Ice man carveth

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The only two people in Voorheesville not talking about whether high school Principal William Furdon will be denied tenure are the two most likely to know — Superintendent Alan McCartney and school board president John Cole.

Both are categorizing the tenure denial to a personal conflict, McCartney immediately responded, "Not even close."

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Sheila Fuller

Board hires Flanigan for help with LUMAC

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

LUMAC is back.

The Bethlehem town board took its first steps last week toward the eventual implementation of the controversial recommendations of the Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC), which issued its report on the outlines of a master plan for the town nearly four years ago.

At the town board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24, the board secured the part-time services of recently retired town building inspector John Flanagan, who was intimately involved in the drafting of the LUMAC report, as a consultant on the forthcoming review and implementation process.

This process is likely to include public hearings at locations throughout town on LUMAC's implications for local zoning.

"I'd like to start this process in March, but it depends what happens in February," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller, citing an already busy public agenda for the coming weeks.

"We've got ourselves booked with public hearings into the end of February," she said.

Other potentially time-consuming issues include the environmental review and approval process for the Bethlehem Town Center project in Glenmont, also soon on the horizon. But calls to get going on implementing LUMAC have begun.

At last week's meeting, town board member Dan Flannery called for consultations with the planning department and planning board on how to proceed.

"It might be a good idea to start to talk about this, because how can we advance this," he said, calling for formation of an informal working group to begin outlining a process for the LUMAC report's eventual implementation.

That report, the result of nearly five years of deliberations and review of existing land-use practices in town, was delivered to the town board in the spring of 1997, and accepted at the time by the board as a reference resource for town planners.

But LUMAC was never formally adopted as a master plan, pending feedback from a special committee representing some of the town's large rural landowners, who objected to some of LUMAC's provisions.

That committee finally reported its recommendations for modifications of LUMAC to the town board last October. Now comes the hard part: incorporating those recommendations and translating LUMAC into practical application in the town's zoning and building codes.

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Four Corners' fate remains in limbo

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

First of a series.

It is the crossroads at the very epicenter of a community, a prominent X on local road maps that marks the spot where Route 140, Keaswood Avenue, and Route 443, Delaware Avenue, cross the heart of Delmar.

It is the jumping-off point of directions for visitors to Bethlehem from elsewhere in the Capital District: Do you know the Four Corners?

Lately, it is a blaze of vacancy and for-sale signs on shop windows. In December, the signs went up at Waves, a seafood market open less than two years at 389 Delaware Ave., announcing its year-end departure for Crestwood Plaza, a neighborhood market off Whittall Road in Albany.

"I don't make decisions based on someone else's personality, or on my personality," McCartney said. "I've been in the business a long time, and I don't make decisions without facts. Tenure is a three-year process. I talk to people, I listen."

Sea Waves' departure follows on the heels of its neighbor, Mitchie's. The Ultimate Ed's Store, at the opposite end of the five-unit storefront building, Mitchie's lit out for new quarters at Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland.

Both of those businesses were relative newcomers to Delmar. Not so one of Mitchie's neighbors at Stuyvesant Plaza — a former Four Corners institution for six decades, with a hometown name to boot.

League to hold dredging forum

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The controversial plan by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to order limited dredging to remove PCBs from a 40-mile stretch of the Hudson River will get a local airing at a public informational forum Feb. 15 at Delmar town hall.

The forum is sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters.

With the EPA's recent announcement that it will extend its own public comment deadline for its proposal to April 17, the Thursday forum will provide participants with a
Bethlehem police arrest eight on DWI charges

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police recorded eight arrests for driving while intoxicated (DWI) last week — including four individuals facing felony charges.

Early on Sunday, Jan. 20, Officer James Rexford observed a vehicle operating at a very slow speed on Delaware Avenue. After the vehicle made a U-turn at the intersection of Delaware and Manor Road, he stopped it behind Delaware Plaza. After administering field sobriety tests, Rexford arrested Lee E. Henderson, 56, of 1 Oakwood Drive, Glenmont, and charged him with DWI and crossing hazard markings.

A license check revealed a suspended license, leading to an additional charge of unauthorized operation of a vehicle, and elevating the DWI count to a felony.

According to police, Henderson refused further chemical tests and was arraigned before Town Court on Feb. 21.

Officer Peter Resnick responded to a call about a vehicle leaving the scene of an accident earlier Sunday. According to police, Resnick found David Leon Smith, 57, of 3 Mallard Road in Glenmont, unstationed, according to police. Smith admitted to having been drinking, and was arrested for DWI and ticketed for failure to keep right. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Feb. 5.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, about 2:30 a.m., Rexford observed a vehicle following a tractor-trailer too closely on River Road. He stopped Christopher James Pitz, 42, of 65 South River St., Cohoes, and arrested him for DWI after administering field sobriety tests. Pitz was ordered to appear in Town Court on Feb. 20.

On Jan. 21, Officer Craig Sears responded to a call about a vehicle emerging from the parking lot of Bev's restaurant and striking several street signs and a building before driving away. He stopped a vehicle on Delaware Avenue answering to the description and arrested Joseph M. Souza, 27, of 404 Elm Ave., Selkirk, for DWI after field tests and a pre-screening. He was also booked on charges of leaving the scene of an accident and was ordered to appear in Town Court on Feb. 17.

Another DWI arrest was made by Officer Brian Hughes on Jan. 21 when he responded to a call of a vehicle off the road on Route 32.

Police said William T. Vasilatos, 45, of 145 D&B Village, Clifton Park, told them he was on his way home from a wedding reception at which he had been drinking when his car went off the road and plowed into a snowbank. After field sobriety tests, Vasilatos was arrested for DWI, which became a felony count after a license check disclosed a suspended license as a result of a prior DWI conviction. He was also charged with uncounseled operation. Arraigned before Egan, he was sent to Albany County jail without bail. He is due in Town Court on Feb. 21.

Another felony DWI arrest occurred early Jan. 22, when Rexford followed a vehicle on Delaware Avenue that almost struck a snowbank and crossed the center and side markings of the road. Rexford administered field sobriety tests on John D. Tamoshunas, 42, of 59 Route 32, Clifton Park.

After finding Tamoshunas driving on a suspended license, he was charged with felony DWI and uncounseled operation, ticketed for failure to keep right and for an open-container violation. Arraigned before Egan, he was sent to Albany County jail in lieu of $7,500 bail. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Feb. 21.

Another felony arrest was made on Jan. 22, when Rexford saw a vehicle leaving the Delaware Plaza parking lot and crossing the white lines. The driver, Michael Paul Mavroudis, 42, of 1 Oakwood Drive, New Paltz, pulled off the road into the parking lot at the Quality Inn on Route 9W.

Finding the car empty, Hughes searched the area, and found Mavroudis in the hotel lobby. After calling Officer George Teyen to assist in administering field tests, Hughes arrested Mavroudis and charged him with DWI and an equipment violation. Mavroudis is due in Town Court on Feb. 21.

Police investigating thefts

Two Bethlehem construction sites have been burglarized in recent weeks to the tune of more than $11,000 in tools and equipment. Bethlehem police are investigating both thefts.

