Hopes for ANSWERS went up in smoke

This is the first in a series of articles addressing the issues of solid waste in the Town of Bethlehem.

By Michael DeMasi

In the early 1980s, with the town landfill nearing capacity, Bethlehem officials embraced a report recommending the town join ANSWERS, a regional authority that uses a shredder in Albany to dispose of its garbage.

Cost and landfill closings brought about crisis

By Susan Wheeler

A "man-made" solid waste crisis is facing municipalities, said Thomas Zinnie, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The problem is landfills that do not meet state standards are closing and the construction of state of the art landfills are costly.

According to Zinnie, the state Department of Environmental Conservation is forcing the closure of open or lined, landfills that threaten the environment and population. Today's landfills must be lined with a double layer of polyethylene material on top of a clay liner, and must also include two leachate collection removal systems.

EnCon has closed over 350 landfills since December 1982.

Dennis J. Woltering

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Bethlehem school board candidates air views

Stories by Michael DeMasi

The following are profiles of the four remaining candidates for the Bethlehem Central Board of Education. A total of seven candidates are running for three seats on the board. Two of the seats carry a three-year term; the third seat has a one-year term.

Daniel Blendell

Age: 40
Residence: 18 Lincoln Ave., Elsmere

Profession: superintendent of purchasing and travel for New York State Banking Department

Kelly Wilkie

Residence: 451 Delaware Ave., Albany

State Assemblyman

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Blendell said he became interested in the school board after the district this year proposed shifting a teacher from Elsmere to another elementary school.

"I attended budget meetings and thought that really got me involved in the school system," he said.

Having worked professionally with budgets for 19 years, Blendell said he has "some good suggestions" for the district and is open-minded.

"When I feel I have an opinion, I'm going to get it across to everyone," he said.

On smaller class sizes, Blendell said the district needs a long-range plan, although that may involve hiring more teachers.
Doctors prescribe ‘no incinerator’ for town

By Susan Wheeler

Incineration technology fails because of negative health effects, according to Dr. Richard Orsi, a 15-year member of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Orsi, a Selkirk resident and practicing family physician, joined members of Bethlehem Work On Waste at the Bethlehem Public Library Monday night for a discussion of the negative impacts of incineration. The group scheduled the presentation after the town board voted to hold a June 18 referendum on the concept of incineration in the town.

The town’s Solid Waste Task Force recently presented the board with three solid waste management options. One option is a proposal by the Energy Answers Corporation which includes construction of a waste-to-energy incinerator on Cabbage Island.

Incinerators emit many potential carcinogens, both into the air and as ash, according to Orsi. Although there is not much data available on these materials, they still present a risk, he said. During Monday night’s talk, he focused on lead and lead poisoning because that data is available, although “not accepted universally.”

According to Orsi, who serves as treasurer/secretary for the local chapter of PSR, all humans are born with a certain amount of lead in their bodies. The blood lead level becomes a threat, especially for younger children, when they are exposed to lead in any quantity.

Since incineration does not destroy or alter lead, but recirculates it, it is potentially more harmful in an inner city.

Data provided to Orsi from the Energy Answers Corporation indicates that the company’s waste-to-energy incinerator in Rochester, Mass., SEMASS, emits 1.700 pounds of lead per year into the air.

The facility accepts about 1,900 tons of waste per day, of which approximately 750,000 pounds is lead, according to Patrick Mahoney, EAC president. Of that amount, 99.73 percent of the lead is captured, and not released into the environment. Lead that is recovered from the facility’s fly ash is stabilized and neutralized before it goes into a landfill, making it immobile, he said.

Orsi, whose group was launched to deal with issues that affect patients’ health, such as nuclear war and toxins in the environment, stressed that screening children ages 6 to 72 months for lead poisoning is important. He also recommended reducing potential threats, such as environmental hazards.

If incineration is part of the environment, materials going into the incinerator should be detoxified. For ultimate prevention, residents should not accept any lead, including that emitted from an incinerator, he said.

John Thomas, president of Citizens for Responsible Progress, Inc., was in favor of incineration. He disagreed with the method of the presentation, saying the group was pulling on residents’ heartstrings by centering the discussion around negative impacts of incineration on children.

According to Bethlehem resident Dr. Steven Sandler, the problem with incineration is that its negative effects are added to what is already potentially harmful in the environment. “This could push (some children) over the edge,” he said. “Just another source of a toxin that scares me.”

One Delmar resident is interested in the development of a technologically sound, cost-effective facility to handle the town’s solid waste. John Cameron Brown Jr., a retired professional engineer, said that although all types of waste disposal have drawbacks, the public needs to do its best to keep the waste stream as pure as possible.

The NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) syndrome has got to end, since the waste management facility, whether a landfill or incinerator, “has got to go somewhere,” he said.

BWW members urged residents to ask questions and examine the EAC proposal. “Don’t assume it’ll be safe,” said Betsy Lyons, who termed the incinerator “a waste of energy” facility.

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EnCon awaits closure plan for Metz landfill

By Susan Wheeler

The state Department of Environmental Conservation is waiting for a revised closure plan for the Shawn Hollow Road landfill, which recently stopped smoldering, according to James Sacco Jr., an EnCon engineer.

The construction and demolition debris landfill, owned by Glenmont resident Harlen W. Metz Jr., had been smoldering for months. According to Sacco, Dunn Corporation of Colonie, the engineering firm hired by Metz to test the South Bethlehem landfill, has pulled its equipment from the site.

"I believe they put the fire out," said Sacco, who visited the site about once a week. "I can't see any smoldering and the temperatures have gone down. At other times I was able to see the smoldering."

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In addition, Sacco said he can no longer detect off-site odors generated by decomposing materials. Neighbors had complained about odors, saying they were causing them to get sick.

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Police charge tourist with snack food theft

By Eric Bryan

A British tourist ran afoul of state law when he allegedly shoplifted several snacks from a Hess Express in late February, according to the Hudson County Jail in Ewing.

The incident occurred at about 4:30 p.m., according to the police report. Police arrested Kevin Finney, 28, of Coventry, England, at the Hess Express. Finney was charged with second-degree theft, third-degree theft, and third-degree criminal mischief in connection with the theft.

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School's Out adds kindergarten care

By Susan Graves

School's Out, Inc., a non-profit child care program in Bethlehem, is planning a half-day kindergarten enrichment program beginning in September.

The morning program will initially serve 20 children, said Judith H. Cresswell, School's Out executive director. "This is the key to what children would need when not in school."

The new program for kindergartners was developed following a 1991 community survey to assess the needs for such care. That survey indicated an "overwhelming" need for care for kindergartners since they only attend regular school for half days.

The current program, which serves about 400 elementay school-age children in Bethlehem, was started by Lynn Cresswell, a kindergarten teacher. Today there is a staff of 40 who work in the district elementary schools. School's Out has also formed agreements with four Bethlehem churches, First United Methodist, Delmar Presbyterian, Delmar Reformed and Glenmont Community. "It's a real grassroots story that identifies and met a need and is sustained by a lot of community involvement," said Cresswell.

She emphasizes that School's Out is not simply babysitting. The program is designed to enrich the child's day with social and recreational activities. Some recent activities during school vacation week included a visit from a dog obedience expert, a walk to Ben & Jerry's, a toy exchange and a trip to Howe Caverns.

"It's child care that wraps around the school day," Cresswell said.

She recommends that parents, who would like to enroll their children, get on a waiting list. All children who are eligible to attend Bethlehem schools can attend School's Out.

Fees for children who attend a full-time School's Out program are $55 per month. The fee for the kindergarten program will be $75 a week. For information about the new program or to get on the waiting list, call 439-6300.
BC teachers take national honors

By Michael DeMasi

For helping strike up the band, keeping the flutists in tune and not letting the drums drown out the clarinets, Bethlehem Central music teachers Louise Ferris and George Smith received national recognition for their accomplishments.

Ferris, an instrumental music teacher and director of the Wind Ensemble at BCHS, was given the 1992 Heidt Castleman Award by Chamber Music America, a national organization committed to making chamber music a part of American cultural life.

The $1000 award spotlights the efforts of teachers who head exceptional chamber music programs for students. Ferris shared the award with a teacher from San Francisco.

"I was surprised because when I applied I felt it was a long shot," said Ferris. "We were the only public school out of the four to win national awards. I thought it would go to a private institution."

Ferris, who has been teaching at the high school for 10 years, said she developed the small ensemble program at BCHS to enrich the music education of band students and teach group cooperation.

"At the high school it's important to incorporate chamber music into the programs because students have to be independent and develop better rhythmic skills," said Ferris.

Ensembles now active at the high school include two brass quintets, a saxophone quartet and a woodwind quintet.

Smith, in his 15th year in Bethlehem schools, is the music teacher at the middle school and also conducts the seventh and eighth grade bands. He was given a citation of excellence from the National Band Association, based on the performance of the middle school band at the New York State Band Directors Symposium in March 1991.

Smith said he tries to build a solid musical foundation in his students before they graduate to the rigors of the high school band.

"I try to have the kids reach their potential," said Smith. "They have more talent than they sometimes realize."

Bethlehem Central music teachers George Smith and Louise Ferris display the awards they recently received from Chamber Music America, an organization dedicated to making chamber music a part of American culture. The two won national recognition for their work with local student musicians.

Heather Carron, left, and Wendy Wright, a Bethlehem Central High School junior, recently attended the school's annual gown exchange. Proceeds from the event benefit Students Against Driving Drunk.

