V'ville school board grants Furdon tenure

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

After months of rumors, the Voorheesville school board on Monday granted tenure to high school Principal William F. Furdon.

School board president John Cole abstained from the vote and board member C. James Coffin voted against tenure.

"I do not wish to vote against the superintendent," Coffin said in a prepared statement. He said he wishes to express his disappointment with the politics that surrounded Furdon's tenure appointment.

"I've worked to do the best I can for the kids. This is a great group of kids, a great staff and a great community," William Furdon said.

The tenure process in New York state is designed to protect employees and school districts from undue political influence and other interference in evaluation of employees, he added.

After the meeting, Coffin clarified his statement. "I wish to express my disappointment in the circumstances surrounding this tenure recommendation."

"Many people, very publicly, came out to express their support for Mr. Furdon," he said. "I don't think people know how to express their lack of support for the tenure recommendation."

"The tenure process in New York state is designed to protect employees and school districts from undue political influence and other interference in evaluation of employees, he added."

Although Coffin said he believed Furdon probably could overcome the issues that were never publicly discussed with the politics of Furdon's tenure appointment.

"When Furdon was brought on as principal, the board was looking for strong evaluation," he said. "One of my greatest concerns is that the board and administration failed to recognize that we want someone to grow, and failed to recognize the issues here."

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"I'm disappointed in all the players," Cole said. "I don't exempt anybody, although I'm sure everything was well-intentioned."

In his statement, Cole expressed his confidence that the past few months would not have a negative effect on the school district.

"I will support the superintendent, the board and especially Mr. Furdon as the principal of our high school," Cole said. "Coffin, who had been a board member from 1989-99, was reappointed in January, said he had been doing a lot of legwork trying to figure out the situation, find out what the issues were and whether they had merit.

"I'm not expressing my disappointment as a reason not to name the issues," Coffin also expressed.

Betty Zinzow lives on in family's heart

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The Christmas lights still hang on the front of the Zinzow's house in Selkirk, although it still has a lot of work to do. Elizabeth Zinzow, 53, died April 19 in a car accident at the intersection of Bender Lane and Route 32 (the Delmar bypass).

The Zinzow children, 20-year-old Heather, 14-year-old William and 4-year-old Nicholas, lie in and out of the room, never going far.

"They've done a lot of talking to the kids," Zinzow said. "There's a lot of faith in this family. The kids know that God didn't take their mother, but that God was there for her. The kids talk about her; she'll never be forgotten."

"I will try to do the best I can for the kids. This is a great group of kids, a great staff and a great community," William Furdon said.

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"I'm really not too sure what the responses will be," Nigro said. "But we are prepared to be there as little or as long as necessary in order to satisfy the community that this project will work well in the community."

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Betty Zinzow said, "We have a black lab named Betsy, after her, and a stray cat that had kittens. There's also a turtle, a bird and a fish."

"She loved flowers, too," Zinzow said. "I planted them all around the house, the trees and in the gardens."

"I'm a gardener, I'd do it for Betty. I'd spend a month planting every spring. There's a birdhouse, and a rock garden."

Turtle talk

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The much-anticipated public hearing on the environmental impact of the planned 350,000-square-foot Bethlehem Town Center retail complex in Glenmont will lead off tonight's Bethlehem town board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

John Nigro, president of developer Nigro Cos., expressed confidence Monday that his firm and its consultants would be able to respond adequately to whatever concerns are expressed at the hearing and the ongoing formal public comment period.
V’ville trustees OK sewer-replacement plant

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Voorheesville’s board of trustees approved a $1.46 million budget for 2001-02 on April 24, and took steps to move ahead quickly with a proposed replacement of the sewage treatment plant for the village’s largest sewer district.

In a series of unanimous resolutions, the trustees accepted a recommendation by the village sewer commission, adopted the previous day, to expedite construction of a $750,000 overhaul of the treatment plant for Sewer District No. 1, mainly serving Salem Hills.

“We’re on our way with the sewer system folks,” said village Mayor Ed Clark after the board’s actions. “Thank God.”

The urgency in pushing ahead with the project stems from the age of the existing plant, well beyond its 20-year expected life when installed in 1985. Though no current system failures prompted the renovation plan, which was first presented to the board in January, village Public Works Commissioner Will Smith emphasized the overall poor condition of the plant.

“When you have steel that has deteriorated to the point where you can push a finger through a hole, I’d say there’s a sense of urgency,” he said, adding that the state Department of Environmental Conservation has been “writing memos to the village for years to warn us of the need for improvements.”

The board also adopted resolutions declaring itself the lead agency for the project with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQE) law, and making a negative declaration — a finding that the project would not have an environmental impact significant enough to require a more detailed environmental impact review.

The latter determination was backed by both the village’s conservation advisory committee and sewer commission.

The trustees also approved a bond issue of up to $800,000 for the project and authorized Clark to sign a letter of agreement for a long-term mortgage loan from the state’s Environmental Facilities Corp. to finance it, and appointed Joseph Scott of Hodgkins, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear as bond counsel.

The board also endorsed a 20-year mortgage as opposed to a shorter-term mortgage, to better spread the cost of the new treatment facility over its estimated life.

“When you’re talking about a 20-year mortgage, you’re paying more up front,” trustee Camille Jobin-Davis said. “So the users who pay for it will necessarily be the ones who use it.”

With final changes recently incorporated into the project design by engineers Camp, Dresser & McKee, bid documents are being prepared and a bid solicitation will likely be issued this week, with a probable due date in early June, according to Kevin Jobin-Davis, grant writer for the village.

The board also agreed to hold a public meeting on the project, to lay out for water district residents its impact on their property tax levies, at a date to be set once more accurate figures on the cost of the project are in hand.

At the same meeting, the board adopted the budget for the coming year, initially presented at the trustees’ March meeting. In the wake of an uncontroversial April 4 public hearing, a single change on the expenditure side was made, adding $40,000 to the amount budgeted for the proposed village sidewalk project, resulting from updated information on its projected cost, Clark said.

The budget plan will result in little change in individual homeowner’s taxes for 2001-02, Clark said. The average tax rate will drop from 99 cents per $1,000 to 68 cents, thanks to the move to the lower mortgage, which pushed the assessed taxable valuation of property in the village from just under $807 million to more than $128 million.

With raised assessments offsetting the lower rates, Clark said overall revenues will remain “within $200” of last year’s collections.

Coinciding with the budget vote, the board renewed the village contract for emergency services with Voorheesville Ambulance Service.

Delmar man pleads guilty to DWAI

A Delmar man facing a charge of driving while intoxicated (DWAI) in Bethlehem pleaded guilty to a reduced count of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) in Bethlehem Town Court on May 1.

Timothy B. DeGroot, 32, of 77 Jordan Blvd., Delmar, pleaded to DWAI and was fined $300 and assessed a $35 state mandate surcharge, and had his license suspended for 90 days.

He was also ordered to undergo drinking-driver remedial training and face a victim impact panel.

25th Bike Day set at Elm Ave. Park

The 25th annual Bike Day, sponsored by the town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department and the Bethlehem Police youth bureau, is set for Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park.

The activities will include a bicycle rodeo, where participants navigate a course to challenge the rider’s ability to maneuver through the course and demonstrate hand signals.

New bikes and other prizes will be awarded to rodeo participants in all age categories.

Bicycles can also be inspected and licensed by the Bethlehem Police Department during the event. All participants age 14 and under are required by law to wear a helmet.

Bike Day is open to all residents of the town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District.

In case of inclement weather, call 439-4131 ext. 8 after 8 a.m.

Host families needed for foreign students

Host families are needed for 30 American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange students who will be coming to the Capital Region for the 2001-02 school year.

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GOP announces 2001 slate

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

It's been a quiet spring politically in Bethlehem — until now.

In an interview and endorsement setting Thursday at Glenside firehouse, the Bethlehem Republican Committee interviewed candidates for several town offices up for election in the fall and unanimously endorsed a slate of four candidates and incumbent Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

This week, it's the Democrats' turn: their party caucus is slated for last night. The Democrats also had several interviews and considerations of all whom are interviewing for their party's backing. Former town board member Susan Bart, whose election four years ago broke the all-GOP hold on the board, and both sitting town justices.

The Independence Party, whose local committee represents not only Bethlehem but Coeymans and the Hilltowns, will begin interviewing candidates next week, and the Albany County Conservative Party Committee, which interviews are scheduled for next week.

On Friday, the Independence Party committee meeting (last nominate, we give them a little respect for what the caucus might decide to do.

Once the main party slates are complete, the Independence and Conservative parties will likely interview many of these candidates for possible crossover endorsements.

Fuller confirmed Friday that she will seek both parties' backing.

"I don't have it every time I've run before," she said, and indicated that she is scheduled to interview next Monday with the Independence Committee.

Town Democratic chairman Walter Burns, a Delmar, N.Y. resident, said his committee has a letter of interview many of its candidates for county legislative seats.

Job Corps students clean up park

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Between the late-winter snow and last week's high temperatures, it's already been a busy season for Bethlehem's Henry Hudson Park in Cedar Hill.

Runoff from the Atriondack snowstorm fed the Hudson River produced an unusual amount of flooding in the park in March, according to Dave Austin, administrator of Parks and Recreation, necessitating extra cleaning efforts in April to clear debris brought ashore in the floodwaters.

