V'ville, RCS school budget votes today!

The Voorheesville girls softball team is champ of Section II, Class C-CC softball for the second year in a row. The girls captured the title with a 3-0 win over Broadalbin-Perth on Saturday at Clifton Commons.

With the state softball title now a possibility, last week's victory was a huge spark for the team and the entire community, according to Terry Barlow, principal of Clayton A. Bouton Jr.-Sr. High School.

"It really pulls the school together. It's a unifying and focusing event that gets the kids behind our girls," Barlow said. "For the parents and those in the community who have followed this team, this is really something special."

In the game itself, both Voorheesville and Broadalbin were scoreless after the first three innings. But Voorheesville took advantage of Broadalbin pitcher Candy Baird's wildness to score a run in the fourth. Senior Kelly Griffin managed a leadoff walk, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt. She then scored home on a wild pitch.

The Lady Birds widened their lead an inning later, thanks to an RBI double by Laura Delaney and an RBIsingle by Griffin. A key in Voorheesville's win over Broadalbin was the 'Birds solid defense, as the girls didn't commit a single error and made many solid plays in the field to erase possible extra-base hits.

Members of the Voorheesville girls softball team celebrate after winning their second consecutive Section II title.

9W traffic still concerns Bethlehem town leaders

By Mel Hyman

Even though it has cleared a major hurdle, developers of the proposed $33 million Southgate Commons shopping center still have to convince town officials that its impact won't be devastating — particularly on traffic along Route 9W.

"Where the road goes from four lanes to two remains a very serious concern," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "There's a bottleneck there already."

The area in question is the stretch of highway that fronts Southgate Commons.
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Fuller wants new water contract before election

By Mel Hyman
Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller has accepted the offer made by Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings to extend through November the town's current water agreement with the city, but she wants to negotiate a new contract now.

Fuller said she doesn't want to wait until the November election to hammer out a new long-term agreement as Jennings indicated in his letter of May 11.

"I want to get it done by the end of August," because "the current agreement expires," she said. The town should not have to remain in limbo for several more months when the negotiations have already been under way for nearly a year, Fuller said.

Bethlehem is looking to purchase 250,000 gallons of Albany water per day for use as a backup water supply. Fuller said the town only needs the extra water for six months of the year - May through October — and that the city's insistence on selling the town a greater quantity of water than it actually needs is not acceptable.

"It's been three weeks since I responded to his letter and I still haven't heard back," Fuller said. Jennings did respond to a reporter's query on Monday, however, saying that "I'll provide them with whatever their needs are" at the going rate of $1.66 per thousand gallons.

At the same time, Jennings said he was opposed to negotiating a final agreement anytime soon because "I don't want it to be placed on the political battlefield. I don't want to be part of a continuing negative discussion in the media. I think that everyone should be better served if we put this off until after the election because I know it's a very emotional issue."

The town currently receives about four million gallons per day from its primary water source — the Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland. It purchases up to two million gallons extra from Albany to meet demand from homeowners using more water during the summer and from industry.

Once the town's new $13.9 million water system goes on line in October, however, it will no longer need one or two million gallons per day from Albany.

The new system, which draws its supply from a reservoir located underneath the Hudson River, can produce up to six million gallons per day — most of which will go to the new Selkirk Cogeneration facility.

The town is hoping a new agreement with Albany will permit it to reserve the water from the new system for industrial customers only.

Fuller said Jennings' apparent decision to meet the town's needs, whatever they were, was "the more reason to put it to rest now. There's certainly no reason that I can think of to keep putting this thing off. It's already a five-year-old project."

The town is willing to pay $105,000 for the water it needs and no more, Fuller said.

"We need the supplemental supply so we can rate out the system. But before we can consider using the new system exclusively for industry, we need a supplemental supply from Albany to balance out our system during peak periods."

It was originally proposed that the new system supply both the need for several million gallons per day for industry as well as serving as a backup supply for the residential sector in times of peak demand.

But pressure exerted by Clearwater for Bethlehem, a citizens group concerned about the quality of the water produced by the new system, prompted Fuller to pursue a new pact with Albany. Clearwater collected more than 2,000 petition signatures last year objecting to the use of the new system for drinking water.

Fuller's letter to Roller on May 11 was unavailable for comment.

Clearwater's Bethlehem spokeswoman Linda Biruts said Fuller needs to stop posturing and let the residents of the town know once and for all whether "Hudson River water is going to be pouring out of our sinks and showers."

"Thousands and thousands of Bethlehem residents have said they don't want to drink a drop of Hudson River water, period," said Biruts.

Taxpayers group publishes newsletter

By Dev Tobin
School districts cannot legally say, "Vote for the budget," in materials that they send out to district residents, but budget information is usually presented in as positive a light as possible.

Likewise, the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association does not come right out and say, "Vote against the budget." in the first edition of its newsletter, but the piece generally presents the budget in as flattering a light as possible.

Nick Farone, founder of the fledgling taxpayers' group, said that the title of the newsletter, "Equal Time," implies that it will balance the Voorheesville School District's budget materials, which he said are "intended to sell the budget."

Farone said that 2,000 of the four-page newsletter were distributed by hand over the Memorial Day weekend, and the response was uniformly positive.

If they wanted to put something out that said ... you should vote no on the budget, they did it.

Alan McCartney

The newsletter "was not put together to specifically oppose the budget," Farone said. "We wanted to get information out to the taxpayers so they can make their own decisions."

The front page of the newsletter outlines in graphs and copy "Ten Years of Rising Taxes," with all capital letters highlighting the percentage increases in the total budget and local property tax levy since 1985.

Inside stories deal with Voorheesville's relatively high per pupil spending, "School Budget Fact & Fiction," teachers' salaries, and a meeting between group representatives and Superintendent Alan McCartney and School Board President John Cole.

"If they wanted to put something out that said your taxes are going to go up 4 percent and you should vote no on the budget, they did it," McCartney said.

"We worked real hard to keep the year-to-year increase in spending to 1 percent, 2 percent if you add in the buses," McCartney said. "We're trying to keep the cost down very low, maintain the quality of education we give here."

McCartney said that using a 10-year time frame throughout the newsletter to show rising expenses and taxes can be misleading.

"For example, our enrollment dropped 2 percent from 1985 to 1990, but taxes increased 11 percent from then," he said. "Which has the most impact now?"
Local pupils shine in university tests

Seventy-three local fifth, sixth and seventh-grade pupils were honored recently for their scores on high-school-level standardized tests given by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

The local fifth and sixth-grade honorees, by school, are:

- Hamagrael Elementary - Jeffrey Barnet, Geoffrey Bedrosian, Elaine Carberry, Aaron Dunn, Joseph Kopchick, Harris Kennstein, Michael Schwartz, Winslow Smith, Jennifer Sokoler and David Zareno.
- Glenmont Elementary School - Suzanne Parer, Anne Lind, Timothy Fain, Christopher Porco and Sara Vargi.
- Bethlehem Central Middle School - Cathlyn Crowley, Benjamin Freed, Kaitlyn LaPierre, Benjamin Odell and Whitney Patterson.
- Also, David Phillips, Lindsay Pichonick, Nicole Privitera, Moira Kennedy, Danielle Ricard, Brian Rowan, Robyn Sherger, Gordon Schmit, Christopher Shaffer, Nathaniel Sherman, Ryan Stenson, Kathryn Svenson, Alex Voetsch, Samuel Volo and David Wootworth.
- Clayton A. Bouton Junior High School - Suzanne Patauskik.
- Albany Academy for Girls - Patricia Lenihan of Delmar.
- Loudonville Christian School - Elisha Greggo of Delmar.

Correction

Bethlehem Central Middle School seventh-grader Crystal Heilman was misidentified in the May 17 edition of The Spotlight. Heilman was named to the middle school high honor roll.

BOU to elect officers

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has slated its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, June 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Officers and board members will be elected at the meeting.

Workers take out tanks at 4 Corners

Workers have been busy at the Four Corners this past week removing two underground storage tanks that pre-dated the Getty gas station that was demolished earlier this year.

The tanks were used for the storage of used oil accumulated during the years that the gas station was a fuel service operation.

"(Getty) wasn't even aware they were there, and there was an issue over who was going to pay for their removal," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Now that the disagreement has been resolved between Getty and John Trefilli, owner of the parcel at the corner of Delaware and Kenwood avenues that also includes the Delmar Convenant Express building, cleanup of the site can resume, Fuller said.

Before the town proceeds with its effort to acquire the land that the gas station stood on for use as a mini park, Fuller said she must know what the test results are on the soil that workers removed along with the tanks.

The first round of soil and water tests of the site, conducted during February, came back satisfactory.

Trefilli has expressed a desire to sell part of the gas station parcel to the town and to use the remainder for additional parking.

Mel Hyman

Quilters to meet

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet Friday, June 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 10 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

This will be the final meeting for the 1994-1996 season. A potluck luncheon will be held.

Joyelles store reopens

By Mel Hyman

Joyelles Jewelers in Delmar was scheduled to reopen on Saturday, June 6, after recovering from a break-in last week in which burglars grabbed everything they could get their hands on.

Fortunately, said store owner Mary Vail, "They were unable to get into our safe. Our most valuable pieces were in the safe along with the customer items we were holding for repairs."

Sometime early Friday morning (June 2), unknown culprits cut the phone line to the Main Square Shops at 516 Delaware Ave., disabling the alarm systems. They subsequently forced their way into Joyelles by breaking a window in the rear of the store near the shopping center walkway, police said.

"They went right through the store, taking everything in sight," said Bethlehem Police Sgt. Chris Boberts. "They took a quantity of items from shelves, display cases and jewelry cases. They did some damage inside the store — including damage to the safe — trying to grab whatever they could.

"An estimate of damage is pending a full inventory of missing items. All the stolen items were fully insured."

"They broke the glass on some cases and the locks on others, Boberts said. "I think they got in and out pretty fast."

Vail said she plans to upgrade the store's security system to preclude the possibility of the alarm system being disabled again.

"This was our fifth anniversary of being in business under this ownership," she said with a sigh. "It's the first time we've had any kind of loss."

Children can explore puppetry, poetry

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, June 8, at 4 p.m. to explore the world of puppetry and enjoy plays, songs and poetry.

Children will make their own puppet to take home during this free program.

For information, call the library at 439-9014.

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Primary Day race set

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is sponsoring its 11th annual Father's Day Race and Community Walk on Sunday, June 18, at Hamagrael School in McGuffey Lane in Delmar.

All ages and genders are welcome. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The walk will start at 9:40 a.m., and the kids' one-mile race at 10 a.m. There will be a 3.5 mile race.

There is a $5 registration fee each runner in the 3.5 mile race.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers in each age group. All parent-child teams will receive a certificate.

The race will take place rain or shine. It's a great way to get together with friends and neighbors and support area youth programs at the same time.

Registration forms for advance registration are available at district schools and the Elm Avenue Parks and Recreation office.