Elaine McLain

BCHS class of 1957 plans 35th reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School class of 1957 will have its 35th reunion on June 13.

The dinner-dance will be at the American Legion Post on Elmser Avenue in Delmar beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A letter of invitation has been mailed to all known class members. Graduates are asked to call friends to make sure they have received the invitation.

For information, call Lars Alanson at 439-7119 or Deanna Blodgett Loucks at 439-1008.

Drama club students to wash and recite

Bethlehem Central High School's drama club will offer its second annual Shakespearean carwash on Saturday, May 16, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the National Savings Bank parking lot at the four corners in Delmar.

The troupe will be washing cars and reciting soliloquies to raise money for its annual trip to Stratford.

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Library budget projects
small spending increase

By Eric Bryant

The Voorheesville Public Library will see moderate growth in spending during the 1992-93 budget year, but library trustees said they will continue to increase programs.

The total library budget will increase six percent from $350,554 to $370,950. New Scotland resident Gail Sacco, "tough economic times and increase in their tax levy increase six percent from $350,554 budget year, but library trustees said they will continue to increase programs.

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Decker elected to national board
of advocates for learning disabled

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland resident Clare Decker was recently elected to the national governing board of the Learning Disabilities Association of America — a nonprofit group which advocates for the learning disabled.

Decker said she hopes additional funding will continue to support the library's numerous programs.

The Voorheesville library was one of only 20 across the country to receive a grant from the Modern Poetry Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities to discuss contemporary poetry this year.

A New York State Council for the Humanities grant will once again support the library's story hour for children.

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Voting again on excellence

Editorials

The anticipated increase of 154 in enrollment for the coming school year will raise broader concerns than addition of the equivalent of about 11 teachers this year. Demographically, it is possible to determine more about the source of this expanding enrollment. It is not about enacting a ban on pit-bull dogs for a corner of the town of New Scotland. This is not what the Pit-bull community is about. It is, rather, that the town be able to enforce its own laws and provide for public safety. There are important questions here that should concern every citizen of New Scotland.

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Selecting the trustees

The task of a school trustee is arduous and, though rewarding in certain aspects, it may at times seem thankless. The work and its result is of great importance not only to the schools’ functioning but to the entire community. The latter is true especially in the need to refrain from leaning unduly on property-owners’ ability to support the system.

It is the staff’s responsibility to produce “excellence” in results and to establish goals for continued improvement. The trustee must, in part, support those efforts and aspirations but, also in good humor, provoke questions, and occasionally even to nay-say.

BC voters next week will find seven names of good citizens on the ballot, seeking election to three vacancies. Five of the seven lack experience may show that not all those interested in the district receive all it is asking for. The town’s share of all district education has increased well over 50 percent in that time.

A clearer cable picture?

None of it will reduce your TV cable charge or improve your access, say, to Channel 5 instead of MTV but, as Cablevision’s basic monthly rate goes up again on Friday, local subscribers can look ahead to some improvements in what they’re receiving for their money.

For months past, Bethlehem’s team of negotiators—mostly volunteers but headed by Supervisor Ringer—have been sitting across the table from Cablevision management working out terms for a 10-year franchise extension. The length of the arrangement makes particularly significant whatever concessions that our negotiators may be able to attain.

(The fallacy, of course, is the federal law that forbids any control over subscriber rates and programming. For the past several years, this has been one of the worst giveaways of Reagan-style deregulation.)

It appears that one of the principal gains in the new terms would be the right to conduct future negotiations with present subscribers but rather extend service to several rural areas that are now with-out cable.

We may be able to have better customer-service conditions, such as response time for repairs or installation, and handling of complaints. An opportunity to make monthly payments locally would be welcomed by many. Upgrading of the quality of reception on some channels would be hailed as an agreeable bonus.

Holding over Cablevision’s head some potential penalties if it fails to do what it’s supposed to do would provide some leverage for consistently acceptable performance.

Almost everyone would hope that the negotiators will be able to gain some additional funds from Cablevision for Bethlehem schools and public-access channel at the library. And an improved revenue stream into the town treasury would be especially welcome, if, perhaps, that percentage of the cable fees collected by Cablevision could be increased from the present 3 percent to as much as 5 percent.

After attack on child, animal control is issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a resident of Feura Bush and a member of the neighborhood association, I would like to correct some misconceptions that have arisen since the previous attack on a child in the town and subsequent efforts by neighbors to do something about it.

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Seniors’ cable service price break has blips

Editor, The Spotlight:

I doubt if all your Bethlehem readers who have cable TV are aware of a discount offered by the cable company to senior citizens—those of 65 years or more. The discount, on basic service, is rather small but it certainly can be useful in these times.

There are a few catches, however. People should be aware of them, as of course, you must apply, using a company form. I suppose that’s understandable.

But if the service is in the name of a family member who is not yet 65, the discount is available even though a qualifying person is making the application. For example, if a woman of 64 or younger happens to be the cable subscriber officially, her husband is not eligible for the lower rate even though he is the one who pays the bills. (The service can be transferred to his name, but of course there is a charge for that.)

Further, if you are buying any of the extra channels beyond the basic service, you are no longer eligible for the discount, because (according to the company’s reasoning) you obviously don’t need the price break!

Give me a break!

Vox Pop

In point of fact, Simon was going about his own business on that corner of the property when these dogs, who were unrestrained, broke away from Mr. Lewis and crossed a street to attack Simon in his own driveway. This behavior should not have been a surprise to Mr. Lewis; these dogs have previously attacked other people in the neighborhood. Perhaps at least one of these incidents was reported to the animal control officer, but apparently nothing of great consequence was done at that time.

It should be noted that although there is a leash law in the town, none of the dogs involved in the attack were on a leash at the time. Various neighbors called other people from these animals for the moment, it should be pointed out that Mr. Lewis lives on Route 32 and has a heavy traffic, and these dogs should have been restrained for their own protection. Beyond that, Mr. Lewis clearly had no incentive to address town regulations.

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Letting go...

I recall, from many years ago, reading a magazine piece that offered a proposition to the effect that the few weeks of late winter and early spring are when many elderly or ailing people die. They have at last surrendered the hopeful premise of rejuvenation, in the face of the quixotic season's prolonged denial of renewal.

A friend of mine died this month, in a swoon of windsweds days of early April, before any but the hardest crocuses had appeared and just before the Red Sox lost their first game. Ralph had known for many months that his days were numbered. The end always was on the horizon; only the actual time was uncertain. He was, not chronologically, a young man; he had passed the biblical allotment and in another month he would have blown his seventh-fourth birthday. (He was less than two years old when the Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees.) To a great many among his contemporaries, that's old—they have not yet had occasion to discover the secret that no one is old until he or she wishes it that way.

Not young, as the world measures time, but Ralph surely was not old. He had served as ever, as sage a counsellor, as unemotional a realist, right up to the end.

Last month, an Uncle Dudley column took shape completely around ideas that Ralph wrote to me (he had had to dictate the letter.) His words were published here within 10 days before his death.

Ralph was a victim of a cancer that is relatively common among men; his was detected in time, but Ralph was.server as ever, as sage a counsellor; as unemotional a realist, right up to the end.

A Mussolini in Italy's politics

It certainly didn't seem to excite much interest among the media in this country, so I was accordingly pleased to be able to read about the election of a young woman named Alessandra Mussolini as a member of the parliament in Italy earlier this month.

She's not merely the grand-daughter—let us say the least—of Il Duce, she also holds beliefs that warrant the description: "A dedicated follower of fascism." The source for the information is "The Sunday Times Magazine"—the London Sunday Times, that is. They title the five-page article: "Beauty and the Beast: Mussolini's daughter, the Party of Love, featuring a dedicated follower of fascism." The article is an accurate survey of the history of fascism and its possible future in Italy. The author, a journalist, examines Mussolini's political career, his influence, and his impact on contemporary Italian politics.

Mussolini's rise to power in Italy began in the 1920s when he established the National Fascist Party. He quickly rose through the ranks of the party, becoming its leader in 1922. Mussolini's government was characterized by its authoritarianism, nationalism, and economic policies that were designed to benefit the working class.

Despite the fact that Mussolini's government was in power for nearly three decades, it was ultimately overthrown in 1943. The end of Mussolini's government marked the end of fascism in Italy, and with it, the end of Mussolini's political career.

The recent election of Alessandra Mussolini as a member of parliament has reignited interest in the country's political past and present. Mussolini's daughter has been praised by some as a modern-day fascist, while others see her as an attempt to capitalize on her father's legacy.

There are significant differences between Mussolini and his daughter. Mussolini was a nationalistic and authoritarian leader, while Alessandra has been described as a more moderate figure. However, both have been accused of promoting fascist ideas.

In conclusion, the election of Mussolini's daughter as a member of parliament in Italy serves as a reminder of the country's complex political history and the enduring appeal of fascist ideology.
Little red car' owners absolved as bad drivers

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter in response to the letter to the editor entitled, "The Dangers of Mixing Lipstick and Gasoline", I'm sure that the fact that women are getting in more accidents has nothing to do with the fact that more women are driving. I'm sure that automobile ing I don't mean loading the kids in the back of the station wagon for scouts or some routine trip to the grocery store.

Mr. Larson seems to ignore that there is anyone else with bad driving habits but women. I personally feel, young or old, there is nothing wrong with anyone owning a little red car, and if a young woman can afford it, good for her!

