Bethlehem chief vows to attract business

By Lisa K. Kelly

The town of Bethlehem started the new year with a ceremony to swear in town officials on Friday, Jan. 2, at town hall.

Sheila Fuller took the oath of office as town supervisor for the third time.

Fuller noted that the town had accomplished many things in the past four years, including lowering or keeping a strong hold on town taxes.

She warned that in order to continue, the town must maintain or increase its tax base by attracting new business.

"We must show businesses that we are a business friendly town," Fuller said.

Councilman George Lenhardt, town clerk Kathleen Newkirk and highway superintendent Greg Sengstock were also sworn in. Fuller appointed Lenhardt deputy supervisor.

Democrat Susan Burns participated in her first town board meeting on Friday, marking the start of two-party government in Bethlehem.

The only discussion at the board's Jan 2 meeting concerned the town's insurance coverage.

BURNS forms committee

By Lisa K. Kelly

Increased government participation, advocacy and outreach will be the focus of a new committee formed by Councilman Susan Burns.

"I think involving more people in town issues and opening up the avenues for more discussion and debate is important," Burns said. "Increased access for all town residents will become one of my priorities."

The goal of the committee is to enhance communications between residents and the government and surrounding communities.

New Year’s resolutions
good time for reflection

By Lisa K. Kelly

New Year’s resolutions invite self reflection, allow us to take stock of the past and one to look ahead to the future.

The idea of making New Year’s resolutions can be traced to early Christian calendar makers who named the first month of the year for the Roman god Janus, who has two faces – one positioned to look at the past and one to look ahead to the future.

According to Rosana Marsili, creator of the New Year Resolution Kit, Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions, encouraging many Romans to seek forgiveness of their enemies and exchange gifts before the commencement of the new year.

Though all societies celebrate the new year according to their own religious or cultural traditions, the contemporary tradition of new year’s resolutions is based on Christian practices.

"Christians are encouraged to reflect on New Year’s Eve about their past sins and to go forth into the new year with resolutions to improve themselves," said Dr. Doreena Rendle, professor of psychiatry at Loyola Medical School in Chicago.

By Katherine McCarthy

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Phil Anthony and Freda Klebbe of Delmar

vacation no picnic

Parents find both joy and terror in holidays

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Winter work

Construction of the new Hoffman's carwash and Jitty Lube on Delaware Avenue is moving right along despite the mostly inclement weather.

Doug Persons

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POLICE NAB THREE FOR DWI

Bethlehem police arrested three people on charges of driving while intoxicated recently.

Police arrested an Albany man and charged him with DWI on Dec. 18, at 1:56 a.m., after stopping him for having an inadequate headlamp on Hudson Avenue in Delmar.

Police said they noticed Alfred Leon York, 36, of Albany, had glassy and bloodshot eyes, and failed several sobriety tests.

According to police, York said he had just finished work in Albany and was in Delmar to pick up a friend.

York was driving with a restricted license, said police. A Department of Motor Vehicles check revealed that his licence had been revoked twice and was in active suspension.

Police arrested 21-year-old Kevin Forrester of Cairo for DWI on Dec. 29, at 1:55 a.m., after he was found parked in the lot of S&J Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Police said the windshield of Forrester's car was smashed and there was apparent body damage.

Police found Forrester sitting at the wheel with the key in the ignition. He told police he had an accident on Route 443 and called his parents to come get him.

According to police, Forrester said he was driving home from Albany and admitted he had been drinking. He failed several sobriety tests, said police.

The Albany County Sheriff's Department advised police there had been an accident on Route 443 in the town of New Scotland, but the vehicle left the scene.

William Paul Townsend, 46, of Albany, was arrested for DWI on Jan. 1, at 1:47 a.m. on Route 9W in Selkirk after his vehicle crossed double yellow lines, police said.

An officer said he attempted to stop Townsend two other times, but the suspect drove away when approached.

Police also said Townsend was slurring his words and could not find his paperwork or wallet.

According to police, Townsend failed several sobriety tests.

CHP TO HOLD SENIOR WORKSHOPS

Community Health Plan will present a series of free informational workshops on understanding Medicare coverage through Senior Advantage on Wednesdays, Jan. 14, 21 and 28, at 9:30 a.m. at Tool’s restaurant on 283 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Accomplimentary breakfast will be served.

The workshop will cover basic information about health care, the limitations of Medicare and the benefits of Senior Advantage, CHP’s new Medicare product.

CHP is a community-based, nonprofit health plan that has been serving Medicare beneficiaries for nearly 20 years.

For information, call CHP Senior Advantage at 783-1884, ext. 42002.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP TO MEET AT LIBRARY

The adult Great Books Discussion Group of Delmar will discuss the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Reserved copies of readings are available at the library’s reference desk.

New members are always welcome. For information, call 439-9314.

CORRECTION

Last week’s story on the Bethlehem Basketball Club contained incorrect information. Jed Sigal was the high scorer for Indiana with 17 points. In the same story, Matt Macri’s name was misspelled.

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THE SPOTLIGHT

V’ville principal accepts E. Greenbush position

By Katherine McCarthy

Terence Barlow, principal of Voorheesville’s Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School, will become the new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in East Greenbush, effective Feb. 2.

He will be involved with staff and in-service offerings, will present the school report card each year, and will work closely with the superintendent on budget and personnel matters.

“I am excited about it and looking forward to it,” Barlow said.

“Curriculum development is always something that I have always been interested in and liked doing. In the past four years in Voorheesville, we’ve instituted 10 or 11 new programs, and I feel very proud of that,” said Barlow.

Barlow said the team taught English Language Arts department was instituted two years ago that combined with U.S. History to create a new AP course, as well as the new media English class, which combines English 12 and educational technology presentation software.

“That course uses audio-visual and telecommunications software to let students present their ideas in other forms than written narratve,” Barlow said.

“I’m aiming to leave things in apple pie order, or as close to it as possible.”

Terence Barlow

Dem judges take oath

By Lisa K. Kelly

The end of one-party government in Bethlehem was marked by a swearing in ceremony on Dec. 29 for newly elected Democratic town officials.

“It’s long overdue that we got Democrats elected in the town of Bethlehem,” said town justice

Theresa Egan in her address to a packed town hall audience after being sworn in.

Newly elected town board member Susan Burns and justice Kenneth Munnely were also sworn in at the ceremony.

“The town has a new voice,” Burns said.

She plans to work with the present board and hopes to accomplish a lot during her term on the board.

“I have a studied approach to things and that’s how I’ll approach my work for the public,” she added.

Ken Munnely said he recognizes the needs of the community’s youth and promised there would be more “treatment.” He also promised to make judicial decisions in the interest of the community’s youth and promised there would be more “treatment.”

Democratic chairman Matthew Biscone was appointed to the zoning board.

Biscone was appointed by unanimous votes to the planning board.

Ronald Von Ronne was reappointed to the zoning board.

Robert Barrowman was reappointed to the zoning board.

Doug Persons

New Scotland board chooses Riester

By Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

As expected, the new Republican-controlled New Scotland town board appointed Frederick Riester to serve as town attorney. He was reappointed for a seven-year term on the planning board.

“Reilly cautioned the board about breaking up the team of Barronhow and Kohler. “They work well together and have done a good job in the past,” said Reilly.

The board voted 32 along party lines to reappoint Riester.

Reilly named Peter L. Suczek to the unassigned position of deputy supervisor.

Tobin tapped for Colonie post

Spotlight Newspapers publisher Richard Ahstrom has named veteran newspaperman DeW Tobin managing editor of the Colonie Spotlight and Loudonville Weekly.

Tobin had been copy editor for the Colonie Spotlight and Loudonville Weekly.

Tobin will continue to write his bi-weekly column.

“Tobin’s reporting and editing experience makes him well qualified to edit the Colonie Spotlight and Loudonville Weekly,” Ahstrom said.

Tobin has a strong news background, and has worked for a number of Capital District publications including The Record and the Capital District Business Review.

Tobin will replace Matt Keily, who will continue to write his In The News column.

“Tobin’s reporting and editing experience makes him well qualified to edit the Colonie Spotlight and Loudonville Weekly,” Ahstrom said.

Tobin will be spending more time writing and developing projects for his Riverview Productions company.

