Columbine tragedy sparks local concern

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Columbine High School.
Bethlehem school Superintendent Les Loomis' first reaction to last week's tragic events, understandably, was generalized shock. "Startled and horrified and grieved -- I couldn't believe that a tragedy of that sort was occurring in one of our nation's schools, I was filled with concern with what our society is coming to."

But his second thought, he realized this week, hit much closer to home. "I was filled, too, with my own sense of responsibility, to ensure the safety of our students, our teachers and our staff," he said. "What troubles me most is not only the magnitude of the killing and the deaths and the injuries, but also the fact that it occurred in a suburban high school, not dissimilar from suburban high schools across the country, and in many ways, similar to ours.

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Parents must be vigilant to ensure safety

By Katherine McCarthy

I only want to keep them safe, my two precious angels, and last week's massacre in Littleton, Colorado, is a sharp reminder of just how difficult that can be.

There are a lot of questions surrounding the events, including details, the lives of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris. Each new shred of evidence and piece of information about them brings us closer to the one question parents really want answered: how do I make sure this never happens to my children?

There are two answers. The first, stringent gun control, puts the onus on government to ensure our children's safety. The second is up to us: we need to be involved in our children's lives.

It's easy for me to say, with elementary school-age children who still welcome my nearly constant presence. But what about the teenager who truly needs the onus on government to ensure their kids are safe? How about those parents, teachers and anybody else where their kids are and what they're doing. If they don't know, they should get the answers.

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Sometimes we have to be a little tough with the people we most want to protect. Too often, it's easy to excuse our children's behavior. Maybe it's a phase, maybe it's just a reaction to something, maybe it's someone else's fault; maybe it's just this once. Too many excuses and kids lose the sense that their actions affect others. As parents, we need to raise our children to feel part of the world, not its center.

At the same time, our homes should be shelters for our children, where expectations are defined, as we guide our kids with love and prairie to adulthood. We also need to listen to our children, so that they feel that someone cares, that they know they can come to us for help.

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Library budget calls for 5.14% hike

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Voorheesville Public Library's board of trustees has unveiled a $1999-2000 budget that shows a 5.14 percent increase in total expenses — and will seek a similar increase in property taxes.

The budget will climb from $546,500 to $574,600, according to the proposal. The board, which approved the budget at a board meeting on April 12, will release to the public this week, and put to a vote alongside the school board budget in May.

Library President Ann Gainer also announced that three nominees for two available seats on the five-member board have petitioned to run in the May 18 ballot.

One seat is for a full five-year term currently held by first-term member James Reilly, and the other, a seat to which Ellen Salsberg was appointed in February to fill a vacancy, which has four years remaining.

Both incumbents have filed petition to run. The third candidate, Alan S. Kowlowitz, has served as a past president of the Friends of the Library group for two years.

The leading vote-getter of the three will win the full term, and the second place finisher will claim the four-year seat.

Review of the library budget began in earnest in January. The largest proportion of the proposed budget, and of the increase, goes for automated services and telephone expenses as the library upgrades its computer access for library users.

Sacco said the library now has online catalog and magazine index services through its Web site, at familyliance.net/voorpl, and will soon upgrade its posted meeting notes to accommodate more community groups.

Otherwise, the library is holding the line on miscellaneous expenses, particularly by securing a five-year fixed-rate contract for telephone services. "We work very hard to keep budget increases as small as possible and hold expenses down," said Gainer.

The library's budget for building operations will drop to $54,500, a $3,150 decrease, reflecting reduction in building repairs offset slightly by increased maintenance.

To fund the budget increase, estimated tax rates for New Scotland residents in the Voorheesville Central School District would rise to $1.15 per thousand, up 6 cents; from $1.11 to $1.17 for Hudson Valley residents, and for Berne residents, a 13-cent increase to $1.18.

The board has also authorized the expenditure of funds from the South Main Street Building Fund — the proceeds from the sale of the old library building — to secure the services of a library space consultant, yet to be named.

"The library has gotten lots and lots more as we've upgraded our technology," Sacco said. "We had more than 80,000 visits from a population of 7,200, and we had over 400 programs last year. Do we think the library is crowded? Yes."

Input into the budgeting process was solicited from key library users and staff, but "there's been no formal input" by the general public, Sacco said.

Copies of the budget message will be mailed to all residents this week, and the budget will be presented for public comment on May 10 along with the school district budget at a 7:30 p.m. meeting at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

BCHS science students headed to national championships in D.C.

By Maureen Freeman

Five Bethlehem Central High School students will board a plane for Washington, D.C., on April 30 hoping to win a similar high school science team from around the nation to become national Science Bowl champions.

Four BCHS seniors and one junior, along with physics teacher Ken Neff, will travel to Chevy Chase, Md., for the finals sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.

So far the team's winning path has followed that of last year's team, emerging as undefeated regional champs in a day of competition in March at General Electric's Schenectady regional plant.

That afternoon, seniors Calvin Miaw, Robert Bocala, Caryn Barret and Julie Weber, and junior Sam Volo, went head to head with teams from eight other high schools in the area, never losing a game through round robin contests and elimination rounds.

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Paul O'Reilly

They hope to continue their winning ways at the national finals. Coach Paul O'Reilly, a biology teacher at BCHS, thinks their chances may be better than those of the team he coached last year.

"This year's team is working a lot harder," he said. "This time, with their work ethic, they might do some more in Washington."

Before capturing the regional title, the Science Bowl team met several times to study and practice quick responses to questions, O'Reilly said, and even stayed up late cramming the night before the meet at GE.

Since then, in addition to putting in lots of independent study time, they have gotten together every Tuesday after school with O'Reilly, quizning one another and pressing imaginary buzzers on tables in front of them.

The Science Bowl format is like that of the college bowl matches that became popular decades ago, in which a moderator poses questions to two opposing teams, who try to buzz in first with the correct answer to earn points.

Team members often quickly consult with one another in the short time they have to answer questions.

In the Science Bowl, students can expect to be quizzed about chemistry, physics, biology, math, astronomy, earth science and any other scientific field.

"They're hardly lightweight review questions," O'Reilly said. "If you're not an expert in the field, you'd be amazed at them getting the answer."

Ner will be national finals be a breeze, as team captain Miaw advised the others.

Of the five students, Miaw is the only one who has competed in Science Bowl nationals.

Other teams from around the country come to Washington having defeated as many as 40 other teams in regional competition.

Fifty high school teams are entered in the finals which begin Sunday, May 2, and end Monday, May 3.

The national champion team will win a trip to a science convention in Sydney, Australia.

Support, in any way you can, any of the many efforts aimed at creating a good climate for kids to grow. A climate that provides both nurture and structure.

Shirley McAllister Dinar
Cell requests spur concern

By Joseph A. Phillips

Two recent applications before the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals concern the growth of cellular phone traffic in the town — and changes in the way the cellular business interacts with its host communities.

Both applications involve proposals for new colocation arrangements by cellular operators serving Bethlehem. Under a colocation agreement, a cellular operator leases space on another company's antenna to mount a transponder.

With residential communities increasingly concerned about the proliferation of communications towers serving the cell-phone trade, colocation is an increasingly important tool of the industry, reducing the construction of new towers.

Bell Atlantic Mobile, current operator of a cellular antenna facility at 81 Jolley Road in Glenmont, recently announced a new joint venture that will take over operation of the facility and more than 1,400 others nationally. Bell Atlantic formed the venture with Crown Castle International Corp. to market the sites for colocation.

Bell Atlantic will remain co-owner of the new joint venture, according to Albany attorney Susan Hoblock, who spoke before the zoning board on behalf of the new venture partners at an April 7 public hearing, necessitated by the ownership change.

Because a previous zoning use variance had been granted to Bell Atlantic Mobile to permit operation of the Glenmont facility, the modification in ownership required the zoning board's approval. The board unanimously approved the change.

Nextel has also recently applied to the zoning board for a site plan review regarding an unsited zone on rural property on Old Quarry Road in Selkirk. Omni Point Communications owns several antennas on that site, permitted by a previous zoning variance. Nextel requested review of its proposal to install a cellular transponder on one of the towers.

At its April 21 meeting, the zoning board scheduled a June 2 public hearing.

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Talk of the town

Nathaniel A. Blanchard

American Legion Post Vice Commander Jim Stratton, left, joins Ernie Gail, commander, Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller and former supervisors Tom Corrigan and Ken Ringler at a recent luncheon at Post headquarters in Elmont.

Katherine McCarthy

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Zoning board sets three public hearings

Bethlehem zoning board of appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 5, at town hall, and the agenda includes three public hearings on applications for area variances in Delmar.

At 7:30 p.m. the zoning board will hear an application from Anthony and Dale Morrell of 42 Brookman Ave. It will be followed at 7:45 by a second public hearing on an application by Seth and Karen Kohl of 112 Devon Road, and at 8 p.m. by a hearing for Thomas and Joan Sharlow of 18 Dumbarton Drive.

For information on these applications, call the zoning board at 439-4955.

Library to offer Internet program

Bethlehem Public Library will host a program for small entrepreneurs entitled "Putting Your Business on the Web" on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

The program is part of the continuing Libraries Mean Business series, funded through federal grants arranged by the Upper Hudson Library System.

Independent consultant Polly Alida-Farrington will be the speaker. To register, call 439-9314.

