The Cool pool kids

Bethlehem police report says town is safe place

By Peter Hanson

According to the Bethlehem police department's 1997 annual report, serious crime is as rare in town as it appears to be. Only one case of attempted murder was investigated in 1997, and the greatest number of infractions involved traffic violations.

The report indicates that serious crime declined 33 percent from last year and the frequency of minor infractions declined 10.5 percent.

"Local unemployment, changing demographics in the town and the city of Albany and other factors contribute to our crime rate and ultimately our quality of life," the report states. "Bethlehem generally remains a safe place to live, work and shop, although as seen with recent news reports, no community is immune from random, nonsensical violence."

New Spotlight owners see blue skies ahead

By Susan Graves

It's official. Eagle Newspapers acquired Spotlight Newspapers on July 1. Eagle Publisher Stewart Hancock, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Richard Keene and General Manager John McIntyre Jr. have overseen the transitional phase since the sale was announced last month by Dick Ahlstrom, former Spotlight publisher.

According to Keene, the transition of ownership went smoothly. "I would say the transition went very well. Mr. (Richard) Ahlstrom's professional staff aided the integration of Eagle as well as we had hoped."

McIntyre, 31, who recently rejoined Eagle Newspapers group, said when he came here he was "pleasantly surprised by the Spotlight, the people and the product - both are very, very good."

"When I started working with everyone here, I knew this was going to work," he added.

McIntyre got his feet wet in the newspaper business when he was a high school student. His love of writing was the impetus to get into the business. "I just loved the whole aspect and then it grew into a love for working for a newspaper," he said. McIntyre nurtured his passion for the business in college where he became executive editor of the North Adams State College Beacon and in graduate school at Syracuse University at the Newhouse School.

John McIntyre Jr. is the new general manager of Spotlight Newspapers.

Vanderbilt leaving force after 24 years

By Peter Hanson

"I've always had a lot going. A Bethlehem police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt said. "I think I'd be bored if I didn't. In his 24 years on the force, Vanderbilt has had plenty to keep him busy. His varied duties include working as a patrol officer, commanded all three divisions of the department and for the last several years, chaired the town's Traffic Safety Committee."

"These activities are complemented by the two businesses Vanderbilt "48 runs outside of the office — one in a locomotive and rail car repair concern, and the other involves selling kids for log homes," the report says.

On July 18, Vanderbilt's busy life will change dramatically when he finishes his last day as a police officer. He's retiring from the force to take a job with Conrail, which will "lastly his lifelong interest in railroads and also set him up with a second retirement plan."

"True retirement, like sitting by a creek and fishing or sitting on a rocking chair somewhere, wouldn't be attractive to me," Vanderbilt said.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who is leaving police work to work for Conrail, concentrated on traffic safety during his years in uniform.
Bethlehem police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police recently arrested three people on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) and one on a lesser charge of driving with ability impaired (DWAI). Joseph George White, 32, of 123 Brooklyn Heights Road in Rhinebeck, was arrested for DWI Friday, July 3, at 3:24 a.m.

While drove through a DWI checkpoint on Route 85 near the Thruway interchange. After a short pursuit, during which time police said White crossed the center line of Route 85, he was stopped because his license is currently suspended and endangering the welfare of a child because his five-year-old son was a passenger at the time of his arrest. White's son was sent home with his girlfriend.

White was scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday.

Diane Susan Segal, 43, of 1738 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, was arrested for DWI Thursday, July 2, at 7:25 p.m.

Officer Robert Markel re- sponded to a 911 report of a potentially drunk driver on Delaware Avenue near Delaware Plaza. Markel observed Segal leaving the plaza and driving east on Delaware Avenue, during which time she crossed the white fog line and drove onto a curb. Markel said he stopped Segal and administered several field sobriety tests, which Segal failed.

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Michael Anthony Wygel, 38, of 10 Marion Road in Delmar, was arrested for DWI Tuesday, June 30, at 8:39 p.m.

Officer Robert Markel said he observed Wygel driving north on Elsmere Avenue near Feura Bush Road, where Markel said Wygel crossed the white fog line and nearly hit a tree. Markel stopped Wygel and administered several field sobriety tests, which Wygel failed.

Wygel is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, July 21, at 4 p.m.

Donald C. Hoffmeister, 66, of 102 Caldy Court in Delmar, was arrested for DWI Tuesday, June 30, at 7:55 p.m.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who was off-duty, called in a repoit of a potentially drunk driver who crashed in a ditch near Delmar Animal Hospital on Delaware Avenue. Officer Scott Anson responded and administered several field sobriety tests, which Hoffmeister failed.

Hoffmeister is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, July 21, at 4 p.m.

Five Rivers offers wetlands program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a program on wetlands wildlife on Thursday, July 16, at 10 a.m.

Join center naturalists on a field study of wetlands wildlife, and the many interconnections of water, wildlife and people.

This program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.
McGuire brings experience to BC

By Lisa K. Kelly

Curriculum development is a high priority for the Bethlehem Central School District, and it will work and grow, school populations.

McGuire, 51, said he will continue to put into practice higher learning standards, and engage all participants in reviewing the current status and establishing goals for further improvement.

Education is McGuire's life work. He has a bachelor's degree in education from St. John's University, New York, and a master's in education from Syracuse University.

As director of instruction at RCS, McGuire was successful in updating curriculum, planning community information forums Washington County where he is from where Judy left off.

"I think he will pick up well from where Judy left off," Westcott said. McGuire has a successful track record.

"McGuire has an excellent vision in terms of the steps that University of Illinois and a doctor-pickupwellfromwhereJudyleft updating curriculum, planning will commute to Delmar from said McGuire has a successful work. He has a bachelor's degree very successful.

McGuire also prepared for his new role by working for the Shenendehowa Central School District. For six years, beginning in 1988, he was director of special programs. McGuire said the position allowed him to work with special school populations.

He developed enrichment, remedial, speech, English as a second language, occupational, physical therapy and psychology programs.

"It was a very exciting and challenging time," he said. "This was the beginning of opening up class rooms to special education students. The inclusion program was very successful."

McGuire said his experience with special programs will help Bethlehem answer the question, "How do districts reach students who might have not been Regents students?"

On a personal note, McGuire will commute to Delmar from Washington County where he is returning a farmhouse with his wife, Brenda, and three children.

In his spare time, McGuire is an avid fisherman, hunter and camper.

"I'm very much an outdoors person. I really enjoy the outdoors," McGuire said.

