required by Wednesday, Jan. 25.

For information, call the chamber at 439-0512.

Health screenings slated at town hall

The Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services Department has scheduled blood pressure and hearing screenings for Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The blood pressure screenings will be given from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the hearing screenings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free screenings are available to all town residents on a walk-in basis.

A dietician will be at the town hall during the screenings to answer any nutrition questions. Harold Conley, state veterans counselor, and Diane Busick of the town assessor's office, will have information on property and veterans exemptions.

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Music festival needs volunteers

For the first time in the history of the school music program, the New York State School Music Association Solo Music Festival will be held in Voorheesville.

The festival will be on Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, at the high school.

The Friends of Music are looking for volunteers to help out during the festival. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Voorheesville Friends of Music Scholarship Fund to assist students with summer music opportunities and other enrichment activities.

To volunteer, call Wendy Lancer, Mary Brownell or Michael Tebbano at 765-3314.

Church sets annual meeting date

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville has scheduled its annual meeting for Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7:15 p.m. at the church on Maple Avenue.

Annual reports from the church's various committees, commissions and boards will be presented.

The monthly breakfast meeting of the United Methodist Men will be on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 8 a.m. in the church social hall. The program will feature local master wood craftsman Howard Coughtry.

Call Mark Baumbach at 765-4419 by Friday, Jan. 13, to make reservations.

Seniors to meet

The New Scotland senior citizens will hold its regular January meetings today, Jan. 11, and Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

A craft and game day is set for Wednesday, Jan. 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Planning group meets Jan. 17

The Voorheesville Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:15 p.m. at the village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Graduation planners welcome new members

The high school graduation planning committee's next meeting is slated on Thursday, Jan. 19,

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at 4 p.m. in the high school library.

New members are welcome.

For information, call Debbie Baron at 765-9371.

Legion to serve Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, Jan. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Women's business directory available at extension

The Women in Business Directory is now available through the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The updated listing of businesses owned by women in the area serves to promote the skills and talents of women in business.

The directory also serves as an

informal network and resource for starting a business.

Free energy surveys

Cornell Cooperative Extension has been funded again this year by the state Public Service Commission to promote the SAVINGPOWER program.

The program entitles residents to a free home energy survey.

To sign up for the survey, call the extension at 765-3500.

School closing announced


Voorheesville schools will be closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 16.

Bethlehem library sets holiday hours

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16.

The library's regular hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 17.

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New Bible classes to begin

A new year marks new opportunities for Sunday Bible studies at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

Beginning on Jan. 8, at 9:15 a.m., Pastor Warren Winterhoff will conduct a class for new members, What Does the Lutheran Church Believe and Teach?

Hope for Hurtful Times will be led by Linda Winterhoff and The Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod's) View will be led by Scott Bohler and Oliver Zipp.

All are welcome to the Bible classes and to Sunday school classes for children age 3 to 17.

Carl Hackert, music director of RPI's Chapel and Cultural Center will be featured organist at organ dedication services on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. at the church.


The new Allen organ will be dedicated in memory of Irma Rappe, the first and only church organist from 1955 to 1993.

The adult choir will sing and a reception will follow.

Rock climbing set for eighth-graders

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.



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Programs highlight winter agenda

Programs for kids of all ages are planned at the library this month.

Children in grades three and up are invited to see "The Story Lady" on Monday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. The full-length feature film is about a lonely widow who discovers she has an amazing talent.



Pre-teens in grade-five and up can enjoy their very own After School Theatre Video Film Festival on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m.

The year is 1954 and Watts Tower is being constructed in Los Angeles by Italian immigrant Sam Rodia. Does he need the help of a 10-year-old troublemaker named Daniel?

Bring a friend and find out. Popcorn is free during the 58-

minute show.

Toddlers age 22 months to age 3 are invited to a Rub-a-dub-dub program celebrating bathtub fun on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Kids can bring their rubber duckies and join in stories, songs and games about bath time. Registration is required for children and an attending adult.

The spring session of storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

In-person registration for the 10-week program is set for Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 9 a.m. Telephone registration starts at 1 p.m. the same day and will continue until all storytimes are filled. There are choices of days and times.

Two special drop-in storytimes not requiring registration are available for pre-schoolers and their families on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Pasta Day is set for Wednes-

day, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. Children from age 3 to 6 can celebrate the much-loved food with stories, poems, a craft and a delicious snack. Register by calling the children's room.

Library programs are free and open to the public. For information or to register, call the children's room.

The children's room author of the the month display is about Brooklyn-born Betsy Maestro. After teaching elementary school for 11 years, she and her illustrator husband, Giulio published their first book, "A Wise Monkey Tale."

Books by the Maestros include "Bike Trip," "The Story of the Statue of Liberty" and "How Do Apples Grow."

The children's room and the adult services department have locked glass exhibit cases available on a monthly basis to individuals and groups for display.

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

The library will open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 16.

Anna Jane Abaray

College info night set at RCS school library

A special program for parents and students in grades-eight through 12 is set for Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the RCS senior high school library.

The program, "What Colleges are Looking for from Incoming Freshmen," will feature three college admissions officers.

Each officer will outline information concerning the value of taking Regents courses at the secondary level and participation in other key instructional and extracurricular activities to ensure successful admission into college.

For information, call Paul LeBlanc, parent coordinator, or Andrew DeFeo, RCS principal, at 756-2155.

Feura Bush group to meet tonight

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Association will hold its general meeting tonight, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerusalem Reformed Church on Route 32 in Feura Bush.

Lon Penna, a professional square dance caller, is the guest speaker.

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The event is open to the public. For information, call 439-2948.

RCS board reschedules this month's meeting

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board of education has rescheduled its meeting this month.

The board will meet on Monday, Jan. 23, at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

Standing committees will meet at the regularly scheduled times. For information, call 756-8190.

Tax help is available at V'ville library

Senior citizens in need of assistance with their income tax forms may 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.

To make an appointment, call the library at 765-2791.

Five Rivers planning 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.

Cooperative extension offering pesticide tips

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. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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utes. Also, sticky sugars such as taffy and fruit roll ups are worse.

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Sports

Coming off lop-sided win over Mohonasen

BC girls ready for Columbia

By Janice Gallagher

The Bethlehem girls basketball team moved one step closer to compiling an undefeated league record last Friday by beating Mohonasen 66-36.

This improved their league record to 5-0, and their overall record to 8-2. Junior Kiley Shortell led the offense with 15 points, four assists and five blocks.

The Eagles did not pull away until the second half, when they allowed Mohonasen only 12 points. The half-time score was 33-24.

"I thought we started out sluggish, but we picked it up in the second half," said coach Kim Zornow. "We're starting to play more as a team. We're starting to see people and hit the open player."

Senior co-captain Karena Zornow scored 12 points and had 10 rebounds, while junior Katie Sh-



Kim Zornow

erwin added 10 more points. Freshman Nicole Conway had 9 points.

"We knew we were a stronger team than them, so in the second half we went out and played our hardest," said senior co-captain Colleen Doody.

The girls were given an extra incentive to win by coach Zornow. "We set goals for the defense and offense at the beginning of each game. I set the goals this game, and said that if we reached these goals we'd have Saturday off."

The girls play Columbia today, and won't need any extra push to win this one.

"We lost to them three times last year. We're very excited for this game, and we're ready for revenge," Doody said. The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the high school upper gym.

Since last year Bethlehem has gotten stronger, and Columbia has lost two key players. "It's going to be a tough game, but the girls' motivation to get this win back may take care of it," coach Zornow said.

The girls travel to Colonie on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Top bowlers at Del Lanes

Bowling honors for the week of Jan. 1 at Del Lanes:

Senior Circuit Men: John Buzo 208; Steve Walley 537 triple; and Frank Papp 250 and 817 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Phyllis Smith 189; Harriet Klotz 467 triple.

Men: John Tisko 290 and 975 four games; R. Bardin 750 triple.

Women: Heather Selig 246 and 867 four games; Linda Portanova 235 and 622 triple; and Ronnie Robbins 590 triple.

Junior Classic: Mike Patounas 220 and 806 four games; Nicole Stagg 236 and 768 four games; Mike Westphal 257 and 828 four games.

Majors: Calvin Pitts 195 and 546 triple; and Kelly Dunnells 199 and 537 triple.

Juniors: Stephen Domermuth 186 and 547 triple; Debi Boissy 176 and 469 triple.

Preps: Brian Wright 174 and 425 triple; Erin Fagan 169 and 432 triple.

Burnt Hills hosts BC

The Bethlehem boys swim team travels to Burnt Hills for a meet on Friday, Jan. 13. The boys host Mohonasen today at 4 p.m.

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Gymnasts scare Shaker

At its second home meet of the season last Thursday, the Bethlehem varsity gymnastics team earned two, first-place ribbons; three, second-place ribbons; one, third-place and fourth place ribbon and three, fifth-place ribbons against Shaker.

The gymnasts compiled a season-high 103.5 points, losing to Shaker by only 15.2 points.