Church to observe Day of Prayer

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue will observe a National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, with a special luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. and by opening its doors all day for private prayer observances.

The luncheon in fellowship hall will feature the Rev. Steve Everett of Glenmont Community Reformed Church.

He will discuss the meaning of the National Day of Prayer.

For information, call the church at 767-2281 or Mary Denhek at 767-3400.

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By Katherine McCarthy

From the autumn until spring, members of Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post 145 in Clifton gathered on the third Thursday of every month for lunch.

Since the April luncheon was the Legion’s last of season event at millennium, Past Vice Commander and membership director Tom Corrigan invited town supervisor Sheila Fuller and her predecessors to share their perspectives on changes they’ve seen in their tenure.

“When I came here in 1966,” Stratton said, “this was a sleepy community. That’s changed.”

Only Bob Hendrick, who was supervisor from 1985-89, was unable to attend the luncheon, but sent his regards to the assembled group.

Tom Corrigan, supervisor from 1978-84, spoke of being drawn into town politics. “We had problems with old newcomers in our neighborhood,” said Corrigan, who lived on Main Street. “John Oliver came to check things out, and later wanted to know if I’d work at the plant. I said no, and ended up on the town board. In 1977, I got the job of supervisor.

One of the biggest changes of Corrigan’s administration was the move into the current town hall, the former Delmar Elementary School, which some of the Legionnaires had attended. Corrigan also hired Bruce Secor, who has been the town’s webmaster.

“Bruce did everything for us,” Corrigan said. “He’s done a lot of good work for the town, and I don’t have to check up on him anymore.

The state also called for more computerization during Corrigan’s tenure, and he credited Jeff Dannenmeyer with bringing the town up to technological speed.

Stratton introduced Ken Ringler, the town’s supervisor from 1990-94, and now deputy secretary of state, with a personal story.

“Tell this story,” Stratton said, “but Ken might deny it. I live at the corner of Feura Bush and Elmire Avenue, where the traffic is a nightmare. Then G.G. came, and Owens Corning. Getting out of our driveway was really a problem, and we went to the town, the county, and the state to try to get something done about it. One day, I had a 4:30 appointment, and as I waited in the traffic, I saw Ken Ringler across the way in his car. Because I was worried about my appointment, I kept track of time, and we sat there for 10 minutes. The next week, a survey crew was there, and a stoplight went in. I know it happened so, but I feel like Ken Ringler had something to do with it.

“I feel like I’m at old-timer’s day,” Ringler said of his appearance with his fellow town supervisors. “When you leave office on Dec. 31, nobody cares what you have to say anymore. We have a special program for old supervisors. We all go to Bob Hendrick’s porch when we want to putficate and tell each other how things should be done.”

Ringler also credited town personnel with many of the accomplishments reached during his administration. “We have one of the most dedicated work forces anywhere,” Ringler said. “Superintendents come and go, but the dedicated staff keep things moving.

On my last day in office, Barbara Aspino (secretary to the town supervisor) typed up three pages of what I’d done, and I’d like to take credit for them, but most of that goes to the people who work in town.

Two things that Ringler said have been carried over into the current administration are the Route 386 Bypass in Selkirk and water.

“Asked for a water treatment plant,” Ringler said lightly, “but haven’t had time to keep up with it. Sheila, how’s that going?”

In a serious tone, Ringler defended his actions regarding the water treatment plant. “I came to the conclusion that it was the right thing to do,” Ringler said. “Albany wanted to increase our rates astronomically, and as superintendent, I couldn’t just roll over. The best option was to build our own resources, to provide for new business and increase the tax base. The tax levy in the water area dropped 15 to 20 percent,” Ringler said. “We were able to attract businesses: Selkirk Cogen came.

Fuller said the town is moving to the bottom of the water problem. “We’re in litigation,” she said, also citing lower water rates from Albany as a big plus for the town. “We never would have gotten (Albany Mayor Jerry) Jennings to lower the water rate without our own plant,” she said.

Fuller joked that one of her main accomplishments was bringing standing-room-only crowds to town hall, along with a number of lawsuits. “That’s not beneficial to the town,” she said.

Fuller also pointed out that her administration brought Price Chopper to town. “I’ve been at the forefront of senior housing,” she said. “I have a strong belief in seniors having a place in the town where they belong.”

Fuller also pointed to the new boat launch at Henry Hudson Park, Hoffman Car Wash and the five new ballfields in town as some of her accomplishments. “We’re also building a new playground at town hall, thanks to $5000 from the new Stewart’s at Delaware and Cherry avenues,” Fuller said.

She also said the town’s pedestrian safety committee was instrumental in getting new crosswalks and signs into place throughout town.

“I also get to look forward to handling Y2K,” Fuller said. “We’re 98 percent compliant, and I’m not living in fear of New Year’s Eve. But I will be in town.” Fuller also singled out Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorf for his contributions to the town.

As for her upcoming re-election campaign, Fuller joked that she had learned of a new family in town, by the name of Brusch. “I was hoping to get them on the ticket with me,” Fuller said, “so that we could have the Fuller-Busch campaign.

The Nathaniel Blanchard Post of the American Legion is located on Poplar Drive, near Elemer Avenue. With 500 members, Post Commander Erin Gall said it is the largest Post in the area. It also has a 150 member women’s auxiliary.

All service veterans are eligible to join the American Legion. The Post sponsors the town’s Memorial Day Parade, a Little League team, Babe Ruth team, baseball team for 16 to 18-year-olds, and sends local teens to Boys State and Girls State, both run by the American Legion. The building is available free of charge to local community groups.

Although members and the supervisors have seen a lot of change in the town, one thing hasn’t changed during 12 years of spring luncheons. “I always ask in September what people want to eat at the April luncheon,” Stratton said, “and it’s always the same: meatloaf.”

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Tragedy hits home

Our hearts go out to the Littleton, Colorado, community which was shattered last week when two student gunners ruthlessly butcheted 12 of their high school peers and a Columbine High School teacher.

The enormity of the heinous act has hit home across the nation in towns like Bethlehem which is a community similar in size and makeup to Littleton.

Bethlehem — where only a few years ago three middle-school students brought guns to school. These children rocked our community by the mere thought of a weapon on school property, even though they did not intend to use the weapons. And although some residents felt the punishment was too severe, we recall supporting the district’s decision to suspend the children. Bethlehem — where people echo Garrison Keillor’s Lake Wobegon boast that all the children are above average. 1 Bethlehem — where most parents take an active role in their kids’ lives.

We know most parents are concerned — we hear from many of them in Bethlehem, Voorheesville and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk districts. And we know many parents are involved because they are quick both to commend school children from themselves.

We must look at where kids are finding information that could show their values, TV, movies, video games and the Internet are powerful and pervasive instruments, where violence is almost a ho-hum occurrence. We’re sensitive to First Amendment rights, yet concerned about exposing children to violent images. The perpetrators of the Littleton massacre were very angry young men who apparently felt rejected in their community.

In our community, we must take a hard look at what may need to be done to reach out to all our children and especially to children who may need help.

Tribute to mothers

Mother’s Day is coming up May 9, and we would like to invite our readers to tell us how special their mothers are. Take a moment to jot down your thoughts and send them to The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054, fax them to 439-0699 or e-mail us at spotnews@allbary.net.

We’ll publish the responses in the Wednesday, May 5 edition.

Lords make masters one of a kind

By Dev Tobin

The writer is managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers.

I’ve just returned from a golf pilgrimage — three days at Augusta National Golf Club for the practice rounds of The Masters.

For golfers, Augusta National is like a shrine — the Cathedral in the Pines.

And, since the best that upstate New York can do in early April is a sunny, mid-60s day, spending a week in 80s Georgia was a real treat — despite the fine pollen, sunburn and allergies.

Meticulously manicured, with grass greener than green and azaleas blazing with color, Augusta National is more impressive in person than on TV. The club more than meets its goal of providing “a first-class golf course in as beautiful and nearly perfect condition as effort and money can make it.”

Unlike most tournaments, where the same hundred or so pros play each other week after week, The Masters has its own qualification requirements that include winners of major amateur tournaments and top foreign players. It also grants a lifetime exemption to Masters winners, so yesterday’s stars like Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Billy Casper, Gary Brewer and Doug Ford get one more chance to play against the best in the world. And we get one more chance to see them.

The Masters is to currencies future stars, as in Tuesday’s memorable foursome of Mark O’Meara of Tiger Woods, U.S. Amateur champ Hank Kuehne and British Amateur champ Sergio Garcia.

Most of the time, we sat on the gentle slope behind No. 12, probably the most famous par-3 in the world. We were in the gallery, which is 11, practice around and on the redesigned 11th green, and challenge the Masters’ par-3 shots on 12.

By mostly sitting in one place and letting the golfers come to us, we saw all but a handful of the competition action.

We saw Tiger Woods put one in Rae’s Creek and Greg Norman hit the ball where he could find it.

And, one of the highlights of the three days, we saw Jack Nicklaus’ only shot at the 1999 Masters.

Nicklaus would miss his first Masters in 40 years due to hip replacement surgery, but was given a cartour of the course Tuesday by Augusta National Chairman Billy Payne.

Nicklaus got out and examined the changes around the 11th green, then he walked up to the 12th tee, the applause of patrons (fewer “the crowd” at Augusta) was interspersed with pleas to “hit one.”