Employees of Random Enterprise discovered the first theft on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at a work site in the Haskell Farms development in Glenmont. According to the police report, the missing tools — nail and staple guns, saws and drills — had been locked in a trailer by workers at the site the day before, but the padlock was cut. Tire tracks in the snow led up a driveway to the site.

The total value of the missing tools was estimated at $5,757.

Police interviewed neighbors along Drake Drive, but none had identified any suspects. In another incident, workers for Tyco Construction reported a $1,500 utility trailer stolen from a work site at Trinity Place in Selkirk on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Police said it contained more than $4,000 worth of compressors, generators, pneumatic tools, saws and hand tools.

A witness reported seeing a pickup truck in the vicinity on Jan. 7, but police could not confirm whether it was connected with the theft.

A police officer reported a looter等方面的 behavior on a nearby building lot, but nothing taken.

Correction

In the Jan. 17 issue, the gender of Leslie Johnson, who is a man, was misidentified in the report about a Jan. 5 accident and DWI arrest. The arresting officer was Officer Charles Radlisch.

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The following day, he appointed trustees Jack Stevens to serve as deputy mayor until the board's annual organizational meeting in March.

"It's my intention to appoint him and have him continue as deputy mayor (after March), but I'm not committed to that," Clark said.

The post, a largely pro forma activity in municipal government, will now be filled.

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Their vehicle was first unveiled before the Bethlehem town board in September 1995: a Four Corners Overlay District, an "urban village" retail-and-commercial zone centered on a roughly eight-block area in the heart of Delmar.

With Delaware Avenue as its spine, the overlay would extend from roughly Becker Terrace on the east to just past Adams Street on the west, bordered on the north by the D&H rail line.

An overlay law would leave the underlying zoning intact, but establish unified standards for businesses and property owners within the district for such things as setbacks, lot occupancy and cosmetic improvements.

"What we're trying to do is work with what we already have," DeLaney said. "There are ways to improve this area."

The ambitious proposal met with an initially friendly reception from the town board, but in the months that followed, it faced pockets of resistance: the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, concerned about commercial encroachment onto residentially-zoned Adams Place; even some of the businesses in the proposed district, concerned about the cost of new standards.

Now, after months of refining the proposal to address some of these concerns, the merchants group is coming back for another try, most likely at the board's Feb. 14 meeting.

Sundling, for one, is hopeful that the concept might help.

"Part of the plan is to give businesses a little more latitude in meeting the spirit of the building codes," she said. "The cost of meeting every code requirement is prohibitive in terms of maintaining the existing buildings. But if we could get it together, in my experience, Delmar people would love to stay in Delmar to do their shopping. They're very loyal."

"We have an overall vision here," DeLaney said. "Getting our government people, our residents, our business people all on the same page. It seems so simple."

Text: more details of the overlay district plan.

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Their vehicle was first unveiled before the Bethlehem town board in September 1995: a Four Corners Overlay District, an "urban village" retail-and-commercial zone centered on a roughly eight-block area in the heart of Delmar.

With Delaware Avenue as its spine, the overlay would extend from roughly Becker Terrace on the east to just past Adams Street on the west, bordered on the north by the D&H rail line.

An overlay law would leave the underlying zoning intact, but establish unified standards for businesses and property owners within the district for such things as setbacks, lot occupancy and cosmetic improvements.

"What we're trying to do is work with what we already have," DeLaney said. "There are ways to improve this area."

The ambitious proposal met with an initially friendly reception from the town board, but in the months that followed, it faced pockets of resistance: the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, concerned about commercial encroachment onto residentially-zoned Adams Place; even some of the businesses in the proposed district, concerned about the cost of new standards.

Now, after months of refining the proposal to address some of these concerns, the merchants group is coming back for another try, most likely at the board's Feb. 14 meeting.

Sundling, for one, is hopeful that the concept might help.

"Part of the plan is to give businesses a little more latitude in meeting the spirit of the building codes," she said. "The cost of meeting every code requirement is prohibitive in terms of maintaining the existing buildings. But if we could get it together, in my experience, Delmar people would love to stay in Delmar to do their shopping. They're very loyal."

"We have an overall vision here," DeLaney said. "Getting our government people, our residents, our business people all on the same page. It seems so simple."

Text: more details of the overlay district plan.
The Bethlehem town board is poised to once again revisit the LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Committee) plan after a hiatus of several years. LUMAC had proposed a master plan for the town, but at the time, not everyone was satisfied with the committee’s recommendations, so the plan was never formally adopted. Bethlehem has used the document as an unofficial guideline since then. The biggest sticking point was that large landowners in town feared they would lose the right to get the most for their land if the plan were accepted. Residential developers, too, were afraid of the plan’s impact on the town.

Some sort of official plan is probably best for the future of Bethlehem and the way it is developed. In many towns without a master plan blueprint, growth is sporadic, uneven and often just plain ugly. Big box stores invade the landscape, with little or no concern for aesthetics. A few weeks, some excuse for trees, are dumped in the ground, and then forgotten. Residential developers, too, often rape the existing landscape, leaving large, generally unattractive homes without a hint of greenery.

LUMAC was a plan some eight years in the making, and it certainly deserves the consideration of town leaders.

Dredging dilemma

With a newly named federal Environmental Protection Agency director who has not taken a stand on dredging the Hudson River, PCBs, it’s critical for New York residents to try to determine the facts on this sensitive issue. The League of Women Voters’ forum scheduled for Feb. 15 at Bethlehem hall will be a good opportunity to do just that.

General Electric representatives will not be at the forum, but the company’s view has been clearly presented in a media campaign in newspapers, including The Spotlight, and on TV.

The forum, no doubt, will give opponents of GE’s plan a chance to prepare their case for dredging the river.

PCBs from GE facilities in Hudson Falls and Fort Edward have been dumped in the Hudson since the 1940s, unregulated until the 1970s. What this means in terms of the health of the river, must be clearly and reasonably determined before a final decision is made.

LUMAC is back

By Shannon Cornelius

The writer, a 1996 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is serving in the Peace Corps in Ghana.

Boo hoo, it’s dusty, it’s only 8 degrees above the equator, and I’m an oddity: the only white person for miles around. Little children run crying to their mothers when they see my glowing light skin and long straight white hair. People often think the friendliest country in Africa, to me, it is beginning to feel like home.

As a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana, West Africa, I see more than ever how lucky I am to have gotten such a good education, first in the Bethlehem Central schools and then at St. Lawrence University. Higher education is unheard of among the people I’ve met here. And learning the many local languages is very difficult because none of them exist in written form.

I’ll be in the village of Koase, outside of Wenchi, for my two-year stint. Communication with my new friends is limited for now, but with a Peace Corps tutor, I hope to be speaking a bit more soon. Meanwhile it is a bit lonely waiting for the rare English-speaking visitor — the closest Peace Corps worker is about an hour’s bike ride away.