Tobin has plans to continue the website’s focus on town and village government, North Colonie and South Colonie school districts and local police agencies.
The following students were named to the high honor and honor rolls for the first quarter at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Sixth-grade high honor roll


And, Christopher McCann, Robert McGrath, Amelia McPeeters, Matthew McVoy, Max Melehan, Abby Melnhoff, Catherine Menard, Lindsay Montesano, Collin Mooney, Leah Molsal, Lisa Moskowitz, Jenna Munson, Meaghan Murphy, Matthew Narcole, Lindsey Nickels, Rosalie Norris, Julia Oakey, Lisa Osuasas and Kelly Owens.

And, Kayleigh Pankow, Sophia Panich, Kevin Perazzelli, Meaghan Persing, Amy Phillips, Emily Pietrotesa, Gregory Pitz, Stephanie Piente, Brennan Pratt, Alexandra Pucillo, Nicholas Radko, Kristin Raffaele, Lauren Rarich, Julia Raymond, Bethany Reddy, Catherine Reilly, Sedd Reinhardt, David Richardson and Richard Rodgers.

And, Thomas Rood, Anna Babin, Scott Sajdak, Michael Sanders, Bridget Sandison, Evan Savage, Molly Schaefer, Jessica Schenkel, Kase Schreffer, David Schwab, Jenna Segal, Patrick Shaffer, Andrew Shawhan, Alene Sieve, Laura Sherny, Gena Shmyhink, Joel Sigal, Mikhail Slik, Heather Smith, Jennifer Smith, Sharna Spinosa, Abigail Stambach, Colin Stanton and Rachel Stark-Blumer.

Seventh-grade high honor roll


And, Dominic Catalfamo, Miriam Chace-Conant, Andrew Clark, Justin Collen, Cottom Conlin, Kathryn Corbain, Paula Coons, Ryan Conolly, Erika Coonley, David Denio, Jacob Dennison, Courtney Dowd, Paul DoBos, Elijah Dunn, 12-year-old, Carina Edie, Russell Elsters, ebay Elmsford, Mark Foster, Brent Fyer and Erin Fuchs.

And, Heather Giaccone, Brian Gosselin, Shane Gray, Jennifer Gregory, Christina Griffin, Rebecca Gruber, Robert Guttermann, Peter Halligan, Kelly Hammond, Kyle Harbinger, Stephanie Hart, Sarah Hartley, Hasselbach, Casey Heim, Jeffrey Hines, Daniel Hjeltnes, William Joernann, Adam Karlin and Emily Karlan.

And, Daniel Keller, Robert Kelly, Michael Keyser, Michael Kissling, Allison Klein, Victoria Knox, Kathryn Koloszki, Evan Kozak, Laura Krenn, Alex Kudlack, Jacqueline Kurteussen, Amy LaGrange, Catherine LaFlite, Konstandinos Litsinis, Sri Lipkis, Michael Lubber, Matthew Macari and Matthew Mahony.

And, Joseph March, Marcy Marro, Anya Maslack, Kindra McCloskey, Shamm McVay, Matthew McKenna, Glyndon Michel, Jonathan Micklos, Casey Miller, Briana Myers, Mary Norvic, Kathleen O'Heere, Richard O'Connell, Stephanie Pettinato, Lindsay Piela, Ryan Pothovan, Jamison Putman, Allen Rarich and Julianne Rinaldi, Erica Rourke, Christopher Ryan, Jackie Saliba and Harris Schachter.

And, Margaret Schamsi, Jennifer Scialdone, John Schiller, Carleen Schreiber and Emily Scheck, Adam Scheck, Adam Smith, Scott Solomon, Stefanie Stegman, William Trammich, Matthew Unright, James Valent, Alexander Vaughn, Antonio Villur, Sarah Wilkje, Kathleen Wilson, Quinn Wilson, Brittany Woznar and Tyler Zirk.

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Joshua Alfred, Courtney Arduini, Emily Austin, Maura Ayres, Emily Bango, Socran Barat, Robert Barrowman, Jonathan Barlow, Harley Bell, Laura Beyer, Scott Birdseye, Meggan Blake, Matthew Blended, Felicia Bluestone, Mary Bone, Jonathan Borys, Elisabeth Bowey, Leda Borys, Elizabeth Boyea, Stephanie Bowman and Scott Braaten.

And, Elizabeth Buckley, Laini Bunk, Andrea Burcieris, Kristen Byrnes, Kara Cady-Sawyer, Casey Carroll, Maria Caruso, Christine Castellanos, Dominick Cipriano, Emily Cohen, Ada Cornell, Kerry Connors, John Conroy, Debra DeClue, Marianne DiNapoli and Andrew Dolan.

And, Nathaniel Drake, Jeanne Drucker, Brenden Ennis, Sarah Eson, Winter Eyres, Danica Feustel, Sarah Fisher, Virginia Fisher, Mallory Fishman, Lindsay Francini, Michelle Friedman, Emma Furman, Evan Gall, Kevin Gallagher, Jeffrey Gardiner, Thomas Gendler, Jennifer Ginburg and Matthew Glannom.

And, Richard Grant, Nicholas Gumenick, John Gurnett, Bridge Griffin, Kevin Gutman, Benjamin Hager, Elizabeth Hann, Bethany Harren, Kathleen Hart, Joseph Helfand, Gregory Hedderman, Megan Herzog, Kathyn Himmelfarb, Julia Horth, Danielle Holmes and Sarah Horn.

And, April Holzaginga, Joseph Jackson, Samuel Kadosh, Kathyn Kapczynski, Jeffrey Kattie, Christine Killian, Stefan Kadowski, Elizabeth Kiespert, Lauren Kohl, Adam Kopp, Natsuki Kubo, Thomas Lacner, Lorraine Land, Peter Land, Todd Land, Victoria Land, Meghan Lackermann, Zachary Levine and Charlotte Lyons.

And, Megan Lohman, Danielle Lyons, Amie Lytle, Meredith Magin, Kathryn Mann, Andrew Marro, Kathleen McCarthy, Dennis Miaw, Caroline Milano, Joshua Moulton, Susan Mullin, Susan Much, Kathleen Murray, Joseph Nedly and Elizabeth Nussbaum.

And, Caitlin O'Brien-Carelli, Jenna Ogden, Joseph O'Leary, Nathaniel Panuccio, Kathleen Paradonczyk, Matthew Pasquinisi, Tami Parshman, Elizabeth Pesnel, Katlyn Peters, Emily Petraglia, Lilian Pittman, Thomas Potter, Cameron Prout, Peter Prieterta, Kellin Purcell, Amy Reddy and Christopher Regan.

And, Kelly Rader, Sarah Romeo, Maya Rook, Alexander Rosenfeld, Lindsay Ruslander, Matyal Saltel, Brandi Schmidt, Dominick Seckman, Kevin Selman, Adam Shpeen, Evan Siegel, Julie Silverman, Allegra Almog, Meghan Wieland, Marcie Wogan, Denise Ziai and Jason Zilka.

And, Abby Svenson, Matthew Swain, Lauren Swain, Jordy Thybul, and James Traylor, Elizabeth Ulson, Alexis Vail, Kathryn VanHease, Marissa Virule, Nicole Villito, Megan Volo, Jessica Voight, Katherine Wagoner, Lauren Warkentin, John Wesley, Molly Warren, James Wheeler, Leonard White and Jesslia Willen, Melissa Wieland, Marcie Wogan, Denise Zobrowski and Jason Zogz.

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Charles Allardice, Aja Amaro, Anna Amaro, Courtney Atwood, Steffie Ball, Brooke Bale, Jaret Balph, Dane Barclay, Michael Barone, Robby Bennett, Emily Bertrier, Brianna Botnick, Patrick Blackwell and Michael Blendell, Brett Boyd, Devin Breen, Liam Brennan, Taylor Bryant, Peter Budge, Stephen Buchalter, Brian Capobianco, Julianna Caporta, Joseph Cardamone, Anthony Cassady, Cecelia Chapelle, Heather Ciccone, Joshua Ciccone, Peter Cioppa, Jason Colacino, H. Edward Connor, Michael Connolly and Nathaniel Consentino.
Elsmere firemen elect officers

Elsmere Fire Company “A” recently elected officers for the coming year.

