Bethlehem board
says no to full-day K

By Peter Hanson

After months of debate, the Bethlehem Central school board voted last week not to expand to full-day kindergarten. The unanimous decision represented the board's opinion that the money needed for the program is better spent elsewhere in the school system.

"I doubt the seniors, when they were raising their children, would have wanted something like this in their neighborhood," said Linda Smith of 18 Stratton Place. She added that she wants her neighborhood to stay a safe place for children to play.

Planning board member Dennis Stevens voted against "full-day K," but said the recent debate over the issue highlighted the need for longer school days for "least-ready" children, such as the economically disadvantaged and those for whom English is a second language.

Scherer

The benefits, Insoft said, include a $200,000 increase to the tax base of the town and the project won't be a burden on the school district.

Bethlehem board president Happy Scherer and Superintendent Les Loomis that an optional full-day K program would be considered during the next BC budget review, which begins in February.

Parents at the meeting spoke for and against full-day K. Peter Shawhan, president of Parents for Excellence, cited a number of "very pressing" needs in the school district, including library staffing and repairs to the high school, which he said were more important than expanded kindergarten hours.

Elizabet Eaton said one of the reasons she moved from Albany to Delmar a year ago was to enroll her children in school here, "I just don't think 150 minutes (of kindergarten) is going to prepare them for further education." The proposed expansion would have changed the kindergarten day from two and a half to five hours.


Delmar residents prefer
CMI out of their backyard

By Lisa K. Kelly

Bethlehem residents told the planning board "not in my neighborhood," at its Jan. 6 meeting, after Steve Insoft, president of CMI, elaborated on the benefits the planned senior housing project will bring to the community.

"I doubt the seniors, when they were raising their children, would have wanted something like this in their neighborhood," said Linda Smith of 18 Stratton Place. She added that she wants her neighborhood to stay a safe place for children to play.

Her comments mirrored others made by 19 area residents who spoke to the board. Many people said they don't want a senior project in their neighborhood and others said they are against rezoning the residential lot to commercial.

Planning board member Joseph Rooks said he doesn't see this project as any different from other apartment complexes already on Delaware Avenue.

Planning board member Daniel Odell asked Insoft if a deed restriction stating the lot would only be used for senior housing was possible. Insoft said no, because financial institutions don't want to loan money for projects with deed restrictions.

Insoft said that if CMI can't get the zoning changed for this project, there will be no senior housing.

"I will never be able to make everyone happy," Insoft said.

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Judge Chase remembered
as even-handed, honest

By Peter Hanson

This week, colleagues and friends remembered Donald LeRoy Chase as a fair town justice who brought dignity and order to New Scotland town court.

He was an "upstanding guy," said New Scotland Town Justice Kenneth Connely. "He didn't have any friends with him. He just wanted to do the right thing."

He was a very capable lawyer," said New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly. "He was very firm and even-handed, very honest. He didn't have any friends or enemies."

Chase, who died at age 66 on Jan. 9, was first sworn in as town justice on New Year's Day 1967 and retired in 1991. From 1967 to 1978, he also served as a member of New Scotland's town board.

Reilly was on the town board with Chase for four years and developed a lasting respect for him.

"He held a very orderly court," Reilly said. "He carried himself in a very noble way." Chase kept in touch with him until he was confined to a wheelchair late in life.

"His (painting) trucks were well-known around town," recalled Chase's close friend, attorney John Breeze.

[Images of Judge Chase]

Mr. and Mrs. Chase had two grand-children.

Born in Albany on Jan. 26, 1931, Chase started a painting business before he joined the bench and maintained it until he was confined to a wheelchair late in life.

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Group plans travelogue program

Charles Crangle will present a travelogue entitled "From the Aegean to the Black Sea" at the next meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association on Thurs-
day, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse in Selkirk.

The public is invited to attend. For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

Owens plant likely to trim work force

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V'ville plans to hire architect for project

By Katherine McCarthy
The Voorheesville school board discussed its current space crunch Monday, authorizing Superintendent Alan McCartney to begin looking for architects to come up with a plan to add 43,000 square feet to the district's existing facilities.

A programmatic shift will accompany the building expansion, as sixth-graders will move from the elementary school to join seventh and eighth-graders in a middle level program currently split between the junior high school and the elementary school.

McCartney stressed that at this point, the district will be looking at architects' credentials, not specific designs.

"We're going to check credentials and price," McCartney said. "We'll have people come and make presentations to the board, and we'll want to see other specifics. We want to make sure that the person who sells us is the one who keeps coming, and not an intern. We also need to find out who the project manager will be."

McCartney said he already has a stack of portfolios from architects who are interested. Voorheesville is considering a major construction project.

The district is working with a rough figure of $6 million. The figure was arrived at based upon the recommendation of consultant Dominick DeSimone, a veteran of the board of facilities at the state Education Department.

McCartney explained that $6 million is somewhat higher than what DeSimone arrived at by multiplying the desired 43,000 square feet by $120 per square foot.

Board president John Cole called the $6 million a benchmark, and board member Robert Baron said it was a number that "lets us figure out the tax impact."

State aid also played a role in the discussion. If the district waits until after July 1 to float a bond issue, state aid will go up to 13 percent (the district's last bond issue was funded at 61.8 percent).

If we build more than we need, we'll be able to use it. C. James Coffin

How the space is built will also affect state aid, with additions likely to get more aid than a new building, an option some in attendance thought made more sense.

Board member C. James Coffin seemed less concerned about aidability for a new structure.

"The key to aidability," he said, "is program and how you present it."

Roz Robinson, a Voorheesville parent who serves on the facilities committee for the past three years, pointed out that what the community would really like is a new building.

Coffin and Baron warned about being too cautious in the building strategy.

Stewart's will limit tobacco/alcohol signs

By Lisa K. Kelly
Stewart's won't put alcohol or tobacco signs or counter displays in its proposed Delaware and Elm Avenue store, only 200 feet from the Bethlehem Central High School campus.

Stewart's representative Tom Lewis told the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals that the store won't have self-service displays for cigarettes or participate in cigarette logo promotions, and would try to deter the sale of these products to high school students.

"If there is an infraction, they (Stewart's) won't sell beer or tobacco any more," Lewis promised the board.

In town zoning law, alcohol or tobacco products can't be sold within 250 feet of school property, so Stewart's needs a variance.

Lewis agreed to almost every request the board made, and produced evidence that Stewart's takes the laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol and tobacco seriously, and does not sell to minors.

In his testimony, Lewis said that only one Stewart's (in Albany) out of 36 area stores, violated the law once by selling beer to a minor.

Bob Marriott of Delmar said he isn't against a Stewart's store at the proposed location, but said that allowing alcohol and tobacco sales there would be putting temptation in front of students.

John LaForo of Elsmere said he was ambivalent about the issue of tobacco and alcohol sales, but was against the project because the lot is too small for the store and planned parking areas.

LaForo said potential traffic flow and parking would endanger pedestrians in the area.

ZBA member Marjory O'Brien asked Lewis if the existing pay phone on Delaware Avenue would remain where it is. She noted the phone is heavily used by residents. Lewis told the board he would "rather not" keep the phone outside because of the potential for loitering.

"This is the only thing I have said no to," Lewis said, "but I will do whatever the board wants."

Chairman Michael Hodum said the board will discuss the issue again at its Feb. 4 meeting.