Ghanaians everywhere are eager to talk to me, touch my skin, and admire my features. Although my village is a poor farming community, I’m constantly being welcomed with gifts of food — whatever is ripe and seasonable — plantains, tomatoes, cassava, onions, cocoyams, oranges, papaya, sugar cane, mangos and pineapples. I have my own lovely little house, without electricity, running water, or a toilet seat, but there are plenty of fresh mangoes and the clearest night sky I’ve ever seen.

I arrived in the capital city of Accra last September with 40 other Peace Corps volunteers. Known as the Gold Coast until granted independence by the British in 1957, Ghana is sandwiched between Cote D’Ivoire and Togo, in the heart of West Africa. Its population is 19 million and it is roughly the size of the state of Oregon.

Surrounding countries are French-speaking, but English is our official language. Famous for one of the most beautiful fabrics in West Africa, the expensive keate cloth, Ghana is where the first Europeans found the Ashanti’s use of gold far exceeded that of any other tribe, hence the name “Gold Coast.”

After three months of training, Peace Corps volunteers are on their own, each sent to a different remote village for the next two years. Our job is to help stop the devastating spread of HIV infection and AIDS, through education and prevention efforts.

Schools teach a little about sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, but it is usually a year or more after the students have begun having sex — almost always too late. In a tragedy that with 200 people becoming infected each day in Ghana alone, the disease is spreading faster than our efforts to prevent it.

My job here is to provide water sanitation training and health instruction. Each community has different needs, resources and motivation, so I’m spending a lot of time learning about the local, and getting people to know and trust me.

I hope to tackle the problem of the village’s water supply presently. First, the locals fetch drinking and bathing water from a spring because the bore-hole hand pump is broken. After fixing the existing pump, I hope to improve the spring source to make the water cleaner and safer.

The prevention programs I’m working to establish are for schoolchildren and church groups, as well as for the medical staff in maternity and health clinics. Improving water sanitation and hygiene is vital here: I realized recently that just talking to one person about the importance of hand washing can save a life.

But being a Peace Corps volunteer is more than this. It is also befriending the villagers and building their confidence and trust in the Americans who come here. A 12-year-old girl in my neighborhood had never seen a bicycle before I arrived. Thanks to some patient teaching, she now rides my bike with the biggest grin I’ve ever seen.

Yesterday was an exciting day: after mastering the art making of spicy peanut soup, I took an hour’s bus ride to the post office in a nearby town, where a package was waiting. The customs officials held my parcel, and when I arrive, they help me open everything and look through the contents. I’ve gotten used to this system, and I even share the candy and goodies I receive because everyone takes such good care of me here.

I also miss my friends and family back home. And I have a new-found, heartfelt appreciation for the convenience of CVS and the great burgers at Belf’s in Delmar.

But Ghana is truly a special place, known for its charm and laid-back attitude — many people describe it as “feelings free.” I love getting mail and I’m willing to share my experiences with anyone. “Feel free” to write to me in Ghana at St. Joseph’s Clinic, P.O. Box 47, Wenchi, Brong-Ahafo, Ghana, West Africa.

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Shannon Cornelius and villager Samuel Otori in the traditional cloth worn in Ghana on special occasions.
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Energy tips information was very misleading

Editor, The Spotlight:

The "Energy Tips" in the Jan. 24 issue of The Spotlight contains very misleading information concerning the "highly efficient and clean burning" fuel cell for the passenger car.

Another example of misleading information is the advice given by a leading supplier of chemicals and metals used to make fuel cells "throw away all those old, built-in car cells coming."

Fuel cells in homes and cars are not energy efficient and are a major potential source of the deadly gas carbon monoxide. Fuel cells contain hydrogen and oxygen to make water vapor and electricity. Hydrogen is not a naturally occurring resource and is usually made in large quantities by the steam reforming of natural gas.

As pointed out in "Energy Tips," hydrogen can also be made by injecting into a coal, gasoline or waste. The first chemical reaction in the reforming process is the decomposition of carbon monoxide and hydrogen. A second chemical reaction between carbon monoxide and hydrogen produces carbon dioxide and water.

Steam reforming to produce hydrogen is carefully controlled by industrial gas companies that have generators who have operators who are qualified to monitor and control the processes and are usually made in large quantities by the steam reforming of natural gas.

The proposed fuel cell for homes and cars has an energy efficiency of 30 percent compared to the efficiency of 50 to 60 percent for a new, modern dual-cycle clean-burning power plant.

Large stationary fuel cells are more energy efficient than the internal combustion engine, but in order for these fuel cells to work, the fuel cell must be downsized and the energy efficiency decreases. Further, the internal combustion engine is far superior to the fuel cell engine in providing the necessary horsepower to accelerate into and maintain minimum speeds on high speed highways. The fuel cell car will be limited to city streets because of safety reasons.

The "Energy Tips" also describe the plan of some fuel cell proponents to produce renewable energy from wind or solar to produce hydrogen for fuel cell cars by the electrical decomposition of water. The net energy efficiency of this proposal from electricity produced by wind or solar to the end use of the hydrogen produced from Albany to Buffalo would be about 20 percent. An internal combustion engine hybrid car such as the Honda Insight has the same energy efficiency with a much faster time for the trip.

Obviously, electricity from wind or solar should be sent directly to the grid system at 100 percent efficiency to replace coal, oil and natural gas.

In the future, high temperature molten carbonate or solid oxide fuel cells operated by power producers may have equal or better efficiencies than dual cycle electric power plants with little or no air pollution. The temperature and mass of these types of fuel cells are too high to be practical for a home or a car.

The state of California has been a leading proponent of fuel cells and hydrogen produced by renewable energy. The result has been poor planning, rolling blackouts, an economic disaster has been established in Russell's town. Truly proud of the planning committee did a fine job organizing the event, the blackouts, an economic disaster has been established in Russell's town.

Russell was a vivacious boy who thoroughly enjoyed his life and has been educated in Russell's town. We are so appreciative of all who have helped to keep his spirit alive.

Carolyn J. Hepp and the Russell Ellers Committee

Kudos to young people

Editor, The Spotlight:

In recent weeks we, as a community, have been the recipients of startling news about the conduct of our young people. However, being a person who likes to focus more on the positive side, that the negative, I'd like to lift up an event that should truly make us proud of our young people in town.

Last week, the RPM's Youth Group (an ecumenical group for the Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist churches) hosted a live band night as a fund-raiser for the Lebanon Foundation. They had approximately 300 youth participate with about eight different bands from the community performing.

The planning committee did a great job organizing the event, the young people participated with enthusiasm and when it was over, they cleaned up and left the facility in great shape. To top it all off, the raised more than $1,800 for a local leukemia patient. I am truly proud of their accomplishment and fine example they provide for all of us, showing what we can accomplish when we work together.

Sandy Damld
Delmar Reformed Church
associate pastor
Many deserve thanks for holiday decorations

Editor, The Spotlight:

A number of people have commented on how much the 20-foot holiday spruce tree and shrub lights in the three planters at the Four Corners gave a lift to the area and the past season in general.

Several people deserve thanks for making the decorations possible. Bruce and Michele Winn of the new Turtle Point store located a tree. It was donated by the town Highway Department whose crew members hauled it to the site, put it up and took it down after the holidays.

