Political fur flies over lake access

By Dev Tobin

The political furor over Lawson Lake continues, as Republicans on the county Legislature's Conservation Committee refused to back a proposal for limited public access to the county-owned park made by Democratic County Executive Michael Breslin.

After the 3-3 deadlock in committee, Republicans said they would try to get a vote during Monday's meeting of the full Legislature on a resolution calling for greater and more immediate public access to the park.

The county has owned the 421-acre park on the Coeymans-New Scotland border for 18 years, and has reserved it almost exclusively for Camp Opportunity, a summer camp for Albany city youth.

The federal government gave the county a $297,000 grant to fund about half the property's cost, and an essential condition of the federal grant, unfilled since then and only partially fulfilled by the Breslin proposal, is that the park be open to the general public.

On behalf of the federal Department of the Interior, the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is conducting an investigation into whether the grant funds were misused.

Breslin's resolution proposes opening one trail for public access, away from the Camp Opportunities buildings on the property, and a new 10-car parking lot on Lawson Lake Road, rather than a parking lot inside the gate as recommended in a 1995 draft management plan by the county planning department.

Two Democratic absences made a majority vote for Breslin's plan hard to come by at the Nov. 25 Conservation Committee meeting.

Breslin reacted to the committee defeat by accusing the Republicans of "dragging their feet."

Breslin's plan is a "reasonable way to start it now, then see how many problems we have with additional use," said Legislature Chairman Charles Houghtaling, D-Feura Bush.

Houghtaling, who will control whether the Republican resolution can come up for a vote Monday, represents the northern part of the park that is in the town of New Scotland.

"I'm not hearing from my constituents that they want more use of the park," said Houghtaling, adding that "Many people..."
K-9 cop receives settlement for training time

By Michael Hallisey

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL
Bethlehem board OKs town hall expansion

By Michael Hallisey

The town board unanimously accepted a $780,000 expansion proposal for town hall that includes an elevator and a new indoor staircase.

Approximately $480,000 of the project will be funded by the town's reserve. The remaining $300,000 will come from bonds.

The town will build a two-story expansion of the northeast corner of the building to install the elevator and staircase. New power-operated doors leading from the side parking lot will be built to assist the handicapped.

In order to install the elevator, the town must replace its 20-year-old generator with a newer and larger one.

Computerization of town offices has also put increased demand on the buildings "ancient" electrical system, said Supervisor Sheila Fuller. Money will also go to place a new electrical system in the building.

According to Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor, the generator will allow town hall to stay open during an emergency.

The new staircase will be a safer replacement to the metal, outdoor fire escapes on the north side of town hall, Secor said.

Fuller said the expansion will help ensure the former school building remains the center of town government. Local officials had looked at moving town hall to other locations, such as the soon-to-be-vacant Dormitory Authority building and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building.

Self-storage facilities fall outside outdated zoning law

Glenmont resident Jon VanDerpoel owns property in a planned commercial district off Route 9W, and wishes to build a mini-storage warehouse facility.

Though several facilities have been built more frequently over the past 15 years, VanDerpoel was still compelled to approach the town board with his proposal.

When the town's zoning law was last revised in the early 1970s, storage warehouses were not listed as a permitted use, said Code Enforcement Officer John Flanigan.

 Clarified the storage facility would not be located "outside, or not visible to, the road and those in attendance. "Oh, the 21st century. We missed a century," said Councilwoman Doris Davis.

VanDerpoel said the storage facility would not be used by commercial businesses.

"There won't be heavy truck traffic," said VanDerpoel. At most, Vanderpoel said he estimates traffic to be 12 cars daily.

The proposed storage facility will be located on Old Route 9W near the Thruway. VanDerpoel estimates that, since the form will encompass one to two acres.

VanDerpoel's request for a permit was referred to the town planning board.

Delmar Village gets another extension

By Michael Hallisey

Delmar Village, a controversial apartment complex proposed for the Old Delmar Village, said the owners of the property have yet to hire a developer. And, if the town board had passed Putney's amended resolution, obtaining a developer would "be close to impossible."

"The agreement with the town requires a developer to come in and build Fisher Boulevard first," said Wakeman, who said he has been "living" with the project for almost 20 years. "Then and only then can they start construction on the apartments. In my opinion, it's been hard enough to find a developer now. It will be close to impossible to find one with this type of gun-to-the-head time limit."

And your little dog, too

The Wicked Witch (Maeve McEneny) tries to get at Dorothy (Abigail Hesseberg), but the Tin Man (Sarah Mayer) protects the plucky girl from Kansas in "The Wizard of Oz," presented by Lower and Middle School students at the Academy of the Holy Names Friday through Sunday at the school's arts center at 1969 New Scotland Ave. in Albany.

Local artist retrospective on display at Five Rivers

A reception for local artist Ed Kenney and the opening of a retrospective exhibition of his work entitled Telling The Story With Paint will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Kenney was staff artist/designer for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's award-winning magazine, The Conservationist, for more than 27 years.

The 40-piece retrospective reflects an unusual variety of wildlife, historical and scenic themes, and expresses the broad range of Kenney's talent and interests.

Co-sponsored by Five Rivers Limited, the reception will provide an opportunity to meet the artist and hear about his unique approach to art.

Preregistration for the evening reception/opening is required. The fee is $2 for Five Rivers Limited members and $3 for nonmembers, with a $5 maximum for family groups.

For information or to preregister, call 475-0291.

The exhibition will be open to the public free of charge through Sunday, Jan. 18.
Delmar accountant named to State Insurance Fund top post

By Katherine McCarthy

Delmar resident Susan D. Sharp is the new chief fiscal officer and actuary at The State Insurance Fund. This is the first time there will be a chief fiscal officer at the agency, the largest writer of workers' compensation insurance in New York state.

"The State Insurance Fund is a state agency, run like an insurance company, but we only handle workers' compensation and disability benefits," Sharp said. "In 1996, we had $1.3 billion in written premiums in workers' compensation, and $25 million in premiums in disability benefits. This is the largest market share in New York state for workers' compensation."

In her new position, Sharp, who came to the agency as the supervisor of accounting in the Albany office in 1993, will have overall responsibility for verification of the Fund's financial status, including calculation of reserves and projections. In addition to overseeing the budget division, Sharp will have reporting authority from the department of accounting operations and investment, and the actuarial department. More than 400 employees will be under her jurisdiction.

Sharp's main goal in her new position is not only to retain this market share, but to make it grow. "We used to write more than half of the premiums in the state," Sharp said, "but we've lost some market share over the last couple of years."

To accomplish this growth, Sharp will focus on improving customer service, re-engineering business processes, and looking for expertise within the Fund. "I'd like to pick leaders and shining stars from the staff, and give them the opportunity to create a fund that's customer-service oriented and economically efficient," she said.