Cherry Ave. traffic debated

By Lisa K. Kelly
Traffic and zoning changes filled the agenda at the Bethlehem planning board's Jan. 6 meeting.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky said a traffic study of the McCormack Road/Cherry Avenue intersection indicated a current average delay of 34 seconds and predicts an average 120-second delay during peak afternoon hours once the Cherryville and Terramere subdivisions are fully developed.

He said the study showed there would be no significant impact on the area. Lipnicky said the methodology used in the study was designed for random, not platonic, traffic patterns.

"I don't have a lot of confidence in the study," Lipnicky said. "It's very unlikely that a 120-second delay will be the case."

He said the method used probably overestimated the traffic delay.

Lipnicky said there isn't enough volume at the intersection for a signal. He added that a left turn lane would be too expensive.

Planning board members, talking about their own experiences at the intersection, said there was potential for traffic problems.

They noted that drivers pull onto the McCormack Road median to wait for southbound traffic on Cherry Avenue to clear before turning left. The board expressed concern about drivers who wait too long or stick out beyond the narrow median.

In another matter, the board postponed further action on the CMI senior housing proposal until Jan. 29.

CMI president Steve Insett told the board the average age of residents at its proposed complex would be 82 to 83. Most of the residents would be women, but approximately 10 to 15 percent of the units would house couples.

He added the average stay is two and a half to five years and the monthly rent, including housekeeping, transportation and meals, ranges from $1,900 to $2,200.

"We'd like to build a project that 60 to 65 percent of the population can afford," Insett said.
A sign of spring: Bridal Fantasy show a success

Hundreds flocked to the Bridal Fantasy show at Crossgates Mall last weekend, Jan. 9-11, to glimpse the latest bridal fashions and shop for nearly everything equated with planning for a wedding.

Booths featuring exhibits from hotels, photographers, limousine services, caterers, bakeries, bridal registries, video companies, disc jockeys, banquet facilities, travel agencies and even ice sculptors were on display on the mall's lower level.

Bridal fashions and formal wear were on display Saturday and Sunday during fashion shows, while cake sampling and live entertainment also highlighted the weekend activities.

The show was sponsored by Spotlight Newspapers, Fox 23 and K-100. It was produced by New Directions Promotions, a 12-year-old company run by Latham resident Diane Rutherford.

Photos by Doug Persons
"I'm not seeking full-day kindergarten as a substitute for child care," she added.

Another parent, Bob Baker, expressed the opposite, and a different view. "I don't see any value in a full day vs. a half-day," he said. "It's taxpayer-funded day care. I think that our money is better expended in the high school." The board members noted the volume of input they'd received from parents on the full-day K issue, but said they didn't want to put a new bond issue to voters, which they foresaw as a necessary next step.

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Mentoring should be a must

By Jesse Braverman

The writer is a teacher and a soccer, basketball and baseball coach at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The partnership has formed a task force to expand current mentoring initiatives with One on One. We need to establish working relationships among local companies, community groups and schools.

We need to encourage college students and adults to be mentors to the children in our community. One on One could give their employees some time off to act as mentors. Senior citizens in the community, with their vast well of life experience and accumulated wisdom, would make excellent mentors for youth.

Schools can also take steps to facilitate mentoring relationships between students and staff. We should all do what we can to preserve art, music, theater and athletic programs. Research shows that resilient kids make school a refuge by excelling in such areas.

Other suggestions include maintaining or decreasing class size, creating schedules which permit students to remain with the same teacher for more than one year and creating peer counseling programs.

The Bethlehem Central School District and the Bethlehem Community Partnership already have several mentoring initiatives under way. Patrick Godfrey, a member of the district’s ad hoc anti-bullying committee, is organizing an advocate/mentoring program at the high school. Thirteen members of the high school staff have volunteered to work with students in this program.

The middle school has three different mentoring programs. Last year, in conjunction with the Community Partnership, a business-ness partnership mentoring arrangement known as Alone Busters was formed. An academic mentoring program involving six volunteer teachers and administrators developed this second year under Lobban’s direction.

Yvonne Doberman, student assistance counselor, is directing a work mentoring program, which includes 15 to 25 students with role models and meaningful work experiences. This initiative is sponsored by the school district, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the town.

I started a new mentoring program in my own middle school resource room this year. Former students, who lead successful productive lives, help out current students and act as mentors. Three graduates are currently involved in the program. The former students offer unique insights and a valuable perspective to current students.

Elsmere Elementary School has its own student mentoring plan called The Buddy Program. Developed by Peter Hogan, physical education teacher, Shirley McAllister, school nurse, Mary- Alice Swase, counselor, and Dorothy Whitney, principal, the Buddy Program matches students with volunteer members of the school staff for a year. The program provides an adult mentor who takes a personal interest in a child’s academic and social life at school.

Anyone who would like to be a mentor should contact Mona Prenoveau at Bethlehem Newspapers at 439-7740.

The statement, “It takes a whole village to raise a child,” has been used to inspire our community. If the One on One mentoring program is implemented, members of the community will have the unique opportunity to help raise our village’s children, one child at a time.

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Resident sees shortage of water in summertime

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Water District taxpayers should be more than a little irritated with the administration of the water department and our licensed professional engineers.

The consulting engineers recommended the installation of a $650,000 ozone unit in our new water plant. The ozone unit was installed. The contractor and equipment manufacturer were paid.

The state has not yet given approval to the completed works because the town has failed to operate the ozone unit and provide test data.

Mr. Bruce Secor advised the Albany County Health Department that he doesn't want to spend the money for the needed electricity to operate the unit and provide test data.

Editor, The Spotlight:

I urge our elected officials to determine who is responsible for paying $650,000 for an ozone unit not yet approved by the state.

Does the town have an emergency plan to deal with a water shortage in 1998? Hoot, why not?

Sherwood Davies
Delmar

Letters

Just a reminder that you can now e-mail your news and letters to the editor to The Spotlight.

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You can also continue to mail or fax us news items or letters. The deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

This was our main goal in getting the dog. It's a void that has been very important for us to fill, and it is one that is too often shared by severely disabled children, among others.

You may see Katrina and Kevin about town from time to time. You should typically ask permission of the master before you pet or touch a "working dog." And that is what we want for Kevin, an opportunity to talk to people.

The dog should be in the sit-stay position and you should not interrupt Katrina from performing any tasks such as retrieving an object for Kevin.

She has been to Beffis, the bar and Ames among other places, and people around town have been wonderful.

We find that Katrina is providing opportunities for people to learn how service dogs can help the disabled.

Katrina debuted at the middle school this week, where she will help Kevin achieve some of his therapy goals.

We want to thank our neighbors for their help.

Brendan Mooney
Delmar

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residents speaking against the proposal were younger. This seems to represent a split down age lines. Several of the CMI supporters prefaced their remarks with some sort of admonition to the younger citizens that the latter could not somehow appreciate the importance of having this facility built. However, on closer analysis, age and life experiences have little to do with the situation.

I am not so young that I do not remember what the quality of senior health care was 50 or even 20 years ago. My wife and I both have lost family elders in facilities that were considerably lower in quality than what CMI seems to be offering. We are investigating assisted-care possibilities for one of our parents. We were around when the scandals hit this industry in New York, which resulted in legislation that ensures a minimum level of quality.

There are several elderly property owners who live near the site who are against the CMI facility. Is it because they are less concerned about their own future health care than those in favor of CMI? The obvious answer is no.