He protested that he might have to use a 3iron on the 155-yard hole (normally a 7-iron, depending on the wind), then borrowed a 5iron from Carlos Franco and knocked a soft draw right on the green. The crowd, oops, the patrons, went wild.

“One day, we followed Gary Player, Seve Ballesteros, Franco and Sergio Garcia for most of the front nine — in part to see holes that are never shown on TV and in part to watch two golf legends who between them have won five Masters trophies.

Seve was having control problems off the tee, but Player was 1-under through six, and seemed like a golfer with a record (set in 1998) for oldest man to make the cut.

We also saw several golfers and about half make, the “skip” shot at 16. After the pros tee off at the par-3 over water, the patrons start clapping and calling for the “skip” — a choked-down 3iron from the front of the tee box that skips across the pond on the green.

Here are some other Masters moments that didn’t make the weekends TV broadcast:

• Playing with Arnold Palmer, Fuzzy Zoeller makes a hole-in-one at the ninth hole Wednesday’s par3 tournament. Palmer gestures to an official to get Zoeller’s ball out of the cup, where it might get in the way of his shot, then hits it 4 feet.

• Tiger Woods signs an autograph and poses for a picture with a boy in a wheelchair.

• Altering, 65-year-old Gary Player chats with some fans on the third tee, then easily jams about 100 yards to catch up with his group.

• Olin Browne’s 11-year-old grandson waddles list for four of the ninth green of the par-3 tournament and gets down in two from a 3-foot putt.

• Practice will get you to Carnegie Hall and Augusta National. The pros check out greens and if they can’t find the traditional tournament pin placements on each hole. Most hit the driving range before and after some playing, and all spend a lot of time on the putting practice.

Jack Nicklaus hits one at 12 as Carlos Franco looks on.

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The club founder Bobby Jones called tournament patrons "our spectator friends." Compared to the way sports fans are treated at other major and minor-league events, Augusta National is refreshingly unique.

The concession prices are from another place and time — $2.50 for a Masters club ham, turkey and cheese on a hamburger bun, $1.50 for a barbecue sandwich (a Southern specialty — shredded pork in some kind of barbecue sauce), $1.75 for a pint of Bud, $2.50 for a bottle of Heineken, 75 cents for a pint of lemonade, 50 cents more for a souvenier plastic cup.

Programs and parking are free; the price for round ticket is $16 for Monday and Tuesday, $21 for Wednesday (four-day tournament badges are a mere $100); hats, shirts, ball markers and other golf stuff cost about the same as in any pro shop or sporting goods store.

A small example of how the club cares for patrons is beside the piney path between the 14th fairway crosswalk and 15th tee. A "with distinction" as compared to fairway and any other golf stuff cost about the same as in any pro shop or sporting goods store.

The Masters is special, and the evidence of this deficiency; only one-half percent who achieved this level of distinction was by far the lowest of the subjects tested. (Ironically, foreign languages, with their emphasis on parts of speech posed a problem for my children, since they didn't know parts of speech in English.)

In the approximately 20 years we have had students in BC schools, we tried numerous times, through a variety of means, to bring our concerns to all levels of those involved in teaching English. The impression we were consistently given was that such fundamentals were "old fashioned" and that it was much more important for students to just "do lots of writing." "Practice makes perfect" we were told.

We would contend that only perfect practice makes perfect; you can practice hitting a base ball for hours every day, but if fundamentals such as stance, grip and position in the batter's box are wrong, you won't be a good hitter.

It's too late for our family to benefit from some basic changes in the teaching of English in our district. I would like, however, to encourage other parents to "pick up the baton." This is a vital component of education which desperately needs addressing.

Thank you, Lords.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and national interest. Letters are subject to editing for brevity, accuracy and space.

Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 1425 Delaware Ave., Box 12064, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-6222.

Daffodils are splendid

Editor, The Spotlight:
The glorious daffodils on the embankment at the Delaware Avenue railroad overpass are a wonderful herald of spring.

Thank you and kudos to the beautification committee of the Bethlehem First Task Force for planting bulbs in the fall. The group's community spirit, hard work and efforts to improve Delaware Avenue are once again in full bloom.

What a pleasure to travel by that area to see the daffodils in all their glory. I now look forward to seeing the pear trees in bloom.

Steve Davis
Delmar

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In my opinion, our school tax dollars are better spent on other things. We just approved a $15 million bond issue for school construction a couple of years ago. School tax increases are always close to 2 percent, which is triple the inflation rate.

Neither do I agree that student safety is jeopardized since no student has been run over going to or from school. The pedestrians that were killed were hit in the afternoon and evening.

The parents who complained to the board and forced this issue onto the ballot knew the busing requirements when they bought their houses. Bethlehem residents need to get out and vote. Please let your wallets do the talking on May 18. Many of us cannot justify giving everyone every conceivable benefit money can buy.

James Murray
Selkirk

Feesteljki, Mau! Buy your buttons now
RCS student says thanks for community support

Editor, The Spotlight:
I would like to thank the following contributors for their help in making my trip as a People to People student ambassador to Australia and New Zealand possible.

Thanks to: Owens Corning Fiberglas, Glass Molders Pottery, Plastics and International Union No. 77, RCS High School Student Government, Knights of Columbus Mother McAuley Council No. 3424, GE Selkirk and Ms. Elmore of RCS Middle School. I would also like to thank The Spotlight for its cooperation in printing my letters.

Again, thank you to all who have helped make my trip a reality.

Audrey Spaudling
Feura Bush

Elsmere girl finds no TV leads to more active life

Editor, The Spotlight:
During no TV week, I played with my friends. I went to their houses and they came to my house. I went outside a lot.
I rode my bike. I practiced softball. I had fun with my new puppy. I became a pen pal. I did a walk for safety and I walked a mile. I went to a dance at my school.
I didn't miss the TV, so I think I will not watch TV even when it isn't no TV week.
I had fun instead of just sitting by the TV.
Kaitlyn Raffi
Elsmere Elementary School

1st grader gets by without TV

Editor, The Spotlight:
I rode my bike and played basketball during no TV week.
It was fun. I missed TV but I still had fun.

Stephen Russo
Hamagrael Elementary School
first grader

Editorial was way off track

Editor, The Spotlight:
The Spotlight should be commended for its role in bringing public attention to the problems of the BCHS track and tennis courts, but we wish more thought had gone into your editorial about the track.

If track replacement is so unaffordable, is it that less affluent school districts in our area have managed to replace theirs? Your editorial warns us about the prospect of a soaring school budget, but where are the numbers to support this?

There are a variety of cost estimates and funding strategies for the replacement of the track and tennis courts, and some strategies may provide excellent value for the dollar invested. Our community would benefit from a critical and complete airing of funding options for this project, and we hope The Spotlight will be a forum for information on which sound opinions can be based.

Denise Mension and David Stroguz
BCHS student ambassadors

Trade TVs for track

Editor, The Spotlight:
Over the past few months, I noticed the TVs installed in every classroom at the high school, middle school, and even the elementary schools. In addition, I've noticed the letters of concern about the track and tennis courts over the past few weeks in The Spotlight.

The TVs have been put in every classroom, including the math, second language, art and gym classrooms. I'm not saying that we don't use the TVs once in a while, but it seems more sensible and less costly for the school district to go along with the system they've used in the past years (fewer TVs but on movable carts).

I do see the TVs use as an educational tool. However, as a student at the high school, I am an athlete and strongly see the need for a new track and tennis courts. Although I'm not on the track or tennis teams, I enjoy participating in these sports on my own time.

I would love to be able to cheer on friends and family who are on the track team, however, I am unable to do so because I don't have any home meets because of the inadequate facilities at the high school.

Why couldn't the money put toward the TVs be put toward the track and tennis courts? Are they less important? Certainly not. If the board can answer that question, I leave my ears open and look forward to hearing their answer.

Chloe Morgan
BCHS student

Paper should try to get it right next time around

Editor, The Spotlight:
How exciting — a huge photo of the three “Pirates of Penzance” leads to the Spotlight cover of April 14. How unfortunate — the four performances were produced April 8 through 11 at the high school.

Many community members who might have attended received all Spotlight information after the production — even a mention in the March 30 or April 7 edition. How thrilling — The Spotlight editorial declares “Pirates of Penzance” as a production of professional stature. "Boy how disappointing, the credit is given to Vincent CJ. Crummlerestroupe. Stage 700 members produced Pirates. This musical production group was founded 20 years ago and has been responsible for many fine BCHS musicals over the years. Here's hoping next year's information gets to the community before the production.

Linda M. Farrell
Delmar

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The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters should address the Spotlight's April 7 edition and include a mailing address, telephone number and signature.

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Feestelijk performers to strut their stuff

The library is once again a venue for Feestelijk Bethlehem events on Saturday, May 1. The Jeff Gonzales Blues Band will perform from 7 to 9 p.m., followed by Story Two Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 p.m. Events that showcase the talent that flourishes in this community are scheduled at various central locations in town between 6 and 11 p.m. Look for performances by the Friendship Singers, the Michael Benedict Big Band, Jennie and Jonathan Meek, Hal of the Dog and Cranberry the Clown.