As it wasn't bad enough Mr. Larson forced his so-called observations on the readers, he actually took the opportunity to offer reasons why we, awful women drivers, deserve punishment. Well, I'm sure that Mr. Larson's credentials back up everything he had to say! Though I must reward his reluctance to use the words, "combative" and "arrogance," I'd like to think next time he had better be a little more reluctant and leave them out altogether.

For Mr. Larson, I have a few words:
The next time you observe anyone's driving habits, see past the sex of the driver.
The next time you observe another's driving habits, try your own.
If you are married, keep your conditions to yourself.
If you're not, well, that explains it.

Clarkeville Lynne Petrak

(from page 7)

experience for me. It has been
that it has also been very frustrating
and emotionally draining. I can
certainly sympathize with
elected officials who are deciding
to retire due to the frustrations of
the job. I have learned a great deal
and hope to continue to be able to
serve to the best of my ability
those who elected me.

A. DeCecco

be moved around at the pleasure
of the Democrat majority. It is
unfortunate, in all these acrimonious
debates regarding district
lines, that everyone is looking out
of the Democrat majority. It is
recognizing the needs of the people
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beauty of this theater.

Sr. Lucie Nordmann, rcj
Headmistress,
The Doane Stuart School

Animals
(from page 6)

allow, and his handling of them
leaves much to be desired.

The performance of Mr.
Boehlke, the animal control
officer, needs to be examined
in this case. Regardless of the job he has
done elsewhere, he has been less
dedicated to this matter. By
his own admission he can be
difficult to contact and does not
always have time to carry out the
job of animal-control officer.
The Town Board itself recommended
that people with animal complaints
not to try contact Mr. Boehlke
direct but call the sheriff instead.

Clearly the town needs to re-
view the position of animal-con-
trol officer. It should determine
what sort of training and qualifi-
cations are necessary to carry out
the job, what resources are needed,
how much time should be
devoted to it, and what specific
regulations the officer should be
expected to enforce. If the town
can provide adequate animal
control through this position, it
should make other arrangements.

As far as banning pit bulls is
concerned, this is a non-issue. A
breed-specific ban is unworkable,
both because there are legitimate
breeds that would be unjustly af-
fected, and because cross-bred
dogs like the ones involved here
would not be covered. What the
town should focus on is irrespon-
sible dog ownership.

The need to clearly de-
terminate the conditions under
which people may own dogs, both
for the welfare of the animals
themselves and for the people
around them. It is entirely appro-
priate for the town to address the
matter of vicious dogs for example,
by defining what sort of behavior
can cause a dog to be officially
labeled vicious, and what the
owner should be expected to do
to protect the public from the animal
and vice versa. In the case of Mr.
Boehlke, it would not seem difficult
to do so. Beyond that, the town
needs to establish meaningful
penalties for those who ignore the
regulations, and enforce them.

The unfortunate circumstance
of the attack on Simon Foulger
has served to point out a problem
in the Town of New Scotland. The
community needs to be reassured
that other events like this do not
occur in the future. Who knows
how many other situations like
the one created by Mr. Lewis may
be found in the area? Aside from
risking public safety, the town
could face serious financial con-
sequences if the matter of animal
control is not addressed.

It is an unhappy sympto-
m of the times that the threat of liab-
ility lawsuits is ever-present. As
a taxpayer in the Town of New
Scotland, I hope that the town will
act to preserve public safety in a
responsible fashion which will
ensure that any potential liability
in the event of a future animal
attack will be clearly the respon-
sibility of the owner.

Feura Bush

Larry Roth
PHP/CVS deal termed an undesirable policy

Editor, The Spotlight:
I am a Medicare recipient who also is a member of the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan.

As a PHP member, when I need to have a prescription filled, I must take it only to a CVS pharmacy. Everyone who has experience with PHP knows this, of course, but many other individuals would have no reason to know it. I person- ally feel that this exclusive arrangement between PHP and CVS—naturally of advantage to both of them—is against public policy. It benefits a huge chain that comes into our area from out of state, at the expense of the small local retailer who otherwise would have been a cornerstone of individualized attention to the public’s health needs. Isn’t there some way this arrangement can be reviewed?

Where is Attorney General Abrams when such a monopolistic practice in public health is being enforced on us by these large concerns?

Of course, I and other PHP members have a so-called co-pay for each prescription and doctor visit, etc.) On the statement given to the patient with each filling or refill of medication, this co-pay of $3 has been shown along with two other figures: the CVS retail price of the medication and the balance after co-pay (to be charged to PHP, I don’t know if there is then a nice discount "off CVS to PHP", but it seems only reasonable that this would be so).

The last time I had a refill I paid the $3 with a check and received the CVS confirmation of the transaction. However, upon looking at it I found heavy black lines drawn through the price and the balance. The figures were completely illegible.

“What’s this about?” I asked the pharmacist. “Oh,” she said, “they don’t want you to have that information.”

I wonder. It does seem like another case of less than meets the eye. The whole thing has a touch of under-the-counter dealings.

Co-opt: To persuade or lure (an opponent) to join one’s own system, to the patient with each filling or refill, etc.) Also, to add to a group by vote of those already members.

Rhetoric: Two distinct meanings: (1) the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; now, the art of prose composition or skill in this. (2) Artificial eloquence; language that is showy and affected.

Just curious (Name submitted)

Delmar

Words for the week

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Rhetoric: Two distinct meanings: (1) the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; now, the art of prose composition or skill in this. (2) Artificial eloquence; language that is showy and elaborated but largely empty of clear ideas or sincere emotion.

Martial arts tournament supports DARE

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight recently ran a series of articles on the Bethlehem DARE program. In this series one important aspect of local involvement in the DARE program was omitted.

For the past three years Michael D. Friello, owner and head instructor of Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do and Fitness Center in Delmar, has sponsored an annual martial arts tournament to benefit DARE. These tournaments have exposed hundreds of people to the DARE program and have provided DARE with over $20,000 in support, an accomplishment that is certainly worth noting.

We believe that Mr. Friello, his staff, and supporting volunteers, the hundreds of martial arts instructors and students from throughout the northeast and Canada who participated in the tournament, all of the families and friends who sponsored their participation for the benefit of DARE deserve to be recognized. Without the generous contributions of the local DARE program would be seriously diminished.

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Susan G. Barwig
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DECade’s doubled costs hardly are ‘bare bones’

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Wednesday evening, April 15, at the Bethlehem Central Board of Education building, I attended the annual budget meeting of the Bethlehem Central school system. The approximate 30-minute presentation was presented by Dr. Leslie Loorns, superintendent of the district.

With the use of a visual aid machine, the $3.6 million budget was presented to those in attendance without any printed facts or figures being distributed. I was amazed that there weren’t any printed copies available and that the attendance was so small.

In years past, when I attended board meetings, I remember attendance so large that the high school auditorium was used, and printed material (of limited value) was available.

Due to the continued escalating school budgets in the past 10 years, 1983-$15,455,435; 1993 proposed budget-$31,894,822; I feel it’s past time to speak out against this fiscal abuse. We are talking about a budget to educate our children which might be compared to a fair-sized city’s.

Dr. Loorns spoke of the budget as being “cut to the bone”; ladies and gentlemen, a budget that’s in the millions of dollars and has doubled in 10 years is not a bare bones budget.

We have administrators experimenting with ideas that have been tried and trampled; programs given a new name and brought around again in the name of progressive education (when it is actually a regressive education). It puts an extreme amount of burdensome paper work on the teachers and uses up their quality teacher/student time.

When will district residents demand “pay for performance” of these C.E.O.s (superintendents and principals)? We are too heavy handed with administration in this school system.

John H. Mead

Delmar

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**Matters of Opinion**

**Less chess, more stress unless there's largeste**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the April 22 letter to the editor regarding the importance of continuing the funding to support the Chess Club at BCHS.

My husband learned to play chess in a Bronx high school chess club in the 1930s and has enjoyed a lifetime of chess. At present, he is involved in a correspondence chess tournament—and doing very well.

Chess is available to people of practically all ages and of every physical status. It is a convenient, portable, stress-reducing activity for convalescents; people stranded in waiting rooms; travelers on those little gray cells moving.

It is actively encouraged and supported practically all ages and of every style, portable, chess tournament—and doing so.

Unfortunately for the county's taxpayers, the Democratic leadership has attempted to protect their favored sons and daughters by advocating an increase in Albany County's sales tax. They continue to ignore the need to restructure county government, and the fact that Albany's taxpayers can no longer afford to subsidize their political preferences. Their preference for a sales tax increase instead of workforce reductions is an insult to the residents of Albany County.

Fortunately, due to the leadership we are getting from the County Executive, the county is already finding projected reductions in the deficit of nearly $8 million through a hiring freeze and other cost-saving measures. Republicans want to further reduce the county's costly bureaucracy by reducing the number of non-essential appointees hired not for their skills but for politics.

Republicans want the county to continue to provide essential services, but we insist that the bloated bureaucracy be streamlined to ensure the future financial stability of the county and its taxpayers.

Albany County has fiscal problems that are not entirely of its own making. Unfunded state mandates, particularly those covering costs of Medicaid and welfare, and a sluggish economy have contributed to its projected deficit. However, the wound is somewhat self-inflicted. Decades of irresponsible and self-serving practices by the Democrats have taken a toll on Albany's finances.

In the last election, Albany's voters elected change but the Democrats are still clinging to business-as-usual—patronage at the expense of taxpayers. It is obvious they are incapable of leading the charge for fiscal responsibility. They should either follow the Republican efforts to downsize county government, or simply get out of the way.