Most residents who spoke against the CMI proposal support assisting seniors to maintain their quality of life in Bethlehem. However, we must do this in a way that is best for every citizen of the town. Is a 100-unit facility, which would become one of the largest buildings in the town, which by CMI's own admission will not house fewer than 50 percent of its residents from Bethlehem, the answer? Is subverting the town's zoning code to force this business on a residential neighborhood the answer? A current trend in municipalities is to assist seniors while still in their own homes; some programs have added years to seniors independent living. Has Bethlehem investigated this? The Jan. 6 meeting revealed that the town has done very little planning in this area. At this point, we are relying on CMI's own market analysis and anecdotal homilies by a few older citizens.

Let us follow the examples of our elders and not rush into a project that may be too large and would be sited on the wrong spot, I was pleased to see many concerned and vital seniors, who are planning for their future by attending the planning board meeting. The public comment period allowed was a fine example of open, democratic governmental in its best form. However, those few of our residents that would be entering this type of facility will not be as vital. Mr. Reed of CMI stated that the typical resident in their late 80s will not be able to walk to the Four Corners or anywhere else. Transportation would be provided for every trip outside the facility. A bank, dining, hair-dressing and other services are to be inside the facility. Therefore, the siting of the facility becomes irrelevant; any site in town would be as good as another. This facility is not for seniors who would rather take a walk and do some shopping than continue mowing their lawns. It is for those who cannot afford or afford the quality of life in this living. This is why it costs $2,000 per month to live there. It is not for those who cannot afford or even have the luxury to live there. I am opposed to passing it on to those heirs, who, based on what I heard at the meeting, live in the town and want to be near. Who then will buy these homes? Younger families with school-age children. So much for the reduced burden on our schools. I propose that the facility be placed on a site that would improve the quality of the town, while not detracting from the quality of life of its seniors. Instead of cutting down seven acres of trees, why not put it on an empty commercial property, where it would do all of us the most good? How about some of those ugly, empty buildings from the Dormitory Authority on Delaware Avenue? The CMI building, which would be a debatable fit in any case, currently proposed would be an improvement over the asphalt eyesores on lower Delaware Avenue. Also, we could see trees and green space added, not subtracted. It would even be closer to the hospitals and other services affiliated with the project. The town could offer an incentive of a reduced assessment or even share the cost of demolition of any existing structures. I would rather see my tax dollars go for a project like this than watching many businesses get their assessments reduced as has recently happened. I think we have a few minutes to consider what is best for all us, and build on the efforts of Mr. Brewer and others, we will find common ground and arrive at the proper solution.

David S. Moore

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Elsmere Fire Co. says thanks for support

Fire official says thanks for support

On behalf of the members of Elsmere Fire Co. A, I would like to thank residents and business proprietors in the fire district for their generous support of the 1997 annual donation drive.

Elsmere Fire Co. has provided volunteer fire protection and prevention services to the community for 75 years. During this time, our members have been very fortunate to have loyal and growing support. Speaking for the volunteers, I wish everyone in the community a safe and happy new year.

Paul D. Milhausen

Elsmere Fire Co. President
Patron wants offensive videos placed elsewhere

Editor, The Spotlight:
For the past two or three months, I have asked the employees of Video World in Delaware Plaza to move X-rated videos to a separate section or room. It seems inappropriate to expose children to the graphic titles and pictures that X-rated video carry.

My efforts have not produced results. I would be grateful if the board would consider passing the town that CMI considered appropriate for children. About his choice of a site was chosen because the existence of adult materials in video rental outlets must be placed in a separate room or enclosure.

My intent is not to censor such materials, but rather to place them in an appropriate environment where they do not create an atmosphere that is offensive or inappropriate for children.

Ronald Berger
Delmar

Editor's note: X-rated videos are kept in a separate place. See editorial Page 6.

CMI meeting revealed new site info

Editor, The Spotlight:
The Jan. 6 planning board meeting provided some very interesting, new (to us) information about the proposed CMI Senior Housing Project. Thanks to the chairman of the board, attendees were permitted to ask questions and make statements, in addition to those of the board members, that elicited the new information.

Perhaps most interesting to me, was the existence of potential alternate sites for the housing. It appears that there are other locations throughout the town that CMI considered for their project.

Until Tuesday's meeting, we were led to believe that the Delaware Avenue site was chosen because of its proximity to the center of town, the library and the town hall. However, Mr. Insoft of CMI, when questioned about his choice of a residentially zoned site instead of the commercially zoned sites available, admitted that the current site was chosen because the others were "too expensive." It appears that a central location has nothing to do with CMI's choice of sites.

Once again, we have a multi-million dollar company doing it cheaply not correctly. I was appalled that Mr. Insoft would expect the residents of the town to allow zoning to be changed so that CMI could save some money.

It was obvious from Mr. Insoft's comment that the decision to locate on Delaware Avenue site was chosen because the economic one and had nothing to do with what was best for his residents. It causes me to think that the justification for site choice in CMI's proposal to the planning board, which states that the residence will fit nicely into the surrounding neighborhood, is a stratagem designed to hide the truth that it actually is the least expensive choice for CMI.

I strongly urge the board and fellow residents not to allow this sort of thing to happen in Bethlehem. Zoning must be kept intact. If senior housing is a necessity in this town, it needs to be built on a properly zoned property.

Anne P. Moore
Delmar

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Sewing Guild group to meet at library

The American Sewing Guild's Delmar Neighborhood Group will meet on Friday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Different needles and threads and their use with various fabrics will be discussed.

For information, call 271-9623.

Lady Eagles plan basketball clinics

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Fifth and sixth-graders to enjoy activities night

A fifth and sixth-grade activity night is set for Friday, Jan. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

In addition to activities such as billiards, air hockey and pingpong, there will also be music prizes and snacks.

Tickets will be sold in advance at school for $3 each.

For information, call the school at 765-2382.

Legion Post 1493 to serve breakfast
American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon.

All-you-can-eat helpings of eggs, sausage, french toast, home fries, toast and beverages cost $4 for adults and $2 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Town park rink to open as soon as weather permits
The skating rink at the town park on Swift Road will open for the season as soon as weather permits.

The rink is lighted for evening skating. Hockey is permitted, but players must use only one side of the rink to allow for family skating.

Restrooms are closed for the winter. For information, call 439-4913.

PTA sets monthly meeting
The PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Schools to close for King holiday
Voorheesville schools will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Half day Jan. 23 at elementary school
Friday, Jan. 23, is a staff development day at the elementary school. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. Morning kindergarten students will also be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten will follow a normal schedule.

PTA sponsors roller-skating
The PTA will sponsor roller-skating at the elementary school gymnasium on Friday, Jan. 23, from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in advance at school for $3.50 each and include skate rental.

Skaters should bring lunch and a drink. Children must be picked up in the cafeteria after skating.

Parenting workshop at church postponed
The preschool parenting workshop with Ann Chatterton at First United Methodist Church has been postponed.

It will be held on three consecutive Tuesday evenings in February or March, depending on the scheduling needs of participants.

The cost is $48 per family and includes printed materials.

Shorthalls of $25 each are being offered by the church. Childcare will be available upon request.

To register, call Betsy Bates at 765-4478.

Community Nursery School to hold information night
Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold an informational meeting for parents on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall on Maple Avenue.

Teacher Rosemarie Pakenas and board members discuss the school's philosophy and programs and answer questions.

The school has been run as a parent cooperative for 31 years.

Children must be 4-years-old by Dec. 1 to enroll.

Applications will be available at the meeting and at the church office after Jan. 15.

