Town puts brakes on heavy trucks

By Mel Hyman

Life should be a lot quieter now for people living on Beaver Dam Road.

That's if the parade of heavy trucks using this narrow, two-lane road as a shortcut complies with the law passed last week by the Bethlehem town board.

After a public hearing, the board voted to set a three-ton weight limit on Beaver Dam Road. Substantial fines could be levied on violators under provisions of the state vehicle and traffic code.

The town has legal authority to impose such a limit, said town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, and has previously done so with a handful of local streets such as Bedell, Snowden and Plymouth, Murray and Elm avenues in Delmar.

"If the truck drivers won't comply, it could force us to establish truck routes," Kaplowitz said. "But that could be very detrimental to them, since it could send some of them way out of their way."

Tankers, tractor-trailers and dump trucks crisscrossing Selkirk and South Bethlehem have been a problem for many years, although over the past year it has really escalated, said Bob Samsel, a longtime Beaver Dam Road resident.

"What created the problem was all the additional (traffic) lights they put in on 9W," Samsel said. "I think there are six regular lights and two blinkers now."

Samsel said heavy-duty trucks traveling north on Route 9W veer east on Maple Avenue (Route 396) as soon as they hit Beeker Corners in Selkirk. Right after they turn onto Route 396, he noted, the trucks bear left and head onto Beaver Dam Road, which leads them right into Route 144.

"There's not a single light on 144 all the way north to the Port of Albany. I watched out my window one morning last winter and counted nine fuel oil trucks traveling this road over the course of one hour," Samsel said. "Where are they all going? There are only about 60 houses on the road. I don't think they need oil every day."

The fuel trucks weigh about seven tons, he explained. "They beat the road to DTRUCKS/page 20

Reigning on tulip court

Sheridawn Gebhardt of Delmar will be a part of the Albany Tulip Queen's court this year.

BCHS faculty boycotts committee

By Dev Tobin

Upset with the way that an administrative restructuring was handled, Bethlehem Central High School teachers have withdrawn from the school’s shared decision-making committee.

A state mandate, shared decision-making ideally involves teachers, students and parents working together to improve education.

"When the dean positions were created, without any input from shared decision-making or from the faculty as a whole, the faculty united in the realization that the shared decision-making committee was unable to share in decisions that the administration felt were important," said Robert Rice, president of the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association. "The administration is picking and choosing what it wants to share and what it doesn’t."

Bethlehem community to make clean sweep

By Mel Hyman

Grab that broom, take a hold of that shovel and pitch in to make Bethlehem a little cleaner.

That's what leaders of Bethlehem First are hoping people will do this Saturday on the occasion of Community Cleanup Day.

Eight coordinated cleanup projects are planned between 9 a.m. and noon along with five independently inspired efforts. From Kenwood Avenue down to South Bethlehem Park, you can take your pick.

The main cleanup sites are:

- The Delaware Avenue railroad underpass — Bob Horn is the team leader and the volunteers include members of the Bethlehem Central High School Student Senate, Bethlehem Pop Warner and Cub Scout Pack 272.

We're hoping to make Bethlehem more attractive than it is, and to keep pride in the community high.

Mariangela Ruback

- The Four Corners — Volunteers include the Karl Schrader family and employees of Delmar Marketplace under the direction of Chris McCarron.

- The abandoned gas station at the corner of Delaware and Cherry avenues — Volunteers include members of the BCHS Key Club under the direction of Jessica Fine, and Bethlehem sports team members under the direction of Barbara Bartoletti.

- The old WOKO radio station on Kenwood Avenue — Volunteers include the Bob Baldwin family and employees of

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE?
The Town of Bethlehem Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on:
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(please follow special directions shown on map on back of brochure.)

- All hazardous wastes must be in their original, labeled containers. Tighten caps and lids.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS!
- Sort and pack materials securely in a sturdy cardboard box; use newspaper or cardboard to keep items from tipping or hitting each other.
- Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in plastic bags or a larger container.
- Place chemicals that may react with each other in separate parts of the car.
- DO NOT leave product in a hot, unventilated vehicle for an extended period of time.
- For your safety, please stay in your car. Workers will unload the material. Please DO NOT smoke near chemicals.

BEFORE DISPOSING OF LEFTOVER PRODUCTS, PLEASE TRY TO USE UP OR GIVE TO SOMEONE WHO CAN USE THEM.

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All residents disposing of waste must enter the site via Elm Ave. to Elm Ave. East (Follow Arrows)
Legislators propose 3-for-1 consolidation

GOP lawmakers say plan could save $180K

By Mel Hyman

Surveys have consistently shown that municipal and county government agencies spend much more on services than their counterparts in other parts of the country.

Based on that premise, Albany County Republican Legislators Robin Reed, Christine Benedict and Jane Springer have come up with a plan to consolidate three county agencies into one.

Their proposal to combine the county Department of Aging, Youth Bureau and Veterans' Bureau into a Department of Human Services would take effect Jan. 1, 1997, and save county taxpayers an estimated $180,000 annually.

Their proposal has an uncertain future, given the Democratic majority in the county legislature and the fact that a Democrat occupies the county executive seat.

But Reed, from South Bethlehem, believes whether the consolidation takes effect next year or not, it should be examined and taken seriously.

"Over a year ago, (former county executive) Mike Hoblock told us that Albany County, Oneida, had done a similar consolidation, so we went up there and talked to the county executive," Reed said. "It seemed to be working out just fine for them, so we drafted our own proposal for Albany County.

"Our county executive (Michael Breslin) has asked all the commissioners and department heads to cut their budgets by 15 percent and this does that automatically," she noted.

Breslin said he is seriously considering a number of options for consolidation, but he backed away from support of the GOP proposal.

"I will not jeopardize the services to seniors, youth and veterans," he said. "We're in the process of looking at the country, the number of seniors in our county is growing rapidly, and as it does the role of the Department for Aging becomes even more important.

"The commissioners are in favor of regionalization," he said, "so the Republicans were "naive to think that one person could split their focus on the needs of the different departments." Benedict, from Colonie, said

Holligan heads police training program

By Dev Tobin

A former Voorheesville man charged with the sexual molestation of a minor in New York City has pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree sodomy, a felony.

Paul F. Bastian Jr., 22, of Daredrive Drive in Athens and formerly of Woodview Court in Saugerties, had been charged with two counts of second-degree sodomy, and three counts of second-degree sexual abuse and four counts of endangering the welfare of a child, both misdemeanors.

In the plea bargain agreement, Bastian will receive a 2 1/2- to 7-year sentence to state prison, according to Assistant District Attorney Veronica Dunne.

The children and their parents were "all on board for the plea bargain, Dunne said. "At first, you can understand why they were hesitant to discuss these acts' in trial testimony.

"While recidivism is high among child sex offenders, Dunne said that Bastian will be "very involved in therapy" during his prison time.

The crimes came to light after sheriff's deputies were notified by officials at Charter A. Boulot Junior Senior High School, Sheriff James Campbell said.

Several times since 1994, Bastian met up to five weeks he was acquainted with "the neighborhood and the schools, police said.

In return for performing various sexual acts with the boys, Bastian gave them alcohol, cigarettes, pornography and would allow them to movies free of charge at Crossgates Mall, where Bastian worked as a security guard, Campbell said.

A former Saugerties neighbor said that Bastian would "cruise the neighborhood on a regular basis since he moved away. We always told our kids to stay away from him.

The neighbor said that Bastian was "just left" when confronted.

"That's the hard part. We suspected he was not straight with us, but we didn't do anything," the neighbor said.

After most of Bastian's peers went away to college, he "appeared to be drawn to the younger kids in the neighborhood," the neighbor said.

Bastian, who has no prior record, remains free on $40,000 bail pending sentencing on June 17.

Conditions of his bail include that he have no contact with know victims or anyone under the age of 17...
Bob McCulloch of the New York State Bluebird Society, left, and Alan Mapes, acting director of environmental education for Encon, spot a bluebird at Five Rivers in New Scotland.

Watching out for bluebirds
By Mel Hyman

The once plentiful bluebird is making a comeback after its population plummeted an estimated 90 percent over the past 25 years. An ambitious effort to increase the nesting areas for the state bird has helped replenish the bluebird population and represents "a real success story," said Michael Zagata, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Speaking to the spring meeting of the New York State Bluebird Society at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, Zagata said the plight of the bluebird, which had been classified a threatened (but not endangered) species, was a tip-off that all was not right with the ecosystem.

"They have always seen a barometer of environmental quality," Zagata said. "When you get a long-term decline like the bluebird's, which has been going on since the late 60s, you know that something's wrong, that maybe DOT or the chemicals we're using are having an adverse effect."

The bluebird is not the only species that has made a comeback, he said. "We need to start focusing on our successes. We now have more than 25 nesting places for the bald eagle. Fifteen years ago, there were only one or two. The same with the peregrine falcon, which is returning to the area. And we're starting rethrowing otters to the environment."

Zagata's talk coincided with dedication of the Route 20 Bluebird Research Trail that winds through upstate New York. The goal is to install 4,000 nest boxes along the 375-mile route to boost the bluebird population as well as providing refuge for other cavity nesting birds such as tree swallows, chickadees and house wrens.

"The bluebird has been currently listed on the "Species of Special Concern List."

Bethlehem debate team excels in competition

The Bethlehem High School Speech and Debate Club recently participated in the Regional Debate Tournament at Albany High School. Students from all over the state New York competed in this event.

The Bethlehem debate team placed fourth overall, which is an amazing accomplishment for the small, fairly new team. Individuals also performed well. Emily Watson, a junior and club president who also competes as a debater, won first place in the novice debate category, and Jessica Berlow, a freshman, received second place in extemporaneous speaking.

Elizabeth Solomon, also a freshman, came in first place in the novice debate category, and qualified for the New York State Forensics Debate Championships to be held in April.

The Speech and Debate Club was started in 1992 by a group of students who initially ran the club without any school affiliation, and has been growing ever since. The club now receives limited funding from the school, and is a part of the New York State Forensics League, a statewide speech and debate organization. Besides the traditional debate category, members can also compete in a wide variety of speech categories, including recitation, and dramatic reading. The team hopes to recruit new members in the coming school year.

The success of the team this year is largely due to the organizational efforts of Jatin Roper, the team president who also competes as a debater.

In Guilderland

The Spotlight is sold at Westmere News

Five Rivers to expand

Members of Five Rivers Ltd. will be joined by Michael D. Zagata, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Education on Tuesday, May 21, at 3 p.m. to celebrate an expansion of Five Rivers Education Center in new Scotland.

The public is invited to the ceremony to mark the expansion, made possible by a unique private-public partnership of nature lovers.

EnCon will formally purchase a 17.5 acre parcel adjoining the educational center from Five Rivers Ltd.

Five Rivers Ltd. originally purchased the land since at the time there were no funds available from EnCon.

Five Rivers Ltd. President Jim Tate said the group is pleased to be working with the state to expand Five Rivers, which will now encompass 34.5 acres. He said his group will continue to purchase other land adjacent to Five Rivers as it becomes available.

For information about the celebration or about Five Rivers Ltd., a non profit organization dedicated to supporting the center, call Susan Keitel at 439-2620.

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Voters pass BC budget, elect 3 to board seats

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central School District voters approved a $38.6 million spending plan for next year, a $348,500 proposition for nine school buses, re-elected Pamela Williams and Happy Scherer and elected James Schwab to the school board in voting May 8.