They are: Edward Costigan, chief; Kevin Shea, first assistant chief; William Webb Jr., second assistant chief; James Reagan, captain; John Zbory, first lieutenant; Gilbert Boucher, second lieutenant; Timothy Haverly, third lieutenant; Vincent Thompson, fourth lieutenant; and Ariel Goodrich, fire police lieutenant.

Francis Wickham was elected president; Stephen Wright, vice president; Richard Zigrosser, secretary; John Devine, treasurer; and Reide Bukwitz, property clerk.

Paul Millhausen, Richard Baldwin, William Martin, and George Kaufman, were elected directors.

J.J. Hough is the chaplain, and Anthony Morrell is the lay chaplain.
Colors of a cross-country drive

By Louise Greco

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The Golden Gate Bridge, burnished back of red-

wood that reach 250 feet through the coastal mists of Northern Cali-

Fire of sumac along New York's

The country spreads out around sage-green, burnished gold, sand,

30,000 feet where the clouds have a topography all their own. I have

tis the (flu) season

Last week at town hall, Supervisor Sheila Fuller said

we rush by, rainbows lashed noon sun on

To avoid more than the usual pain is to pay the

Bethlehem taxpayers have until Feb. 2 to avoid a 1 percent penalty and to March 2 to avoid a 2 percent addition to the bill.

These and other colors are ar-

The view is breathtaking; these views are

White: Eternal glaciers fanning out among the high Rockies. The Milky Way, unobstructed, framed by an open sunroof on a night drive to Steamboat Springs. The Utah salt flats, blinding in full sunlight and extending for miles, turn into a strange world that we walk on into strange two-legged insects. Southern Nevada sky, hot and wan over bare, soda-burnt hills. October snow in Flagstaff. Moonrise.

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Lions say thanks for supporting annual sale

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Lions Club thanks the community for its spirited support of our 10th annual Christmas tree sale.

Letters

Proceeds from this fund-raiser support the club's community service projects, including a scholarship program, assistance in eye-glass purchases for needy individuals, the senior citizens picnic, the children's bite rodeo and the Lions Eye Institute, an internationally recognized state-of-the-art research facility for eye diseases in Albany.

Our next fund-raising event will be the Palm Sunday pancake breakfast at the American Legion Post in Elsmere.

Men and women who would like to become active participants in the club's community service projects can contact the membership chairman at 439-5806.

Again, many thanks and best wishes for the new year from the Bethlehem Lions Club!

Rick Rudovsky and Judy Jance

CMI chose bad site, neighbor says

The intent of this letter is not to compare my information with Mr. Brewer's "current facts." I merely wish to point out that the information in my letter was on his mind.

I have no doubt that the facility Mr. Brewer and his associates visited was clean and well-run and that CMI's staff was helpful and courteous. I would expect the proposed facility in Delmar would be run in a similar manner. Certainly, CMI and its residents can afford a facility similar to that in Weston.

However, the building itself is not the main issue, but the desire to place it on a residentially zoned plot.

The town of Bethlehem cannot allow zoning to be dictated by outside entities. As residents, we must insist that zoning plans be upheld. CMI's project, therefore, needs to be built on a properly zoned site, not the one currently under consideration.

Anne P. Moore
Delmar
V'ville board to discuss possible reconfiguration

The board of education will discuss school facilities in addition to conducting its regular business meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school. The facilities planning discussion will include moving the six-grade to the high school. Parents and residents concerned about the possible expansion and reconfiguration of current school buildings are encouraged to attend and participate.

Register for swim classes at high school

Registration for Red Cross Learn to Swim classes is tonight, Jan. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school.

Classes are sponsored by Helderberg Aquatics Swim Club from Jan. 17 to March 21 at the high school pool. The program includes eight 50-minute sessions. All classes are on Saturdays.

The cost is $72 for one child. Reduced fees are available if more than one child in a family participates.

Red Cross levels one through five will be taught by qualified instructors. Helderberg Aquatics Swim Club also offers pre-competitive and competitive swim programs at the high school.

For information, call Tammy Sayler at 765-5015.

Board slated meeting

Jan. 14 at town hall

The New Scotland town board will hold its first regular meeting of the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

At its recent organizational meeting the board changed its regular meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Last year the board met on the second Monday of the month, which is also the meeting time for the Voorheesville school board.

Network supporters to meet Jan. 14

The Theater Dance Network, a new volunteer support group for the theater and dance in the schools, will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the high school. The group will discuss enacting by-laws and providing support for the elementary school musical on Jan. 30 and 31.

PTA to meet at school library

The PTA/Forum at the high school has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school library.

Blood pressure clinic slated at church

The Kiwanis Club-sponsored blood pressure clinic is set for Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Scholars group to meet

Dollars for Scholars group will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The group raises funds for scholarships for local students. Volunteers are always needed. Everyone in the community is invited to attend meetings.

Band rehearsals start Jan. 8

Band rehearsals at the elementary school resume on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 8.

Indian Ladder offers cross-country skiing

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road has 3.5 miles of cross-country ski trails. The trails go through woods and orchards and are rated from beginner to intermediate.

The cost is $1 for adults. Children under 12 ski for free. Skiers should register in the store. The trail starts at the end of the parking lot. For information, call 765-2528.

Park adds more trails for winter enjoyment

Thacher Park recently added three miles of new cross-country ski trails to its existing beginner to intermediate level trails.

Winter recreation at the park includes snowmobiling and hiking. There are approximately 10 miles of shared use trails.

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Voorheesville Public Library

Avery Schachner dance team will perform at the Voorheesville Public Library on Jan. 12th.

DELMAR LIBRARY TO SHOW SHORT KIDS FILMS

Bethlehem Public Library will show the short children's films The Snowy Day, Strega Nona and The Three Little Pigs on Friday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m. This is a free, drop-in event for children ages 3 to 6. The program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

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Turn in food for break on overdue materials

The library's annual Food for Fines program is under way this month.

Overdue items can be returned at a reduced rate if you bring a canned or nonperishable food item for local distribution by St. Matthew's Human Concerns Committee.

Ask for details at the circulation desk. Then dig up all those overdue books, magazines and cassette to return with a contribution. The food bank is in particular need of coffee, tea, cocoa, canned fruit and juice, jars and jelly, crackers, instant potatoes and snacks along with paper products and personal care items.

Help to carry on the holiday spirit by giving throughout the long winter.

ART EXPRESSIONS sketch club for adults meets tonight, Jan. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. No sign up is necessary. Bring your own drawing or painting materials.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. New participants are always welcome. Bring a poem or very short fiction piece to share with the group. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

At family story time on Sunday, Jan. 11, Joyce Laiosa will entertain with fractured fairy tales. Bring the whole family for the 2 p.m. show.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, is the date for the next meeting of the Library Club for grades-four through six. Membership cards will be handed out at this meeting, so plan ahead to be there.

Retired Delmar veterinarian Bob Lykos is exhibiting his watercolors in the hall gallery, and oils by Angie Albert are on display in the community room. A most huggable collection of teddy bears belonging to Sue Flansberg is in the display case.

For emergency closing information, call the library answering machine or listen to radio stations WQSH, WHYH or WROW. The library will be open on Martin Luther King Day.

Barbara Vink

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Story times are designed to suit the needs and development of various ages. Children meet with their story teller once a week. Toddler groups are limited to 20 children.

Iris Society to meet at library

The Capital District Iris Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 11, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Species iris grower Debbie Wheeler of Massachusetts will present an illustrated program.

The Capital District Iris Society is affiliated with the American Iris Society and meets monthly for programs, sales, tours and garden related events.

Coffee and dessert are served at meetings. All area gardeners are invited to attend.

Delmar library slates program on tax relief

Certified financial planners Nancy Farrella and Peter Luczak will present a program entitled Understanding the New Tax Relief Act tonight, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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Delmar library offers Internet program

Ray Houghton of Cyberhaus Computer Learning Centers in Delmar will present a free program on online services and resources for investors on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

The program will include information on setting up an online portfolio, getting quotes, viewing stock histories, researching companies and accessing investment publications.

The pros and cons of online trading will also be discussed. To register, call 439-9518.

Middle school pool open on Sundays

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor open recreational swims on Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11 at the middle school pool. The cost is $2.50 for adults and $1.25 for children ages 5 through 13. Children under 5 and senior citizens over 65 swim for free. Fees will be collected at the pool. To register, call 439-9314.