W. Gordon Morris, Jr.
Albany County Legislator
4th District

Half-day kindergarten care program planned

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of School's Out, Inc. (SOI), I wish to express appreciation to all those in the community who took the time to complete and return the kindergarten survey. Because of the large number of families in need of half-day kindergarten care, a program will open in September.

A new type of child care for SOI, the kindergarten enrichment program will serve an initial group of 20 children who attend afternoon kindergarten classes at their respective schools. To ensure high-quality care for this component of SOI, a small group seemed prudent. No part-time enrollment will be accepted. Information on the kindergarten enrichment program and the waiting list is available by calling 439-9300.

Judith H. Crosswell
Executive Director

**“Mazel tov.”**

This year, our class of 1988 will graduate high school and go on to colleges and universities like Brown, Cornell, Columbia, SUNY Buffalo, University of Pennsylvania and Carnegie-Mellon University. Two will continue their education in college.

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Mazel tov to our class of 1988.

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**BC commitment lauded on special education**

For the information of persons who wrote letters to The Spotlight endorsing personal friends who are candidates for the Bethlehem Central Board of Education, it is the newspaper’s policy not to publish letters or personal endorsements, unless they are also relevant to campaign issues.

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**BC commitment lauded on special education**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been a member of the Bethlehem Central President’s Council for the past two years representing parents of children with handicapping conditions. I attend budget meetings and pay particular attention to how money is being spent on special education. This budget contains an $81,000 increase in special education, including 1.4 teachers and 1.6 aides. At the budget hearings, the school board voted to start a program this summer at Clarks ville for children who require 12-month education.

The board also agreed to explore the feasibility of starting an integrated pre-school to meet the needs of pre-schoolers with handicapping conditions who reside in Bethlehem. I believe it an opportunity to sign up with special education by the administration and the school board.

This past year a new special education class was begun at Slingerlands. This program has been very successful. It has allowed children to remain in their home district and receive a quality education while at the same time be mainstreamed with their typical classroom peers.

Slingerlands, All children and the whole community will benefit from this experience making this a fine example of our tax dollars being well-spent.

I support the budget and urge all those who care about special education to vote "yes" on May 6.

Judy Fruterman
Delmar
Bethlehem schools slate music program

Bethlehem Schools Summer Music Program will run from July 6 through 31, co-sponsored by the school district and the Bethlehem Music Association.

The program has two separate components — lessons for students already involved in the instrumental music program, and "Meet the Instruments" for incoming fourth and fifth graders who have not yet started an instrument.

Youngsters already involved in band, orchestra, or instrumental lessons will receive two lessons a week comprised of one private lesson and one ensemble lesson. The cost for this program is $40.

"Meet the Instruments" will offer incoming fourth and fifth graders an introduction to families of instruments, to help them make an informed choice about the selection of an instrument. The cost for the twice a week program is $25.

Scholarships will be available through the Bethlehem Music Association for youngsters who wish to participate but are not able to afford cost. The programs will be held Monday through Thursday mornings at Bethlehem Middle School.

For information, contact Sam Bozzella, music supervisor, at 439-4591.

Bellevue to offer class on early pregnancy

Bellevue Hospital, 2211 Troy-Schenectady Road, Schenectady, will offer "Getting Started," an early pregnancy class, on Wednesday, May 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

College sets sessions to give information

Empire State College will host information sessions on Friday, May 1, at noon, Tuesday, May 12, at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, May 27, at 4 p.m. at the Capital District Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany.

Rossi gets scholarship from Owens-Corning

Michael Rossi, son of Robert and Katherine Rossi of Selkirk, has been named a 1992 Merit Scholar.

Rossi, a senior at Bishop Maginn High School, was awarded a Merit Scholarship from the Owens-Corning Foundation.

He plans to major in civil/environmental engineering at Clarkson University or the Rochester Institute of Technology, and eventually pursue a career in architecture.

Scleroderma society sets educational forum

The Capital District Branch of the Scleroderma Society will sponsor an educational forum on Saturday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at Sunnyview Hospital in Schenectady.

Speakers will include physicians and cosmetologists.

For information, call 882-1012.

St. Peters to offer visiting skills course

The Pastoral Care Department at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany will offer a five-week course on improving skills in visiting the sick or homebound.

The course will be on Thursday afternoons, from May 7 to June 4.

New Scotland church sets roast beef dinner

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will have its annual roast beef dinner on Saturday, May 2, at the church on Route 85, New Scotland.

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Bethlehem residents run for Tulip Queen

By Michael DeMasie

Seven finalists for Albany’s Tulip Queen were announced today, and there is a very good chance the winner, who will be chosen next week, calls Bethlehem home.

Three of the finalists named today — Jennifer Lasher, Krysten Ragone and Jennifer Recene — all graduated from Bethlehem Central High School within the last six years.

For 44 years, Albany has been crowning a Tulip Queen in conjunction with the Tulip Festival. The queen represents Albany at citywide functions and fund-raisers and also does volunteer work in the community.

Maureen Duda, festivals coordinator for the city, emphasized the contest is not a beauty pageant. She described the queen as "a person who is able to speak well, get along with people, can think on her feet and is friendly."

After being nominated by a relative or friend of the family, each of the women went through two rounds of judging as the field of nearly 70 was narrowed down to the seven-member court.

Lasher, 23, grew up in Slingerlands and graduated from BCHS in 1988. She went to Northeastern University, received a degree in Criminal Justice in 1990 and currently works as a paralegal with Roemer & Featherstonhaugh in Albany.

"It was quite a surprise to me when they called me and asked me to come in for the interview," said Lasher, who was nominated by her mother’s best friend.

She said she won’t be disappointed if she isn’t chosen as queen. "It’s been fun up to here. It would just be a bonus if I won."

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Increase and improve parent involvement in all levels of educational decision making; implement shared decision making which involves administration, Board, teachers, parents and students

Insuring that students at all levels have equal access to excellence in teaching aimed at motivation and achieving maximum potential

Increasing school as center of community
Board sets hearing on signage

The Bethlehem Town Board set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, to consider a request from the Traffic Safety Committee to establish no parking signs on county Route 52 in front of the Elm Avenue Park.

After Supervisor Ken Ringler received letters from community members stating it is a safety hazard for cars to park along the road, he asked the Traffic Safety Committee to look into it. The group concluded it is a safety hazard to have cars parked along Route 52.

The board set the public hearing last week during its regular meeting.

In other business, the board • heard from local school students regarding Earth Day, Apr 22. The middle and high school students asked the board to pass a resolution in support of a new packaging law which is currently before the state Legislature.

Board members agreed they needed time to evaluate the bill. Ringler said it would be placed on the May 13 town board agenda.

Grenz is appointed to judicial committee

Delmar resident Eugene Z. Grenz has been appointed to the Committee on Character and Fitness of the Third Judicial Department by Presiding Justice Leonard A. Weiss.

The committee evaluates the character and fitness of candidates for admission to the New York State Bar.

Alzheimer association opens center

The Caregiver Resource Center of the Capital District chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, will open on Friday, May 1, at 3 p.m.

A plaque honoring the late Stacia Losewicz will be unveiled by her husband, Clarence Whiteman, whose gift made the resource center possible.

For information, call 438-2217.

Humane society offers pet adoptions

The Capital District Humane Association will offer a variety of healthy dogs and cats for adoption on Saturdays, May 2, 9, and 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and May 23 and 30, from 11:30 to 2 p.m.

The event will be at the Super Zatlin joins firm as account executive

Dayle Zatlin of Glenmont has joined the staff of Sawchuk, Brown Associates, an Albany public relations/public affairs firm, as an account executive.

Zatlin, who recently moved to the area from New Hampshire, was a marketing communications consultant to Digital Equipment Corporation, Nashua, N.H.

Arts council arranges filmmakers festival

The Columbia County Council on the Arts will present the Columbia County filmmakers festival on Saturday, May 2, from noon to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 3, from noon to 7 p.m. at the Studio Theater in Hudson.

Area filmmakers will discuss their work after each screening.

The program will include Frank and Caroline Mouris, who won an Academy Award for Frank Film, and documentary filmmaker Deborah Shaffer, who won an Academy Award for Witness to War. Dr. Charlie Clements.

For information, call 672-4738.

Advertising workshop scheduled at Sage

The Women’s Business Development Center, the Sage Colleges and the U.S. Small Business Administration are sponsoring a workshop entitled “How to Get Ready for Advertising” on Tuesday, May 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the campus center room 547 on the Sage Albany Campus on New Scotland Avenue.

The workshop will be led by Jay Silverman.

For information, call 270-2302.

Performers are needed for Saratoga fair

The Saratoga County Fair is looking for entertainers to perform during July 21 through 26.

Bands, singers, comedians and other entertainers are invited to participate.

Each group must provide its own microphone and speakers, and send in a refundable deposit of $100.

To register, call the fairground at 885-9701.

SHARE support group to meet at St. Peter’s

SHARE, a support group for people who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy or neonatal death, will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the large board room of St. Peter’s Hospital, Albany.

The meeting will be preceded by a memorial service at 7 p.m.

For information, call 454-1232.

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Corporate Gag Gifts...
Town picks study sites for Orchard Park wells

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland officials recently chose two study sites in the Orchard Park Water District which had been earmarked by C.T. Male Associates P.C. as prime candidates for drilling.

The decision marks the first step toward preliminary drilling of wells for the district.