Sharp is one of those shining stars who came up through the ranks at the Fund. "They found me in the trenches," she said, adding that the four years she has already spent at the Fund have given her an insiders' view of what works and what doesn't. "I've got the insight of what it's like to work here at the middle management level. I know where the frustrations are in the system, and how the accounting systems work, what their strengths and weaknesses are."

Sharp was surprised that there was not a chief fiscal officer to oversee all of the Fund's financial processes, and credits the fund's executive director, Henry Neal Conolly, with creating the position. "It's exciting to be here now," Sharp said. "The fund is 83 years old, and had been running on its own.

People are stepping up to the plate, and getting excited about making a turnaround on this. This is due to Mr. Conolly and Ken Ross, the chief operating officer."

Sharp sees her new position as a great opportunity to serve both the State Insurance Fund and Gov. George Pataki's focus on economic development in the state. "From a professional standpoint, I'm looking forward to promoting economic development in New York," Sharp said. "This governor's really looking to give businesses the ability to stay and prosper in New York."

Conolly said Sharp has already made a difference at the agency. "Susan Sharp's financial reporting and analysis has been exceptional," he said. "Her work in financial analysis has already made a significant impact on the fund."

Sharp, 34, left New York City for the Capital District in the mid-1980s, and has lived in Delmar with her husband, Bill Sharp, since 1990.

Before joining the fund, she was an accountant for the State Department of Environmental Conservation, and worked in private firms like Arthur Andersen and ITT International. That experience gave her good people skills.

"With helping setting firms, you have to go in and understand the accounting systems quickly, and deal with different kinds of people, like vice presidents and controllers who might not want you there," Sharp said. "You learn to do it, do it, and get out. This taught me how to analyze and get along with people."

Sharp said she feels like she's achieved a good sense of balance with her current position. "I was living in New York City, and looking for more well-rounded life.

Delmar man joins real estate office

Charles Bassett recently joined Blackman DeStefano Real Estate's Albany office as a licensed salesperson.

Formerly with Century 21 Roberts Real Estate, Bassett has more than 12 years of real estate experience.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

He lives in Delmar with his wife Betty.

W'ville firemen host breakfast with Santa

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will host breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the firehouse on Main Street in Voorheesville.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, french toast and a choice of beverages.

Breakfast costs $5 for adults and $3 for children 5 and under.

For information, call 765-4500.

Library sets talk on organ donation

Steven Relyea, organ procurement coordinator of the Center for Donation and Transplant, will present a talk on organ and tissue donation on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Relyea will provide information about useable organs, family decision making, donor cards, donor notification and organ families.

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V'ville looks to go the distance

By Katherine McCarthy

First there were films, then reel to reel movies, then videos for instructional use. When the last full school year of this century begins next September, Voorheesville will be moving to the next level of audio/visual instruction—distance learning.

Superintendent Alan McCartney presented the school board with a distance learning reference manual explaining that this year will be a configuration year, and students will be able to learn from instructional TV next fall.

Distance learning puts a television, a camera, microphones and students in a room together, and links that classroom to others. The other classrooms are other classrooms.

"Distance learning is completely different," McCartney said, with the students and teachers able to see, hear and speak to one another.

Classrooms are designed to be small, and an adult staff member will be in the room during the instructional time.

"Distance learning will allow us to expand our course offerings," board president John Cole said. "For instance, interested students could take a Russian course, something we can't teach here." Board members Erica Sufrin and Steven Schreiber expressed concerns that interaction among students and teachers would be reduced through distance learning.

"It would be interesting to compare AP test results (of distance learning students) to those of students with live teachers," said Sufrin.

Both McCartney and elementary school assistant principal Lisa DePaolo have some experience with distance learning, and they assured the board that the interaction remains the same as in a traditional classroom.

"I've been in two classes at SUNY Albany that use distance learning," DePaolo said. "There is a lot of interaction. It takes a while to get used to, but the discussions are seen and heard by all 29 students." McCartney participated in an international management course at IBM that used video conferences.

"The only difficulty was in waiting for the translation of the Japanese speaker to come through," he said. "It was really interesting. I don't know how or where else I would have had the opportunity to be involved with such an international group."

McCartney also said that distance learning is not intended to replace teachers, and that a distance learning classroom generally would have a smaller number of students.

"A whole class of 20 kids would not be in a distance learning classroom," he said. "It's designed to provide kids with something different."

He added that distance learning has been successful in place in the Capital District for the past two-to-three years.

The funds for a distance learning project were part of this year's budget, and the first step is to set up the classroom.

McCartney estimates the cost to be about $25,000, which is eligible for aid, as is the salary of the staff person working on distance learning.

Distance learning is available through BOCES, who will train the teachers, and financially aid the host sites.

McCartney sees distance learning as a potential money-saver.

With a fiber optics backbone in place in the high school, and the bulk of the elementary school wired that way, McCartney is confident that Voorheesville has the infrastructure in place to take full advantage of the future.

"As the distance learning network expands," he said, "we'll be able to offer teacher-in-service and conferences. We may be able to offer adult education courses from SUNY, and Hudson Valley Community College. We might be able to offer college classes to our high school students. Teachers can attend a conference here instead of traveling to get to one. If there's a speaker in Arizona we're interested in, we can do it through distance learning instead of having to fly that person to us."

Most important, he said, "it allows us to provide kids with more opportunities."

Distance learning could also help solve some of Voorheesville's space problems.

Although the numbers in the elementary school are lower than in the past, McCartney said high school enrollment is still high.

"We feel we can currently meet the state's new standards, but we will need to make some decisions soon."

In other business, Cole said that the board vote will take place on May 19, instead of in June. All of the state's school districts will vote on their budgets on the same day, he said.

As a result, Cole said there will not be a public annual meeting the day before, but as part of the regular school board meeting now scheduled for May 11.

Blood pressure clinic slated for town hall

Bethlehem Central High class of 1958 will hold its 40th reunion the weekend of June 26 to 28.

Reunion organizers are trying to locate current addresses for the following class members: James Behan, Barbara Booth, Gary Boyce, George Call, Rose Carl, Mary Lee Carr, Judith Cavall, Penny Cowling, Sandra Crandell, Roger Dapson, Sherry Engel, Norman Franz, Peter Hadley, Judith Hamblin, Mary Lou Hazel, Betsy Johnson, Geraldine Joyce, Susan Legg, Gordon Miller, Sandra Parker, Sarah Putilny, Marie Plass, Janet Pugliese, Barry Rezzemini, Andy Schoonmaker, Carolyn Smith, Joanne Strayer, Annette Tangera and Mary Terwilliger.

Call Eli Mikol McEvoy at 439-0049 if you know the current addresses of any of these class members.

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue in Voorheesville will host breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Pictures with Santa will be available, or you can bring your own camera.

Legion plans breakfast with Santa

Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat portions of eggs, sausages, french toast, home fries, toast, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.
End lake fiasco

Sam gives Jim $30 and asks him to buy a gift for John. Jim takes the money and buys gifts for some down-on-their-luck friends of his, but not for John.