A lottery drawing will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 7 p.m. on Feb. 9.

For information, call Ivy Brockley at 765-2108 or the church office at 765-2895.

Women's group to meet at St. Matthew's
St. Matthew's women's group, Daughters of Mary, has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in the parish center on Mountainview Road.

Dollars for Scholars slate meeting
The Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars chapter will meet tonight, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The group raises scholarship money for college-bound high school seniors.

For information, call Tim Kelly at 765-3314, ext. 305.

Village Quilters plan sewing day
The Village Quilters are planning a sewing day for Monday, Jan. 19, starting at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

Snowmobile course set at Thacher Park
Thacher Park will offer a free snowmobile safety course for children ages 10 to 16 on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Successful participants will earn a snowmobile safety certificate.

Pre-registration is required by calling 872-1237.

Use main lot at elementary school
Elementary school principal Edward Diegel reminds parents to use the main parking lot, near the bridge over Vly Creek, to drop off and pick up students. A crossing guard is on duty during peak times. The lot in front of the school is strictly for school buses between 8:20 and 8:45 a.m. and 3 and 3:20 p.m.

Theater Dance Network to meet at high school
The Theater Dance Network, a new volunteer support group for theater and dance in the schools, will meet tonight, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The group will discuss enacting bylaws and providing support for the elementary school musical on Jan. 30 and 31.

Thacher Park offers guided ski tour
Guide Wayne Bush will lead a cross-country ski tour at Thacher Park in New Scotland on Saturday, Jan. 17, weather permitting.

Skiers should meet at the Hop Field parking area.

Thacher Park has 12 miles of cross-country ski trails. For infor-
Delmar man still unsure why plane was seized

By Michael Hallisey

It's been nearly a year since Millard Harmon streaked through the sky in his single-engine plane, setting air-speed records while flying around the world on humanitarian missions.

The last time the 71-year-old Delmar man was in the cockpit of Ten Romeo, his 1969 Beech 36 airplane, was on April 7, when he touched down in Albany after a flight from Havana, Cuba.

Two drug interdiction planes escorted Harmon's plane from the Florida coast to Albany airport.

He was welcomed home by vehicles blocking airport runways and representatives from the U.S. Customs Service, Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Department of the Treasury. Harmon prepared to have his plane confiscated.

Nearly a year later, he has yet to resolve his differences with the U.S. government. "A man is innocent until proven otherwise," said Harmon two weeks ago. "The U.S. government has gotten too damn complicated and departmentalized."

Officials at the Customs Service refused comment. Efforts to reach assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Perich, who represents the Customs Service, were unsuccessful.

"Many people are very, very upset over what has happened to Ten Romeo," said Harmon, who calls Ten Romeo his "life." He initially bought the plane to visit his children and grandchildren, who live in the Midwest.

"I am no longer to the line, nor is he unfamiliar with the protocol of flying from one country to another."

He took a plane trip to the former Soviet Union in 1958, before the end of the Cold War. At the time, he was completing a doctorate at Boston University, Harmon returned to the Soviet Union in 1985 to update his degree.

Millard Harmon took another trip to the Soviet Union in 1984 to investigate problems European aviators were having with Soviet fuel. The fuel in commercial planes coming out of the Soviet Union was "predetonating."

Teledyne-Continental, using a sample collected by Harmon, discovered the fuel was for cars, not planes. Harmon had a special permit to fly small, private airplanes. He feared the punishment for landing in Havana after leaving, the medicine in Grand Cayman. The plane was for Ten Romeo to fly over Havana after leaving the medicine in Grand Cayman. The punishment for landing in Havana would have been a substantial fine and possible prison sentence of up to 10 years.

Harmon took to the skies at 5:55 a.m. on March 30, 1997.

Harmon's trip to Grand Cayman Island was delayed when he experienced engine trouble approaching Cuba. Oil sprayed onto his wind shield and the engine was acting "rough," said Harmon. He radioed a distress signal to Havana.

Harmon knew he was in trouble. In the next few days mechanics in Havana, Grand Cayman and Freeport worked on the plane's engine. While in Grand Cayman, Harmon received word that the U.S. Department of the Treasury was planning to fine him $550,000 for the improper flight.

Planes leaving Cuba for the United States are normally cleared through Miami. To expedite his departure, Harmon requested clearance from his home airport in Albany.

The decision not to clear his flight through Miami led to the seizure of Harmon's plane, and since then, Ten Romeo has sat idle in a hanger at Albany County Airport, while Harmon fights the Customs Service in U.S. District Court to get it back.

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Mother, daughter program on agenda

Youth services librarian Polly Hartman believes it’s important for mothers with preteen and teenage daughters to share some common interests. She recently started taking piano lessons to be closer to her reading lists and suggestions for her own daughter, who has been inspired by the discussion program at the library. Dodson’s book, The Mother-Daughter Book Club, subtitled “How ten busy mothers and daughters came together to talk, laugh and learn through their love of reading.”

Hartman describes her venture as starting a similar club. Hartman’s one-time library program took its inspiration from Dodson’s book. It’s a small start, but she hopes the idea will take hold and grow. Hartman’s choice for discussion is The Midwife’s Apprentice, the Newbery Award-winning book by Karen Cushman, about an orphaned girl in medieval Europe who is taken in by a gruff village midwife.

In the course of the story the girl attains a sense of self and purpose — not without some failures along the way.

There isn’t any direct mention of mothers and daughters in the book. Hartman feels that “It can be uncomfortable for mothers and daughters to talk about their relationship. It’s much easier to have a common ground for conversation that is non-threatening. That opens the way for more.”

Copies of the book are available at the youth services desk. It’s a slim volume, so a month should be ample reading time.

The program gives mothers and daughters an opportunity for some time together, when schedules aren’t too hectic and cold weather invites a cozy afternoon reading. In the first week of January is the appearance of our mailboxes of income tax forms.

Tax program should ease April IRS trepidation

One thing we can count on during the first week of January is the appearance in our mailboxes of income tax forms.

Just in time, the library has planned a special tax update program with Nancy Parello of Luzcak Financial Services in Voorheesville on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

Parello will discuss the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, which has been heralded as one of the most significant tax law reforms in recent history.

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RCS sets registration for kindergarten

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School district will hold its annual kindergarten registration on Wednesday, Jan. 14 and Thursday, Jan. 22.

Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Thursday, Jan. 22, at the school on Church Street in Ravena.

Kindergarten registration for students at A.W. Becker Elementary School is set for both Wednesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 and 22, on the school on Route 9W in Selkirk.

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Everyone in the school community is invited to attend.

RCS elementary schools set early registration

Registration for all children in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District who will be entering kindergarten in September 1998 will be held at the A.W. Becker Elementary School on Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., and at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School Thursday, Jan. 22, from 1:05 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The date has been moved up in an effort to plan more effectively. It is important for us to know the number of students who will be attending our kindergarten programs in the fall of 1998. The accuracy of these figures will aid the district in making plans to provide your children with the best possible program.

To be eligible to enter kindergarten the child must have reached his or her fifth birthday by December 1, 1998. Parents are requested to bring a birth certificate on registration day. Health records are not necessary at this time.

Two registration sessions will be held. Parents and children will attend session I if the child's last name begins with a letter A thru L. Parents and children will attend session II if the child's last name begins with a letter M thru Z. Session I will be from 1:05 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Session II will be from 2:05 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sessions will include class selection and tour of classrooms.