But thanks to the efforts of town Highway Department and recreation workers, as well as help from volunteers from Glenmont Job Corps, the park was treated to the recent rush of users brought out by the midsummer-like weather.

"It's been very busy in the last couple of weeks," Austin said. "The boat launch is being heavily used here already, and we have a lot of fishermen down there right now going after the "

Things weren't so shishkebab two months ago, when the Hudson overran its banks in the park. "We ended up with a lot of large logs and debris from the lake that had washed ashore in the picnic areas," Austin said. "It was a mess down there."

"We helped out before," Austin said, noting their efforts to clean up the park two years ago in the wake of Hurricane Floyd, which snarled trees and blew down limbs. A crew of about 45 Job Corps volunteers descended on the park for about five hours on Earth Day. "They did a tremendous job," Austin said. "We had so much debris and other trash."

"It's really the first time that we've come to do our work here," Austin said.

As a result, the park is looking into rounded season form."
STAY thought I would. I take a wad of school, first days of school and Kids trigger unexpected steps toward adulthood!

I have blinked my way through I wonder. Thank God, I thought, I didn't want to. I just wanted I went to pick him up the first time it happened. I didn't have to sit there for a long time and I don't know who knew my favorite colors and I won't wear it anymore; even though, moments wore it anyway; even though, moments were as clouded as his were after that, I always put the moment.

The sheets of tissue paper. The sheets of tissue paper. The sheets of tissue paper were the best, aren't they? (I keep telling myself that the sheets of tissue paper are the best, aren't they?) I went to pick him up the first time it happened.

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**Web site features youth groups**

A committee formed as a result of issues discussed at a Bethlehem Community Partnership meeting last November has developed a Web site directory for nonprofit youth organizations in the town of Bethlehem. The site enables children and parents to easily access a comprehensive list of our community's activities for youth.

The directory, which is at www.bethlehefirst.com/youth, includes categories such as:

**Neighbors to monitor area around schools**

Bethlehem police are asking neighbors of the town's schools to help combat vandalism and disorderly conduct on school property that traditionally increases with the arrival of warmer weather.

In a letter written to homeowners and residents in the vicinity of schools in the Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts, Detective Michael McMillen, supervisor of the youth bureau, appealed for their assistance in a neighborhood watch effort to monitor suspect activity around school grounds.

"Many of these activities happen when school is closed and the children and staff have gone home," he wrote. "These activities can range from parties that may involve alcohol, that result in neighborhoods being damaged, to acts that could be considered violent acts against school children or property."

Neighbors who observe such activity can anonymously call the drug and school violence hot line at 439-1503, or call 911 in the event of an emergency, or can call the police department's non-emergency number, 439-9973.

**Teachers to meet**
The Albany Area Retired Teachers Association will meet on Wednesday, May 16, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

This will be a board meeting: all members are welcome.
Mother's Day

Women's work, whether it's serving all those dinners, raising preschoolers, educating older children or writing law briefs, deserves a day worthy of reflection and thanks for mothers who are mothers.

It's tough to be a mother these days, no matter what the circumstances.

Mothers who work outside the home often come under scrutiny not traditionally extended to men about the relationship between their jobs and their family responsibilities.

What we need is a way to make it easier for women and men to do both work and family.

Many women, who may or may not be biological mothers, "mother" in different ways, from nursing to teaching, to mental health rehabilitation and other work in the so-called "helping" professions.

In the home, compensation for women's work may not be part of the gross domestic product, but when it's not done, it's certainly felt.

Mothers who work might be part of the gross domestic product, but when it's not done, it's certainly felt.

Whether they are at home or out in the work place, all mothers have, at one time or another, wished for their own comfortable, wished, that is, for someone to tell them to eat.

What this term means, is that you are not really a New Hampshire resident, you do not have the right to voice your opinion, and if you do, it has no meaning.

IDA should stay on course with PILOT

Editor, The Spotlight:

I don't understand why the IDA is again seeking significantly increasing the PILOT benefits (payment in lieu of taxes) for Bruno Machinery, which would like to move to Glenmont. I have no objection to all the state tax breaks the company might be eligible for, but I object strenuously to setting a new precedent that all businesses will come to the state of Bruno is granted this doubling of the generous school and property tax break with a PILOT agreement. The standard 10-year 50 percent school and property tax reduction (shrinking from 50 percent to 1 percent) in New York is more than generous, but to go beyond to 15 years with a 7 percent reduction, or three years paying no taxes, is a slippery slope that will only have to be repeated for other new businesses. The residents' tax rates have to make up the difference.

I just went to a town meeting in March and had Mike Tucker, head of the IDA, explain what a PILOT was, and how PS Power also wants to get even more generous tax treatment. As businessmen, they all want and try to demand as big a break as they can get. 

The 10-year PILOT is very generous. Give what other loans you deem necessary, but please don't deviate from the standard PILOT.

It's not worth it to have business don't that help carry the school tax burden. IDA should give even more generously when significant new school aid formulas give the wealthier school districts (like Glenmont) state aid to New York City due to the recent court decision.

James Murray

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Parent supports Lyman for BC board

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a professional and business leader in the town, Dr. Lyman has demonstrated concern for educational excellence that all parents of district students should appreciate.

Whether related to "challenging" opportunities for the most gifted students or the "Regents" initiative aimed at the academically at-risk segment of our student population, Dr. Lyman has consistently advocated for innovative, efficient and effective program delivery.

There is, too, a significant dimension to Dr. Lyman's leadership role in the overseeing the school district.

As a professional and business leader in the town, Dr. Lyman has demonstrated concern for the district's taxpayers.

He has effectively led the effort to keep necessary tax rate increases within the means of property owners and, notably, well within the average of that experienced by other suburban districts.

His efforts have been more important with regard to this year's budget development, which was made especially challenging in light of the unknown future of BC's largest taxpayer, the former Niagara Mohawk Steam Station.

Glenmont's school district has supported Lyman for more than a decade as he has advocated for balanced growth within the district, so that the school tax burden is not beyond just residential property owners.

Given the recent policy challenges faced by our school district, I believe it is necessary to continue the effective leadership provided by Stuart Lyman. He has my support, and I hope he has yours.

Sue Lewis

Delmar

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Letters can be faxed to 439-4994 or e-mailed to spotnews@nycap.rr.com.

The deadline for submitting letters is Friday at noon.
Landowner argues for free enterprise

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the owner of the Petroleum Gas Station across from the proposed Bethlehem Town Center, I feel that I am in a better position than most to discuss its impact. I have been an owner since 1958. The station was built in 1929 and has existed long before the welfare, public housing and downtown. Route 32 is a disgrace, a two-lane state highway with no shoulders and more curves than a belly dancer. DOT gives this area nothing, not even promises, while it purports to spend millions into "Westway" in New York City.

I shop in a Super Wal-Mart and at four other supermarkets, all within a close distance, of each other. They are all doing just fine. The choices I have are great - don't you want choices too?

And to the socialist minds who don't believe in free enterprise, I remind them we are a capitalist nation which has given us the highest standard of living on the globe. And being competitive is its mantra. Where else but under free enterprise could a person operate a business successfully in Glenmont from 1,200 miles away on the Internet? When I have nothing to offer, I too, will go the way of the Dodo bird. That is fine. You educate your children about free enterprise, but you fail if you don't offer them a place to put it to use. There are not enough good jobs for everyone with state government. Go to the hearing and be heard. Do it now or wait another 25 years for another developer to come to town. The anti-business forces in the town are only the 'Lorelei' calling to you.

Paul Nelson
Satellite Beach, Fla.

Reader supports board as is

Editor, The Spotlight:

I must disagree with Helen O'Connor in her letter in the May 2 Spotlight, headlined, "Resident supports librarian candidate for trustee seat."

I believe it is perfectly clear that the current library board thoroughly investigated every possible option for meeting the burgeoning needs of the town of Bethlehem, including renovation. Anyone who studied the board's recommendations could see that the current configuration of the building can't possibly fulfill the expectations of our town's citizens.

The library is one of our town's greatest resources, and one of the reasons people pay a premium to live here. To scrimp on its future is shortsighted. On the contrary — we should make sure that it is equipped to meet the needs, and future needs of each of our town residents, young and old.

We all count on the library. Indeed we have loved it nearly down to the bone! Now we need to allocate the resources necessary to bring our library back to life.

The current board — which has fought for the library's best interests — is best suited to doing exactly that.

Deb Adler Cole
Delmar

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Svenson choice for board

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in support of Dick Svenson's candidacy for the Bethlehem school board. Our town is fortunate to have capable residents willing to serve our community in no more important role than as school board member. They devote countless hours to their responsibilities and make far-reaching decisions impacting the lives of our children, the quality of our town, and yes, the taxes we pay.

At a time when our school district faces grave fiscal repercussions from reassessment of the FESE/Albany Steam Station, when our schools are bursting at the seams from a residential housing explosion absent a supporting tax base, and when our nationally recognized Glenmont Elementary School faces the unsettling prospect of sitting across the street from construction of an enormous regional super shopping center where guns and alcohol will be sold, we are indeed fortunate to be able to count on Dick Svenson to step forward to thoughtfully address these and other serious issues.