Bruce Winn and Steve Bolduc assisted Marty DeLaney from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and committee member Ted Howell helped put up the tree lights. Committee member Elaine Loder topped off the planters with collars of greens and extra lights. The cargo net shrub lights were donated by the town.

Ted Howell helped put up the tree and took it down after the holidays. The cargo net shrub lights were donated by the committee. A number of people have commented on how much the lights complemented those already placed by Four Corners merchants, along with holiday greens in planters and barrels. These gave a feeling of warmth and cheer during the dark days of December and early January. Efforts are continuing to persuade Key Bank to put lights on the locust trees on their corner.

Meanwhile, we can hardly wait for April when a team of committee members will gather to place 600 forced daffodils in the barrels at Four Corners. Throughout the town, thousands of daffodils will be in bloom courtesy of our Millennium Daffodil Project. Along Delaware Avenue, the dozens of ornamental pear trees that this committee and the Bethlehem Garden Club have planted will be in bloom to usher in the 21st century and the new millennium in style.

Bob Horn
Community Appearance Committee chairman

Peppertree Rescued a dog from a nearby home who also lived in a drenching Cats & Dogs in Glenmont in the spring and summer.

Peppertree is a nonprofit organization operated by committed volunteers who help dogs of good temperament find permanent homes. Many of the volunteers formerly worked in golden retriever rescue but decided to create Peppertree because they were so saddened to see so many good dogs with "golden-like" personalities being passed over.

Peppertree dogs have been evaluated for friendliness, intelligence and a peaceful, loving nature. They are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and have been tested for heartworm. Puppies are always on a trial basis, and if the adopter does not feel the dog fits in with the household, Peppertree always takes the dog back and looks for a more suitable home. Peppertree volunteers are always available to assist adopters with follow-up concerns.

Peppertree places first priority on assisting shelter dogs who otherwise might not have a second chance, but also helps individuals place their dogs in new homes whenever possible. If an applicant is looking for a specific type of dog, that Peppertree does not have, volunteers are often able to help the applicant find a dog through another organization or know of dogs waiting for placement in private homes.

Peppertree collaborates with shelter rescue groups and individual rescuers and always has access to information about dogs needing placement throughout the country. The group has contact information for breed rescue groups nationwide.

Volunteers also educate the public about responsible dog ownership, including the critical importance of spaying/neutering, and the dangers of purchasing a dog from a pet store, the Internet or a back yard breeder.

In addition to the Bethlehem locations, Peppertree holds clinics at Petsmart in Latham on the third Saturday of every month. Peppertree welcomes volunteers of all ages and temporary foster homes are always needed.

For information or to find out what dogs are available for adoption, contact the Peppertree hotline at 437-7405 or use the organization's Web site at www.peppertree.org.

Karen Chamberlain Harmon
Glenmont

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GREAT, I GUESS...
SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue will hold an influenza vaccine clinic on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Albany County Department of Health will administer the vaccine. The clinic is open to the public. The shot is free with Medicare Part B. Bring your Medicare card for proper billing. Seniors with WellCare and Senior B need to bring their coverage cards.

Seniors with CDPHP Medicare Choice will need to pay a $10 fee for all shots. For others, the fee is $10 for the flu vaccine and $30 for pneumonia vaccine.

DOT schedulesinfo meeting

The State Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting on the reconstruction of Route 155, from Route 85A to Route 20, on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Voorheesville Elementary School.

There will be a formal presentation at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Historical assistance to sponsor lecture

The New Scotland Historical Association will host a lecture on lighting the home, from candle light to modern illumination, on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. at a Woman's Club in New Scotland. The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders and will introduce Project WILD.

Project WILD is designed to expose students to a broad range of views and ideas about wildlife, and builds understandings of ecological principles into active games and discussion.

Participants attending this workshop will be given a Project WILD manual containing 100 easy to use activities suitable for students in grades K-12. Project WILD activities can be used to fulfill several requirements of state elementary science syllabus and a number of Scout merit badges.

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Teachers must register for STAR benefits

Bethlehem residents enrolled in the Enhanced STAR tax relief program are reminded that in order to remain eligible, proof of income for either 1998 or 2000 must be filed with the town assessor's office by March 1.

The Enhanced STAR exemption is limited to homeowners ages 65 and older who have an adjusted gross income of no more than $50,000.

Those enrolled in the basic STAR program, which is open to homeowners of all ages regardless, are automatically eligible for a tax exemption on their school tax bills and are not subject to annual renewal.

New homeowners or residents who have not enrolled in either Enhanced STAR or basic STAR are urged to take advantage of the benefits of this program by applying ASAP and no later than March 1.

Enrollment forms are available at the town assessor's office in Bethlehem town hall.

For information, call Town Assessor David Leater at 439-4955, ext. 105.

Five rivers plans guided walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a guided walk on the Old Field Trail on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m.

It will focus on the groundhug and will be lead by naturalists. Participants should dress for the outdoors.
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Prominent historian Allen Bailard has taught history and African studies at the University of Albany since 1986. He is appearing at the library as part of the Fabric of Freedom series, offered at 10 libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties through the Upper Hudson Library System in honor of Black History Month.

Quite honestly, my taste in reading runs more in the genre of real history. But Where I'm Bound turned out to be an absorbing novel with a unique perspective on the Civil War.

It was inspired by the true story of a Union soldier, Henry Bailard, who deserted from the Calvary, one of five black cavalry regiments that fought for the North in the war.

Bailard drew from slave narratives and historical sources for the novel. The central character, Joe Duckett, an escaped slave who becomes a Union cavalry scout and a hero, was modeled on a soldier, nicknamed the "wizard of the Black Regiment" for his daring feats in battle.

Bailard writes very readable prose. He makes you care about his characters and their fate, and he keeps the action flowing.

A review in The New York Times praises the vivid fighting scenes and the human touches as well as the way the author communicates the true experiences of former slaves that took in their newfound freedom.

Bailard was inspired to write the novel after a driving trip through the South, where he saw no public acknowledgement of that period in history.

Student studies abroad

Jane Valentine of Delmar, a 1989 graduate of Albany Academy for Girls, is spending her junior year at University College London. She is a student at Tufts University majoring in electrical engineering.

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The technical services/ circulation department recently reported some interesting statistics for Dec. 19, the day of the event, which took place in the library community room. More than double the average number of patrons came into the library proper that day — the door count was 2081. Circulation was also among the highest in the Upper Hudson Library System for that day.

Anecdotal reports from staff indicate that many new patrons registered; others renewed expired registrations or verified their library cards. We welcome our new patrons as they join our regulars to take advantage of the many programs, to better serve the diverse needs and interests of this community.

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Nothing To Stress Over

It is common practice for older individuals to undergo stress tests (to detect any heart problems) before they begin exercise programs. However, older people sometimes cannot complete the treadmill test satisfactorily, requiring more elaborate tests. And now, according to a new study, not only is the practice of administering a stress test to older people unfounded, it may even serve to discourage older people from getting the physical activity they need. With this in mind, researchers advise simply giving older patients complete physical examinations before they begin exercise programs. The study indicated that a review of the findings suggested that the risk of exercise-related heart attack may be overstated, and that the overall benefits of exercise outweighed any risk.