For details regarding kindergarten registration day, please call the Pieter B. Coeymans School at 796-8190 or A.W. Becker School 767-8511.

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Late goals help Bethlehem earn tie with Spartans

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem Hockey team tied the Spartans of Burnt Hills with a pair of third period goals Thursday, Jan. 7 at the Albany County Training Facility.

In their last meeting at Union College, the Eagles broke a 2-2, second-period tie to score two goals in the third-period to win. This time, BC overcame a 3-1 deficit in the third to tie the game at three.

Hockey

Burnt Hills scored the first goal of the game. Bethlehem hoped to break .500 for the second time in the team's history. They countered with a Jim Corrigan goal assisted by Jeff Smith. The Spartans had the last say in the second period with a goal. After two periods, Burnt Hills held a 2-1 lead.

The third period opened with a Burnt Hills goal that appeared to lock the game up. Mike Coker and Bicky Long assisted freshman Steve Guglielmo for a goal. Still down by one, Greg Cooper scored a game-tying goal with 6:08 left in the game, knotting the score at three.

"We felt good about it because we came back late in the game," said Billy Noonan, BC sophomore. "We were looking forward to being .500. Bethlehem had five wins in its best season. Coach was happy because we played well after the second period."

Coach John Battaglino said he still sees need for improvement.

"We still are having problems getting quality shots on goal," said Battaglino. "We start off (the game) fancy, but we finally woke up and began to play old-time hockey at the end of the second period."

The team started getting good shots on net, and we followed our checks, which created better scoring chances. We need to do that right off the bat. That all comes with game experience.

"Unfortunately, our schedule has not helped us with that. It is nice to see different players starting to contribute," he said.

Bethlehem next takes to the ice on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7:45 p.m. against Troy at the Pepsi Arena.

Wrestling team lays down on the job

By Gregg Cipriani

The Bethlehem Boys Wrestling team suffered a tough defeat at the hands of Suburban Council rival Burnt Hills Wednesday, Jan. 7, at BCHS. The team stuck with Burnt Hills through the early matches, winning three of the first five, but could not hold on as Burnt Hills rallied for a 52-27 victory. The loss was only the Eagles' second in dual meets this season.

The Eagles finished third overall in the meet, which included strong opponents Saratoga, Ballston Spa, and Hoosick Falls.

The Eagles were led by strong efforts from seniors Tun Leonard, 116, and Matt Brookshire, 130, finishing first in their respective weight classes. Other solid performances were turned in by Woodworth, Fogelman, 125, senior Sean Demarest, 135, senior Dave Sherron, 152, and sophomore Dennis Lenhardt, 215.

Bethlehem's next match is Saturday, Jan. 17, at Mechanicville at a time to be announced.
Boys top Shen, move to 2-0
By Tim Kavanagh

The Bethlehem boys swimming and diving team forced a first-place tie in the Suburban Council by defeating rival Shenendehowa Monday, Jan. 9. The meet gave the team a 30-29 record for the week; it also defeated Niskayuna on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The team led much of the way in the Shenendehowa meet, taking many key fourth and fifth places in addition to victories. Bethlehem won the 50-yard freestyle with Scott Strickler taking first, Ilya Furman taking fourth and Andrew Zos taking fifth.

In diving, Brendan Jordan took second place, Mark Bassotti third place and Mike Smith fourth, slowing Shenendehowa’s expected sweep of the event.

Sophomore Tim Conron took fifth place in the 100-yard butterfly. The 100-yard freestyle trio of Zos, second place, Jacob Erlich, fourth place, and Pat Davis, fifth place, scored much-needed points.

Tim Carroll took third place in the 100-yard backstroke. Although Shenendehowa looked to be winning the meet from the 200-yard freestyle relay, taking 1:2, it was not enough, as the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Strickler, Steve Conron, Chris Shafter and Andrew Golden slammed the door, winning by almost a pool-length.

Coach Ken Neffis is still “cautiously optimistic” going into sectionals.

“The win makes it a three-way race for the sectional title, and we’re in third right now. This was a nice boost because it showed a lot of swimmers what they can do, and how they have to do to get there.”

“We will be dependent on our younger guys to come through at sectionals, and this meet showed them that they could perform at a higher level,” he said.

“Everyone was really excited afterwards,” said Strickler. “This meet shows that we have more of a chance at sectionals, but it also shows the younger guys what they have to do for us to win.”

Eight members of the team traveled to Providence Saturday, Jan. 10, for the Brown Invitational and placed sixth out of a 17-team field.

Conron won the 500-yard freestyle and placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle. Shafter took eighth in the 200-yard individual medley and third in the 100-yard butterfly.

Bob Pasquini finished 14th in the 100-yard breaststroke, as Carroll took 18th in the 100-yard backstroke. Shafter took a pair of thirds, one in the 50yard freestyle and one in the 100-yard backstroke. Furman finished 12th in the 50-yard freestyle, and John Porco finished 22nd in the 100-yard breaststroke in personal record time.

The 200-yard freestyle relay of Conron, Shafter, Rob Stonoy and Strickler finished third while the team of Shafter, Furman, Strickler and Pasquini finished fifth in the 200yard medley relay.

The team faces a tough opponent Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Glen Falls before beginning its final preparations for sectionals in early February.

Hamagrael Preschool slates open house

Hamagrael Preschool will hold an open house on Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The school is accepting applications for the 1998-99 school year. Hamagrael Preschool is a parent-cooperative located at Delmar Reformed Church on 386 Delaware Avenue. It offers programs for 3 and 4-year-olds. For information, call Christine Hagan at 439-2915.

BC girls basketball wins big
By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem girls varsity basketball team defeated Burnt Hills 61-40 Saturday, Jan. 10.

Nicole Conway led the team with 14 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists. Bridget Murray also played strong with 14 points, including two three-point baskets. Katie Bassotti was the team’s top point scorer with 15 points, including one three-point basket.

Magan Sellnow contributed with 10 points and KIrby Decker had four points. Kate Strait and Kerry Staniels came in to contribute to the win with two points each.

“It was a good team effort,” said coach Kim Wise. “There was balanced scoring with four people in double figures, which is very good. We moved the ball well and worked as a team.”

In another game, Bethlehem crushed Niskayuna 63-33 Wednesday, Jan. 7.

“We came out slow,” said Wise. “But we really picked up in the third quarter.”

Conway scored 15 points, including one three-point basket and Sellnow scored 14 points. Wise said Conway was excellent in the third quarter and Sellnow played a good game.

Smith scored 10 points and Murray scored nine points. Both girls had two three-point baskets each. Decker contributed with four points.

Strait came off the bench to score a three-point basket, along with Lauren Murray and Catherine Luber, who contributed with two points each.

“The good thing about this game was that everyone got to play,” said Wise. “We are getting better with playing with each other and the girls are getting better reads on each other.”

The next home game is today, Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 8:30 p.m. against Guilderland. On Friday, Jan. 16, the girls will compete at Shaker.

Food stamp rep to visit town hall

Bethlehem Senior Services, the food pantry and county Department of Social Services recently announced the start of a Nutrition Assistance Program for area residents of any age.

A representative from the food stamp division will be at Bethlehem town hall from 9 a.m. to noon the first Monday of the month to help with applications or recertifications.

Appointments can be made for private 45-minute conferences by calling 439-4955, ext. 173.