I will vote for Dick Svenson on May 15, because I know that he is dedicated to the well-being of our children, that he will apply his expertise as an engineer to productive effect, that he is sensitive to the need and wisdom of public involvement, and that he will serve with the aplomb of the experienced former school board member that he is. Dick Svenson will hit the ground running and that's what we need.

Charles Dawson Jr.
Glenmont

Board member deserves vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am proud to write a letter in support of the re-election of Melissa Palmer to the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees. I have known Melissa for approximately 35 years; I have known her as an extremely active community volunteer, a mother, a library trustee, a traveler and a friend.

In all those roles, she has exhibited keen intelligence and financial acumen, good humor, stability, positive thinking, energy and wide knowledge of the community. Never has a task been too much for her, never has she taken a negative stance or an outdated viewpoint. She is forward thinking, tireless and an asset to any board.

Melissa has had wide experience on many community boards, as well as the library board. She is highly educated, well read and articulate. Her wide travels have broadened her thinking, as well as her store of information.

She has had good experience in the workplace. In her "spare time," she volunteers weekly at Bryn Mawr Bookshop. I do think she is highly qualified to serve another term as library trustee.

Sherry Patney
Cedar Hill

Palmer is best candidate

Editor, The Spotlight:

I strongly support the re-election of Melissa Palmer to the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees. This is a knowledgeable, experienced, community-minded member who has made valuable contributions to a library that is everywhere in the Capital District recognized for its obvious and enviable excellence.

We need the continuity Palmer represents on this successfully functioning board to advance the open and public-minded policies shaped to accommodate our present and future needs. As library patrons, all of us need the stability and good judgment we have come to expect from the present team.

Fred Adler
Delmar

Voter chooses Svenson, Palmer for board seats

Editor, The Spotlight:

Next Tuesday, May 15, our community has an opportunity to choose members of the board of education and the library board. I urge people to vote for Dick Svenson for the school board and Melissa Palmer for the library board.

Both are hard-working individuals who use their abilities to support our community in many ways. Both have experiences with board environments. We are lucky that they are willing to continue to work on our behalf.

Dick Svenson wants to see safe, healthy and challenging schools. He will support special opportunities for all students to learn and develop, whether they be in academics, sports or the arts. He is committed to the process of continuous improvement for the district. He will seek communications from all who are interested in supporting the district's goals.

Dick's last term on the board ended a year ago. During that time, he demonstrated his thoughtful approach to school district issues, and his search for the best solutions, not necessarily the easiest ones. As a board member, he will give us an accessible and knowledgeable representative who will move the district forward.

Melissa Palmer represents Bethlehem to our regional library consortium. This gives her a good understanding of state opportunities. In fact, she chairs the regional administration committee, which provides her with excellent information regarding personnel and management issues. Melissa has lived in this community for many years and her viewpoint adds diversity to every discussion and issue. There is more to a library than just building expansion. My vote is for the well-rounded, well-informed point of view and the expertise that both these people offer to us. I urge you to join me.

Gail Alter Sacco
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Editor, The Spotlight:
On May 15, this community will vote on the 2001-02 Bethlehem Public Library budget and will select a trustee for the library board.

What we need now is a new voice on the board, a fresh voice, one that will be raised to reflect the needs of the community. Someone who understands the frustration expressed by the thousands of voters who turned down the school referendum plan last December and voters who are looking for a more open planning process.

We need someone who understands fiscal responsibility, someone who believes that creative renovation can expand existing space, someone who believes that budgets should support the purchase of library materials, not expensive consultants.

That person is David Moore. He understands all this because he himself has experienced the same frustration. He is ready to work for the improvements to the library that we all seek.

He is aware of the growing impatience of the community with a lack of action in formulating plans for renovating the library, now five months since the defeat of the referendum.

He can provide the impetus for moving forward — in a constructive and timely fashion.

We need a fresh voice, to help us get it right this time.

David Moore also brings exceptional qualities to this position.

He is a professional librarian, with a master’s degree in library science. He has devoted many hours to growing in his profession.

He knows that running a library is not about abstract theory, but about solving problems and making decisions. He has hands-on experience.

As part of a New York State Library project, he has traveled extensively through the state to other public libraries. He has seen what works and what doesn’t.

David Moore has strong roots in the community. He and his wife, Ann, have lived here since 1987.

David Moore is conscientious, capable, knowledgeable and completely dedicated to making the Bethlehem library an outstanding community resource, responsive to the needs of the community.

As a library trustee, David Moore will represent the voices previously unheard.

S.L. Posemon
Delmar

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District needs Svenson

Editor, The Spotlight:
Dick Svenson is one person this school community needs back on the school board. I have known him for many years in many different areas, and have always found that he really listens to what people have to say.

He has the ability to work with so many people in so many different capacities during good and difficult times. He was never rude, nor demeaning and truly thought through issues.

There are two areas where I found Dick to be a valuable asset to this community. One was his insistence that Regents for All program funds be line item, so that we could track how much money taxpayers were using to implement state requirements. The other area was on the facilities committee. As past president of the BCAA, I worked with the board’s facilities committee, of which Dick was an important member, in implementing the new track facility and tennis court and upgrading of the high school facility.

From the beginning, Dick saw the need and worked hard to bring about a fair bond issue that would also be used to update our art and music departments.

I have always found Dick to be accessible. He speaks his mind and thinks through issues and is a wonderful advocate for all our students, along with being responsible to the community for using our tax dollars wisely.

Please vote on May 15 for Dick Svenson. He believes in our school and our community.

Marge Kanak Delmar

Thanks for help on safety walk

Editor, The Spotlight:
I would like to thank all the participants of last week’s Community Walk for Safety, sponsored by Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety. We had wonderful community support, everyone seemed to have a good time, and we hope folks learned something new about walking safely in our community.

A special thank you to our business community who helped with food and balloon donations, in particular Price Chopper, Hannaford, Mr. Subb, Delmar Marketplace and the Papermill.

We appreciate all the businesses that posted our fliers. Thank you to I Love Books for carrying our strobe flashers. A special thank you to The Spotlight for helping us advertise.

Frances Stevens
Bethlehem Citizens for
Pedestrian Safety

Former PTA chief likes Svenson

Editor, The Spotlight:
As a former middle school PTA president and someone who has been active in my children’s schools for a number of years, I have attended many school board meetings.

I was always impressed with Dick Svenson’s ability to clarify the issues, understand discussion, as well as his commitment to an inclusive process that offered a thorough review of programs and expenditures.

Board members must balance the interests of students, parents, community members, teachers, support staff, administrators and ever-changing state standards.

Dick Svenson is the candidate with the ability to ensure that the concerns of all constituents are recognized. I often referred parents to Dick with their questions because I knew Dick would be attentive and respectful.

The coming years are expected to bring greater challenges to the school board. We need Dick Svenson on the school board to meet those challenges.

Anita Stein
Glenmont

Your Opinion Matters
Board candidate shares his background

We were attracted by the schools, and decided to raise our family here. My wife and I moved to Bethlehem 17 years ago and decided to raise our family here. We were attracted by the schools, short commute and life in an informed community.

Our daughter went through district schools and is now in college. She has two brothers who attend district schools, one in 10th grade and one in fifth grade.

I believe my educational and professional background supports my candidacy. After graduating from SONY Oswego, I earned a master's degree from Syracuse University's School of Education and an MBA from the University at Albany.

I have worked at the University at Albany for more than 20 years. In the 1980s, I was assistant dean of the School of Education and received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1987. Since 1990, I have been assistant dean of graduate studies.

I trust that the hundreds of Bethlehem residents I have encountered at the university would testify to my professional focus on quality assurance and customer service.

My primary motivation to run for the school board is a desire to contribute to the operation of our school district.

The school board needs to be the conduit for and recipient of community input for what type of schools we want to have. It must consider such input and make necessary leadership decisions.

I have no major ax to grind. I just want to actively contribute toward making sure that the district's business is conducted properly. I do have a few specific concerns that I think you should know about.

Extensive planning and preparation to diminish the likelihood of violence in our schools must be paramount. Safety must be our No. 1 priority.

I believe we are faced with incredible challenges ahead in securing funding for Bethlehem schools. We cannot allow these challenges to drive our schools toward mediocrity.

To solve their financial problems, I don't believe that public schools should incorporate user fees for students and/or their families. I might support a change for a field trip out of the area, but there needs to be clearly defined limits.

I believe the work of the school board, district administrators it hires and instructional staff, is demanding of public oversight. While protecting the privacy rights of students or employees may, at times, warrant consideration of matters in executive session, such should not be used to shield district officials from public scrutiny. I'm for open meetings and debate.

I am reasonably confident that students with special skills or special needs are attended to in our district. I am less concerned about the success of the students in the middle. I am more concerned for, about average test scores than I am about the number of students who excel or score at the maximum. We can't allow the quiet students to become lost. We must serve the needs of all.

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Library board deserves support

We are indebted to the board of trustees for who serve in an unremunerated capacity. It is they who serve our community, improve its facilities at minimum cost and that money spent for professional consultants was inappropriate. Those statements are highly misleading.

The board decided well before this letter appeared that a community survey will be conducted.