Melissa Mann and Sara Haskins came away with first and second place, respectively, in all-around, with Emily Haskins placing fifth. This was an all-time high for the team in the all-around category.

Mann took first place with a season-high score in the vault. She also took second place in the uneven bars and third place in floor routine.

Sara Haskins took second place with a season-high score in floor routine.

Sharon Fellows and Amy Schron both took fifth and sixth place ribbons. Fellows performed floor routines, and balance beam postures, while Schron competed on the uneven bars and vault.

The largest improved score went to Adam Ostroff with his strong vault performance.

The team's next home meet is Saturday, Jan. 14, against Saratoga.

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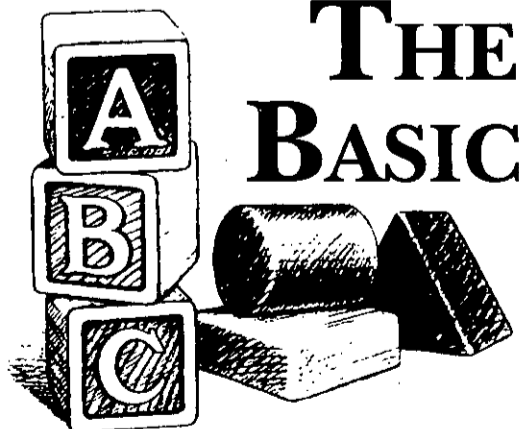
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Eagles move up in gold division

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem boys basketball team (3-2,4-5) stayed on the upswing by thrashing Mohonasen 68-57 at the Bethlehem Central high school last Friday.

The Eagles are now in sole possession of third place in the Suburban Council's Gold Division.

Bethlehem never trailed in the game as Aaron Thorpe unloaded three three-pointers early in the game to stun the Mohonasen defense. The senior guard finished with 12 points.

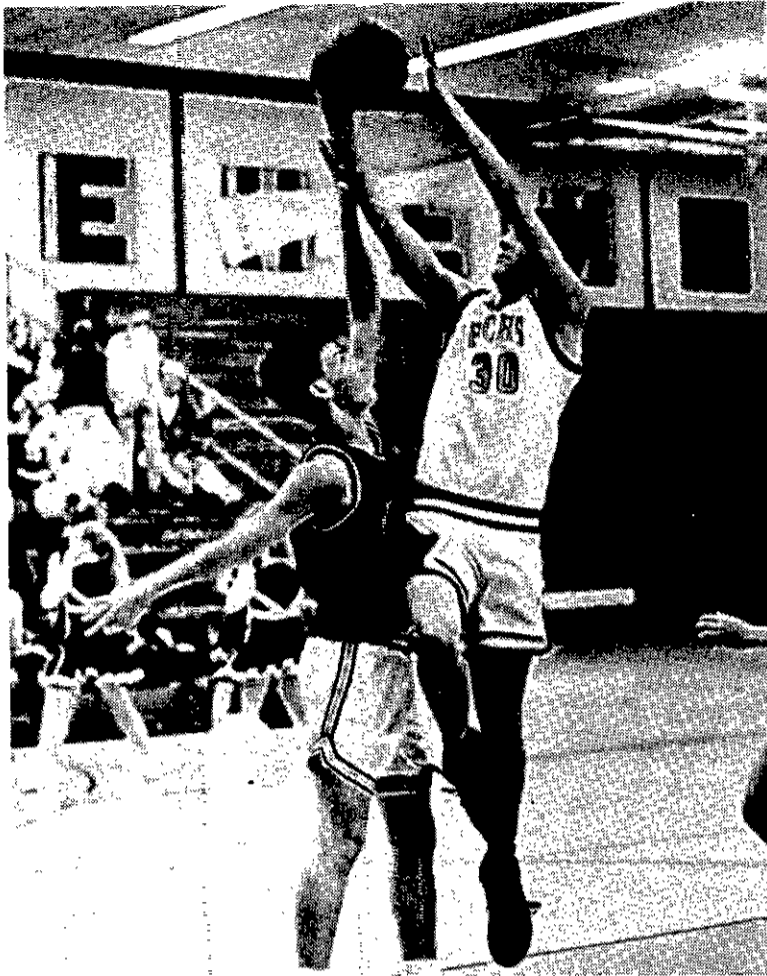
In the second quarter, junior Sean Berry simply took over, hitting shots from all over the court.

He tallied 20 points, including two three-pointers and six free throws. He also hauled down eight rebounds.

Senior Jason Gutman had his best all-around game of the season, finishing with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

He excited the crowd with a second-quarter dunk and late in the fourth quarter his three-point play helped stifle a Mohonasen rally.

The Eagles return home on Tuesday, Jan. 17, for a battle with blue division foe Colonie.



BC forward Jason Gutman moves toward the hoop during the Eagles' conquest of Mohonasen. *Doug Persons*

Sonics remain perfect

After a holiday break, the BBC (Bethlehem Basketball Club) renewed its season with a full slates of games Sunday at the Bethlehem Middle School gyms.

In a battle of NBA undefeated teams, the Sonics behind Jared Hickey and Matt Wareb's defense shut down the fast break of the Bulls in a 57-40 thrashing. Pat Hughes had 20 for the losers.

Reid O'Brien and Jimbo O'Keefe both had eight points as the Nuggets stymied the Spurs, 30-21. Nick Conger had 11 in defeat.

Jon Burroughs' unselfish assists and 14 points led the Suns over the Warriors 45-36, despite Adam DiMuria's six points and numerous rebounds.

In a heart-breaker, the Knicks, with Ajay Murthy and Chris Williams at the controls, trimmed the Hornets 39-37, despite Brian Bosman's excellent effort.

In ACC action, Lee Ansaldo's runner in the paint with less than two seconds to go in regulation sealed a 20-19 Maryland triumph over a game Wake Forest squad, which was led by Ian Morgan.

Georgia Tech outgunned North Carolina as Mike Cambell and Matt Thibdeau combined for 36. Josh Smith had six for the losing Tarheels. Inspired by Alex Gerou and Jenna Grant, the Seminoles from Florida State finished off Clemson, 26-21.

In a stirring comeback, Virginia recovered from a 15-0, first quarter deficit and overtook Duke, 37-26. The winners were inspired by the hustle of Ben Morris and Rob Shaye. Elliot Franks's strong performance went for naught.

Corey Cunningham's 18 points proved too much as Miami rolled over St. John's. Georgetown blasted Pitt 35-18 behind Steve Triano while John Mooney had six points for the losers.

Boston College thumped the Orangemen from Syracuse as Chris Kasarjian's terrific defense and 10 points led the way. In the finale, Tom Ford led Villanova with eight points as the Wildcats blasted Providence 44-25.

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Softball registration set in Guilderland

The Pine Bush girls softball league has scheduled registration on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Farnsworth Middle School on Route 155 in Guilderland.

The league is open to girls 7 to

16 years old interested in playing softball in May, June and July. All games will be played at Keenholts Park in Guilderland.

The registration fee is \$50. For additional information, call 424-5196.

Wrestlers appeal Columbia match

By Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem wrestling team faced Columbia and participated in an out-of-the-area tournament this past week.

The final score of the Columbia match had the Eagles on the short end of the stick, but whether or not that will stand up is open to question.

Bethlehem protested the legitimacy of one of Columbia's wrestlers to Section II officials. If they agree with BC's claim, then the Eagles will be awarded a victory, which would raise their record to 7-2.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, Bethlehem posted a strong performance in the Iliion tournament held outside of Utica. BC wrestlers finished fifth out of 12 teams competing.

The stand-out performer for BC was Matt Wagoner who won the 91-pound weight class.

Also impressive were Andy Loux who finished fourth (98 pounds), Ray Quick who placed third (105 pounds) and sophomore Eric Kotlow who placed sixth in the 16-pound weight class.

Other contributors included junior Jason Seward, a fifth place winner (112 pounds), junior Jon Wagoner (119), senior Pete Loux (132) and senior Steve Demarest (138).

Senior Matt Carotenuto was a top performer for Bethlehem as he captured second place in the 155 pound class.

Junior Hank Tripp placed fourth in the 145 pound class, while junior Nat Beyer captured second place at 167 pounds.

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Wedding Guide

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Among the local couples whose marriages were celebrated in the pages of Spotlight Newspapers in 1994 are, center, Mark and Eileen Hempstead (photo by Joe Elario), and, clockwise from upper right, Kathleen and Thomas O'Connell, Patricia and Adam Acquario, Chris and Kimberly Kelly, and Jill and Gary Wegener.

Interfaith marriages can and do work

By Mel Hyman

As important as religion is, local religious leaders do not see differences in faith as a major obstacle when it comes to making a marriage successful.

Intermarriage has been a "fact of life for some time now," said Father Michael Farano of St. Pius X Church in Loudonville. "We've always figured that about half the marriages involving Catholics are with other Christians or members of the Jewish faith.

"We speak with (the couples) about the importance of respecting each other's tradition," and by and large most people do, Father Farano said.