New BC transportation supervisor stresses strong safety policies

By Lisa K. Kelly

Nancy Westcott's first impression of Bethlehem was a positive one. "I have never felt as welcomed and accepted as I did at Bethlehem," she said. Westcott, Bethlehem Central School District's new transportation supervisor, after meeting with the district's bus drivers.

Westcott, 48, replaces Robert Peters who resigned after six and a half years as transportation supervisor to take a similar position with Liverpool Central School District.

Westcott comes to Bethlehem from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District where she has been transportation supervisor since 1993. Her appointment takes effect on July 20 at a salary of $52,000 per year.

Superintendent Les Loomis said Westcott was "highly recommended" by her peers and supervisors at RCS and by former transportation supervisor Peters and district dispatcher Victor Hansen.

"She has excellent experience," Loomis added.

Westcott began her transportation career in the private sector with Laidlaw Transportation.

Nancy Westcott

Westcott had worked for nine years as a deputy sheriff and director of the juvenile Aid Bureau in Washington County. "Our goal was to prevent juveniles from becoming statistics in the judicial system," she added.

After resigning, Westcott applied for a job as a school bus driver. Thinking it would be temporary, instead, she was offered an assistant manager position with Laidlaw Transportation, a charter and subcontracting bus company. Two years later, she was promoted to manager.

Sometimes after that, she was sent to Syracuse to work with a school district that had decided to subcontract out its transportation services. "I was the assistant operating manager," she said. "We transported 7,000 students and had 135 buses."

In 1987 she moved to Utica as division manager for Laidlaw Transportation, and she left Laidlaw to become an assistant manager in Binghamton.

Westcott supervised 55 buses, transporting about 5,000 public school students, plus private school students. "We did charter trips also," she added. Because the district had a new transportation program, she and 135 students and had 135 buses."

Westcott and others were fired. She left Laidlaw to become an assistant manager in Binghamton. Two years later, she was promoted to manager.

"I worked a lot with the school safety committee, and we put together a policy regarding inclement weather, bomb threats, weapons and soon they will be the next -- they take a violent act policy," she said.

Westcott said her views on prevention come from her experience as a bus driver. "I believe there should always be a plan in place for every possible situation."

She plans to work closely with the school safety team at Bethlehem, especially because of the close proximity of the garage to the high school. "Whatever affects the high school will affect the general school," she said.

Her most important objective is to make it clear that "bus drivers are a part of the system," and she plans to encourage them to get more involved in the community.

"If something's going to happen, we need to know about it," Westcott said.

She said the school district's bus drivers are "all first class." Westcott said she's working with the district's bus drivers to improve their skills and knowledge.

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"I think the board should review high school disciplinary policies," Loomis said.

"If the school year gets under way so we can get into the school and board levels. There will be no actions that harm students, teachers and community members, or damage district property or disrupt the educational process," Loomis said.

On reorganizational matters, Happy Scherer was unanimously elected to her second term as president and Lynne Lenhardt to her second term as vice president.

The board also approved the following officers: Mary Pasucci, district treasurer; Assistant Superintendent for Business Steven O'Shea, district clerk; business office secretary Kathy Hage, tax collector; and Henry Pobee-McMann of Key Bank's Elmarie branch and Sheila DeLong of Key Bank's Four Corners branch, deputy tax collectors for the town of New Scotland.

The board named Dr. Joanne Van Woert as school physician and Roger Fritts as school attorney.
Slingerlands writer studies baseball's subculture

By Katherine McCarthy

Slingerlands resident George Gmelch happened upon the subject of his new book by accident. While researching a book about baseball, he discovered that people with peripheral connections to the game were more interesting to him than players.

"I was doing interviews with players, with the press, with the box, and with the scouts, and it gave me the idea of telling their story," the former minor league baseball player and current chairman of Union College's anthropology department said.

The result is In the Ballpark: The Working Lives of Baseball People, co-written by Gmelch and one of his Union students, J.J. Weiner. Published this spring by Smithsonian Institution Press, the book chronicles the experiences of mascots, beer vendors, scouts and a host of other people who make their living around the great American pastime.

In the Ballpark is already in its third printing, helped along by a review in The New York Times. Gmelch called the book "a gem," a short review in Parade magazine and positive mention in Sports Illustrated.

Gmelch and Weiner spent many summers following various baseball teams. Weiner worked for the Birmingham Barons and focused on baseball's Southern League, while Gmelch put in the miles to follow other teams.

Becoming intimately involved with baseball years after his playing career ended sparked feelings of nostalgia in Gmelch. He also found himself asking "What if?" questions.

"I was in the Tigers organization in the '50s," the former basemen said. "I got to the fourth of six levels, and one year I had a real chance. I'm not sure I ever believed I'd make it to the big leagues. I kept a journal of that time, and it wasn't until I was out of school that I saw I really could have done it."

Seeing where past teammates— including Johnny Bench and Joe Morgan — ended up sometimes surprised Gmelch. "I've seen some pro players who weren't as good as I was when we played together," he said. "It just shows that if you stick with it, you can get good."

Meeting up with Jim Leyland, now the manager of the Florida Marlins, showed Gmelch one of the scenarios that could have played out if he'd stayed in baseball.

"Jim is eight days older than me, and we had played together," Gmelch said. "It was fun going back and remembering the past with someone who's the same age as me, and who was once in the same place at the same time that I was."

"Now, he's one of the best managers in baseball and makes about half a million dollars a year," Gmelch continued. "That made me nostalgic for baseball. I would have traded places with him."

Although he had doubts about his playing ability, another factor that spurred Gmelch's decision to leave baseball was the anti-sports sentiment at Stanford University in the 1960s, when the California native was an undergraduate.

Although he led his team in hitting and batted cleanup, he left the game in 1968 to get a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of California at Santa Barbara. For the next 20 years, he had nothing to do with baseball. "I didn't even watch the World Series," he said.

After receiving his doctorate, Gmelch taught at McGill University in Montreal and spent 11 years studying the Irish. He wrote two books, The Irish Tinkers and To Shorten the Road, about the traveling people of Ireland.

Gmelch's wife Sharon is also an anthropologist at Union, and shares her husband's interest in the Irish travelers. She is the author of the highly regarded, Nan, The Life of an Irish Travelling Woman.

In the late 70s, George Gmelch also completed a study of Irish immigrants, largely from the Boston and Albany areas, who returned to their homeland.

Even Ireland, Gmelch turned to Alaska, where he worked for that state's park service, studying the native subsistence patterns of Tlingit Indians. For the past 10 years, Gmelch has been doing field work in Barbados, where he and his wife run a program every other summer. His study of a community in the northern part of Barbados turned into a book called The Parish Behind God's Back, and another book, Double Passage, deals with the subject of return migration from England back to Barbados.