The budget passed with 58.7 percent of the vote, 1,933-1,360, with the turnout, percent voting “yes,” and margin all lower than last year.

“I know there are not easy times for many people, but residents recognize the board’s efforts to balance student needs with the cost of education,” said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

The final tax rate will be set in June after the equalization rate, which the town estimated at 4.6 percent tax rate increase to build on what we’ve done so far, must be approved by the state. With the additional staff, district residents who live in the town of Bethlehem, and an estimated 15.6 percent tax hike on district residents who live in New Scotland.

The New Scotland rate is higher due to a 10 percent drop in its equalization rate, which the town is appealing.

If the New Scotland equalization rate is lowered, the tax rate increase for Bethlehem residents would rise accordingly. The final tax rate will be set in August.

The budget funds 9.6 additional full-time-equivalent teaching positions at the middle and high school levels. With the additional staff, teacher/student ratios will be modestly lower next year at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

In the school board race, Williams was the top vote-getter with 2,050, followed by Scherer with 1,911, and Schwab with 1,835, edging Donald Led Duke, who garnered 1,805 votes, for the third seat.

As the winner of a vacant board seat (from which Peter Trent resigned earlier this year), Schwab will be sworn in at the school board’s meeting tonight.

“I’m delighted that the budget passed,” said Williams, who is currently the board president. District residents “are obviously pleased with the way the schools are run and tremendously supportive of education.”

Williams said she will “continue to build on what we’ve done,” in particular, work to “make the middle school and the high school seem smaller” as both schools head toward record enrollment.

The budget includes a satellite police station on Route 2W.

“The budget, part of the district’s ongoing replacement program, includes six bus-passer­ger Subur­bans and one wheelchair lift van.

The board scheduled a public hearing on the special use permit for Tuesday, June 4.

Major Lloyd Wilson, commander of State Police Troop G in Loudonville, said the lease on the Troop G, which expires early next year, will definitely not be renewed.

The Selkirk station is “in disrepair, cramped and just inadequate,” Wilson said, adding that the state police have had “minimal activity” in Bethlehem since the town established a satellite police station on Route 2W.

A Route 22 station would be “more closely centered to areas that need the attention of the state police. We’re looking at the most efficient way of providing service in southern Albany County,” he said.

“Nothing has been positively decided,” but the state police are currently not investigating any other potential sites, Wilson said.

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Bigtime spring cleaning

The Bethlehem First Task Force Community Cleanup Day on Saturday is a real opportunity for everyone to pitch in and spruce things up. And the history repeats itself—remember Community Bethlehem—the event will be a resounding success.

With the number of groups including Scouts, students, town workers, businesses and individuals already involved, the effort should produce a welcome face lift. Flowers, trees and overall tidying up will help make Bethlehem live up to its reputation as a beautiful community.

If you want to help out, there's still time to volunteer on the many projects scattered throughout town. Call cleanup coordinator John Cody at 473-9409 to find out what's going on in your neighborhood.

Also on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the town will oversee its second Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the highway garage at 74 Elm Ave. East in Selkirk. Unused cleaners, paint, thinners, used motor oil and garden products will all be accepted.

If you aren't sure about what can be turned in, call recycling coordinator Sharon Fisher at 767-9618.

Finally, this weekend, the Bethlehem Garden Club will launch a Delaware Avenue beautification project spurred by club president Karen Kermani. Three Bradford pear trees will grace the area near the Delmar Health Hut and Tom's Barber Shop.

The good news is this is only the beginning. The club will provide and install trees for any merchant or property owner who would like one. Club member Denise Becker is overseeing the project. To arrange to get a tree next year call 473-8190.

All these worthwhile efforts should help make Bethlehem a better place to live.

Give officers control

Animal control officers need and should have peace officer status to effectively carry out their duties. Having to pass on information to another agency like the humane society is a waste of time and money. And precious time is lost, that could mean life or death in animal abuse cases.

Animal control officers need the authority to take action at the scene of suspected abuse cases. How frustrating it must be to be cut off from an investigation when the officer is first on the scene.

Without power officer status, the animal control officers' hands are tied. They can only respond to complaints but have no power to take any action on their own initiative.

The law stripping the officers of police powers makes no sense and should be changed, the sooner the better. Give the men and women who do this job the power their job description calls for. Wildlife pathologist Ward Stone makes a good point about stricter training and requirements for the officers, to make their positions more effective.

Curb truck traffic

The Bethlehem town board did the right thing by imposing a weight limit for trucks traveling on Beaver Dam Road in Selkirk.

The narrow, residential two-lane road is really unsuitable for heavy trucks, and residents for years have been asking the town to find a solution to the problem of trucks turning the road as a shortcut to Route 144.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, chairman of the Bethlehem traffic safety committee, is correct in pointing out the truck traffic as a hazard to the residential neighborhood.

Strict fines should help deter the truckers from using Beaver Dam Road, and the police will patrol the road regularly to check for violators. It's up to law enforcers to make sure the new law is obeyed.

SUNY system in jeopardy of becoming cost prohibitive

Don't lose affordable education

By John Mather

The writer of this week's Point of View is an executive officer of The Progressive Coalition of the State University of New York, a group committed to providing affordable quality education in the university system.

This message is for families with students enrolled at and those with high schoolers planning to enroll at SUNY campuses. Understanding what has happened and is happening now in the state university system is the first step in addressing problems. For openers, the governor's office has decided to cut state support for SUNY and is attempting to shift the costs of operating it to tuition revenue.

With approval of the newly appointed trustees, the long held obligation of the state to provide higher education has been violated. The university was created in 1948 to provide opportunity and quality college education for all students.

The process of shifting the cost of public higher education to tuition revenue was started last year. Dylton was increased by $750, the largest increase in the history of the university. And, it is clear the impact was significant with declining applications for admission.

What lies ahead is increasingly more apparent. The executive budget proposed a $250 increase in tuition for 1996-1997 and the university board of trustees did not object it. But there is more to it than just a $250 increase. Independent analysts project an increase in tuition of $750 or more.

That is related to the $119.5 million budget cut in state support for SUNY and the intent to have tuition fill the gaping financial hole.

The effect of proposed tuition increases is compounded by reduction in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Parents and students should talk with high school counselors about the real impact of this—what it comes to in calculating the effect upon them individually. Suffice it to say almost 40,000 students will be acutely affected this year.

Increased costs of college attendance is falling most heavily upon those with incomes under $45,000. Those with incomes above that amount will, of course, be adversely affected as well.

Almost everyone knows someone who attended SUNY campuses. Parents and students should discuss the plight and perl with them.

Across New York over 1.5 million persons have attended SUNY campuses since the system was created. Alumni as beneficiaries of quality education will likely be concerned about the shift away from support of public higher education. There are prospective nuclear of opposition out there.

Fourteen former university trustees are deeply concerned. The Preservation of the State University of New York organization will be forming last November by former trustees concerned about access and quality for all students. That concern translates into funding for restoration of state support cut in 1996-97 and zero cuts for TAP. The preservationists view current budgetary threats as a deadly threat to families throughout the state.

Members of the group include former trustees, former campus presidents, former university officers and members of campus councils. It is affiliated with the Coalition for Public Higher Education, the 22,000 member United University Professions and an array of groups. Made up of Republicans and Democrats, the organization is committed to providing affordable quality education.

Parents and students need not feel that they are alone.

But families need to act on their own behalf by presenting a strong case to their legislators. Legislators will listen. This is an election year. Democracy in action will count if families make it count.

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Man wants ‘senseless spiral’ to end

Editor, The Spotlight:

The new Bethlehem Central school budget, imposing yet another crushing tax increase on some local property owners, has passed. The "voters" have spoken — so be it.

There are some aspects, however, that are outrageous, or at least merit some thought.

The Spotlight reported that there would be an open school budget hearing and the public was invited to give their input. But, according to the article, the budget was fixed and no changes could be made. Why ask for input? It’s a done deal.

A previous article said state aid had fallen about $187,000 and that amount had to be added to the local property tax burden.

We don’t even get lip service about cost reductions: “State aid is down $187K; just pass it on to the locals.” Is this what is meant by a “fixed” and unchangeable budget?

Voorheesville schools are often criticized (perhaps rightly so) for excessive salaries and a top-heavy administrative staff. Yet, Voorheesville earns awards, and this year there is a “zero” tax increase.

In contrast, Bethlehem costs are ever increasing; as are the problems, and now police officers are needed in the schools to keep order. Way to go, you educated professional school administrators. When you get a moment, check out the real world.

I am a realist who lives in a real world. When the charade and all the stomping around and dust kicking is over, my school taxes will go up $500.

From another perspective, Delmar residents (a lot of state workers) have apparently managed to fend off most of the increase in taxes on their neighbors in New Scotland, based on a "finding" by the state that properties in the town of New Scotland are worth a lot more than their owners thought, or have been able to sell them for.

When will this endless and senseless cost spiral stop?

Philip Raeder Jr.
Feura Bush

Thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank Bethlehem Central School District residents who supported me in the election.

I will do my very best to serve the district in a responsible and creative way.

I also appeal to district residents, especially parents, to become involved or stay involved in the schools. We can make a difference.

Jim Schaub
Glenmont

Board member says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank the voters of the Bethlehem Central School District for supporting me for a third term on the school board, and for once again demonstrating a commitment to quality education through support of the school budget.

We are headed for an exciting and challenging time, as we move ahead on the bond issue and integrating technology in all the schools, while working hard to maintain an outstanding educational program in the face of continuing fiscal restraints.

I look forward to working collaboratively with everyone in the community toward continuous improvement of our program at all levels and for all students.

As always, I am available to listen to feedback and concerns regarding the schools and am committed to addressing any and all issues brought to my attention.

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LUMAC plan could spell doom for landowners

Editor, The Spotlight:

The way the Bethlehem LUMAC proposal is set up, it has the potential to take away a person's life work and savings, which we do not believe to be intentional but rather an oversight. But if the LUMAC plan is OK'd, it will do exactly that.

The farmers and people who own open spaces in our town are concerned, as they feel that they have the right to own land rather than stocks and not have their life work and investment reduced to 20 percent of its value simply by a yes vote to a proposal that is not in the best interest of the town or rural landowners.

These people are afraid that they may be losing 66 percent of their salaries, and 75 percent of their savings. These are not fabricated fears; they are very real as the LUMAC plan will sharply decrease the value of land and could potentially ruin people's lives.

I would like the town board to call a special open meeting with the voters and landowners to discuss this proposal in more detail before it is voted upon.

Glenmont
Berne Watkins

Move poles underground on Delaware

Editor, The Spotlight:

The April 17 article of the Delaware Avenue widening project revealed a lost opportunity to make that area of town a lot more attractive. I am referring to the relocation of utility poles from the north side to the south side of Delaware Avenue by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.

It would have been so much better to eliminate those poles and place the utilities underground as is being done in many locations nationwide.

Not only are the utility poles unsightly, but they are also subject to damage during wind and ice storms, with resulting power outages.

This could have been an opportunity to begin to relocate all utilities on Delaware Avenue underground for completion in the next century. What a pleasant improvement for our town that would be.

Fred Strauss
Delmar

Unsung heroes save day at middle school

Editor, The Spotlight:

A recent event underscored the unsung heroes in our midst who quietly help to make things better for our youth and our community.

I coordinate a program called Strive For Success in which selected middle school pupils and their parents meet with teachers for 10 evenings to learn study skills and develop strategies to enhance school success.