Voters should not be swayed by cleverly worded insinuations that the current board has failed to function in a responsible and responsive manner. This letter presents the challenger as a "voice for positive change," but the challenger is the one who is attempting to use this community to promote himself as reported in an article in the current issue of The Spotlight.

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Lyman deserves vote for re-election to board

Editor, The Spotlight:
The recent school budget process has been a challenging one for the community, the Bethlehem school district administration and our school board. Increasing challenges have been made upon the goal of excellence in our schools by increasing enrollment, new mandates and the likely loss of revenue from the old Niagara Mohawk steam plant, now owned by PSEG Power New York.

The school board has made great efforts to develop a budget that balances the needs of students of our district with the concerns of taxpayers, and that budget should be adopted by the community.

Two board members, whose terms are ending, deserve special recognition. Stuart Lyman is running for re-election to the board and deserves another term. During the past five years, I have attended all school board meetings, first as co-president of the Elsmere PTA and later as chairman of the educational issues committee.

During that time, I have consistently viewed Dr. Lyman as an ally in maintaining the high quality of the school district. While always closely questioning proposals by the district administration and various advocates, Dr. Lyman balances the needs of the district with the concerns of taxpayers. He deserves to be re-elected.

I will miss the presence of Dennis Svenson, but I have decided not to run for re-election on the board.

He has shown foresight in the process has been a challenging an ally in maintaining the high increasing enrollment; new revenue from taxes. on the old尼亚 sets been made upon the goal of the needs of the district with the that is essential. He will be missed.

I hope the community will select a new board member who brings experience in addressing school district issues, along with the same kind of commitment of the current members.

Hal Rosenthal
Delmar

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Physically Speaking
by Nick Valenz, P.T.

Research seems to confirm the suspicion that injury to a joint may predispose a person to osteoarthritis later in life. The study by researchers at Johns Hopkins University began back in 1944 and involved more than 1,300 medical students who were asked if they had suffered any fractures, tears or dislocations of the knee or hip. Years later, when the students were in their 50s or 60s and participating in the study, it was found that 25% of those who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years developed osteoarthritis of the knee (compared to those who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years). The study’s participants who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years reached age 61. It was found that 14% of those people who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years developed osteoarthritis later in life. The study’s participants who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years reached age 61. It was found that 14% of those people who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years developed osteoarthritis of the knee. The study’s participants who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years reached age 61. It was found that 14% of those people who had suffered a knee injury during their high school or college years developed osteoarthritis of the knee.

Svenson has proven track record on board

Editor, The Spotlight:
This is to support Dick Svenson for election to the Bethlehem school board. He is the kind of person we need on the school board; experienced, knowledgeable, and dedicated to a high quality education for our children.

During his first term on the school board, he had occasion to attend the board’s Monday evening meetings and I was always impressed by Mr. Svenson’s ability to focus on the issues, ask probing questions and take an objective approach to finding a solution.

The school board will be working with the BC administration to find the best ways to effectively manage the issues of increasing student enrollment, changes in our property tax base, maintaining our schools and meeting state mandates. Those challenges require abilities such as the kind of intelligent, reasoned analysis and willingness to work hard that Dick brings to the position.

He has demonstrated those abilities during his previous term on the board and in his work over the years to support and develop the soccer program here in Bethlehem.

Dick Svenson has given a lot of his time and energy to Bethlehem’s young people over the years. He’s asking for the opportunity to continue to support them on the school board, and I think he has earned our support in that effort.

Kevie R. McCarthy
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Matters of Opinion

Palmer should be re-elected

Editor, The Spotlight:
I write to commend the election of the incumbent, Melissa Palmer, to the Bethlehem Public Library board.

She has served admirably both the local library board as well as the Upper Hudson Library Services board for several years. Her professional experience and insight are invaluable.

Her history and involvement within our community.

Mrs. Palmer has been a resident of Slingerlands since 1994. She is the mother of three children and three stepchildren, having been widowed twice.

Mrs. Palmer is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and a registered occupational therapist.

As a Bethlehem Public Library board member, Mrs. Palmer has been faithful, tireless, and a straight-shooter who always puts the interests of the town of Bethlehem as a whole over any narrower concerns. As such, she possesses all of the good qualities which her opponent lacks.

I stand awe of her wisdom, experience, and practicality, and with deepest respect pray that the voters honor Mrs. Palmer's long-standing commitment to their interests by restoring her to another term as board member.

John Cody
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Presidents Council supports budget plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Tuesday, May 15, the Bethlehem Central School District will put before its voters the proposed budget for the 2001-02 school year.

Voting will take place at the middle school on Keawood Avenue from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The planning for the 2001-02 budget has been particularly difficult due to increases in state Education Department requirements and the ongoing negotiation with PSEG Power for a payment in lieu of taxes agreement.

In addition, once again the school district faces an increase in enrollment next year and residential developments continue to grow.

The Presidents Council of Bethlehem Central feels that in light of these factors, the proposed budget for next year is a very responsible one.

This budget takes into account the economic factors facing our community while maintaining the strong academic programs currently in place at all our schools.

Incremental staffing for the enrollment increase includes a 1.0 elementary teacher, 1.0 high school teacher and additional staffing for middle school guidance, the Early Learning Center and the district’s music program.

As leaders of the district’s parent organizations, we support the proposed budget and commend the school board and district administration to meet the needs of all our children. We urge this community to show its commitment to our students on May 15 by voting to support the school budget.

Kerra Granata, BCMS PTA, Helen Smith, Slingerlands PTA, Paulis Hillinger, BOU, Cynthia Fryer Sobiecki, Elmmere PTA, Amy Schoder DiPardo and Sheila Label, BMN, Lauren Judin and Laura Taggart, Hamagrael PTA, John Dalton BCAA, Deborah Kopp, BCCO, Gail Sacco, Parents for Excellence, Paul O’Donnell and Kim Ryan, Glenmont PTA, and Tina McKay and Mary Russell, Clarksville PTA.

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Write a letter to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054. Letters can be faxed to 435-6993.
Resident backs Lyman

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem is consistently fortunate to have capable candidates willing to serve in the very demanding and time-consuming role of school board member. This year is no exception.

One year after my first, I’ve attended school board meetings in connection with a civic assignment. The time and effort expended by all the board members is impressive, along with the unique skills, talents and background each brings to the board.

In particular, I support the work of Dr. Stuart Lyman, who is seeking re-election to the board on Tuesday, May 15, deserves special mention. Dr. Lyman can be counted on to raise perceptive questions that reflect careful preparation on the issues.

Furthermore, his work as a veterinarian brings him in contact with so many people in Bethlehem that he truly has his “finger on the pulse” of the community. His contributions to the school board are immense and should be continued.

I strongly endorse the re-election of Stuart Lyman to the Bethlehem Central school board.

Loverta Carney

Hudson Valley Association.

In both roles she has involved herself in issues that affect libraries large and small.

A longtime resident of Bethlehem, she is dedicated to hearing, balancing, and acting upon the diverse opinions voiced by taxpayers and library patrons.

Voting for Melissa means that I am choosing demonstrated dedication to education, literacy and libraries.

It also means that I am choosing enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and responsible and unbiased representation of all Bethlehem residents.

Paula Read

Bethlehem Public Library

Former colleague backs Svenson

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Central is fortunate to have a candidate of Dick Svenson’s caliber running for school board. I was lucky enough to spend two years on the BC board in the seat next to Dick, and I can attest to his dedication, intelligence and integrity.

It is always a pleasure to work with Dick. He is thoughtful and good-natured, and at the same time a truly independent thinker.

He does his homework and invariably asks the right questions, even if they are “hard” questions.

Dick is equally at home with academic, sports, arts and facilities issues. This mix is critical to making an effective board member. In fact, Dick’s engineering expertise will fill an important need of the BC board. Given the constant cycle of building, renovation and maintenance within the school district, Dick’s professional experience is a huge plus.

I urge you to vote for Dick Svenson next week. Dick was, and will be, a very approachable board member. He has the utmost concern for the district’s taxpayers, students, teachers and parents. To my mind, he has the right stuff.

Jim Schaub
Glenmont

Tree removal disturbs teen-ager

Editor, The Spotlight:

The other day, as my parents and I were taking a drive through a new housing development still under construction, I saw something that not only disturbed me, but also confused me.

I saw several large bulldozers tearing down trees and carefully discarding them into large piles.

But it was not until I saw three wild turkeys running across their disturbed habitat, did I realize the toll had already been taken.

At first, I felt remorse for the land that had been brutally cleared and for the animals whose homes had been taken away. But when I became puzzled as to why our town was allowing this. With all the houses and cleared land for sale in Bethlehem, why do we need to create more? Why are we destroying our natural resources for buildings that already have?

I take pride in my town’s beautiful environment, but why are we destroying it? I just don’t understand.

Rose Norris, age 15
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he said. "Everything looks so pretty," Zinzow added. "There's a little rose bush that was her favorite, with little baskets of white and yellow flowers, and I always remind me to watch it with the lawn mower."

Betty also brought her love of beautiful things inside.

"Our Christmas lights still went on at the end of February," Zinzow said. "We have an artificial Christmas tree and sometimes we've left it up till the end of February." Betty went all-out with the decorations for the kids, every nook and cranny was full of things we've left it up till the end of February."