If you are worried about your heart, don't suffer alone—see your physician. At Good Samaritan Luther Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, we offer a varied and interesting schedule of events, from local to ones to put on your calendar. For more information, call 439-8116 for more information.

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PTO to host parenting speaker

The PTO at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar is hosting a lecture by Dianne Adams. Bryan Smollin on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smollin is a lecturer and consultant in communication skills.

Her topic will be "Parenting for Fun." Admission is free. To register, call the school at 439-5573.

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Black History Month programs set

Beverly Mills will portray Harriet Tubman in a living history performance on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at RCS Community Library.

Mills, a Tubman, will tell about protecting a runaway slave in Troy.

The event is sponsored by a grant from the state Council on the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Paul and Mary Liz Stewart will demonstrate their Web site about the Underground Railroad on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.

Local interest in the underground railroad has been spurred, in part, by recent theories that homes in the area served as way stations along this road to freedom.

Continuing education courses offered

The RCS school district has published its listing of spring continuing education courses. They include a wide variety of offerings, from "Financial Strategies for a Successful Retirement" to "Kripalu Yoga" to "Flower Arranging" to "Microsoft Word 2000" to "Making Money with Internet Auctions" and "SAT Review.

In-person registration is on Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. You can mail in or drop off registration until then.

Classes begin the week of March 5. For information or to propose courses, call Cindy Bradley at the school district, 756-5213.

Swing your honey at Feb. 10 dance

A Valentine's dance is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ravena.

It will feature music from the '40s through the '90s and will benefit RCS Community Library.

The dance begins at 8 p.m. and costs $15 per person. Beer, wine, soda, snacks, coffee and dessert will be served.

Only those over 21 will be admitted.

P.B. Coeymans slates book fair

P.B. Coeymans Elementary School will hold its book fair March 5 to 9.

This is an excellent time to stock up on reading materials for the upcoming year.

In conjunction with the book fair, the Parents As Reading Partners program will hold its kickoff.

Parents As Reading Partners is a program that encourages parents to give children books and to take some time each day to read together.

FLY 92 to play Ravena Knights

The Ravena Knights basketball team will play the FLY 92 team on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School gymnasium.

The charity basketball game is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

A $5 donation is requested.

All proceeds will go to the Make a Wish Foundation, an organization that helps make dreams come true for terminally ill children.

To purchase tickets, contact John Kearney at Bad Kearney Auto Sales, 756-2105.

Fife & drum corps seek members

The Adamsville Ancients Fife & Drum Corps will host an informational meeting for potential members on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

The corps is seeking new members, 16 or older, who are interested in music, enjoy marching in parades and traveling and meeting new people.

No musical experience is necessary.

New members can learn to play fife, snare drum, bass drum, or join the color guard.

Weekly rehearsals will be held for instruction and practice.

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For information, call the corps at 439-8727.

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It may be that the teeth in question are not only badly decayed but causing you pain. Ask your dentist if anything can be done to save them. Perhaps they can be saved with root canal work to remove the infected root canal space. Perhaps periodontal treatment or gum therapy will be needed to restore your dental health. You may find higher costs than a simple extraction, but the investment may be worth it if you can save your teeth.

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Dredging

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angle time to respond.

The purpose is really informa-
tional," said league spokeswoman
Nancy Heinzen — to present the
science of the PCB issue. "We're
doing what we can to encourage
people to take part in the EPA's
citizen comment process... We
wanted to provide a forum for
asking questions while there was
still time to form an opinion."

The panel discussion will
include a representative from a
leading dredging advocate, the
environmental group Scenic Hudson; a SUNY
professor of environmental health
who served as one of the EPA
dredging study's peer review
panelists and two representatives of
this summer's now-inactive advocacy
organization called the Scenic Hudson;
a leading dredging advocate, the
President John Faso, R-Kinderhook, a critic
of the cleanup plan.

"I have much concern about
their late in the day
presentation," he said. "They
really haven't done too much in
the past few years to inform the
public."

Assembly Minority Leader
John Faso, R-Kinderhook, a critic
of the EPA dredging plan who
represents Bethlehem in the state
Legislature, offered a kinder
evaluation of the league's forum.
"Anytime you have public
discussion of public issues, it's
good," he said. "Does it have
any meaningful impact on the
regulatory process? Probably not.
Could it serve to better inform
the public on some of these issues? Probably."

Heinzen said the league got a
late December start on organi-
sing its forum, and had difficulty
finding an accessible central
location in the region of
adequate size that would be
available at an earlier date.

"Bethlehem town hall was
convenient to league members,
in proximity to the Hudson
River and was willing to host the
event," she said.

The program will begin at 7:30
p.m. with a power point
presentation by Marlon Trest,
Scenic Hudson's PCB educator,
who served as a citizen liaison
with the EPA panel that
recommended dredging PCB hot
spots in a 40-mile stretch of the
Hudson between Fort Edward
and Troy.

She will offer a broad overview
of the EPA report's specifics.

David Carpenter, professor of
environmental health at SUNY's
School of Public Health and a
member of the science and
technology peer review panel
for the EPA study, will discuss the
human health effects of PCBs.

John Davis, a scientific
consultant on environmental
protection matters to the state
Attorney General's Office, will
discuss PCB levels in the
Hudson's sediments and wildlife.

Assistant Attorney General Liz
Grisaru will also be on hand to
talk Superfund law.

"I would rather not have 200
activists from the Sierra Club
show up," she said. "They've
already made their decision. I
would rather have people who are
a little wary of this issue and
seeking information."

Auditions scheduled at Methodist church

The Harlequin Players will be
holding auditions for "Moon Over
Buffalo" on Thursday and Friday
Feb. 8 and 9, at 8:30 p.m. at
Community United Methodist
Church of Slingerlands at 1499
New Scotland Road.

Roles are for four men and four
women, ages 21 to 75. For
information, call 355-6694.

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information session to be held on Tuesday, February 6th
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BC boys upend BH-BL Spartans

BY ROB JONAS

A good night on the boards translated into a victory for the Bethlehem boys basketball team.

The Eagles kept pace with a taller Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake squad in the battle for rebounds, and that helped them stun the Spartans 56-53 last Friday in a Suburban Council Gold Division clash.

"It was a very big win," Bethlehem coach Chuck Abba said. "The kids did a great job. We just stayed with them and never let them get too far ahead."

The Eagles (4-3 league, 4-10 overall) were ahead most of the fourth quarter before the Spartans (4-4, 9-9) took the lead in the final minute. Bethlehem answered back with a three-pointer by Josh Burnett, and Steve Maltzman added a pair of free throws with three seconds left to provide the final margin of victory.

What helped the Eagles build their original lead was their ability to scrap for rebounds against a Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake team that averages 6 feet, 4 inches in height in the frontcourt.