Supervisor Herbert Reilly Jr. said he will attempt to contact the owners of the study sites properties, which are located on both sides of Route 155 south of the Delaware and Hudson railroad tracks. An option to drill on the property must be obtained by the town before preliminary drilling can begin.

Reilly said the target areas, each some 10 to 15 acres in size, are located near the Hilton estate and Forest Road. The two sites were chosen because the depth of underground gravel deposits indicated a significant water supply.

Previous candidate areas, such as the Larned Mine/Tall Timbers property, had a gravel depth of 60 feet, Reilly said. According to geological survey work done by C.T. Male, the new sites contain 111 feet of gravel, which draws water "like a sponge," Reilly said.

The supervisor also noted that the new sites are closer to other areas which also need water, such as Forest Road and Route 155.

Also, the board agreed to allow the state Department of Environmental Conservation to administer the funds for the preliminary work done by the town this year. Earmarked for work on the Orchard Park district, the member item funding will pay for a significant portion of the water district's preliminary drilling.

Delmar Antiques has moved adjacent to Albany C.O. Auction Gallery corner of Rt. 32 & 144

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Five Rivers to host family exploration day

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, will present a family-oriented exploration of the outdoors on Saturday, May 9, at 2 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by parents and pre-registration is necessary. The fee for the program is $2.

For information, call 765-2815.

Old Songs to sponsor guitarist Eric Bogle

Songwriter and guitarist Eric Bogle will perform on Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville.

The performance is sponsored by Old Songs, Inc.

Bogle, who was born in Scotland, will meet on Friday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Anna Marie Tucker will present a lecture entitled "Come Fly with Me," describing her trip to Japan.

For information, call 283-4848.

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It's The Law

By Joseph Cardamone

It's safe to say that everyone will either be involved in a motor vehicle accident or will know someone who has been, since motor vehicles are such an important part of our daily lives.

As common an occurrence as a motor vehicle accident may be, it still causes, in addition to any injuries, confusion and anxiety to those involved.

The basic law concerning all motor vehicle accidents can be found in Article 51 of the New York State Insurance Law, formally known as The Comprehensive Automobile Reparation Act; but, more commonly known as the "No-Fault" law.

Under this statute, the economic losses of accident victims, such as medical expenses and lost income, are provided for by virtue of "First Party" benefits given to all injured drivers, passengers and, when necessary pedestrians. These benefits are provided regardless of who may have been at fault. Generally, the injured party is entitled to all reasonable and necessary medical expenses and 80% of lost income up to $1,000 per month, with a total limit of $80,000.00.

Whether or not an injured party can make a claim for non-economic losses, most notably pain and suffering, depends on the nature of the injuries. Section 5102 (d) of the "No-Fault" law defines injuries deemed to be serious; and, the injured party must have a serious injury before any claim can be made for non-economic losses.

The least complicated categories of serious injuries are death, dismemberment, and loss of a fetus. All fractures, no matter how minor, are considered serious injuries; however, there are still some doubt whether a chipped or fractured tooth will qualify. Another category of serious injury is any significant disfigurement and has been held to mean an injury or scar which a reasonable person would regard as unattractive, objectionable or the subject of pity or scorn.

The statute also lists the following types of serious injuries: permanent loss of a body organ, member, function or system; permanent consequential limitation of use of a body function or system.

Finally, the statute describes the most general category as being a medically determined injury or impairment of a nonpermanent nature which prevents the injured person from performing substantially all of the material acts which constitute such person's usual and customary daily activities for not less than 90 days following the 180 days immediately following the occurrence of the injury or impairment.

If you have a legal question, mail your questions to "It's The Law," Spotlight Newspapers, 125 Adams Street, Delmar, N.Y. 12054.
IDA gives green light for warehouse project

By Susan Graves

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency last Friday gave the go-ahead to a $3 million building project proposed for Hannay Lane.

Malm Realty Company is planning to build a 32,000-square-foot warehouse to house Hamilton News Company, Inc. in Glenmont. Hamilton News will move from its current site to the new structure looking for a warehouse to house Hamilton News, according to Margaret Grogan, M.D.

By givin...
Delmar nurse tapped for superior work

By Eric Bryant

A Delmar woman who revitalized the Albany Medical Center's obstetrics patient education services could be named New York state's Nurse of Distinction at an awards ceremony this afternoon.

Patricia Coffey, R.N., M.S., was named one of eight statewide finalists this year for the annual Nurse of Distinction awards presentation at the Empire State Plaza. The eight finalists, representing different regions of the state, were chosen from among 400 original nominees.

Coffey came to Albany Medical Center in 1987 as the Women and Children's Nursing Division's first nurse educator. Charged with expanding patient education services, she has since created 10 separate programs for expectant mothers and a variety of materials to educate families about obstetrical, gynecological, family planning and pediatrics. According to Linda Millenbach, R.N., M.S., Coffey has taken the program from virtually nothing to form one of the most comprehensive programs in the state. Earlier this year, Millenbach nominated Coffey for the Nurse of Distinction award.

"Pat's enthusiasm, compassion and competence have spurred dozens of other staff members to get involved as patient educators," Millenbach said. "She has truly revolutionized the manner in which the staff orient itself to their diagnostic and care regimens."

According to Millenbach, Coffey's leadership and example have been catalysts for 25 other staff members to actively participate and teach in the educational programs.

When Coffey arrived at Albany Med, the only formal patient education for expectant mothers consisted of a tour of the obstetrics unit. But in her brief tenure, Coffey has created: a smoking cessation class for pregnant women and their spouses; a breastfeeding class for expectant mothers; Cesarean birth and early pregnancy classes; a Lamaze childbirth series; a Lamaze refresher course; a sibling course to prepare older brothers and sisters for a new baby; and an educational series on vaginal birth after a previous Cesarean birth.

Coffey has also served a key role in informing low-income women what health care services the medical center can provide for them during pregnancy.

"Because of her, hundreds of women have been educated in the "Project Impact" program. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of low birth weight babies through educational programs and financial reimbursement," Millenbach said.

Coffey feels Coffey's greatest impact at the center is perhaps her work in developing and expanding the lactation services which include prenatal classes, in-hospital patient visits in the postpartum and neonatal intensive care nursery, in-services for staff and telephone counseling of families after delivery.

Coffey, an Adams Place resident, earned a bachelor's in nursing from Syracuse University and a master's degree in the field in 1986. In addition, she is an international board certified lactation consultant and a certified childbirth educator. Before moving to the Capital District, she worked in the Syracuse area as a clinical nurse specialist, a childbirth educator, a private practice lactation consultant and as an adjunct assistant professor at Syracuse University's School of Nursing.
V’ville residents plan ‘trash stash’

The arrival of spring often means the arrival of litter, and the residents of Voorheesville are ready. The annual "Trash Stash" will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Trash bags will be distributed to volunteers to clean up the litter on the streets. Residents will meet at the Village Green behind the American Legion Hall, and complimentary hot dogs and soda will follow the cleanup.

For information, contact 765-2692.

Air band to perform at elementary school

The third annual elementary student council Air Band Show will be held at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

Proceeds will be used for maintenance of the playground.

Voorheesville
Susan Casler
765-2144

Schools take part in Earth Day events

Earth Day Festival will be celebrated today, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School and Voorheesville Elementary School.

In addition to the exhibits and demonstrations, an owl and hawk presentation will take place at the grade school. There will be activities and refreshments for everyone.

Students attend conference on peer counseling

Voorheesville students were among those attending the Natural Helpers Conference, "Kids Helping Kids," which took place on April 15 at the College of Saint Rose.

Natural Helpers are students who receive special training to help other students deal with the pressures of academic and social life. Topics covered included alcohol, grief, HIV/AIDS, sex and violence in dating relationships.

In addition to Voorheesville, 11 other schools participated in the conference, and there were approximately 275 students involved in the day's events.

Sponsors for the seminar were Albany County Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Conifer Park, Life Start, Capital District Physicians Health Plan, Trustco Bank and Albany County STOP DWI.

Registration deadline set for college boards

Registration deadline is Friday, May 1, for the college board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the college board Achievement Test (ACT) which will take place on Saturday, June 6.

Information and registration forms can be obtained at the counseling center at the high school.

School orders equipment from register receipts

Voorheesville School District has announced that $75,000 worth of cash register receipts were collected from Grand Union and $238,750 from Price Chopper.

As a result, the district has ordered a color TV, a computer, music keyboard, software, two gym mats, two microscopes, two laser video discs and two class sets of calculators.

Correction

Lynn Finley's new address was incorrectly listed in the April 22 edition of The Spotlight. The correct address of Lynn Finley Photography is 339 Delaware Ave.
Bethlehem Grange to cook up roast beef supper

The Bethlehem Grange will serve a family style roast beef supper on Saturday, May 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Beckers Corner Grange, Route 396, Selkirk. The cost for adults is $7, and $3.50 for children 5 to 12. For special seating arrangements, call 767-2770 or 767-3342.

Ravena library offers job bank info

The Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., now receives the Capital District Job Bank and civil service postings weekly. The bank has the most up-to-date listings of work opportunities in the area.

David Eck of Slingerlands

DAR presents award to Ravena teacher

The Hamakros Chapter of the NSDAR, Coeymans, presented the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award to RCS history teacher Donald Prockup.

He has been teaching in the district since 1987 and is currently department chairperson.

The award was given based on his service and dedication to students and the commitment to ideals espoused by the DAR, including patriotism, the expectation of excellence from students and an ability to make history "live" in the minds of students. Prockup was also DAR first runner up award winner in New York.