"I've never really run into a case where they haven't talked about it beforehand. Most couples today are familiar with other couples of mixed faith, and they do not see it as an obstacle for themselves."

In this day and age, Father Farano said, people are also more familiar and tolerant of other religions to begin with.

"There's no reason that I can see why a mixed marriage shouldn't succeed. When it doesn't, it very rarely has to do with religion."

Intermarriage for Jewish people is a more sensitive topic and only the Reform movement actually sanctions it.

"The Conservative movement strongly supports marriage between two Jewish partners," said Rabbi Daniel Ornstein of Congregation Ohav Shalom in Slinger-



The Rev. Robert L. Kanuck, pastor, and the Rev. Kimberly Reed, associate pastor, of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, agree interfaith marriages needn't be an obstacle to a successful union. *file photo*

lands, "because we believe that it is the best way to maintain the continuity of Jewish life and values within families."

Nevertheless, he said, "We are reaching out increasingly with warmth and acceptance to inter-

married families in the hope of enriching their lives Jewishly."

While he cautioned that he couldn't vouch for the statistics, Rabbi Ornstein said he thought there was a higher incidence of divorce among intermarried couples.

The rate of intermarriage for Jews has hovered around 50 percent for several years now, he said.

The Methodist Church has traditionally been very tolerant of intermarriage and does not take a "discriminatory position" as to whether Methodists should marry people from other faiths, said Rev. Robert Kanuck of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

"As for me personally," he said, "I think there are enormous hardships today for any couple trying to make a marriage work. The typical conflicts that you run across are economic or financial. Religion is generally not something that a couple can't work out.

"My brother is married to a Jewish girl and they each pursue their own spirituality," Rev. Kanuck said. "Another brother is married to a beautiful Catholic woman. In my own family, I haven't found (differing religions) to be a negative influence at all."

Rev. Kimberly Reed, associate pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, believes that while contrasting religious backgrounds are not necessarily an impediment, one person's faith can dominate within a relationship just because of their personality.

On the other hand, some couples agree to a sharing arrangement, where neither person seems to have the upper hand. "My sister and brother-in-law alternate. One Sunday they'll go to her church, she's Roman Catholic, and the following Sunday they'll attend his. He's Methodist."

Platinum & gold, a dynamic duo

Two popular metals — platinum and gold — are being joined together for the most cherished union two people can make — their wedding.

Some couples today want more than a plain band of gold or platinum, and the gold and platinum mix of metals is more affordable. The gold offsets the cost of platinum.

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Many diamond engagement rings feature a distinctive platinum setting accented by 14- or 18-karat gold, and the mix of metals makes the diamond stand out. Other diamond engagement ring designs intertwine bands of gold and platinum.

Similarly, some popular wedding bands today are made up of thin rows of platinum and gold. There are also platinum bands with gold overlaid on the outer rims of the ring. And still others include diamonds. These bands usually are platinum-based with the diamonds set in gold.

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New Congress looks to lessen marriage penalty

By Tom Murnane

If you're thinking of tying the knot, but hesitant because of the penalties imposed by the IRS, you might be in for a break if Newt Gingrich and the Republicans who now control the U.S. Congress have their way.

Congressional Republicans' "Contract With America," pledges to eliminate the "marriage penalty" in the income tax law as a way to encourage and help married people.

Though details of the plan have

not been worked out, the goal is to reverse the hit "many couples from across the income spectrum took after the tax increase in 1993," according to a statement from U.S. Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-Queensbury.

The proposed American Dream Restoration Act would allocate \$2 billion annually for "marriage penalty relief," Solomon said. Each family affected by the penalty would be entitled to a credit tied to the family's income.

According to Robert Albrecht, a tax planner for H&R Block at

Village Square in Colonie, there are two marriage penalties in the federal tax code: one affects every married couple in the United States, the other affects only couples who fall into certain income brackets.

The first penalty involves the standard deductions allowed for both couples and single people. When the 1994 \$6,350 standard deduction for couples is compared with the \$3,800 deduction for single people, a couple stands to lose a combined standard deduction of \$1,200, Albrecht said.



Robert Albrecht

Albrecht focused on several income brackets.

For example, he said, a person with a taxable income of up to \$22,100, will be taxed at 15 percent.

For a person who earns above \$22,100 but less than \$53,500, the income that person makes above the \$22,100 limit is taxed at 28 percent.

And if the person is earning more than \$53,500 up to \$115,000, the income above the \$53,500 limit is taxed at 31 percent, he said.

"Say you have two single people, one earns \$90,000, the other \$10,000," Albrecht explained. "The \$10,000 will be taxed at 15 percent while the person earning \$90,000 will have his or her income above \$53,500 taxed at 31 percent," Albrecht said. "However, if they are married, by law, they have to file together. Therefore, the whole thing will be taxed at 31 percent.

"As for why single people and individuals who are married are treated differently, I don't know," he said. "It's been that way ever since there's been an income tax."

The second penalty for couples varies according to their incomes.

For some duos, there is no second penalty if their individual incomes are similar but stay within a certain income tax bracket when combined, Albrecht said.

To illustrate the differences for single people and married couples,

Colonie Center plans weekend bridal show

The 11th annual Bridal Fantasy show will be at Colonie Center from Friday, Jan. 13, through Sunday, Jan. 15.

More than 40 vendors, representing bridal registries, reception sites, photographers, limousine operators, financial services, jewelers, formal wear and dress shops, florists, disk jockeys and cosmetics, will be at the show along the upper and lower levels of the mall.

The large number of vendors "makes it easy for brides to comparison shop for everything they need," said Kathleen Sandwick, Colonie Center's marketing secretary. "It's a really big show this year with a lot of participation."

Bridal fashion shows, in the mall's center court, will be held Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

A new feature of the this year's show will be the Bridal Savings Guide, a kind of Entertainment Book for everything needed to make a couple's special day unique, unforgettable and affordable. The guide sells for \$15.

"The nice thing about the Bridal Savings Guide is that everything in it is local," including many vendors that are represented in the show, Sandwick noted.

The show will be open the same hours as the mall — Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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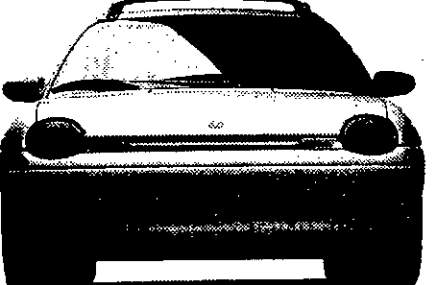
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How to make your marriage last for 50 years

Long-time couples share tips for staying together

By Elaine Jackson Cape

As a young, starry-eyed couple leaves the altar to begin their new life together, probably the last thing on their minds is their 50th wedding anniversary.

But, according to psychotherapist Susan Maxwell of Albany, the interactions that begin on the very first day of marriage can make all the difference between a long-lasting, strong relationship and one that begins to falter.

Maxwell, an associate professor of clinical psychiatry at Albany Medical College, recommends that couples keep the lines of communication open, and treat the other person as special. Another important factor is that "both partners be flexible and willing to negotiate," she said.

Edith Osterhout of Colonie, who recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband, Ivan, agrees with Maxwell's advice. They were childhood sweethearts, and married when she was 17 and he was 19, at an age when "We were young enough to be flexible," she said.

The Osterhouts had three children, John, Thomas and Nancy,

who is now deceased. Ivan served in World War II in the South Pacific, and retired in 1987 from Local 724 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He also worked for the state Design and Construction Department.

In addition to flexibility, Osterhout advises newlyweds to respect each other's feelings, and to "really try to work things out."

Having fun together is very important, and also integrating play into the relationship so the couple can grow together.

Susan Maxwell

According to Maxwell, humor is an essential ingredient in any marriage. "Having fun together is very important, and also integrating play into the relationship so the couple can grow together."

Lois and Bill Bub of Delmar, another couple who recently marked their 50th anniversary, seem to have made humor an integral part of their marriage and fam-

ily life. At a party celebrating the event, the couple's children read aloud a David Letterman-type list of "The Top 10 Reasons Mom and Dad's Marriage Lasted 50 Years."

The Bubs, who met at Syracuse University where Bill was preparing for active duty in World War II, have five sons. Bill is the retired owner of LeGallez Electric, the oldest business in the town of Bethlehem, while Lois owns and still manages The Doorway Bookstore in Delmar.

Other than using humor to keep things in perspective, Lois Bub offered several other suggestions that she said has helped them make it through the years. First of all, she said, "we've pretty much accepted each other's eccentricities and peculiarities, and didn't feel the other had to change for us to be happy."

Another essential ingredient to a happy marriage, Bub said, is to support each other in all projects, and work together as a team. "Even if I undertook something that Bill didn't agree with, even if he said, 'How did you get into this?' he still helped me," she said. On the other side of the coin, she always went to



Ivan and Edith Osterhout as they looked in 1944, inset, and 50 years later.

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Bill and Lois Bub celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Humor helps marriage last

Most marriage experts say a healthy dose of humor can help couples resolve difficulties in their marriage.