In Selkirk

The Spotlight is sold at Andy’s Soda, Bonfire, Deli Plus, 3 Farms, and Stewart’s.
Resolution workshop slated

George Kansas and Rick Wolskayer will present a New Year's resolution workshop tonight, Jan. 7, at 7:45 p.m. at Delmar Budokai Karate on 222 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Kansas is a lawyer, former county legislator and business consultant.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School PTSA is sponsoring a career exploration seminar on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m.

The event is open to the community. The seminar will be followed by a PTSA business meeting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wrestling tourney slated at high school

The high school will host a wrestling tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

PTO meets Tuesday

Peter B. Coeymans Elementary School PTO will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at the school on Church Street in Ravena.

Bowling event set for dads and daughters

Mark your calendars for the Dad and Daughter Bowling Day Sunday, Jan. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Ravena Lanes on Main Street.

Preregistration is required by Jan. 15. To register, call Joyce Gannon at 769-2700.

Cubs to plan annual candy sale

Cub Scout Pack 81 will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Becker School on Route 9W in Selkirk. The annual candy sale will be discussed. All Pack members are encouraged to attend.

Travel presentation

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In addition, the state Elks association will sponsor 26 one-year scholarships of $1,000 each plus 16 one-year grants of $1,000 to current scholarship recipients.

Applications must be received by Wednesday, Jan. 21. Send completed applications to Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, 1016 River Road, Selkirk 12189.

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Having fun with wedding wear

By Michael Hallisey

Your wedding day is your day. A memorable day. A special day. So, why not make it fun?

Do you want your favorite football team’s logo on your vest? Go for it. Prefer Bugs Bunny instead? Hear ya go, Doc.

When you begin to search for your tuxedo, you’ll soon find there are more options than the plain old tux you wore to your senior prom. Today, selecting the tuxedo style is “fun,” said Tony Choppa Jr., the third generation of his family in the formal wear business. His experience comes in handy when a wide-eyed young man walks into his Central Avenue store.

“The bride is usually the one who knows exactly what she wants,” said Choppa. But, if she is not there to help, Choppa said he walks his customers through many different styles of formal wear.

The first thing to be acquainted with is tradition. Choppa said that the conservative look is coming back into style. “(The style) used to be 90 percent black,” he said. “But, now the grey cutaways are coming back.”

Choppa said it is only a matter of etiquette that dictates wearing black in the evening. For morning and afternoon events, men are coming back to wearing grey vests and pin striped black and grey pants.

“The newest phenomenon is the button cover,” said Choppa. “You see this on basketball players and performers. It’s been around a couple of years and is gaining popularity.”

The button cover resembles a small medallion in place of the top shirt button. It replaces the bow tie for the man who hates ties.

Although many men are still choosing the traditional full dress tuxedo, there are those who just can’t tear themselves away from their favorite cartoon character or football team. Those grooms can now show their true colors at the reception, while still honoring tradition during the ceremony.

For about $15 more than the usual tuxedo rental, a reversible vest and bow tie can be rented. One side is conservative black and the other side may sport the New York Giants logo, or a picture of the Tasmanian Devil.

“It makes a memorable wedding,” said Choppa. “If the bride will allow it. And, we are surprised how many brides do allow it.” Choppa told the story of one wedding couple, avid football fans who went one step farther. Not only did the groom and his groomsmen have the reversible attire, but the family ordered an ice sculpture of their favorite football team’s logo. The tablecloths resembled small football fields. Even a small model Goodyear blimp was rented to fly around the dance floor. “It looked like a bowl game,” he said.

Not all sports are depicted on formal wear. “The most popular sport appears to be NASCAR,” said Choppa. But no Dale Earnhardt roadsters are available. Only football teams can be had, and all National Football League teams are in stock at Choppa & Son. Choppa reminds the grooms-to-be to plan at least four to six months in advance. By now, next summer’s weddings are already planned and businesses like Choppa’s are starting to get busy. Have fun.

The traditional look is coming back into style, but many of today’s grooms are choosing grey cutaways. The outfit pictured here is pin striped black and grey and is considered morning or afternoon attire.

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Simple, traditional bridal gowns still popular

By Mary S. Yamin

Here comes the bride, all dressed in white. Or is she?

For most first-time brides, the color of choice is still white. But with the increase in second marriages, ivory is growing in popularity. There is even a new color available, candlelight, which is an off-white. It all comes down to what looks good on the bride.

There are a myriad of style selections. "Tank top dresses have predominance in the market year-round," said Bob Makuch of Annette Bridals. "We still carry traditional gowns with a high or open neck and long sleeves."

He added that "a large part of the market is plain gowns with no ornamentation. They may have a boxed pleat under the skirt, be of quality fabric, or have some rosettes. It is a very sophisticated look."

For headpieces, crowns, tiaras and back pieces are preferred. "Back pieces rest on the back of the bride's head with a comb. If someone were to look at her from the front, it would almost look like she had no veil. Women are choosing fancier hairstyles today, so these are popular. Hats are more for the mother of the bride. For brides, a hat looks best with a fitted sheath gown and detachable train - a very sophisticated look by all means."

At Annette Bridals, prices for a complete outfit range from $800 to $900. Brides on a budget can purchase a bridal package for between $400 and $500.

Simple and traditional styles continue to be popular at Juliet House of Brides.

First-time brides favor a traditional look. Half the second-time brides also prefer a fancy, traditional look while others want a simpler style.

The price range for gown, headpiece and alterations is $1,000. A bride on a budget can be outfitted for $500.

"Gloves are also back," said Jean Bonacquist of Lorretta Lane of Latham. "Gloves are popular again, especially with sleeveless dresses. Brides are wearing either opera length or to-the-elbow gloves of satin or lycra."

Gowns made of silk with simple lines are popular and so are princess gowns where there is no break in the line of the dress. There is no waistline so it looks good on every size woman," said Bonacquist.

"The classic look, however, is still one of the most popular. There is always the girl who wants the traditional style. Second-time brides are wearing ivory and simple styles," she added.

The average cost for gown and headpiece (alterations not included) is between $800 and $1,000. For those on a budget, the price for the gown would be in the $350 range with the headpiece averaging $130.

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Diamonds and platinum gain popularity

By Kathryn Caggianelli

How much importance should a prospective bride and groom place on their choice of wedding bands? Local jewelers agree that it is one of the most significant pieces of jewelry you’ll ever buy. Still, many people look leaving for the perfect wedding band to the last minute because they’re afraid of making the wrong choice, and that adds lots of pressure to a search that should be fun and rewarding.

“Start shopping six months ahead of time to allow yourselves a relaxed pace. Some people like to do one store a week and look through magazines for ideas. This helps them stay focused and they’re less likely to settle for something that isn’t exactly what they want,” said Nicki Hinds, office manager of Carr Jewelers on Route 9 in Latham.

Organized shopping lessens the likelihood of seeing so many different rings that you dream up a design that is really a mixture of all of the ones you liked. Later, your search to find the fantasy ring is of course, unsuccessful. “So you’re frustrated, running out of patience and you’re back to where you started,” Hinds said.

“If you find something one time that you really want and can find it a second time, that’s probably the right ring for you,” she said. “The wedding band is a symbol of your marriage so you owe it to yourself to take your time and pick out exactly the right ring. That’s not the place to start settling for less. You should be totally happy with your choice,” said Hinds.

Today, plain bands and diamond bands are best sellers. Patterned matching bands are not as popular as they used to be. “Men prefer the simpler bands while women are more interested in finding a band that will complement, not compete with her engagement ring,” she said.

Platinum has become a popular option, along with traditional yellow and white gold. “Consumer awareness about platinum has grown because it is being heavily marketed. It is very durable and very much in fashion. However, it generally costs twice as much as 14-karat gold,” said Hinds.

Diamond wraps, or ring jackets with small stones that fit over an engagement ring to accent the center diamond are also popular. “Wraps offer a small amount of diamond and do not compete with the center stone of the engagement ring. They give a more ornate look to the original ring. We sell wraps and bands that start at about $250,” she said.