Eighteen years later, Sam runs into John and asks him how he liked the gift.


On a personal level, such a transaction is at least unfair, and at an organizational level, it is a rough approximation of the fiasco that is the county park at Lake Oneida, kept as a public place by the county government, the $30 being $297,000, Jim being the Democrat who controls Albany County and John being the general public.

Back in 1979, the county bought the 42-acre park on the Coeymans-New Scotland border with the federal government paying half the $594,000 tab. The feds require that parks they subsidize be open to the general public.

For 18 years, county government, controlled in the main by Democrats, has refused to permit general public access to the park, instead reserving it as an eight-week summer camp for Albany city youth.

Now that the feds are investigating what happened to the $594,000, Jim runs into John and asks him how he liked the gift.


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Point of View

It is common knowledge that HMOs traditionally limit their members to seeing doctors in their network. It is not so well known, however, that recently, in an effort to cut costs, some HMOs have attempted to limit visits to specialists.

necessary or are the number of visits limited?

Are referrals required from your primary care physician before you can visit the specialist of your choice?

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Convenience to you of services under the network

In an attempt to cut costs, some HMOs attempt to funnel patients to specific contracted labs and X-ray centers. You may want to ascertain the location of the labs and X-ray centers that are part of your prospective plan.

Out of town coverage

Many HMOs cover their members only for emergency services they receive when out of town, leaving the members to fend for themselves to deal with bills relating to non-emergency services they received while out of town.

In my practice, we often receive calls from distressed parents of college students who are stranded at school without coverage for ordinary, non-emergency illness. Of course, this lack of coverage for medical expenses incurred out of the area is also a concern to retirees who head South for the winter. The lesson is that you must read the fine print in your health insurance policy to find out what you are and you are not covered for.

Method of reimbursement

While I have saved this section for last, it may be the single most important factor in choosing among HMOs, as well as the least understood. Some HMOs have begun to encourage their participating doctors to accept a "capitation" form of reimbursement in lieu of the established "fee for service" payment system. Under the capitation reimbursement system, you pay a fixed amount of money to the plan and are reimbursed for your care without regard to the number of services you receive. While no definitive study has been performed, many in the medical community believe this form of reimbursement may be more cost-effective in the long run.
Two dangers have been identified. First, capitation gives the doctor a financial incentive to maximize the number of patients but little incentive to weed out those patients. Thus, one of the responses of doctors to capitation has been to increase their use of lower-paid non-physician providers.

A second concern about capitated "cherry pick" financial incentive to maximize the number of patients with complicated medical problems.

HMOs seldom advertise whether or not they have a capitated reimbursement plan. This method is often used by HMOs to increase their number of patients and to appear more attractive to patients with complicated medical problems. HMOs that have capitated reimbursement plans tend to be more difficult to accept patients with complicated medical problems.

In conclusion, I believe it is possible to receive excellent medical care through an HMO. However, it is necessary to exercise care in choosing an HMO. Costs must be weighed against availability and quality of care. In my view, you should be very wary of choosing health insurance based solely on low premiums and little out-of-pocket expenses because you may end up with a plan that does not meet your needs or offer you the quality of care that you deserve.

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Full-day kindergarten advocate outlines views

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central school board will be making a decision on the issue of full-day kindergarten soon, and its meetings on Dec. 3 and 17 will be devoted to the subject.

I urge all parents who can attend to do so, because I think we have a chance to make a big improvement in early childhood education offered to children in our district, while taking advantage of new state aid that is available.

As one who favors moving to full-day kindergarten, I have been talking to a lot of people about it, and I know that not everyone agrees. I wouldn’t expect full agreement on this issue or on any other, but I do hope that parents and taxpayers on both sides can discuss it without calling each others’ motives into question.

For example, I have heard it suggested more than once that those interested in full-day kindergarten are really more concerned about day care than education, and I believe this is a misconception.

As it happens, the majority of families participating in our group (Bethlehem Parents for Full-Day Kindergarten) have a parent at home. And full-day kindergarten in this instance means a 5-hour day, probably from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We’re looking for a full instructional day, not for day care.

But most of all, the desire for a full-day program isn’t from parents who aren’t interested in spending time with their children — for many of us who now supplement BC’s half-day program, in fact, our children would be home more hours overall if they were simply in one complete program.

On the other side of the issue, perhaps the hardest piece to answer are those parents who feel that a full-day program is sufficient and who would prefer to have their 3-year-olds home as much as possible. I might disagree with these parents, but I surely do not doubt their sincerity. To these parents, the common arguments — that academic studies show that full-day programs are effective, or that two-thirds of the school districts in the state have full-day programs, or that greater individualized attention is available in full-day programs — simply fall short.

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as early as we can, and I think a full­day kindergarten program is one very cost-effective way to do this. I look forward to the school board’s examination of the issue. I think the board should be commended for so forthrightly taking up the issue, and I hope we all profit from the ensuing discussion.

Those who favor a full-day program are invited to join our group for a meeting Monday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library community room.

John Clarkson
Bethlehem Parents for Full-day Kindergarten

John Hopkins searches for talented students

The Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth at The Johns Hopkins University announces its 1998 Talent Searches to identify second through eighth-grade students with high verbal and/or mathematical abilities. Students qualify for Talent Searches by scoring in the top three percentiles on state­grade standardized tests.

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Holiday parade steps off at gazebo

This year's Christmas parade and tree-lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, starting at the Coeymans gazebo at 6:30 p.m., when the tree will be lit.

A parade will follow into Ravena for the village tree lighting. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school on Route 143.

The schoolhouse will be decorated as it might have looked a century ago, complete with cracking fire and a popcorn-decorated tree. Holiday songs and spirit will be plentiful.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. at the schoolhouse on Route 143.

Parent support group to meet Dec. 10
The RCS special education parent support group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. in the middle school.

Holiday festivities set at schoolhouse
Come and enjoy old-fashioned Christmas activities at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Coeymans Hollow on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Delmar library plans fairy tale program
Children and their families are invited to visit the spellbinding world of the fairy tale in Once Upon A Time on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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Students tuning up for holiday concerts
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools have announced the holiday concerts scheduled this month.

Becker school concert for grades-one and two will be on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at the school. The concert for grades-two and three will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.

Peter B. Coeymans concert for students in grades-one, two and three will be on Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The concert for grades-three and four and the grade-four chorus will be Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the high school. The middle school concert is set for Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Laleche League plans discussion
Laleche League of Delmar, a breastfeeding support group, will discuss nutrition and weaning on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. For information and location, call 430-5254 or 475-0240.

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The all-you-can-eat breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes French toast and beverages costs $5 for adults and $3 for children age 5 and up. Children under age 5 eat free.

School concerts on December agenda

The Voorheesville school music department has announced its schedule for this month’s concerts.

Thursday, Dec. 4, is the elementary school’s winter concert. The chorus and sixth-grade band will perform. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

The middle level concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m in the high school auditorium. The program includes performances by the seventh-grade band directed by Charles Reader and the middle level chorus under the direction of Julie Watts.