For information, call Joni Goldberg at 439-6470 or Bob Salamone at 439-7460.
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By Dev Tobin
The major expense for school
districts, as with many businesses,
is for salaries and expenses.

Beyond that, the Bethlehem
Central School District is consid­
ering spending up to $10 million
over the next several years on
tree elements of preparations
for the future—adequate classroom
facilities at the middle school and
high school, maintenance projects,
and improving instructional tech­
nology at all levels of the district.

The district's long-range plan­
ning committee, composed of sta­ff
and community members, has
been working for a year on how
the district should prepare for its
largest enrollment ever in about
10 years.

The committee will report to the
school board on options for deal­ing
with the growing enroll­
ment tonight, June 7, at 8 p.m.,
in the district office at 90 Adams
Place.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis
said that the middle school, where
acoustic pressures are the great­
est at the moment, will likely need
the equivalent of eight additional
classrooms, plus a new library/
media center.

Under one option, the current
library could be converted into
four classrooms, and new con­
struction of four classrooms and
the library would be necessary,
Loomis noted.

The current library "is badly
undersized, and has no room to
expand where it is," Loomis said,
adding that classroom space will
be needed in that part of the build­
ing as larger eighth-grade classes
move through the system in the
next few years.

At the high school, the commit­
tee was able to identify renova­
tions that will result in 10 addi­tional classrooms, with the new
construction being a new li­
brary/media center, Loomis
noted.

The high school library is also
"badly undersized, about half the
size of libraries in similar districts,"
Loomis said.

The committee's options for the
middle school and high school leave
little room for additional
enrollment growth beyond current
projections. Loomis said, adding
that unforeseen growth will cre­
ate the need for more classroom
space at the elementary level as
well.

After multi-million maintenance
projects in 1985 and 1989, the
district again needs to address
essential maintenance, Loomis
said.

The committee will identify about
$4 million in needed mainte­
nance, half of that being roofing,
Loomis said.

Future technology needs in­
clude upgrading the school's elec­
trical systems and installing net­
work wiring in each school,
Loomis said.

Also, the committee will rec­
ommend options for the next
two of the three library purchases,
following on the $850,000 proposi­
tion approved by voters in May.

After receiving the report to­
ight, the board will meet next
Wednesday, at 7 p.m., in the dis­
trict office for a work session on
the report. The board may also
discuss and act on the report's
options at its regular meetings on
June 21 and July 5.

Weidman running for tax post

Weidman said he fully supports
the local Democratic ticket.

"I just feel that I'm young, have a
lot of new ideas and with the
business experience I have I can
deal effectively with any problems
that might come up.

One idea Weidman would like
to implement is to have an area set
aside in the receiver of taxes office
where people can sit down and
discuss questions or concerns
they have about their tax bills.

I think it should be an office
that's extremely friendly," he said,
"a place where people don't have
toafraid to come in and ask to
see the receiver of taxes."

Weidman said he plans to seek
the Conservative Party line in
November to go along with his
Democratic endorsement.

He will face of the anti-Gub­
ernor Nancy Karins, the deputy
receiver of taxes under Hahn for
the past five years.

In order to increase traffic
safety on East and West Poplar
Drive in Elsmere, the Bethlehem
Traffic Safety Committee has rec­
ommended the installation of
seven new stop signs in the Colo­
ral Woodlands development.

About a dozen residents of
Poplar Drive and Maywood Road
registered complaints with the
traffic safety committee recently
about speeding motorists.

"Apparently a lot of people are
using Poplar as a shortcut to get
around the Elsmere/Kenwood
avenue intersection," Vander`bald
said.

The committee recomenda­
tions, which will be forwarded to
the town board, include the new
stop signs at the following loca­
tions:

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Alfred P. Renslo popular Middle School Teacher in times past, and father of seven. Story on page 284

BC board gets planning report

ByMelHyman

In January 1992, John Weidman's
baby daughter was the first
on the United States for the
new year.

"We hope to come
up with an
equally unique
accomplishment this year: become
the first non-republican to serve
as receiver of taxes for the town of
Bethlehem."

He's running on the Democratic
line and now that he is in a seat
which was vacated by Delmar
Kahn, who has held the
district for the past 32 years.

He was the marketing director for the
Delmar Tennis Academy, said her

Pinto said that Levine "may not
have had a lease that extended
beyond the sale of the property."

The motel, restaurant and ten­
nis/fitness club were recently
purchased by Seaway Hotels Corp.
from Howard Aranson, Pinto said.

Pinto said the letter was "vir­
dictive" and "hit me as a surprise."

He noted that Levine also re­
 fused to allow the club to use
the old telephone number. The
club's new number is 436-3556.

Pinto added.

Reachled at his Syracuse office,
Levine refused to comment on the
letter.

The new club will have the
same staff, and will see improvements
to the fitness center and lighting,

Pinto said.

Pinto has prepared and sent
out a letter to all the club's mem­
ers explaining the situation.

"We need to clarify that we are
not closing our doors," Pinto said.

Linda Burris, head of Delmar
Tennis Academy, said her pro­
gram will begin as scheduled on
June 26.

"People came to say they
were sorry to hear that I was out of
business. I told them to throw the
letter away," Burris said, adding
that working under the new own­
ership "will be a seamless transi­
tion for the Delmar Tennis Acad­
emy."

Tennis club, which has
hundreds of members in Bethle­
hem and New Scotland, has under­
gone a change of ownership as
part of the recent sale of the adja­
cent Howard Johnson's motel and
restaurant.

The summer activities of the
Delmar Tennis Academy and
Community Sports Association
leagues, as well as the 1995-96 fall­
through-spring contract season,
are unaffected by the change, Pinto
noted.

A letter from former proprietor
Sanford Levine to club members
noted that Southwood "will no
longer serve the tennis and fitness
needs of the community. ... We
urge you to make alternate ar­
rangements to continue your ten­
nis and fitness programs."

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have had a lease that extended
beyond the sale of the property."

Traffic committee OKs signs

• Maywood Road at the inter­
section with East Poplar.

• Woodridge Road at the inter­
section with West Poplar.

• Lavery Drive at the intersec­
tion with East Poplar.

• Clermont Street at the inter­
section with East Poplar.

• Two stop signs at the inter­
section of Greenleaf Drive and
Maywood Road.

• The intersection of West and
East Poplar drives.

The traffic committee also rec­
ommended lowering the speed
limit on Lasher Road in Selkirk
from 35 to 20 mph.

"It's a more appropriate speed
for this type of residential area,"
Vanderbald said.

"I have no plans to clean house
— only to fine tune the operation
and make some improvements," he
said.

A resident of McCombie Drive in
Delmar, Weidman owns a pro­
motional marketing business and
handled the promotional products
that were part of the town's bicen­
tennial celebration.

After college, he worked in the
office of former Senate Majority
Leader Warren Anderson. Prior
to starting his own business, he
was the marketing director for the
Saratoga Raceway.

Weidman is somewhat unique
as far as politics goes. He was a
registered Republican until he
changed his enrollment to the
Conservative Party last year.

"I was a Republican for a
number of years," he said, "until I
decided that I didn't like some of
the things happening in the Re­
publican Party in Bethlehem."
Matters of Opinion

RCS, V’ville vote today

Today is election day for the Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk central school districts residents to vote on their proposed school budgets.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District proposed budget is $23.6 million for next year. In its decision-making meetings, the school board has tried to hold spending down to zero growth and to keep the tax increase small.

Moves to save money and increase the efficiency of the school system include: closing of the Ravena Elementary School; cutting some administrative, secretarial, and teaching and aide positions. Included in the proposed budget are two new teaching positions and a new district director of technology. Voters today will also be given the opportunity to decide on four people who are running for three three-year school board seats—incumbent Mona Selover and first-timers Gerald DiLuca, Deborah DiPerna and Nanette Mayes.

For next year, the proposed budget for Voorheesville is $12.2 million and the proposed RCS budget is $23.6 million.

The proposed Voorheesville school budget will raise the tax rate in New Scotland by an estimated 2.6 percent, the lowest tax increase in seven years, and an even lower tax rate for district residents in Guilderland and Berne.

Voting is both a right and a privilege not only of the parents of schoolchildren but of all residents of the school districts. All eligible voters in the school districts should go to the polls today, June 7. School administrators, staff members and district schoolchildren deserve the support and guidance that the vote provides.

Polls at RCS High School on Route 9W are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voorheesville polls are open from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the foyer of Clayton A. Bouton High School on Route 85A.

Big and little wheels

Have you drivers of four-wheeled vehicles noticed that there seems to be an increasing amount of two-wheeled traffic on our town roads? This is par for the course during the good weather of spring, summer and fall, on weekends and particularly when schoolchildren are on vacation.

It’s necessary for all drivers to be especially careful when overtaking and passing cyclists.

We have to be prepared for children who are just learning how to balance on their two-wheeled bikes and to steer them.

And now we have to be on the lookout for the kids from 6 to 60 on Rollerblades, a great sport that takes concentration, coordination, strength and skill but presents a challenge to drivers. There’s a lot of in-line skaters and bikers out there. Let’s be extra watchful as we drive on the highways in our town.

Don Robillard Week

For over two decades, Don Robillard has been principal of Glenmont Elementary School. Now, at the end of the current year, he is retiring.

As a mark of the esteem in which he is held in Bethleh­eme, a surprise dinner was held in Don’s honor. Sheila Fuller has proclaimed June 5-9 as Don Robillard Week.

Community members, parents of schoolchildren, and school district personnel are invited to attend the Glenmont PTA-sponsored retirement open house at the school tomorrow from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Plan to attend this important event in honor of an outstanding educator who has influenced the lives of thousands of our elementary schoolchildren.

Looking forward from commencement

The contributor of this Point of View, a resident of Delmar, is president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.

By James C. Ross

Commencement is a time for celebration of personal attainment, of a meaningful victory. It can be regarded, therefore, as a short period—very short—for catching one’s breath before plunging ahead into the next period of life’s challenges.

In this traditional view of commencement, the thoughts of all countercourteous individuals instinctively turn to the value of learning for its own sake as well as for career choices that will significantly shape a whole lifetime ahead. Many of those who have just graduated from college have already given thought to the prospective advantages of graduate study at a university.

But it may be said quite accurately that the most important decisions are being made just now by high school juniors, a year away from their own graduation but nonetheless facing choices of great personal significance long before that time arrives.

High school seniors, now on the verge of receiving their own hard-won diplomas, already have made their decisions about pursuing college educations, or not. Increasingly, it is a fact that young people do choose the route to further education. But not all will; in fact, some at this age will deter that choice until they have more experience with life and work. And, truthfully, college is not for every­one; sometimes parents must recognize this, when it is so impor­tant indeed that full consideration be given to this decisive fork in life’s high ways. It’s just as vital that those who are equipped to do ad­vanced studies at the collegiate level be encouraged and helped to get there.

Accordingly, those of us who are in a position to influence pub­lic policy must advocate ardently for adequate state and federal fund­ing for higher institutions, pub­licly and independently operated alike.