As one example of this principle, the five children of Lois and Bill Bub composed the following list of the "Top 10 Reasons Mom and Dad's Marriage Lasted 50 years:"

10. They knew they would get this free dinner if they stuck it out 50 years.
9. They were rarely awake at the same time.
8. A mutual 50-year dream of owning their very own bookstore.
7. Deep religious conviction regarding the command to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth.
6. Rhythm ... yes ... rhythm.
5. Really ... how could you leave a guy who wears knickers?
4. Couldn't decide how to evenly divide the debt.
3. There's only one Pachinko machine.
2. They decided 49 years ago to split up ... as soon as the ironing was finished.
1. The five greatest kids in the world.

all the activities of his life and drum corps, "even if it did get pretty boring."

Bub also credits the couple's involvement with their church as the one factor that really strengthened the family's ties.

But what if a young couple follows all this advice and still finds themselves having problems? According to Maxwell, at the very first sign of trouble they should step back and take an assessment of what's happening in the relationship, and try to resolve the issues.

"However," she said, "it takes two rational people, or at least one, to solve most problems." If a solution cannot be reached, they should seek counseling as soon as possible, rather than let the situation continue to disintegrate. "The earlier the diagnosis, the better the chance for success," she added.

For the Bubs and the Osterhouts, though, the solution to most problems is much simpler. Both couples stressed the fact that, above all, love is the answer to almost any situation that may arise.

"Respect each other and love each other," Edith Osterhout said. That's all it takes."

Well-stocked emergency kit can help with many mishaps

You can spend an entire year planning your wedding day down to the letter, but unless you have a fairy godmother, there's no way to guarantee that the day will be perfect.

According to *Bride's* magazine, a little preparation goes a long way toward ensuring that wedding day mishaps don't get out of hand. One possible solution to last-minute problems is to organize an "emergency kit," and keep it stashed nearby at the ceremony and the reception. *Bride's* suggests starting with a pretty basket, decorated to match the wedding theme, and include the following:

- Needle, thread, buttons and safety pins.
- Extra stockings for you and your wedding party.
- Spot remover.
- Nail polish, both in the color to match your fingernails, and clear, to keep stocking runs from spreading.
- Extra lipstick, powder,

blusher, eyeshadow, fragrance.

- Comb, brush, and hairspray or gel.
- Extra pairs of glasses or contact lenses.
- Tissues and cotton balls.
- Aspirin, adhesive bandages, allergy pills and any prescription medicines you or your groom might need.
- Personal care items.
- Extra copies of all passages that are being read during the ceremony.
- Pen and note paper.
- Telephone numbers for your caterer, clergyman, organist, photographer, florist, band leader, car service and each member of the wedding party.

Another suggestion from *Bride's*: The most important ingredients of all are patience and a sense of humor. They'll turn any mishap "mountains" back into molehills.

Celebrities share marriage secrets

In honor of its 60th anniversary, *Bride's* magazine spoke with a group not noted for their marital stability: celebrities. Interviews of these "together twosomes" provide insight on keeping love alive, finding a balance, learning to share the joys and face challenges side by side, whether you live in the limelight or out of it.

Bob Hope (comedian, married to Dolores for 60 years): "My schedule is still a busy one, and Dolores keeps reminding me that after 60 years, our six weeks to-

gether have been fun..."

Charlton Heston (actor, married to Lydia for 50 years): "Getting the right girl in the first place."

Peter Noone (host of VH-1's "My Generation," married to Mireille for 25 years): "You spend the first 20 years just learning about each other — that's the beauty of it. Now, I'm gone 150 days a year; if the trip is more than three days, I take my wife and child."

Dr. Ruth Westheimer (sex therapist/author, married to Fred for 32 years): "The secrets of my

long-lasting marriage are knowing when to rely on a good sense of humor, sharing the joys of watching our children grow up, and now, most especially, doting together on our grandson Ari."

Erma Bombeck (author/columnist, married to Bill for 45 years): "We have never said anything meaningful to one another in 44 years. We don't compete with one another. When I throw myself around his knees and beg to have him critique my writing, he says, 'No.'"

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Experts help bride blush beautifully

After you've invested so much to make your wedding day unforgettable, the last thing you want is a makeup mishap!

To avoid any potential of a makeup disaster, cosmetics experts recommend the following tips:

- Start with a clean, moisturized face, and wear a foundation and concealer that exactly matches your skin.
- Make sure that your makeup is blended into your neck so that there is no line of demarcation.
- After applying foundation and concealer, use a cotton puff to touch translucent powder all over the face to set the foundation and to absorb excess oils.
- Keep the eyes looking "natural." Apply a light shade of eyeshadow on the area between your brows and your upper lashes, then apply a darker shade along the upper lash line to enlarge and emphasize the eye shape.
- For added definition to the eye, apply a smudge of brown/black eye liner between the lower lashes. Finish off with two coats of black/brown mascara.
- Choosing the right color of blush is the most important. For most skin tones, nutmeg and rose shades are great, so if you can't decide, choose one of these.
- Applying blusher to the right place is also important. To begin, put the brush right on the center of your cheek, then lightly stroke



Supermodel Rachel Hunter shows off a natural wedding-day look.

outward toward the center of the ear, covering the entire cheekbone area.

• When blush is properly applied, you barely notice it, yet it makes your eyes brighter and your whole face come alive. Look in the mirror, and if you notice your cheeks first, you have on too much blush.

• To get fuller, more sensuous lips, line the lips with a pencil toned to your natural lip color. With your mouth open, start lining at the cupid's bow as close as possible to your natural lip line. Close mouth to check the shape. Fill in with lipstick.

• To avoid getting lipstick on your groom, guests or glass, try one of the long-lasting types now available on the market.

• Last, but definitely not least, be sure to practice the look you want before the big day. Don't wait until that morning to experiment.

More couples choose weddings in the fall

By Dev Tobin

Perhaps it's the name (derived from Juno, Roman goddess of marriage), or the best chance for good weather, or that students have either graduated or are on vacation — whatever the reason, June has traditionally been the big month for weddings.

June is still a very busy time for weddings, but late summer/early fall (with moderate weather, if not tradition, on its side) actually surpassed late spring/early summer as the premier time to get married in 1994, according to an unscientific Spotlight Newspapers survey of marriage licenses in the towns of Colonie, Bethlehem and New Scotland.

The survey is inexact, because the month a marriage license is issued cannot foretell in what month the resulting wedding occurs. The licenses are good for 60 days from the issuance date for a ceremony anywhere in New York state.

But one can discern a clear trend in the 1994 monthly data provided by town clerks' offices.

In Colonie, for instance, the clerk's office issued 48 licenses in both May and June, 47 in August and 46 in September, according to Deputy Town Clerk Flora Babbitt Caswell.

In Bethlehem, 15 licenses were issued in May and 12 in June, but 20 were issued in August and 17 in September, according to Deputy Town Clerk Terry Picarazzi.

In New Scotland, as in Bethlehem, August was also the top month for marriage licenses with 11, more than May (seven) and June (three) combined, according to Town Clerk Corinne Cossac.

"People get married at all times of the year, but lately I've noticed a trend toward fall," Cossac said.

For couples planning a big wedding, Saturday evenings in June still fill up quickly at popular reception sites like the Italian-American Community Center, according to its banquet sales manager Marie Vazzana.

"You have to book a year in advance for a June Saturday evening," Vazzana said, adding that September and October are also very busy times.

Bob Peters of Morningside Country Club noted that "June is always booked first," but added that the wedding season now extends from spring through fall.

June is still "the busiest tent month" at About Town Party Rentals, but that business is divided between graduation parties and wedding receptions, according to Patty VanAmerongen.

"We're also seeing a lot more September and October weddings," VanAmerongen added.

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Planning the ideal trip doesn't have to be difficult, but savvy couples do start thinking about their honeymoon before the invitations go out. The last thing you need just before a wedding is to learn that your dream resort is booked solid, or that your passport has expired.

Couples should consider:

- **1 Year Ahead:** Top accommodations at U.S. national parks and popular country inns can fill up a year in advance (especially over holiday weekends). Call now to check availability.
- **9 Months:** Work up a wish list together. Read articles, guidebooks about your dream destinations; write to or call tourist offices of the places you're interested in for brochures.
- **6 Months:** Ask friends to recommend a good travel agent. If you don't have a major bank credit card, apply for one — it's often a necessity to reserve a car or hotel room.
- **4 Months:** Make sure passport is valid if you're going to a foreign country. You cannot change the name of your passport until after the wedding, so make reservations in your maiden name or bring along a copy of the marriage license.
- **3 Months:** Start paperwork now if using frequent flyer miles toward honeymoon tickets.
- **2 Months:** Review your wardrobes and luggage situation for the honeymoon. Have an old camera checked out or buy a new one (take a practice roll and have it developed).
- **1 Month:** Refill prescriptions, keeping it in original container for customs' perusal.
- **2 Weeks:** You should have airline tickets, seat assignments, hotel and car-rental confirmations (if not, make some phone calls). Arrange transportation to the airport.
- **1 Week:** Purchase traveler's checks — and enough foreign currency to pay for taxis, tips and that first cappuccino!
- **1 Day:** Finish last-minute packing. Leave copies of your itinerary, documents (passports, visas) and traveler's checks with family. Confirm your flight.