These free events. Arrive early to get a good seat.

Kiwanis to sell trees and wreaths

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sell freshly cut Christmas trees and wreaths starting in the evening on Thursday, Dec. 4, in front of SuperValu on Maple Avenue.

The sale will run through Dec. 14 or until all 200 trees are sold. Trees cost $20 to $25 and wreaths $10 to $12.

Church to dish up Saturday breakfast

New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast includes plain and blueberry pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, juice, tea and coffee.

The cost is $4 for adults and $2.75 for children age 5 to 10. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Santa to make personal visits

Santa can visit your home if you live in Bethlehem, New Scotland, Altamont or outlying areas. New Salem Reformed Church is sponsoring Santa visits from Dec. 8 through 23.

The cost is $15 for a 15-minute visit and $10 for an additional 15 minutes.

For reservations or information, call 765-3784.

Scouts to serveenade V’ville villagers

Voorheesville will be alive with the sound of Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 9, when local Girl Scout troops carol throughout the village from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Scouts will end the evening with hot cocoa and cookies at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

The Scouts have donated gifts to a local family.

Cub Scout Pack 73 will also carol in Voorheesville starting a 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Author to host Victorian tea

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Activity night rescheduled to Dec. 5

The fifth and sixth-grade activity night has been rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

Skating event set at school gym

Roller-skating is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. in the elementary school’s large gymnasium. Tickets will be sold in advance for $3.50 each, and the price includes skate rental.

Parents should pick up skaters from the cafeteria. Volunteers are always needed. To help, call Cheryl Hammer at 765-9777.

Student artwork featured in exhibit

An exhibit of artwork by students from the high school entitled “Student Vision” will run from Friday, Dec. 5, through Monday, Jan. 5, at the Spectrum Theatre, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany.

An opening reception is set for Friday, Dec. 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The exhibit was organized by A regulation requiring children who turn 6 on or before Dec. 1 to attend classes from the start of classes in September of that year.

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School board sets meeting date

The next regular meeting of the school board is Monday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Town board slates meeting Dec. 8

The New Scotland town board will meet Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 83.

Snowshoeing tour set at Thacher Park

Strap on your snowshoes for a guided tour of the winter landscape of snow-covered woods and open spaces at Thacher Park, Sunday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. Guides will meet at the Paint Mine parking area.

The program hinges on the weather, so ahead call to confirm at 872-1237.

Auction features gifts, tour

For information, call 765-3143.

Calendar drive supports fire department

Please support the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department’s annual calendar drive. Donations can be sent to PO Box 385, Voorheesville 12186. Thank-you finder stickers are available from any firefighter or by calling the firehouse at 763-4048.

Scouts’ food drive a big success

Thanks to the community’s generosity, the Scouting for Food drive conducted by Cub Scout Pack 73 was a big success.

All donations were delivered to the Voorheesville Area Food Pantry at St. Matthew’s Church on Mountainview Street. The abundance of food will help sustain the pantry throughout the winter.

Special thanks to Cub master Tim Selby for organizing the drive.

Delmar student wins scholarship

Leah Staniels of Delmar has been awarded a $5,500 Empire State Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Staniels is a junior majoring in biology.

Weekly calendar

- Soldiery clothes will be featured at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.
- The ecumenical Voorheesville United Methodist Church’s annual calendar drive is planned for Sunday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. Participants will meet at the Paint Mine parking area.
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- The Salem Hills Park Association has scheduled its annual meeting for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave. All residents are encouraged to attend.
- For information, call Peg Blackmer at 852-6365.
- The community choir starts rehearsals for the annual Christmas Festival on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue. The ecumenical Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival is planned for Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist church.
- For information, call Rcn George at 765-4442.
- The Kiwanis Club-sponsored blood pressure clinic will be on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.
- Sandra Tesch will host her ninth annual craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2589 New Scotland Road in New Salem.
- Holiday decorations and American Girl doll clothes will be featured.

Woman celebrates 90th

Tawasentha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently began its program year with a luncheon and tour of the executive mansion in Albany.

Delmar resident and Tawasentha chapter member, Gladys Amos, celebrated her 90th birthday at the event.
Eagles basketball returns to defend division title

Boys host season opening tournament this weekend at high school

By Karly Decker

The Bethlehem boys basketball team are looking for another positive season.

This year BC will defend its title as Gold Division champions, an accolade it earned with an 8-5 league and 14-9 overall record.

The team will host the Bethlehem Central Tip-Off Tournament starting Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Its first game will be against Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons at 8:30 p.m. Its first game will be against Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons at 8:30 p.m.

The team is looking to take advantage of their quickness and willfulness to work hard, said head coach Chuck Abba.

Rebounding is an area of concern for Abba after losing the height of last year's senior Tim Staniels. But, Abba said he is expecting other players to compensate for the loss.

The Eagles will face a very competitive schedule this season.

"There are no easy games in the league or in our two tournaments," Abba said. However, he is optimistic about the challenging new season ahead.

This year BC will defend its title with a very competitive basketball team.

Bethlehem Central Tip-Off Tournament

Bethlehem Central boys basketball team begins its 1997-98 season hosting the Bethlehem Central Tip-Off Tournament in the school's lower gymnasium this weekend.

The opening game features a match-up between Brewster and Amsterdam at 7 p.m. BC and Notre Dame-Bishop Maginn will follow at 8:30 p.m.

The championship and consolation rounds for will be played Saturday, Dec. 6.

Winners of Friday's games will go head-to-head at 7 p.m., while the remaining two teams will play for third at 5 p.m.

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New year, new coach, but same old problems for BC hockey

By Andrew Hartman

Last week Bethlehem Central slipped on their hockey skates for the first time since finishing at 5-15 last year.

Though they start the year with losses to Niskayuna and LaSalle, the first time since finishing at 5-15 last year.

“The night before as Bethlehem sought to make up for a 5-1 loss to Niskayuna the night before as they went up against a strong LaSalle team. However, the Cadets overpowered the Eagles and won 192.”

First-year coach John Battaglino, replacing Paul Machor as Bethlehem’s head coach, said his team’s problem may be a lack of aggression.

“We have to improve defensively,” said Battaglino. “We have to stand teams up at the blue line and control the puck in the neutral zone. We need to get more shots on goal.”

LaSalle started off the first period with a quick goal. The Cadets found the net two more times to finish the first period ahead 3-1.

“We need to get more shots on goal.”

John Battaglino

Freshman John Albert accounted for BC’s first goal of the game.

LaSalle started the second period in the same fashion, scoring four more times for a 7-1 lead by the second intermission.

“We only had four or five shots on goal,” said junior Mike Griffiths. “We didn’t bear down and shoot I think we tried to be too fancy. We worked hard but hesitated with the puck.”

LaSalle would score three more times before they were through. But, with less than a minute left in the game, BC’s Ricky Long tapped in a rebounded shot for the last goal of the contest.