The Gmelches also balance their work with family life— they have a 15-year-old son, Morgan, who attends Bethlehem Central High School.

Because he has numerous projects going at any given time, In the Ballpark was six years in the writing. The good news is that Gmelch's other baseball book—the one he put aside to write In the Ballpark—has been completed.

"I have eight of 11 chapters completed," Gmelch said regarding his book about the baseball subculture. The book will include about 130 interviews with major league players from the Giants, the Yankees and the Braves, and with minor league players too.

Gmelch said his experience with the game helps melt the ice during interviews. "It makes a difference that I was a player," he said. Gmelch explained that short interviews often stretch into hour-long conversations because he and his subjects find so many things to talk about.

Although he may not make as much as his former teammate Jim Leyland does, Gmelch said he's happy to work as an anthropologist, he said. "I've worked in a lot of interesting places."

BCHS class of 1948 schedules reunion

Bethlehem Central High School class of 1948 has scheduled a three-day 50th reunion for July 10 to 12. Alumni from all over the country are expected to attend. The main event will be a barbecue dinner at Normanside Country Club in Elsmere on Saturday, July 11, with cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

A disc jockey will play songs from the 40s and 50s.

Reunion arrangements will gather on Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elsmere to meet former classmates. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The weekend will conclude with an informal brunch on Sunday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar. For information, contact Gerrie Cook Agar at 339-4685 or Dick Havely at 439-4797.

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Delmar woman wins pro bono award

Project helps poor and underprivileged

By Katherine McCarthy

Meredith Haver Savitt of Delmar is one of 12 lawyers statewide who received the 1998 President’s Pro Bono Service Award from the New York State Bar Association. Savitt has been instrumental in establishing the Capital District Women’s Bar Association (CDWBA) Pro Bono Project, something she sees as an important part of the Albany legal community.

“The pro bono project is a not-for-profit arm of CDWBA,” Savitt said. “We provide a variety of services to the poor and underprivileged. We provide legal clinics, divorce projects, the domestic violence project, and we do a lot of child advocacy work. I’m delighted that we’re able to provide pro bono services to people who might fall through the cracks or who earn too much to qualify for Legal Aid. We’ve found a niche, and we’re filling it well.”

Savitt, who is the president-ex officio of the project, had to be pleased with the fact that the project has trained other lawyers, assuring its continued success.

“Dozens of lawyers have participated in the project,” she said, “both male and female. They all agree that doing this work makes them feel good.”

Savitt is a lawyer at the Albany firm of Hite & Casey, where she concentrates in labor and employment law. Still, she said she works “constantly” with the pro bono project. The only paid member of the project is the new executive director, Wendy Alaimo. Wendy has unbounded energy and enthusiasm,” Savitt said. Her salary is made possible by a grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Volunteerism is nothing new for Savitt, who was an undergraduate and graduate student at Barnard College in New York City, and received her law degree from Boston University.

“I have always felt very lucky to be able to get my undergraduate and graduate degrees,” the Long Island native said. “I was always told to do good and excellent work. I always thought it was important to give something back.”

Savitt and her husband, Philip Rosenberg, moved to the Capital District in 1992 after working “80

Meredith Savitt hours a week” in New York City law firms. In spite of work commitments, Savitt still made time to tutor in East Greenbush and to volunteer legal work.

After moving to this area, Savitt joined the Capital District Women’s Bar Association, primarily to network, but soon became deeply involved in the pro bono project. Her commitment to the CDWBA remains strong; she is currently its president.

Savitt’s dedication was a strong reason for her selection as a recipient of the President’s Pro Bono Service Award, according to Peru Ceraso, director of pro bono affairs for the New York State Bar Association.

“The CDWBA only has 250 members,” Ceraso said, “so to have a program like the pro bono project is a tribute to how dedicated they are. The fact that they do as much as they do is a tribute to how dedicated they are. The fact that they can do as much as they do is a tribute to how dedicated they are.”

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Discovering the joy of cynicism

Point of View

By Peter Hanson
The writer is a reporter at Spotlight Newspapers.

I'm prematurely cranky. Most people need a divorce, the death of a loved one or an unexpected layoff to make them lose their faith in humanity, but all it took to darken my outlook was a few correspondences with my high school English teacher who thought it would be novel to invite their tubby, pre-teen grandson down to Florida for a month, then put him on a diet of ice cream and soft drinks.

Then there was the high school English teacher who thought he was channeling the Harvard law professor John Hoomanley in The Paper Chase, even though he was really teaching Steinbeck and Shakespeare to rooms full of mouth-breathers in a school where the predominant student organization was Future Farmers of America.

This charmer, who tended to schlep back and forth across the classroom as if he were Sisyphus carrying his burden, gave uninterested students assignments they knew they couldn't handle, then, as the students fumbled through pitifully easy essays, broke into an atonal rendition of "The Impossible Dream.

People like my grandparents and the English teacher turned me sour before I was even born. Instead of seeing these contrary people as challenges to be faced, I let their behavior knock down the pillars of my confidence in others. My past excesses, though; I find a kernel of truth in their words, which in turn shook my confidence in myself.

Yet when one tumultuous event occurred, I let it start a wave that knocked down the pillars of my life like dominos. The spark was losing a campus job that I got on the strength of my major in the most化学-imbalance-riddled class of my life where I'd never articulated.

When I got to college, my cynicism spread like an infection, evolving from a dark sense of humor to a constant sense of impending doom. It shook my confidence in people, which is in turn shook my confidence in myself.

My parents overwhelmed me in my third year of college. Despite my sour demeanor, I had managed to enchant a charming coed, and despite having the people skills of a gas-chamber attendant, I'd drawn a circle of friends around me.

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Parent sees BCHS administration at fault

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to comment on the "senior prankings on at the high school. Could it be that the reasons for this seemingly vexed anomie is because the school administration is self-righteous, demeaning and condescending to both parents and students alike? BCHS likes to brag about its superior performance in regard to student grades. But unlike Alba High School, the BCHS administration ignores or covers up its problems and attempts to encourage parents to get rid of the problem by placing a student in a private school.

Rather than offer constructive help to problem children (counseling, apprenticeship or mentoring), they suspend until the student has missed so many days that it's impossible to pass. The choice then is to repeat the year or attend another school — at parents' expense of course.