Buttons can be purchased in advance at various locations or on May 1. Library displays for the month of May include a joint gallery exhibit by the Artists of the Hudson. The artists invite the public to participate in a People's Choice ball for three favorites among elected chairman of the department regardless of age, gender or special status. A trained counselor will be at the library on Friday, April 30, at 1 p.m. to discuss these common interrelated conditions.

Local doctor named department head at Samaritan

Dr. John Smith is the new chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. He is the first physician to hold this position. His appointment was announced by the hospital's board of directors.

Grief and loss are experienced regardless of age, gender or special status. A trained counselor will be at the library on Friday, April 30, at 1 p.m. to discuss these common interrelated conditions.

Friday program to focus on coping with grief

A program called "Coping with Grief" will be held at the library on Friday, April 30, at 1 p.m. The program will be led by a trained counselor who will discuss strategies for coping with grief.

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Slingerlands man heads trade group

James Reed of Slingerlands has been re-elected president of PIA New York, a partnership of three trade associations that represent trade associations across the state. Reed, who will serve as president for the 2000-2001 term, is a partner in the firm of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle.

Delmar attorney named partner in firm

The Albany law firm of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle has announced the election of Delmar attorney Ruth Leistensnider as a partner in the firm. Leistensnider is a member of the firm's environmental, public finance and litigation practice groups. That capability she counsels municipalities, project sponsors and lead agencies with respect to various areas of regulatory compliance.

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Delmar bookstores to help fund-raise for AIDS Council


"Helping through Books and Music" involves a number of bookstores in the region. The project has sold over 1,200 books to date and raised more than $12,000 for the AIDS charity.

For information on the project, contact the coordinator at 482-5652 or at www.bookshelp.org.

Slingerlands student named to college issue of Who’s Who

Slingerlands resident James Bettini, currently a senior at Syracuse University, has been named to the 1998-99 edition of Who’s Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges.

Selected by a campus nominating committee based on academic achievement, service to the community and campus, leadership in co-curricular activities and potential for continued success, Bettini and other recipients were recently honored at a reception hosted by Syracuse Chancellor Kenneth Shaw.

Scout leader certified

Kate Butler of Delmar has been named a Girl Scout Instructor-or-Trainer by the Girls Scouts.

Butler has completed a three-stage certification process designed to ensure high quality training for Scout volunteers nationwide. She will train volunteers in turn train Scout leaders throughout the area served by the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

Noreast honors employees

Several employees of the Delmar office of Northeast Real Estate were recently honored at the Northeast Real Estate Awards Ceremony.

Janet Carberry was named Associate of the Year, and Dade Canfield as Transaction Leader of the Year.

In addition, Anne Malone of the Delmar office received the Location Award, and Millie Manzi and Gail Carter were awarded the Spirit Award, chosen by a vote of fellow sales associates.

Student becomes scholar

Caren Coffin, a student at the Berkshire School and daughter of Bruce Coffin of Slingerlands, is one of four students at the independent college preparatory boarding school recently named a Reader's Digest Scholar.

The scholarship, established at a school by a gift from the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, annually recognizes four students with strong academic and co-curricular records.

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New Scotland residents must sign up by calling the town highway garage, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 765-2681 or 765-5266.

SAT preview set tonight

A preview of the SAT exam will be presented by the Princeton Review tonight, April 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library on School Road.

The program will focus on strategies that can be used during the PSAT and SAT tests. There will be a question and answer period. Parents are welcome to attend the free program. Sign up is required.

For information, call 765-2791.

Extension to conduct fish-stocking sale

Cornell Cooperative Extension is taking orders for its spring fish-stocking program. The order deadline is Friday, April 30.

Orders will be delivered on May 7 at 9 a.m. at the Extension office on Martin Road.

For information, call 765-2793.

Nursing group to present grief program

The New York State Nurses Association will offer a program on grief and loss on Friday, April 30, at 1 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library on School Road.

For information, call 765-2791.

School board to meet

The school board will meet to discuss the adoption of the proposition for the building proposal at Claryton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Monday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker to discuss Half Moon replica

Mark Peckham will discuss the building and replica of the Half Moon (Half Moon) on Tuesday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Peckham, who was involved with construction of the 1609 replica, will give a slide presentation illustrating the process of building the ship, its design character-istics and what is involved in sailing the craft.

The program is free and open to the public.

Horseshoe season begins

The Voorheesville Horseshoe League will begin its season on Wednesday, May 12, at the park behind Village Hall.

The league is open to new members, both experienced and novices. The season is comprised of two eight-week sessions, followed by a championship round robin in September.

In conjunction with the Centennial committee, the league will sponsor a doubles tournament on May 26.

For information, call Dennis Sullivan at 765-2488.

BCHS grad moves to Hall of Fame

David Ashe, a 1985 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is one of six new members to be inducted into Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 1.

Ashe an 1989 RPI graduate, was a track and field standout and holder of the still unbroken BCHS high jump record. He broke four school records and tied another during his senior year at RPI. He tied the existing high jump record, and set records in the 55-meter hurdles, 110-meter hurdles and the pentathlon.

Ashe and his wife Rosemary and son Ricardo now live in San Jose, Calif. He is the son of Bernard and Nannette Ashe of Delmar.

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Lettuce Delmar woman earns college honor

Meghan Marohn of Delmar has been named a Kellars Scholar for the fall 1998 semester at Russell Sage College.

Kellars honorees are bestowed on students who have achieved dean's list for three consecutive semesters. Dean's list students achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4.

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RCS Middle School announces honor students

James Hoffman, principal of Ravena-Cohocton-Selkirk Middle School, has announced the names of those students who achieved honor roll and high honor roll status for the second trimester of the 1998-99 school year. Students placed on the honor roll must have a cumulative average of 84.5 percent and those placed on the high honor roll must have a cumulative average of 89.5 percent.

High honor roll

grade five

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grade six


High honor roll grade seven


Honor roll grade seven

Geoffrey Allen, Jaclyn Bergella, Victor Bermudez, Jennifer Bird, Tim BYU, Jason Conant, Jamie Davis, Evan DeForge, Erika Dinsen, Daniel Doherty, Amber Doke, Rebecca Diallo, Kennedy Duncan, Jeffry Ruso, Michael Sleeper, Jennifer Smith, Lindsay Smith, Jeffrey Stambaugh, Benjamin Stambaugh, Timothy Sugrue, Thomas Vatalaro, Brian Wickham, Sarah Williams, Cassandra Wolfe, Gilbert Zabel and William Zinman.

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Delmar violinist to give free concert at library

Violinist and Delmar native David Brickman will be joined by pianist Michael Salmina for a free concert of classical music on Monday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The concert is sponsored by the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning.

The duo will perform a sonata for violin and piano by Mozart, the “Duo Concertant” by Stravinsky, contemporary composer Mark Harris’ “13 Caprices for Solo Violin” and César Franck’s “Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano.”

Brickman began playing with the Albany Symphony while in high school, and following degrees from the Eastman and Indiana University schools of music, he has gone on to an orchestral career in Honolulu, Milwaukee and Rochester.

He is concertmaster of the Rochester Chamber Orchestra, and principal second violinist of the Rochester Philharmonic. He has toured nationally with the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Salmina is a founding member and artistic director of the Finger Lakes Chamber Ensemble, has performed extensively as a recitalist and chamber pianist, and has toured and recorded for the Syracuse Society for New Music. He studied at the New England Conservatory and the Eastman School, and teaches at Syracuse University.

For information, call 439-9661.

Orchestra tunes up for May 3

Delmar Community Orchestra will present its spring concert on Monday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The program of classics, pops and show tunes is free of charge.

Church to dish up supper

A family-style chicken and biscuit dinner will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Grange Hall on Route 163 in Bethlehem Grange Hall on Route 143 in Coeymans.

Admission is $8 for adults $4 for children. The hall is handicapped-accessible. For information, call 767-3342.

The Spotlight News

A.W. Becker students to present concert

A.W. Becker students in the fourth-grade chorus will perform Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m.

RCS students will participate in the New York State School Music Association Instrument Festival at Shaker High School in Colonie on Friday, April 30, and at the association’s choral festival at Niskayuna High School on Thursday, April 29.

Parents to meet at school tonight

The RCS Special Education Parent Support Group will meet tonight, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

The Safe Schools Committee will also meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the library at the middle school.

Sports association to meet May 5

The RCS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, May 5, at the Bethel High School.

The community-based non-profit organization is open to any community member and is dedicated to the sharing and enjoyment of music through ensemble playing. For information, call 439-7749, or contact the Web site www.albanyonline.com/dco.

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Girl Scouts accepting camp registrations

The Hudson Valley Girls Scout Council is currently accepting registrations for 1999 sessions at its two summer camps. Open to Scouts and non-Scouts alike, the camps run from July 5 through Aug. 23.

Located in East Greenbush on 100 acres of fields and woods, the camp offers programs ranging from swimming and hiking to theater and outdoor living. Facilities include hiking trails, a 5-acre pond, playing fields, teepees and covered wagons.

All campers have the opportunity to stay overnight once a week.

Business women to meet at Normanside

Bethlehem Business Women will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 5, at Normanside Country Club in Elsmere.

The guest speaker will be attorney Margaret Reed of Delmar, who will discuss estate planning, elder law and long-term care planning.

The meeting begins with a social at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Guests and new members are welcome.

For information, call 439-8012.