Some current honeymoon trends include:

- Have passport, will marry. More couples are marrying abroad, especially in Europe. An increasing number of wedding planners are following the trend by specializing in "Far Away Weddings," in the Caribbean, Europe or even more exotic locales like Tahiti, Africa or Egypt.
- Green honeymoons. Environmentally aware couples get in sync with nature at hotels where "being green" is in. California's Post Ranch Inn has sod roofs and is perched on stilts to protect redwood roots; Harmony Hotel in St. John is made completely from recycled materials and at Hana Iti in French Polynesia, a couple can honeymoon in an ultraluxe room that actually is in a giant banyan tree.

Pearls add luster to weddings

Just as the diamond has become synonymous with engagements, the pearl, with its soft and lustrous glow, has always been considered the "wedding gem."

Pearls are the traditional jewels for brides around the world. No other jewels reflect the bride's radiance as well. Real pearls, natural or cultured, have a warm inner glow that seems to frame a bride's face in beauty and happiness. And throughout history the pearl has come to represent the love and devotion of a bride on her wedding day.

And just as the bride carefully chooses her gown with quality and design uppermost in her mind, the same considerations should be paid to her pearls.

Of all the qualities to look for in cultured pearls, luster is perhaps the most important. Fine luster produces an almost mirror-like reflection on the surface of pearls.

Surface imperfections in pearls can easily be seen with the naked eye, unlike imperfections in most other jewels. Pearls can easily be checked for blemishes such as cracks, unsightly discolored spots or blisters.

While numerous surface imperfections are unsightly, they will also affect a pearl's durability.

When selecting pearls for the bride, matching the length and style of pearls to a particular gown design is important. One-to-three-strand princess or choker-length pearl necklaces best accentuate off-the-shoulder or scooped-neck gowns and help to frame the face. High- or closed-neck gowns call for longer strands of pearls to create an elegant, long and smooth silhouette.

When it comes to selecting



Cultured pearls continue to be popular choices for modern brides.

pearl color, women with lighter hair and fair complexions seem best suited to cultured pearls with a slight rose tint, while creamy off-white-hued pearls complement darker hair and skin tones. However, it is best to match pearl color to individual skin tone by actually placing the pearls against the skin and seeing the effect.

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Proposing marriage was once as simple as dropping to one knee with diamond ring in hand, but times have changed. While getting down on one knee is still an option, many grooms-to-be (and sometimes brides-to-be) are finding delightfully inventive ways to propose.

According to a recent poll in *Bride's & Your New Home* magazine, 92 percent of brides-to-be felt that the way their fiancé proposed was perfect and they wouldn't change a thing about that special moment. (Of those who were disappointed, most said that they wished that their fiancé had surprised them with a ring instead of accompanying them to pick it out).

The sky's the limit when it comes to marriage proposals, revealed the *Bride's* poll, from the subtle slipping of a ring on to the

girlfriend's finger during a romantic film like "Cinderella," to a more complex approach such as organizing a scavenger hunt with clues that lead all over town and eventually to an engagement ring.

The reason for this increase in creative proposals: "Couples today are marrying later in life; the average bride is 24, her groom 26," says Barbara Tober, editor-in-chief of *Bride's*. "They've had more time to prepare for this big moment — a moment that they will remember throughout their married life."

Here from *Bride's* the latest news in proposals from across the nation:

Romance in Motion... A Washington Transit Advertising employee was annoyed when a bus cut in front of his car on the freeway, but what the advertisement on the back of the bus displayed really slowed him down. It was a "Happy Birthday" message from his girlfriend which included a request, "Will you marry me?" Scheming with his boss, the girlfriend had arranged for the ads to

run on five buses. But it wasn't only noticed by the groom-to-be: the *Seattle Times* ran a story about the proposal before the couple told their families. Whoops!

A Surprise Inside... A San Francisco bride was surprised to see a proposal addressed to her flash on the scoreboard at a 49er's football game. Her ring was concealed inside a box of Cracker Jacks a vendor handed her at just the right moment. She said, "Yes!"

Lessons In Love... A seventh-grade teacher in Georgia was startled one Valentine's Day when a giant box covered in red hearts was rolled into her science classroom. After reading a card that promised her three wishes, and tapping the top of the box with the magical Cupid's arrow, outpopped her boyfriend with a dozen roses, a box of candy and an engagement ring.

Have Carrot, Will Marry... Easter inspired one groom-to-be to get a jump on things. He donned a rabbit costume and hopped on over to his beloved's house where he pre-

sented her with a carrot out of the basket he was carrying. The tip of the carrot sparked with a carat of another kind — a diamond engagement ring.

And a Side Order of Happiness... While they were on vacation in Nashville, a man from Alabama decided he would propose over dinner in the well-known Opryland Hotel. To make the moment unique, he enlisted the assistance of some willing staff who supplied him with a copy of the menu to which he added his proposal in the same style print!

Other Ways... On a banner trailing behind a place at the beach; announced over the public address system at any big event; in a poem rolled into a scroll and surrounded by a ring; in a crossword puzzle you create yourself while you're having your portrait made together.

Surprising Places to Hide a Ring... In a helium balloon; a seashell; a box of brownie mix; an ice cube; a clear ornament on the Christmas Tree; tied around the neck of the bride-to-be's dog.

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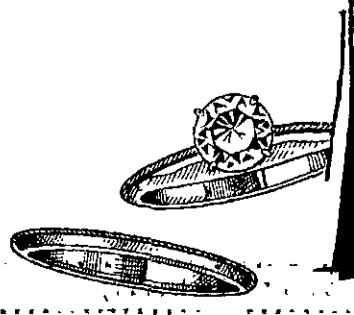
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V'ville girls rebound vs. Ravena

By Jacob Van Ryn

On Friday, Jan. 6, the Voorheesville girls basketball team (5-3, 6-3) responded to its loss earlier in the week with a 47-21 victory over Colonial Council rival Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

Despite getting off to a slow start, the 'Birds were able to turn their play up a notch to record the win. "After that first quarter, we came alive, both offensively and defensively," said coach Jack Adams.

The 'Birds were led by freshman Jane Meade, who had 14

points, all coming in the first half. Kristin Person added 10, while Kristin Dougherty chipped in with 7.

The week did not start so well, as the 'Birds lost to league-leading Holy Names on Tuesday. The team suffered a disappointing 53-48 loss, in a game where the 'Birds had the ball, up by three, with about two minutes left in the game.

"That loss was as tough as they've come, especially since we didn't make the plays late in the game to win the game," Adams said. "Our turnovers late in the

game let them back in the game.

"They're a very good team that has a couple of very good players in (AnnaLisa) Tebano and (Alicia) Slavis," he added.

The 'Birds were once again led by Meade, who had 16 points. Person and Dougherty each contributed 11 points in the loss.

In the upcoming week, the 'Birds face three Colonial Council foes in Cohoes, Emma Willard, and Averill Park.

"This week will determine if we're a contender in this league," said Adams.

First half woes hurt V'ville

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville boys basketball team (6-2, 8-2) has been struggling lately and coach Skip Caark attributes it to first-half blues.

"We haven't played well in the first half in about six games," Carrk said. "We knew that we couldn't count on coming from behind in every game, and now we have proof."

Schalmont leads the league now with a 7-1 record. V'ville, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Watervliet share second with 6-2 records.

On Friday, Jan. 6, V'ville traveled to Ravena and the Blackbirds were sluggish getting out of the gate.

"We weren't ready to play early," Carrk said. "They also had phenomenal shooting. They didn't miss much all night."

RCS won by a 74-63 score. Center Dave Burch was stellar in defeat with 27 points and 14 rebounds. Josh White and Andy Bayus chipped in with 13 points apiece.

"That night Dave gave the most outstanding performance I've ever seen from a high school basketball player," Carrk said.

Carrk added that he was not happy with the team's defense in the Ravena game. "Seventy-four points is the most points given up by a V'ville team in three years."

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the 'Birds had a difficult time defeating Albany Academy 58-50 at home. "Once again we did not have a very good first half," Carrk said. "The first half of the season is over and it's been fairly successful, but we need to concentrate on our defense and begin games strong."

Blackbird wrestlers earn praise

By Joshua White

The Voorheesville wrestling team performed impressively by placing fifth out of 11 schools at the Ravena Invitational this past weekend.

"We had a pretty good show," said head coach Dick Leach. "It was a tough tournament with good teams such as Colonie and Salem from our area and schools from other sections of the state."

Six of the 10 Blackbirds who wrestled were able to place. Stand-out performances were turned in by senior Matt Cootware (145) and eighth grader Ryan Spanswick (98), both of whom reached finals in their respective weight classes.

ley. Junior Bryce Fortran and sophomore Jim Shear both placed fourth.