The school system conveniently forgets that we pay their salaries. When a report card is held because a child owes lunch money, this is not only absurd but illegal. Those reports and our children's records are our property. In fact, just because the school has policies doesn't make our children's actions illegal. Those reports and our children's records are our property. In fact, just because the school has policies doesn't make them legal. The system is taking advantage of the parents lack of time to work. Many of us cannot attend PTA meetings. We would need more time than we currently have to police this monstrosity. They have a power hungry person going around in the high school "monitoring" student behavior.

Letters

He follows students into bathrooms, in hallways and provocatively entices them to say the wrong thing so he can "write them up."

This school system could develop a functional working situation with busy parents by having a computer site for PTA purposes as well as posting weekly homework assignments, tests and progress reports.

The district mistakenly assumes that because parents have responded in a favorable way, they will do what they want. We are, in fact, supporting an education for our children. Bethlehem has a mix of good and apathetic teachers just like every other school, and they have the same problems, but they get disposed of as quickly as possible.

The system is dictatorial when it's in its best interest. However, when dogs would be appropriate to keep drugs out of school, during session, not just on recess, the system declines for fear that the parents would find out how extensive the problem really is. People outside Bethlehem know about our drug problem. The school system should be faulted just as much as the students for covering it up. There should be proactive positive measures taken not just searches and arrests. We're paying for our children to get an education, not to get hooked on drugs.

It's pretty obvious that the DARE program is seen as nothing more than adult propaganda after the elementary level, so why are we still paying police officers to hang around the schools?

These could be some of the reasons for apparently hostile student pranks or the students' attitudes. The school administration should stop treating everyone in the community as if they are the epitome of intelligence and enlightenment and examine its own attitudes and motives. Maybe they're the ones who need to get an education.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I’m extremely dismayed about all the residents writing in who are willing to compromise our village residential zoning and advocate the spot zoning issue of CMI on Delaware Avenue. Many of the recent letters seem to have come from our senior residents. They seem awfully eager to welcome CMI on our soil.

These seniors could be the ones that we have to thank for preserving the residential zoning of our town. For decades, many of our residents have fought to protect and preserve the residential zoning on past issues involving the two main corridors of town—Kenwood and Delaware avenues—and to continually restrict the commercial uses in the village. This village atmosphere of our town is our greatest asset and has been strongly protected by past planning and town boards.

In spite of all the cliches and buzzwords, this is not about housing for seniors. It is about an applicant who wants to change the rules and obtain greater density for speculative real estate development to be sold to the highest bidder. This would be a sweet deal for CMI—they wouldn’t have to pay big bucks for commercially zoned land.

Remember, in the past CMI admitted there were other sites for consideration, but this was the most “cost effective” for them. There is a market for this money making service, they could be located anywhere in town on an appropriately zoned site. In fact, many people would agree that a more spacious setting would enhance the project.

The Delaware Avenue site is residential and should remain this way. Please, folks, don’t throw away all the hard work done in the past to protect our village.

It is unfair to deny this particular request for spot zoning at the expense of our neighbors and friends in this neighborhood who have invested their time, energy, and money in the expectation that zoning will be honored. It is truly a matter of principle.

This also leads to the dangerous precedent this decision could set for our future when the next developer comes along using the same basis that was used by CMI.

To all my fellow residents—be wary that spot zoning could compromise your neighborhood too.

Look at the facts and realize that the proposed facility is huge and will never integrate into this neighborhood, no matter how many nice renderings they have.

Again, to the town board and fellow citizens, there is nothing about this project that meets any of the criteria to warrant or justify spot zoning, and it would be fundamentally wrong to do so.

I urge all village residents to put themselves in the shoes of the people who would have to live next to this massive structure and (who thought they would never have to). Please take a long, hard look at this issue and join us at the July 8 public meeting to support us in keeping residential zoning in place, as it has been in the master plan for decades.

Don’t let big business compromise our values and slowly eat away our village.

M.A. Kelley
Delmar

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Robert K. Decker
Delmar

Bethlehem lacks open government

Editor, The Spotlight:

Supervisor Sheila Fuller recently said in The Spotlight, "I have never experienced Bethlehem as having closed government." Perhaps that's why Bethleham is not being asked to change the zoning so that lifelong residents would have access to public documents. Unfortunately, when it comes to the water issue, we do not have open government.

Open government also means that residents would have access to public documents. Unfortunately, when it comes to the water issue, we do not have open government.

Anyone who attends town board meetings can readily see that board members (with the exception of Democrat Susan Burns) have made up their minds before the meeting.

Whether it's a vote to dredge the Hudson River, or a vote to hire the firm to build another well, Fuller, Davis, Lenhardt and Johnson are always in step.

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Class deserves praise

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I am writing to praise BCHS students from the class of 2000. They have not forgotten their classmate Sarah Renee Whiting as many of them planned and participated in the recent Sarah Whiting Memorial Run-a-thon.

The goal of the run-a-thon is to honor their friend and classmate and to raise public awareness of pedestrian safety. In the process, participants in the run-a-thon get paid to walk-in care for minor illness and injury.

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School trustees to honor volunteers

The board of education will hold a reception to honor school district volunteers on Monday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Invitations are in the mail.

Extra mile awards will also be announced. After the reception, the school board will hold its organizational meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., followed by its regular meeting.

Family programs at Heidelberg Workshop

Spend an afternoon with an enchanting collection of marionnettes on Sunday, July 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. when Castle Bridge Players present "Sir George and the Dragon," a classic tale of good and evil, in a special program for families at Heidelberg Workshop on Picard Road.

Jim Snack will present an evening of magical entertainment and illusions on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:45 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Teacher Park slates nature programs

Nature photography tips and techniques will be offered by professional photographer Warren Burton along the Indian Ladder Trail at John Boyd Thacher State Park on Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. The group will meet at the Indian Ladder parking area. Registration is required.

Naturally, Ruth Schottman will lead a middsummer wildflower walk on Saturday, July 18, at 2 p.m. Call ahead for exact location.

The program is dependent on the weather. For information and to register, call 872-1237.

Together at Twilight series begins July 15

The Poppys Doodle Puppets will open Voorheesville Public Library's Together at Twilight series on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

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Delmar library offers Kids writing workshop

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar has opened registration for its seventh annual children's writing workshop.

The workshop is open to children entering grades one through four. It meets Fridays, July 10 to Aug. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Local authors will present particular aspects of writing at each session. Participants will write, illustrate and bind their own books, which will remain in the library for a year.

A reception on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. will close the program. Registration is ongoing and in person only. Participants must firmly commit to four of the five sessions. Adult volunteers are needed. For information, call youth services at 439-9014.

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Wine & cheese festival set at park

The New Baltimore Conservancy is sponsoring a wine and cheese festival at Cornell Park on Friday, July 10, from 7 to 11 p.m. Proceeds benefit the New Baltimore Conservancy Scholarship Fund.