The program requires extra effort on the part of all middle school teachers as well as participating pupils and their parents. When the program is completed, a celebration with rewards and refreshments is traditionally held.

But as a result of uncontrollable changes in non-emergency expenditures, this celebration was not funded this year. Since the teachers felt strongly that the commitment of parents and pupils be recognized, they organized a fundraiser at the school.

The staff reached into their own pockets to help raise money, and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, a consistent supporter of activities for youth, immediately came forward to donate the balance of what was needed for the celebration.

Ben & Jerry's, a frequent donor, gave coupons for free ice cream cones as an additional award.

I am proud of the achievements of Strive For Success participants, and I am especially proud to be working with a group of professionals and community volunteers who so generously give of themselves.

Yvonne Deberman
Student Assistance Counselor
Bethlehem Central Middle School

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Youth favors judgment by court of his peers

Editor, The Spotlight:

This year the town of Bethlehem established a youth court. This new approach to minor offenses committed by juveniles should be a positive step for our town.

I am a 15-year-old Bethlehem resident, and I believe that the problem with the current system is that it does not conform to the two most important principles of the justice system: Let the punishment fit the crime, and have criminals be judged by their peers.

Under the current system, a young person is given an "adjustment" session with a local probation officer, who makes him promise not to commit another crime. Although the young person promises to do this in front of a Family Court judge, it is an empty promise that will likely not be kept.

In the end, the people who get punished are the parents, since the judge usually makes them pay for damages.

The youth who does not receive a trial by his peers is judged by his parents. This is not to say that the family court is a perfect system, but it certainly will be a great improvement.

North Bethlehem

Jeremy Cape

Another problem is that the "adjustment" session and Family Court cost a great deal of money that could be better used elsewhere. Judges and probation officers must be paid, and the time it takes to use the court building is expensive as well.

The youth court will take care of these problems. A panel of young people around the same age as the person on trial will judge him. They will decide upon a suitable and effective punishment that will make the offender think about his/her crime. The youth court will also be less expensive since most of the participants are volunteers.

While the youth court might not be a perfect system, it certainly will be a great improvement.

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last Saturday, more than 60 girls from the Bethlehem school district participated in a program called "Leadership Skills for Fifth Grade Girls" at Elsemere Elementary School.

They met a number of women who shared information about their careers (including Sheila Fuller, Bethlehem town supervisor; Penny Palygi, BC middle school guidance counselor; and Elaine Houston of WNYT-TV). With assistance from volunteer adult facilitators, they discussed children's literature provided by Advocacy Books that had themes about decision making, taking the lead and problem solving.

The girls interviewed female role models in fields such as carpentry, medicine, banking, construction and law. Then with only an hour to prepare, they introduced their role models to the rest of the participants in the form of skits, poetry and game shows.

For those who have expressed concerns about the skills and attitudes of future generations, have faith. These 11-year-old girls soon to enter school were eager to learn, asked challenging questions and took the lead in the day's activities. I watched as groups of six or seven girls who had met each other for the first time got along in Guilderson.

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themselves organized to plan, practice and produce a presentation in front of a large audience.

This required teamwork, negotiation, organization, creativity and other skills they used with comfort. The 20 adults involved in this exciting day were as impressed as I was in the way the girls worked together to learn, share their new knowledge and have fun.

SPECIAL thanks to Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Bethlehem PTAs for their support. Also thanks to The Kandy Kupboard and Pastry Shoppe, Delmar Printers, Joyelles, I Love Books, Subway, The Village Shop, The Bookworm, Fantastic Sam's, the Little Country Store, Stewart's, Key Bank and the New York State Association for Women in Administration.

Many thanks also to the women who devoted an entire Saturday to help facilitate, to share the tools of their trade, to scoop ice cream and to generally keep the day running smoothly.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner
By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

A clothing and textile collection is being held by the town of Bethlehem in conjunction with the town of Coeymans and various towns in Rensselaer County. The collection is taking place this month and will run through June 21. Clothing and textiles can be dropped off at town hall on 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

When several municipalities participate, the textile recycling company is assured that the trailer that picks up the items is full.

When recycling clothing and textiles, it is important to consider the following:

- Textiles must be clean and free of paint, grease or food waste. All clothing should be removed from hangers. Good metal coat hangers can be brought back to most dry cleaners for reuse.
- Damaged hangers should be placed in the regular trash. Don’t use paper bags or boxes.

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Mary DeGroff, left, joins Bethlehem Garden Club President Karen Kermani and Ann VanDervort, preparing for the club’s annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at Key Bank on 343 Delaware Ave. The proceeds from the sale support the club’s scholarship fund. Every year, the club awards a scholarship to a Bethlehem Central senior who is considering a career in horticulture.

Susan Graves

BC parents gearing up for graduation bash

The parents of the Bethlehem Central High School senior class are sponsoring a safe, sober, all-night post-graduation party in the school cafeteria on Friday, June 21, from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.

There will be all-night dancing to a disc jockey or a band, entertainment, games, food and lots of fabulous prizes, including the traditional grand prize of $1,000.

For information, call 439-0549.

The Spotlight
Steadfast and sturdy

Nationally acclaimed cartoonist Hy Rosen of the Spotlight News­papers will be installed on Sunday, May 19, as commander of the Jewish War Veterans of USA, Albany Post 105. The installation of officers will take place at 11 a.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Road in Albany. Assemblyman John McEneny will be the principal speaker. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

This year's installation will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans, the oldest active war veterans organization in the U.S.

Rosen spent much of his professional life on the staff of the Albany Times Union, retiring in 1989. During his career, he was awarded the top national award by the Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa. He also received the prestigious Ink Bottle Award by the American Association of American Editorial Cartoonists.

He attended the University of Albany, the New York Art Students League, the Chicago Art Institute and Stanford University. Recently, he has been devoting his time to bronze and ceramic sculpture with several of his pieces represented in American presidents' libraries.

A resident of Glenmont, he has served on the boards of many civic organizations.
Bethlehem Central Middle School recently named pupils to its high honor and honor rolls for the third marking period. To be named to the high honor roll, a pupil must earn an overall average of 90 or better. To be named to the honor roll, a pupil must earn an overall average of 80 or better.

**Sixth-grade high honor roll**

Christopher Abbott, Kathryn Adams, Amo Alarcon, Sarah Alba, Elizabeth Aless, Madeleine Andersen, Laura Nabulini, Megan Baldwin, Ellen Bandel, Harold Barnard, Jeffrey Barnett, Matthew Beauchaine, Geoffroy Bedrinza, Rachel Bellizzi, Alec Betterley, Rebekah Beyer, Peter Bird, Danielle Blanchard and Mike Cenin


**Sixth-grade high honor roll**


And, Joshua Gaul, Benjamin Greenberg, Katherine Hammond, Kristyn Hartmann, David Harrington, David Hazen, Patrick Heenan, Justin Heinich, Padraic Hennessy, Samantha Henrich, Katrin Hoch, Brendan Hughes, Lynne Hughes, Eric Hunter, Spencer Hutchins, Jeremy Irving, Hironori Ito, Latoya Jackson and Melissa Jerks.


And, Keith Mauro, James McGuire, Matthew Melbokoff, Nicholas Milgo, Samuel Minassian, Veronica Montoya, Andrew Morris, Benjamin Wolkins, Shawn Woodworth, Marcie Worgan, An- drea Youngs, Gingerzhou Zhao and David Zurekno.

**Seventh-grade high honor roll**


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And, Helen Kopecky, Yuri Kuboza, Sarah Kundel, Katie Laffite, Alison Lauder, Lisa Lee- Herbert, Oleg Levenchon, Eli...
Friends gearing up for annual library book sale

By Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

The Friends of the Voorheesville Library will hold their annual book sale in a new location with extended hours this year. In the past, the book sale has been in front of First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue in conjunction with Voorheesville’s Memorial Day parade.

Fundraising chairperson Nancy Mosher said that concerns about the weather and problems inherent in transporting large numbers of books combined to affect the number of books available at the library on 51 School Road.

Nancy Mosher shows off some of the books to be auctioned at the book sale.

Moore said that the prices of the books varies but generally paperbacks are 25 to 50 cents and hardcovers are 75 cents to $1 each. He added that all books are clean, in good repair and have been sorted and categorized. A host of special events are planned for Saturday, May 25.

George Moore urges sale goers to head out to find out what they’re really worth from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, when Arnold Patashnik of the Bryn Mawr Book Shop will demonstrate book binding and repair.

Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

According to Friends of the Library President Mary Ann Morrison, the group was founded in 1989 to “promote the use of the library and increase its services to all members of the communities it serves.” She added that seven years later that is still its main purpose. “The Friends has become an organization that is willing to support the library both financially and through individual members giving of their time and talents” Morrison noted. Library Director Gail Sacco feels that “the Friends are one of the major supports for the library.”

In the last seven years the Friends have purchased many items Sacco said, including a computer and handmade wooden storage cabinets for the community rooms. They also sponsor lectures and music programs. Morrison says they plan on buying additional chairs for the community room in the coming year, as well as continuing to sponsor various programs.

The group currently has more than 300 members and is in the midst of a campaign to update membership lists. The Friends are actively recruiting new members. Membership forms are available at the library’s circulation desk.

Book sale coordinator George Moore encourages everyone to “be a friend”. Buy a book, a summer reading club t-shirt, book bag, rare title, autographed first edition or just some cookies. It’s worth your while to make the short detour from Voorheesville’s Memorial Day festivities to check out the great offerings at the Friends of the Voorheesville Library’s annual book sale at its new location.

Town seniors to attend concert at The Egg

Bethlehem Senior Services will offer a trip to The Egg at the Empire State Plaza for the Mendellsohn Club spring concert, which will be held on Friday, May 17.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation will leave the town hall at 6:45 p.m. Home pick-up is available on a pre-arranged basis.

For information or reservations, call 459-4956.

Animal welfare league to hold flea market

A flea market to benefit the Animal Welfare League of the Greater Capital District will take place on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 11 Oakwood Place in Colonie.

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Honor society chapter to induct new students

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Honor Society will officially induct new members on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school on Route 9W.

The entire community is welcome to attend and recognize the inductees.

Students publish poetry booklet

A moving booklet of more than 30 poems on the Vietnam War by RCS students has been published. The booklet was compiled by students in the interdisciplinary global studies class and published courtesy of the Greene County Correctional Facility.

To obtain a copy, call the high school at 756-2155.

Student art work depicts historic events

Under the leadership of nationally known guest artist Alice Manzi, RCS students created a series of works examining historic events.

"Time Designs," created with help from teachers Karen Teale and Dan Pickett, have been cast in bronze and will be unveiled Wednesday, May 22, at 2 p.m.

Students who worked on the project include: Sarah Bachand, Judy Beachler, Shana Bender, Brad Berletic, Ryna Merritt, Kevin Delahanty, Danielle Merritt, Naomi Friburg, Jessica Myers, Sarah Newton and Terry Turner.

Recognition day set at RCS middle school

Future Homemakers of America Recognition Day will be on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

Girl Scouts holding car wash fund-raiser

The 600 Girl Scouts of the Bethlehem neighborhood will hold a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. The rain date is June 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The ten, 45 minute lessons cost $45.00. The registration deadline is May 25. Call Joann Hill 439-8304.

In Selkirk

The Spotlight is sold at Andy's Subs, Corner Market, Deli Plus, 3 Farms, and Stewart's.