Committee to meet

The next meeting of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District’s Safe Schools Committee is set for today, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school library on Route 9W in Ravena.

For information, call 765-5200.

V’ville calls for entrants to Centennial Shoot-Out

The village of Voorheesville centennial committee has announced a sporting event for area residents to participate in May’s celebration of the village’s 100th birthday: a “Centennial Shoot-Out” horseshoe-pitching tournament set for the weekend of the main festivities, Saturday, May 29.

In the four clay horseshoe pits situated in the park behind village hall, doubles competition in three divisions — depending upon “finger percentage,” or number of out-of-towners on each team — will compete in double-elimination to first and second prizes in each division.

The Mayor’s Cup will be awarded in Division A, the Historian’s Laurel in the B Division, and in the Open Division, teams will compete for the Ed Cowley Prize, named for one of the tournament’s codirectors, an organizer of the Altamont horse-shoe league. Kevin John-Davis of the Voorheesville Horseshoe League will share directing responsibilities.

There is no entrance fee for the Shoot-Out, but prospective participants are asked to contact John Davis before May 1, care of the Voorheesville Horseshoe League at PO Box 367, Voorheesville 12191. Participants will be notified by May 15 of their division, approximate pitching times, and directions to the courts. For information on the tournament, call 705-2922, or fax to 765-2907.

St. Rose announces RCS scholarship

Grades of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School will be the beneficiaries of a new scholarship program established at The College of Saint Rose.

The new academic scholarship is open to students from Harold and Kerry Ann Williams of Guilderland, and will provide tuition assistance for a graduate of RCS to attend The College of Saint Rose.

Williams, chairman of Security Supply Corp. of Selkirk, a plumbing-supply company, is a graduate of the school.

The first $1,250 scholarship will be awarded for the fall.
Colonie hulter's heat scorches Bethlehem to end rally

By Jeffrey Foley

There was a solid pop in the air every time Scott Chambers' fastball smacked into Craig Mastroluanni's catcher's mitt on April 21. And with the exception of a wild fourth inning, the pop got louder with each pitch Chambers threw. His speed helped Colonie Central High School defeat Bethlehem High School 5-2.

"That's his go-to pitch," Chambers said. "I get stronger as the game goes along." A 6-foot sophomore, he went the distance for the first time as a varsity pitcher, allowing only four hits and striking out five.

Colonie got on the scoreboard first, pushing a run across the plate in the bottom of the first inning. Nick Galusha drove home a one-out walk from Bethlehem pitcher Ari Rasowsky and moved to second on Kyle Brown's single to right. Galusha then scrambled home when Mastroluanni blased a single through the right side of the infield.

But Rasowsky found the strike zone with his off-speed pitches and retired the next two Colonie batters, stranding Mastroluanni at second.

"It's a crafty lefty," Colonie coach Greg Lamni said. "He kept us off-balance.

Bethlehem's Calvin Brown led off the second inning with a single, but was forced out at second base.

RCS hooper named to All-State squad

John Weinheimer, a senior at Ravena-Columbia-Selkirk High School, was one of four Section II athletes recently named to the New York State Sportswriters Association's All-State Class B boys' basketball team. Weinheimer, a 6-foot-4-inch forward for the Indians, this past season, was a seventh-team selection.

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It's aces away for young Glennmont golfer

By Jeffrey Foley

When the Tidewater vanished out of sight on April 24, Reid Prinzo said he didn't know what to make of it. Neither did his friends.

"I didn't believe it at first," Prinzo said. "It just disappeared." The 14-year-old Bethlehem Central Middle School student, had just hit a 9-iron shot in the direction of Hawawaha Trails' 100-yard ninth hole. From the elevated tee, Prinzo had a good view of the golf ball's flight. Along with three schoolmates, North Colonie's Bob Barrowman and John Thibadeau, all 14 — Prinzo watched the ball sail into the cup. Just like that, he had his first hole-in-one.

Reid Prinzo

Prinzo said he simply walked back to his bag and put his club away — evidently a cool customer in only his third year of golfing.

"I've been playing since this year," Prinzo said. "But my friends couldn't believe that they had witnessed a hole-in-one.

Prinzo finished the 18-hole Guelderrose course with a 75, 18 saved balls and 75, 18 saved balls and a little golf, but his friends still called him "a lucky son-of-a-gun."
At the Colony Senior Center Fashion Show, fashion-conscious ladies show their style on the runway. Clockwise from top left are, Ruth Reckless, Dolores Branner, Yvonne Norton and Mary Montgomery, and center, Jean Book.

Looking spiffy after 60 — see page S-8
Senior citizens and children a winning combination

By Katherine McCarthy

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ome times when you pull both ends of the spectrum together, good things happen. This is usually the case when senior citizens and children are put together, something that's happening regularly in many schools, either in one-on-one or groups.

For nearly seven years, Joseph Jillisky of Latham has been volunteering in Pat Strianese's third-grade class at Blue Creek elementary school in the North Colonie school district. Strianese posted a request for volunteers at the senior center, and Jillisky answered.

"Mr. Jillisky comes in three times a week," Strianese said. "It's a time when I work with small groups of children. In addition to helping with the work, Mr. Jillisky stabilizes the kids, and helps keep them going. Also, a lot of kids speak to seniors like they might a grandmother. It's nice to have him there to field questions."

"I work at a table with six to nine children," Jillisky said. "I wait for them to ask me how to spell certain words. We talk, and they ask me questions. By this time of year, we know each other well, and it's a lot of fun." When Strianese first called Jillisky about working in her classroom, he had a little bit of hesitation.

"I told Ms. Strianese that I only had a high school education. She told me it would be fine, that I'd be like a grandfa-
ther figure and my presence would make a difference."

Seventy-one-year-old Jillisky said he talks to friends and family all the time about the kids he works with.

"I'm so impressed with how smart the kids are," he said. "Some of the things they have now, like their knowledge of the English language. I'm amazed. I get more out of it than the kids do." Jillisky said working with the kids keeps him busy, motivated, and gives him an insight into education today.

"It makes me get up and go in the morning," he said. "I really enjoy it. I don't think I've seen a bad kid since I started. People complain about paying their school taxes, but I don't. When you see what the teachers go through, you realize they have to be really dedicated to their job. Jillisky gets lots of cards and gifts at the holidays.

"I bicycle a lot, and when the kids see me and say hello, it makes me feel so good," he said.

Dorothy Thomas of Voorheesville has also been volunteering in the elementary school for the past seven years. She started working with her granddaughter's kindergarten class.

"They didn't have enough mothers to volunteer, so I went in as the grandmother. I've really enjoyed it, and I've learned a lot," Thomas, a retired registered nurse, said. After helping out in the classroom for a few years, Thomas has moved on to the library.

"I've learned a lot," 76-year-old Thomas said. "I've gotten a good understanding of teaching, and I'd forgotten what the Dewey Decimal System was. I'm in the library one time a week, and I've really benefitted from it. I've heard a lot of funny and factual stories from the children. I realized one day last week after checking out the kids' books that all of the children had said thank you. It's been a wonderful experience for me."

Voorheesville's elementary school principal Ed Diegel explained that small groups of kindergarteners go to Guilderson Center Nursing Home on a regular basis. "This is a situation with mutual benefits," Diegel said. "At the nursing home, the residents' lives are lighted up with visits from the young people. For the kids, it's a positive experience. They're still processing it, but they feel they're being helpful, and by asking questions of the residents-like their age, if they have children - it gives them a perspective on age."

In the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district, seniors have a chance to work with the STARS program, which Judy Glassanos created to benefit both seniors and children.

"Seniors work one-on-one with students under the direction of the teachers," Glassanos explained. "This year, there are 17 STARS, all of whom receive a hot meal on their volunteer days. Volunteers set their own schedules, and the program is able to work around vacations or a senior may need to take off for health reasons."

"STARS provides lifelong learning for seniors," Glassanos said. "It gives them a better understanding of the challenges of youth, and provides them with increased life satisfaction and self-esteem. It's also just a reason to get up and going in the morning."

"The students develop a broader sense of community from the seniors," Glassanos said. "Many don't have much experience with seniors, and they need to see seniors in a positive light. This is especially important for the future as the aging population is growing in our country." To further understand, Glassanos said, the year-end celebration has the theme "A Society for All Generations."

Albany resident Joyce Rappaport still works part-time at St. Vincent de Paul nursery school in Albany.

"Being retired would be horrible," the 75-year-old Rappaport said. "Working with nursery school students and that age group is part of my identity."

Rappaport worked as a nurse, then raised her seven children, and taught at Beth Ethel nursery school for 24 years. "I stopped for four years because my husband was an invalid," she said. "After he died, I went back. Children give you a perspective on life that's different from other realms. I appreciate them so much, especially their honesty and enthusiasm."

Rappaport feels she makes a contribution to the children's lives.

"I can give something to them. It's a little things, like a little bit of communication. Sometimes I'll see a teen-ager who was one of my students, and it's nice to think I might have been a help to them at one time or another."

"Teaching definitely keeps me young and active," Rappaport said. "It helps me look forward to the next day."
By Helen Adler

My students at Bethlehem, by refusing to be categorized as the "younger generation" or to accept any other labelling that denied them the individual differences they were working hard to assert, prepared me for growing older and seeing realistically how my own generation was viewed.