This year’s graduates will be receiving diplomas that probably will include the time-honored phrase: “With all the rights, hon­ors, and privileges thereto ap­pertain.”

To 1995’s graduates: Like all those who have gone before, you do indeed have rights to an education that will enable you to “be­come all you are capable of be­ing.” You will surely be appropri­ately honored by family, friends and admiring well-wishers who will applaud your attainments.

You will find, in the months and years to come, that you are privileged to continue to learn ceaselessly all of the lessons that life will unfold for you not only in tomorrow’s class­rooms but on the great stage of life.

With plenty of justification, many of the people who read this article—young people and parents alike—are greatly con­cerned about the costs they must face in order to earn a college degree. True enough, the tuition and other fees that colleges and universities charge today are in­timidating for almost every fam­ily. But the costs do reflect quite accurately the realities of the economy of the times. Realistic, yes, but appalling.

One answer—one that I like to quote—is: “If you think educa­tion is expensive, try ignorance.”

The truth is that our society demands the individual who is prepared to compete in an increas­ingly competitive environment, not merely as a matter of produc­tive employment but actually for simple survival.

The nonconformist who can figuratively “take to the woods” is a rarity, an anachro­nism.

I would like to move from the historical view of commencements to a concept that fundamentally involves a lifetime recognition that there is an element much larger than personal achievement: Serv­ice beyond self to one’s fellow citizens.

I strongly believe that the coun­try today needs a sense of commit­ment that can and should be taught by example to young people and that it should be nurtured and encouraged so that the com­munity becomes a natural habit of our daily lives.

As we examine the needs of our communities today, we realize that all citizens must be a part of any effort to meet society’s growing needs—the homeless, child care, the disabled.

There has even been a proposal in Congress to require a period of community service or national service, for federal aid. Another idea voiced is to re­quire a student to perform some form of community service before graduating from high school.

You may also have heard of such ideas as dedicating part of New York state’s share of funding for college work study pro­gram to reimburse students who choose a community service “job,” or setting up a loan forgiveness program for periods of ser­vice following graduation, or allowing students in high school to earn credits that can be counted toward fi­nancial aid when they go to college.

But the backbone of any effort to broaden the con­cept of community service must be the individual, I hope that the concept and the commitment can be fostered in schools and colleges until the country can know it has achieved this great bonus for its entire social struc­ture.

Beyond credit-hours and grades, beyond diplomas and de­grees, this is perhaps the most significant long-term challenge to graduates as we approach a new millennium.

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Letters

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many Bethlehem residents believe the water problem has been resolved but, unfortunately, residents still have no assurance they will not be drinking Hudson River water in late 1995 or early 1996. What made people think it's all over? Supervisor Fuller recently stated that it is possible to separate the Hudson River supply from the existing system, and many people incorrectly assumed this meant it would be done.

Stating that the systems could be separated was a complete change from the previous position which had been that it was not possible. However, acknowledging that the systems can be separated and following through and doing it are not the same thing at all.

 Supervisor Fuller said the systems can be separated by turning off a valve on Creble Road. Why was that impossible before? Clear-water, under the Freedom of Information Law, requested all correspondence from them about separating the systems. In order to separate the systems, Bethlehem needs to buy water from Albany. Albany water is needed for residential drinking water and also to solve pressure problems in the Kenwood Ave. and Elsmere areas.

The town's own 1991 report states: "With the removal of the pumped Albany interconnection at Kenwood Avenue, it will become increasingly difficult to sustain pressure stability in this region of the system because of its remoteness from either source."

Is Supervisor Fuller only willing to buy enough water to solve pressure problems or is she willing to buy enough water to meet long-term residential drinking water needs? Would this separation only be a temporary solution as she recently indicated? Why isn't there any engineering report on separating the systems?

No wonder people are confused about the water.

What is clear is that residents are no closer to a solution to the water problem than they were a year ago.

Sherwood Davies
Frances Royo
Clearwater for Bethlehem

Vote for RCS school district budget today

Editor, The Spotlight:

As one of only three Board of Education members who did not vote for the proposed school district budget, I feel that I should explain to my friends and neighbors in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district why it is vitally important that they vote on June 7 for the budget.

The proposed budget is the best compiled of voiced community needs and concerns that it has been my pleasure to observe. All members of our school family were invited to "pull together" to hammer out a budget that would meet our needs while, at the same time, to keep a close eye on the bottom line, realizing that our residents just can't cope with ever-increasing taxes.

The result was a budget that increased by less than 4 percent over last year's contingency budget. This budget is a monument to fiscal restraint on the part of every member in our system and to their commitment to give our greatest asset, our young people, the best possible education.

Then why did I not vote to pass the budget? I think we went a bit too far. I believe that in instructing our administrators to return with a zero growth budget, we may have sacrificed valid educational programs. This, in my mind, is not acceptable, and so, in order to register my regret that we did not give greater latitude to our administrators, I abstained on the vote. But that action in no way means that I am opposed to the proposed budget. It simply means that next year we must examine even deeper than we did this year every aspect of our $23 million budget to assure all students that they are getting the best education we can possibly give them.

My vision for the kids we send out into the world from RCS is that they will all be rocket scientists. If they can't be rocket scientists, then I want them to be the very best at whatever they do.

We must all be committed to this goal, and we can show our commitment to our children by voting for the budget on June 7.

Joseph Lana, Trustee
RCS Board of Education

Thanks for years in Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to thank The Spotlight for its fine coverage of Village Furniture Company's decision to close its doors. The story was handled with the removal of the pumped Albany interconnection at Kenwood Avenue, it will become increasingly difficult to sustain pressure stability in this region of the system because of its remoteness from either source."

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There’s a lot of political runoff in the town of Bethlehem

Editor, The Spotlight:
Whereas the town board who placed a notice in the newspaper on Christmas Day about a January 8, 1992, public hearing and stated in that notice that the public hearing was about a new wastewater treatment plant (not a new water supply);

Whereas the town board who was told by then Supervisor Ringler, at the meeting in which they voted to approve the new water supply proposal, that the new water supply would be used for industry only;

Whereas the town board who repeatedly claimed that it was impossible to segregate the new water supply for industry use only:

Now the members say:
• that they will consider segregation;

• that segregation can happen simply by shutting a water main valve at an unclear location;

• that the valve would be reopened in case of a water shortage or in case Albany doesn’t want to sell water to Bethlehem on Bethlehem’s terms.

So, excuse my skepticism, but I think it’s justified.

Three things must occur to ensure that the water is segregated for industry use only.

1. The permits issued by State DEC and Health to regulate the Hudson River water supply should be amended to restrict its allocation to industry only.

2. The water distribution infrastructure should be changed to reflect that restriction.

3. The town board must purchase an amount of water from Albany that will satisfy residential demand which is roughly a million gallons a day, not the 160,000 that was recently sought as back-up supply.

These actions would allay reasonable doubts because, when it comes to water, there’s a lot of political runoff in Bethlehem.

Carole Nemore
Delmar

Use rail line to relieve traffic in Slingerlands

Editor, The Spotlight:
I’m personally sorry to read of the demise of the D&H. It’s bordered our farm for more than a hundred and thirty years. In fact, when it was built, its right-of-way taking precipitated a prolonged and futile law suit between it and my great-great-grandfather, John J. Wademan. My grandchildren have run to watch the occasional train just as I did.

Now, inevitably, it will be abandoned as a railroad. The end was foretold many years ago, as the right-of-way was more and more neglected by a succession of owners. The railroad is dead, long live its right-of-way.

There are already various groups with special interests looking at this thoroughfare for their own purposes.

My plea to all such interested parties is, let’s recognize this abandonment as a once in a lifetime opportunity to forge a multi-use plan that can address some of our most intransigent traffic problems, while it provides recreational opportunities for as many as can walk, run or ride a bicycle.

For more than a generation, there has been need for a new road to relieve traffic through Slingerlands on NY route 85. Here is an opportunity too good to miss.

There will be opposition, of course. The right-of-way borders as many as can exist with.

My own ideas, of course, and I expect to make them known.

For now, let the agencies of New Scotland and Bethlehem together think about what is best for both communities. Let’s see if we can devise a plan that will attract widespread support.

Robert A. Cook
Slingerlands
New pastor joins Bethlehem Community Church

The Rev. Franklin Neal Wray will be formally installed as senior pastor of Bethlehem Community Church on Sunday, June 11, at 4 p.m. at the church, 201 Elm Ave.

Rev. Wray was chosen after a two-year search for a senior pastor by the church's pulpit committee. The committee included Karen Ainsworth, Pete Anderson, Lois Bub, Mike Buff, Marge Hoffman, Elihu Jerabek and Bill McDowell.

Rev. Wray has been serving as senior pastor of Gateway Community Church in Houston. He previously served churches in Ontario and Anaheim, Calif., and Weatherford, Texas.

He received a degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1984 and a master of divinity from Talbot School of Theology in 1985. He is a 1981 University of Arizona graduate.

All are cordially invited to attend the installation ceremonies for Rev. Wray.

The Rev. Don Mostrom, pas-
tor-at-large of the Capital District, will be present in the service. The church choir will present a musical selection.

Rev. Wray, 36, becomes the sixth senior pastor since the church's inception in 1966.

A Minnesota native, Rev. Wray and his wife, Susan, have three daughters, Deborah Lynn, 8, Christy Anne, 6, and Laura Danielle, 5.