"The way we play, we box out and we hit the floor for every loose ball," Abba said. "Our guys are battling bigger kids, no question. But when they are rebounding well, they do well."

Burnett had 18 points to lead a balanced Bethlehem attack. Paul Stewart contributed 12 points, Nate Turecek chipped in 10 points and eight rebounds, and Tyler Ursprung added eight points.

"Once again, we were two points away from having four kids in double figures," Abba said. "Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake was paced by Adam McGeire, who led all scorers with 26 points, Steve Makovich and Adam Finch added 10 points apiece.

The road gets rougher for Bethlehem this week. After hosting Blue Division leader Colonie Central Tuesday, the Eagles travel to first-place Columbia Friday for a Gold Division battle. Colonie and Columbia are a combined 12-2 in Suburban Council play and 23-5 overall.

"It will be a challenging week," Abba said. "I think the kids are ready to look forward to the challenge of the next two games, though. We've had some great wins recently."

Bethlehem returns home next Tuesday to face Guelderland.

RCS wrestlers sweep non-league meets

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team racked up a pair of non-league wins by defeating Maple Hill and Salem at home last Saturday.

Steve Correll

The Indians opened the double-duel meet with a 45-25 victory against Maple Hill. Sam Lambert (112 pounds), C.J. Haslem (125), Steve Correll (140), Landon Keir (145) and Justin Schipano (160) recorded pins for RCS. Eric Pregent (119) added a 6-2 victory against Jim Fox.

The second match against Salem was closer, with the Indians pulling out a 49-33 win. Jared Lackie sealed the victory by pinning Doug Bardin in the first period of their 173-pound bout. Lambert, Correll and Schipano recorded their second pins of the day in their weight classes, while Haslem moved up to 150 and earned a first-period fall against Brenton Ailen.
By ROB JONAS

When the world last saw the Voorheesville girls basketball team, it was licking its wounds from a 64-33 hammering at the hands of Holy Names. The Blackbirds shook off the effects of that loss, however, by posting a 53-47 victory at Cohoes last Friday, but not before the Tigers made things interesting with a fourth-quarter surge that put Voorheesville’s lead in jeopardy.

“This hit some shots to make it close, but we hit our free throws to keep them at a distance,” Voorheesville coach Jon McClement said.

The Blackbirds (9-2 league, 10-5 overall) had difficulty getting the lead after the first quarter. The Tigers (2-13 overall) had difficulty getting into the game. That dropped the Tigers through the rest of the game. That dropped their season to 1-14 overall.

The Voorheesville boys basketball team continues to suffer from growing pains.

The Blackbirds remained winless since New Year’s Day with a 58-13 loss to Cohoes Friday in a Colonial Council game. That dropped Voorheesville’s record to 1-1 in the league, 2-15 overall.

“We think we’ve played well in spurts, and with a young group, it’s tough to get them to play four quarters,” said Voorheesville coach Shane Clark. “It’s a growing process for the team and myself.”

The game won by a 47-24 margin in the first quarter. Voorheesville stayed with the Tigers through the rest of the game, but the Blackbirds could not cut into the deficit.

“They shot the ball very well (in the first quarter), and they came out with more intensity than we did, I guess,” Clark said.

Junior Bill Schlappi and Kevin Vandevoorde each had 12 points to lead Voorheesville. Paul Izso scored 17 points to pace Cohoes.

The Blackbirds hoped to end their losing streak last night when they hosted Lansingburgh. They get a week off before meeting Schalmont next Tuesday and Berne-Knox-Westerlo in a non-conference contest next Wednesday.

“These next few games are all winnable,” Clark said.

Blackbirds rebound against Cohoes

RCS girls back on track after loss to Watervliet

By ROB JONAS

After its poorest performance of the season, Ravena-Coeymans-Seckirk girls basketball team gave one of its best.

The Indians rebounded from a 52-40 loss to Watervliet last Tuesday with a 55-29 victory against Cohoes last Thursday in a Colonial Council contest.

“It was a nice change of pace,” RCS coach Bruce Stott said. “Usually, we don’t win by that big of a margin.”

The Indians (3-7 league, 5-9 overall) received contributions from every player, led by Andrea Norton’s 15-point effort. Rachel Matousek contributed 11 points, while three other players had six points apiece.

“We shot very well, which was a nice plus, and we played very good defense,” Stott said.

The Indians looked to build on their victory against Cohoes when they hosted Cohoes last Thursday in the regular season, beginning Friday against Mechanicville.

“At this point of the year, we need to start stringing some games together,” Stott said. “It’s not where you start, but where you finish.”

Winter racing series continues Feb. 11

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will hold its next group of races in its winter series Feb. 11 at the University at Albany.

The races are scheduled for distances of 4, 10 and 20 miles, starting at 10 a.m. from the physical education building. The races are open to runners of all ages and abilities.

Awards will be presented to the male and female winners in each race and to the top age group finishers.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the physical education building. The entry fee is $4 for HMRRC members and $5 for non-members. For information, call 435-4500.

BC girls beat Burnt Hills

The Bethlehem girls basketball team posted a 69-41 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Friday in a Suburban Council game.

The win gives the Lady Eagles (24-2 league, 30-2 overall) sole possession of first place in the league’s Gold Division with a couple of weeks left in the regular season.

“It’s nice to come away with a win like this because it shows that we’re improving,” Bethlehem coach Kim Wise said.

The Lady Eagles moved into the contest at 17-11 lead after the first quarter, and extended it to 31-20 at halftime, 50-29 at the end of the third.

“We continued to get strong play from our inside players,” Wise said. “When the inside is going well, that frees us up our guards.”

The Burnt Hills Lady Eagles’ repeats their challenge tonight when they host Chenango Forks in a non-conference game starting at 6 p.m.

We have to go out and do our best to play against the top teams,” Wise said.

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Dolphins capture trophies at meet

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club turned in a winning performance at the recent 2001 AV Starfish Invitational Swim Meet held at RPI Jan. 5 through 7.

In addition to fielding the second largest team over the three day event, the Dolphins captured a number of individual distinctions. Ashley Burns placed second overall for the 8-and-under girls in terms of total individual high points, and Katie O'Donnell placed fourth. Zachary Kundel placed third for the 8-and-under boys, and Larry Glocskier fifth for the 11-12 boys. Sarah Wooster breast stroke at the recent 2001 AV Starfish in the overall for the 11-12 girls was sixth for the 11-12 girls.

Other 10-and-under girls receiving awards were Kristen Glocskier, who was sixth in the 100 butterfly and 50 breast stroke and seventh in the 100 backstroke; and Allie Radliff, who was fifth in the 50 breast stroke and seventh in the 100 butterfly.

Larry Glocskier took first in the 100 freestyle; fourth in the 100 IM; sixth in the 50 freestyle, 100 breast stroke and 100 butterfly; and seventh in the 50 and 100 backstrokes. Kundel took home first-place medals in the 50 and 100 freestyles, third in the 50 backstroke, and fifth in the 100 IM. Matthew Weber also took home an eighth-place finish in the 100 freestyle for the 8-and-under boys.