“The trend in bands has changed over the last several years as platinum and diamonds have come into their own for both of the sexes. European custom-made pieces are also being sought more often, according to Martin Finkle, owner and manager of Harold Finkle, Your Jeweler at 1585 Central Ave. in Colonie.

“In the past, diamond bands were not very popular with men. But now, they are being purchased by men as well as women,” he said. His store offers a mix of traditional and the not-so-traditional. A unique line of custom-finished rings from California, as well as designs from Germany, dazzle the eye of many brides and grooms-to-be.

“In our store, rather than carry 12-14 lines of wedding rings, we offer our customers a broad spectrum of designs. We buy rings from a free-form designer in California and carry hand-engraved European designs featuring such things as a mix of different colors of gold, or flexible, hinged bands,” Finkle said.

“They’re very unusual, but once customers see them, they like them,” Finkle said.

Finkle also advised considering platinum as your precious metal of choice, since it is three times as dense as gold and comes to the jewelry-maker’s table in a purer form. “It is very flexible. This does not mean it is stronger, it means it will wear better than yellow or white gold because it is denser. As a metal, it is not more expensive, it is simply heavier per cubic inch and in a purer state than gold,” explained Finkle.

Platinum is also harder to tool, or craft, so it costs more to make your ring. All of these factors are translated into a price tag that is at least twice the price of its gold counterpart.

Today’s rings are more comfortable to wear, too. Many of the styles in Finkle’s store can be ordered in “comfort fit.” This means the ring is rounded on the inside and won’t pinch, he said.

“Tve found that if a man is comfortable with his ring, he will wear it more often,” Finkle said.

But since the comfort design adds 25-30 percent more precious metal to a ring, it also increases the ring’s cost.

Finkle advises that you shop early and purchase a ring that reflects your individuality. Remember that it may be necessary to special order your size so it’s imperative that you give yourself a window of between four to six weeks.

“You’re frustrated, running out of patience and you’re back to where you started.”
Crossgates Bridal Fantasy offers one-stop shopping

New Directions Promotions of Latham is planning a Bridal Fantasy, Friday through Sunday, Jan. 9-11, at Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue in Guilderland.

Bridal Fantasy will feature booths across the entire lower level of the mall. Virtually every aspect of wedding planning will be represented. Bridal Fantasy will feature exhibits from hotels, photographers, limousine services, caterers, bakeries, bridal registries, video companies, disc jockeys, banquet facilities, ice sculptors and travel agencies.

In addition, wedding professionals from these businesses will be on hand to discuss your individual wedding plans.

A highlight of Bridal Fantasy will be a fashion show at 2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The show will feature bridal fashions and formal wear from the Appel Inn and Bridal Rose Boutique. The Barbizon Modeling Agency will provide models and commentary will be provided by K 100.

Music for the show will be provided by Digital Sound DJ Service and beautiful flowers will come from Blumen Florists and Lennon’s Florist.

Cake sampling and wide variety of entertainment will also take place throughout the three-day events.

Exciting prizes will also be given away during the show, including door prizes and a fabulous grand prize provided by Carlson Wagonlit Travel - airfare for two, anywhere in the continental United States, Mexico or the Caribbean. What a great way to begin a new life!

In addition to being a great place for a bridal show, Crossgates Mall is also a wonderful source for complete bridal planning. Capital District residents can take advantage of the many businesses that provide services to the bridal industry including J.C. Penney, Macy’s, Filenes, Lord & Taylor, and the Eddie Bauer Home Store.

The Bridal Fantasy show is sponsored by Spotlight Newspapers, Fox 23, Lennon’s Florist and K 100. It is produced by New Directions, a 12-year-old company run by Latham resident Diane Rutherford.

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He asked, you accepted, now what? Ask anyone who has gone through (survived) the experience of planning a wedding, and you will hear more than a few tales of stressed out days and sleepless nights. Fortunately, there are many books to help you plan the wedding of your dreams. Laurit's Books and Music offers close to 50 different titles to get you on your way. We chose three to peruse here: The Everything Wedding Book, by Janet Anastasio and Michelle Bevilacqua; Modern Bride Complete Wedding Planner by Celie Goldsmith Lalli and Stephanie H. Dahl; and The Wedding Sourcebook by Madeline Barillo.

These books offer advice on engagements, budget, developing a plan, receptions, dresses, marrying again, invitations, announcements, ceremonies and protocol and every aspect of your wedding you can imagine. In many of these books you'll find advice from wedding professionals. Use them to make your wedding you've always dreamed of.

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Design a beautiful bridal bouquet

Choosing the flowers for your bouquet is perhaps the most pleasant of all pre-wedding tasks. It's quite likely your ideal bouquet can easily be created, and even improved upon, with the help of a talented florist. Clipping photographs from magazines or bringing along pictures of bouquets is an excellent way to make sure the florist understands what you want.

As you browse through these sources, you might be amazed by the abundant selection reflects every style of centuries, as well as some delightfully modern versions.

Bouquets began in medieval times as nosegays — small, sweet-smelling clusters carried by medieval brides. Over the centuries, bouquets expanded in size, largely to keep pace with ever more extravagant wedding gowns. The nosegay grew to be a large, round bouquet held by a silver horn, called a tussie-musse. This larger mound of flowers, usually white, was framed by a circle of ferns. Finally, this type of bouquet blossomed into the cascade, a stupendous display of dozens of white blooms that draped down almost to the bride's hemline.

The 1930s ushered in a new wave of bouquet designs. The fashion was Art Deco, and long, slender flowers, or a single calla lily, complemented the lines of the wedding gowns. Perhaps the most influential period of recent years was the 1970s, with its focus on a natural look. Wildflowers and loosely gathered bouquets fit right in with the more relaxed weddings of that time. This freedom of expression can still be seen 20 years later. Rules about wedding bouquets have all but vanished, leaving brides free to design any sort of bouquet they like. Flowers are no longer limited to white or cream, although pale blossoms are often chosen because they fit the spirit of the occasion and don't draw attention from the bride.

A recent trend is to hand-tie a mass of like-colored roses with ribbon so they look graceful yet unpretentious. Also in vogue are cascades of Dendrobium orchids mixed with roses, peonies, gardenias and lilacs of the valley.

Some find it hard to resist adding a bit of color to bouquets. Lilacs and hydrangeas are popular choices. Fall weddings inspire even bolder palette: burgundy roses with pale, peach-colored blooms. Roses and poimsettas are popular for holiday weddings.
Vows are tailored to suit each ceremony

By Katherine McCarthy

To love, honor and cherish, those are the basics. What else goes into a wedding ceremony?

People who choose a religious ceremony tend to stick with tradition, according to local ministers. "A wedding is a worship service," Larry Deyss, pastor of the Delmar Presbyterian Church, said. "In my denomination, we use an Order of Service for a marriage, which comes from the Book of Common Worship. There are options for different prayers that people can use, which gives them the best of both worlds."

Deyss also said that a lot of wedding language has been modernized since he became a minister some 25 years ago. "There's no more of this 'Who gives this woman to this man?' That's very antiquated, and comes from the days when a woman was seen as property which comes from the Book of Common Prayer. There are options for different prayers that people can use, which gives them the best of both worlds."

Deyss said that he has also performed interfaith marriages. "Marriages of people within different Christian faiths are no problem," he said, explaining that a non-Christian, he would officiate more marriages participate in wedding ceremonies. Deyss said he has performed ceremonies where the children from previous marriages stand up with the couple being wed.

When Delmar native and former Spotlight reporter Tom Murnane married Norreida Reyes this summer, he said the most touching part was when his wife's 12-year-old daughter, Melissa Severson, spoke. "We had a civil service, and Judge Rybak used a standard format. We asked him if Melissa could say a few things."

Melissa had prepared her words, which were a surprise to the bridal couple. "She gave a short blessing before the vows," Murnane said, "and there wasn't a dry eye in the house."

Murnane said that ever since he met Reyes and her daughter, "it's been the three of us. It wouldn't have seemed right without her in the wedding." The wedding, he said, was the day they officially became a family.

Rev. Warren Winterhoff of Bethlehem Lutheran Church said that more and more, children from one or both marriages participate in the wedding ceremony. "When children are old enough to have a role," he said, "we encourage that. There's nothing formal in the liturgical books, but a service has evolved, and is available at Christian bookstores. I've used it occasionally to involve the children."