We, who are now the oldest on the current scene, are not merely what our society terms "senior citizens"—a simplification for dealing with us and psychologically tucking us away somewhere out of mind. We are instead people who have inevitably grown beyond some magic number to being older but yet are, according to sociologists, more individual as a group than in any other generation and more distinct in individual differences from each other than we have been at any other time in our lives.

"We have grown older", as Jane Austen said, and become "...more of what we have always been."

Our wrinkles, white hair and bodily changes define nothing of what we actually are. Instead, like the young, we can best be seen in the choices we have made—the social, political, cultural and intellectual ways in which we reveal the lifetime inclinations that came out of the 20th century the moral shifts of our time, our drives and aspirations, but most of all the homes we grew up in.

Not surprisingly, some of us, as in any other age group—embraced the status quo, conforming to conventional values, remained outside of the issues of the day and strived for gratifying material success, while others were questioning, interested in group action, politically active, sensitive to the new social and environmental needs. We did not suddenly become what we are; we have been in process all our lives, undergoing the range of role changes, working at our skills, acting as role models for our children and grandchildren surviving sorrows and, to our credit, adapting to the fastest-moving changes in the history of man—going from Victorian rigidity we were born into to being "cool."

To our advantage in recent years has been the challenge to long-standing and misleading stereotypes about old age. The Public Broadcasting System, about eight years ago, presented a 16-year series, "Growing Old in a New Age" showing the real older generation (a light year removed from the one depicted through TV commercials featuring anti-wrinkle creams and laxatives) for the most part energetically, imaginatively, and variously involved in the whole society, courageous despite the deepening losses that come with age, good-humored despite increasing physical limitations, and determined above all else to be active, useful and learning to the end.

And a new age it is! With the benefits of advanced medical knowledge and unexpected opportunities to be part of our time, we are negating society's myopic vision of us as sick, senile, shuffling, and quirky.

Instead, though the young may not know it yet, we are setting the pace for their future—or how else explain housing developments (New York Times, March 21, 1999) going up on the campuses of American colleges to which many of our generation are moving, leaving behind the security of old patterns and neighborhoods in order to be part of the university world.

While here in Bethlehem the "university" has come to our town, through the Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) eliminating the need to drive to the campus, and providing exciting, varied, challenging college-level courses to as many as 300 students a semester—satisfying the learning hunger of those who want to grow.

Before time began, I sat at our family dinner room table amissifying from my immigrant parents the European world they had left to become Americans.

Somewhere in those early years—perhaps when I had learned the names of the 4 rivers that run through Hungary—I became addicted to learning, never again to be free. It may have been then that the idea of lifelong learning and book discussions in the early hours of the day took hold. However it came about, it is apparent that my whole generation was once listening at other dining room tables, and is still gladly learning.

Helen Adler is the director of the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning. In the fall of 1999, HILL will offer Moral Philosophy; Great Political Leaders; Toreque Art; Chamber music, and The Language of World Cities. Catalogs will appear in the August issue of Bethlehem Highlights.

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By Paul Copp

Mrs. Steuben is a 75-year-old widow who loved alone until she fell last year and broke her hip. With advancing Parkinson’s Disease she mostly used a wheelchair to get around. While they are more than willing to have grandma with them—it hasn’t been easy. Both John and his wife, Sara, work, and Sara’s job often takes her out of town.

Providing health care for older adults has had quite a bit of news coverage lately. Medicare, Social Security, managed care, retirement housing: the “system” is often times fragmented and sometimes incomprehensible. Family members in the “baby boom” generation, raising their own children and caring for their older loved ones, are confused and frustrated. I represent a growing profession called geriatric care management and it is achieving popular success from coast to coast, in big cities and small towns, and with families from all financial backgrounds.

Often, someone like Mrs. Steuben would go to a nursing home—you can guess how difficult the arrangements are care for such a person at home.

However, Mrs. Steuben is a sharp-witted, spirited woman who loves to participate in family life.

How does a geriatric care manager begin to help in such a situation? With the Steubens, as with most other families, a care manager spends a great deal of time just helping them identify and accept each facet of loss, and each new set of care needs. Each family member learns to gradually accept the consequences of physical and cognitive limitations. Many times the emotional and psychological adjustments are often neglected—everyone is familiar with “caregiver burnout” but the older person can “burn out” too, and become depressed or anxious. The care manager should also integrate a comprehensive functional assessment of 1. the individual’s abilities, 2. health status, 3. his or her surroundings (the architectural pluses or minuses in the home), 4. support from individuals, and 5. financial resources. My clients often ask what I do with all that information. My answer is always, “planning.” I can’t stress it enough.

ElderCare Advisors motto is, “Hope for the best, but plan for the worst.” With the Steubens, we took all the data gathered from several hours of in-home visits, and, with the whole family sitting at the dining room table, formulated a plan.

It is extremely difficult for families to single-handedly try to provide all the care the elder person needs. Geriatric care managers, who are usually medical social workers or nurses, have years of experience in community-based care. They integrate the skilled services of home care providers, physicians, therapists, elder law attorneys, and other professionals. These days, it is common to involve an attorney in long term care planning because care is costly.

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The fee for the Steubens was $650. Most professionals either charge a flat rate per hour or adjust their fee based on the client’s income, ranging from $45 to $85 per hour. Geriatric care managers should have a professional degree and be licensed or accountable to a government agency. The National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers, which is the largest association of its kind at this time, accepts only qualified individuals.

Do you think the “system” is flawed? It would be unfair to pinpoint one sector-government, insurers, medical providers, agencies— but it is safe to say that as health care costs increase, Medicare and insurance benefits are cut back, and the complexities of aging go unrecognized, older persons and their families need to assume more personal responsibility for their long term care.

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What life was meant to be!
Colonie seniors say keeping fit helps you feel young

By Barbara Yax

Many older adults who are working to keep in shape are discovering that they don't need fancy equipment or a membership to a gym to stay fit. They have gone back to the basics — walking. Take a trip over to Colonie Center on a Wednesday or a Friday morning and there they are — the Senior Walking Club. The group is the brainchild of Marion Lamar, recreation coordinator at Colonie Senior Service Center. "When I started working there three years ago, people began expressing interest in a walking club, I publicized it and the club began with six found members." Since then the group has gained much popularity and now consists of about 25 women and men ranging from 65 to 85 years old.

"The great thing about the club is that you don't have to belong to the center to join. There is no charge and no age restrictions," says Lamar, who is also a senior. And if the exercise wasn't enough there is the social aspect. Lamar added that many people feel the camaraderie of being with others is as crucial as the health benefits." An average walk with the club starts at 8:15 a.m. in the food court. They walk for about an hour and also take part in a short, low impact exercise class at 8:45 a.m.

"We don't walk as one body," says Lamar, "some walk faster, others need to sit and rest." "The weather is not a factor," says Lamar of using the mall, "we can walk rain or shine." The club does like to take advantage of the nice weather, however. Starting April 30, they will start walking each Friday on the Mohawk Bike Path off Route 7 in Schenectady. "If it's raining we go back to Colonie Center," states Lamar, who doesn't like her walk to be cancelled. Walking is a popular method of exercise, not only for seniors, but also for people of all ages who require a low impact form of aerobic activity.

Club members claim that they feel better, more energetic, and proud of themselves. "None of us will be in the Olympics, but we are in a maintenance period. It's important for older people to maintain their balance, flexibility and endurance," said Lamar. And from the looks of this club, they are doing a great job of it. If you are interested in joining the Senior Walking Club, or taking part in the other clubs offered by the Colonie Senior Service Center, call Lamar at 783-2823.
Seniors get point with acupuncture

By Marion Bergan

Acupuncture clinics across the country experience an interesting phenomenon in their patient populations. Seniors are more likely to be the first in their families to try acupuncture for symptoms uncovered by traditional methods. Often having exhausted mainstream medicine with little to no relief, they say, "What have I got to lose, I'll give acupuncture a try." What they find with acupuncture is a system of health care that not only relieves aches and pains, but also addresses the full spectrum of internal problems. The effectiveness of acupuncture extends far beyond the idea that it is only useful for chronic pain management.

Many health concerns of the aging population can be addressed with acupuncture. For instance, structural problems such as stiff neck, back pain and disc problems, sciatica, arthritis and joint problems, are relieved by acupuncture. Treatment addresses pain and improves range of motion. High blood pressure can be controlled with acupuncture and the regulation of diabetes and its myriad symptoms can also be assisted with acupuncture. Stroke victims suffering from paralysis, numbness or aphasia can regain function use of their limbs, and ability to communicate. Most digestive problems can be addressed including flatulence, reflux, constipation, diarrhea and urinary disorders. Other disorders commonly treated by acupuncture include sleep disturbances, coughing, bronchitis, stress and anxiety. It is not uncommon for people to experience a holistic action of acupuncture on the body as an integrated whole.

Acupuncture is one part of a system of health care that originated in China about 3,000 years ago. Central to this system of medicine is the concept of qi (pronounced chee), which is our life energy. Qi flows through the body along pathways, called meridians. When qi is in harmony and flowing smoothly, the body is healthy. When qi becomes blocked or unbalanced, illness occurs. Acupuncture brings the energies of the body into balance resulting in an improved state of well being.