The ten, 45 minute lessons cost $45.00. The registration deadline is May 25. Call Joann Hill 439-8304.

For help in saving lives

Albany County Sheriff James L. Campbell presents an award to Karyn Connelly of Glenmont for her leadership role in keeping drunk drivers off the road. Connelly is executive director of MADD.

Doug Persons

DELMAR DOLFINs SWIM LESSONS

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club is offering a NEW swim lesson program for 8 and 9 year old Bethlehem residents. The ten, 45 minute lessons cost $45.00. The registration deadline is May 25. Classes size is limited. A lottery system will be used.

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Students to perform musical doubleheader

There will be a musical "double header" next week when the junior/senior high school presents concerts on Wednesday, May 22, and Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

On Wednesday, May 22, Margaret Dorgan will present her annual junior/senior high school choral concert, complete with performances by the junior high and high school choirs, special soloists, and ensembles by the Treble Makers, the Puert Demens and other vocalists.

The following evening, the instrumental students of the junior/senior high school will come together for a musical extravaganza. The seventh-and-eighth-grade instrumental students of the junior high school and the middle school and high school stage bands under the combined direction of Christopher Juston and Michael Tebben will be featured.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend these free events.

Friends conducting membership drive

The Voorheesville Friends of Music is holding its annual membership drive. The Friends of Music is a nonprofit group of parents, community members and teachers dedicated to providing enrichment opportunities in music to the children of the Voorheesville Central School District and the community.

The group has sponsored performances by the U.S. Military Academy Band, the University of Notre Dame Band and the Schenectady Saxophone Quartet. They also participate in the Voorheesville Humanities project.

For information, contact Michael Tebben at 765-3314 ext. 315.

Needlework show today

Nimbilingers and Krazy Quilters will hold a quilt and needlework show today, May 15, through Saturday, May 18, in the community room of the public library.

Everyone is invited to meet members of the group at a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Refreshments will be served.

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Pipers registration dates announced

Registration for players and cheerleaders in the New Scotland Piping Warung League will take place on Monday, May 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Berna-Knowx-Westervo High School arts room.

Voorheesville registration will be on May 28 and 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school. Fees are not required at registration. The program is open to players between the ages of 8 and 15.

For information, contact Jean Nelson at 765-2872.

PTA elections slated at May 21 meeting

This month's PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Parents are urged to attend this meeting as many end-of-the-year decisions will be made, and officers will be elected for next year.

Spring cleanup set

The annual spring cleanup at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue is set for Saturday, May 18, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed to do yard work, wash windows, replace a fence, paint and spread gravel. The church will provide all materials.

To help, call Portia Hubert at 765-4194 or Margaret Klock at 765-2743.

Commission to meet

Voorheesville planning commission meeting is May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall, 19 Voorheesville Ave.

Kiwani Club to hold pancake breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to noon at the First United Presbyterian Church, located at 585 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children under 12. Preschool children can eat for free.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to support Delmar programs in the town of Bethlehem.

For information, contact Tom Hyde at 439-5909.

V'ville student joins college honor society

Reenie Parmelee, daughter of William and Lois Parmelee of Voorheesville, was inducted into the SUNY-Plattsburgh Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa Society.

Parmelee is a senior marketing major.

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Don't be a scam victim of costly, unneeded work

It's a horror story nearly every car owner has experienced at one time or another. The car needed a tune-up and after bringing it in to the mechanic, you find out it will cost an arm and a leg to drive to work again. In some cases, unnecessary repairs are being done to innocent car owners, whose only crime is lack of knowledge.

Protect yourself and your car from being taken to the cleaners. There are ways to avoid some of those costly, unneeded expenses.

The first step you need to take in avoiding the rip-off schemes in the automotive industry is to find a good mechanic. They are out there, and once you find a good one, make sure to stay loyal to your mechanic. The better the mechanic knows your car, the better service you'll get.

A mechanic is a start, but the only way to avoid spending money on your car unnecessarily is by having some idea of what kind of service it really needs and how that service can be done economically. The key is to know if the mechanic is over-repairing or under-repairing your car. You need to be able to intelligently decide how repairs should be done to your car without becoming a mechanic yourself.

The tasks you'll really need to have some knowledge about are typical maintenance work that's done on your car. Some of those tasks include oil changes, tune-ups and brake work.

• Oil changes—One of the doubts people have about oil changes is whether or not the old oil is really drained. At a lot of shops, you're separated from your car and there is no way to really know. But because an oil change is a relatively quick and inexpensive procedure, the likelihood of getting ripped off is remote.
• Tune-ups—This is one piece of maintenance often grossly over-priced. If you have a car built in the late '80s, you don't need a "complete tune-up." A periodic maintenance tune-up is all that is necessary for your car to run properly. A lot of the cars built since 1981 can't be "tuned in" in the traditional sense anyway.
The maintenance tune-up consists of spark plug and air filter replacement every 30,000 miles.

A rule of thumb is that you should not pay for a basic maintenance tune-up unless your car's maintenance schedule calls for one. If your car isn't running correctly and a maintenance tune-up isn't called for, ask your mechanic for a diagnosis of the engine management systems. The diagnosis costs more than a tune-up, but it's worth it in the long run.

Fuel injection changed the tune-up philosophy as it replaced nearly every carburetor by the early 1990s. Because of this, mechanics don't have to make fuel mixture adjustments, it is adjusted through a computer. Virtually the only thing a mechanic can tinker with is the idle speed.

• Brake repairs—Don't be fooled by low-cost, "bargain" brake jobs. Many of these repairs only amount to changing the disc brake pads. This is only part of the entire brake system. Most late-model cars have front disc brakes and drum brakes in the rear. The minimum service may cost less in the short term, but could be dangerous to your safety over time.

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Salvaged air bags may reduce safety

The first line of defense in an automobile accident is a safety belt and air bag. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that over the past 10 years safety belts have prevented 55,600 deaths and 1,300,000 injuries.

Add air bags to the mix, and the statistics are even better. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reported 23 percent fewer deaths than expected in front and front-angle crashes of air bag-equipped cars.

While a boon for driver safety, air bags have raised some serious issues in the collision repair industry.

One issue is the re-use of air bag systems salvaged from damaged vehicles. Manufacturers are confident about the performance of air bag systems it designs and installs in its vehicles. However, they can’t be confident that air bag systems or components salvaged from damaged vehicles for re-use will perform properly.

Manufacturers say genuine crash parts should be used to repair damaged vehicles. Components should be used to repair damaged vehicles.

Another issue is whether the use of imitation replacement crash parts can affect the performance of the air bag system. Crash parts are the exterior sheet metal and plastic parts — hoods, fenders, doors and bumpers — most frequently damaged in collisions.

Because so little is known about the effect of imitation crash parts on air bag system performance, manufacturers say genuine crash parts should be used for collision repairs to protect the interests of both the vehicle owner and collision repairer.

Manufacturers suggest taking the following steps after an accident to ensure your vehicle’s safety systems are returned to pre-accident condition:

- Talk to your collision repairer about the integrity of the air bag system. If the air bag deployed, you should have a new genuine replacement air bag system installed. If the air bag did not deploy, make sure the sensor system is checked and is fully operational.

- If imitation crash parts have been selected for repairs and you are uncomfortable with the choice, ask that genuine replacement crash parts be used. Be aware that if your insurer does not authorize use of genuine parts, you may be asked to pay any cost difference between genuine and imitation parts.

- All safety belt assemblies should be inspected after any collision. If the collision was minor and a qualified technician finds that the belts continue to operate properly, they do not need to be replaced.

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New Salem celebration

New Salem Garage, now on Route 85 outside Slingerlands, marked its 50th anniversary with an open house Saturday. Here, general sales manager Dan Carlton and owner Darryl Cart show off the top-of-the-line Saab 9000 Aero.

Ozone-friendly retrofits upgrade air conditioners

Your car air conditioner is nothing to lose your cool over. And air conditioning service doesn’t need to cost a fortune or mean you’ll suffer in summer’s stifling heat.

Due to environmental regulations, the long-used refrigerant CFC-12, a chlorofluorocarbon, won’t be produced after 1995, but car owners do have several options at nominal cost:

- Repair leaks and hoses and recharge the system with CFC-12 as long as it’s available.
- Retrofit the air conditioning system. Convert it to run on the new ozone-friendly HFC-134a refrigerant. The average cost of retrofitting is $50 to $100 above normal repairs.
- In some common repairs, simultaneously retrofitting to HFC-134a could be less expensive than keeping CFC-12 in the system. Retrofit systems are no more prone to leaks and do not need major hardware changes. And a retrofit will add to the trade-in value of your car.

Keep your cool, and help improve the environment, by having your car evaluated and serviced before warmer weather arrives.
When it's time to pick up the pieces

Shop around for best body shops

Since the early 1970s, most American and foreign automobiles have been designed with a unitized body structure. This means the heavy steel frame used to support the engine, transmission and body components is now gone.

Instead, most automobiles now feature a design incorporating interconnecting body parts, all relative to each other. This design is most familiar in aircraft where the shell of the plane is responsible for structural strength and is the base for attaching all interior and power components.

For the average car owner, the unitized body design allows for a lighter, more fuel-efficient automobile. Once damaged, make sure the vehicle is returned to its original condition.

Consumers should begin by carefully selecting a collision repair facility. Look for an experienced collision repair business with the training, equipment and qualifications specific to unitized body repair.

Ask the repairer to show you the published dimension manual for your vehicle. This is a "blueprint" of your car with the exact specifications and dimensions your car needs to be repaired.

Next, ask about the equipment the shop will use to repair your car. State-of-the-art pulling and measuring systems are available to help a technician find, verify and repair the most hidden structural damage.

It's up to motorists to ensure proper repairs by learning more about their cars and taking precautions when repair is needed.

All welding should be done by highly skilled welders who do repairs in accordance with manufacturers' recommended procedures.

You should get a satisfactory refinish match. The repair facility should use the best refinish products and employ paint specialists who know how to blend, apply and finish with basecoat and clearcoat products. If your vehicle is a newer model, chances are the original finish includes a color basecoat with a protective clear coating.

You should find the final repair cosmetically pleasing, and your car should also function as it did prior to the accident. This means proper handling and no "wind" noise. Checking door-to-fender and fender-to-hood gaps for even lines often helps in determining proper replacement fit.

Your collision repair facility should also be prepared to handle the necessary procedures and negotiations with your insurance company. Decisions regarding type and quality or replacement parts and in-depth post-repair analysis are the subjects a quality business will discuss with you and your insurance carrier.

Finally, carefully inspect the repair, including a test drive with the shop manager, prior to accepting the finished vehicle. The service manager should answer any questions about the repair and explain the shop's written warranty.

A properly repaired unitized body vehicle will retain its resale value, handle as designed and provide many years of safe and efficient operation. But it's up to motorists to ensure proper repairs by learning more about their cars and taking precautions when repair is needed.

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"Motorists who change their driving and vehicle maintenance habits will see better gasoline mileage, help the environment, and extend the life of their vehicles," according to the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a nonprofit group that certifies the competence of automotive technicians. Among the tips from ASE:

- Check tire pressure — Under-inflated or poorly aligned tires waste fuel; the engine must work harder to move the vehicle. Consult the owner's manual for the recommended pressures.
- Lighten up — Remove unnecessary items from the vehicle, paying particular attention to the trunk. Less weight means better mileage.
- Avoid shutting the engine off while waiting for friends and family. And since today's cars and trucks are designed to "warm up" fast, forget those 10-minute warmups in the morning.
- Maintain your car — A maintained engine burns less fuel. Follow the service schedules listed in the owner's manual. Replace fluids and filters as recommended; have engine performance problems corrected at a repair facility.
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How to prevent overheating? Let a cool head prevail

Extremes are something people try to avoid, especially when dealing with their transportation. Those extreme highs and lows can turn a nice drive into a nightmare.