Winterhoff said he sees people taking their vows very seriously nowadays. "People are waiting longer to get married," he said. "When I started ministering, people were marrying at about 21. Now they're more likely to be in their late 20s and early 30s. People are also working harder at staying together."
Like Dyess, Winterhoff said he won’t marry a couple until they’ve had three or four sessions of premarital counseling. “We talk about potential problems in a marriage, and how to deal with them,” he said. “Things like money, in-laws, or communication.”

Winterhoff said about 89 percent of couples in his congregation stick to the traditional service. “There’s a choice of different Scripture readings and different vows, from the Lutheran or other Protestant traditions. A couple will choose one that is meaningful to them. I encourage people to memorize their vows, so often, they’ll choose the shortest one.”

Rev. James Walsh of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar also said that most people use the traditional Roman Catholic vows. If a couple wants to include some of their own words, Walsh said, he would consider it. “There are certain principles that need to be included in a wedding ceremony,” Walsh said. “A statement of intent precedes the vows, which incorporate free will, permanence, and the idea of being open to having children.”

St. Thomas Church has an extensive pre-Cana program to prepare couples for marriage. “The diocese offers a weekend experience at the Dominican Retreat House in Schenectady. Trained married couples work with the engaged couples on 15 different topics,” Walsh said.

St. Thomas also has a program where couples in healthy marriages help engaged couples get off to a good start. One of the priests also meets with the couple several times before they marry. “We want them to see that faith has a lot to offer in a marriage,” Walsh said.

Winterhoff said about 99 percent of couples get remarried, which often involves clergy to be included in a wedding ceremony. “I stress that this is not a re-marriage,” Winterhoff said. “I consider this a remarrying.”

Walsh said they also perform interfaith marriages, which often involve clergy from another faith. He said that children frequently take part in remarriages which occur after couples receive annulments. “Children are generally involved in these services,” Walsh said. “We had a son serve as best man for his father, or daughters who might be bridesmaids.”

Rev. Edward Marcelle is the pastor of King’s Chapel, the daughter church of the First Baptist Church of Westerlo. King’s Chapel currently holds its services at Glenmont Community Church, but will move to its own facility in Glenmont soon. “I’ve only performed one wedding,” Marcelle said, “but I absolutely require premarital counseling. There’s a county in California where all the ministers have agreed not to marry anyone without premarital counseling, and they’ve seen a real drop in the divorce rate.”

Marcelle said he sees marriage as a covenant, not just between the couple, but between the couple and God. “Stressing that helps a couple ride out tough patches in a marriage,” he said, “not because it’s easy, but because of this covenant.”

One couple that Marcelle wed had come to him looking for a secular service, but after some discussion, chose a more traditional ceremony. “I showed them some Scripture and teachings, and used some manuals with marriage text in them to write the vows they used. By the end of our premarital counseling, they saw the covenantal relation in marriage, and the vows meant a lot to them.”

New Scotland author Kate Cohen is working on a collection of essays entitled Wedding. She recently married, and was surprised at how the traditional vows affected her. She and her husband, Adam Greenberg, combined some of their own vows with a traditional Jewish ceremony. “It’s very difficult to write your own vows,” Cohen said. “You have to walk that line between sounding too practical or too abstract and cliched.” Cohen felt they were successful in incorporating their own vows into a Jewish ceremony. “There’s one line that has to be there, ‘I consecrate myself to you.’ We did it in Hebrew and in English. There are also seven blessings that a rabbi does in Hebrew. We rewrote those in English, and had people say to us, ‘You are blessed because,’ and give a reason we were blessed. Our parents and the wedding party did the final ones, and it was very moving.”

Cohen said that using the traditional format added authority and structure to the wedding. “I was also surprised that the thing that made me cry was the formula stuff, which I thought would be thisrote thing. There’s real power from speaking words you haven’t written. I felt like I was linking myself to the long line of people who’d married before me. It made me feel the weight and sacredness of what I was doing.”

Cohen conducted many interviews for her new book, but said the main thing she learned is that no matter what vows are used, marriage is a great common denominator in our country. “It cuts across economic, racial and cultural lines,” she said. “It’s something that everyone can understand.”

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Choose a unique wedding location

Not so long ago, wedding location choices were simple: a church or temple, the grand ballroom of a luxury hotel or a private home were places where couples got married.

Today, the sky’s the limit, and some adventurous couples actually take their vows while aloft in hot-air balloons. Anything goes, and more so if your wedding will be an informal one.

The location you choose to set your ceremony and reception provides the foundation for your wedding style. Once you’ve made that crucial decision, you can start to compile the guest list, consider the music and flowers and all the other details.

If yours is to be a theme wedding, your site will help bring your vision to life. The staff personnel are pros at staging large events, and their atmosphere is a bit more private.

The site of the ceremony has a ripple effect on the atmosphere. There’s a special warmth and personality unique to the wedding venue. The event can be a formal, catered affair or an informal ceremony and do-it-yourself reception.

Size is the crucial factor in considering a home or garden wedding. Couples these days are opting to take their home wedding outdoors, with the help of a rented tent.

Private clubs are lovely settings, but few open their doors to non-members. Private clubs often have exquisite banquet rooms and lush grounds—many are situated at the edge of a golf course. They offer most of the same amenities as hotels, and their atmosphere is a bit more private.

Hotels

A hotel can be a glorious setting for a formal wedding. The location you choose adds a touch of adventure to the celebration.

Historical Or Public Sites

A grand old plantation house, an elegant flagstone mansion, a breathtaking mountain lodge ... hundreds of magnificent homes have been donated over the years to cities or states and can be rented for weddings.

If you’ve always wanted to live in the world of Gatsby or Scarlett, this is your chance. Museums, arboretums and formal gardens also make beautiful or whimsical settings. There are even a few castles, both in the United States and abroad, that will open their doors to a wedding celebration.

Mountains, Parks And Beaches

Once considered offbeat, this type of wedding now typically includes all the traditional rituals. The setting adds a touch of adventure to the celebration.

Ships And Boats

Waterborne-weddings are gaining favor in areas where a lake, river or the ocean plays a prominent role in the landscape and lore. Riverboats on the Mississippi, Love Boat cruise ships off the coast of San Diego and chartered yachts breezing down southern Florida’s intercoastal waterways all make for fancy, unforgettable wedding sites.

Winery

Many wineries are lovely old buildings nestled in rolling, vine-covered hills—a beautiful setting for a unique wedding. Several rent their facilities, but prices vary widely, so investigate before making a decision. Remember, wine country gets hot in the summer. Spring and fall are the best months for winery weddings.

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“It began with the ring as a symbol of eternity,” says Ramsey. “Pure gold rings were found in Egyptian tombs dating back to the 12th century B.C. In the Middle Ages, cryptic poetic messages such as “All Thine Is Mine,” were engraved on rings, known as “posies.”

Hundies of years later, in 1936, an anxious Duke of Windsor inscribed “Hold Tight” in the clasp of a diamond and ruby bracelet he gave to his soon-to-be-wife.

Venus, the goddess of love, was sometimes depicted wearing black and white pearls, signifying the dark and light side of passion. The ancients loved her playful son, Cupid, and his arrows never missed their mark. The ancients also believed in the power ofeam and the heart and soul hovering in bloom. The daisy means innocence; the rose, passion; the lily, purity.

Contrary to what you might think, snakes are also symbols of love. They represent an endless, eternal love. A snake biting its tail was depicted in the wedding ring of Queen Victoria.

Butterflies, too, are tokens of romance. In mythology, Cupid’s lover, Psyche, was pursued until she changed herself into a butterfly. In Elizabethan and Victorian times, flies or moths were symbols of the heart and soul hovering dangerously close to the flame of love.

Birds get into the act, too. Swallows are considered to be a message of faithfulness because they always return. Doves are also symbolic, because they mate for life.

Flowers, especially roses, depict love in bloom. The daisy means innocence; mistletoe demands a kiss; and the pansy signifies thoughts.

Whether the symbols are overt, whimsical, sentimental or hidden, the person giving and the person receiving are usually aware of the intended message, says Ramsey.

“Unlike any other romantic gift, jewelry endures as a constant reminder of the special and enduring feelings you have for a loved one.”