RCS school partners meeting tonight

The RCS senior high school partners in education meeting will be Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

RCS board to meet

The next scheduled board of education meeting will be Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the board offices, 20 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Board of ed candidates must file petitions

Candidates for school board seats must have their petitions, containing 35 signatures, returned to the board office, 20 Thatcher St., Selkirk by close of business, Friday, May 8.

The RCS budget vote and election of school board members was moved ahead one month, to Wednesday, June 10, in order to bring the spending budget to a more reasonable level.

A budget hearing, open to the public, has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, Route 9W, Ravena.

Delmar CHP to offer communication course

The Community Health Plan will offer a six-session communication skills course for couples beginning Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the center on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The course is designed to help couples resolve their difficulties by learning to send clear messages, listen more accurately and resolve conflicts.

The course will be led by Joe Zoske, C.S.W. The fee is $36 for CHP members and $72 for non-members. Registration deadline is today, April 29.

For information, call 783-1864, ext. 4444.

Pinocchio slated at Slingerlands school

The Slingerlands school fifth grade choir will present Pinocchio on Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium on Union Avenue. The play will be directed by Virginia Dale. Tickets are $2.50 and can be purchased at the door.

Senior citizens are invited to attend a free matinee dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 6, at 1:45 p.m.

For information, call 439-7681.

Progress drama club features Village Stage

The drama group of the Progress Club will feature the Village Stage at their annual potpourri, "That Marvelous Movie Music," will be presented at the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue.

This free event on Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m. is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Colman participates in internship program

Rebecca A. Colman of Slingerlands recently participated in the Career Discovery Internship Program at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Colman, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High school, is completing her junior year at Bates.

Through the program, Colman spent several days with Bates alumni Michael A. Goldberg, a fellow in pediatric and child clinical psychology, at Judge Baker's Children's Center in Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Stories, films scheduled
Library says thanks to volunteers

Preschoolers, ages 2 to 5, and their adult companions are invited to see the short films New Friends, Pierre and Snuffle on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m.

The library will have a special edition of "Preschool Storytimes" from May 5 to 28. Because fewer children are expected to participate during May's warmer weather, registration will not be necessary.

Pre-schoolers, ages 22 months to 3 years, can attend on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. on Fridays, May 8, 15, 29 and June 5. The course, which will run from May 5 to June 5, is designed for "The Largest Assortment of Flowers & Vegetable Plants in the City.

The library says thanks to volunteers

Registration is required for this perennially popular storytelling event and participants are asked to bring a half-dozen cookies to share.

Kids of all ages won't want to miss the "School's Out Freaky Film Fest" on Friday, May 22.

Preschool-fan/fan can catch The Pool and the Flying Ship (45 minutes) at 10:30 a.m. in the film. Robin Williams' mannequers of voices team up with the Klezmer Conservatory Band in this wacky retelling of a Russian folk tale.

At 2 p.m., join us for the "Schoolage Simply Atricious Science Fiction" film The Forbidden Planet (90 minutes).

Children's room assistant and movie fan Carole Lilliss says, "This is a sci-fi flock from the 50's that is so bad, it's good! Kid's Parent's baid to see this when it was first run. They'll have to see it at the Library — it won't be on the tube."

Cris Lebovan Matlin gives this film three and a half stars for its "great effects and eerie electronic score."

The library will say thank you to all the people who have volunteered this year with a reception tonight, April 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Nearly 100 volunteers have presented programs, baked cookies, hung artwork, arranged displays, filed cards, planted shrubs, built shelves, served refreshments and performed a myriad of tasks that allow the library to provide so many "extras" to its patrons.

Board of trustees President Fred Olson will present certificates of appreciation to some special folks who have really gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by harpist Martha Gallagher.

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In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts, Voorheesville Pharmacy and Voorheesville Mobil.
Eagles soar into Cooperstown’s historic Doubleday Field

By Michael Kagan

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Playing in the home of baseball’s Hall of Fame, the Eagles responded to a 2-1 deficit at the close of the first inning by pounding out a five run second inning, highlighted by senior catcher Matt Quatraro’s two run triple.

The Eagles catcher drove in a total of three runs on the day, and collected two hits. Junior pitcher Josh Lanni fanned 11 for a complete game win.

The magic of Cooperstown did not follow Bethlehem home, however.

Twenty-four hours later, the Eagles lost a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning as the Tartans pounded senior starter Mike Aylward for four runs. Bethlehem, despite out-hitting Burnt Hills 6-4 and being the beneficiary of four Tartan errors, never pushed a run across the plate for the rest of the day.

Two days of rest later, Aylward and the Eagles were a different team altogether. Aylward held the Colonie Raiders to four hits and one run in a complete game victory, while his offense picked up 12 hits. BC led 4-0 after one inning and 8-0 after two.

Quatraro and Comtois were responsible for two thirds of Bethlehem’s runs and a third of its hits. Quatraro had a two-run double and connected for a solo home run, while Comtois hit two doubles, driving in three runs.
Eagle laxers shorthanded, drop two

By Josh Norek

With several players out of the line up, the Bethlehem Central boys varsity lacrosse team put up a courageous fight as it sustained two losses last week.

Short of eight teammates due to illness, injuries, and vacation, the Eagles lost to Shaker 12-0 on Monday, April 20. Shaker, one of the strongest teams in Section II, had just come off the heels of a big victory downstate in a tournament where the lacrosse competition is much more intense.

Bethlehem Pop Warner announces sign-ups

The final sign-up for Bethlehem Pop Warner are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 2, at the town hall.

On Friday, April 24, BC was defeated by Troy 4-3. Bethlehem’s quest for victory was stopped short when Matt Thornton’s shot on goal bounced off the post. Scoring for the Eagles were Tim Mooney, Matt Woodside, and Chad Albert.

The team’s next game will be at Schenectady on Thursday, April 30.

In Guilderland The Spotlight is sold at Star Market-Rt. 30 & 155

**SPOTLIGHT ON...**

**Voorheesville’s Cortney Langford**

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Through rain, sleet and snow you can count on two things: the postman bringing the mail and Voorheesville High School's Cortney Langford practicing her basketball game.

The basketball court near Langford’s house has become a second home to the basketball player. She has been contacted by nearly 150 colleges, including Pre-law University.

.langford's abilities have made her a much sought after student athlete.

Voorheesville's Cortney Langford's second year on the team.

With the high school season over, Langford now plays as a Blackbird junior and her practice has paid off. This year she was named to the Colonial Council All-Star team and received honorable mention on the Daily Gazette All-Area team.

"I practice a lot," Langford said. "My aunts and my father always helped me and have been very supportive."

With the high school season over, Langford now plays as a guard for the American Eagles, a 16-and-under American Athletic Union team that competes throughout the country. This is Langford's second year on the team.

"Cortney is a lightning-quick player with a great long-range shot," said Michael Gallivan, the Eagles coach. "She's a pleasure to coach."

Langford also plays on the Voorheesville varsity tennis team. Last fall she went undefeated in the Colonial Council and won the singles council championship.

Langford's abilities have made her a much sought after student. She has been contacted by nearly 150 colleges, including Kent State, Princeton, Dartmouth and Georgetown University.

She hopes to receive a basketball scholarship and is sure she will play college no matter where she goes.

Editor's note: "Spotlight On..." highlights the achievements of local high school athletes.
Solid
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up of roughly 30 local residents, began examining the town's solid waste problems.

While the task force was studying the problem and Malcolm Pirnie was collecting data for its report, a new player on the scene emerged. In April 1988, American Ref-Fuel, partly owned by Browning-Ferris Industries of Long Island, announced their proposal to build a waste-to-energy plant on Cabbage Island, located south of the Port of Albany in Bethlehem.

Under full capacity, the $300 million facility was expected to handle 1,500 tons of waste per day and produce up to 42 megawatts of power, enough for up to 25,000 homes. However, the burn plant was met with opposition by residents, among them Bethlehem Work on Waste. By July 1990, Ringer proposed a moratorium so the town could enact its own solid waste facility regulations.

In May 1991, the long awaited Malcolm Pirnie study was released. Much to the chagrin of officials and residents, nine of the 14 Albany County sites deemed suitable for a regional landfill were located inside Bethlehem town lines. "There are sites (in Bethlehem) that have less impact than others, but I see impact in all," said Ringer at the time.

With regard to the Ref-Fuel proposal, in April 1991 Ringer recommended the proposal be put on the ballot for voters to decide its fate. But, by the fall of 1991, there was no need for such a vote because the company rescinded its proposal and set its sights on a location in Green Island, instead. Also in the fall, the town began soliciting proposals from municipalities and private companies for a solid waste management system. By December, nine proposals were received.

Last month, the task force recommended two of those options to the board: construction of a new regional landfill in town at a cost of $8 to $10 million; or approval of a waste-to-energy burn plant on Cabbage Island proposed by EnCon.

They also presented a third, "alternative" option: haul waste out of town.

If the third option is chosen, the task force recommends that it be viewed in conjunction with an integrated program of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, converting waste to energy and landfilling.

Just three weeks ago, the task force presented their proposed law governing solid waste facilities to the town. If adopted by the board, the law would outline minimum criteria for the siting, design, construction and operation of solid waste facilities.

On June 18, the town will hold a referendum to determine if residents support the concept of incineration in Bethlehem. A vote would tell the town board incineration shouldn't be considered as a solid waste management option.