The importance of keeping your car's engine out of those extremes can't be stressed enough. Especially if you want your engine to last. Fortunately, your engine was built with temperature in mind and there are things you can do to ensure your cooling system works efficiently.

- Check for leaks - The main places to look for leaks in the radiator include around seams, petcocks, automatic-transmission oil cooler connections, hose connections and block and drain plugs. Good indicators of leaking are corrosion or coolant stains. If your car has an automatic transmission, check the transmission-oil cooler line connections. Whittle corrosion or coolant stains signal an external leak. A leaking radiator should be removed and taken to a specialist. Do a pressure-leak test if there are no visible signs of leaks but the engine has been overheating.

- Inspect hoses and clamps - A cooling system has a minimum of four hoses: top and bottom radiator and heater core. Examine clamps and clamp connections and block and drain plugs. Good indicators of leaking are corrosion or coolant stains. If your car has an automatic transmission, check the transmission-oil cooler line connections. Whittle corrosion or coolant stains signal an external leak. A leaking radiator should be removed and taken to a specialist. Do a pressure-leak test if there are no visible signs of leaks but the engine has been overheating.

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Highway congestion increases carnage

Cars are safer and highways are better engineered than ever before. Yet more than 40,000 people die on U.S. streets and highways every year.

A major factor in this carnage, according to the Intelligent Vehicle Highway Society of America, is worsening traffic and highway congestion.

For many years, traffic engineers sought to combat congestion by adding more lanes of roadway. But the total number of miles Americans drive has continued to rise as roadway capacity increases.

This rise offsets the reductions in fatalities per mile traveled that added roadway and technology have achieved.

Traffic fatalities remain high and congestion drains the U.S. economy of $100 billion a year.

The society says part of the answer is to apply advanced technologies developed for defense, space and the computer and electronic industries to systems for coping with the problems of surface transportation. Such systems are known as intelligent vehicle-highway systems.

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration recently awarded a series of contracts for partnerships of industry, academic institutions and government agencies to research aspects of automated highway systems.

Researchers expect an automated highway to evolve, providing increased control over the vehicles that use it. The first controls may help keep cars in their chosen lanes or may warn drivers who are coming too close to cars in front of them or too near to lane boundaries.

Later, automated highways may provide auto pilot situations that relieve motorists entirely of driving chores.

The highway administration will demonstrate a pilot automated highway system track later in this decade. IVHS forecasters expect an actual, fully automated highway sometime in the following decade.

Private companies are developing safety systems such as automatic cruise control; devices that will augment drivers' vision; and other instruments to project dashboard information onto the windshield for easier and safer reading.

Some safety-related measures are already in use. The Greyhound Bus Co. has outfitted its bus line with Vehicle On-board Radar that warns drivers when they are closing too fast on traffic ahead. The Greyhound system also has sensors that signal a driver when there is a vehicle on the blind side of the bus.

Another example: A number of cities have installed advanced traffic management systems that minimize unnecessary traffic stop intersections that are controlled.

For free information about the society and its effect on you, write IVHS America, 400 Virginia Ave., SW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20002-2730.

Electric cars on the rise

They're unusual, compact, efficient and may be the solution the world is looking for. Although electric cars are currently seen more often in sci-fi movies, the combination of pollution and a declining fuel base is making people look for viable alternatives.

The long-term, sustainable solution to the world's fuel problem is electrical cars. Because the oil supply is finite, a solution needed to be found. With the ability to maintain highway speeds, electric cars can replace their gas cousins for everyday travel.

Besides saving energy, electrical vehicles cause 97 percent less pollution than cars using gasoline. Electrical cars are also quieter, cost less than half as much to operate and, most important, their fuel can be derived from renewable sources of energy.

Reasons electric vehicles are needed include:

- Limited oil reserves—If consumption remains fairly constant, the current world proven reserves of 670 billion barrels of petroleum will last only 33 years. The United States has less than 5 percent of the world's proven reserves and imports half the 17 million barrels consumed daily.
- Economic security—In 1988, oil made up 40 percent of the U.S. trade deficit. It only makes good sense for alternate sources of fuel to be identified.
- Deteriorating air quality—Seventy percent of air pollution is caused by gas vehicles.
Parental involvement crucial to off-road motorcycle safety

You can put your young motorcyclists on the road to off-road motorcycle fun and help them stay safe by learning some simple safety tips.

Increasing numbers of young people are riding motorcycles off-road, according to the latest statistics from the American Motorcyclist Association. Registrations at AMA-sanctioned youth races increased by more than 30 percent between 1992 and 1994 from fewer than 50,000 entries to more than 65,000.

“Learning to ride a motorcycle can be one of the many activities that can help a young person develop coordination, physical agility and good motor skills,” said Roger DeCoster, five-time World Motorcycle Racing Champion and current manager of Team Suzuki’s motocross racing effort. “As with any outdoor activity, staying safe requires proper training and the right safety equipment.”

The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America offers these safety tips to get you “off the road” safely:

• Determine if your youngster is ready to ride — A youngster should be well-coordinated, with good balance and agility. Beginning riders should be able to see and react with the proper hand, foot and body movements. Youngsters must be willing to follow rules and demonstrate a safety-conscious attitude. A parent should never put the child on a vehicle that requires him or her to reach for the handlebars of controls, or struggle for foot contact with the ground.

• Make sure your youngster wears the right safety gear — No matter what their age, motorcycle riders should always wear a helmet, eye protection, gloves, long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket and over-the-ankle boots. Anything less is not adequate protection. There are many motorcycle clothing manufacturers that offer complete lines of safety gear especially designed for children.

• Take an active role in your youngster’s training — Parents need to learn as much as possible about off-highway motorcycles and even after young riders have learned the basic riding skills, direct supervision by an adult is necessary at all times.

Free Booklet

For a free booklet, “Parents, Youngsters and Off-Highway Motorcycles,” call the SVIA at 714-727-3727. By following these simple safety suggestions children and parents can enjoy the fun and thrills of off-road motorcycling safely.

By Richard E. Jackson Jr, commissioner of the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Q. Which are the most popular custom plates chosen by state Department of Motor Vehicle customers?

A. We have different types of custom plates. They include multi-colored picture plates, such as those depicting the state’s tourism regions, logos of pro sports teams, colleges, universities and other organizations. There are also Statue of Liberty special group plates for professions, volunteer fire fighters and other groups, and we have personalized plates available in either the picture plate or Liberty design.

Picture plates have caught on fast since the DMV began selling regional custom plates and pro sports plates in mid-1993. After this came custom plates bearing the insignia and mottos of colleges and their alumni, fraternal orders, labor unions, veterans and other organizations. The most popular of these are New York City regional plates, with more than 8,943 sets sold through October 1995.

The next most popular tags are the Long Island regional plate with more than 8,000 sets issued, the Knicks pro basketball plates with more than 6,615 in circulation and the Hudson Valley regional plate with more than 5,300 sold. Next are plates for the Yankees (4,800), Giants (4,200), Rangers (3,900), Buffalo Bills (2,700), Finger Lakes Region (2,400) and Adirondacks Region (1,700).

Custom Liberty plates for professions and organizations come in 70 varieties, and the most popular are those for ham radio operators, physicians and volunteer firefighters.

Personalized Liberty tags are still the most popular of all custom plate types. Requested most often, but long since claimed by someone else, are plates with a single letter or number, like "A" or "1," and other low letter/mixed letter combinations. As you might guess, most plates bearing initials (GRF) or a first name (GEORGE) are also already the cherished possession of another motorist. But being able to use up to 8 characters or spaces and to intermingle letters and numbers (e.g. GO 4 RT, X CEL R8), many customers are able to find combinations that suit their personality and deliver their individual message. To get information about or order custom plates, call 1-800-364-PLATES daily between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Q. May our non-profit organization get plates which represent our group? Can we use the plates to raise funds?

A. Could be! Call the DMV Custom Plate Unit in Albany at 473-3488, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, or write to Custom Plates, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Empire State Plaza, Albany 12228. We'll mail you a packet telling how your group can get custom plates with your own symbol or message on it.

To qualify, you must order and pay for at least 300 sets of plates, or sign a contract and deposit $8,500 in a DMV account. If your group sells at least 300 sets of plates within three years the deposit is refunded in full.

Q. How can I order a custom license plate as a gift?

A. It's easy to present your favorite car owner with a gift certificate for a set of standard pro sports or regional plates ($34.50), personalized Liberty plates ($37.25), or a personalized pro sports or regional plate ($63). Each gift certificate comes with ordering instructions to help the lucky person receive the plate of their choice. Call 1-800-364-PLATES daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Parking for disabled

Q. How do I obtain legal access to parking spaces reserved for individuals with disabilities?

A. If you have a qualifying permanent disability as defined in the Vehicle and Traffic Law, you can obtain plates for the disabled from DMV, or get a parking permit from your local government. Both are honored statewide in all other states. These plates or permits allow access to spaces set aside for the disabled under law. It is illegal, not to mention courteous, to use those spaces without the plates or a permit.

Q. Who assigns off-road parking spaces for disabled persons, the state or the municipality?

A. The locality does. A locality can pass a local law or ordinance to designate off-road reserved parking spaces and erect signs. They don’t have jurisdiction over parking in such places as college campuses or off-street apartment buildings, but many such...
facilities provide reserved parking on their own. If you have a question about parking for disabled persons on a particular street, determine if it is a county, town, park or village. Ask the appropriate officials.

Shopping centers with five or more retail stores are also required to set aside and post a certain number of spaces for disabled customers. It is illegal to park in one of those spaces without a state plate or permit.

Q. My mother has poor eyesight. Can she get a parking permit or plates to park in reserved spaces?

A. Possibly. Blindness is a qualifying disability, but not just "poor eyesight." To qualify for the plates or permit, she would have to obtain a statement from a physician, hospital, clinic or medical facility, or the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped that she is legally blind.

Other qualifying disabilities include those which severely limit mobility. A DMV certification form is available for these professionals and facilities to fill out, or the information can be in a statement on their letterhead. The document must state the specific disability and that it is one of the qualifying conditions specified in the law.

Q. Can I park in a reserved parking spot without a plate for the disabled if I have a state permit attached to the rear view mirror?

A. Yes, it is not necessary to have both plates and a permit for the disabled. A hanging parking permit is issued to a qualifying disabled person and can be used in any vehicle in which he or she rides. However, it is only valid for parking in reserved spots when the disabled person is being transported. Unlike the hanger-type permit, a license plate is issued to the vehicle. But that vehicle should not be parked in a place marked with the blue handicapped sign or otherwise reserved for the handicapped if the disabled person is not riding in the vehicle.

Q. May I use the plates or permit to park in New York City?

A. No. New York City does issue the state permit, and state DMV offices in the city issue the plates, so city residents can use them when traveling outside the five boroughs. However, there are no reserved spaces in the city where you can use them. NYC's arrangements for parking for the disabled are different from other localities, and they issue their own permits. You should contact the NYC Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic, at (718) 433-5000.