Choosing the perfect accessories

The perfect dress needs the perfect accessories—and they’re a lot of fun to shop for.

Shoes

Your shoes should not be only sexy but sensible; you’ll be on your feet for hours, dancing and mingling with your guests. A wise choice is a silk or satin pump that can be dyed to match your gown.

Depending on the couple’s height, relationship, some brides wear ballet slippers. The ballet slipper can rise to the occasion if you have it covered in lace, studded with baby pearls or appliquéd with satin roses.

Jewelry

It’s best to keep your jewelry simple: you don’t want it to compete with your dress. If the neckline of your gown is open, a single pendant or strand of pearls can complement the dress perfectly. Diamond or pearl earrings are elegant choices. If you don’t own anything appropriate, you might ask a friend to loan you a pair. Something must be borrowed, after all!

Gloves

Long gloves may be worn with a sleeveless formal gown or if the gown’s sleeves are short. Short gloves are generally worn with longer-sleeved gowns. Make sure you’ve removed the glove on your left hand in time for the ring to be placed on your finger.

Garters

Lace garters are often sold in shades of blue to comply with the “something blue” directive that nearly every bride follows religiously. One garter may be tossed to the single men at the reception, so buy two; you’ll treasure this keepsake always.

Something Blue

The color blue has long been a symbol of purity, fidelity, hope and love. In the early days of Judaism, brides wove blue ribbons into their hair. Perhaps this is where the “something blue” tradition began. There are many ways to incorporate blue into your ensemble.

Use a hankie trimmed in blue, or you might wear a piece of jewelry with a sapphire stone. In England, it’s the custom to tie streamers of blue-and-white knotted ribbons to corsages worn by the wedding party. You could tie some to your own bouquet, or simply include a few blue blossoms in the mix.
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The Bethlehem Hawks captured the under-10 championship at the Thanksgiving holiday soccer tournament at Center City Sportsplex in Schenectady.

The Hawks, the under-10 travel team of the Bethlehem Soccer Club, opened the tournament with a 2-1 victory over Guilford by a 3-2 margin.

Fitted against the Clifton Park "A" team in their next game, the Hawks jumped out ahead on goals scored by Geoff Narode and Max Petraglia.

But Clifton Park closed the gap and scored the winning goal in the contest's closing moments to win by a 3-2 margin.

In its next contest, Bethlehem outmatched Coliseum 4-2 with goals by Pat Schneider, Menrath, Giordano and Petraglia and won the chance to play Clifton Park again in the championship game of the tournament.

In the rematch, Bethlehem jumped out ahead, and its strong defense and goalie Andy Harder refused to allow Clifton Park to score. Bethlehem won 4-0.

Kevin Cassidy, Ryan Banagan, Petraglia and Schneider scored the goals. Ryan Knaack, Brian Rudolph, Willie Kereggan and Matt Shaffer contributed to the overall strong offense and defense of the game.

The Hawks, coached by Andy Giordano, are beginning their fourth season and the experience they've gained working together was obvious in Schenectady.

"I'm very proud of the way these guys stepped up and give their all against Clifton Park. They took the early loss to Clifton Park as motivation to win in the finals," said Giordano. "Some teams would give up, but these guys can't wait for another shot."
By Chris Bonham

Flying high, the undefeated Voorheesville High School girls varsity basketball team, the Ladybirds, won the Colonial League championship with a 23-22 lead at the half. Both teams were undefeated in the Colonial Council League before this match.

Jane Meade again was the Birds leading scorer with 21 points. Caryn Adams posted eight points and Bhoomi Burns assisted with another six points. Casey Valachovic and Amy Pease played strategic ball with each of them scoring nine points to keep Schalmont in the game.

The Birds hope to continue their winning streak when they play 6 p.m. Thursday at home against Ravena.

The championship team leads the league with a 8-0 rush as Voorheesville came in second in the 100-yard breaststroke, fifth in the 500-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Katie VanHeusen and Hannah Goldswan in the 11- and 12-year-old girl category in Oneonta, VanHeusen took first in the 50-yard breaststroke, third in the 50-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle. Goldswan, Giant, Sullivan, Gold and VanHeusen are swimming for the Bethlehem Central Modified Swim Team.

A lone Dolfin swims north

By Mary Ellen Rosseti

The Delmar Dolphins were represented in a December swim meet in Buffalo.

The meet had “faster than” cutoff times for entry. This Dec. 17-21 meet was sponsored by STARswimming of Buffalo.

Teresa Rosetti, 13, swam in the 13- to 14-year-old girl category and finished in the top 20 in all of her events, making consolation finals in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.45, the fourth fastest time of the meet.

Rosetti finished third place in 200-yard butterfly finals with a time of 2:14.11. She also competed in the 50-yard freestyle.

The meet was held at the Athletic Facility at Erie Community College in Buffalo. “That pool was awesome,” Rosetti said of the facility.
Wise wed

Zornow, Wise wed

Kim Zornow, daughter of Iva and David Zornow of Delmar, and Robert Wise, son of Nancy Wise of Albany and the late William Wise, were married Aug. 23. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert Hess at Delmar Reformed Church. A reception at LaBombard, Pritchard, of McKeesport, Donald and Roberta Henry of Bethlehem Central High School, was held at the Albany Country Club.

The best man was Chris Zomow, brother of the groom. The bridesmaids were Chris McKeesport, Donald and Roberta Henry of Bethlehem Central High School. The maid of honor was Emily Evitt. The best man was Louis Russo, brother of the groom. Ushers were Bill, Scott and Mike Wise, also brothers of the groom.

Kronau, Henry marry

Victoria A. Henry, daughter of Donald and Roberta Henry of McKeepost, Ps, and Jeffrey W. Kronau, son of John and Christine Kronau of West Sand Lake, were married Aug. 15.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard Reynolds at the Presbyterian Church of South Bethlehem. The best man was Charles Kronau, brother of the groom. The bridesmaid was Helen Russo. The best man was Louis Russo. The bride is a graduate of South Allegheny High School in Liberty Borough, Pa. She is employed as a United Methodist Church in Delmar. The maid of honor was Emily Evitt. Bridesmaids were Denice Russo, sister of the groom, and Jean Russo, sister of the groom.

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Boehm, Barlow marry

Alison Wells Boehm, daughter of Dr. Peter E. and Susan Boehm of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and Jeremy Chase Barlow, son of Dr. David and Beverly Barlow, of Boston and Nantucket, Mass., formerly of Delmar, were married Aug. 30.

The ceremony was performed at Patten Chapel at the University of Tennessee by Rev. Mike Linder. A reception followed at the Chattanooga Golf & Country Club.

The maid of honor was Kathryn Boehm, sister of the bride. The matron of honor was Emily Evitt. Bridesmaids were Denice Barlow, sister of the groom, and Jean Russo.

Fire district slated meeting

Slingerlands Fire District's organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse on 1520 New Scotland Road.

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New theater group seeks members

The Harlequin Players, a new theater group, is looking for members, directors, producers, plays and support for a spring show.

The group has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

For information, call 478-0405.
Obituaries

Elizabeth Worden

Elizabeth Gertrude Worden, 84, of Delmar died Monday, Jan. 5, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

She was the widow of the late Earle nor Worden and Henry Worden.

Mrs. Worden had owned a restaurant in North River.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion auxiliary.

Survivors include her friends, Lois Smith of Glenmont, Carol and Richard Smith of Elsmere and Noni and Donald Wilson of Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Calling hours will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Meyers Funeral Home, 741 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

A funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar 12054.

Donald Sotherland

Donald W. Sotherland, 75, of Voorheesville Avenue in Voorheesville, died Monday, Jan. 5, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Leonia, Ohio, he was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mr. Sotherland worked for the state Department of Education for 23 years, retiring as assistant director of personnel.

He was a Marine veteran of World War II and a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Marine Corps League, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Clan Sothernan.

He was the husband of the late Marjorie Pannier Sotherland.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Sotherland of East Selkirk and Jan S. Truettwein of Voorheesville; and three granddaughters.

Calling hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Jan. 7, at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., with a service at 8:30 p.m.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Knee District School, Box 370, Manderson, S.D. 57764.

Dorothy Rice

Dorothy Whitaker Rice, 95, of Delmar died Friday, Dec. 26 in Norwell, Mass.