Swim lessons offered

Members of the Ravena swim team will give swimming lessons at the Ravena town pool Monday through Friday, July 20 to 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. Swim team coach David Burns will direct the program.

Rev's Tours plans trip to Bolton Landing

Rev's Tours at South Albany

Colgate University — Alexander Teeter of Delmar (bachelor’s in philosophy and biology, cum laude).
College of William and Mary — Casey Cornelius of Delmar (bachelor’s in English).
Slingerlands was recently inducted into the Ravena Friendship Festival.

The festival, which is scheduled for Aug. 28 to 30, received the award because it is family-oriented and alcohol-free.

Boat House Restaurant open for season

The Boat House Restaurant at Shady Harbor Marina off Route 14 is open for the season. It features Black Angus beef, seafood, veal, pasta and poultry.

The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily, and brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Kudos to girls soccer team

RCS Youth Soccer’s under 16 girls travel team finished the season undefeated.

Congratulations to team members Kelly Ryse of Shleter, Sue Lewinick, Aja Case, Arielle Schall, Diane Courly, Holly Oakes, Stephanie Przybylowicz, Lara Aicardi, Carrie Sier, Ashley Malis, Rachel Richter, Jaime Driscoll, Laura Nicholson, Alyssa Seiber, Aimee Norton and Jessica McCumber.

Slingerlands woman joins honor society

Viomi Lieberman of Slingerland's was recently inducted into the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society during William Smith College's annual Moving Up Day ceremony.

Lieberman is a 1998 graduate of William Smith College.

SUNY Geneseo — Aaron Brown of Delmar (bachelor of arts).
SUNY Oneonta — Amy Klein Russell of Delmar (bachelor of art). W

Also, Theresa Wilkinson of Feura Bush (bachelor’s in business, cum laude), Christopher Lane (bachelor’s in biology, magna cum laude) and Michael Klyberg (bachelor’s in accounting), all of Glenmont.

Also, Robin Iorns of Selkirk (bachelor’s in English, magna cum laude) and Claire Devine (bachelor’s in psychology) and Michael Osborne (bachelor’s in computer science and mathematics), both of Slingerlands.

Also, Craig Gordinier (bachelor’s in business), Melissa Previcop (bachelor’s in Spanish) and Heather Tippin (bachelor’s in psychology), all of Voorheesville.

University of New Hampshire — Bridget Carroll of Delmar (bachelor’s in horticulture and agronomy).

University of Rochester — Rebecca Cole (bachelor’s in biology, cum laude), and Marc Manella (bachelor’s in biology and psychology), both of Delmar.

Exchange program seeks host families

The SHARE! Program still needs volunteer host families in the Delmar area to provide a bed, meals and a loving home to high school students arriving in August from more than 25 countries including Germany, Japan, Brazil, China and Poland.

The students, all between the ages of 15 and 18, are participating in the cross-cultural exchange to learn about America and share their own customs and culture. They will stay in America for five to 10 months.

The students are screened both in their home country and by the SHARE! program for academic excellence and English proficiency. They are fully insured and responsible for their own spending money.

For information, contact the SHARE! national office at 1-800-321-3738.
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Bethlehem Kickers complete season

The Bethlehem Kickers under-8 soccer team completed its first season on Wednesday, June 24. The team played in the fourth division of the Capital District Soccer League, under age group was 10-12. That record gives the Kickers 22 points and a first-place finish in division four. There are seven divisions in the under 8 age group.

The team played in four tournaments in Saratoga, Highland (Scotia), Shenentaha (Shenendehowa) and the Bethlehem Bee Line tournament. The Kickers tied for first at the Highland Tournament and won the Bee Line and division of the group.

The team consisted of two 6-year-olds and 12 7-year-olds. The team's success was particularly gratifying as many of the opposing players were 8-year-olds who had played two years of travel soccer. The teams excellent record was due to the players learning to play positions, strong tackling skills and continual improvement in passing and team play. Strong goal tending performances were seen from a number of players. All parents were supportive throughout both the indoor and outdoor seasons. This support enabled a high level of player participation which provided the players with the opportunity to improve individual skills and improve their ability to play as a team.

The players on the team are Jessie Bryant, Taylor Chase, Evan Finkle, Jeffrey Fossett, Austin Hughes, Tom Klim, Harrison Lane, Rebecca Lee, Patrick Manosell, Megan Olsen, Ari Rodriguez, Alex Sobiecki, Kierston Sweeet and Kevin Wenth. Tom Klim and Bob Lane coached the team. Bill Lee organized the teams participation in tournaments and Steve Hughes helped with player management during games.

Coaches said all the players improved significantly from the first practice in the fall, and they credited the kids' hard work and the parents' support for the teams success. Players said they enjoyed being on the team and look forward to playing again next year.

Bethlehem takes 2nd in District 5 tournament

Bethlehem is the 1998 runner-up in the District 5 Babe Ruth League. They were defeated by Colonie Babe Ruth, 5-2, during the championship game Friday, July 3. At the end of the first inning, Bethlehem was ahead 1-0. Colonie came back to tie in the second. The score remained the same until the fifth inning when Bethlehem scored, making the score 2-1. In the sixth inning, Colonie tied the game and at the top of the seventh Colonie took control, making the final score 3-2.

In offensive play, Tim Rice had a double and a single, while Adam Rodriguez had two singles. They also delivered strong defense.

Other contributors to the game were first baseman Morgan Geasch, second baseman Bill Tiensley and catcher Alan Lewis. Colonie will now move to the state tournament.

In previous tournament games, Bethlehem's 15-year-old all star team raced to the head of the winners bracket in the District 5 Babe Ruth All Star Tournament played Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, at Cook Park in Colonie. On Saturday Bethlehem played Guilderland in the opening game of the double elimination format, Bethlehem rode to a 7-2 win behind the strong pitching of Josh Burnett, who struck out nine over six innings. Bethlehem struck early, scoring four runs in the top of the first inning capped by a two-run home run by left fielder Rodriguez. A critical play was the base running of second baseman Tierney, who scored from second on a passed ball.

The win puts Bethlehem in the second round match-up against defending champion Colonie.

Center fielder Rice came through with a clutch two-out, two-run double off Colonie's Nick Gasula to drive in a pair of runs in the fifth inning and clinch the 5-4 victory. Earlier, Rice robbed Colonie of two more by ending the first inning with a running catch in deep center, stopping a Colonie rally.

Third baseman Rick Root, Lewis and Geasch also contributed important hits to Bethlehem's victory.