Wooster took second in the 50 backstroke and fifth in the 50 freestyle, while Healy placed sixth in the 50 backstroke and sixth in the 50 breast stroke and eighth in the 100 breast stroke.

Other 10-and-under girls receiving awards were Kristin Burns of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, who placed third for the 100 backstroke and sixth in the 100 breast stroke.

Katie Dwyer, a freshman at SUNY Oswego, has been named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Field Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 15.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, Dwyer finished first in the high jump at the Rensselaer Capital District Invitational with a jump of 5 feet, 1 inch. Dwyer also finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 30.6 seconds, and sixth in the long jump with a jump of 3.87 meters.

The Delmar Dolphins will host the Middletown High School on Thursday, Jan. 18, at a tri-meet with SUNY Oswego at Hamilton College. Dwyer placed third in the high jump with a jump of 4 feet, 5.5 inches and fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:09.34.

Dwyer is a 2000 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and a participant in SUNY New Paltz Track Education program, a five year bachelor's/master's science program.

Bethlehem graduate named
ECAC Athlete of the Week

Tennis tournament

The New York State sectional closed tournament will be held over the next two weekends at various tennis clubs.

The tournament brings together the top teen-agers, tennis players from across the state. The winners will advance to the state championship, which is scheduled for April.

The qualifying round runs Friday through Sunday, with the championship rounds taking place the following weekend.

SPORTS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 31-Feb. 6

WED, JAN. 31

BOWLING
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys at Voorheesville, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Bethlehem at Albany, 4:30 p.m.
Guilderland at Shaker, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 9 p.m.

HOKEY
Bethlehem at Saratoga, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Colonie Central at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

BOWLING
Bethlehem girls at Schenectady, 4 p.m.

GYMNASICS
Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Albany Academy at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

BOYS BASKETBALL
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Mechanicville, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Mechanicville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

GYMNASICS
Bethlehem at Saratoga, 10 a.m.

HOKEY
LaSalle at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.
Barbara Hipp and Ronald Kaplan

**Hipp, Kaplan wed**

Dr. Barbara Hipp, daughter of Sally Hipp of Delmar, and Dr. Ronald Kaplan, son of Bert and Ellen Kaplan of Chapel Hill, N.C., were married Sept. 16.

The ceremony was performed at the Harbour House Inn in Chelmsford, Mass. It was followed by a reception at the Candlelight Inn in Lenox.

The maid of honor was Dr. Karen Ohlig.

The best man was Dr. Daniel Kaplan, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University of Rochester and Vanderbilt University Medical School.

She is an intensive care pediatrician at several hospitals.

The groom is an emergency room pediatrician at Boston Children’s Hospital.

The couple lives in Boston.

**BC student named Intel semifinalist**

Samuel Hodrman of Delmar, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been named a semifinalist in the national Intel Science Talent Search.

His research project is titled, "Ecological Influences on Parental Care and Investment in Pumpkinsized Sunfish."

He is one of 300 semifinalists selected from more than 1,500 applicants.

Each semifinalist receives $1,000, with another $1,000 going to their schools in support of science research programs.

The 40 finalists will be announced on Jan. 31.

They will attend the Science Talent Institute in Washington, D.C., from March 7 to 12, when final judging will occur.

The top prize, a $100,000 scholarship, will be announced on March 12.

**BCHS graduate interns in NYC**

Ethan Drake of Slingerlands is participating in an internship program at Permal Asset Management in New York City during the semester break from St. Lawrence University. Drake is a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

**Corps seeks members**

The Adamsville Ancients Fife & Drum Corps will host an informational meeting for potential members on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

The corps is seeking new members, 16 or older, who are interested in music, enjoy marching in parades and traveling and meeting new people. No musical experience is necessary.

New members can learn to play fife, snare drum, bass drum, or join the color guard. There are no membership fees or dues. For information, call 439-8727.

**Birthday**

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Anthony Michael Cherwitz, son of Chris and Sue Cherwitz of Slingerlands, Nov. 1.

Boy, Alexander James Shope, to Beverly and Timothy Shope of Delmar, Nov. 3.

Boy, Alexander Norman Ruhren, to Julie and Tim Ruhren of Voorheesville, Nov. 10.

Girl, Christine Marie Martin, to Joan and Steven Martin of Slingerlands, Nov. 15.

Boy, Jordan Thomas Scarlett, to Amy and Marc Scarlett of Delmar, Nov. 21.

**Dean’s List**

East Carolina University — Robert Piel of Delmar.

Hope College — Matthew Cook of Delmar.

Tufts University — Kate Svenson of Delmar.

University of Delaware — Matthew Clement, Jodi Holm, Pamela Maio and Kerry VanNiper, all of Delmar.

University of Rhode Island — Melanie Finkel of Delmar.

University of Scranton — Brian Healy of Voorheesville.

**Clarksville teacher named Who’s Who**

Mary Pat Remmel of Delmar, a third-grade teacher at the Clarksville School, was recently listed in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers 2000.

In order to qualify for this listing, a teacher must be nominated by a former student who is a high school senior and a National Merit Scholar.

**Delmar student studying in London**

Jane Valentino of Delmar, a 1998 graduate of Albany Academy for Girls, is spending her junior year at University College London.

Valentino is a student at Tufts University, where she is majoring in electrical engineering.

**More mail weddings, engagements**

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

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For information and submission dates call 439-8459.

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**Community corner**

Britt Wehmann-Bell and Charles Bell

**Wehmann, Bell marry**

Britt Wehmann, daughter of Wolfgang and Brigitte Wehmann of Delmar, and Charles Edward Bell, son of Edward and Donna Bell of Canandaigua, Ontario County, were married May 13.

The Rev. Warren Winterhoff performed the ceremony at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.

A reception followed at Altamont Manor.

The matron of honor was Kristen Berger, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Christine Smith, Jennifer Propst and Deborah Korntc. Karen Voeltz, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl.

The best man was James Bell, brother of the groom. Ushers were Gregory Gullu, Benjamin Kozower and James Murray.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rochester.

She has a master’s degree from Northeastern University and is a clinical specialist at New England Center for Children in Southborough, Mass.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Rochester.

He is a third-year law student at Franklin Pierce Law Center.

He will practice patent law with the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glosky & Popeo in Boston when he graduates.

After a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple lives in New Hampshire.
Christopher Riedy
Christopher J. Riedy, 66, of Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the District. He attended S. Artois Central High School and New Hampshire and was a graduate of SUNY Albany. Mr. Riedy was an independent sales representative and bought several local newspapers. Survivors include his parents, Victoria Mayhew Dow of Selkirk; a son, Brian Riedy; a daughter, Kathleen Riedy; four brothers, Thomas Riedy of Ridgefield, Conn., Patricia Riedy of Menands, and Rory Riedy of Albany; and three sisters, Riedy Mayhew Dow of Selkirk; a son, Allen Kelly Dow of Menands; and three grandchildren.

Delmar died-Saturday, Jan. 27, at Gay of Niskayuna; five sisters, Riedy Mayhew Dow of Selkirk; a son, Allen Kelly Dow of Menands; and three grandchildren.