"This is a great shock. People liked Betty. It's stunning to her because she feared causing the accident," Zinzow said. "I know Alice wouldn't run right across the road."

"Betty was pregnant with her last child while she worked here, and that draws people together," Somerville said. "Betty was always kind and patient with the residents. She was observant about them, and about reporting things to the nurses. She was good at her job."

"I'm sure Alice just didn't drive because she feared causing an accident. Now, Zinzow is a source of strength. Zinzow said he recognized the car right away."

"When I saw Officer Robert Markel, I knew she wasn't there. I knew by the look in his face," he said. "I'm sure he knows what was going through my mind."

"But tears come and tears go," Zinzow said. "But we'll make it."

**HILL to sponsor concert at library**

Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning will sponsor a free concert featuring Ann Marie Barber, bassoon; Marcia Schwartz, violin; and JoAnn Locke, piano, tonight, May 9, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

The concert is free.
Garden club plans plant sale

HelderView Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at SuperValu on Maple Avenue.

The sale will include perennials, annuals and miniature roses. There will be a drawing with garden-related prizes donated by area nurseries. Tickets can be purchased from a garden club member or at the sale.

Girl Scouts plan bake sale

The Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

Legion to serve

Mother’s Day breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to noon. The menu will include eggs, sausage, French toast, home fries, toast and beverages.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board will meet tonight, May 9, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Annual school budget vote

set for May 15

Voorheesville Central School District will hold its annual budget vote on Tuesday, May 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria.

Food co-op orders
due May 10

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, for the May 24 delivery day.

For more information, call Billie-Jo Ryan at 765-3512.

PTA to meet

at elementary school

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Masses return to sanctuary

Masses at St. Matthew’s Church have returned to the main sanctuary. Renovations will continue during off-hours.

Extension offers building class

Cornell Cooperative Extension will sponsor a fountain building class on Tuesday, May 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Extension Center on Martin Road. The class will include construction and demonstration of a small desk-size relaxation fountain, a birdbath indoor-outdoor fountain, and a large whiskey barrel fountain.

The fee is $5 per person and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call Billie-Jo Ryan at 765-3512.

Blood drive set at Holy Names

Academy of the Holy Names will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, May 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the upper school gym at 1075 New Scotland Road in Albany.

The school’s Service Club and Junior Ladies of Charity are sponsoring this event and hope to recruit new blood donors.

To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For information, call 438-7895.

Association sponsoring historical day trips

The New Scotland Historical Association has announced a series of three day trips to historical sites.

The first will be on Wednesday, May 23. It will visit an 1853 covered bridge and the historic church and houses of Huguenot Street in New Paltz.

Huguenot Street consists of six original houses dating from 1660 as well as the restored 1727 church. The cost, including lunch, is $55.

The second trip is in the planning stage for June 21. It will feature a visit to the world’s largest kaleidoscope, which is in the Catskill Mountains.

Included will be the kaleidoscope museum and another stop to be identified later.

The third trip will be to the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston.

In addition to this Tuesday, July 24, trip will offer opportunities to select a Hudson River cruise, a visit to a light house, and/or a visit to the New York State Senate House in Kingston.

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Legal aid program on deck May 10

On Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. lawyer Ann Marie Malik of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York will be at the library to explain legal procedures and documents available to help people make health care and financial decisions.

You can learn about health care proxies, powers of attorney, insurance, wills, pensions, organ donation and other vital information.

Questions of a general nature can be answered. No sign up is necessary. The program is sponsored by the New York State Bar Association and the Council of Senior Center and Services as part of their annual Decision Making Day.

Book discussion of Give Me My Father’s Body

Copies of the June 8 selection, Rose’s Garden, by Carrie Brown, are available at the reference desk.

Display cases feature private collections

The library has three display cases available for private collections of all kinds. Reservations are made up to a year in advance. Collections remain on display for a month.

Recent collections have included World War II military uniforms, antique purses, Frisbees, Russian nesting dolls, Armenian and Chinese artifacts, Civil War memorabilia, Progress Club and Delmar Community Outreach collections, paperweights and antique toys.

If you have a collection you would like to share, call Susan Gorman (adult collections) or Janis Dominelli (youth collections) at 439-0934. Call Susan Gorman if you would like to schedule a bulletin board display.

In-house publications

Check out the display rack near the reference desk for the latest “Pageturners” book reviews, large-print book lists, webliographies for a variety of subjects, program flyers and various other directories, compilations and informative brochures. Almost all of this material is produced in-house and updated regularly.

Upcoming programs

Thursday, May 10, at 10 a.m., the library is once again a venue for the annual New York State Bar Association Decision Making Day.

Local attorney Margaret Z. Reed will provide an overview of legal documents all New Yorkers should know about, and review power of attorney, health care proxy, wills, organ donation and maintenance and retention of documents. Call 439-0934 to register for this talk.

On Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m., the life and career of jazz great Duke Ellington will be highlighted with selected recordings, slides and commentary by the knowledgeable Jack Hotchkiss of the Scotia-Glenville Travelling Museum.

Louise Grice

NS Republicans host dinner

The New Scotland Republican Committee will hold its annual spring dinner on Friday, May 11, at Colonie Country Club on Route 8A in New Scotland.

There will be cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is $30 per person. To make a reservation, call 786-2334.

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The Spotlight

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Elks to host giant flea market

There will be a giant flea market on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 (River Road).

Fire auxiliary to dish up Brooks barbecue

Ravena Hose Co. auxiliary will serve a Brooks chicken barbecue on Wednesday, May 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse.

All orders will be for takeout.

Honor Society slates induction

New members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk chapter of the National Honor Society will be inducted in a ceremony on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Congratulations to all National Honor Society members and new inductees.

Middle school PTSA sets 'Home Alone' talk

RCS Middle School PTSA will sponsor a "Home Alone" program at its next meeting on Wednesday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the large group room.

All middle school parents, students, and teachers are invited.

Little League to host dance at K of C

Hudson Valley Little League will sponsor a dance on Saturday, May 12, starting at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ravena.

The dance will feature a live DJ, food, and door prizes.

A small cover charge will be collected at the door.

Book group to meet at library

The Real James Herriot by Jim Wight, son of the famous veterinarian, will be the topic of the next book discussion group on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at RCS Community Library at 15 Mountains Road.

Copies of the book are available at the library.

For information, call the library at 756-2053.

Potters to hold open air sale

Internationally recognized artist Wendy Dee Williams will hold her annual "Pots In The Garden" studio sale on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the garden at 49 Central Ave. in Ravena.

For information, call 759-3845.

Spanish teacher earns kudos

RCS High School Spanish teacher Josie Frazul has been named Teacher of the Year by Chandra Brown-Broynt, the class of 2001's valedictorian.

Willy Whistle joins walkers in Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety annual walk.

Singers invited to audition

Friendship Singers, a local musical performing group, invites singers to audition for membership.

The group has entertained audiences in the Capital District for 20 years, and specializes in four-part harmony, and many are local.

Music that is upbeat and friendly.

Join the group or scheduling a audition.

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Letters will be going out in the spring with details, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of alumni living both near and far.

For information, call Mabel Klenk at 756-2856 or Irene Williams at 756-2869.

Tuesday mornings and there are both daytime and evening performances.

For information about joining the group or scheduling a concert, call Marie Little at 439-2360.

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Tenure

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discussed, he said the lack of a sound evaluation prevented him from knowing that for sure. Based on that, he voted against tenure.

Board member Thomas McKenna spoke briefly in Furdon’s support, and the remaining board members cast positive votes. Sustained applause from the audience greeted the tenure approval.

Furdon said he was pleased to receive the appointment and that he had no comment on Cole and Coffin’s votes. There were also rumors that Furdon had been interviewing for other jobs, but he said he plans to stay in Voorheesville.

Looking relieved and smiling, Furdon shook hands with and hugged well-wishers. Saying that a less than unanimous tenure vote will not make his job harder, Furdon said he will continue to focus on the kids.

“I’ve worked to do the best I can for the last three years. This is a great group of kids, a great staff and a great community. In the coming year, we want to work on just passing, but passing with mastery, and make sure the kids get the most they can to be successful when they leave Voorheesville High School.”

Personally, Furdon said he’d like to work on “a whole lot of things. I want to keep growing, and learn new things every day,” he said.

The board also toured junior/senior high school assistant principal Joseph Dragone. However, Furdon said Dragone will be leaving the district to be principal of Cohoes Middle School.

Furdon’s tenure appointment overshadowed the board’s ratification of a contract with the Voorheesville Teachers’ Association, in stark contrast to the prolonged and often acrimonious negotiations over the last contract.

The new contract, which covers the period between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2004, Teachers will receive a 4 percent increase for 2000-2001 and 2001-02, a 4.5 percent increase for 2002-03, and a 4.5 percent increase for 2003-04. Salary increases include step increments. Without step increases, the average yearly salary increase is 2.1 percent.

Slingerlands lawyer named commissioner

Randall Bluth of Slingerlands was recently named co-commissioner of the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. The commission drafts or assists in the drafting of legislative bills and resolutions. The request of members and committees in the Assembly and Senate; it is led by two co-commissioners, jointly appointed by the Assembly speaker and Senate majority leader.