The night before, the Eagles took to the ice for the first time against Niskayuna at Clifton Park Arena. After a great start, where the team scored a goal in the opening period, the Eagles failed to score for the rest of the game.

Captain Greg Cooper scored, and was assisted by Griffiths and Brian Noonan. Following Cooper’s goal, the Eagles crashed into the stave off the Silver Warriors, who went on to score five uncontested goals.
The Spotlight seeks student reporters

Openings for student writers and photographers are still available at The Spotlight.

We are still looking for photographers and writers to cover Bethlehem Central, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville high school sports.

For the winter, we need coverage of basketball, wrestling, swimming, indoor track and gymnastics.

For information, call Sue Graves or Michael Hallisey at 439-4940.

Lady Eagles plan basketball clinics

The newly formed Bethlehem Lady Eagles Basketball Club is conducting clinics on Sundays during the basketball season.

Girls in grades-three to eight are invited and encouraged to attend the skills clinics. For information, call 439-2007.

Make a snowman at Delmar library

Children in grade-two and up can make a snowman centerpiece at Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

BCHS grad earns accolade

The alumni association of Life Chiropractic College West in San Lorenzo, Calif. recently named Tim Talmage its 1997 Student of the Year.

Talmage is a 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He was selected Student of the Year based on solid academic standing and contributions he has made to the community, chiropractic profession and college.

Talmage and his family live in San Leandro, Calif.

Quilters to meet at Delmar church

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet on Friday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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Bootery collecting shoes for needy

The Delmar Bootery will participate in the third annual Shoes for the Shoelss program.
Shoe repair stores across the nation will be collecting wearable shoes for men, women and children until Dec. 15th.
All shoes will be picked up by Adventist Community Services and distributed to those in need throughout the Capital District.
People can donate shoes by bringing them to Delmar Bootery stores at Stuyvesant Plaza or on 376 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.
Shoes should be tied together.
Don't put shoes in boxes.
The bootery collected 6,000 pairs of shoes for the program last year.
This year's goal is 15,000.
For information, call 438-1717.

Deputies collecting donations for needy

The Albany County Sheriff's Department will hold its sixth annual Christmas in the Hilltowns drive.
The program needs donations of nonperishable food items and new toys.
Contact Sergeant Mike Winnie or Deputies Amy Carman or Debbie Gillham at 765-2551.
Monetary donations can be sent to Sergeant Mike Winnie c/o Albany County Sheriff's Department, 390 New Scotland Road, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186.
Make checks payable to ACSD Hilltown Christmas Fund. Donations should be received by Dec. 19.

Progress Club schedules activities

The Delmar Progress Club will host a holiday tea for members on Monday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.
The club will host at the Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Saturday, Dec. 6.
The club's travel group will meet in the community room of the R. Forester 6 A Pan Pacific to India on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.
At 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Helen Adler will talk about Iran - Off Limits to Us, and Jean Lyon will discuss Vancouver Island.

Delmar library to show kids films

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will show the short children's films Red Riding Hood, Smile for Auntie, Happy Birthday Moon and Musical Max on Friday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m.
The free, drop-in event is for children ages 3 to 6.

Book talk offered at town hall

Helen Adler will give a talk on E.M. Forster's A Passage to India on Friday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem town hall on 455 Delaware Ave. in Delmar as part of the Books in the Morning series.
Fruitful holiday

Community Christmas dinner slated at Methodist church

The 10th annual Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner, will be held Christmas day from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the hall at First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 2 p.m. The festive occasion is made possible by help, coordination and donations from Bethlehem churches, caring individuals and the Bethlehem Senior Services Department.

Transportation for residents over 60 years-of-age will be provided by Bethlehem Senior Transportation.

To make dinner reservations or arrange for transportation, contact the Senior Services office at 439-4555 ext. 170.

There is no charge for the dinner, but a good will offering will be accepted.

To help out on Christmas Day or to donate food for the dinner, call Joyce Becker at 439-4555.

Indian Ladder Farms plans open house

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road in Voorheesville will host a holiday open house on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 9 p.m.

The event will feature horse-drawn sleigh rides, tunes from Fraser and the Firs, stories by Mary Murphy, visits with Santa, a living manger scene and much more.

The store is packed with unique Christmas gifts, and the holiday barn has Christmas trees, wreaths and arrangements of greens.

Visitors can enjoy a light supper or snack from the Yellow Rock Cafe.

For Information, call 765-2956.

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Indian VanDervort places a wreath over the front entrance to Cedar Hill Schoolhouse on River Road in Selkirk, where the Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its Traditional Silver Tea Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. All decorations for the event were donated by the Bethlehem Garden Club.

Medicare forum set at library

Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will offer a forum for senior citizens and their families entitled Medicare at a Crossroads: Changes and Choices for Consumers on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m.

Coffee and tea will be served. For information, call 439-9314.

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Author/historian to focus on crime

What was the infamous "pool cue murder"? What crime did the Dutch fear most? How did the Dutch treat Indians, slaves and children who committed these crimes?

On Wednesday Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., Voorheesville historian Dennis Sullivan will answer these questions and others equally intriguing based on information in his new book The Punishment of Crime in Colonial New York: The Dutch Experience in Albany During the 17th Century. Sullivan will be available at 6:30 p.m. to sign copies of the book, which can be obtained by calling him at home.

A limited number of his Voorheesville, New York history are still available for purchase at the circulation desk. Call 675-2791 to sign up.

"The Magic in Your Hands" is the title of a healing energy lecture by Marjorie Lutz at 7 p.m. Dec. 8. Lutz presents seminars on exploring the energies generated by the body and the ability to use the energy to alleviate pain and stress. No sign-up is required. Refreshments will be served.

Art Expressions, the library's sketch club for adults, meets tonight, Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Bring your own materials. Call the library for information.

An informational night is set for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., for parents and caregivers to explore the contest of the new take-out story time book bags with Joyce Laosa. Regular storytimes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Business women set dinner meeting

Bethlehem Business Women will meet tonight, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Normanside Country Club in Elsmere.

The evening begins with a social dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Friendship Singers will entertain and there will also be a holiday fair.

Guests and new members are always welcome. For information, call 459-8012.

Bethlehem chamber plans holiday mixer

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its holiday mixer on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Albain's in Slingerlands. Call the chamber office at 439-0612 to R.S.V.P. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

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Artists team up talents for still-life exhibit

Local artists collaborate on a common theme in the northwest gallery this month. The pieces for The Still Life from Three Viewpoints were created especially for the exhibit by Judith Mayer, her daughter Niki Mayer and their friend Cathy Tracy.

Watercolor, collage and wood cut prints are their chosen means of expression. Tracy, a registered architect, earned a degree in architecture from Syracuse University. Nikki Mayer's bachelor of fine arts degree from Maryland Institute College of Art is augmented by study in Cortona, Italy. Judith Mayer earned degrees in art education and printmaking from the University of Wisconsin.