Five Rivers plans environmental games

An evening of environmental games and interactive activities is planned for Tuesday, July 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar. Naturalists will lead parents and children through a series of games chosen from Project W.I.L.D. activities, including running games and scavenger hunts.

The program is appropriate for children between the ages of four and ten. Preregistration by July 19 is required. For information or to register, call 475-0291.

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Camp Chincagchigook is accepting applications for a mountain climbing trip. Physically fit teens will tackle the Adirondack Mountains from July 29 to Aug. 20. For information, call 656-9462.

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Owens Corning Babe Ruth ends season undefeated

Owens Corning 13-year-old Bethelhem Babe Ruth division has completed an undefeated season with a 130-0 record.

The key to Owens Corning’s success was fielding. They allowed only 22 unearned runs while scoring 44 runs on errors; baserunning with only 13 players thrown out on the bases while opponents were gunned down 26 times.

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So big

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The department, with 39 officers and about two dozen civilian staffers, had a budget of $31,125,000 in 1997, which represented 14.7 percent of the town's expenditures for the year.

The most active branch was the patrol division, which made 5,189 vehicle stops in 1997, up from 4,384 last year. These stops resulted in 4,570 arrests, the largest portion of which — 1,480 — were for speeding.

The number of drunken-driving arrests continues to decline that has been happening for several years, suggesting that strict enforcement, public information programs and community involvement are having an effective prevention system.

Seventy-seven misdemeanor DWI arrests were made last year, and only eight people were arrested for felony DWI. Five arrests were made under "zero tolerance," the state's newest drunken-driving classification. The classification stipulates a lower blood alcohol content threshold for underage officers and was put into effect in 1997.

Although drunken-driving seems to be on the wane — last year's 77 arrests are down from 89 in 1996 and 99 in 1995 — there were a large number of vehicle stops prompted by violations of the state's seat belt laws.

More than 1,000 people were stopped in 1997 for failing to properly use seat belts or child restraints.

The patrol division also responded to three truancy cases in 1997, involving residences and made more than 7,000 preventive property checks. More than 300 incidents of property damage were reported.

Patrol officers drove approximately 300,000 miles last year.

The county's new satellite station provided a separate set of statistics for its 1997 activities. Officers from the mobile station responded to 3,115 calls last year, reported 602 incidents, made 702 traffic arrests and drove 92,000 miles in 1997.

One aspect of the department's activities that cannot be quantified as closely as patrol functions is community involvement. Whether making informational presentations, attending neighborhood functions or maintaining a presence at Bethlehem Central High School and middle school through the school resource officer program, Bethlehem police officers integrated themselves into town life throughout 1997.

The department's detectives investigated 1,072 cases last year, most of which — nearly 700 — involved theft. The other leading type of investigation involved fraud and bad checks. These areas involved 239 cases in 1997. Although there were fewer than 10 criminal mischief cases in 1994 and 1995, in 1996 there were 57 criminal mischief cases. Detectives investigated 43 incidents last year.

Drugs were not a major factor in town crime in 1997; only 15 cases involving controlled substances were investigated.

The department's youth bureau was active in preventive functions, presenting informational sessions to more than 16,000 youths last year. As with the detectives, youth bureau officers spent most of their time investigating thefts, but they investigated 10 drug-related incidents, down from 13 last year, two incidents involving illegal possession of weapons and one accidental death.

Animal control officers responded to nearly 3,000 calls last year, including 615 reports of dead or injured animals, 463 cases of animals annoying humans and 410 reports of loose animals. A total of 75 dogs were seized by dog catchers, 52 of which were returned to their owners.

Fourteen dogs were adopted by new owners and nine were euthanized. Additionally, 75 cats were seized. Statistics, on what happened to those cats were not provided.

Owners

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McIntyre will be responsible for the day-to-day overall operation of the three Spotlight newspapers. He began his career with Eagle, but left to "follow my bliss," which was earning a doctorate and had been offered a job at Adirondack Community College in Plattsburgh. When Keene informed McIntyre of the job opening at Spotlight Newspapers he said he felt it was a perfect opportunity to be able to stay in the area and rejoin the Eagle group.

McIntyre said he envisions a bright future for Spotlight Newspapers. "What Eagle brings is more technology, more resources, which will make us an even better company. Eagle also brings more advertisements. At Spotlights not only do we have a better market, we are also able to give the customer something more."

Eagle Newspapers was comprised of 12 weeklies and three monthlies in the Syracuse area.

Most of the original Spotlight staff for the three papers will continue with some changes in assignments. Spotlight Managing editor Susan Graves will become executive editor of all three papers. Colleague Spotlight managing editor Dev Tobin will be managing editor of the three papers. The reporting, production and sales staff will essentially remain the same. There will also be opportunities for high school and college student interns at the Spotlights.

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Testani, son of Cara Tyra of
Cara
Binghamton, Broome County, and the late Fred Testani, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Bonaventure University.

Robyn Elizabeth Richards, daughter of Arthur and Phyllis Richards of Glenmont, and Steven Edward Dombor, son of Edward and Margaret Dombor of Madison, N.J., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hobart and William Smith colleges. She has a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

She will enter the doctoral program in psychology at the University of Chicago in September.

The future groom has both bachelor and master's degrees from St. Bonaventure University.

He is a teacher and coach.

The couple plans a Dec. 19 wedding.

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Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

For information and submission forms, call 439-4946. Mail announcements to 229 Adamas St., Delmar 12054.

Here's to a Wonderful Wedding!

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Elise Michelle Zwicke- bauer, to Tamara Thomas and Franz Zwickebauer of Delmar, May 2.

Boy, James Henry Lenden IV, to Davina and James Lenden III of Delmar, May 11.

Girl, Margaret Patricia Holley, to Cheryl and Mark Holley of Delmar, May 14.

Boy, Steven Richard Okoniewski, to Arlene and Richard Okoniewski of Selkirk, May 18.


Girl, Julia Catherine Giliberto, to Donna and James Giliberto of Glenmont, May 28.

Boy, Christopher David Davitt, to Michele and Timothy Davitt of Delmar, May 29.

St. Peter's


Girl, Pheobe Madissen Siegel, to Sharon and Lowell Siegel of Slingerlands, June 13.

Boy, Paul Joseph MacFarlane, to Deborah and Joseph Mac Farlane of Delmar, June 16.

Girl, Maria Isabelle Scanu, to Michelle and Vincent Scanu of Slingerlands, June 17.


Girl, McKenzie Emma Lane, to Tiffany and Eric Lane of Delmar, June 18.