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Bethlehem high school students receive awards

Bethlehem Central High School students were honored at a recent awards ceremony. The awards and recipients are:

- May L. Polidoff Memorial Scholarship — Gloria Tsan
- Lynn Agicelli Memorial Scholarship — Patrick Gallagher
- U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award — Erik Gill
- U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award — Gloria Tsan and Michael Pressman
- Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post American Legion Larry Prater Memorial Scholarship — Gregory Sack

Business

- Bethlehem Business Women’s Club Award — Elizabeth Mahony
- Heidenberg Business Women’s Club — Linda Pauly
- BCUE Larry Prater Memorial Scholarship — Andrew Brennan
- DECA Scholarship — Andrew Brennan and Gregory Sack

English and communications

- Outstanding Achievement in Writing in Advanced Placement English Course — Jared Beck, Claire Dunne, Janice Gallagher, Kristen Beth Jones and Andrew Kinney
- Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking — Scott Geis, Tricia Kandeder, David Lusser, Nicole Sherrington, Matthew St. Lucia, Kyle VanRiper, Jennifer Florkowski, David LaValle, Michael Pressman, Scott Maybee, Julia Donnurna, Timothy Rapp, Riva Rotenberg, Keith Riccio and Robert Rosen

Outstanding Achievement in Creative Writing — Emily Bourguignon and Jocelyn Godfrey-Certner

- National Council of Teachers of English Writing Content Winner — Janice Gallagher

Expository Writing Award for Technical or Literary Writing — Emily Bourguignon, Nicole Gold, Jason Gutman, Emily Hartnett, Michael Pressman, Alicia Cacciola, Sarah Cook and Ross Borzykowski

Writing Center Writing Contest — Best Short Story: Nathaniel Deily (first place), Jatin Roper (second place) and Jason Sundram (third place); Drama: Emily Bourguignon (first place) and Arthur Dicker (second place); Poetry: Samuel Ginsberg (first place), Sarah MacDowell (second place) and Brian Schwartz (third place); and Essay: Charles Feldman (first place), Christopher Wengner (second place) and Joshua Naylor (third place)

- Survey of Shakespeare — Julia Donnurna, Daniel Aycock and Jennifer Riffkin

Theatre Arts — Elizabeth Karam

- Comedies III — Sarah Franke, Meghan Fleming and Adam Sharon

Eagles' Eye Award for Scholarships — Elizabeth Kadish and Jared Beck

Citizenship & scholarship

- Delmar Progress Club Scholarship Award — Kristen Beth Jones
- Bethlehem Tri-Village AARP Chapter 1598 Awards — Anja Viswaswahal and David LaValle
- Cathleen M. Quinn Memorial Award — Margaret Teresi
- League of Women Voters Memorial Award for Andew Julian — Sarah Rosenthal and Jill Pressman
- Lt. Henry Klein Memorial Award — Kyle VanRiper

- Bethlehem Lions Club Award — Jessica Hildebrandt and Katherine O’Malley

- Jennifer Grierson Memorial Scholarship — Mark Tuttle

- Bernard Harventh Memorial Award — Thresa Cleary

- Albany County 4-H Scholarship — Julius Scherer Award — Melissa Dunkerly and Lora Gurley

- James Furlong, Class of 1980, Dollars for Scholars — Julia Kybatski

- The Anne Gibson Elbow Memorial Award — Jennifer Pirollo

- The Charles A. Gunning/BCCO Scholarship — Kerri-Anca Cox

- The Smith College Book Award — Bethany Berrings

- Harvard Book Award — J. David Kagan

- Dartmouth College Book Award — Arthur Dicker

- Williams College Book Award — David Blabey Jr.

- Mount Holyoke College Book Award — Tessy Nedy

- Wellesley College Book Award — Jacqueline Baselt

- Xerox Award Winner — Kiley Shortell

- Student Senate Scholarship Prize — Jared Beck and Michael Pressman

- Student Senate Leadership Prize — Janice Gallagher

- Key Club Citizenship Award — Viswaswahal

- Clarkson Leadership Award — Kenneth Halvorsen

- Bethlehem Republican Club Scholarship Award — Joel Drekert

- Bethlehem Central Teachers Association Scholarship Award — Jared Beck, Alicia Cacciola, Melissa Dunkerly and Janice Gallagher

- Gladys E. Newell Honor Society Scholarship Award — Kerri-Anca Cox and Ryan Gill

- Award in Honor of Gladys Newell — Charles Tonnell

- Albany Retired Teachers Association Award — Megan Gorman and Kara Scioli

- Bethlehem Garden Club — Theresa Cleary

- National Merit Scholarship Winners — Jared Beck, Paul Bel- emmian, James Boyle, Claire Dunne, Andrew Kinney, Peter Loux and Ethan Schoolman

Mathematics and science

- Mathematics Department/Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award — Claire Dunne and Kyle VanRiper

- R.P.I. Award — Josh Kagan

- Bausch and Lomb Science Award — Douglas Rice

- Floyd J. Walter Memorial/Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Science Award — Gabriel Korolkov

- ESF Book Award for Environmental Excellence — Nathaniel Sade

- Tandy Technology Scholars — Gloria Tsan, Michael Pressman, Gabriel Korolkov, Claire Dunne, Melissa Dunkerly, Julie Davison, Sarah Cook, Jennifer Christian and Jared Beck (Tandy Outstanding Student)

Performing arts

- Bethlehem Music Association Scholarship Award — Kristen Beth Jones

- English-Speaking Union Shakespeare Recitation Contest Participants — Daniel Aycock, Sarah Rosenthal, Hally Gutman and Sara Richardson

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Girls basketball camp accepting sign-ups

Basketball camp for girls in grades three through 12 will be on July 10 to 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

The camp will be run by BC girls' varsity coach Kim Zornow, with the assistance of high school coaches and top area players. There will be a focus on individual skill development, as well as games. The cost is $90.

Applications are available at the BCHS athletic office, the Bethlehem Central Middle School nursing office and local elementary schools, or by calling Zornow at 439-4241 or 439-4221. The deadline for responding is June 9.

Town parks office renewing pool passes

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department office at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar is now renewing pool passes for Delmar residents.

Passes may be renewed at the office Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The pool is slated to open on Saturday, June 10.

Party chaperones needed

The alcohol-free BCHS Graduation Celebration is set for Friday, June 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Hudson Drive in Elsmere.

The party, funded by parents of the graduates and local community businesses, will feature games, prizes, music and dancing and caricature drawings by local cartoonist Ed Rosen.

Tickets are on sale at the high school for $10 and will be available for $15 at the door.

Chaperones are needed for the party. To arrange to chaperone, call Barbara Noonan at 439-7572.

Donations are also needed to help make the party a success. Donations can be sent to BCHS Graduation Celebration, c/o Joyce Recene, 52 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar 12054.

Calvin to be speaker at Clearwater meeting

Clearwater for Bethlehem invites town residents to a presentation by attorney and former town board member Sheila Calvin on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Calvin will discuss the new Hudson River water supply and the information provided to board members when the project was initiated.

For information, call 439-7573.
Evening on the Green concerts announced

The library will present its popular "Evening on the Green" outdoor summer concert series from Wednesday, July 5, through Aug. 16 on the lawn.

Wednesday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the Aug. 16 concert that starts at 7 p.m.

This year's lineup includes old favorites and new offerings. Performances are set for:

- July 5, Pine Lake Country Band
- July 12, Jazz Factor
- July 19, Medicine Hat String Band
- July 26, Electric City Chorus
- Aug. 2, Skip Parsons Clarinet Marmalade
- Aug. 9, Duo Dulce
- Aug. 16, Village Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps.

All concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair. When it rains, concerts are held in the community room.

This month, there's lots of things for kids to do at the library.

- Children age 3 to 6 can explore the world of puppetry and enjoy plays, songs and poems on Thursday, June 8, at 4 p.m. for "Puppets, Puppets, Puppets."
- Children will make a puppet to take home.
- On Friday, June 16, children age 3 to 6 are invited to "Gone Fishin." Kids can angle for fish stories in the library pond and make a fish craft.
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- A one-hour orientation for volunteers is set for Friday, June 23, at 11 a.m.
- All new and returning volunteers must register and pick up a permission slip at the youth services desk.
- Permission slips must be signed by a parent and returned on or before Thursday, June 22.
- Peggy Steinbach, an art teacher, storyteller and mom, will share babysitting ideas with students age 12 and up on Wednesday, June 28, at 7 p.m.

Keep you charges busy and smiling with arts and crafts, storytelling, songs and indoor and outdoor activities. Steinbach will show how to create your own bag of tricks to take along whenever or wherever you babysit.

For information or to register for these programs, call the library.

Anna Jane Abnar

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McKaig reaching for state BPW post

Viola McKaig of Voorheesville is a candidate for recording secretary of the Business and Professional Women's Club of New York State.

A member of the Heldeberg BPW, she is chairperson of the New York State New Careerist Competition.

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THE SPOTLIGHT
The RCS school board will vote today, June 7, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the budget for the 1995-96 school year.

In addition to the $32.5 million proposed budget, four candidates are running for three school board seats. The candidates are incumbent Mona Schuyler and Gerald DeLuca, Deborah DiPerna and Nanette Mayes.

There are also propositions on the ballot for school budget and instructional technology. The $350,000 proposition is for seven buses, and the $395,000 technology proposition is the first installment of a six-year, $2.4 million plan.

DEC accepting written comments

Written comments concerning the proposed ANSWERS landfill in Coeymans will be accepted until the close of business on Monday, June 12. All concerns must be raised by this date. Concerns raised after this date will not be accepted.

Comments should be addressed to Robert Ewing, Environmental Analyst, Regulatory Affairs, NYSDEC, Room 12306, the New York State Environmental Conservation Department, 2800 Old Kingston Road, Schenectady, 12306.

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue in South Bethlehem invites the community to find friendship and bargains at its Thrift Shop. The shop is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through November.

The shop features clothes, dishes and odds and ends. Lunches are also available.

For information, call Dolores Amhelt at 767-3384.

St. Thomas School celebrating 40 years

St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 1996. The first event in this year-long celebration will be a faculty reunion on Aug. 2.

All current and former faculty members are invited to attend the reunion, which will include a Liturgy, dinner, a tour of the school and an opportunity to review its history.

Those who would like to attend are asked to contact the school at 439-5767 before June 15 so that the mailing list can be updated.

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Residents in the Voorheesville Central School district will vote on the budget today, June 7, to vote on the 1995-96 school and public library budgets.

Residents will also vote for two five-year seats on the board of education and one five-year seat on the library board of trustees.

Current school board president John Cole and Robert Baran are running unopposed for the two school board seats. Ann Gainer is running unopposed for the library board.

The polls are open from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the foyer of the high school on Route 8A.

Author to visit elementary school

Today, June 7, is Author Day at the elementary school. Cynthia DeFelice, this year’s visiting author, will present several assemblies and conduct a book signing.

DeFelice has written many award-winning children’s books, including the books behind the movie, “Dancing Skeleton.” She is also a librarian and professional storyteller.

P TA to honor retiring teachers

The final PTA meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Immediately following the business meeting, there will be a reception for retiring elementary school teachers Anne Lennox and Margaret Tepich.

Everyone is invited to join the PTA to thank these teachers for their outstanding contributions they have made to Voorheesville schools.

Heidelberg Workshop plans Voorheesville Day

Sunday, June 11, is Voorheesville Day at the Heidelberg Workshop on Piccard Road. Area residents will be able to sample workshop programs in nature, science and the arts from 1 to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to this free event. Refreshments will be available. For information, contact Todd Hunsinger at 895-5466.

Soccer registration to begin June 7

Registration for Kiwanis Club fall soccer will be held on June 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Zoning board to meet

Voorheesville’s zoning board of appeals meets tonight, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Senior to present musical recital

Jessica Knouse, a senior at the high school, will present a recital on June 11, at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of New Scotland on Route 85.

For information, call Kyle Schlagel at 765-7337 or Steve Conklin at 765-2386.

Town, school boards to meet Monday, June 12

The New Scotland town board’s next meeting is set for Monday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

The town planning board meets on Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

The school board has scheduled its regular meeting for Monday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Blood pressure clinic slated at Methodist Church

The Kiwanis Club will conduct a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, June 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Voorheesville Day at the pool area of the park.

The program is open to boys and girls who will be in grades-two through six and are residents of the Voorheesville Central School District in the town of New Scotland.

Second and third-graders will play games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students in fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade will play on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays. The season runs from Sept. 5 through Oct. 13.