Watercolors by Diane Bolman will also be on display in the southwest gallery. Bolman's renderings of old family tintypes are collected under the title One Woman's Family. She is a member of the Bethlehem Art Association and Colomie Art League. Otterness, who has a master's art in education from SUNY New Paltz, has taught in private and public schools and conducted workshops for classroom teachers. She is a member of the Colomie Art League.

In the small display case, local artist Russ Gutiens's three volumes of Forty Picky Truths are complemented by a selection of books and articles about self-publishing from the library's collection.

Staff member Betty Albright exhibits her collection of Steiff stuffed animals in the Birchaughe case and Delmar resident Cara Kennedy's collection of snowglobes is in the youth services case.

The bulletin board display consists of the Organ and Tissue Donation: What Every Family Should Know on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m.

The speaker and exhibitor is Steven Relyea, procurement coordinator for Albany's Center for Donation and Transplant, a non-profit organ procurement organization for area hospitals.

Sunshine seniors set Christmas dinner

The Bethlehem Sunshine Senior Citizen group will hold its Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 8, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue in South Bethlehem.

The buffet hours starts at 12:30 p.m., followed by a ham dinner with all the fixings at 1 p.m.

The RSC High School Harmonics will entertain at 11 a.m.

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 3. Seating capacity is limited to 80. For information and reservations call Norvelle Lopinski at 767-2384.

Parks and rec offers Sunday swim times

Bethlehem parks and recreation department will hold Sunday swim times at the Bethlehem Middle School pool on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The fees are $4.25 for youth ages 5 to 15 and $2.50 for adults. Anyone under 5 or over 65 swims free.

Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Swimmers must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.
Anna Knickerbocker

Anna E. Knickerbocker, 91, of Delmar died Friday, Nov. 28, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Schodack Landing, she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

She was a secretary for the former Patroon Oil Co. for many years. She was a life member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a niece, Nancy Johnson of Canastota, Madison County; and two cousins, Shirley Winters of Castleton and Adell Ross of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Services will be today, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Reformed Church of Schodack Landing on Route 9. Burial will be in Schodack Landing Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Reformed Church of Schodack Landing Building Fund, 15 Elm St., Nassau 12123.

Wallace H. Horowitz

Wallace H. Horowitz, 62, of Lansing Drive in Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 27, at his home.

Born in the Bronx, he moved to Delmar when he retired.

He was an elementary school teacher in the Nyack school district at the time of his death. He was a tutor at the Learning Center in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Maercklin Horowitz; a son, Steven Horowitz of Manhattan; a daughter, Gail Obach of Gales Ferry, Conn.; a sister, Jane Obach of Albany; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12205 or to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Marybeth McAuliffe

Marybeth McAuliffe, 32, of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a long-time resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. McAuliffe was a customer representative for the Postal Service for more than 10 years.

She loved animals and was active in local animal shelters.

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

Survivors include her husband, Shawn McAuliffe; a daughter, Alyson M. McAuliffe; her father, George J. Scarry of Albany; two sisters, Michelle A. McElroy of Albany and Karin M. Hundley of Ravena; and two brothers, Paul S. Casarotta of Wyoming, Del., and Joseph C. Scarry of Albany.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Allyson M. McAuliffe Education Fund, c/o Key Bank, 370 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Carl W. Meeker

Carl W. Meeker, 48, of New Salem South Road in New Scotland, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Meeker was a technician for Lexington Vacuum in Albany. He was also a dog obedience trainer.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Lyden Meeker; three daughters, Maggie Kuprian of Latham, Jennifer Kelley of Green Island and Arminetta Wilder of Cohoes; and a son, Ronald Kuprian of Lansingburgh.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Albany.

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

A. Richard Reissig

A Richard Reissig, 87, of Good Samaritan Home in Delmar and formerly of Glendale Avenue, died Friday, Nov. 28, at the home.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Albany High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Reissig retired as chief engineer for Mobil Oil in Albany after 40 years.

He was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Albany and a past president of the church council.

He was a member of the Bethlehem chapter of AARP and a former board member of Good Samaritan Lutheran Home.

Husband of the late Dorothy Henstreet Reissig, he is survived by a son, Richard H. Reissig; and a sister, Ida Anderson.

Services were from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or Living Resources Corp., 2176 Guiderland Ave., Schenectady 12006.

Gino Arduini

Gino Arduini, 73, of Rockefeller Road in Delmar, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

Born in Italy, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Arduini was a weaver at Huyck Felt Co. for more than 32 years. When he retired, he worked part-time for Bethlehem Central School District and for the town of Bethlehem.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of B’nai B’rith and served as editor of B’nai B’rith Bulletin for several years.

He was an avid tennis player and a member of the Senior Citizens Creative Writing Group.

Survivors include his wife, Lilyan Oblas; two daughters, Rema Applebee of Castleton and Casarotta of Wyoming, Del.; a son, Anthony S. Arduini of Selkirk; a brother, Francis Arduini of Albany; a sister, Catherine Casarotta of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Irving Oblas

Irving Oblas, 85, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at his home.

Born in New York City, he lived in Delmar for many years.

He was a graduate of City College of New York.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Oblas was a court reporter for New York City courts and later for the state Court of Claims for 35 years.

He was a member of B’nai B’rith and served as editor of B’nai B’rith Bulletin for several years.

He was an avid tennis player and a member of the Senior Citizens Creative Writing Group.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Oblas; two daughters, Ruma Goldstein of Albany and Carri Oblas of Marshallfield, Mass; and two granddaughters.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel.

Burial was in Temple Israel in Guildersville.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders of the Capital District, 85 Watervei Ave., Albany 12206.

Hester J. Ginter

Hester J. Ginter, 65, of Harris Avenue in South Bethlehem, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of South Bethlehem.

She was a teacher’s aide for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district at Becker Elementary School, retiring in 1989.

Mrs. Ginter was a charter member of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3 auxiliary and the South Bethlehem Lutheran Church’s Child’s Nursing Home in Albany.

She was a former 4-H Club and Cub Scout leader.

Survivors include her husband, Edward C. Ginter; four daughters, Diane L. Ginter of Rensselaer, Debra Whitling of Charlestown, Donna Ginter of Hannacroix and Doris Groowski of Selkirk; two sons, Douglas Ginter of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Donald Ginter of Selkirk; a sister, Janie Devenen; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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Campaign

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"An almost unlimited number of requests" necessitates replenishing the fund every year, he said. Jackson said many of the requests come through school nurses or social workers, but that some are referred to the fund by clergy and even neighbors.

Most requests are modest—a pair of shoes for a child or eyeglasses or perhaps medicine for someone without insurance. And sometimes a family might need help with a heating bill or rent, when an emergency crops up.

"We kind of fill in the gaps," said longtime Festival Fund board member Eileen Perkins. One woman, whose husband had recently left her, had secured a job, but wouldn't get a paycheck for several weeks, she said.

"She just needed a little bit of help," Perkins said.