Out of town

Boy, Daniel Jacob Fullerton, to Nancy and John Fullerton of Mansfield, Mass., June 17. MATER­ nal grandparents are Thomas and Alice Hamill of Delmar.

BCHS student named scholar

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The future groom is a graduate of Bonaventure University.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Regents College of the Holy Cross - Matthew Nutall of Delmar.

Columbia University - Kathryn Sherwin of Delmar.

Duke University - James Mills of Delmar.

Hamilton College - Sarah Cook and Peter Flanagan, both of Delmar.

Ithaca College - Jennifer Shapiro of Glenmont.

Johnson & Wales University - Katherine Fahl of Voorheesville.

Lehigh University - Sarah Hotting of Delmar.

Roozinite College - Heather Sheldon of Slingerlands.

SUNY Oswego - David Goodfellow (president's list), Elizabeth Hallenbeck, Sarah Nathan and Patrick Roberts (president's list), all of Delmar, and Nicole Stagg of Voorheesville.

SUNY Plattsburgh - Martha Perry of Voorheesville.

University of Delaware - Emily Fireovid of Delmar.

SUNY Oneonta - Tricia Sleasman of Delmar and Vicky Desrochers of Selkirk.

Some news from the college campus

Patricia Greer, daughter of Win­ ston and Regina Greer of Selkirk and Fearghal McCarthy, son of Jim and Mary McCarthy of Limer­ ick, Ireland, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University at Albany and Ameri­ can University.

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John VanEtten Ennis

John VanEtten Ennis, 77, of Delmar, died Monday, July 6, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, a former member of the Bethlehem Lions Club and a member and past commander of Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post 1040.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy M. Ennis, two daughters, Joan Ennis Coffey of Slingerlands and John VanEtten Ennis, 77, of Delmar, New York; two sons, John V. Ennis and Michael Ennis of Poughkeepsie; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be on Thursday, July 9, from the Applebee Funeral Home in Selkirk.

Mary A. Preston

Mary A. Preston, 77, of Delmar died Thursday, July 2, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Preston was a teacher for many years, most recently in the Voorheesville school district.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Lilly Szell

Lilly Szell, 52, of Glenmont died Sunday, July 5, at her home.

Born in Budapest, she lived in Selkirk and was a member of World War II Veterans of America, Inc. She was a member of Synagogue Torah of Glenmont in recognition of the wall mural she painted at the pool complex as a Girl Scout Silver Award project. The Silver Award is the highest Scouting award.

Death Notices

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

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

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Silver lining

Bethlehem Parks & Recreation administrator Dave Austin presents a tour order of the directory, called the "Spotlight on Local Natural Areas in Recognition of the Year of the Garden 2000." The award is the highest Scouting award.

Five local private gardens in Slingerlands, Delmar and Feura Bush will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The public is invited to explore the private gardens as part of the Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program.

Mary Carol and David White's gardens lie on 18 acres cleared from white pine woods in Slingerlands. Four gardens of oversized perennials and annuals mirror each other. There is also a formal rose garden, waterfall, and garden house.

The Delmar garden of Karen and Peter Kermani rounds out the offering of private gardens. This small suburban lot will surprise visitors with its fine stonework and its sunken garden with pink azalea around the outer edge, framing rhododendron, astilbe, Jacob's ladder, painted ferns, phlox and more. An English trellis arbor welcomes guests to the perennial garden.

Reservations are not required and everyone is welcome. There is an admission charge of $4 at each garden. To find out where the gardens are located, purchase a copy to the 1998 Garden Conservancy Open Days Directory for $10. The directory is available at the Helderberg Garden in Altamont and the Gallery in Albany.
here's more to the blues than just feeling blue. Although some of the genre's most famous tunes—from B.B. King's "Thrill Has Gone" to Stevie Ray Vaughan's "The Sky Is Crying"—give eloquent voice to personal pain, any blues fan will tell you the music is as much about feeling good as it is about feeling bad.

And this weekend, the whole spectrum of blues music will be on display for the latest annual Fleet BluesFest, taking place Friday and Saturday at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Each day will feature 10 hours of live performances set in an outdoor festival atmosphere. Admission to the event is free.

The BluesFest headliners this year are Koko Taylor, one of the leading contenders for the title "Queen of the Blues," and Irma Thomas, a legendary singer from New Orleans who scored her first hit in the early '60s and hasn't slowed down since.

Other performers include second-generation guitar wizard Bernard Allison, the son of blues giant Luther Allison, powerful singers like Tracy Nelson and Sarim Brown, and Commander Cody, the Capital District's favorite '60s survivor.

In all, 21 bands and solo acts will perform, with shows starting at noon each day and ending at 10 p.m. On Saturday, the concerts will be complemented with an attraction called the Kids Fun Zone, which will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. This attraction includes rides, clowns who will make balloon toys and paint children's faces and art activities. Admission to the Zone is free.

Performers appearing at the Fleet BluesFest this weekend at the Empire State Plaza include (clockwise from top left): Koko Taylor, Greg Piccolo, Carl Weathersby and the Nighthawks. The festival runs Friday through Saturday.
**ALBANY COUNTY**

**EAST TIMORSE RESISTANCE LEADER**
Khalid Masood Center, 40 North Main Ave., 7:30 p.m.

**CONFERENCE ON GERONTIC PHYSICAL SECURITY**
Century House Inn and Conference Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 398-6082.

**FARMERS' MARKET**
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue at Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 212-0909.

**FARMERS' MARKET**
Evangelical Protestant Church, 512 Clinton Avenue, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**FARMERS' MARKET**
Sharon VA Medical Center, Treatment Center, Myrtle Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 462-3311, extension 2229.

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**KILING WITH KIDS**
EMT, Crossgates Mall, 7 p.m. Information, 452-5440.

**SQUARE DANCE**
Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Lincoln Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 499-2988.

**ANCESEREAU COUNTY**

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9650.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**RIVER VALLEY CHORES MEETING**
Greenwood School, 34 Wooster Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 365-4024.

**THURSDAY JULY 13**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**
Capitol Choral Society of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 116 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4300.

**LUNCHTIME SUNDOWN SALE**
(BAUM ONLY)
townside of gift items from the Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 465-4478.

**FARMERS' MARKET**
(22 June to Nov. 16)
Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whistling Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

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(22 June to Nov. 16)
Albany Fyaca, 28 Cohan Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-4689.

**FARMERS' MARKET**
comes of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 372-2972.

**SENIOR CHORALE**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whistle Road, 1st floor, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-3001.