Acupuncture helps to unblock and balance qi through the stimulation of acupuncture points near the surface of the body. The primary method used to achieve stimulation is the insertion of hair thin needles into these points, where they remain for 20 to 30 minutes. Generally, you will receive a front and back treatment during each session. Only pre-sterilized, single time use, disposable needles are used. A visit to an acupuncturist will involve a review of your health history, followed by a complete physical examination that will include listening to your pulse, palpation of the abdomen and specific points along the course of the meridians.

Once a diagnosis is reached an individualized treatment plan is designed to rebalance the qi and alleviate symptoms. It generally takes six to 10 weekly treatments to either relieve symptoms or to have an understanding of how it will take for the body to respond. The more chronic the condition the longer it will take to heal.

The cost for an acupuncture treatment varies but in the Capital Region ranges from $50 to $85 for an hour treatment. Many practitioners offer discounts for people over 65, in order to make acupuncture more accessible to people on limited incomes.

Acupuncture is slowly gaining acceptance by the insurance industry. To date, Medicaid and Medicare do not provide coverage for acupuncture. However, Empire Blue Cross and some groups with Blue Shield of Northeastern New York do provide some level of coverage. Give your insurance company a call to be certain.

Marion Bergan is certified by the National Certification Committee for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and has a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is the owner of Marion Bergan Acupuncture, located at 70 Everett Road in Colonie. For information call 765-2877.
Bethlehem seniors discover volunteering is rewarding

By Debbie W. Eberle

This month is the twentieth anniversary of National Volunteer Month. — a time to celebrate the positive impact that volunteers make on their community. Nobody seems to be more willing to give of their time than seniors and the Bethlehem Senior Volunteer Program, which began as part of the Town’s municipal program for the aging, has been actively providing services for over 18 years, said Joyce Becker, assistant director of the town of Bethlehem’s Senior Citizens Services.

"The program’s purpose is primarily to provide services to the elderly of the town of Bethlehem through the use of community volunteers," Becker said. "In addition, the program provides a second career and a home away from home to its volunteers."

Volunteer jobs vary. Participants in the volunteer program are matched with their abilities and job preferences.

Some of the available jobs would include: clerical work, van driver or helper, meal helper, Meals On Wheels delivery, blood pressure screening, Medicare forms assistance, outreach assistance, home maintenance help, food pantry worker, project volunteers, and assisting other town offices and programs when needed.

Betty Chesser is a local volunteer who answers the phone at the Town Hall taking transportation reservations for those in need of groceries or a ride to a medical appointment.

"One reason I volunteer is when I was quite sick three years ago the people in Senior Services were so good to me," Chesser said. "I feel like it is a way to pay them back for all they did." Chesser added that she also enjoys talking to the people who phone or stop into the office.

Delmar resident and volunteer Jim Tate, who often found driving the Senior Services van and occasionally helping the elderly with tax work, volunteers for a variety of reasons.

"It gives you another whole dimension to your life," Tate said. "It’s an outlet that is very rewarding because as you get older you feel as though you’d like to help someone. As long as you can put a little sunshine in someone’s heart, why not?"

In order to staff the increasing senior programs within a limited budget, volunteer services has continued to expand.

"In 1998, there were 278 volunteers who worked 14,878 hours reaching out to help others in need residing in their community," said Karen Pellettier, director of senior citizens Services.

Just who are these people who donate their time to assisting others?

"They consist of a retired professional core from varied backgrounds," Becker said. "It’s a blessing for the people who give of themselves as well as the people who receive."

"People need to be needed," added Becker with a smile.

Bethlehem Senior Services Department provides information and referrals to services and programs for independently living residents of the town over the age of 60. The Senior Services office is located in Room 110 the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave, in Delmar and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

One of the services that this department provides is a Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service.

This is a cooperative effort of Bethlehem Senior Services and the Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. It may be utilized by any independently living Town resident over the age of 60 to medical and dental appointments, for therapy, groceries and so forth.

Transportation to and from prearranged social and recreational programs is also available.

Currently, the reservations can be made by calling 439-5770, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. although the transportation service is available until 4 p.m. on those same days.

There are a variety of vehicles available for transportation of senior citizens. Three vans with wheelchair accessibility, one conventional van and two cars.
**You can look spiffy after age 60**

By Barbara Yax

Just because you’re a grandma, it doesn’t mean you can’t be stylish.

For many women over 60 it can be a real challenge to dress in contemporary fashion without looking like you’re trying to recapture your youth.

Along with it comes a feeling that you’re not quite ready for snap-housedresses, or the same style as your granddaughter.

You seem to be unanimous.

The big complaints from many women over 60 are because you’re a light-hearted thing, or separates work well too.

Color is another big factor in deciding what’s right.

“Your hair turns white or gray and your skin tone changes as well,” said Mary Massick.

“Bright colors are more flattering as we become older,” Gladys Maguire said.

All the ladies agree that bright colors are quite different when compared to the styles their mothers and grandmothers wore.

They dressed in dark colors and would never think of wearing pants,” they said. You’ve come a long way baby.

“Is there no set rules anymore,” according to Carmella Penucci, manager at Fashion Bug in Delmar.

Penucci says most of their customers pick out clothing based on their personality and lifestyle. “They like knits and things that are casual and comfortable,” she said, adding that older women are finding more fashions available to them than ever before.

However, you’ll find some disagreement on that topic from Sarah Silverman.

Silverman, who is 86 years old, has worked at Honigsbaum’s for 55 years.

“Fashions are so different now than from the past,” she said as she recalled her more than a half century in the fashion business.

“I see a decrease in fashions available for older people,” she said.

Silverman states that not only style, but fabrics, can determine if an item will be popular amongst older women.

“Many older women don’t like the wrinkled look,” she said, commenting on a recent trend in fabric styles.

Christina Lund, a manager at Honigsbaum’s, believes that the women who shop there want a classic look.

“Our older customers want something that is easy to wear, has some elastic in the waist and doesn’t wrinkle,” Lund said.

Lund also adds that many customers keep shopping at a specialty store like Honigsbaum’s because they carry things that may be hard to get somewhere else.

In addition, catering to each customer is their specialty, offering service that you just don’t find anymore. They also have a seamstress on site to help you get the perfect fit.

No matter what your age you will probably never stop uttering the phrase “I have nothing to wear.”

But getting a handle on what you can wear may help. It may take a while to find the right look or fit, but when you do it’s well worth the battle.

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Bethlehem grad a fast finisher in Boston run

By Joseph A. Phillips

A 1984 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School who ran cross-country for the Eagles and now resides in Massachusetts finished among the top 30 in a field of the winner, Kenyan Joseph Chebet, in 2:00:52. What's more, Hammer's time was just 35 seconds behind women's 10,000-meter world record holder Fatuma Roba, and was sixth best among American men and topped Boston-area runners.

The University of New Hampshire grad, who recently completed his master's at Boston University, was sufficiently encouraged by his time that he's giving some thought to training for a run in the U.S. Olympic qualifier for the 2000 Sydney Games.

Among entrants still residing in the Capital District, Delmar's Anthony Felitte led a group of three Bethlehem residents who completed the prestigious Patriot's Day run. Felitte, 36, covered the course in 3 hours, 26 minutes and 11 seconds.


And BC class of 92's Erin Mitchell, now residing in Boston and running on behalf of Special Olympics, had a 4:44:59 finish for 10,200-place. But a solid running finish.

Delmar Road Runners' Day race set

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runner's Club will host the 19th annual Mother's Day Race on Sunday, May 9. The 3.5-mile run, which takes participants through Delmar's residential streets, gets underway at 10 a.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School.

The race is open to girls and women of all ages and abilities. Runners may register at Hamagrael from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on the day of the race. The entry fee is $10.

Awards will be presented to the first three finishers, and to the top runners in each age group. There will also be competition for mother-daughter teams, with awards going to the top three teams. Half-mile and mile races for boys and girls will begin at 11 a.m.

Lax squad preps for home opener

The Bethlehem Central High School girls' lacrosse team hosts Colonie High School at 7 p.m. on April 30. The Eagles finished last season ranked ninth in the state among Class A teams, and have returned most of their starters this season.

There is no entry fee for the children's races.

Free baby sitting is available for pre-registered runners. Post-race refreshments will be available to all finishers, and the first 100 entrants in the 3.5-mile event will receive a free gift.

Call 453-4500 for information.

St. Thomas hoopsters post winning record

The St. Thomas seventh- and eighth-grade girls' basketball team recently completed a successful season.

The team, competing in the Albany CYO league, finished with 11 wins and three losses in league play. They placed first in their division and qualified for the Diocesan Playoffs, where they suffered a season-ending five-point loss to St. John's, the top-seeded team from Schenectady.

The St. Thomas team included 10 eighth graders and three seventh graders.

The eighth graders were Christine Capobianco, Kylie Conley, Lindsey Hallenbeck, Sue Kelly, Megan Kindlon, Kim McCall, Lindsey McClurkey, Justine Moreau, Melissa Driver, and Jessica Volpi. The seventh Bridget Daley and Erica graders were Katie Conklin, Roccario.

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Half Moon

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we’ll go back and do that our

selves.”

Chris Lee agreed with his fel-

low students’ opinion that going

aloft in the rigging was the best

part. “We also learned a lot about

the Dutch ship and Henry Hudson

himself,” Lee said.

The students kept logs during

their voyage; logs that will be pub-

lished in a different way than

Hudson’s. The students’ experi-

ences will be recorded on the

Internet, on their own Web page.