Hamagrael Preschool...
Ladybirds tear Mechanicville apart

By Chris Bonham

The Voorheesville Ladybirds varsity basketball team remains undefeated as they romped Mechanicville 53-19, Friday, Jan. 9. The Ladybirds, with a record of 12-0, now lead the Colonial Conference.

They have a couple of young players and we're going to take advantage of the situation," said coach Jack Adams.

Adams said the team had no strategies the night before the game, nothing they were doing, "press, and focus on the good players."

Ripping down rebounds, and connecting with their shots, Voorheesville jumped all over Mechanicville leading 7-3 at the end of the first quarter.

The Ladybirds cooled down in the second quarter, scoring only nine, while allowing Mechanicville only three.

Voorheesville bounced back in the third quarter, scoring 17, as it held Mechanicville to only six points. In the fourth, Voorheesville held its own again, scoring seven points against Voorheesville's 10.

The win over Mechanicville was Voorheesville's 12th straight victory.

The Birds defense and press worked out really well," said Adams.

"At a time," said Adams, "Mechanicville has a young and inexperienced team."

"They have a couple of young players," said Adams. "And focus on the good players."

"It (the team) turned out a good effort," said Adams.

"As I said before, Mechanicville has a young and inexperienced team, scoring 17 again."

Voorheesville plays their next game against Schodack on Friday, Jan. 15, 5 p.m. at Voorheesville High School.

By Tom Venter

The Bethlehem Basketball Club resumed action Sunday at the Bethlehem Middle School after a two-week holiday break.

In NBA activity, the Sonics trimmed the Celtics 57-28. Parker Brown had 19 for the victors. Carter Thomas 12 for the losers. The Nuggets, with Mike Hughe throwing down 10 beat the Magic 33-20; Bob Boughton had four points in the loss. Cooley's speedy eight were high in the last 10, but his Lakers squad was beaten by a determined Bulls squad.

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Andrew Caplan's eight points at key times led the winners. Eric Hunter had 10 points and played all around game for the Spurs. Adam Rodriguez had 12 for the winners. Adam Rodriguez had 10 points, and played all around game for the Spurs.

In the division finale, the Knicks, with Pat Heenan in control with 10, beat the Rockets 46-25. Peter Cooley's speedy eight were high for the Rockets.

In Big East action, Justin Van Dyke-Redfield had some key late game rebounds to help Syracuse stave off Connecticut 21-19. Kevin Ungerer's five led the losers. Dane Barclay's 18 are all St. John's needed, as the Red Storm battered Georgetown 30-24. Jason Coloccino had four in defeat.

Sun Brody tossed in nine points as Pitt beat West Virginia 47-12. Julie Caporella played a solid game for the losers. Despite Meghan Kindlin's six, Miami lost to Boston College 46-56. Steve Moore poured in 10 for the winners. Ricky Grant had four points as Providence beat Notre Dame 39-10. Anthony Ornabny played a great all around game for the Irish.

To the hoop

By Tom Venter

Virginia Plaisted, D.D.S.

Can You Spread Periodontal Disease?

If you are being treated for periodontal disease, which is caused by a bacterial infection, be sure to keep your tooth brush away from other family members.

Periodontal (gum) disease is not infectious like chicken pox. However, the bacteria that causes gum disease can be spread and increase the chances of a loved one getting gum disease.

There are certain conditions that must be met to contract periodontal disease. These include: genetics, the content of the individuals saliva, the general health of the individual, smoking, medications and plaque (bacteria). Also, periodontal disease seldom affects children.

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Obituaries

Anna C. Sloan
Anna C. Sloan, 94, of Nelson House in Albany and formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Jan. 12, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

Born in Oak Ridge, Pa., she worked as a saleswoman and bookkeeper.

She was the widow of Hardee H. Sloan.

Mrs. Sloan was a member of the Eastern Star and New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. She attended Delmar Presbyterian Church and was a member of Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a daughter, Sally Hipp of Delmar and a granddaughter.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral home, 405 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Mildred H. Goes
Mildred H. Goes, 92, a former Bethlehem resident, died Saturday, Jan. 10, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

A Bethlehem native, she was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Nicholas Goes.

Survivors include two cousins, Marie Trionvis of Delmar and Roger Hallenbeck of Enfield, Conn.

Services were from St. John’s-St. Ann’s Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. John’s-St. Ann’s Church.

Donald L. Chase
Donald L. Chase of Indian Field Road in Fearsburg died Friday, Jan. 9, at Our Lady of Mercy nursing home in Guilderland.

Mr. Chase was the town justice in New Scotland for 25 years, and served on the town board for 10 years. He worked for the state Thruway Authority for 10 years.

He was an Army veteran and a member of Onesquethau Lodge 1096.

Survivors include two daughters, Lauren Chase of Arnold, Md., and Darlene Meltzer of Ravenna; a sister, Shirley Jean Salerno of Voorheesville; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Fearsburg 12067.

Alice B. Andrews
Alice B. Andrews, 84, of Delmar and formerly of Clarksville, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Stewart C. Andrews; a daughter, Helen Deits of Delmar; two sons, Stewart E. Andrews of Boulder, Mont., and Alan D. Andrews of Burago, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were arranged by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Cancer Research Center at St. Peter’s Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Vartan Gurgen Telian
Vartan Gurgen Telian, 72, of Selkirk died Thursday, Jan. 4.

Born in Cornings, he attended Corning Free Academy and Bliss Electrical School.

He was a graduate of the University of Buffalo.

Mr. Telian was an electrical engineer for Westinghouse Electric from 1947 to 1974. He was then an electronic engineer supervisor for the state Office of General Services from 1974 until he retired.

He was a member of Delmar Presbyterian Church and the Elks Lodge 2253 in Selkirk.

Survivors include his stepmother, Margaret E. Telian of San Jose, Calif., Levon A. Telian of Delhi and Richard G. Telian of Sidney.

Services were from Avery-Story Funeral Home in Cornings.

Burial was in Hope Cemetery in Cornings.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo.

Donato Altobelli Sr.
Donato “Danny” Altobelli Sr., 63, of Roswell, Ga., and formerly of Delmar died Wednesday, Jan. 7, at his home.

He was a graduate of Georgia Tech.

After he retired from the Federal Highway Administration, Mr. Altobelli was a founding partner of Mortenson Altobelli Associates, an engineering consulting firm.

Mr. Altobelli designed the Kennedy Interchange in Cobb County, Ga., and was a former member of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and was active in Little League.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; three children, Gina Didier of Alpharetta, Ga.; three sons, Donato Altobelli Jr. of Woodbridge, Va., Mark Altobelli of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Keith Altobelli of Marietta, Ga.; a sister, Vera Persichill of Williston Park; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from St. Benedict’s Catholic Church in Alpharetta.

Helen M. Denman
Helen M. Denman, 79, of Voorheesville died Tuesday, Jan. 6, at her home.

Born in Beaverkill Valley, Sullivan County, she was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Robert E. Denman.

Mrs. Denman was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include a daughter, Robert L. Denman of Voorheesville; a daughter, Bette Whitehame of Voorheesville; a brother, Frank Minner of Spring Valley; a sister, Estella Virtue of Beaverkill; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Services were private.

Burial was in Beaverkill Cemetery.

Elks offering scholarships
Applications are due for the joint Elks National Foundation and New York Elks Association scholarship competition for the 1998-99 academic year.

The group offers 24 scholarships and 16 one-year grants to current scholarship holders who wish to continue their education.

Applications are due to 9314 C.O. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School.