The registration fee is $15. All players will receive team shirts. Shin guards are required equipment for all players.

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John Boyd Thacher State Park.

The program will include frost beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, and homemade pies. Cost for the dinner is $7.50 for adults and $4 for children.

The agenda includes a scholarship presentation and the installation of officers.

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The Onesquehaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will serve up "Strawberry Supper" on Saturday, June 17, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The menu will feature ham with honey, mashed potatoes, green beans with almonds, and 'strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Admission is $8 for adults, $3 for children ages 5 and 12, and $1 for children under 5.

For information, call Betty Koban at 768-2835.

Local artists’ work on display at library

An exhibit of works by local artists will be on display at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, through June 30.

Featured will be oils by Robert Alt and Jean Eaton, pottery by Joanne Axford, and assemblages by Ruth Young.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Sports writers apply

Voorheesville and Bethlehem high school students interested in writing sports articles for The Spotlight during the 1995-96 school year should contact Mel Hyman at 439-4949.

Experience is not required although some writing ability is necessary.

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Eve Wasser is an abstract expressionist who began her painting career when she was 84. Now in her 80s, she has earned critical acclaim and numerous awards for her work.

One of her works is on permanent display in the great hall of the U.S. Commerce Building in Washington, D.C.

Throughout the month, Wasser’s colorful creations are on display in the hall gallery and the community room.

The display case contains a sneak preview of this year’s Summer Reading Club.

Story hours will be on Mondays and Fridays and 10:30 am. and Tuesdays at 10 am.

The library sewing group, Nimblefingers, is meeting for lunch on Tuesday, June 13. If you would like to join them and need details, call the library at 793-2971.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual book sale, raffle, and Chinese auction. Wonderful prizes were donated by Indian Ladder Farms, Smith’s Tavern, SuperValu, Voorheesville Pharmacy, Voorheesville Wine and Liquor, Stewart’s, Good Sports Screen Printing, Clapp’s Hallmark, Voorheesville Diner, Frank Jablonowski’s Plant Place and Suzanne Schulte. Congratulations to Andrea Hampton and Libby Lee, winners of the quilt raffle.

The Drum Circle meets tonight, June 7, at 7 pm.

Every other Thursday Night Poets will meet on Thursday, June 10, at 7 pm.

Barbara Vink

V’ville, RCS elections slated at schools today

By Dev Tobin

Budget votes in two local school districts, scheduled in June so deﬁnitive state aid ﬁgures would be available, are set for today, June 7, as the more than two-month state budget is ﬁnally nearing approval.

Voorheesville

The Voorheesville Central School District budget for 1995-96 calls for spending $23.5 million, up about 3.6 percent from this year.

The budget’s tax rate increase is an estimated 1.47 percent for district residents who live in Bethlehem, and 1.74 percent for district residents who live in New Scotland.

The ballot also includes propositions for buses and computer technology.

The $350,000 bus proposition will be offset for about 68 percent state aid reimbursement, district ofﬁcials said.

The $385,000 computer proposition would provide wiring for the district’s four schools, a 25-computer lab for the middle school, and 25 computers for each of the two elementary schools.

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Guys: Bill Kelliher (above) of Gingiss Formalwear in Colonie and Gary Sikorski of the Tux Connection in Delmar offer colorful tips on men's wedding attire in an article on page 4.

Gals: Interested in makeup and hair tips to look your best on your wedding day? Turn to page 3 for some beauty secrets from Colonie makeup consultant Adal Stuart.
Plan honeymoon to avoid problems

With dozens of wedding-day details and the demands of everyday life to juggle, busy brides and grooms may find honeymoon-planning stressful. But according to Sally Kilbridge, travel editor of Bride’s & Your New Home, “The last thing you need just before a wedding is to learn that your ‘dream’ resort is booked solid, or that your passport has expired.”

Bride’s provides honeymoon help with this easy-to-follow countdown calendar:

- Nine months: Ask friends to recommend a good travel agent. If you don’t have a major bank credit card, apply for one — it’s often a necessity to reserve a car or hotel room.

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- Seven months: Work up a “wish list” together. Read articles, guidebooks about your dream destinations; write to or call tourist offices of the places you’re interested in for brochures.

- Six months: Ask friends to recommend a good travel agent. If you don’t have a major bank credit card, apply for one — it’s often a necessity to reserve a car or hotel room.

- Five months: Make sure passport is valid if you’re going to a foreign country. You cannot change the name of your passport until after the wedding, so make reservations in your maiden name or bring along a copy of the marriage license.

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- Three months: Start paperwork for your marriage license. Confirm your flight, and book your honeymoon tickets.

- Two months: Review your wardrobe and luggage situation for the honeymoon. Have an old robe or buy a new one that will fit. You may need to buy new luggage.

- One month: Refill prescriptions, change the name of your passport, if necessary. Keep your passport number handy for customs’ perusal.

- One week: Purchase traveler’s checks — and enough foreign currency to pay for taxis, tips and that first cappuccino!

- One day: Finish last-minute packing. Leave copies of your itinerary, documents (passports, visas) and traveler’s checks with family. Confirm your flight, and bon voyage.

Honeymoon trends reflect personal taste in travel

Not only are couples personalizing their weddings, they want their honeymoons to represent their unique tastes, too. Here are the latest trends as reported by Bride’s magazine:

- More passport, will marry. More couples are marrying abroad, especially in Europe. An increasing number of wedding planners are following the trend by specializing in “Par Away Weddings,” in the Caribbean, Europe or even exotic locales like Tahiti, Africa or the South Pacific.

- Green honeymoons. Environmentally aware couples get in sync with nature at hotels where “being green” is in. California’s Post Ranch Inn has sod roofs and is perched on cliffs to protect redwood roots; Harmony Hotel in St. John is made completely from recycled materials and at Hana-Hill in French Polynesia, a couple can honeymoon in an ultra-lite room that actually is in a giant banyan tree.

- Love is in the air. Warm weather resorts traditionally lower their rates in summer, but now they’re going public about it. Even the most upscale hotel companies, like the Ritz Carlton chain, now stage big promotional campaigns trumpeting their summer sales — which coincide with most honeymoons.

- Spa for two. Relaxing together during “duet” massages, two-at-a-time aromatherapy sessions and relationship seminars bring couples together, rather than separating them in the old single-sex facilities.

A combination of platinum and gold is a popular design in wedding and engagement rings this year.

Mixed metals become popular for modern wedding ring sets

Two popular metals — platinum and gold — are being joined together to celebrate another kind of union: A wedding.

“Some couples today want more than a plain band of gold or platinum,” said Mike Roman, chairman of Jewelers of America (JA), an association for retail jewelers. “And the gold and platinum mix of metals is more affordable, he added. "The gold offsets the cost of platinum."

According to Roman, modern brides and grooms want more design-inspired pieces that will symbolize their individual tastes. For example, many diamond engagement rings feature a distinctive platinum setting accented by 14- or 18-karat gold.

“Look at the setting and see how the mix of metals makes the diamond stand out,” he said.

Similarly, some popular wedding bands today are made up of thin rows of platinum and gold, Roman said. There are also platinum bands with gold overlaid on the outer rim of the ring.

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Wedding day makeup should be simple, long-lasting

Consultants say longevity is key to bridal look

By Eric Bryant

Brides approaching their wedding day have enough concerns without thinking about what their makeup will look like on the big day. Simplicity is the key to looking good during what is often a hectic event, said a local makeup consultant.

"For bridal makeup, simplicity is what we're looking for. You don't want to overdo it," said Adzi Stuart, an instructor at the New York School for Esthetics, Skin Care, Makeup and Nail Specialty, a new school located in Colonie that specializes in instructing estheticians, makeup artists and nail technicians.

"The goal in wedding makeup is to shine in a photographer's lights. Also, if that's a look you love, but to find a look that is un-mistakably you.

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According to Stuart, who is one of several instructors at the new school, the wedding makeup consultation business is booming. In the basic makeup course taught at the school, bridal makeup is a major component of the class. "When I was living down in New York, I would get a lot of calls for consulting work," he said. "It's becoming very popular.

The goal in wedding makeup, Stuart said, is not to create a new you, but to find a look that is unmistakably you.

"Like I said, keep it simple and you can't go wrong. This is, hopefully, one day in your life you want to last forever.

Prepare your hair for the big day

In spite of the bride's best efforts, a bad hair day can ruin the most carefully planned wedding.

To avoid such disasters, wedding consultants recommend the following tips to get your hair ready for the big day:

1. Meet with your hairdresser several weeks in advance to discuss the type of style you want.
2. Bring your headpiece and jewelry to the salon. Then, you can experiment together to choose a look you love. Ask for suggestions on do-it-yourself styles, and practice with your headpiece until you feel comfortable.
3. Begin conditioning on a daily basis several weeks before the wedding. If you use a blow dryer or other heat-styling tool, start using a heat-activated treatment called "blow-dryer dry out" (cited in a recent Yankelovich survey as a major cause of bad hair days).
4. This treatment will strengthen and protect your hair, allowing it to withstand wedding day heat-styling.
5. Nothing can ruin the look of a tuxedo faster than dandruff. The groom should start using dandruff shampoo several weeks before the wedding.

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By Mel Hyman

If you're a male headed to a wedding this year, chances are about 90 percent that you'll order an all-black tuxedo with a multi-colored vest.

Of that there's little doubt, says Bill Kelliher, owner of the Gingiss Formalwear shop in Colonie. "Just about everyone and their brother is going to a solid black. That's just the "in" thing these days, Kelliher said.

One of the ways you can express your creativity, Kelliher said, is by choosing a multi-colored vest. There are six different patterns you can choose from, according to Kelliher. There were a lot of colored coats. Now everything is in black.

When 'Miami Vice' was popular, there were a lot of colored coats. After Six (a brand-name manufacturer) made them in six or seven colors. Now everything is in black," Siekierski said.

Just a few years ago, Kelliher recalled, there were blue, yellow, green and pink tuxedos available. There were some very subtle pin stripes too, but "they're not as hot as they used to be."

White or grey-colored tuxedos can still be found, but white, in particular, does not seem as debonair as it once did, says Kelliher.

"White doesn't yield as good a picture," Kelliher said. "It makes a person look bigger, so if they're heavy to begin with they can end up looking like a beached whale."

A white tux can also make a person's face appear blotchy especially if there's a reflection from the photographer's flash and you have no makeup on.

Tuxedo rentals normally range from $59.95 to $79.95 per weekend, according to Siekierski. The cost of buying one outright can vary anywhere from $225 to $495.

That solid-black tux will likely be made of 100 percent tropical wool, which might sound pretty stifling if it's a July or August wedding you're going to.

But actually, "it's cooler than the polyester variety, which mostly occurs in the white tux. Natural fabrics breathe," Siekierski said, unlike polyester, which can almost be compared to wearing a layer of plastic.

The demand for tuxedos is fairly constant, Siekierski said, although "now that the baby boomers have gone through, I expect that we'll start to see it trail off a little."