**MOTHERS' DROP IN**
(sponsored by the Capitol District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quay Street)
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**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**
Council offices, 645 Center Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Information, 438-3001.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

**GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP**
Alden Towers, Community House, 301 Whitewater Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-3001.

**CASY'S**
Family level: Child, 131 Washington Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 372-2972.

**MONDAY DANCE PROGRAM**
The Great Cottage, 7 p.m. Information, 225-1202.

**JUNIOR MUSEUM MINI-GOLF TOURNEY**
Furpane, East Greenbush, 10 a.m. to noon. Information, 383-5502.

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**GREAT ESCAPE BEACH PARTY**
Lake George, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information, 383-6183.

**MONDAY JULY 13**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR**
beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Plaza, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Information, 436-6331.

**FARMERS' MARKET**
First Congregational Church, 400 River St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**DANCE PROGRAM**
"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children and older. Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 397-6655.

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**MUSEUM ART CLASSES**
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., 255, information, 463-4478.

**DANCE CLASSES**
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern. New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

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SUNDAY 11

BELTHELM

BELTHELM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunday, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., choir rehearsal, Willowbrook Avenue. Information: 691-6779.

BELTHELM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, Route 85, 691-6179.

BELTHELM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Watchtower Bible Study, 10 a.m., 428 Kenwood Avenue, Information: 769-4365.

SILVERGLEN COMMUNITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school worship service and church school, 9:15 a.m., New Scotland Road, Information: 439-9314.

YOUTH BELTHELM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m.; church school provided, 590 Delaware Avenue, Information: 439-7097.

BELTHELM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m.; lunch available for children, 619 Elm Avenue, Information: 439-3156.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; coffee fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 8:30, Poplar Drive and Elm Avenue Avenue, Information: 439-6779.

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BELTHELM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bible lecture, 6 p.m., evening worship service, 7 p.m., Information: 439-4276.

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Celebrate summer with a show!

Throughout the summer, groups from around the area are presenting concerts, theater performances and other attractions to help people while away the hot-weather months. What follows is information on two upcoming concerts and a play that opened this week.

Mac-Hadyn presents “Showboat”

Sharon Francis, as Queenie; and Ronald Campbell, as Joe, star in a production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Showboat,” presented by the Mac-Hadyn Theater in Chatham. The show, which features classic tunes like “Ol’ Man River,” runs through July 19. For information, call 392-9292.

Zucchini Brothers

Children’s entertainers The Zucchini Brothers will perform July 13 at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar. Showtime is 7 p.m. and the rain site is Bethlehem Public Library. Admission is free. For information, call 439-4131.

New Swing Night

The New York State Office of General Services will present an evening of modern swing music July 23 at the Empire State Plaza. Showtime is 7-10 p.m., and performers include ‘White Boys’ on Swing, pictured at left, Doc Scanlon’s Rhythm Boys, the Blues Jumpers and the New Monty Show. Admission is free. For information, call 473-0599.

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Vanderbilt studied agriculture at SUNY because he planned to work for the last quarter-century, work," he said, "but I soon became aware of 14-hour days and service a month a week.

Vanderbilt's next try a career involved managing a Stewart's Shop that used to be located in the Elmmere building that Saratoga Shoe Depot now occupies. "There are a lot of similarities between retail work and police work," Vanderbilt said in retrospect. "You're constantly dealing with the public, and you're always trying to satisfy their needs.

"I guess you could say I'm a people person," he added. 

Bethlehem's chief of police, Richard LaChappelle, said he's grateful for Vanderbilt's years of service. "He's been a leader in traffic safety efforts and he's been a big part of the Albany County Stop DWI program," LaChappelle said. "He's a role model for our officers.

Vanderbilt said he gravitated to law enforcement because when he met officers, their jobs sounded interesting. "They talked about the service end of police work and it sounded exciting because you're doing different things all the time," he said.

Two years after he applied, Vanderbilt got a job as a police officer and quickly developed an interest in traffic enforcement. "I've been at a number of fatal accidents where I've seen what drunken driving and speeding can do," he said.

"One of my most vivid memories is the death of Quinn on Route 85 in Slingerlands," Vanderbilt said. "I watched her father, who was a doctor, trying to save her as she laid in a pool of blood. She was only 15 years old."

In the August 1987 accident, a drunken driver coming from Albany failed to merge properly when Route 85 changed from four lanes to two near Knrukill Road. She drove straight into the Quinns' car, which was approaching from Delmar.

"Once I arrived, I went to the other vehicle because I knew Quinn's father was a doctor and I couldn't do anything to help," Vanderbilt said. "The drunken driver's car was upside down and she was held in by the seat belt, screaming obscenities. When she was told later she had killed someone, she had no reaction."

'That renewed my dedication to the enforcement of the drinking and driving laws," Vanderbilt said.

During the years Vanderbilt has served as police officer, he's watched New York enact tougher laws and police departments adopt consistent procedures. All 15 years of make drunk-driving prevention and prosecution more effective.

"Around 1979 and 1980, there were 13 fatalities in Bethlehem, none of which were alcohol-related," Vanderbilt said. "Our average for the last four or five years. There's been a complete shift.

In addition to stopping drunken drivers as a patrol officer and supervising his counterparts as a division commander, Vanderbilt worked closely with the traffic safety committee on issues ranging from speed limits to the placement of stop signs.

As an example of the committee's role, Vanderbilt refe­red to Beaver Dam Road in Selkirk. "The road had a large volume of truck traffic and there was a speed problem," he said. "We recommended to the town board that the speed limit be reduced and that trucks over three tons be restricted. Since then, it's become a much safer road."

The committee responds to residents' concerns and looks for the best solutions to traffic problems, Vanderbilt said.

"We're proud of the fact that we try now is less than one year for and let not emotions get into it," he said. "Many residents feel that if we put a stop sign on every corner, that'll fix the problem, and that's not always the case."

The committee's latest project is the installation of a series of educational signs that read "Drive Safely" and "Check Speed." The committee gets permission to set up the signs on private lawns, where they stay for about a week. By moving the signs through town, Vanderbilt hopes to remind residents that speed is as much an issue in residential neighborhoods as it is on highways.

Vanderbilt said he has no regrets about leaving the force because his new job will allow him to spend more time with his children -- ages 3, 5 and 6 -- and to build a nest egg for his family.

"I have a job working in the automotive shop at Conk, but my goal is to advance through the company and see what I can achieve," Vanderbilt said. "I think my management experience (with the police) may give me a leg up."

Vanderbilt said he considers the upcoming transition a beginning, not an ending. "They call it a retirement, but it's really a career change," he said. "Fortunately, I'm able to collect retirement benefits from my first career."

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