A yes vote would direct the town to pursue incineration as part of its plan, but would not grant specific approval of the EAC burn plant.

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"EnCon is closing down landfills that do not meet regulations, that cause pollution problems. This is causing the crisis," said Zimmie. "It's a man-made crisis, but I'm not saying EnCon is wrong."

Forced closing of landfills in the state began in the early 1980s. At that time, the state was given federal money to examine landfills. According to Dennis J. Wolterding, an engineering geologist with EnCon's Bureau of Municipal Waste Permitting, Division of Solid Waste, the federal money lasted for two years, and in that time 120 landfills were inspected.

According to Wolterding, those that had a reasonable probability of adversely affecting the environment or public health were classified as "open dumps," and the names were sent to the federal government. In the state, 56 facilities were included on the list of open dumps compiled by the federal government.

Walterding managed the open dump inventory for EnCon.

Six landfills in the Capital District area were termed open dumps, according to Wolterding, including Albany County's town of Colonie landfill, as well as two in Schenectady County and three in Saratoga County. About 65 percent of the state's 56 open dumps are closed and 30 percent are slated to close immediately.

The other 5 percent have been upgraded, he said.

The federal criteria were criticized as not being stringent enough, Wolterding said, noting that the dump inventory listed only those that had violated minimum criteria. The federal open dump regulations were expanded last October, especially those for landfills accepting municipal solid waste. These regulations will be in effect by October 1993.

The state's solid waste management requirements are considered more rigid than federal standards, and were amended in 1981 and again in 1988 in "great measure," Wolterding said. "EnCon has been aggressively closing landfills that are a threat to health or the environment."

EnCon has closed over 350 landfills since December 1982, according to Wolterding. Of 518 landfills that existed statewide in December 1988, now just 167 are in operation. There are 14 active municipal and industrial waste landfills in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties.

Of Albany County's four active landfills, two are slated for closure. A portion of the City of Albany's interim landfill, located on Rapp Road, has a remaining...
life span of approximately two years.

None of Schenectady County’s two landfills are set to close, but all eight of Rensselaer County’s landfills should be closing, according to Woltering.

“New York state does have a landfill disposal crisis,” Woltering said. “In the Rensselaer Capital District, my feeling from solid waste managers is that there appears to be a solid waste disposal crisis.

The state’s solid waste management law leaves the handling of solid waste to each municipality. Each plan must follow the state’s solid waste management priorities, or the hierarchy, according to James Sacco Jr., an EnCon engineer.

The most important priority is to reduce the amount of solid waste generated, reuse or recycle material and recover, in an environmentally acceptable manner, energy from solid waste that cannot be reused or recycled, Sacco said.

The least preferred method is to dispose of remaining solid waste by landfilling or other methods approved by EnCon.

In the past, according to Woltering, the state preferred a waste-to-energy facility over landfilling, but, “Because of difficulties including the public, now landfilling is the answer.”

The state requires each municipality, or any group of municipalities working together to address solid waste management problems, to have a long-term solid waste management plan approved by EnCon, Sacco said. Because the newly designed landfills are expensive to build and operate, municipalities are joining together.

“This is a regional answer,” he said. Regions that have joined forces include Jefferson and Lewis counties, which together form the North Country Development Authority. According to Woltering, the authority’s landfill proposal was approved after four and a half years, which is relatively fast.

Franklin County’s 14 dumps were replaced by one 18-acre regional landfill, said Bob Phaneuf, an environmental engineer with EnCon’s Bureau of Municipal Waste Permitting, Division of Solid Waste. The new landfill should last for about 20 years.

“There is a trend of regionalization across the state to offset the cost of establishment and operation of multiple landfills,” Phaneuf said.

Phaneuf said state of the art landfills, which have “quite a good performance,” are usually designed specifically for the site. Information on regional construction and guidance guidelines are available.

EnCon’s hypothetical landfill, designed in 1988, was 20 acres, placed 30 feet below grade and set to be filled to 60 feet above grade. All the landfills require a 5-foot final cover system. After construction and quality assurance tests, the tipping fee for the hypothetical facility would be $65.52 per ton.

Albany’s interim landfill cost $365,000 per acre to construct, Phaneuf said. “That’s in the ballpark of what’s been predicted.

Total operating costs of a state of the art landfill are estimated at $65 per ton, he said. “The containment systems for these landfills is affordable for the community.

According to Phaneuf, 38 planning units had submitted solid waste management plans to EnCon as of July 1991. Approximately 28 of those developed a regional landfill as the preferred method of solid waste disposal for the planning unit, he said.

Single parents group to meet at church

A new group for single parents will meet Sunday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dalmar Reformed Church, 306 Delaware Ave.

The featured speaker will be Helen Volk, owner of Beyond chatter, who will speak about Managing Time and Space in Your Life.

Cost is $2 per person, and child care is provided. Participants should bring a bag lunch.

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teachers and spending more money. “What they did this year was just a Band-Aid on a problem that is getting bigger.”

Although spending on maintenance projects such as the bus garage roof may not always be the highest priority for the district, he said, “it’s important to keep on top of these problems before the costs spiral out of control.

“The maintenance problem I do want taken care of right away,” he said. “I don’t think we can wait any longer.”

In addition, Blended said he finds it hard to believe the district doesn’t have better coordination between the schools’ computers. He feels that a coordinator is needed.

To pay for these projects, he said, the only answer is to raise taxes since there will be less state aid coming into the district.

“Nobody wants to pay more taxes but we have to support the school district,” he said. “This community has been by leaps and bounds and we have new people coming in and they have children and right now taxes is the only alternative.”

Another goal for Blended is to increase the community’s involvement in the school district and draw in new people who have good ideas to offer.

“I don’t think the board and administration have all the answers and certainly can use some outside help,” he said. “Our board needs a spark in there to get it going, to get more involvement in the community.”

### Jim Kelly

**Age: 38**

**Residence: 45 Louise St., Delmar**

**Profession: Lawyer**

Kelly believes the district must rearrange its priorities so the needs of children come before the needs of administrators and professionals.

As evidence of this need, Kelly points to the ratio of students to non-classroom professionals in the high school. BCHS ranks first in the Suburban Council with most professionals per 1000 students, and also has one of the fewest number of teachers per students.

“I think those priorities are wrong,” he said. “I want to know why it is we can’t be number one in classroom teachers instead of number one in non-classroom personnel.”

A resident of the community for eight years, Kelly said the chief ability he brings to the board is his willingness to question the way things have been done in the past.

“They accepted as truth that last year’s budget was correct,” he said. “I don’t buy that. I don’t buy that any budget is sacrosanct.

“I think we should have looked at the budget from square one and built up from the bottom.”

Among other priorities, Kelly said, the district needs a long-term plan to address the increases in enrollment, and a technology coordinator to ensure computers in the schools are used efficiently and adequately.

“The thing I’m most concerned about is we address the issues of technology on a consistent, district-wide basis to enable children in Bethlehem to be sure they’re going to be able to succeed.”

In addition to being a board member for the Tri-Village Little League

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League, Kelly also serves as a coach for the Bethlehem soccer league and basketball league. He is also a member of the parish council at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Kelly's four children attend the St. Thomas school and, although they are headed for BCSHS, he said he has heard criticism because they aren't currently in district schools.

"I've heard the criticism that's around that my children don't go to public schools," he said. "I find it offensive but I also believe it's their right to free speech.

"I think people who know me know I'm active in the community because I seek the betterment of the community and will continue to give a great deal of my time because I think the activities I'm involved with are worthwhile."

Dennis J. Stevens

Age: 46
Residence: Van Dyke Road, Delmar

Profession: assistant vice president for facilities and operations at the University at Albany

Chosen by the school board in August 1991 to fill the remainder of Sheila Fuller's term, Stevens has decided to run for a full term.

"I think that having served a year on the board and being familiar with the process is certainly a benefit," said Stevens. "However, that experience alone does not provide the qualifications necessary for someone to serve on the board."

Stevens points to his management and budgeting skills as assets he has brought to the board. He said his work with the administration has given him "much greater appreciation for the issues and day-to-day operations of the district."

Stevens has one child in the district.

He said improving the communication between the board, residents, teachers and students is one of his goals for the next three years.

"Communication is key to any organization, and I think it's especially important in these very difficult fiscal times that clear lines of communication exist between the various parties involved in the operation of the school district."

As for the needs of the schools, Stevens said the district has to "move forward" in providing additional computers in the classroom.

"If one waits around until they think the latest and greatest technology has been developed before making a purchase, one will wait forever," he said.

Stevens said the board did a good job this year of balancing the needs of students versus seeking new money from residents. He said the board can not go back to the taxpayers "year after year and ask for more money" without demonstrating first why it's needed.

Stevens said he has no fear of being caught up in the anti-incumbency mood that seems to prevail among voters nationwide.

"I see my incumbency as a positive attribute and not negative in any way," he said. "The broader state and federal political (scene) with respect to incumbents I don't believe will cloud the issue here in Bethlehem.

"If I didn't perform, I'd probably expect to be weeded out."

Jason Wilkie

Age: 19
Residence: 134 Kenwood Ave., Delmar
Freshman at University at Albany

Fresh out of BCSHS, Wilkie said he has a better sense than other candidates of the district's needs and would provide students with a voting seat on the board.

"Because I'm in a different generation than most of the people who are running, I think that I reflect some of the immediate concerns that are coming up as the world changes," he said.

"I think I'm raising a lot of issues that I don't think a lot of the other candidates are raising."