A primary goal of the fund is to help children in the school district, Jackson said. And in spite of the perception of affluent in Bethlehem, Perkins added there are needs in every one of the district's seven schools.

"Medicine can be very expensive," for families without insurance, said Sue Cunningham, a Festival Fund board member.

Sometimes helping a child on a school trip is how the fund pitches in. Other times, it's a pool pass or summer camp scholarships, she said.

Recent fund contributions include 80 turkeys and holiday baskets, two pair of eyeglasses, three after-school support programs, clothing, a cap and gown and aid to a family for commuting to an out-of-state hospital to visit their child.

"It's great to know you've really helped somebody—it's not welfare, not like that—it's just helping someone over hard times," Cunningham said.

All requests to the fund are strictly confidential, Jackson said, and there is no red tape. Once a request is made, aid is given almost immediately.

"The Bethlehem Festival Fund is a true example of neighborhood helping neighbors," he said.

The Festival Fund will soon be sending out letters to its 200 previous donors, and about 500 letters of appeal will also be sent in a chamber of commerce newsletter this month.

All money collected, with the exception of the cost for a post office box and postage, goes directly back into the community.

For information about the fund or to make a contribution, write Jackson at PO Box 341, Delmar 12054.

BCHS graduates finish marathon

Amy L. Cole, Michael Eyre, a 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, recently participated in the 22nd annual Marine Corps marathon in Washington, D.C.

Eyre was one of nearly 19,000 marathoners.

The Marathon of Monuments is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and stretches 26.2 miles.

Eyre holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and a master's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology.

BCHS seniors earn recognition

Bethlehem Central High School seniors Melissa Flitelle and Ryan Peterson have been recognized as Scholar Finalists in the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program.

The National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program is a College Board program that provides national recognition of exceptional academic achievement of Hispanic high school seniors, and identifies them for post-secondary institutions.

Food

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Delmar Postmaster Thomas Porcaro said Bethlehem residents donated 12,225 pounds of non-perishable food last year, an increase from the 11,000 pounds collected in 1995.

Though there was a noticeable increase in amount of food donated during the last two years, Porcaro said his post office is not projecting a goal for this year. It is all done in the holiday spirit.

"This is when the food banks are at their lowest level," Porcaro said. "It's when they need it the most."

Though the Postal Service has organized food drives for the past eight years, Delmar has been at it for a bit longer.

"We started out here about 10 years ago," Porcaro said. "Delmar may have started it out on their own in a limited basis. The first year was one day, the next it was a week. And it's gotten bigger and bigger since."

Post offices can leave non-perishable food items in non-glass containers outside, or near their mailboxes, where their postal carriers will pick them up.

Porcaro said patrons can also drop off food in the lobbies of local post offices and branch offices of local Key Banks.

Foods in demand include canned meats, tuna fish, tomato sauce or paste, honey and creamed soups, peanut butter and jelly, noodles, spaghetti, rice, macaroni and cheese, milk, dried milk, infant formula, cereals without sugar, canned fruits and vegetables, tomatoes and fruit juices.

Porcaro said the Postal Service does not have facilities to keep the food. The town of Bethlehem's senior services department will help separate and distribute the food.

"The food stays local," Porcaro said.

Senior department offers health programs

Bethlehem Senior Services Department will sponsor 11 health and wellness programs.

The programs are presented by public health nurses, a nutritionist, a social worker and an occupational therapist from the county Health Department.

The sessions are designed to promote nutrition, healthy bodies and mental well being.

Programs will be held at Bethlehem town hall on 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursdays, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. through Dec. 18.

For information, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

Youth Network

A Bethlehem Networks Project

Join the partnership's task force groups

The Bethlehem Community Partnership is a coalition of individuals who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for our youth and families. We urge community members to support our activities, lend their expertise, contribute to our programs, and participate. If you would like to get involved you can attend one of our task force meetings. For information, call 439-7740.

The following is a description of our three task force groups:

Pride of Bethlehem Youth Award — The goal of this task force is to recognize positive behaviors in middle school and high school youth. Join this effort to honor our positive youth role models. Next meeting at Networks office in Main Square Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8:15 a.m.

Respect — The group is planning a day of workshops for sixth-grade students which will focus on respectful behaviors. We welcome parents of middle school students, teachers and other interested community members to help plan this event. The group will meet again at the middle school media center Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 3:30 p.m.

Media Task Force — is planning a TV Turnoff Week in April. In conjunction with TV Turnoff Week, the group is working on a community walk and fact sheet about children and television. The next meeting in the middle school media center Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8:45 a.m.

The successful community arts festival, known as Feestelijk Bethlehem will be held on Saturday evening, May 2. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Public Library.

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Ipi Ntombl: An African Dance Celebration January

Andrea Bocelli: Romance in Concert Saturday, 8 p.m.

John Tesh: The Avalon Concert Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

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Fleetwood Mac Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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Felt, Nelson to marry

Kathryn Felt, daughter of Dr. Thomas Felt of Silver Spring, Md., and Jean Felt of Delmar, and David Nelson, son of Richard and Joceyn Nelson of Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the College of Saint Rose and the University of Michigan. She is employed on the human ecology staff of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County in Voorheesville.

The groom, a graduate of SUNY New Paltz, is employed by the Adirondack Council in Albany.

The couple plans an Oct. 1 wedding.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1987, these stories were making headlines in The Spotlight:

- The Bethlehem Central school board appointed an AIDS advisory panel without a clergy member, in apparent contravention of the state Education Department’s regulation on such panels. The board acted on the recommendation of Superintendent Les Loomis that the requirement may violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

- Bruce Secor, Bethlehem’s commissioner of public works, was named “Man of the Year” by the state chapter of the American Public Works Association. Also, John Flanigan, Bethlehem’s building inspector, was elected to the presidency of the New York Building Officials Association.

- Jason Baum, a Bethlehem Central High School senior, was one of 700 national winners in a writing contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

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INVITATIONS

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Boy, Brian Flanigan Malsan, to Kristi and Stephen Malsan of Slingerlands, Sept. 19.
Boy, Christopher Thomas Ebner, to Maureen and Joseph Ebner of Delmar, Nov. 11.
Boy, Garry Bruce DeGonzalez, to Laura and Garry DeGonzalez of Slingerlands, Nov. 13.
Girl, Ashley Rose Germani, to Sara Barkaus and David Germani of Delmar, Nov. 14.
Boy, Zachary Michael Therrien, to Kristy Race and Josh Therrien of Glenmont, Nov. 15.
Girl, Emma Louise Spropbery, to Jill Swingrubber-Spropbery and Kent Spropbery of Glenmont, Nov. 16.

Albany Medical Center
Boy, Angel Sebastian Gonzalez, to Lisa Brayman and Angel Gonzalez of Selkirk, Nov. 3.

BCHS graduate earns college honor
Megan Cornell of Delmar was recently inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national freshman academic honor society.