Junior Griffin King (155) placed third after losing to Alex Sebald of Roundout Valley.

"Even the kids who didn't place, wrestled well," said Leach. "We have strong depth in the middle weight classes, but are inexperienced at the end classes."

"Ryan (Spanswick) did a great job wrestling more experienced wrestlers," said Leach. "Matt (Cootware) also had a great tournament. He just had to play catch-up in his last match."

"Our wrestlers are competing better in tournaments than in dual meets."

On Thursday, Jan. 5, the Black-

birds traveled to Schalmont. The undermanned Blackbirds lost to the Sabres 42-21. The defeat dropped Voorheesville to 1-2 in the league.

"In the dual meets, we have been giving up too many points to forfeits," said Leach. "The forfeits put us in a hole from the beginning and affect our team results."

The Blackbirds received winning decisions from King, Bryce Fortran and sophomore Brandon Holcomb (126). Cootware and sophomore Todd Dombrowski (112) earned forfeits.

"We are wrestling with two seniors and our inexperience will improve," said Leach. "The wins and losses in our league will depend on how we match up."

Our kids are competing better in tournaments than in meets.
coach Dick Leach

Cootware was on the wrong end of a 5-0 decision against Bill Trendell of Cobleskill-Richmondville.

The defeat was Cootware's first setback of the season. Spanswick was pinned by McLean Merryman of Salem at 1:04.

Senior Jim Cook (132) placed third after losing in the semifinals to Rick DePoalo of Minisink Val-

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Webster

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he was chief of the Elsmere Fire Department—a position currently held by his son Richard.

In his capacity as a town board member, he has been the board's liaison to the Bethlehem Police Officers' Union and the town Parks and Recreation Department.

Politics was never an end-all and be-all for Webster and even though he has been deputy supervisor for five years, he's never aspired to higher office. Becoming involved first as a block captain and then as a Republican town committeeman, he said it almost seemed to follow logically that he would run for the town board if the opportunity ever presented itself.

Now that real retirement is finally at hand — he retired from the Traveler's Insurance Co. in 1988 — it's safe to assume that Webster won't settle down in front of the TV set with a glass of charonnay.

"I used to drive the senior van (for Bethlehem Senior Services)," he said. "I'd like to get back involved with that again and the Meal on Wheels program."

Town Parks and Recreation commissioner Dave Austin praised Webster for his work with the department. "He was a very involved board member from my standpoint. He was always easy to talk to and was very understanding."

Salaries

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Building Inspector John Flanagan is scheduled to make \$53,628 and Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky is penciled in for \$51,628.

All of the increases for Bethlehem officials reflect the 4 percent raises given to all town employees for 1995.

No official in the town of New Scotland will crack the \$40,000 barrier in 1995. Supervisor Herb Reilly, slated to earn \$39,010, will earn the most, followed up by

Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan (\$35,210), Building Inspector Paul Cantlin (\$34,377), and provisional Assessor Patricia McVee (\$29,500). McVee is serving in place of Assessor Richard Law, who has been out on disability leave since October 1993.

Also, Town Clerk Corinne Cossac will make \$28,119, while Park Maintenance Supervisor Harry Duncan's salary has been set at \$28,660 and Code Enforcement Inspector Paul Jeffers will earn \$23,092.

Firefighters complete pump skills course

Several local firefighters recently completed an 18-hour Pump Operator Course designed to provide information and skills essential for pump operation.

They are: Gilbert Boucher, William Krell, Christopher Wright,

John Pregent Jr., Joseph Angermeier and Vince Thompson, all of the Elsmere Fire Department; Larry Soeller of the Delmar Fire Department; Stephen Mantor of the Coeymans Hollow Fire Department; and Russell McBride of the Coeymans Fire Department.

Evening skating party planned at town park

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will host "Fire and Ice," an evening of ice skating and music for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, at the Bethlehem Town Park on Elm Avenue in Delmar.

The event will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 3.

For information, call Karen Hoogkamp at 439-2995.

Local history talk to focus on Shakers

Walt Chura will discuss the local history program "Shaker Heritage: The Gift to be Simple," at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m.

Chura will discuss Shaker heritage and beliefs as part of the program, which is sponsored by the Town of New Scotland Historical Association.

For information, call 861-6022.

Book discussion group to gather at library

The Bethlehem Public Library's book discussion group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17, and Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the adult lounge of the library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The group is reading short novels by Henry James, Herman Melville, Tolstoy and others.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

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Tapped

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The review, "Are Rapists on Pleasure or Power Trips?" suggests that Felson and Tedeschi have rankled the feathers of social scientists, rape counselors and women at large. Simply stated, those groups view rape as an expression of power and dominance, whereas Felson argues that sexual compliance and satisfaction motivates the rapist.

Felson said *60 Minutes* targeted him for the show because he wrote the chapter on the controversial theme. Consequently, "Mike Wallace came (to the University at Albany) for two hours during a class for sociology students," Felson said. He said about half way

through the session, Wallace began to participate in the discussion. "It was sort of funny after seeing it (*60 Minutes*) for 25 years" to be actually a part of it, Felson said. Still, he said, "I largely forgot the camera was there."

Even Felson's wife, Sharon, who was there to observe the class (and the *60 Minutes* crew) got questioned by Wallace, although Felson said he doubts her remarks will be aired.

Wallace was to have come back to the area for a second interview with Felson, but things are currently on hold since the show's producer left and his replacement will determine the fate of the segment.

CHP, cancer society set no-smoking class

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.

Safety Council sets safe driving classes

The National Safety Council will sponsor two defensive driving courses at local venues in January.

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 Elsmere. 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 pre-register, call 767-2474.

Embroidery guild slates area 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.

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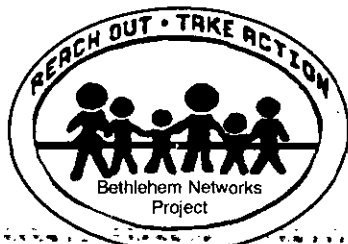
Bethlehem police officers and BC guidance counselors will work with parents and children to develop safety, communication and planning skills. There will also be a discussion about stranger safety. Call 439-7740 to register for the workshop.

Parents of preschoolers can take advantage of a six-week parenting series called STEP, for Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The fee for the series of classes is \$25.

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Arthur and Marion Hatch, above, on their wedding day, and below, today



Hatches celebrate 50th

Arthur and Marion Hatch of Voorheesville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception with family and friends at the Voorheesville American Legion Post on Dec. 30.

Arthur, a native of McMinnville, Tenn., was serving in the Air Force when he married the former Marion Emily Baker on Jan. 3, 1945, in Trinity Methodist Church in Albany. The couple has lived on Koonz Road in Voorheesville since 1954.

Formerly a lithographer with the Maqua Co. in Schenectady, Arthur is currently a salesman with Pagano-Weber Real Estate in Delmar.

Marion is retired from her job

as staff secretary at Voorheesville Elementary School. She is a life-long member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and is currently active in Nimblefingers, a local sewing-craft group at the Voorheesville Public Library.

Both the Hatches are charter members of the Rakowana Archers, and have been active in the American Legion, where Arthur is a past commander.

The Hatches are the parents of Barbara Vink and Lauren Hatch of Voorheesville and Cheryl Hatch of Fort Myers, Fla.; grandparents of Lauren, Michael and Joshua Vink and Heather and Courtney Tedesco; and great-grandparents of Joshua and Zachary Welton.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Ryan Michael Edgington, to Darcy Touzin and Randy Edgington, Selkirk, Dec. 11.

Boy, Evan Christopher Konas, to Susan and Steven Konas, Glenmont, Dec. 22.

Girl, Amy Elizabeth Fredette, to Cathy and Michael Fredette, Glenmont, Dec. 27.

Boy, Joseph Hayden Verstandig, to Elaine and Bob Verstandig, formerly of Delmar, Dec. 23.

Girl, Kelly Marie Sutko, to Susan and Michael Sutko, Glenmont, Dec. 30.

Girl, Markie Nicole Fish, to Teresa and Gary Fish, Delmar, Jan. 1.

Girl, Moriah Joy Greenstein, to Amy Schallop and Lee Greenstein, Delmar, Jan. 1.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Anthony Francis Gimini, to Kathleen and Robert Gimini, Voorheesville, Dec. 20.

Girl, Payton Elizabeth Fontaine, to Kathleen and Noel Fontaine, Voorheesville, Dec. 24.

Girl, Samantha Kate Swantek, to Holly and John Swantek, Slingerlands, Dec. 30.

Samaritan Hospital

Boy, Jason David Fribourg, to Katherine and David Fribourg, Voorheesville, Nov. 29.

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Amy and John Auchter

Horowitz, Auchter marry

Amy Horowitz, daughter of Norman and Lois Abramowitz of Delmar, and John Auchter, son of Raymond and Patricia Auchter of Racine, Wis., were married in a civil ceremony at the Racine Marriott Hotel on Oct. 8.