Q. I have a disabled child. Can I get plates for her?

A. No, license plates are issued only for vehicles registered in a disabled person's name, each disabled person may have only one set of plates, and you must be at least 16 to register a vehicle. On the other hand, a parking permit may be issued to a child with a disability, and used when he or she is a passenger in any vehicle.

**Since New York enacted the nation's first seat belt law in 1985, our traffic fatality rate has decreased steadily.**

Seat belts

Q. Do seat belts improve chances of survival in a crash where there is a fire or the car goes underwater?

A. Some motorists have a fear, with no basis in fact, that a seat belt will "trap" them in a burning or submerged car. But statistics and logic show that the fear is unfounded. First, less than one-half of one percent of crashes result in fire or submersion. Also, a person wearing a seat belt stands a much better chance of avoiding serious injury, especially head injury, during the crash. So, a belted occupant would more likely be able to escape the vehicle. It only takes a second to unbuckle the seat belt and get out, but if you are unconscious or seriously injured because you did not wear your seat belt, you may have no chance to escape.

Since New York enacted the nation's first seat belt law in 1985, our traffic fatality rate has decreased steadily. In 1994, the state had its lowest highway death rate in history, 1.48 deaths for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled. The increased use of seat belts has certainly played a role in that impressive record, saving an estimated 200 lives or more each year.

Q. What's important to know about child safety seats?

A. Make sure the seat is federally approved, know how to install and use it properly, and be alert for recall notices. Child safety seats work very well, but parents often make mistakes installing or using them and serious injuries and deaths have resulted. New York law requires that all children under age 4 be protected in federally approved child seats, and all kids under age 10 be in approved seats or seat belts.

Here are some tips: Make sure the seat is fully secured to the vehicle's seat belt so the child can't fly forward. It's not safe to place a young child on the front seat alongside the driver, with a modern adult shoulder harness. An infant is safest when placed in the middle of the back seat where the safety seat can be fastened to an anchored lap belt. Some autos have a specially fitted child seat built into the car's back seat, and they are approved seats.

Babies up to about 20 pounds should be in an infant-only seat, facing the rear. They should still sit facing backward in a larger convertible type of toddler seat until they are at least 1 year old. Children should ride in toddler seats, more protective than booster seats, until they reach age 4. After that, it's best to fasten the child in with a lap/shoulder belt if it fits the child properly, or in a "belt-..."
Annual book sale sports new look

A free VPL book bag is yours with every $15 purchase at the Friends of the Library book sale this year. The eagerly anticipated sale has a brand new look this year. The event has been moved to the community room and will be held over a period of three days.

Voortreesville Public Library

The sale runs on Thursday and Friday, May 22 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friends’ members are invited to a special sneak preview where they will have first pick of thousands of sale books from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

It’s a great reason to become a member, so if you’d like to join, memberships will be available at the door that night. Individual dues are a bargain at only $3.

During the week, sealed bids will be taken in a silent auction on a variety of arts, crafts, new and rare books. There are books from Dean Koontz, former President Jimmy Carter, and a new novel by Elizabeth Berg, author of “Talk Before Sleep,” William Kennedy’s “Flaming Corsage” and a first edition of James Fenimore Cooper’s “The Deerslayer” are up for bid.

Directions for bidding are at the library where the books are on display. Books will be awarded to the highest bidder when the bids are opened Saturday, May 25, at 4 p.m.

Meet members of Nimble-fingers at a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. The group’s quilts, crewel, embroidery, sewing and other hand work will be on display in the community room from May 15 to 18.

New members are always welcome to join the group on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Art Expressions adult sketch club will meet in the community room tonight, May 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Artists can bring materials to draw or paint one another’s work from a still life, which will be set up. Refreshments and good company are guaranteed. Call 765-2791 for information.

May 17 is the final spring story hour for the session.

Barbara Vink

V’ville fire department tackles road clean-up

Voortreesville Volunteer Fire Department members recently completed the adopt-a-highway clean-up of Route 85A in the village of Voortreesville. The project was a part of New York’s Adopt-a-Highway program.

The fire department maintains a two-mile stretch of Route 85A, which runs through the village. Members collect roadside debris four times a year.

Rabies clinic scheduled for Bethlehem town park

The Albany County Department of Health and the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society will hold a rabies immunization clinic for all Albany County cats and dogs on Tuesday, June 4, at the Bethlehem Town Park on Elm Avenue in Bethlehem. All cats and dogs in the county are required to be immunized against rabies.

The clinic will immunize cats from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Dogs can be immunized from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All animals must be on leashes or in carriers.

A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization. If no record is present, a one-year vaccination certification will be issued.

There is a $5 donation for the service.

For information, call 447-4580.

Indian Ladder Farms focuses on the birds and the bees

Indian Ladder Farms on Route 146 in Afton will feature various programs on spring this Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19.

On Saturday morning, a guided bird-watching stroll will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

A session on the use of bee products to promote health and beauty will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m.

At 3 p.m., a slide show and lecture on attracting birds to the garden will take place.

A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization. If no record is present, a one-year vaccination certification will be issued.

There is a $5 donation for the service.

For information, call 765-2791.

Gospel bluegrass on tap in Delmar

The Green Mountain Messengers will perform gospel bluegrass music at the Bethlehem Community Church at 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, May 18, at 7 p.m.

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**BC girls still hoping**

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem girls softball team, certainly not lacking in talent, continues to suffer from the defensive lapses that have plagued the squad all season.

Last Tuesday, four Bethlehem errors contributed to a six-run, first inning by the Saratoga Lady Streaks, who went on to a 7-1 victory. Freshman Monique Streaks, who went on to a 7-1 victory, emerged the following day against Niskayuna, as Bethlehem pounded out 10 hits in a 16-0 shutout of the Silver Warriors Roberts, in her pitching debut, allowed only a fifth-inning single.

In contrast to the previous game, the Eagles made only one error in the field. Leigh Stevens paced the offense with two singles and an RBI, while Beth Savage singled twice and scored three runs.

On Thursday, the Eagles suffered a tough 8-2 defeat to Mohonasen. The Eagles managed only two hits—one singles by Jessica Barnes and Marcy Finkel.

BC senior Chad Davey is attended to by Bethlehem boys track coach Dave Banas after taking a spill during a recent invitational track meet.

**Taking a breather**

By Marc Fialka

The Lady Eagles are now 4-8 league, 5-8 overall. They take on Columbia at home today (Wednesday, May 29, at 7 p.m.) in their last league game.

Registrations slated for NS Pop Warner

Players and cheerleaders for the New Scotland Pop Warner league may register on Monday, May 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School art room or on Tuesday, May 28 or Wednesday, May 29, at Voorheesville High School concession stand.

For information, call Jean Nelson at 765-2872 or Barry Udel at 972-5099.

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**Hudson-Mohawk road race set**

The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club has slated its annual Distinguished Service Race on Sunday, June 9, at the University at Albany.

The race will begin at 9 a.m. at the university’s physical education building and follow an eight-mile course along roads and paths on campus.

Awards will be presented to the first male and female finishers and to age group winners.

Each year the race honors a club member. Don Fialka is the recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Service Award. The entry fee is $2 for club members and $3 for non-members.

For information, call Marc Warner at 438-1425.

**Pop Warner to meet**

Bethlehem Pop Warner has scheduled its monthly meeting on Monday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Player registrations are set for Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in town hall. For information, call Cheryl Cahill at 439-5719.

**Nine local athletes awarded black belt**

Nine local athletes who train at the Hudson Valley Taekwondo Do & Fitness Center in Glenmont recently achieved first or second-degree black belt status.

Jackie Baseline of Delmar, John Reidy of Delmar, Michael Canavan of Slingerlands and James Tougher of Delmar became first-degree black belts.

Ed Robertson of Voorheesville, Michael Crowley of Delmar, Andrew Hayes of Slingerlands, Mark Rudd of Slingerlands and Stephen Strait of Glenmont became second-degree black belts.
Eagles pursuing a playoff spot

By Scott Issacs

The Bethlehem baseball team is in line for a sectional berth for the first time in three years, thanks to some clutch hitting and solid pitching, as well as an rejuvenated defense.

The Eagles (6-7 league) are one game behind Shaker (7-4 league) for the fourth and final spot.

Last Tuesday, the Eagles knocked off Saratoga, one of the three teams probably headed for sectionals. Pitchers Matt Tulloch and Kevin Blanchard stymied the Blue Streaks, not allowing a run until the sixth inning, while Dan Conway and Chris DiMura keyed the 7-1 win with 2 RBIs each.

The victory might have been costly for BC, however, as Tulloch was forced to leave the game after the sixth inning with an arm injury.

On Wednesday, the Eagles pummeled Niskayuna 12-3 as Nathaniel Sajdak notched his fourth victory against no defeats. He struck out six in the complete-game effort.

Cory Czajka had two singles and 2 RBIs to pace the Eagles in the blowout.

On Thursday, Bethlehem’s three-game winning streak came to an end as the Eagles fell to Mohonasen, 12-7. Scott Issacs anchored BC offense with a double, single, and three RBIs. However, that was not enough to ward off the four runs Mohonasen scored in a fifth-inning rally in which pitcher Mike DelCurso was forced to leave the game after being hit by a line drive.

Coaches Jesse Braverman was upbeat about the upcoming stretch run.

“We had a good week, taking two out of three,” he said. “We have to keep going, because we’re still behind Shaker. I feel we have what it takes to catch them and earn that sectional spot.”

Bethlehem Pop Warner schedules registration

Bethlehem Pop Warner will hold registration on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The registration fee is $40 for a cheerleader and $85 for football players.

There will be a family discount of 25 percent for each additional child registered.

For information, call Mitch Griffin at 439-5671 or 463-8192.

V’ville girls keep rolling along

By Matt McKenna

Their undefeated streak is still alive. The Voorheesville girls hockey team is now 10-0 on the Colonial Council and 11-0 overall after two more wins last week.

Once again it was the pitching of Larina Suker that led the Blackbirds to victory.

On Wednesday, Voorheesville hosted Holy Names, one of the first half of their regular season, Suker struck out 13 batters, while giving up only two hits.

The Blackbirds, who pounded the Eagles three-game winning streak came to an end as the Eagles fell to Mohonasen, 12-7. Scott Issacs anchored BC offense with a double, single, and three RBIs. However, that was not enough to ward off the four runs Mohonasen scored in a fifth-inning rally in which pitcher Mike DelCurso was forced to leave the game after being hit by a line drive.

Coach Jesse Braverman was upbeat about the upcoming stretch run.

If you thought the Eagles were coming off vacation, and we were doing well,” she said. “We have just finished a stretch where we were coming off vacation, and I wasn’t sure how we would play. Everyone is doing well.”

Open tennis tourney scheduled in Albany

The Albany Tennis Club will host the Albany County Tennis Tournament on Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27.

Categories will include men’s and women’s open singles, men’s and women’s 35-and-over singles, men’s 45-and-over singles, men’s 35 and 35-and-over doubles, mixed doubles and century doubles.

The format will be single elimination, with a consolation draw and open play.

All matches will be played at Ridgefield Park on Partridge Street in Albany.

For information, call Marge Skinner at 489-5211 or Bob Rosenblum at 438-2597.

Bethlehem pole vaulter Alex Heiss clears the bar during the Eagles’ victory over Colonie last week in a dual meet at BCHS.

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death. "Of greater concern, how-

ever, is the hazard the trucks pose
to residents."