Bluth, a graduate of SUNY Stony Brook and New York Law School, is currently Assembly deputy counsel to the Majority.

In Selkirk, The Spotlight is sold at Corner Market, Deli Plus, 3 Farms and Stewarts.

Children’s School to host benefit

A “Night on the Town,” an evening of jazz, wine and beer tasting and desserts, will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. to benefit Bethlehem Children’s School.

It will feature Greg Hender- son’s Street Jazz Ensemble. The event is open to the public and will be held at 232 Washington Ave., home of Harris A. Sanders Architects.

The cost is $20 per person. For reservations, call 684-2142. Send the check to Bethlehem Children’s School, PO Box 255, Slingerlands, N.Y. 12159.

The school’s annual auction will take place at the event.

Morning book talk set at library

Helen Adler will lead a free ‘Books in the Morning’ discussion on Friday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem Public Library.

The program is sponsored by Bethlehem Teachers United for Lifelong Learning. For information, call 439-9861.

V’tville Legion Post to serve breakfast

American Legion Post 1409 in Voorheesville will serve all you can eat Mother’s Day breakfast on Sunday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to noon.

There will be eggs, French toast, home fries, bacon and sausage as well as juice and coffee. Breakfast costs $5 for adults, and $3 for children. Kids under 5 eat for free.

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Local bird club sets talks at Five Rivers

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club will present programs on Mondays at 7:30 at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road. Admission is free. For information, call 767-9953 or 767-2572.

Roast beef dinner

Willowbrook Café of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will host a “Good Friday” roast beef dinner on Friday, May 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 per person. For information, call 767-9953 or 767-2572.

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Seats

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Pofti, who was elected to the board three years ago after Nicholas Farsoni resigned, is at the table.

The board appointed Coffin in January to the seat held by Holly Desmond Debes, who resigned on Dec. 1 after winning the Democratic primary to replace incumbent Coffin by nine votes in 1999.

Coffin had been a board member for two terms, from 1989-99.

"It felt very familiar, coming back," Coffin said. "We were dealing with the same issues and the same people."

He's running again, he said, because its a good way to serve the community.

"It keeps me in touch with the community, and its the kind of high school to create with all my life from a professional standpoint," he said.

"I can make a contribution to the district and the school board. These are good people to be working with," he added.

Coffin has served on the state Department of Education two years ago, after 32 years as a state tax inspector, on management and state's education. He said his professional experience in school construction and school safety and security issues are helpful to him on the school board.

"He brings a number of goals he would pursue in a new term.

The building program and the middle levels. We need to do big things we're working on," he said, referring to the $15,984,000 construction project that is to begin this school year.

When the project is completed, sixth-graders will move to the high school to create a unified middle level program.

We need to see the successful completion of the building program, then we need to work on the details of integrating the middle level with the high school and the new facilities," Coffin said.

"With the construction and state aid formulas, we've still got to work on the phase one of the financial integrity of the school district," Coffin added. "We need responsible labor contracts and measured tax rates. Over the last 10 years, we've had an even and measured increase in the tax rate."

We used to be one of the highest districts in the area, now out of 25, we're in the middle of the pack," he said. "That's a huge improvement and we're still getting reviews for our academic program. Not so many small districts are as strong as we are academically."

In the coming years, many of Voorheesville's teachers will be retiring, and Coffin stressed the importance of hiring good replacement teachers.

"If Pofti grab all new teachers, from the financial side, but we can't afford to do it from the standpoint of preserving the academic program," he said.

"We've got to do responsible and sensible things. We're working with experience and knowledge of the new standards and how they're taught," Coffin said his 10 years as a board member benefit the senior housing and long term care for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. "We've met the building goal and we've kept a rein on costs."

Annual operating budgets, Pofti said, reflect one that taxpayers can support.

"We've had the chance to change some state funding standards and we've managed to balance that with no added influx of money from the state," Pofti said. "We did the job in a time when health care costs have gone up double digits, and that's a big component of our overall budget."

Pofti said the board pays considerable attention to the district's academic program.

"We're providing our students with the best education possible," he said. "We're not a huge school, but we have a good reputation. We have to keep an eye on what other districts provide their kids, and make sure we're on the cutting edge. We're trying to use every dollar in the budget for the best ends, for the best students." Pofti said he feels board members are responsive to the taxpayers.

"I always try to try to return phone calls," he said.

Many of the calls and communications the board members receive will have to do with the issue of Furdon and tenure. "I've been out front in the issue of Bill getting tenure," Pofti said.

He outlined a number of goals for the coming year.

"I want to insist that the building program stays on budget and in the time frame we've set. We will continue to be very conservative, and we're fortunate to have people on the board who are in the construction industry." Like Coffin, Pofti wants to see the success of the middle levels.

"I want to make sure that the educational program is organized and budgeted properly, both academic excellence and the personal development of our young adolescents," he said.

"I think Voorheesville is comfortable with having the younger kids at the high school, but there are tremendous opportunities to have the middle school there. It will open doors to those who can and want to excel," he added.

"It's important to offer multiple opportunities for the kids to explore their own gifts, talents and interests," he said. "I'm not just talking about their academic performance."

Pofti also added he'd like to focus more on evaluation of curriculum and personnel needs.

"I want to keep students involved in our community and the world," Pofti said. "I don't like Bill, but I don't know what the board knows. Taking a position wouldn't be fair to the board." Pofti added.

Both Kroencke and his wife, Eileen, are from Deer Park on Long Island. Kroencke was with the Army Medical Corps for three years, and is a graduate of SUNY Stonybrook. Kroencke is a Catholic of Scotland's and taught a year in Babylon and an economics class. Although he only taught one year, he said his experience would be an asset as a board member.

"At least I have the personal experience that goes on a school," he said.

Kroencke thought the board did the right thing by bringing down this year's budget as much as possible.

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impacts of the project.

"These things can last very long if there are contentious issues, especially with rezonings," Nigro said. "We don't have that here. This is zoned correctly for the project. I don't think there is an overwhelming amount of opposition, more of a broad concern that this be mitigated appropriately to address the public's concerns, principally traffic and aesthetic consideration."

In addition to officials from Nigro and project designer Sear Brown Associates, Nigro said a representative from Walmart, the project's principal tenant, would likely be on hand as well.

"We've been asked to answer a lot of questions about hours of operation, the hiring of employees or associates as they're known (at Walmart), and issues like how deliveries will be handled, that I think they'll be better equipped to answer," Nigro said.

In addition to a Walmart Supercenter, the project also includes a Home Depot outlet, a drive-thru Charter One bank branch, Applebee's and Wendy's restaurants and a yet-to-be-specified tenant for a 20,000-square-foot retail space.

The DEIS was developed after 18 months of consultation with the planning board, town board, planning department and engineering consultants hired by the town.

Nigro said, "I can assure you, while there is a public perception that this proposal is moving along very quickly, that the government in Bethlehem is doing extremely well and being very thorough in protecting the public's interests."

An informal citizen's group called PLAN 9W — an acronym for People, Fedentrians, Parents Looking at Nigro and 9W — is organizing to ensure that the group held its first public meeting on April 30 at Bethlehem Public Library to discuss the DEIS and stake out a position on the issues it raises, from the property's storm water capacity to traffic impacts to the larger question of community character.

"I think people are still searching for the best way to influence the town board on this issue," said Kathleen Martens, the group's chief organizer and spokesperson.

More than 40 people attended the meeting. Most were from Glenmont, and all but a handful not previously associated with PLAN 9W. The agenda was largely laid aside as attendees raised a host of questions about the project, on issues from WalMart's development practices to the accuracy of its projections of sales tax revenue for the town.

Martens, a former SEQ attorney who has lived in Glenmont for 13 years, said she is not an opponent of the project per se, but considered the DEIS incomplete or difficult to evaluate in many areas.

She said that with the property already zoned appropriately for retail development, doing the project was unlikely — but scaling it down might be a more reachable objective. That view drew some fire.

"By the end of the meeting, some people wanted it stopped at any cost," Martens said. "They were going back and forth on why we thought it couldn't be stopped."

A principal concern expressed, Martens said, was "whether the increase in traffic on several roads in the area will max out their capacity, almost precluding further development in the area."

She said she hoped to invite analysts from the state Department of Transportation to discuss the DEIS traffic analysis before her group in the near future.

But Topic A, she said, was the absence of any analysis in the DEIS of the project's impact on community character in Glenmont — or its economic impact on the town's business community.

"The consensus was that the economic benefits of this project were not what the developer said they are, and there needs to be a lot more work on things like the tax revenue projections and the economic impact," Martens said. "I think it's a major omission. I'm surprised the town didn't require them to look at this issue."

Joel Rosenberg, a member of the Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors who attended the meeting and said the chamber board has discussed whether to take a position on the Nigro plan. Chamber president Marty DeLaney confirmed that last week.

"We haven't come to any conclusion yet," she said. "Neither our board nor our executive committee has taken any position. We generally don't take positions on new businesses because we have members on all sides of the issue, much as the community does."

DeLaney said she planned to attend the hearing.

"Like many people in the community, we're there and we'll be listening very closely," she said.