The maid of honor was Shannon LeZatte and the bridesmaid was Sarah Burnett.

The best man was Jevad Aslani; the groomsmen were Joe Auchter and the ushers were Dave Auchter

and Peter Auchter. The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Fashion Institute of Technology. She is employed as a product designer by Western Publishing in Racine.

The groom, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, is employed as a network manager by Western Publishing in Racine.

After a wedding trip to Ixtapa, Mexico, the couple lives in Racine.

Community Corner

Bethlehem Opportunities meets today

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Obituaries

Louis F. Harbeck

Louis F. Harbeck, 95, a Delmar native and resident of 15th Street in Troy, died Thursday, Jan. 5, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born in Delmar, he was educated in Albany.

Mr. Harbeck was a painter at Abele Bros. Contractors for 40 years before he retired. He then worked for 10 years for the Abele Tractor & Equipment Co. in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Gero Harbeck; and a brother, Howard E. Harbeck of Delmar.

Services were from the Morris-Stebbins-Miner & Sanvidge Funeral Home in Troy.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Virginia G. Smelzer

Virginia G. Smelzer, 64, of Dalton, Mass., and formerly of Bethlehem, died Sunday, Jan. 1, at Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, Mass.

Born in Albany, she was a 1948 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mrs. Smelzer was employed by

the Bethlehem Central School District until 1960 when she moved to Dalton. She was later an executive secretary at Eaton Paper and E.D. Jones Co. until 1973.

She was a member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and its Women of Faith Group.

Survivors include her husband Wallace H. Smelzer, and a sister Evelyn Humphrey of Selkirk.

Services were from the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pittsfield. Burial was in Ashuelot Cemetery, Dalton.

Arrangements were by the Bartlett-Wellington Funeral Home, Dalton.

Contributions may be made to the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Paul Bergstrom

Paul A. Bergstrom, 50, of Niskayuna, a Voorheesville native, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Voorheesville, he moved to Niskayuna in 1965.

Mr. Bergstrom worked as a clerk at the state Library for 15 years before he retired in 1991 because of illness.

He was an Army veteran.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Schenectady and a member of its Holy Name Society.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Ausfeld Bergstrom; a daughter, Jennifer C. Bergstrom of Niskayuna; his mother, Emily Bergstrom of Voorheesville; and a sister, Kathleen E. Bowman of Voorheesville.

Services were from the Gleason Funeral Home in Schenectady and St. John the Evangelist Church.

Burial was in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church Restoration Fund.

June G. Kovar

June G. Kovar, 72, of Eastmount Drive in Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Waterville, Maine, she was a graduate of Nasson College. She had lived in Worcester, Mass., for many years before moving to the Capital District in 1974.

Mrs. Kovar worked for the state

for many years. She most recently was a secretary for United University Professions in Albany.

She was active in the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church in Guelderland. She was also a volunteer usher for the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Survivors include her husband, Edward H. Kovar; two daughters, Marilynn Kozak of Lexington, Mass., and Deborah Jicha of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother, David C. Gaskell of South Harwich, Mass.; and a granddaughter.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Services were from the Chapel at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Elizabeth Hotaling

Elizabeth Gollins Hotaling, 82, of Schoolhouse Road in Bethlehem, died Friday, Jan. 6, at her daughter's home in East Greenbush.

Born in Albany, she was a homemaker. She was a life member of the North Bethlehem Fire Department Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hotaling was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Albany and its women's league.

She was the widow of David J. Hotaling Sr.

Survivors include a daughter, Katherine White of East Greenbush; two sons, David J. Hotaling of Delhi, Delaware County, and Richard A. Hotaling of Albany; four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Services were from Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guelderland.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Gladys Bloomingdale

Gladys E. Bloomingdale, 67, of Baldwinsville, Onondaga County, and formerly of Voorheesville, died Friday, Jan. 6, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born and raised in Voorheesville, she moved to Baldwinsville in 1956.

She was a charter member of the Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance Corps, a member of the Baldwinsville Women of the Moose Chapter 649, and the American Legion Vernice Suttle Post 113 Auxiliary, both in Baldwinsville.

Mrs. Bloomingdale was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Baldwinsville.

Survivors include her husband, Frank C. Bloomingdale; a daughter, Frances L. Bloomingdale of Cleveland, Oswego County; and a brother, Donald Rivenburg of Voorheesville.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guelderland Center.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

BC workshop to consider enrollment growth

With 160 more students expected next year, the Bethlehem Central School District continues to grow, straining the capacity of its secondary school buildings.

So the BC school board and the district's long-range planning committee will get together tonight (Wednesday) for a work session on how to deal with steadily increasing enrollment.

The long-range planning committee will present a mid-point update on its work, according to Superintendent Leslie Loomis. The committee is considering what steps to take to accommodate growing enrollment at the middle and high schools, which is projected to peak at record levels around the year 2000.

The board will also get an advance look at the expenditure side of BC budget for 1995-96 tonight, Loomis said.

"I anticipate this will be a difficult budget year, so I'd like to begin the budget process earlier than usual," Loomis said. "It's important to get an early forecast to the board so board members can discuss the approach they want to take."

Tonight's workshop is at 7 p.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place. A regular meeting to discuss the expenditure forecast and this year's budget process will begin at 9 p.m.

Dev Tobin

Adults can sign up to learn to swim

An adult learn-to-swim class, a part of Bethlehem Central's spring Continuing Education Program, will begin Monday, Jan. 23, in the pool at Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The class will meet weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday for 10 weeks. Grace Franze will teach the class.

The class costs \$30 for residents of the school district and \$37 for non-residents. Registration forms are available at the Continuing Education Office at Bethlehem High School, 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.


For information, call Shelly Cromwell, BC continuing education supervisor, at 439-4921, ext. 248.

Bethlehem library to show Tandy film

"The Story Lady," a "school's out" film for kids in grades 3 and up, will be shown on Monday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Starring 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.



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Museum activity heats up as the seasons cool down. Above, Schenectady Planetarium Director Richard Monda runs the star projector. Below, Adirondack ash splint basketmaker Bill Smith is just one of the artists celebrated in the new show at the Albany Institute of History and Art, "Out of the Ordinary: Community Tastes and Values in Contemporary Folk Art."



Museums add spark to cold winter days

New exhibits on tap around region

By Eric Bryant

Football widows take heart. Non-skiers take note. Cultural mavens, stand fast to the ramparts.

We may be closing in on the depths of a blustery Northeast winter, but there are activities out there that don't require a knowledge of Pro Bowl selections or ski waxes. They might also (insert haughty "sniff" here) raise your cultural consciousness a few pegs.

January is often the month when local museums turn over their collections and new exhibits are brought in. Here are just a few of the offerings beginning during the next few weeks at local museums.

- Beginning Jan. 27 and running through June 18, the New York State Museum will host "Splendor in Stone," an exhibit of color photographs created using a microscopic camera on ultra-thin slices of rock.

Phil Whitney and Jane Gilotti of the New York State Geological Survey are overseeing the technical content for the exhibit. "We actually thought of doing this independently several years ago," said Whitney, a geologist. "I was at an exhibit when I saw this photograph of what was obviously a section of rock and it started me thinking about my work."

According to Whitney, the photographs are created when polarized light is used to illuminate a slice of rock 30 microns (3/100th of a millimeter) thick. The result is an image few human eyes get the chance to see: the interplay between colorful minerals at the rock's basic level.

"The process is very useful in science to identify what minerals are present in rocks and how they were formed," said Whitney. "Artistically, it's quite beautiful."

Beginning on Feb. 3, one of the state's little-known gallery gems will travel up the river to Albany's State Museum. The exhibit from the College at New Paltz collection, the first art gallery to be established within the State University system, will feature more than 100 works — from ancient Egypt to 20th-century masters. Works of art featured in the collection, which will run through Aug. 20, include Roman, pre-Columbian, European and North American art. Also featured is a selection of prints and paintings by artists from the original Woodstock Art Colony, as well as prints from Jose Francisco de Goya, Henri Matisse and Georges Rouault and others.

- The Albany Institute of History and Art will premiere the traveling exhibit, "Out of the Ordinary: Community Tastes and Values in Contemporary Folk Art," on Friday, Jan. 20.

Bringing together in one space the diverse elements that are labelled under folk art, "Out of the Ordinary" will explore

the interaction between artist, community and culture.

"Rather than treat the art as precious and removed from modern realities, which is often the attitude of people outside the culture groups, this exhibit looks at objects from within diverse American community contexts," said exhibition curator Varick Chittenden.

Diverse is the key word for this collection. The exhibit will feature the work of Mohawks from Akwesasne, Polish Catholics from Buffalo, Adirondack wood carvers and Puerto Ricans from East Harlem, among others.

Weekly "Meet the Folk Artist" programs, held on Saturdays, from noon to 5 p.m., will focus on various artists.

After a five-month stay at the institute, the exhibition will move on to sites in Binghamton, Niagara Falls and Yonkers.