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A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just love is unique; no two diamonds are alike. Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring, it is important to become an informed consumer.

Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four Cs: cut, color, clarity and carat weight.

- **Cut**—Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes such as oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.
- **Color**—The best color is no color. Absolutely colorless diamonds are very rare.
- **Clarity**—The term clarity refers to a diamond’s lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called “nature’s fingerprints,” most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.
- **Carat-weight**—Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat, therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat.

These elements will determine the cost of your diamond. For those men who are unsure about what to spend on a diamond engagement ring, many jewelers suggest two months’ salary as an appropriate guideline.

Just as the diamond is the rarest of gemstones and a perfect fit for an engagement ring, it is only natural that diamond jewelry should also be worn on a day as special as the wedding day.

The diamond engagement ring is a symbol of a couple’s future and, like love, can grow more precious with time.

For a booklet entitled “How to Buy the Perfect Diamond Engagement Ring,” contact the Diamond Information Center at Worldwide Plaza, 855 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10019.

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Modern brides and grooms reflect cultural trends

Survey shows today's couples are more mature

Brides-to-be are increasingly independent. The number of virgins is dwindling. The prevalence — and impact — of divorce and the AIDS threat have redefined how couples view fidelity.

These findings and more are revealed in a Bride's magazine survey. Nearly 3,000 readers responded to the "Mate Expectations" 1996 survey, and a comparison with a similar survey conducted by Bride's 10 years ago illustrates what a difference a decade makes. One major addition: This year, the editors asked grooms as well as brides for their thoughts.

Here are some of the most significant, trend-watching results of 1983 brides versus brides today:

- **Average age of brides**: 22.5 in 1983, 25 today (the grooms' age inched up from 22.9 to 26.)
- **Percentage of brides who lived alone before marrying**: increased from 43 percent in 1983 to 53 percent in 1994.
- **Brides who had dated a married man**: 21 percent a decade ago, 15 percent today.
- **Number of virgins**: In 1983, almost one in five; in 1994 one in 15.
- **A major shift in organized religious preference**: Percentage of couples who selected "other preference" as their religion nearly doubled to more than 25 percent, perhaps reflecting the rise in New Age Philosophies since 1983.
- **Brides from divorced homes**: 19 percent in 1983, 32 percent today.
- **Brides who characterize parents' marriage as "very happy"**: 43 percent in 1983, 39 percent in 1994.
- **Brides treated for sexually transmitted disease**: Question not asked in 1983, one in 10 reported being treated in 1994.

The 1994 "Mate Expectation" survey — the first to invite the male point of view — turned up interesting counterpoints between the sexes:

- **Refused a marriage proposal**: Brides, 24 percent; grooms, 6 percent.
- **Have broken an engagement**: Brides, 16 percent; grooms, 11 percent.
- **Expect their marriage to last forever**: Brides, 83 percent; grooms, 82 percent.
- **Have been unfaithful to partner**: Brides and grooms, both 7 percent.

What do couples fight about?

More than two out of five brides and grooms cite money, financial goals and saving/spending styles as sources of conflict. Former partners ranked second as a source of friction.

What might cause divorce?

Nine out of 10 would consider ending a marriage that contained psychological or physical abuse. One-third of couples would end the marriage if their spouse had an affair, while more than half would seek professional counseling and try to work through the infidelity.

Why do couples marry? Brides and grooms agree that sharing ranks as the single most important reason for wanting to marry, followed by companionship, love and romance. Just 14 percent of brides expect to start families in the first year, compared to 25 percent in a 1991 survey.

"These survey responses reflect the increasingly mature attitudes as brides and grooms face the commitment and responsibilities of marriage with eyes open wide," said Barbara Tober, editor-in-chief.

"At the marriage rate rises throughout the remainder of this decade and divorces decline, we are optimistic about today's couples' chances for success."

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**New traditions catch on**

*Bride's* Your New Home recently released its 1996 Trend Report, revealing some new traditions in wedding celebrations:

- **Once upon a time it was taboo for the groom to see his bride prior to the wedding ceremony. Today, that's changed.** An emerging trend is for the groom to meet with his bride, in wedding attire, just before the ceremony. They spend a few emotional moments alone together and have photos taken before exchanging vows.
- **Cake toppers are more elaborate than ever.** Couples choose ornaments that reflect their lifestyles and interests — a commissioned sculpture of the new couple's pets, a replica of Mickey and Minnie, statuettes of beloved pets.
- **Wedding ceremonies are reaching new heights of creativity.** Couples plan Honeymoon weddings, where the bride and groom travel with guests to Hawaii, the Caribbean, even Europe, to get married — guests remain for a long weekend, couples stay for the honeymoon. Surprise weddings, where guest are invited to "a party" that turns out to be a wedding, are also catching on.
- **A popular trend is to incorporate ethnic and cultural influences into the celebration, with an emphasis on traditional ethnic dress — the Japanese kimono, the Scottish kilt.** Family members or friends recite readings drawn from the couple's culture and everyone enjoys a range of ethnic foods.

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

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Soccer

The Bethlehem Cosmos gave up only five goals in six games to take first place in the Malta Soccer Club's Mad Dog Mania Tourna-

ment on Saturday, June 3, at the Charbonneau Recreation Center.

The exciting 2-1 victory over Clifton Park in the tournament final was clinched by Dan Fuchs scoring in the closing minutes of a

second, sudden-death overtime. The Cosmos were undefeated in

the tournament with four wins and two ties, including three shutouts.

Coach Jeff Gonzalez credited the Cosmos' tournament win to the boys working together as a team. "All of them did an excellent

job," he said.

In the opening game against Valley (3-0), goals were scored by Jeff Pappalardi, assisted by Fuchs; Peter Cioppa, assisted by

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Butler

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four-game tournament in first place in the blue division sending them into a semifinal game with the Bethlehem Tigers, who had placed second in the red division.

The Tigers struck first with a goal by Matt Narode. The

Cosmos’ Breen tied it up with an unassisted goal. The Cosmos pulled ahead with goals by Pappalardi, assisted by Reinhardt; and Drake, assisted by Pappalardi. Narode scored for the Tigers once again, with the final score 3-2 in favor of the Cosmos.

In the final playoff game against Clifton Park, the Cosmos were ahead 1-0 on a goal by Matt Kidd with one minute left to play when Clifton Park scored to send the game into sudden-death overtime. As the overtime second drew to a close, Fuchs scored the game-winner.

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many were new to travel soccer. This victory is a tribute to their dedication and hard work."

In other Bethlehem tournament action, Aaron Kolodny from the Bethlehem Tigers captured the Shoot-Out title against an impressive group of competitors. Stephen Strait, representing the Cosmos, also placed well, narrowly missing the runner-up slot.

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The Cosmos came out of the
By Kelly Griffin

V’ville baseball looking bright

The team's one graduating senior, Kevin Nugent, will leave a big gap in the Voorheesville lineup. Nugent had several exceptional performances on the mound this year, including a two-hitter against a hard-hitting Schalmont team in mid-May.

"We will undoubtedly miss his experience in that position," Logan said.

Despite the loss of Nugent, a crop of talented Blackbird hurlers will return to the diamond next year, including aces Jason Patterson and Brandon Emerick.

On Monday, May 29, Voorheesville assembled a powerful offensive attack to down Waterford for the second time this season. Senior, Kevin Nugent, will leave a big gap in the Voorheesville defense combined with a 6-2 season leading record.

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In 13-year-old action, Davies Office Refurbishing went 3-0 for the week with wins over Blanchard Post 4-2, Twin Town 10-5 and Twin Town again, 14-1.

The way for the winners were Dan Santalucia with three hits, Mike Carney with a win and a save on the mound and Steve Wait who had a save and two doubles.

Anaconda beat TACS 10-6 with Tom Ringler going the distance on the mound. Adam Zarrasko's line drive double over the center fielder's head highlighted the winners' effort.

Dan Coccozza pitched four strong innings and Joe Bartley's two hits keyed the loser's effort.

Anaconda and Blanchard tied 6-6 in a thriller with Kirk Lambilt and Pat Davis driving in decisive runs and Ryan Sweeney striking out 10.

Dolphins schedule summer registration

The Delmar Dolphins have scheduled registration for its summer program on Thursday, June 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the administrative conference room of Bethlehem Central High School at 700 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

Practices will be offered twice a day through the summer program, which runs from June 26 to Aug. 4.

There will be six groups and only one will have an attendance requirement. Competition will be offered but not required.

The club is open to children 6 to 18 years old who are residents of the town of Bethlehem or its school district and who can swim 25 yards without assistance.

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Medvesky spins no-hitter in TVLL

By James A. Williams

There is a new leader sitting atop the major league leader board at Tri-Village Little League’s Magee Park. Klersey Builders is the new league leader on the strength of two wins last week, one of which included a no-hit performance by 12-year-old pitcher Mike Medvesky.

At the same time, Howard Banner, DDS, the league leader for the first half of the season dropped two games last week, putting the Bannermen in third place behind Klersy and Farm Family Insurance.

Medvesky went the full six innings for Klersy, striking out seven and walking two as Klersy defeated Horticulture Unlimited 6-1 on Friday, June 2.

Matt Patry’s two hits led the offense, while John and Paul Olsen both turned in sparkling defensive performances to protect Medvesky’s no-hitter. Horticulture Unlimited scored in the final inning on a walk and an error.

On Saturday, June 3, Klersy topped Davies Office Refurbishing, coming back from an 8-2 deficit early in the game to win 14-12. This time it was Parker Brown who led the hitting attack, knocking in three runners on base in the first and Mason Jones drove him in with a triple.

Elsewhere in TVLL’s senior circuit last week, the second place team, Farm Family Insurance, took games from Burt Anthony Associates and Friedman’s Flyers. Horticulture lost to Klersy, 9-5. Burt Anthony Associates lost to Messina-Cahill, 11-0.

Levine’s Josh Burnett went the route Saturday, allowing the Banner batters only four scattered hits in an 11-1 victory. A double by Jonathan Nowak, two singles by Burnett and singles by Jonathan Levine and Trevor Collins provided the hitting punch.

The five hits combined with eight walks and a number of fielding mistakes by the Bannermen all contributed to Levine’s scoring drive.

Banner’s lone score came in the first inning when Mike Hoghey got on base on a fielder’s choice and Mason Jones drove him in with a triple.

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Traffic
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The developer has also proposed improvements to the intersection of Route 9W and Feura Bush Road, including creation of a westbound turn lane, which Ruben engineers believe will alleviate much of the congestion that builds up along Route 9W between Feura Bush Road and Bender Lane.

Planning Board chairman Doug Hasbrook, who voted with the rest of the panel last week to recommend that the company's draft environmental impact statement be considered complete, said he has qualms about whether the mitigation offered by the developer would be sufficient for the section of Route 9W in question.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky said that the CDTC study of Route 9W, which was used by the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee during preparation of the town master plan, is three years old, noting that the Route 9W traffic situation could have worsened since then.