Mrs. Rice was raised in Harrisburg, Pa., and was a longtime resident of Delmar before moving to Massachusetts. She attended Russell Sage College.

She was an avid bridge player and book collector. She also loved to fish.

She was the widow of Statton L. Rice.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy A. Nuttall of Weymouth, Mass., and Peggy R. Prickett of Provincetown, Mass.: a son, Statton Rice of Wolberson, N.H.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

An memorial service will be held in the spring.

Patrick Le Maire


Mr. Le Maire was an assistant vice president for Fleet Bank in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Reid Le Maire; two daughters, Theresa Jensky of Albany and Stephanie Le Maire of Buffalo; a sister, Lorraine Branch of Ocaha, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

An memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Castleton-on-Hudson Ambulance, 1700 Brookview Road, Castleton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12033, or Schoodack Landing Fire Department, Fire Lane, Schoodack Landing 12156.

Christopher Dottino

Christopher J. Dottino, 79, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Dec. 30, at his home.

Born in Ravena, he was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mr. Dottino worked for Callahan Industries and retired from Conrail. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary E. Dottino; three daughters, Rose Marie of New Baltimore, Dolores Knight of Delmar and Faye Carro of Westerlo; a son, Nicholas Dottino of Washington; two sisters, Frances Dottino of Albany and Frances Dottino of Ravena; two brothers, Salvatore Dottino and Nicholas Dottino, both of Ravena; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Entombment was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

Robert Mims

Robert Mims of Selkirk died Sunday, Dec. 28, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Baton Rouge, La., he was a longtime resident of Selkirk. Mr. Mims worked for the Carpenters Union Local 370.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Mims; three daughters, Joan Mims and Janeece Mims, both of Selkirk, and Barbara Edmunds of Albany; two sons, Alvin Mims of Selkirk and Robert Nelson of Baltimore, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Chuiacrelli Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Northeastern Region, 440 New Karne Ave., Colonie 12020 or the National Kidney Foundation, Northeast New York, 23 Computer Drive East, Colonie 12020.

Dorothy Slingerland

Dorothy A. Slingerland, 86, of Martin Terrace in Colonie and formerly of New Scotland, died Monday, Dec. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, she attended Stony Hill School in Unionville and high school in Albany. She also attended Albany Business College.

Miss Slingerland worked for more than 20 years as an executive secretary for Investors Services of Albany. She also worked for H.G. Institutional Furniture Co. in Colonie before she retired.

She was a longtime member of Unionville Reformed Church.

Survivors include two nephews, Donald Slingerland and James Slingerland, both of Delmar; and a niece Judy Kristc of Clarksville.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Spring burial will be in Jerusale
cemetery in Furesh Farm.

Contributions may be made to Unionville Reformed Church, 1134 Delaware Turnpike, Delmar 12054, the Arbor Vitae Foundation, 1717 Central Ave., Colonie 12005.

Dr. Gene Primomo

Dr. Gene Victor Primomo, 72, of Albany and formerly of Sunset Drive in Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 22, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Italy, he immigrated to the United States when he was 5 years-old.

He was a graduate of Philip Schuyler High School, Russell Sage College and McGill University College of Dentistry.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Dr. Primomo practiced dentistry in Albany. He was an active member of the Third District Dental Society and had served as president. He was a member of the board of directors of Blue Shield of Northeastern New York and a fellow in the American Academy of General Dentistry. He was a former president of Bethlehem Babe Ruth League.

He was husband of the late Albinne Botino Primomo.

Survivors include a brother, Dr. Peter Primomo of Albany; daughters, Christine Perry of Delmar, Dr. Janet Primomo of Seattle, Wash., and Victoria Scalice of Greensburg, Pa.; two sons, Dr. William G. Primomo of Glenmont and Gene Primomo of Musolenge, Ok.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. James in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Lasak & Gigiotti Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the St. James Restoration Fund, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany 12209.

Llewelyn Jones Jr.

Llewelyn Jones Jr. of Yonkers and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Dec. 27, in Calvary Hospital in Yonkers.

Mr. Jones worked in consumer research for Central Location Testing Service in New York.

Survivors include four cousins, Patricia Voorman of Ballston Spa, Carol Grant of Hudson Falls, Susan Tracy of Saratoga, Donna Fallara and David DeMers of New Paltz.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Midwife to discuss childbirth choices

Choices in Childbirth is sponsoring a series of six evening classes, in prepared childbirth.

The series is an alternative to hospital-based classes and emphasizes consumer awareness and birth options in the Capital District.

The series starts Thursday, Jan. 8, at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Road in South Bethlehem.

Classes are taught by Kelly McDermott, a certified professional midwife with the North American Registry of Midwives.

McDermott has been a child­birth educator since 1985 and is the owner of Choices in Childbirth on 163 Delaware Ave. in Del mar.

For information, call 439-7544.

Softball league to hold registration

Bethlehem Tomboys softball league will hold final registration for the 1998 season on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue.

Registration is open to girls in grades three through 12. Participants must turn 6 years-old by Dec. 1.

First time registrants must show a copy of their birth certificate.

Practices start in April. League games generally run from May through early July.

Parent volunteers are needed for the board of directors and to serve as boosters, managers and coaches, groundskeepers and fund-raisers.

For information, call 439-4636.

Friends group to meet at library

North River Friends of Clearwater will hold its monthly meeting and potluck supper tonight, Jan. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 768-5846. New members are always welcome.
now, ice and family fun will be abundant during the "1998 I Love New York Lake George Regional Winter Festival."

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Festival goers can be spectators or they can be participants of the events. There may be a fee to participate in any event, but watching is free.

The festival is made possible through the New York State Tourism Division which selected Lake George for this year's site.

Festival goers can reach Lake George at Exits 20 thru 22 off Route 87 (Adirondack Northway). For more information check out the web site http://www.visitleagueorge.com or call 1-800-942-3341 or 1-800-365-1050, Ext. 5100.

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Fascist Riot, North Point Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham Street, Kindsbach, Sunday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. Information, 756-9254.

"THE COLUMBIA WOODWIND QUINTET"
unique percussion concert, Northpoint Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham Street, Kindzback, Sunday, Jan. 17, through Feb. 7. Information, 402-4331 ext. 229.

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3. The county in which the principal place of business of the limited liability company is located is Rensselaer County.

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Vows
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accomplish her goal by eating healthier foods and continuing dance classes. Anthony said she is active enough and plans to eat sensibly.

Joan Krutz of Delmar, returning from an exercise class, resolved "to lose weight and be more consistent about exercising."

Joan Lawson of South Bethlehem would like to "develop more spiritually."

Ted George of Bethlehem and Patrick Teeter, general manager of Bruegger’s Bagels in Delaware Plaza both agreed that no resolutions are the best resolutions.

"No resolutions," said Teeter. "I don't make any because I don't do anything wrong." George said.

Making and keeping resolutions are two different things. Phil Anthony and Freda Klebe agree that fewer resolutions are better and suggest setting goals with target dates as a good way of keeping them.

The new year’s resolution Web site suggests that positive affirmations and writing down goals will help you keep your new year’s resolutions.


Burns
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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.

Progress Club group to meet at library
The travel group of the Delmar Progress Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Delmar library hosts Saturday story times
Bethlehem Public Library’s youth services department continues its series of Saturday morning story times to accommodate children of working parents.

Each session of Saturday Storybreak has a theme through children’s literature, children’s media and hands-on projects.

Sessions are scheduled for Saturdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 21 and 28, and March 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Saturday Storybreak is for children ages 3 to 6. Parents must attend with their children. For information, call 439-9314.

Library career center to offer programs
Bethlehem Public Library’s career resource center is offering a pair of programs on electronic job searches on Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

January’s program, “How to Prepare and Post an Internet Resume,” will be presented by Alice Roberts of the Capital Region Employment Network.

In February’s program, “Electronic Career Resources,” career resources librarian Denise Coblish will demonstrate the library’s electronic job search tools.

To register for one or both programs, call the library at 439-9314.

Civil War group to meet at library
Capital District Civil War Round Table will hold its next meeting on Friday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Four round table members will take turns discussing a Civil War topic of special interest to them. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Tri-Village Squares to sponsor dance
Tri-Village Squares will hold a square and round dance on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on 425 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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