- Schenectady's Museum and Planetarium is currently hosting several small exhibits and continues to provide a series

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of planetarium shows aimed at both children and adults. One exhibit, titled "An Appreciation of Our Planet," culls pictures from the travels of local photographer Bruce E. Harding. A second, smaller exhibit displays the changes in children's shoes from 1850 through the early part of the 20th century.

"Probably most popular with children is our train exhibit," said the museum's Carol Hudson. The layout, which was set up by members of the Upstate Train Associates, is displayed at the Empire State Convention Center during the holidays and then is moved to the Schenectady museum until the end of February. "It's operated on the weekends from 2 to 4 p.m.," said Hudson.

Weekend planetarium shows include:

- "Dancing Stars" — native American lore intertwined with an observation of the evening sky. For ages 2 and up. 12:30 p.m.
- "Secrets of the Sky" — a planetarium sing-along. For ages 2 and up. 1:30 p.m.
- "Nightscapes" — a tour of the evening sky with an amateur astronomer, features the constellations. For ages 5 and up. 2:30 p.m.
- "The Mars Show" — Patrick Stewart (aka Captain Jean Luc Picard) narrates a show focusing on the Red Planet. For ages 5 and up. 3:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

A cast album to be made of new *Cinderella* music

Although the production of the new musical *Cinderella* has been closed since before Christmas, the cast from the New York State Theatre Institute's presentation will be assembled in Albany in March to record a cast album.

This will not be merely a vanity production or an historical document; rather, the Warner Music Group which had partially funded the Troy production and which helped obtain a composer and lyricist for the show, is backing this new record. The company, the largest in the recording industry, will also distribute the record.



Martin P. Kelly

This is a big step forward for the often-beleaguered New York State Theatre Institute in that it will help it gain increased recognition as the place where funding by national organizations can be used effectively.

Although the script for *Cinderella* was written by local writer W. A. Frankonis, Warner/Chappell Music writers George David Weiss and Will Severin were recruited to do the music. Both men are award-winning writers.

One of the factors in putting this whole thing in motion has been the ongoing association between Patricia DiBenedetto Snyder, the theater's founder and producing artistic director, and Robert Morgado, chairman and CEO of the Warner Music Group. When Morgado was an aide to the then Governor Hugh Carey, he was also a member of the theater's board of directors and has remained close to the theater since that time.

It was he who urged his company to provide \$400,000 to help produce five new musicals over a five-year period. *Cinderella* was the first to receive this help.

Berkshire Theater Festival names new artistic director

Veteran stage director and producer Arthur Storch has been named the new artistic director of the Berkshire Theater Festival in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

He will select the plays to be done at the summer theater which is among the longest-running in the country. Storch was associated with the theater in the past as an occasional director.

He has also been the producing artistic director for a number of years for the regional theater, Syracuse Stage, and chairman of the theater department at Syracuse University. Also a member of New York's Actor's Studio, he has taken leave from his university duties over the years to direct plays in New York. He has directed such stars as Alan Alda, Al Pacino, Henry Windler, Anne Jackson, Eli Wallach, Hume Cronyn and Rudolph Nureyev in the late ballet star's performance in *The King and I*.

As a result of his New York associations, it is expected that leading actors and actresses may gravitate towards the Stockbridge theater this summer for performances.

Great Women of Color opens at Theatre Institute

A five-performance production of *Great Women of Color* opens this morning (January 11) at the New York Theatre Institute in Russell Sage's Schacht Hall in Troy.

The two-women play is a co-production with the Performing Arts Department of Russell Sage, and is a journey through the lives of dynamic women of history as seen through the eyes of a teenager.

Written by Cheryl Yvonne Jones and directed by Cella Braxton, *Great Women of Color* has been produced by Blackberry Productions and is being toured around the country by the National Black Touring Circuit.

In the play, which features music and dance, a young girl meets a warrior queen in ancient Egypt, a woman who helped Native Americans on the 19th century prairie, and Voodoo Queen of New Orleans. Stephanie Berry plays the numerous women visited by the teenager as well as her mother. Amparo Santiago plays the teenager.

Performances will be given this morning, Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets and info available at 274-3256.

Around Theaters!

Keely and Du, new drama at the Capital Repertory Company through Jan. 29. (462-4534) ... *Wind in the Willows*, fairy tale at Steamer 10 in Albany Sat., through Jan. 22. (438-5503) ... *Fools*, Neil Simon comedy at Albany Civic Theater through Jan. 22. (462-1297)

Arts and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"KEELY AND DU"

drama by Jane Martin, Capital Repertory, Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Jan. 29. Information, 462-4531.

"FOOLS"

Comedy by Neil Simon, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., through Jan. 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.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER

lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Jan. 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. 11, 7 p.m. Information, 482-8701.

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Good Times Restaurant, Ballston Lake, Saturdays, Jan. 14 and 21, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 399-9976.

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ODADAA

to perform a multicultural concert, Russell Sage College, Troy, Wednesday, Jan. 18. Information, 270-2455.

JOAN CRANE

acoustic country blues, Barnes & Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

FORMULA I

jazz fusion group, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

MARK ENGELHARDT

organ recital, Cathedral of All Saints, Eagle Street, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 15, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 436-0543.

TERESA BROADWELL TRIO

Londonberry Cafe, Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Guilderland, Saturday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m., \$5. Information, 489-4288.

JOINT BENEFIT SHOW

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WINTER CONCERT

"An Evening of Sweet Song," Niskayuna Middle School Orchestra and Select Chamber Orchestra, Iroquois Middle School, Niskayuna, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m., \$5, free for children under 10. Information, 377-2019.

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COUNTRY DANCE

sponsored by The Eighth Step, First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., \$6, \$2 children. Information, 438-3035.

CLASSES

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

"PLAYING THE TROMBONE"

free clinic for children in grades 7 through 11, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to noon. Information, 382-7581.

LECTURES

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free lunchtime art talk, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12:10 to 1 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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Drew

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Wesleyan and went on to medical school at the University of Nebraska.

Drew said that despite the Depression and a great drought in the region, "A fair number of kids still came to school." In those days, most medical school students, though, were hard pressed and worked to earn money for meals and room and board. Drew recalls sitting in class at Wesleyan and looking out the window toward the library, only to find the nearby building totally obscured by dust.

For Drew's wife, Jean, raising a family around her husband's schedule was a matter of course. "My dad was a doctor, I was brought up in it," she said.

Drew graduated from medical school in 1941, and said, "An Army sergeant was waiting for us when we got out." Drew opted to bow out of service life — at least for the time being — and chose an internship in Stamford, Conn., instead. "I got paid \$50 a month," he said, one of the reasons he accepted the internship. Many schools at the time paid nothing.

After that, Drew said he left to work as a "full-fledged doctor" in a practice back in Nebraska before he decided in 1943 to join the Navy.

Drew served on the USS Restless, an escort ship on duty on the

Atlantic coast. "I was seasick for about half the trip" down to Florida, he joked. One vivid memory of Navy service was being tossed by two shipmates from the Restless to a tanker to treat an injured crew member. "It was my introduction to the Navy," he said.

It was during his Navy service that Drew met his wife, Jean. And one of his last duties was arranging for the discharge of future President John F. Kennedy.

After Drew was discharged, he said, "A host of guys were looking for a place to hang their hat and get more training. ... I felt as though I hadn't been to school" at that point.

From there, Drew went back to Nebraska and practiced in a clinic before returning to run his own practice here in Cherry Valley near Cooperstown. He recalls frequently getting stuck in snow drifts on his way to and from house calls.

After five years there, the family moved to the Midwest, where Drew did a medical residency at the University of Michigan. When he finished there — after a bout with tuberculosis — he learned of a practice opening in Delmar.

In 1955, Drew moved the office of Dr. Frank Maxon into the then new Delaware Plaza and "became the first doc in one of the first malls," he quipped. As the number of patients grew, Drew said he wanted to expand the practice, but



Dr. Roger and Jean Drew

couldn't find a place the town zoning board deemed acceptable until Jeannette Earls offered to sell Drew and a new dentist in town, Robert King, some land on Delaware Avenue.

From there, the practice grew to accommodate the 14-plus medical professionals who work there today.

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Today, Drew still believes the practice of medicine is a "challenge and a wonderful thing," but he thinks government regulations and bureaucracy take their toll on physicians.

One of the Drews' five children, Philip Drew, has followed in his father's footsteps and practices at the Delaware Avenue office.

An open house in honor of Drew's retirement will be held at the office for friends and patients at the office on Friday, Jan. 13, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Networking workshop slated at library

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, is offering a workshop on "Networking as a Job Search Technique" on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Career consultant Jon Leach will cover topics such as setting objectives, establishing contacts and setting up interviews.

To register for the program, call the library at 439-9314 by today, Jan. 11.

Bathtime tales on tap for local toddlers

"Rub-A-Dub-Dub," a bathtime program for toddlers 22 months to 3 years old, is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the children's room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The program will include stories, songs and games. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Nature 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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