The chamber board meets next Thursday and may commission a poll of chamber members' views. The last such survey, conducted a year ago, found two-thirds of respondents in favor of the project, she said.

Independent of PLAN 9W, another neighborhood group, residents of nearby Bender Lane, has been meeting since last spring to discuss its response to the project, and according to resident Eileen Fitzgerald, the group met again Sunday to launch a petition drive seeking to have Bender Lane turned into a dead-end road, with its sole entrance on the Delmar bypass, so traffic from Walmart won't use Bender as a shortcut to the bypass.

The DEIS projects that traffic on Bender will nearly double with the new retail center, which includes an entrance from Bender in the current site plan.

"Due to traffic safety and pedestrian safety concerns, the majority of my neighbors feel it was only a matter of safety on this road to make it a dead-end," she said. "We already have traffic trudging through here. Anybody who's aware of the shortcut can use it. There's no weight limit and it's a very windy, narrow road, with a lot of blind driveways."

She said she hoped to present the petition at tonight's hearing — but that she is not opposed to the project outright.

"I certainly can't speak for all the Bender residents, but I would be amenable to it with appropriate mitigation, which for me would be mostly noise and traffic issues," she said.

Also still to be heard from on the Nigro proposal: regulatory agencies including DOT, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Albany County planning commission, and others which are reviewing the DEIS.

Nigro said his firm has fielded questions from several of these agencies but that no formal response to the DEIS had yet been filed. He anticipated that they would do so before the end of the formal public comment period of May 21.

The town board will then have 45 days to adopt a final environmental impact statement, taking the public hearing record and written comments into account. After that, further review of the site plan for the project must be completed — including another public hearing, possibly jointly held by the town board and planning board.

Lions to award annual scholarship

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The Suburban Council's Gold Division isn't being led by Columbia or Niskayuna. Instead, it's the Bethlehem baseball team that occupies the top spot.

Bethlehem scored six runs in the top of the second inning, half of which came courtesy of a John Nowak three-run homer, to build a 7-1 lead. The Eagles added four runs in the top of the fifth to make the score 11-1. "We were hitting the ball pretty well, and we needed our bats to come alive because we weren't hitting the ball well (recently)," DeMeo said. "Early on, he pitched a good game," DeMeo said. "He pitched a good game." Bethlehem looked to keep its hold on first place intact Monday when it traveled to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. A win over the Spartans would move the Eagles one step closer to clinching a Section II playoff berth. Bethlehem needs eight wins to be assured of a .500 record and a seeding in the Class A bracket.

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"The league is so balanced," DeMeo said. "It's definitely a tough league." Bethlehem coach John DeMeo said. "If you pitched well, but they're a good-hitting ball club," DeMeo said of Niskayuna, who allowed nine hits. "They just string together some hits at the end." Bethlehem catcher Bill Tierney, right, makes an off-balance throw to first base on a bunt attempt during last Wednesday's Suburban Council game against Niskayuna.

Bill Tierney added two singles, a double and two RBIs for Bethlehem, which erupted for 11 hits. The Eagles' bats were quieter in the second half of the game against Niskayuna. Bethlehem was shut out until the sixth inning, when it pushed across a run to cut Niskayuna's lead to 4-1. A two-run homer by Josh Burno, who had the bottom of the seventh helped the Eagles close within a run, but Rob Duell slammed the door to pick up the complete-game victory for the Silver Warriors.

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**Eagles soar to new heights in Suburban Council tennis**

By ROB JONAS

There is a clear division among Suburban Council boys tennis teams.

There is Bethlehem, and then there is everybody else.

The Eagles have dominated their competition on their way to an overall record of 11-0. They have only dropped four of their 19 individual matches, all of which have come in singles competition.

And it's not as if Bethlehem coach Steve Smith has stuck with the same 12 players all season, either.

"I've been mixing it up," Smith said of his lineup. "Everybody's playing, and everybody's contributing."

The shuffling has been especially prevalent on the doubles teams, but the tinkering hasn't affected their play. Bethlehem has swept the doubles matches against every opponent.

"Whoever I've put in there has won," Smith said. "That shows the incredible depth that we have on this team."

Four singles players have also yet to experience the agony of defeat. Top-seeded player Matt Treadgold and Nick Finger own 90 records, Peter Cooley has an 11-0 mark and Alan Lewis sits at 10-1.

The depth the Eagles possess have helped to make their tough-competition appear to be pushovers. They have dismissed Shenendehowa twice by 8-1 scores, including their most recent meeting last Monday, and defeated Niskayuna by the same margin.

"(Shen) played well again," Smith said. "As the season has gone on, I think their players have improved. They were competitive matches, but I also think that as the season has gone on, my guys have gotten better, too."

Despite the domination, the Eagles remain humble and grateful for their success.

"They've all handled it well," Smith said. "They've had plenty of chances to be cocky, but with all of the coaches and parents I've talked to, they've all commented how good our guys have been."

The Eagles put their unbeaten record on the line yesterday when they took it to second-place Niskayuna. They have matches at Guildered today and Columbia tomorrow before starting the Suburban Council Tournament Friday at the University at Albany.
Battle to the wire

Zach Yannone and Emilie Bryan were the overall winners of the annual Delmar Dash.
Yannone, an Albany resident, took first place in the men's division with a time of 26:06. Defending champion Vincent O'Brien finished second in 26:10, and Robert Irwin placed third in 26:42.
Bryan, a Schenectady resident, won the women's title with a time of 31:38. Beth DeMarco was second in 38:49.

Bethlehem's Doug DeMarco, right, tries to hang on to the lead against a Saratoga runner during the 3,200-meter relay at last Saturday's Relays at Corinne Blackman.

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Yannone, Bryan wins Delmar Dash

Hughes powers RPI

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Pat Hughes has become an integral part of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute baseball team this season.

Hughes, a sophomore, plays the Red Hawks with five home runs and 31 runs batted in. He is batting .346 with 4 hits and 23 runs in 101 at-bats.

Hughes has also been sold on the pitcher's mound. He owns a 5-7 record and eight starts, striking out 54 batters in 34.2 innings pitched and holding opposing batters to a .253 batting average.

Hughes and his RPI teammates will play in the upcoming NCAA Division III Tournament after receiving an automatic bid.

The Red Hawks won the Upstate College Baseball Association regular season championship with a 23-3 record. RPI's overall mark stands at 29-14.

Sports Schedule May 9-15

**Wednesday, May 9**

**BASEBALL**

- Bethlehem at Colonie Central, 9 a.m.
- Lansingburgh at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.
- Voorheesville at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

- Bethlehem at Shaker, 4 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**

- Bethlehem at Guildford, 9 a.m.
- Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, Girls and Boys, 4 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**

- Bethlehem at Central, 11 a.m.
- Colonie at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, May 10**

**BASEBALL**

- Bethlehem at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**

- Bethlehem at Columbia, 9 a.m.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

- Shaker at Bethlehem, 10 a.m.

**SOFTBALL**

- Voorheesville at Schalmont, 4 p.m.
- Coleeskil-Richmondville at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

**Friday, May 11**

**BASEBALL**

- Averill Park at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.
- Coleskill-Richmondville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.
- Voorheesville at Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

- Saratoga at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 12**

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

- Bethlehem at Horseheads (Section IV), 1 p.m.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

- Bethlehem, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls at Nickayuna Invitational, 11 a.m.

**Monday, May 14**

**BASEBALL**

- Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.
- Mechanicville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**

- Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Section II, Class C Tournament, 9 a.m.

**SOFTBALL**

- Columbia at Bethlehem @ Community Softball Fields, 4 p.m.
- Holy Names at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.
- Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 15**

**BASEBALL**

- Voorheesville vs. Bishop Gibbons at Cooperstown, 5 p.m.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

- Bethlehem boys at Suburban Council Championships @ Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 9 a.m.
- Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, Voorheesville at Colonial Council Championships @ Albany Academy, 9 a.m.
Jennifer Vail and Brian Applebee

Vail, Applebee to wed

Jennifer Ann Vail, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Vail of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Brian William Applebee, son of Peter and Nancy Applebee of Delmar, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wesleyan College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is an analyst at Skillgames.

Delmar man wins B’nai B’rith award

B’nai B’rith has announced that Laurence Barnett of Delmar is the 65th Covenant Award recipient. The award is presented annually to that member of B’nai Brith who shows outstanding volunteer service to the Jewish community and the secular community. This is the first time in the history of the award that a third generation winner has been announced.

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Dean’s List


Woman tapped for financial award

Sarah Halliday of Delmar has been named Financial Services Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administrators of New York. Halliday is vice president and commercial loan officer for the New York State Business Development Corp. For the past seven years she has been responsible for delivering innovative financial financing from Albany County to the Plattsburgh area.

Halliday is credited with expanding loans to small businesses in Saratoga County by 500 percent. She will receive her award at the SBA’s Excellence Award Ceremony on May 21 at The Desmond in Colonie.

Selkirk student earns college honor

Kelly Roberts of Selkirk, a senior at The College of Saint Rose majoring in elementary education, was recently elected to Phi Chi, the college’s chapter of the National Honor Society in psychology. Roberts is a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Linda Roberts.

Sophomores to attend leadership seminar

High school sophomores Lindsay McMahan of Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in Voorheesville and Beth Ullens of Bethlehem Central High School have been selected to represent their schools at the Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation’s New York East Leadership Seminar from May 17 to 19 at The College of Saint Rose.