"It's definitely a problem," he said. The thousands of additional vehicles that could pour out on Route 9W from Southgate could push the road to 100 percent capacity, which would lead to "lower speeds, congestion and potential back-ups."

Even without Southgate, traffic snarls occur now during the morning and afternoon rush hour.

But Route 9W is not the only roadway in Glenmont that could be affected adversely by the project, Lipnicky said, adding that the impact on Bender Lane is also a "legitimate concern."

"As far as I'm concerned there are a lot of unresolved issues," he said.

The Southgate proposal now goes to the town board, which will likely accept the planning board's recommendation on the DEIS. Fuller plans to put Southgate on the June 14 town board agenda, at which time she may also ask the board to set a public comment period as well as a date for a public hearing.

According to the engineering consultant for Southgate, Lynn Crippey of Smith & Maltone, PC of Albany, the widening of Route 9W between Bender Lane and Feura Bush Road could be an expensive proposition.

"It would require additional right-of-ways" that could be costly to procure, "The real issue is the intersection of Feura Bush Road," he said.

Rubin Organization spokesman Douglas Grayson has declined to comment on whether the company, which has owned the 75-acre Southgate parcel since the early 1970s, would agree to build a much smaller shopping center of approximately 250,000 square feet.

The developers would like to break ground on the project this year. If built as now proposed, Southgate would mean an estimated $490,000 per year in taxes for the Bethlehem Central School District, about $154,000 per year for the town of Bethlehem and $99,000 annually for Albany County.

"I think the developer knows that the impact on the road system is a problem and I think, or at least I hope, that they're prepared to deal with it," said Councilwoman Doris Davis. "I know it's a concern of the community, and I'm sure that the public as well as the board will consider it during the public process."

Delmar women join Child's Hospital board

The managers of the Volunteer Department of Child's Hospital in Albany recently elected new officers, including two Delmar residents, Marian Camp and Pat Patterson.

Camp serves as the new vice president and Patterson is a new provisional board member.

Job Corps to compete in regional food fair

The Glenmont Job Corps Culinary Arts Team is preparing to compete in the 1995 Job Corps Regional Food Fair in Bangor, Maine, from June 19 to 21.

Last year, the Glenmont team took home seven trophies, including the top rating for the third straight year.

Team members this year are Inah Johnson, Steven Galley, John Wilson, Michael Lints, Jamin Duelle and alternates Jeff Dupuis and Tina Orvis. Heading the team is instructor Carl Nenge.

Five Rivers outing to focus on fish

A program on fish will be held on Sunday, July 11, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Farm Road in Delmar.

Participants will visit pond and stream sites at Five Rivers, learning about several species of fish and their place in our local ecology. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

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Sluggers
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after falling to Notre Dame of Utica 9-4.

This year's squad's record now stands at 21-2.

"We played well as a team," said head coach Nadine Bassler. "Every player contributed in one way or another. We played one of our best defensive games of the season."

On Thursday, June 1, Voorheesville won the Class C championship by defeating Spa Catholic, 5-2. At the end of the first inning, the teams were notched at 1-1. But three innings later, the Lady Birds broke the game open by scoring four times to take a 5-1 lead against the Lady Saints.

The rally was highlighted by one of the males being wearing an animal mask, Holligan said. The other had donned a black ski mask. They were both about 6 feet tall and weighed about 150 pounds, police said.

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The Spotlight remembers

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- Profiled in a front-page story on the "rich and varied rewards of volunteering," were Marty Cornelius, founder of School's Out Dick Mattarese, vice-president of the Capital District Youth Service Corps; Nancy Dunn, school kitchen supervisor; Steve Wright, president of the Elmere Fire Co.; and Connie LaNier, president of the women's auxiliary at Albany Medical Center.

- Edward Clark, then serving as vice chairman of the village planning commission, was appointed to replace Voorheesville Mayor Richard Lennon, who stepped down because of a job-related relocation.

- Sherry Bishko of Delmar was the editor and designer of The Stenciled Strawberry, a cookbook published by the Junior League of Albany.

- Three members of Bethlehem Central High School's championship swimming team were set to attend college under the fitting auspices of the U.S. Navy: Damon Woo and Paul Montanes, who appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, and Eric Patrick received a Navy ROTC scholarship to attend the University of Pennsylvania.

Open house slated for Don Robillard

Don Robillard, who will retire this month after more than 20 years as principal of Glenmont Elementary School, will be feted at an open house Thursday, June 8, at 2:30 p.m.

The school's PTA will sponsor the event, with refreshments and entertainment from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller has declared this week to be "Don Robillard Week" in Bethlehem, and will present the formal proclamation to Robillard at a "This Is Your Life" assembly Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

In addition, Robillard will be visiting all the classes in the school this week, and pupils will present him with "Memory Books."

For information on any of these events, call Kathy Schimanski at 463-1154.

Big Back Yard dedication set for Friday

The Big Back Yard behind Glenmont Elementary School is complete and will be formally dedicated Friday, June 9, at 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the school's PTA, the project has turned a swampy area in the rear of the school grounds into a wetlands study area.

PTA members, school and district staff, and people from town, state and federal agencies have worked together over the past year to raise money and complete the project.

For information, call 463-1155.

Elsmere PTA hosts party for Hugh Williams

The PTA of Elsmere Elementary School will host a retirement party for Hugh Williams on Thursday, June 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school library.

Present and former pupils and parents, as well as teaching colleagues, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Williams has taught for 25 years in Bethlehem schools, including the last 15 at Elsmere.

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Cameron Military Academy — Raymond Houghton of Slingerlands.

Johnson & Wales University — Brian Costello of Delmar (bachelor's in hospitality sales/marketing management).

SUNY Health Science Center — Maureen Goldman of Delmar (doctor of medicine), and Debo ra Meester-Glennon (doctor of medicine).

Wells College — Shannon VonRonne of Unionville (bachelor's in public affairs, magna cum laude).

The following local college students were recently named to the dean's lists at their respective schools:

Alfred University — Brett Andrus of Delmar.

Bates College — Jessica Backer, Tamara Backer and James Hogan, all of Delmar.

Bryant & Stratton Business Institute — Linda Staub of Delmar.

Duke University — Scott Lobel of Delmar.

SUNY Geneseo — Carrie Bailey of Glenmont, Jennifer Fisk, Karen Kerness, Michael Koroluk, Jennifer Martin and Alison Ragone, all of Delmar.

Publications:

Return to the Spotlight, 1985:

St. Peter's Hospital
Girl, Kimberly Amanda Blackman, to Eletha and George Blackman, Slingerlands, April 12.

Girl, Rachael Aline Buley, to Cheryl Ritchko-Buley and Jeffrey Buley, Glenmont, May 22.

Girl, Caryl Ann Davidson Geddes, to Carrie and Mark Geddes, Slingerlands, May 23.

Albany Medical Center
Boy, Christopher Robert Trelling, to Colleen and Bob Trelling, Glenmont, May 11.

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Susan Kirkpatrick and Christopher Cykoski

Kirkpatrick, Cykoski to marry

Susan Kirkpatrick, daughter of David and Ena Lee Kirkpatrick of Birmingham, Ala., and Christopher Cykoski, son of David and Kathleen Cykoski of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, is employed as a flight attendant by Delta Airlines in Atlanta.

The future groom is a graduate of the Albany Academy and George-town University. He is employed as a business development manager by MCI in Atlanta.

The couple plans a Sept. 16 wedding.

Sage JCA honors four local students

Several local students were recently honored for their academic work by Sage Junior College of Albany.

Hye Seung Hur of Slingerlands was given an Award of Excellence at the 1995 Honors Convocation for work in the fashion merchandising department at Sage.

Caroline Dorman of Slingerlands was named an Outstanding First-Year Student.

Debbie DePuccio of Glenmont received a Progress Toward Personal Goals Award.

Stephanie Lasher of Slingerlands was honored for Academic Achievement.

Community Corner

Strawberry dinner

The annual spring dinner will be served family style at the Unionville Reformed Church at 1134 Delaware Avenue Turnpike (Route 443) on Saturday, June 17, with servings at 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

The menu will include relish tray, chicken with gravy on homemade biscuits, peas and carrots, potato salad,cole slaw, rolls and beverages. Strawberry shortcake will be served for dessert.

For reservations and ticket information, call 439-4017. Takeouts are available.
Obituaries

Lauren E. Moore

Lauren Elizabeth Moore, 2, of Hobbie Lane in Selkirk, died Sunday, June 4, at Albany Medical Center Hospital as a result of injuries she sustained in an accident at her home.

She was born in Albany.

Survivors include her parents, Patrick S. and Kimberly A. Murray-Steiger; her maternal grandmother, Maureen Murray of Watervliet; and her paternal grandparents, Patrick Ebner and Patricia Moore of Selkirk.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Daniel W. Fink Funeral Home, 49 Delaware Ave., Albany, and St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Calling hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158, or the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

A. Steber Kerr

A Steber Kerr, 76, of Delmar, died Wednesday, May 31, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born and educated in Ilion, Herkimer County, he received a degree in architecture and a master's degree in management engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

He was an engineer at the General Electric Co. for more than 30 years, retiring in 1980.

Mr. Kerr was a naval officer in World War II, overseeing submarine construction at the Portsmouth, N.H., Navy Yard.

He was a licensed professional engineer in New York and a licensed architect in California and Georgia. In 1963, he was appointed principal architect for Habitat for Humanity International in Ameri­ can Samoa. He was a member of the Elfun Society and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Mr. Kerr was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany, sang in its choir, served on its board of trustees and was chairman of the administrative board.

He was active with the Adirondack Mountain Club, serving as chairman of the Albany chapter and representative on its board of governors. He was a member of the Nature Conservancy. He and his wife served as co-chairs of the 1970 New York Chapter to Preserve the Hannacroix Ravine.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Wills Kerr; a daughter, Janet Kerr of Naples, Ontario County; two sons, Roger Kerr of San Diego, Calif., and Douglas Kerr of Heidelberg, Calif.; and two grandsons.

Services were from Trinity United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Grand View Cemetery in Whitesboro.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Margaret Ellen Omer

Margaret Ellen Omer, 65, of Schuyler Avenue in Latham, a former Delmar resident, died Tuesday, May 30, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born and educated in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, she had lived in Newburgh and Delmar before moving to Latham in 1988.

She was a keyboard operator for the state Office of General Services at the time of her death. She previously worked as a legal secretary for Key Bank in Latham. She had also worked for the New York Telephone Co. in the 1980s.

She was a member of the Colo­ nie Valley Elks Auxiliary and a member of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. Omer was a communicant of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Latham.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Burial arrangements will be by the Clarksville Community Church.

Burdette Bostwick

Burdette Edwards Bostwick, 87, of Delmar, died Saturday, June 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Washington, D.C., he was raised in Newark, N.J. He was a graduate of Rutgers University Law School.