Five Rivers selects board members
Five Rivers Limited elected four new board members recently at its 25th annual meeting.

The Rev. Geoffrey Boland performed the ceremony in St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Saratoga Springs.

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The best man was Michael Gee, the bride’s brother, and Greg Herrick.

The bride, a graduate of the University at Buffalo, is employed as a certified public accountant by J.D. Coad in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Buffalo. He is employed as a strength and conditioning coach by the University of Cincinnati.

After a wedding trip to Paradise Island in the Bahamas, the couple lives in Cincinnati.

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

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

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The visits are sponsored by New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85. For reservations or information, call 765-3784.
Above right, strollers in authentic Victorian garb sing Christmas carols. Above, strollers board the Hedley Park Place trolley.

Annie arrives in town

By Dev Tobin

December may hardly seem the best month, if indeed there is any good month, to stroll around a river city whose best days are a century in the past.

Troy's Victorian Stroll, Sunday, Dec. 7, from noon to 5 p.m., recalls the city's heyday, when factories making iron and steel products and, of course, Arrow shirts and collars, employed thousands, and the factory owners and managers built elegant brownstones within walking distance of a bustling downtown retail center.

The factories are long-gone, but many of the Victorian-vintage buildings remain, and are host sites for the Stroll.

"We have a very intact physical environment here, and when people come to Troy for the Stroll, they are pleasantly surprised," said Troy Mayor Mark Patterson.

The Victorian Stroll is one of the premier free events in the area, and no matter how cold, wet or white the weather, it attracts about 15,000 people for an entertainment-filled afternoon.

"It's a very family-friendly day," Patterson said. "We expect the 15th annual Stroll this year to be the best ever."

The Stroll's main sponsor is the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, which solicits its members for contributions to cover the approximately $35,000 cost of the Stroll.

The Stroll is a great way to spend a Sunday in December, well worth the trip to Troy and the chance to see some of our area's best local performers.

McCartin Doyle, Stroll coordinator for the chamber.

Doyle said that a partial list of just the musical performers shows the breadth and depth of the Stroll's something-for-everybody offerings.

Here are just a few of the performers:

- Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys
- Hair of the Dog, Band de Oxum
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- The Tara Hall Pipe Band
- the Bethel Baptist Church Choir
- Paul Staussman, the Bog People
- the Teresa Broadwell Children's Center

And that doesn't count the amateur singing Strollers, dressed to the nines and singing Christmas carols as they walk through the city center.

For those who tire of Strolling, there will be rides on an antique fire truck, a horse-drawn wagon, the Hedley Park Place trolley and ponies. Arrow shirts and collars, employed thousands, and the factory owners and managers built elegant brownstones within walking distance of a bustling downtown retail center.

Some Stroll venues will offer a variety of performances around a central theme. Doyle noted, for example, the Dauchy Building will be the children's center, with music, clowns, jugglers, puppeteers, as the like for the youngest Strollers; and First Presbyterian Church will host a Celtic Christmas, with Irish/Scottish music, dance and storytelling.

Doyle noted that many shops will be open for holiday shopping, with special sales and free refreshments. Also, Strollers can enter a drawing featuring prizes from Troy merchants.

And parking is plentiful and free, at both municipal and private lots throughout downtown, she added.

From my past Stroll experience, with children in tow, it is not a problem, since you're never more than half a block away from another indoor attraction, where you'll warm up right away.

Plus, there are plenty of warm refreshments, from chestnuts to spiced cider, available at a modest cost or free.

For information about the Stroll, contact Doyle at 274-7020.

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Two theaters agree to work in tandem to cut costs

As an idea this past summer to merge the staffs of Proctor's and the Empire Theater, the Capital Region has a new theater in its future.

Proctor's has been closed for renovations, and the Empire Theater in downtown Albany is expected to open in the spring.

The two theaters have agreed to work in tandem to cut costs, and to present similar programs in order to attract a larger audience.

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around it exemplified the quiet, natural beauty of winter. I could see why local outdoor activists are campaigning so diligently for access to the park.

As I walked past the signs to try to get a better look at the lake and the camp buildings, a pickup truck drove up outside the gate and parked in the road. A man got out of it and made it clear he wanted to talk to me.

Anthony Schipano, an employee of Camp Opportunities who is the caretaker and gatekeeper of the park, wondered if I could read.

I assured him that I could, identified myself as a Spotlight reporter and said that I didn’t think I was trespassing since the property was not formally posted and, anyway, it’s a public park.

“The park is not open yet,” Schipano replied. “Indeed, it is not.”

Delmar man earns promotion

James Sherin of Delmar has been elected vice chairman of the Retail Council of New York State.

Sherin is the council’s senior vice president and director of government relations - positions he will retain.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from Villanova University.

Prior to joining the council in 1984, he was an editor and legislative writer for the state Assembly’s Minority News Service, and director of communications for the New York State Association of Realtors.

German groups plan Christmas service

The German-American Culture Club in Troy and the German Language School in Albany will host the eighth German-English Christmas service on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

A fellowship hour, with singing of old German Christmas songs, will follow the service.

St. Nicklaus will have small gifts for children who attend.

For information, call 273-4984.

Welcome Wagon Club to exchange cookies

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club is organizing a cookie exchange for Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

Bring six dozen cookies of the same kind to share and take home six dozen different kinds of cookies.

Call Bonnie Barba at 459-7938 by Dec. 6 to R.S.V.P.

Access

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have informal access and use the park now.

Republicans committeemember Peter Clouse of Coeymans and Robin Reed of Selkirk said the Breslin proposal does not go far enough.

Clouse said the county should implement its own management plan, which calls for parking inside the camp gate, public access to a second, shoreline trail, and shoreline fishing.

In the future, the management plan envisioned allowing portable watercraft like canoes and building additional trails.

“The point is to open the park to the public,” Clouse said.

Reed charged that Breslin “only now is interested” in opening up the park “once a federal investigation has commenced.”

While the county does not directly give money to Camp Opportunities, it does spend about $15,000 a year maintaining the property, according to County Supervisor Peter Clouse of Coeymans.

Bottle drive to help hospice

The Slingerlands Price Chopper on New Scotland Avenue will conduct a bottle drive throughout November to benefit Community Hospice of Albany County.

Shoppers can deposit their bottle returns in specially marked bins and Price Chopper will credit the refunds to hospice.

This drive is part of the National Container Recycling Month celebration during November. For information, call 1-800-678-0711.

Memorial trees honor deceased

Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar has renewed its affiliation with Lofty Oaks Association, a New Hampshire organization dedicated to reforestation and conservation efforts in New York.

The firm arranges to have a tree planted for each service that they perform to provide a living memorial in honor of the deceased and to renew the forest life of New York.

Honor society inducts student

Caroline Jenkins of Slingerlands has been inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha, a new Greek honorary society founded by the Panhelcnic Council and the National Association of Colleges.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Jenkins of Slingerlands.

The society inducts students who have informal access and use the park now.