The Elks are offering 24 scholarships in amounts from $1,000 to $5,000 per year for four years. The state Elks will also offer $3 one-year awards of $1,000 each.

Applications are due to the National Foundation and New York Elks Association by March 15.

For information, call 439-9314.

Rev's Country Kitchen to serve suppers
Rev’s Country Kitchen at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will dish up a series of all-you-can-eat Friday suppers beginning Friday, Jan. 16, with a chicken and biscuit dinner.

Meals will be served family style from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and provide a menu for people to relax, socialize and enjoy a home-cooked meal.

For information, call 747-2281.

Discussion group to meet at library
Bethlehem Public Library’s book discussion group will talk about “The Final Judgment” by Richard North Patterson on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the library’s adult lounge at 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

Copies of the current title are available at the reference desk.

New members are welcome at any time. For information, call 439-9314.

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. 21 and 28, at 9:30 a.m. at Too’s restaurant on 283 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

A complimentary breakfast will be served.

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

CHP is a community-based, nonprofit health plan that has been serving Medicare beneficiaries for nearly 30 years.

For information, call CHP Senior Advantage, 783-1864, ext. 42002.

Book sales benefit AIDS Council
Two Delmar book stores, I Love Books and Friar Tuck Book Store, are selling Entertainment Books to benefit the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York as part of the volunteer project Helping through Books and More.

More than $7,000 has been raised through the project.

I Love Books and Friar Tuck Book Store will sell Entertainment Books through January. For information, call 882-9662.

Death Notices

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

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for $25.

French connection

Margaret Mary Woehrle Pals, daughter of Delmar’s Alexander J. Woehrle and a 1967 BCHS graduate, is pictured above with French President Jacques Chirac during an official visit to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam last November. Pals previously met Chirac in 1988, when he was mayor of Paris. She and her husband, a chemist with a French firm contracted to expand rubber production in Vietnam.

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**Judge**

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"They displayed a sign that said 'Chase The Painter,' with the clear implication that you were supposed to chase this guy down. He had a delightful sense of humor." In addition to his service on the New Scotland County Court, Connelly included four years in the Army (1964-1968) and 10 years of work for the New York State Thru­way Authority.

When Chase took office, justices weren't required to have law degrees. "That changed in the middle of his tenure," Connelly said. "Things were done in a much more informal manner (in the late 60s). Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your view­point, the law has become much more complex.

"He brought a lot of practical knowledge to the job," Connelly added. "He knew how hard to learn the law and keep current on it.

"Over the years, I've gotten comments from lawyers who appeared before him," Connely con­tinued. "They've said that for a non-lawyer judge, he did a good job.

Breeze said that Chase often intimidated you by lawyers with his knowledge of the law.

"He would offer discussions of obscure sections of the Vehicle and Traffic law," Breeze said, "then show a copy of the (law text) across the bench and ask the law­yer, 'Would you like to read what it means, son? He let these young guys struggle a bit.

Connelly said the informal na­ture of the law court didn't affect its integrity. "Although the rules may not have been followed to the letter, things got resolved in the right way.

"Nobody ever got special con­sideration," Reilly added. "He took the job very seriously.

Breeze said Chase made it clear to those who appeared before him that legal offenses were serious matters, but he balanced tough rhetoric with lenient sentencing.

(Defendants) would find their sentences weren't nearly so oner­ous as they could have been else­where," Breeze said.

After he retired, Chase suffered what Breeze called "a series of debilitations" stemming from dia­betes. For the last year and a half, Chase lived at the Our Lady of Mercy Life Center, nursing home in Guilderland.

"I visited him during his ill­ness," former New Scotland Re­publican Committee Chairperson Judi Ronne said, "and he was still interested in everything that was going on in the town, even though he couldn't be involved.

The picture that Chase's friends and colleagues painted of this week was of a justice who ruled with common sense and in the best interests of the community. Connelly noted that town courts have changed substantially since the era when Chase first took the bench, but said "I think the judge still has to be a part of the commu­nity. That sense of intimacy will always remain in the town and village courts. It's something I try to retain, and I know Don did.

Reilly said that when Robert Johnson assumed Chase's judge­ship in 1991, he had "a big pair of shoes to fill" — and Bob Johnson was a very capable attorney.

"He was one of the most com­mon-sense judges around," Von Ronne said. "That was very much appreciated. That's why he kept being reelected.

"He took the job so he could help people," Connelly added, "and he did a good job doing that.

"There was a tremendous amount of respect for Don," Von Ronne concluded, "and he will be really missed.

Contributions in Judge Chase's memory may be made to the Jerus­alem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Fueva Bush, 12067."

**Videos**

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"Over the years, we've heard complaints from town supervisors," said Ronne. "(Defendants) would find their visits were very positive about the experi­ence.

Our EPIC Workshop, for parents of students in kindergarten to fifth grade and another for parents of fourth- and fifth-grade children. The parents who attended these EPIC sessions were very positive about the experi­ence. We are very grateful to our EPIC volunteers who gave many hours to help other parents. Our EPIC workshops were held at Bethlehem Community Church and we thank them for sharing their excellent facility to support parent education.

Another series of EPIC workshops, for parents of students in kindergarten through third grade, will begin Feb. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. The group will run for four weeks, meeting once a week. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other parents in a warm and comfortable environment and to discuss parenting issues. There is no fee for the workshops. Please call Mona Prenoveau at 439-7740 for more information or to register.

Carbone said cashiers try to card anyone who looks under 18, but they can't get everyone. "We try our best," he said.

Most of the non-rated videos at Video World are catego­rized by the film distributors on the video jacket as erotic or erotic thriller. ("Videos marked) erotic or erotic thriller should be in the sepa­rate room with adult content videos," Berger said.

Berger has been trying for the past two or three months to get the staff at Video World in Dela­mar to move questionable videos to the adult room but hasn't received a response from store management or corporate head­quarters.

Austin said she does not recall anyone asking her about non-rated videos, but added that doesn't mean Berger didn't ask her staff about moving videos. "I would take a request like that very seriously," Austin said.

Carbone said he hasn't received any specific complaints about non-rated videos at the Delaware Plaza store.

**Backyard**

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on the school system.
He added that the project's location would be good for senior citi­zens. If approved, it would be the first senior housing in Delmar. Residents of the proposed com­plex would be able to walk to the library and town hall, which hosts activities for seniors.

"I would rather see this type of organization than any other organi­zation use that site," said Robert VanCourt of 459 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

He went on to say that the site was perfect for the project because it would allow for a positive cross­generational experience.

A teacher at Schenectady Central Park Middle School, Van Court said his school sponsors field trips to the adult back room," said Heather Austin, store manager of Video World in Delmar. "I believe that way since October.

The concern is over how non­rated videos are placed in the video jackets. "Videos marked erotic or erotic thriller should be in the sepa­rate room with adult content videos," Berger said.

Austin said he is sympathetic to the customers concerns and tries to accommodate them.

"There are pictures on the (covers) I wouldn't want my children to see," Carbone said.

Video World puts yellow stick­ers on non-rated videos, stating that the theme is mature and cus­tomers must be 18-years-old to rent them. Stickers are usually strategically placed on video covers.

Austin said she also uses pink paper to cover suggestive pictures on video jackets.

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Fear and Favor in the Newrooom
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Friday, 10 p.m.

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The American Experience: A Midwife's Tale
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Frontline: Last Battle of the Gulf War
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Julie Ann Buehler, daughter of Joseph and Judy Buehler of Delmar, and Michael Paul Cardone, son of Joseph Cardone of Volcano, Hawaii and Lorraine Cardone of Ravena, are engaged to be married.