Among his positions, Wilkie wants more of "pro-gay, non-moralistic" sex education in the high school. He also advocates the creation of a department for students to study the oppressed in society, and a "no-confidence vote" option for administrative policies.

He described the no-confidence vote as a way for students to petition for a referendum to vote down administrative policies they don't approve of. Also, if students sign a petition that they are dissatisfied with a board member's performance, he said, they should be able to have the referendum to remove the member.

Wilkie pointed out that 53 signatures is the same number needed to file a petition to run for the board.

"(My views) are out of what we have to come to accept is the mainstream, but I think they're a viable alternative," he said.

"I don't think as one person I'm necessarily going to be able to control the board, but I think I'll have some influence in being able to communicate for people who want to bring their appeals to the board in a very direct way."

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Always use the stairs. Pick a central meeting place outside, where everyone will meet so everyone can be accounted for. Call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Don't ever go back inside to retrieve a pet or something valuable.

This plan should be practiced at least twice a year. These drills are not a race, and everyone should get out quickly, but carefully. Be sure that babysitters and overnight guests are also familiar with the plan, and the meeting place. Check your smoke detector to see that the battery is working.

This plan can also be used on vacation. If you are staying in a hotel or motel, look for two ways out of your room. Make sure you know where the stairs are located.

Make sure your room has a smoke detector. When possible, stay at a facility that has a sprinkler system.

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Ten Eyck is promoted in public affairs firm

Rebecca Ten Eyck of Slingerlands has been promoted to the position of public relations assistant at Sawchuk, Brown Associates, an Albany public relations/public affairs firm.

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Bethlehem Lions Club representative Bob Oliver, left, presents Bethlehem Senior Projects President Jane Bloom and First Vice President Charles Tobin with a $1,000 check for equipment for the new Senior Projects vehicle, the background. Elena McLean

Kelly wins scholarship

James Kelly III of Delmar was recently awarded the Newmann Scholarship at the Albany Academy. The scholarship, in memory of Clarence E. Newmann, class of 1992, is awarded annually to a student who is proficient in both academics and athletics.

Also, Patrick Ryan of Selkirk was awarded the Dearstynce History Scholarship, given in honor of William Dearstynce, class of 1931. The award recognizes excellence in the study of history and government.

Mothers to discuss children’s books

Mothers’ Time Out meets Monday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. Mothers of preschool children are welcome to attend and child care is provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Emerich of Ravena-Coesmans Selkirk High School. He graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 1986 with an associate’s degree in electrical construction and maintenance. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 724.

A May wedding is planned.

In Voorheesville, ‘The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts, Voorheesville Pharmacy and Voorheesville Mobil.

Navy Seaman Recruit Wayne R. Warner, son of Nancy Maguire of Route 5W, Glenmont, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.


Martin is a 1991 graduate of Albany High School.

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Obituaries

John A. VanDusen

John A. "Jack" VanDusen, 74, formerly of Delmar, 12 Colonial Square in Peterborough, N.H., died Monday, April 6, in Peterborough.

Born in Akron, Ohio, he was a longtime Delmar resident. He also lived in Loudonville and Slingerlands before retiring to New Hampshire seven years ago.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and became an Eagle Scout when he was 16. He taught at Sunnyside Grammar School in Albany before he retired.

Mr. VanDusen made doll house miniatures and scale models. He was on the Action Council at Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the National Theater of the Dance at Delmar.

In Peterborough, he was active on the Town Budget Committee, the Friends of the Peterborough Town Library. He was also a volunteer at the local hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; a son, Eric VanDusen; two sons, Eric VanDusen of Pasadena, Calif., and Dennis VanDusen of Chevy Chase, Md.; a daughter, Margot Donovan of Delmar; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

Mr. VanDusen donated his body to medical science. A memorial service will be Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Peterborough Unitarian Church.

Frank W. Kane

Frank W. Kane, 69, of Shady Grove in Selkirk died Tuesday, April 6, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he lived in Selkirk for the past 35 years.

Mr. Kane was a bus driver for Greyhound for 10 years before he became a self-employed truck driver. He retired from Pinkerton in 1982 as a security guard.

A World War II Coast Guard veteran, he was a member of the Selkirk Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Jarrett Kane; two daughters, Patricia Lane of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Kathryn Dupa of Amsterdam; two sisters, Mary Kane of Colonie and Betty Golden of Albany; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Frank Wesly Totten

Francis Wesly Totten of Delmar died Monday, April 20.

Mr. Totten worked at Bailey's Garage in Elsmere for more than 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Fish Totten; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Susan) Peters of Slingerlands, Mrs. William (Carol) Quattrochi of Delmar; a sister, Mrs. William (Theresa) Burnett of Allentown, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Burial was in Bethlehem Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home.

Edith Spates Dappert

Edith Spates Dappert, 96, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, April 25, at the Life Care Center, Plano, Texas.

Born in Taylorville, Ill., she moved to Albany in 1930. She moved to Texas in 1986.

An elementary school teacher before her marriage, she organized and directed the Children's Theater in Delmar. Later, she became a theatrical booking agent for national Performing Arts Corp. and the Sol Hurok Agency in New York City. Among her clients were Hal Holbrook and the piano team of Ferrante and Teicher.

Her main professional work was a 25-year stint as tour director for a Shakespearean theater company in National Players of Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She retired from that post at age 79, having been cited at a silver anniversary program dedicated to her as one of the leading theatrical managers in the United States.

Mrs. Dappert was a charter member of the Albany League of Arts along with founder Lewis A. Seyer and Vivienne Anderson.

Among her clients were the New York State Council on the Arts, appointed by former Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to serve for five years. She also served on the steering committee of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center before its opening.

She was a member of the Custer Reserve Methist Church, Plano, and a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. She was a life member of the Delmar Elks Club, a board member of the Capital Hill Choral Society, a member of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Legislative Women's Club, and the Women's Committee of the Rensselaer Institute.

She was the widow of Anselmo Folts Dappert.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou Cummings of Delmar and Joan Flanders of Ohio; four grandsons; and six great-grandchildren.

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By Susan Wheeler

Romantic, serious and bouncy are terms choreographer David Otto uses to describe Sunday’s Hudson River Dance Festival.

The event will be presented by his dance troupe, The Capital Ballet Company, at the Empire State Performing Arts Center’s Kitty Carlisle Hart Theater at 2 p.m. The New York Dance Theater and the Mid-Atlantic Ballet will join Otto’s dancers in the varied production.

Otto, a former soloist with the New York City Ballet, formed The Capital Ballet Company last December.

The festival will feature the music of Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Gershwin, as well as Hershey Kay’s orchestration of Gottschalk’s Cakewalk. According to Otto, the two-hour program serves as a good introduction to music and dance for all ages.

“The production is not too complicated to understand,” he said. “And it’s not too long to sit through.”

There is no particular storyline which weaves through the production, and each ballet has its own flavor, Otto said.

In his new ballet, Concert Suite, sub-stories or conversations take place in the background. In one scene, Otto explains, two girls are chatting about their boyfriends. They later discover they are in love with the same boy, portrayed by Otto’s 12-year-old brother, Eric. The girls chase him off stage.

Even those with little experience in ballet can appreciate the production for its entertainment value, according to Otto. His hope is that audience members will be satisfied with what they saw. “I know we’re in the middle of recession, and the audience is paying money,” he said. “They should be entertained and feel good.”

Because the pieces are varied, the audience will see dance that ranges from “Broadway ballet” to traditional ballet. "Broadway ballet" to traditional ballet. The Capital Ballet Company will perform two premieres. The first ballet, a romantic, classic piece, is set to Mozart’s Eine Kleine Nacht Musik and is choreographed by Peter Naumann of the New York City Ballet. Thirteen-year-old Elizabeth Waterhouse of Newtonville will participate in the ballet as a corps member.

The second piece, Concert Suite, is choreographed by Otto and is a lively, bouncy ballet, he said. Delmar ballerina Alyssa Kahn, 15, will dance the principal role and Waterhouse will perform in a duet.

Frank Ohman, a former principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, directs the New York Dance Theater. His company will present a revival of his Melodie, a ballet set to several Tchaikovsky waltzes and portions of Sowonris of the Beloved Place. This romantic piece was first performed by the Boston Ballet in 1975, he said.

Otto’s mother, Leslie Ann Otto, is the artistic director of the Mid-Atlantic Ballet Company, which will perform the premiere of two ballets. One, set to a medley of Gershwin tunes, is “real up,” and the other, set to selections from Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto #3, is a seri-

ON YOUR TOES
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By Kathleen Shapiro

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Music, dancing and entertainment will round out the afternoon.

"The music and noise reverberates off all the office buildings, so nobody can miss us," promised Carol Budliger of the state Department of Food and Agriculture, which organizes the annual event with the cooperation of the Maple Producers’ Association and area businesses. "We’re expecting it to be bigger and better than ever this year."

As an added attraction, sponsors will be giving away free maple sugar snowcones and sour pickles. Yes, pickles.

"It’s an old tradition that when you have something sweet like syrup you’re supposed to follow it up with something sour like a pickle," explained Budliger.

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1 thanks to the recent trend of warm days and cold nights that get the sugar sap running, maple industry experts are predicting an excellent season this year, with plenty of syrup to keep New York high in the ranks of the country’s top maple producers.

"A lot of people don’t realize that New York is one of the largest maple producers, second only to Vermont," said Budlig, noting that the state last year produced 300,000 gallons of syrup valued at more than $7 million.

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