A lot of the time they're speed-
ing," Samuel said, "and there are a

million little kids who run across
the road to see their neighbors. All
you hear sometimes is the squealing of
tires out there. (Town police nailed a

truck last week, and he was going 56 in

a 30-mph zone. I don't care if they're

going 100 when it's 2 in the morning.

The kids aren't out, and the wife
and I are in bed."

While Bethlehem police do not

have a scale for checking trucks

that may be exceeding the three-
ton weight limit, it should not be

hard for officers on patrol to de-
cide which vehicles are failing to

be a hazard."

"We're hoping to have

BCHS Principal Jon Hunter

said that the headquarters

was closely held among a few admi-

nistrators because it involved

personal interests, specifically

the careers of the two current assis-
tant principals, both of whom will

return to teaching.

"After the design is in place, we

had planned to involve the shared

decision-making committee in

implementing the new structure,

Hunter said.

He added that the district's

shared decision-making plan rec-

ommended, but did not mandate,

that personnel-related decisions

be shared.

She said that the faculty vote
to withdraw from shared decision-

making was unanimous.

The deans would also be re-

ponsible for leadership of a gen-

eral, school-wide program area,

like student activities or school

and community service, Hunter

added.

Deans will come from the high

school faculty if possible, and will

be paid an administrator-level stip-

end for the first year, and re-

quired to be paid for a percent of

their college applications and re-

sumes.

Rice noted that, even before

the faculty pullout from shared

decision-making, there had been

no input on the addition of a

police officer as school resource

officer at the high school and on

an apparent change in the disci-

pline policy regarding alcohol use

at school events.

In April, the BC school board

approved revising the high school's

shared decision-making, at the ur-

ging of Hunter and Superintendent

Leslie Loomis.

The new structure eliminates

one of two current assistant prin-

cipal positions, replacing it with

four part-time "deans/program

leaders," Hunter explained. Each

of the deans would have discipline

responsibility for students in one

grade, and would follow that grade

through the school. The
deans would also be

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"We will respond to faculty com-

ments" on problems with the

honor society process, and "see if

we can get something going in the

fall," Hunter said.

New Jersey evangelist to visit Glenmont

Evangelist pastor Jason Alvarez

of the Love of Jesus Church in

Orange, N.J., will minister on Fri-

day, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the

Solid Rock Church on Kenwood

Avenue in Glenmont.

For information, call 439-4314.

Extracurriculars are important

Tonight will be a very special
evening for parents of pupils who are

entering Bethlehem Central Middle

School next fall.

Fifth-grade parents are invited for coffee and
dessert this evening, May 15, in the middle school
library, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in

learning more about the middle school, we are

offering a perfect opportunity to discuss any questions with experienced parents who

will be there.

Principal Steve Lobban will welcome you and talk about your child's middle school experience.

A new guide to middle school extracurricular activities has been prepared and will be distributed. The purpose of the guide is to help parents understand what is available to pupils outside the classroom.

It is important that pupils participate in activities to enhance self-esteem and increase a sense of belonging. Extracurricular activities are fun and a great way to make new friends.

The evening is sponsored by MiddleWorks, a group of caring people at the middle school. We encourage parents to be involved in their children's lives and education.

The pupils who are most successful are the ones whose parents are involved during their children's school years.
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Boy, Sean Murphy Gunner, to Kerry Gunner, Delmar, April 16.
Girl, Christine Elizabeth DiVirgilio, to Deborah and Anthony DiVirgilio, New Scotland, April 16.
Girl, Emma Fitzgerald White, to Karin and Timothy White, Glenmont, April 22.
Boy, Daniel Jordan Ference, to Jody and Reed Ference, Slingerlands, April 23.
Boy, Spencer Michael Ferrigan, to former Delmar resident Jane Fox Ferrigan and Thomas Ferrigan, Albany, April 23.
Boy, Cody Hugh Fisher, to Candace and Jeffrey Fisher, Voorheesville, April 28.
Girl, Jessica Leigh Fisher, to Jennifer Fisher and Christopher Duffy, Voorheesville, April 27.
Twins, Jacob William Zaccagnino and Sarah Jean Zaccagnino, to Jean and Jacob Zaccagnino, Delmar, April 29.
Boy, Jack Petro Benoit, to Alison Petro and Joseph Benoit, Glenmont, May 1.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1986, these stories were making headlines in The Spotlight.

- A handful of Bethlehem town officials and Glenmont Elementary School parents toured a psychiatric hospital in Pennsylvania at the behest of those looking to build a similar hospital on Route 5W near the school. "I would like to have a facility like that in Glenmont, but not 1,200 feet from a school," commented parent Colleen Foro.

- The $8.6 million Voorheesville school budget for 1986-87 passed by a 179-126 margin in light voting. For New Scotland residents who live in the district, the budget carried a 2.5 percent tax rate increase. David Teuten was re-elected to the school board.

- The $11.8 million Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school budget for 1986-87 was approved by a narrow 776-744 margin. For district residents who live in Bethlehem, the budget carried an 18 percent tax rate increase. The three board members elected were Mark Seugenberger, Stephen Berletic and incumbent Wayne Fuhrman.

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

- Cedarville College - Debbie Woods, Delmar.
- Kalamazoo College - Jamie Lyman of Delmar.
- Syracuse University - S. Steven Cicco of Delmar.
- University at Albany - Victoria VanHoesen of Feura Bush.

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The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

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For information and submission forms, call 439-4559. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Slingerlands school plans carnival

The Slingerlands Elementary School carnival will be held on Friday, May 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. at 25 Union Ave.

Festivities will include pony rides, Mr. Bouncety Bounce, raffles and games. Refreshments, including homemade desserts, will be served.

The carnival will be held rain or shine, and proceeds will benefit the Slingerlands school community. For information, call 439-7681.
Scott R. Macri

Scott R. Macri, 33, of Glenmont died Wednesday, May 8, as a result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Albany, he was a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He was employed by the family business, Macriâ€™s Sons Porting Co., until 1995. He then worked for vehicle towing and recovery for Central Service Station in Albany.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Maura Reid Macri; a son, Tyler R. Macri; his parents, Margaret and Carl Macri of Delmar; a sister, Tina Reid Macri of Albany; and a brother, Carl A. Macri of Selkirk.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Irene Moran

Irene E. Moran, 78, of Gray Lane in Voorheesville, died Friday, May 10, at her daughter’s home.

Born in West Hartlet, England, she had lived in Voorheesville for 21 years.

Mrs. Moran was a homemaker.

She was the widow of William Moran.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Gray and Nancy Tate, both of Voorheesville, and Sharon Blunk of Los Angeles; a son, William Moran III of Delmar; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Services were private.

Phyllis E. Wood

Phyllis E. Wood of Port Richey, Fla., former Voorheesville resident, died Monday, May 6, at her home.

Born in Boston, she lived in Voorheesville for many years before moving to Florida.

Mrs. Wood was a bomb sight inspector for Raytheon in Boston during World War II. After the war, she was an inspector for Albany Casting Co. and a technician for the state Health Department.

She was the widow of Phillip R. Wood.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathryn E. Wright of New Bethlehem; two sons, Philip R. Wood Jr. of Slingerlands and Wayne F. Wood of Whittney Point, Broome County; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Streetsville Cemetery.

Emma E. Karins

Emma E. Karins, 82, of Albany, a member of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Albany, was a lifelong resident of the Capital Region.

She was the widow of整个an as a baker for F.W. Woolworth’s and later for the A&P bakery on Fuller Road. She had also worked as a domestic for a day care center.

She was active in the Westview Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia W. Aink of Clifton Park; a brother, James Purrotto of Colonie; three sisters, Catherine Odom, Harriett Vroman and Estelle MacGregor, all of Colonie; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Capital Region St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.

Elizabeth Simmons

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Simmons, 85, formerly of Delmar, died Friday, April 19, at Lakeshore Nursing Home in Rochester.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Delmar for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Simmons was a secretary for the former Cromwell Printery in Albany, and a proofreader for the state Department of Education and Typographic Service of Albany.

Mrs. Simmons was a horse lover. She collected horse figures. She also enjoyed reading and playing bridge.

She was the widow of George B. Simmons.

Survivors include two sons, Robert W. Simmons of Rochester and Lawrence J. Simmons of Istanbul, Turkey; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Schauman-Welker Funeral Home in Rochester.

A graveside service will be on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m. in Bethlehem Cemetery.

James J. McCabe

James J. McCabe, 71, of Delmar, died Saturday, May 11, at his home.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., he was raised in the Capital District and Sienna College. He also graduated with a law degree from Siena College.

He was a former president of the Capital District Public Personnel Association and the American Association of Personnel Administrators.

He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Blaxall-Currie; four daughters, Margaret Grace Labello of Hartsdale, N.Y., Mary Grace Dascher of Ravena, N.Y., Kathleen Pallante of Delmar; and several grandchildren.

Arrangements were from the Norman A. Descher Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie 12005.

Patrick Scalzo

Patrick J. Scalzo, 80, of Selkirk, died Friday, May 10, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

In Coeymans, he was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mr. Scalzo was a purchasing agent for the state Office of General Services in Albany for 35 years. He retired in 1979.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Petramale Scalzo; two sons, Joseph P. Scalzo of Selkirk and Phillip A. Scalzo of Selkirk; three brothers, James Scala, Anthony Scalzo and Frank Scalzo, all of Ravena; a sister, Mary Am Clossie McWright of Albany; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Bebock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

BCHS musical groups to play at Borders

Nearly 30 Bethlehem Central High School students will perform in six ensembles at Borders Books and Music and Wolf Road in Colonie on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance, called the Bethlehem Chamber Music Showcase, will feature the clarinet quartet, woodwind quartet, saxophone quartet, two brass quintets and the four-piece jazz combo.

The ensembles will perform several pieces, including works by Debussy, Haydn, Gabrielli and Spohr.

For information, call 439-4021.

Mothers' Time Out to learn about pasta

Mothers’ Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet on Monday, May 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 565 Delmar Ave. in Delmar.

Child care will be provided.

The program will focus on pasta preparation.

For information, call 439-9929.
Humane Society festival gives dogs their day

By Joshua Kagan

Washington Park isn’t the only place to find hundreds of tulips during a community festival. The Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society will celebrate its 110th anniversary with its first-ever Spring Festival on Sunday, May 19, at the society’s Menands Shelter on Oakland Avenue off Broadway.

“Tulips aren’t the only flowers people can love many women but not one person even as he games,” the humane society’s assistant director Todd Duncan said. “Hopefully, it’ll be a nice day and we’ll get a good turnout.”

The festival will also crown a king and queen and their court alongside the more than 1,000 tulips on the shelter’s grounds. The king, queen and court will be selected from pre-kindergarten children at the Menands School.

Local artist Dam Vignola will run a photo shop for pets and will feature dogs and cats on personal note cards. The society will use the cards in its annual appeal for funds.

Several local veterinarians will run a booth and provide information on “anything you want to know” regarding your pet, Duncan said.

Personalities from WXSA TV 23 and several local radio stations are expected to attend the event.

“This is our first time, and we hope it’ll be a big event,” said Duncan. “We’re trying to make it a fun day and make people realize what we’re here for.”

The society will be showing off its updated shelter facilities. The society takes in stray animals and offers them for adoption if their owners do not claim them. It also offers spaying and neutering programs and educates students about fixing pets.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and donations will be accepted, although the festival, which is free, is not designed to be a fund-raiser.