She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. Julie Ann Buehler and Michael Paul Cardone will be married in Slingerlands, holds a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College and a master's degree from the University of Vermont. She is a counselor at Stowe Elementary School in Stowe, Vt.

The groom is a graduate of St. Michael's College. He is a corporate trustee technical specialist at Chittenden Bank of Vermont.

After a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the couple lives in Colchester, Vt.

**Library offers dog safety tips**

Bethlehem Public Library will offer a program on dogs and child safety entitled "Best Friends" on Sunday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. A video will also be shown. The program is appropriate for children ages 3 and up and their families.

To register, call the library at 439-9314.
The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Selma, Alabama, March 1965. From King Remembered, a nationally touring exhibit organized by The New York State Museum in Albany.

By Katherine McCarthy

A special Martin Luther King Jr. Day service will take place at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Elsmere on Monday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

The service is the brainchild of Susan Meyer, who is a member of the vestry at St. Stephen’s.

"I wanted to have the service primarily because I was concerned about the fallout after the O.J. Simpson verdict," Meyer said. "It seems necessary to reacquaint ourselves with the messages that Martin Luther King Jr. gave us so many years ago. Mostly, that we’ve come a long way, but we have a long way to go. We need to work together to assure that all people are equal."

Meyer said she also felt it was important to do this as a church. "Dr. King began his life as a clergyman, and he had a tremendous amount of faith and theological education. The holiday shouldn’t just be celebrated by the state of New York, or in a secular way. It’s important to remind people that he was a member of the clergy."

The celebration, marking the 50th anniversary of his death, will be presided over by Rev. Darius Mojallali, rector at St. Stephen’s. A quartet from the choir, as well as a soloist, will sing spirituals, and there will be music the congregation can sing.

Members of the children’s choir will also perform, a fitting reminder of Dr. King’s stirring speech on The Washington Mall in Washington, D.C., in which he dreamed of a society where all children would walk hand in hand, learn with one another, and live side by side, regardless of color or creed.

Four other people helped Meyer organize this year’s service. Father Mojallali has been involved in the planning, along with Melissa Allyn, director of the children’s choir; Doug Lutzy, who coordinated the music for the service; Barb Collins, church organist; and Gail Richardson, a member of the choir.

Barb Via and Pat Lutzy have organized a reception following the service, with punch, cookies and finger foods.

Meyer said attendance at last year’s service was good, with people attending from not just St. Stephen’s, but from the whole community.

“I hope our attendance will be the same this year," Meyer said. "I don’t know how many local families go to Albany for services remembering Dr. King, and it’s important to get his message out."

At Siena College in Loudonville, on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., Cornell West, Harvard professor and author, will discuss race in America as part of Siena’s King Lecture series. The lecture will be in the Alumni Recreation Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call 783-2431.

Chinese lyric soprano performs

Several years ago, a young Chinese lyric soprano came into the spotlight when she emerged as the winner in the 1990 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in Los Angeles. Since then, she has performed with some of the world’s leading orchestras and opera companies, including the San Francisco Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic.

On Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m., she will perform at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in Troy. The program will feature solo works by such composers as Richard Strauss, Robert Schumann, and Richard Strauss, as well as a selection of traditional Chinese music. The concert is part of the Troy Symphony Orchestra’s 2015-16 season and is sponsored by the Troy Savings Bank.

Tickets are $30 for adults, $25 for seniors and students with ID, and $10 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the door or online at troypiano.com. For more information, call 273-0938.

Best-kept secret located at Quackenbush House

One of the best-kept secrets in the Albany region is the Quackenbush House on Broadway, a few steps north from Clinton Avenue. It is part of the Albany Cultural Park complex, an exhibit of Albany’s history from its Colonial times to the present. It is housed in a 900-square-foot building that was once a hub of social and cultural activities for the city’s African-American community.

The house, which is open to the public on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is open to the public on weekends from noon to 4 p.m. It is free to enter, and there are no admission fees. For information, call 454-8511.

Always...Patsy Cline returns

The successful production of Always... Patsy Cline returns to Capital Rep this Friday, Jan. 16, for a month-long run at the Wolf Theater. The show, which is based on the book by Larry Grossman and is directed by Michael Reilly, features music by Donny Most, and isイペルヒリ ngờ thre of the most beloved musicals in the country.

The production, which opened on Jan. 16, is scheduled to run through Feb. 16. For more information, call 273-0550 or visit capitalrep.org.

Preview open house scheduled

For Theatre Institute classes

A preview open house will be held at the Theatre Institute on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Theatre Institute offers a wide range of classes for all ages and skill levels, including acting, directing, and technical theatre. The open house is a great opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about the institute’s offerings and to meet current students and faculty.

For more information, call 273-0550 or visit theatreinstitute.org.

Around Theaters!

Lend Me A Tenor at Albany Civic Theater through Jan. 24 (454-1287)
ROSEVILLE LEISURE CLUB

SENIOR WALKING
Meet at Colonia Center at 8:30 a.m., in the food court on the second floor. Exercise class at 8:45. Information, 783-2823.

TOPS CLUB
weights loss support group. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3 Shockill Dr. 1 p.m. Information, 456-9746.

DANCE CLASSES
swing, Latin and ballroom dance classes, led by Riketa Ramone, jazzercise Studio, 116 Everett Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-9129.

LISHAKIL SENIORS
1435 Central Ave., 9 a.m.

COLONIE-GUILDERLAND

ROUNDBOAT
Pav. V Cote, 661 Albany-Shaker Road, 12:15 p.m. Information, 458-9000.

HART SOCIAL CENTER
bridge, 18 Wilson Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 869-5371.

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open to the public, Rochester Center, 2240 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 869-5371.

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swing, Latin and ballroom dance classes, led by Patricia Ramone, jazzercise Studio, 116 Everett Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 435-1200.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Pine Grove Methodist Church, 1560 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 444-5756.

ALBANY AIRPORT ROTARY
Albany Airport, 7:30 a.m. Information, 457-5712.

HART SOCIAL CENTER
painting room, booth of Sunset Lane 1 p.m., 18 Wilson Ave. Information, 869-5371.

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THEATER

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!" Walt Disney's 1994 film on the. The Pepl Arena, 51 South Pearl Street, Albany, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Jan. 21, 22, 23, 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, 25, 3 p.m. Information, 371-5400.


"WE ARE YOUR SISTERS" powerful dramatization of slavery, directed by Darryl v. Johnson, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13. Cost, $10. Information, 472-8384.


"JULIE HALSETON" comic evening, cabaret series, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29. Cost, $18. Information, 473-1846.


"BONN HOOD" American Family Theatre adventure, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7. Cost, $10 Information, 472-8384.

"ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE" Ted Swindley, Capital Region's Answer to TV's 50's, 60's Musical Theatre, Capital Repertory, 111 North Pearl Street, Albany, Jan. 15 through Feb. 15. Information, 442-4501 ext. 293.

"AUTHORS THEATRE WINTERFEST" Ted Swindley, Capital Region's Award Winning Professional Theatre, Capital Repertory, 111 North Pearl Street, Albany, Jan. 16 through Feb. 9. Information, 442-4501 ext. 293.

"THE COLUMBIA WOODWIND QUINTET" unique percussion concert, North Point Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham Street, Kinderhook, Sunday, Jan. 15, 3 p.m. Information, 758-2134.

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