Mr. Bostwick was a former vice president and director of J. Wiss & Sons, an executive search and placement firm. He was a former service member of the U.S. Navy.

He was a former board member of the Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey. He was a member of the Short Hill Club, the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, and the Yeomans Hall Club in Charleston, S.C.

Mr. Bostwick was predeceased by his wife, Betty Brown Bostwick; a daughter, Sherry Bishko of Delmar; a son, Burdette E. "Peter" Bostwick of Honeoye Falls; and two granddaughters.

There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the St. Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey.

For information, call 439-0612.

‘Early Birder’ walk on tap at Five Rivers

Naturalists will lead “Early Birder” bird walks every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. through June at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Gage Farm Road in Delmar.

Tips and tricks for bird identification will be offered with the beginning birder in mind. Participants will seek out birds visiting the area, as well as species that are already present.

Participants are asked to bring binoculars and bird identification books if possible. Refreshments will be offered at 7:15 a.m.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Youngsters can try puppetry at library

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m. to explore the world of puppetry and enjoy plays, songs and poetry.

Children will make their own puppet to take home during this free program.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Mothers Time Out to meet Monday

Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet on Monday, June 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The group will breakfast at the Four Corners Luncheonette and return to the church for a video program. Babysitting will be provided.

For information, call the church at 439-9299.

Area bike racers take to the road this month

Team Superclub and the OTRCC are planning the Albany Twilight series of bicycle races for Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The races will begin at 6 p.m., leaving from the corner of Ostrander and Stone roads in Voorheesville.

Proceeds will benefit the Voorheesville DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

Entry fee is $8 per day, $2 for those under 18. For information, call 972-2024.

Airport authority CEO to address chamber

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 14, at noon at the Casa Mia Restaurant, located on Route 9W at the junction of Feura Bush Road.

Albany County Airport Authority Chair­ man John C. Egan will speak on “The Regional Airport, Airport Development Project Update.”

The cost will be $12 at the door.

Reservations are required by Monday, June 12.

For information, call 439-0612.

Death Notices

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

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

Epilogue

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Wendy Schriver

Associate Editor
Small scale agriculture still viable
Down on the farm!

Today's American agricultural scene is dominated by gigantic corporate farms which plow huge tracts of land using the latest high-tech equipment. It may seem that there is little room left for the small farmer, who once did the bulk of farming in the United States. To help dispel this notion, a group of small farms in Rensselaer County have organized the Northern Rensselaer Farm Tour for Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.

The free event will provide a glimpse at six unique operations—a dairy goat farm, organic catnip and goose farm, sheep farm, organic livestock farm, community-sponsored organic vegetable farm, and a farm that raises American bison.

Getting there from here...
Suggested farm tour route: Take Route 7, east from Troy. In Pittstown, take Rensselaer County 111 north to Quaker Street. Captain Butler's Humbug is 1.7 miles east on Quaker Street. Return to 111. Dusty Miller is 1 mile north of the corner of Gifford Road. Continue 2.3 miles to Brickhouse Farm. Continue on 111. 7 mile to Route 67. Follow 67 east 1.3 miles to Maple Road. Take Maple Road 1.5 miles to Barton Road 1.5 miles on Barton to intersection of Nick-Mush Road. Take a left on Nick-Mush and first drive on right is Nickel Farm. Return to Route 67 and go west through Valley Falls to Schaghticoke. Take Route 40 and 67 south until 67 turns right off 40. Drive 2.3 miles to 67 to Buttermilk Falls Road. Then, 2 miles to Buttermilk Falls Road to CSA of the Hudson Mohawk. Continue on Buttermilk Falls Road to Route 40. Right on Church Street then left on Avenue A to Bison Acres. Take 40 south to Oil Mill Hill. Then Rensselaer County 142 returns you to Route 7. From Pittstown to Bison Acres, covering all 6 farms, is 32 miles. You can visit any or all of the farms in any order. The tour route is intended to help locate the farms easily.

Marrie Keys, who owns the sheep farm, will help conduct tours of her outfit which houses one-week old lambs on up to three year old rams. She also expects to feature wool-spinning demonstrations and host a team of oxen for a plowing exhibition.

Bison Acres, owned by Joan Case, currently supports nine American bison. The farm will sell vacuum-packed bison meat as well as a variety of ornaments made from bison products during the tour.

Dusty Miller's catnip and goose farm will feature demonstrations on the growing and processing of organic catnip, and will also have goose eggs available for sale.

Said Keys, "It's important to make people aware that there are people out there trying to keep small agriculture going." In addition to bringing attention to the small farmer, Keys also hopes to build a positive image for Rensselaer County through the tour.

Visitors may stop by any of the farms between 10 am and 5 pm on Saturday, and noon and 5 pm on Sunday. No admission will be charged. Maps are available at many Rensselaer County supermarkets and stores. For information or to obtain a map, contact Keys at 735-7589 or Case at 235-7091.

Where the American Bison roam...

The last thing you expect to see as you turn on Avenue A from Route 40 in Melrose is a bison farm. However, nine of the enormous creatures make their home on the land behind the sixth house on the left on Avenue A.

The first thing you notice is their size. Bison are bigger than cows—in fact, they're bigger than most creatures that are denizens of the barnyard. But the animals' uniqueness is what attracted Charac and Joan Case to the farm in the first place.

"We wanted to do something different," said Joan, who warned that bison don't fancy being petted. The Cases' largest bull, Salt, however, will allow you to feed him as much fresh grass as you're willing to pick. The Cases began raising bison 20 years ago, when there were relatively few of the animals left in the United States.

Today, according to Charac "Chic" Case, there are several hundred thousand bison being raised for meat throughout the United States and Canada. He said that if he had it to do all over again, he might even be able to "make some money at it." But 20 years ago, things were different, and the Cases even had a hard time finding a veterinarian to treat the animals.

However, the couple have worked out the problems they've encountered and have learned a great deal about the animals that once roamed by the millions throughout the country.
**THEATER**
**"THE BALTIC PALACE"**
Comedy by Woody Allen, performed by Hannah's Friends, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, Schenectady, Friday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., $12 tickets. Information, 632-6204.

**"THE BALTIMORE PALACE"**
Comedy by Woody Allen, performed by the Heathcote Players, Empire Theater, East Side, Troy, June 9, 8 p.m., and June 10, 7:30 p.m., $12 tickets. Information, 273-0038.

**"FOREVER PLAIID"**
Musical by David Brussat, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Friday, June 14 through July 16, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:15 p.m., and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Wednesdays and Sundays matinees of 2 p.m., $10 to $22. Information, 856-3303.

**MUSIC**
**ALAN ALEXANDER**
Lute and guitar player, Allegro Corte, 33 Second St., Troy, June 9, 7, and 17, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1952.

**COLONIE TOWN BAND**
Memorial Town Hall, Route 9, New Lebanon, Wednesday, June 7, 7 to 8 p.m., and Friday House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Niskayuna, Wednesday, Sunday, June 12, 7 to 8 p.m. Information, 786-2760, 786-2760.

**MICHAEL PANZA**
Piano and violinist, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Friday and Saturdays, June 9, 10, 16, 17, and 11, p.m., and My Way Cafe, Route 5, Malta, Sunday, June 11, 9 to 11 p.m. Information, 584-6892.

**BONNIE RAIT**
With Ruth Brown and Charles Brown, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Friday, June 9, 9:30 p.m., $22.50 Information, 783-6300.

**BADEN'S WHITE BAND**
Aid local charitable, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. Information, 783-6300.

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A chronicle of healing** by Jean M. Wolfe, performed by the Colonie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., $6 tickets. Information, 392-0062.

**"PLAY IT AGAIN SAM"**
Comedy by Woody Allen, performed by the Heathcote Players, Empire Theater, East Side, Troy, June 9, 8 p.m., and June 10, 7:30 p.m., $12 tickets. Information, 273-0038.

**"HARRY"**
Round Lake Auditorium, Round Lake, June 9 through 24, 8 p.m., $17, $11 senior citizens and students, $8 children. Information, 896-2130.

**"TREASURE ISLAND"**
Information, 348-6204.

**Schenectady**

**"CHRONICLE OF HEALING"**
Schenectady, through June 22.

**"JOURNEY TO THE SOUTH"**
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**"THE JAZZ FACTOR"**
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**HOWIE GLASSMAN**
Border Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, June 9, 8 p.m. Information, 456-8650.

**SEAL**
Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saturday, June 10, 8:15 p.m., $24.50 and $19.50 lawn. Information, 587-3300.

**SHAWN COULIN and BRUCE COOKSIN**
Starratt Music Theatre, Route 9R, Latham, Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. Information, 456-8650.

**ST. CECILIA ORCHESTRA**
with the choir of St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Troy, Sunday, June 11, 7:30 to 9 p.m., $10 Information, 111-2057.

**ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Lark Venetian chamber orchestra, Troy Savings Bank, Sunday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. Information, 587-3300.

**PETERRA WITCHER**
In Iguana, 437 remaining, 740 Claryville, Qual Street, Albany, Sunday, June 12, 2 p.m. Information, 587-3300.

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**"HELPING HANDS"**
A Question and Answer session, with Mr. Pettis, C.S.B. Will be featured during a performance of the chamber ensemble "Lions of Vienna" on Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall at 7 State St. in Troy. Tickets for the concert, which will be conducted by David Alan Miller, are $14 to $18 and are available at the music hall box office or by calling 273-0883.

**"LEAVING HERE"**
Drawing series by Lawrence Philip, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St. through June 18. Information, 462-4775.

**"FARMS AND BARNS OF GEORGIA"**

**"REFLECTIONS OF WOMEN"**
multimedia by Carolyn Levy, ArtsAlum, Union College, Schenectady, through June 11. Information, 388-6201.

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Park Playhouse launches youth theater program

The Park Playhouse in Albany has announced the creation of a four-week youth theater program for area children who are interested in learning about theater.

The Park Playhouse II Youth Theatre Program is scheduled to begin in July as part of the program, children ages 10 to 18 will perform in the Broadway musical "Once on This Island" from Aug. 8 to 13 on the playhouse stage in Washington Park.

Participants will also learn about other areas of theater production from Park Playhouse professionals, including set painting, costume and building props.

'Damn Yankees' to play in park

Park Playhouse will stage the musical "Damn Yankees" this August at the Washington Park Conservatory in Albany. The play will be performed at 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday nights. Amphitheater seats are free, and reserved seats are $7. Seating for the handicapped is available.

For information, call the Park Playhouse at 434-2035.

Auditions for the program will be held Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the lakehouse in Washington Park. Auditioners must prepare 10 bars of music, and will also be asked to write a short essay about why they want to be involved with Park Playhouse II and what they hope to learn from the program.

For information and to schedule an audition appointment, call the Park Playhouse office at 434-2035.

Proctor's to sponsor day at races

Proctor's Theatrical is planning its second annual Proctor's Day at the Saratoga Race Track on Thursday, July 22. The benefit will include club house admission, program, gourmet luncheon buffet, and table seating in the "At the Rail" pavilion.

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