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The Spring Festival will run from noon to 5 p.m.

For information, call the society at 434-8128.

Riveting character takes stage in William Kennedy’s Grand View

By Martin P. Kelly

There are such things as vehicles in theater and William Kennedy’s Grand View, now being premiered at Capital Repertory Company in Albany is one. This new play about a 52-year old incident that could have happened introduces a character who rivets you to your seat.

Patsy McCall, a man introduced in some of Kennedy’s six novels about Albany, is here presented in flesh and blood and he breathes life into a thin plot about political intrigue in Albany as World War II was winding down.

McCall is the leader of the Democratic Party in Albany (read Daniel O’Connell) and he is a hard-nosed, no-holds-barred, two-fisted hatter who fears no one as he extols his model, General Grant. He’s vacationing in an empty Saratoga hotel as Governor Thomas Dewey’s political henchman seeks to destroy him with proof of McCall’s activity in kickbacks, extortion, gambling, prostitution and voting fraud.

Kennedy brings a confrontation between two old friends, McCall and Corbett Alterby, now a lawyer in Dewey’s employ and leading the case against his former drinking and carousing crony, Corbett comes to the hotel with his wife, Mabel, a woman who was once McCall’s lover.

Kennedy sets the stage in the first act for a classic confrontation despite some vamping with the Corbett daughter’s illness that adds nothing to the plot. It only damps the pace.

Still, there’s sophisticated byplay as the impending cockpit fight builds to the second act bloodletting.

Margaret Mancini’s staging keeps the pace brisk and the plot’s mystery afloat. Most of all she is blessed with a fine leading actor.

Robert Hopkins’ performance as McCall is a pure delight as he charms while sharpening the knife which will preserve his political life. He’s a rogue, a not a lovable man, but one who lives clearly within his own image of life. Hopkins’ quick smile delights in his amorality.

His corruption of a city, he explains, is for the citizens’ own good. He keeps everyone working and people are able to pursue their own lives without restrictions as long as they vote Democrat.

Even as you laugh at his ability to make corruption plausible and his actions appear correct there is a chill that pervades when he can justify giving up a crony to save his skin.

What Kennedy has done with McCall is give him a dimension that permits you to see the complete man, one who can love many women but not one person even as he protests he does.

Where the playwright falls is in providing a fitting adversary. Corbett is more a set up for the climax. He is overconfident to the point that there is little empathy for his position.

And, there should be audience belief in his mission to destroy corruption, even in the person of an old friend. Without this strength in Corbett’s character, the climactic scene loses the impact of discovery by the audience of the man’s feet of clay.

Stephen Bradford’s Ivy Leaguer comes close to caricature rather than a real man faced with a dilemma.

Kennedy does well with Mabel, a woman known by both men 30 years ago but who makes a decision she now must live with. The emotional conflict is well defined by Louisa Flanagan and she gets the full impact out of Kennedy’s clever secret he gives the woman.

The playwright falters with the character of the innkeeper, a woman who knows McCall for what he is. She is not as well-defined as she needs to be while working on the periphery of the action. Her character cries out for a big scene.

Charles Stranksy is strong as McCall’s district attorney, firm in his loyalty that is tested in a fine, dramatic moment. So, too, George Rafferty creates vividly the toady who does McCall’s dirty work but takes more credit than is judicious.

Coman Morrissey carries heavy baggage as the Corbett daughter with a problem, one with little or no connection to the plot.

The set by Jeff Cowie evokes the bucolic quietude of the empty inn while the costumes of Thom Heyer place the characters squarely in the period.

Grand View is a good, solid evening in theater. With a little more work, it can be a fully rewarding experience, especially if the character of McCall can be balanced with a worthy foe.

Performances through June 2. Tickets and information available at 442-4534.

Around Theaters!

The Sisters Rosensweig at Albany Civic Theater through Sunday, May 19 (462-1297) ... Beauty and the Beast, non-musical version of fairy tale, at NYS Theater Institute through June 4 (274-3256).
THEATER

"42ND STREET"
Proctor's Theatre, 423 State Street, Schenectady, May 18, 3 and 8 p.m., information, 346-6024.

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"
New York State Theatre Institute, 150 River Street, Troy, previews May 17 at 10 p.m., 16 and 17, 8 p.m.; May 18 at 10 a.m., and May 19 and June 2, 10 a.m., and May 21, 22, 23, 29, June 4 and 5, sign language interpreted performances, June 1, 8 p.m., $15-adult, $11 students and seniors, $8 children under 12. Information, 274-1300.


"GOLDILOCKS" presented by Theaterworks USA Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Saturday, May 18, 11 p.m., $10, information, 475-1685.

MUSIC

ANONYMOUS 4 medieval chant and polyphony, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, corner of Second and State streets, Troy, Sunday, May 19, 7 p.m., $20, Information, 274-0038.

LINDA EDER recital of songs and Broadway star, Proctor's Theatre, 423 State St., Schenectady, Friday, May 31, 8 p.m., $22.50, Information, 346-6024.

DANCE

"THEOLOGY, VINTAGE NUDITY, and STUPIDITY AT THE age of 112, A dance by Onassis' 78th birthday," 10189 Porkwood Blvd., Guilderland, Saturday, May 19, 7 p.m., $25. Information, (413) 298-3579.

Ballet auditions for the Charlotte Ballet 1997-98 season, Mill Hill Studio, 5800 State Farm Road, Saturday, June 1, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Information, 452-0827.

Ballet Auditions

"AMAZING ANONYMOUS"
acupuncturist of Lincoln Memorial and "Minima Man," guided tours of studio, property and museum, Chesterwood, Route 183, Stockbridge, through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $7 adults, $5 seniors. Information, (413) 298-3579.


VISUAL ARTS

"DREAMS AND REALITY"
acrylic art by Diane Tucker, Craft Center, 409 Broadway, Saratoga, Information, 544-4172.

"PEOPLE AND PLACE"
"people and change," changing land use and landscape in Saratoga County, chronological look at land use in the county, Saratoga County Historical Society, 99 Second St., Troy, through June. Information, 272-7837.

"ERASUS CORNING"

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"DANCE CLASSES"
classes of all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1056 Pinebrook Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, Information, 463-6476.

"CLASSES"
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodland. Information, 274-0038.

"SUMMER ESTATE OF DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH"
"acupuncturist of Lincoln Memorial and "Minima Man," guided tours of studio, property and museum, Chesterwood, Route 183, Stockbridge, through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $7 adults, $5 seniors. Information, (413) 298-3579.

"DRAWING NATURE"

"SHARRING HOMES"

To list an item of community interest in The Spotlight, send all pertinent information to The Spotlight Calendar, P.O. Box 3349, Albany, NY 12205.
**Wednesday May 15**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**FARMERS’ MARKET**
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Beaver Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**WRITING WORKSHOP**
for advanced fiction writers, room 201, Proctors’ Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-9997.

**ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP**
for those who care for Alzheimer’s patients, Royce House, 117 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 1 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**
Glen Worden School, 34 Woden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**Friday May 17**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**CRESCENT FESTIVAL**
Grecian foods, crafts, activities, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whittall Road, Albany, May 17, 6 to 11 p.m. May 18, noon to 11 p.m. May 19, noon to 7 p.m. Information, 499-4442.

**MOTHERS’ DROP IN**
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers’ Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1911.

**Saturday May 18**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**BROADWAY BABIES**
a concert celebrating memorable female actors, desserts and gourmet coffees to follow, First United Methodist Church, 465 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, $7 adults, $3 children. Under 12, Information, 436-7135.

**GREAT WALK FOR SCIENCE**
four mile walk through downtown to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association, Empire State Plaza, Albany registration at 8:30 a.m. Information, 489-3254.

**Schenectady County**

**FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**
festival to incorporate crafts, foods, and activities in celebrating region’s ethnic heritage, rain date May 15, Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, both terrace and indoor, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost, $3 adults, $1 children. Information, 362-7890.

**SCHEHECTADY COUNTY**

**SCOTTISH DANCING**
Social St Andrews, 78% Whittall Road, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 793-6457.

**Monday May 20**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**SUNDAY MEETING**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whittall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**Schenectady County**

**CHORALE**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whittall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**
Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9000.

**Tuesday May 21**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**TRUE FRIENDS**
female incest survivors support group, First Presbyterian Community Church, 211 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SAMARITANS SUPPORT GROUP**
for OAL, MA, DR, 858 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 436-6351.

**SUNDAY MEETING**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whittall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SAFE PLACE**
support group for those who need a safe place to go to meet St. John’s Lutheran Church, 100 Center Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 436-2323.

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**SUNDAY MEETING**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whittall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY REHABILITATION GROUP**
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**Sunday May 22**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**
cross ethnic foods, and activities in celebrating region’s ethnic heritage, rain date May 15, Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, both terrace and indoor, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost, $3 adults, $1 children. Information, 362-7890.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY SELF-HELP GROUP**
Multiple Schenectady Self-help Support Group of Schenectady County, SUNY SUNY Hospital Benmore Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 p.m., Information: 437-0431.

**RECOVERY, INC.**
support group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 344-8994.

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**
Glen Worden School, 34 Woden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

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group for former drinking, smoking, gambling, drug/alcohol or other indulgence. First Unitarian Church, Albany, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information: 431-2900.

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**PERSON TO PERSON**

support group for former patients and families, meets National Academy Foundation, 4 Allina Dr., Suite 102, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4606.

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self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 344-8994.

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**Fumble**

Gaffe

Sip-up

Stumble

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**WEDNESDAY MAY 15**

**BETHELHEM TOWN BOARD**
Town hall, 404 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

**BETHELHEM TOASTMASTERS**
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**BINGO**
Blenheim American Legion Post, 16 Poerup Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2350.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 439-6797.

**WELCOME WAGON**
Nursing home for older women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Information, 765-6940.

**RED MEN**
St. Stephen's Church, Barrine, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3355.

**AL-ANON MEETING**
First United Methodist Church, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**
evening prayer and Bible study, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**
Wyoming Volunteer Community Center, New Salem, call for times, 765-2799.

**AA MEETING**
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 45 Main St., 8 p.m. Information, 439-6790.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH**
evening prayer and Bible study, and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5509.

**FAITH TEMPLE**
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2300.

**ADULT SKETCH CLUB**
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Wednesday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 765-2799.

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**FRIDAY MAY 17**

**BETHELHEM**

**THE FRIENDSHIP SINGERS**
10 a.m., New Scotland and new members, 80 Maple Ave., 8:30 a.m. Information, 439-6818.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**
All levels, St. Stephen's Church, Barrine, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4500.

**AA MEETING**
First United Methodist Church of Bethlehem, Route 79, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6797.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday school worship service, 10 a.m., 700 Shaker Road, 10:25 a.m. Information, 439-2308.

**CARNIVAL**
New Scotland Festival, 10 a.m., 568 Delaware Ave., 8:30 a.m. Information, 439-1768.

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**SATURDAY MAY 18**

**BETHELHEM**

**KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Delmar Reformed Church, 865 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 a.m. to noon, Information, 439-4500.

**AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON**
for members and guests, Monday in the American Legion Post, 6 Poerup Drive, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2308.

**MEETING**
Elsmere United Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6797.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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Annual Pancake Breakfast, Route 85, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4500.

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**SUNDAY MAY 19**

**BETHELHEM**

**SPRING FESTIVAL**
Demonstration Day, 651 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-0503.

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