Francis De Vellis
Francis A. De Vellis, 66, of Pined Road in New Salem died Thursday, Jan. 25, at Albany Medical Center in Albany. He was a lifelong resident of the District. De Vellis was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Jean Thoms De Vellis; two sons, Michael De Vellis of Chestertown, Mich., and James De Vellis of New Salem; his children, Patricia De Vellis, a son, Joseph De Vellis of New Salem; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

James Wilsey
James E. Wilsey of Selkirk died Thursday, Jan. 25, at his home. Mr. Wilsey was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Former New York Central Railroad and retired from Conrail, after 42 years of service. Survivors include his wife, Aune Tracey Wilsey; five sons, John Wilsey, James Wilsey, Keith Wilsey, Gregory Wilsey and Richard Wilsey; two daughters, Patricia Olazagasti and Ellen Wilsey; four sisters, Ethel Bub; a sister, Elaine Rankin; and many nieces and nephews. Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Arrangements were through the Buckwalter & Morris Funeral Home in Ravena.

Lois Bull
Lois S. Bull, 75, of Delmar died Sunday, Jan. 21, at her home. Born in Slingerlands, she was a longtime resident of Delmar. Survivors include her husband, William Bull; five sons, William Bull, John Bull, Stephen Bull and David Bull, a sister, Elaine Rankin; and 12 grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, February 24, at Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Mrs. Bull donated her body to the anatomical gift program at Albany Medical Center.

Mildred Traeger
Mildred Traeger, 100, of Bethlehem died Tuesday, Jan. 10, at her home. Born and raised in Bethlehem, she was a former member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

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

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge. In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for $5.
Geography fun? Maybe not always but when the Berkshire Museum in downtown Pittsfield, Mass., opens a new exhibit entitled "Earth 2U," Exploring Geography" on Feb. 3 kids and adults alike are sure to take a liking to the subject.

The exhibit takes visitors on an interactive round-the-world tour to diverse lands and cultures and examines the links between our planet and the people who live here.

"This exhibition helps to prepare children to compete and thrive in an increasingly global society in an engaging and enjoyable way," said Susan Bronson, the interim director for the museum. "We hope the experience will be a jumping off point for continued study."

While the exhibit is designed with kids in mind, the illustrations, hands-on activities and spectacular photographs will appeal to people of all ages. 

The first stop is the passport station where visitors will be given their own version of this important document to guide them through the exhibits and displays.

There is an exploration and adventure display where explorers are illustrated on the interior of a walk-in globe. Two featured explorers — Ibn Battuta and Kathry K Sullivan — appear as life size photo cutouts which can be activated to play personal accounts of their adventures.

There is also a high tech computer game where players try to find the original earth homes for animals from a 23rd century intergalactic zoo.

In the tools and techniques display, maps of all sizes and ages and shapes are used to show how different types of information can be presented on different kinds of maps. Visitors can interact with a giant map, using latitude and longitude markers to measure distances and plot points.

The forces of nature come to life in the next display. Track various areas on the globe where different types of natural disasters are likely to occur. See how people adapt to volcanic activity, deal with floods and earthquakes, learn how a tornado is born and even design a building from a giant chocolate chip cookie.

Population growth, the subject of "Earth 2U," is critical to a complete understanding of geography. An interactive component shows how plate tectonics can make the land fold, pull apart and slip past itself.

In the year 1998, the global population reached 6 billion people. Population growth, the subject of another display, is critical to a complete understanding of geography. See a "real time" population clock that tracks world population by the second, and try your hand at games and interactive displays that illustrate the needs of people everywhere and what kids are doing in today's world to help ensure a better tomorrow.

In the everyday things display, kids and adults can learn about things we often take for granted. Everything comes from somewhere and goes somewhere. Look into the sink in this interactive exhibit and see where water comes from when we turn on the tap and where it goes after it disappears down the drain.

Blocks on a tremor table to see if the structure can survive an earthquake.

Learn about mountains, hills, plateaus and plains in the landscapes/landshades display. Through the use of topographical models and dramatic maps, visitors can develop and understand these various land surfaces. An interactive component shows how plate tectonics can make the land fold, pull apart and slip past itself.

Here and at the top of the page are samples of the illustrations by renowned artist Marc Rosenthal which are an integral part of the exhibit at the Berkshire Museum.

The exhibit, "Earth 2U, Exploring Geography," opening Saturday at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield will present a number of future, hands-on displays to take youngsters and adults on a global journey. The area pictured is the Forces of Nature display in which visitors learn about earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions and floods.
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BETH. ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 897-2986.

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Building, 8 p.m. Information, 458-4655.

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District office, 60 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 458-7298.

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Descriptive Chapter, Masonic Temple, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 458-9218.

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Village hall, 25 Willowbrook Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 458-2702.

FOLK MUSIC WORKSHOP
Participatory workshop. Voorheesville Public School, 51 School Road. 8 p.m. Information, 457-1281 or 457-2791.

BETH. SISTER'S SENIOR CITIZENS
Delmar Community Center, New Salem, call for time information, 458-7219.

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Church School, 3rd & 6th grade worship service, 9:15 a.m. Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Information, 438-9144.

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Christian fellowship groups for mothers of preschool children. Delmar Reformed Church, 888 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 438-9017.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 86, 8:15 a.m. Information, 438-2471 or 438-6543.

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Albany County Pistol Club, Wine Place, 7 p.m. Information, 437-2537.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DIST.
Board of fire commissions' meetings monthly, 1st Monday, North Bethlehem Fire, 568 Russell Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 439-0517.

PLANING BOARD
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Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 p.m. Information, 458-2126.

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DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH
Mt. Hope Cemetery, 7 p.m. Information, 458-4418.

EXPLORE POST 167
For boys and girls 12-17, focusing on an environmental conservation. Weekly, 310 Maple Avenue, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4415.

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I return to a committee structure hearings in several of the town's traditional hamlets to lay out the voluminous town that lack any zoning at all. She intends to meet with the new town attorney, Robert Alessi, once he has had an opportunity to review the Flanigan code piecemeal or as an omnibus.

Not another committee," said. "We can't do that to the community."

In our role in the tenure process is to accept the superintendent's recommendation for tenure. This is a personnel issue, and I can't say anything about it on the record," said. "It's frustrating, but valuable, that a public official can't comment on an individual's employment."

Of the parents I know, everyone is upset," Robinson said. "Parents would like to go and speak in front of the school board, but we've heard it won't make any difference. The general consensus of parents is that it's a travesty."

Robinson praised Furdon's open style at the high school.

"Since he's been principal, he's made an effort to open the school up and let parents see what's going on," Robinson said. "He sends notes home through the mail, a periodic letter updating people about what's going on. Once or twice a year he invites parents up to the school, to let them take a tour. He asks for volunteers and he's everywhere, at all the sporting events, concerts, plays."

"I know it was mainly Linda Wolkenbret, but he also helped with the middle level philosophy," Robinson added. "He was instrumental in the facilities planning, and he's at every PTA meeting. He always applauds faculty and he's visible and welcomes parents' openness and support."

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