In fact, it was the Internet that

got the students onto the ship, Reilly said. After getting involved

with the New Netherland project, whose main goal is to translate

and publish old Dutch documents, Reilly got in touch with Ronke

Joustra, a teacher in the Nether-

lands whose students were also

studying the New Netherland

colony that Peter Stuyvesant

founded. This year, all the stu-

dents published their research on

New Netherland on the Internet,

where the Half Moon’s captain,

W.T. “Chip” Reynolds found it.

Reynolds invited Reilly, who had

become involved with bringing

the Half Moon up to Albany, to

bring along some students.

“We determined that the most

realistic number to have was

eight,” Reilly said. “We took four

from Bethlehem and four from

Albany.”

Reilly said he chose the four

students because they had been

heavily involved in the research,

and had the necessary work ethic,

maturity and grade average to

participate. “This trip has con-

vinced me that they’re some of

the best students I’ve ever had,”

Reilly said.

The rest of Reilly’s team has

been heavily involved in the

research, and had the necessary

work ethic, maturity and grade average to

participate. “This trip has con-

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Reilly said.

The library is

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Physically Speaking

by Nick Valenze, P.T.

Recommending After Knee Sprain

It is extremely difficult to determine the exact cause of a knee sprain. However, an understanding of the anatomy of the knee can help prevent future injuries. The knee is a complex joint that involves the femur, tibia, and fibula bones. Sprains occur when these bones are stretched beyond their normal range of motion, causing damage to the ligaments and muscles surrounding the joint.

In summary, physical therapy is the most common non-surgical treatment used to treat knee sprains. It involves a combination of exercises and modalities to help reduce pain, swelling, and inflammation, while improving strength and mobility. With proper management, most individuals can return to their daily activities within several weeks. However, it is important to consult a healthcare professional to determine the appropriate course of treatment for your specific injury.
Lois Crounse-Bristol and Robert Bristol

Crounse, Bristol marry

Lois Crounse and Robert Bristol were married March 11 at Guilderland Town hall.

The couple are active in the New Scotland Seniors group which meets at Wymans Osterbou Community Center in New Salem.

Lois Crounse-Bristol will continue to organize bus trips for the group.

The couple lives in Voorheesville.

April 28, 1999
The ceremony was performed and Providence University.

Elsmere celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 24 by renewing their wedding vows at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. The couple has five children: Paul Szelest, followed at Normanside Country Club. Nine grandchildren.

St. Peter's Hospital


Marist College—Matthew St. Luck, and John Suarez, both of Delmar, William Conway of Glenmont and Kevin Mastriano of South Bethlehem. Penn State—Tamara Kaplan of Selkirk.

University of Denver

Crystal Holting of Delmar was the recipient of the Outstanding Senior in BT Animal Science Award and a Resident Assistant Academic Leadership Award at the annual awards convocation at SUNY-Cobleskill. She was also named to Who's Who Among Students of American Junior Colleges.

Student wins awards

Audrey Vinson of Voorheesville was recently inducted into the honorary society for students in the business division at Siena College. The 21st Century Leaders Program offers a different complete dinner menu each week for $5 each.

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Dorothy P. Fay

Dorothy P. Fay, 92, of Rock Hill Road in New Scotland, died Sunday, April 25, at St. Peter's Hospita l in Albany.

Born in Middleburg, she received her elementary teaching certificate from Fredonia Normal School. She taught for many years in Wells, Albany city schools, Colonie schools, Lake Pleasant schools and the Funa View Bible Institute in Pennsylvania. She was also a homemaker.

She was the widow of the Rev. Orrin L. Fay.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda Kasapo of New Scotland; a son, the Rev. Rowan Fay of Binghamton; four sisters, Marjorie Stout of Greenville, Ohio, Mary Olsen of Binghamton, Bethal Rowak of Middleburg and Esther Posson of Lake Placid; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, April 28, at Pilgrim Holiness Church, 2105 Curry Road, Albany. Burial will be in Lake Placid.

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

Contributions may be made to Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Margaret Seiling

Margaret M. Seiling, 101, of Good Samaritan Lutheran Home Care in Slingerlands, died Monday, April 26, at the home.

Born in New York City, she lived in Albany before moving to Delmar and was the widow of Max Seiling. She was the widow of Max Seiling.

Survivors include a grandson, Jay David Seiling.

Services will be from the Hans Funeral Home, 1068 Western Ave., Albany at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Contributions may be made to the Abiding Memorial Fund of First Lutheran Church, 464 State St., Albany 12203.

Francis C. Wise

Francis "Frank" C. Wise, 91, of Tresien House in Albany and a longtime Delmar resident, died Sunday, April 24, at the home.

Born in Beacon, Dutchess County, he lived in Delmar for more than 65 years.

Mr. Wise worked for the former Hungerford Bus Co. in Delmar and for Firestone Tire & Rubber in Albany for 35 years, retiring as a retail manager.

He was a former Shriner and a member of Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

He was the husband of the late Hazel Wise.

Survivors include two daugh ters, Toby Marye of White Plains and Bonnie Sola of Dover, Mass.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applthoeze Funeral Home. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

Lamona E. Evans

Lamona E. Evans, 91, of Yorba Linda, Calif., and formerly of Delmar, died Monday, April 5.

Born in New York City, she was involved in many volunteer activities for most of her life. She was active in first United Methodist Church in Delmar before moving to Cali fornia to be near her daughter.

Survivors include two daugh ters, Linda Roberts of Leesburg, Fla., and Jill Sweetland of Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Delmar at a time to be announced.

Sheila Fuller when Fuller was elected supervisor. Davis was then re-elected to complete the final year of his term.

Davis has been closely associated with Fuller throughout her term. She has been a regular attendee at the board meetings, and she has offered her support and advice on a variety of issues.

Davis is active in Bethlehem par ent-teacher groups and as a member of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. Her presence at Elmire Fire Co. functions has been so ubiquitous that in 1998, she was named an honorary member.

She cites the fight to bring Price Chopper to Slingerlands as a sig nal achievement, and an illustra tion of the personal nature of town government. "I have a brother and sister-in-law living in Slingerlands, and I was feeling how they felt being discriminated against," she said. "I've made it my job to get out there and make things right for them in any way possible." She also mentioned her support for the campaign to bring another firehouse to Slingerlands, saying that the town needed another one.

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Institute plans May triple-header by Dev Tobin

As the area theater season winds down this month, the New York State Theatre Institute will offer three unique productions.

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9T125A 97 FORD F150 EXT. CAB 110K $19,995
9T126A 98 GMC SIERRA EXT. CAB 110K $24,995
9T127A 98 GMC SIERRA 3/4 EXT. CAB 144K $27,995

* Rebates and Incentives. Recent sales excluded. Ends 4/30/99

'99 JEEP CHEROKEE 4WD

MSRP $21,580
Marshall's Price $18,990
Less College Rebate: $400

NOW $18,499*

'99 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER

MSRP $22,165
Marshall's Price $17,990
Less College Rebate: $400

NOW $17,490*

'99 CHRYSLER CONCORDE

MSRP $22,340
Marshall's Price $19,790
Less College Rebate: $400

NOW $19,390*

* Sales tax, DMV Fees extra. Price includes all Rebates and Incentives. Recent College graduate qualifies. Special financing in lieu of rebate. Prior sales excluded. Site 04/30/99

4WD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

HOUSEHOLD

HAZARDOUS WASTE

COLLECTION DAY

INCLUDING PAINT RECYCLING

SHEILA FULLER, TOWN SUPERVISOR • SHARON FISHER, RECYCLING COORDINATOR

SATURDAY MAY 1, 1999

8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

RESIDENTS ONLY

Valid New York State Driver's license or current Bethlehem tax bill required as proof of residency.

QUESTIONS?

CALL 767-9618

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:00 AM - 12 NOON

WHERE...

Town Highway Garage,
74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk, NY 12158

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY MATERIAL WHICH IS NOT DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BY THE MANAGING CHEMIST ON SITE.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Many home and garden products contain potentially dangerous chemicals that must be disposed of safely. These are usually found in basements, kitchens, garages, storage sheds and bathrooms.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Only Town of Bethlehem residents can participate and only home generated hazardous wastes are acceptable. A valid New York State driver's license or current Town of Bethlehem tax bill is required as proof of residence.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

The Town of Bethlehem Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on:

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1999 BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 1:00 PM

Hazardous wastes must be brought to the Town Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East in Selkirk.

(Please follow special directions shown on map.)

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

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

• Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides
• Paints (oil bases, latex)
• Wood Preservatives and Stains
• Thinners and Solvents
• Drain Cleaners
• Swimming Pool Chemicals
• Hobby Chemicals/Paints
• Gasoline/Kerosene
• Automotive Fluids/Batteries
• Cleaning Products
• Acids and Bases
• Asbestos (wet and double bagged)
• Fluorescent Light Bulbs (call first)

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

• Explosives/Ammunition
• Medical and Infectious Waste
• Fireworks
• Radioactive materials
• Controlled Substances
• Known PCBs/Dioxins
• Compressed Gases (aerosols are okay)
• Commercial/Industrial Wastes
• Empty Paint Cans
• Empty Aerosols

Before disposing of leftover products, please try to use up or give to someone who can use them.