Glenmont student exhibits artwork

Kathleen Doody of Glenmont, a candidate for a bachelor of fine arts degree from Alfred University’s School of Art and Design, is having senior shows at the college.

David Bagg of Delmar.

Delmar firefighters elect officers

Delmar Fire Department recently elected new officers. Fire and EMS officers are Robert Lemieux, chief; David Bastiani, first assistant chief; Dave Langfork, second assistant chief; David Rice, fire captain; Joseph Normandin, fire first lieutenant; John Smith, second lieutenant; Arlie Hedges, third lieutenant; and Mark Brady, fourth lieutenant. Also elected were Paul Spagnola, fire police captain; Peter Applebee, fire police lieutenant; Chris Smith, rescue squad captain; Phil Robare, first lieutenant; Robert Gerstian, second lieutenant; Gerald Day, safety officer; Howard Stoker, quartermaster; and Fred Chamberlain, assistant quartermaster. Civil officers are: Amos Bastiani, president; Meredith Bastiani, vice president; Elwin McNamara, treasurer; Vincent Giglia, secretary; Mike Roberts, chaplain; Gerald Day, delegate; and LeRoy Coke, assistant delegate.

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The future groom is a graduate of the University at Albany.

He is director of social development at Glenmont Job Corps.

The couple plans an Oct. 7 wedding.

Delmar firefighters elect officers

Delmar Fire Department recently elected new officers. Fire and EMS officers are Robert Lemieux, chief; David Bastiani, first assistant chief; Dave Langfork, second assistant chief; David Rice, fire captain; Joseph Normandin, fire first lieutenant; John Smith, second lieutenant; Arlie Hedges, third lieutenant; and Mark Brady, fourth lieutenant. Also elected were Paul Spagnola, fire police captain; Peter Applebee, fire police lieutenant; Chris Smith, rescue squad captain; Phil Robare, first lieutenant; Robert Gerstian, second lieutenant; Gerald Day, safety officer; Howard Stoker, quartermaster; and Fred Chamberlain, assistant quartermaster. Civil officers are: Amos Bastiani, president; Meredith Bastiani, vice president; Elwin McNamara, treasurer; Vincent Giglia, secretary; Mike Roberts, chaplain; Gerald Day, delegate; and LeRoy Coke, assistant delegate.

BCHS student wins scholarship

David Elefante, 18, son of Peter and Theresa Elefante of Delmar, has been selected to receive a 2001 National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the Owens Corning Foundation.

Elefante, a student at Bethlehem Central High School ranks sixth in his class of 350. His mother works for Owens Corning in Selkirk.
**Mary Petruska**

Mary Maxine Hennessey Petruska of Claverkirk died Sunday, May 6.

Mrs. Petruska lived in Yankton before moving to Claverkirk.

She was a homemaker.

She was the widow of George Petruska.

Survivors include a son, George Petruska Sr. of Clarks- ville; a brother, James Hennessey of Zelienople, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Services are scheduled Saturday, May 12, at the Dunbar Funeral Home, 216 S. Second St., Glenmont. Calling hours will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Oncesqueath Volunteer Fire Co., PO Box E., Claverkirk 12041.

**Kenneth Sutton**

Kenneth W. Sutton, 55, of Ravenna and formerly of Cedar Hill, died Sunday, May 6.

He was a graduate of Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Mr. Sutton served in the Naval Reserve.

He graduated from the Police Training Academy. He was a police officer for the Albany Police Department for 21 years before he retired.

He was an emergency medical technician at Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Co. and the Ravena Rescue Squad.

At the age of 76, his death he worked for Capital District Ambulance Service.

Survivors include three daughters, Michelle Sutton of Cokesville, Theresa Sutton of Ravenna and Katie Sutton of Hawaii; a son, Jesse Sutton of Greenville; a brother, Keith Smith of South Carolina; a sister, Mary Higgins Burley of Cohoes; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Friends may call tonight, May 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Babcock Funeral Home, 17 Languish Rock, Hill, or on Saturday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Babcock Funeral Home, 17 Languish Rock, Hill.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by the Babcock Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Eddy, 421 W. Columbia St., Cohoes 12047.

**Lynnard Herrington**

Lynnard Herrington, 81, of Albany and formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, April 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Sheridan, Chautauqua County, he received a bachelor's degree from Adelphi University.

He was a Medical Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Herrington was an administrative supervisor and assistant educational director at Halloran Veterans Administration Hospital on Long Island and executive director at Albany Memorial Hospital before he retired.

He was husband of the late Diane Gurnett Herrington.

He is survived by two sons, David Herrington of Scotia and Brian Herrington of Selkirk; a daughter, Deborah Herrington of Delmar; and four grandchildren.

Services were from First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2201 N. Boscoten St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

**Edward Spain**

Edward J. Spain, 86, of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, April 29, in Fort Myers.

Mr. Spain was the proprietor of the Spain Ice Cream Shop in Delmar from 1968 through 1985.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Japan.

He was a member of the Nathan A. and American Legion Post 1040 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 258 in Delmar.

Services were from the Watervliet Elks Lodge 1500.

Survivors include his wife, May Spain; two daughters, Patricia Spain and Shari Kline; a brother, Clarence Spain; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Hope House Hospice, 94 Parkway, Suite 9, Evergreen, Colo. 80437.

**Library to host Ellington program**

Jack Holtbach of the Scotia Glenville Travelling Museum will highlight the life and career of Duke Ellington with slides, commentary and selected recordings on Friday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ravena Public Library.

The program concludes the Delmar library's African American History series. To register, call 439-6034.

**Book group to meet at library**

The Giver, by Lois Lowry, will be the selection at Bethel library's next "Afternoons With Books" meeting on Monday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

Coffee and dessert served.


To register, call 439-6034.

**Quitters to meet at Delmar church**

QUIT (Quitters United In Learning Together) will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Ruth Greene will talk about the environment, and there will be a trunk show.

Doors open at 9:15 a.m. There is a $3 visitors fee. New members are welcome.

For information, call Lucy Gee 466-0552.

**RCS candidates line up for school, library seats**

**By TOM MURNANE**

There's never a dull moment in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District.

This includes the May 15 school elections, during which 12 candidates will choose from four candidates who are running for three at-large school board seats, and school and library budgets will also be decided that day.

There are also three open seats on the RCS Candidates for Library board of trustees, although two incumbents and one newcomer are running unopposed in their respective races.

RCS residents will have plenty of information to process inside this week and next with a $2 million school budget that calls for a 6.9 percent tax increase.

The school board, featuring incumbents Gerald De Luca, Natalee Mayes and Mona Selover, will be facing re-election, while long-time district sports activist Jeff Stambaugh is making a bid for a seat as well.

De Luca, for example, supports the board's $29.2 million capital building expansion and renovations bond of 1999.

For example, Stambaugh, said he wants to take a closer look at whether the bond has been well spent for $195,210, according to library board president Kathleen Kelleher-Assael.

The proposed library budget is $395,035, up from the current $195,210, according to library board president Kathleen Kelleher-Assael.

The budget includes funds for a new part-time outreach staff person, whose duties will include visiting schools and operating a book-delivery program for the homeless.

Incumbents Marc Hafen and Eaten Parkinson are also running for three open seats on the board. Term dates are for five years.

**Extension offers gardening help**

Cornell Cooperative Extension has published a booklet on "Weed Control in the Home Vegetable Garden."

It has pictures of common weeds for identification and common strategies for weed control.

To receive a copy, send a check for $6.50 to Cornell Cooperative Extension, administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, PO Box 497, Voorheesville 12186.

For information, call 769-3512.

**Bethlehem Elks plan flea market May 12**

The Bethlehem Elks are sponsoring a flea market on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk.

For information, call 768-2241.
Arts, crafts & entertainment among the blooms at Pinksterfest

By JOHN BRET

With the coming of the warm weather in the Albany area, the public can enjoy the brightly colored tulips blooming throughout the region, not only because they are such a beautiful flower but also because they serve to remind us of the Dutch heritage for which the state capital is famous. In fact, the city of Albany offers a Tulip Festival each year to help visitors make the transition from gloomy winter weather to the sunny, warm months ahead (as if we needed any help?) But spring is here and so is the Tulip Festival.

Throughout Washington Park in Albany, patches of tulips abound and this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, entertainers, craftspersons and artists will descend upon the park along with food and beverage vendors to bring Pinksterfest to visitors.

With four stages featuring a variety of entertainers and performance artists there is sure to be something for everyone.

The festival proper begins on Friday with a Carillon Concert as Dr. Charles Semowich gets the proceedings off to a musical start at 11:30 a.m.

This will be followed at noon by the traditional street scrubbing. Dating back to Dutch settler days the cleaning of the streets was a springtime ritual that washed away the mud and debris of the cold weather months. This event takes place on State and Lodge streets.

At 12:30 p.m., a Tulip Festival luncheon takes place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Albany. The city bids farewell to last year’s Tulip Queen, Kelly Conlon and a fashion show for the benefit of Vanguard Albany Symphony will be held. Tickets are $25, and reservations are required. Call 456-4755.

By 6 p.m. “Rhythm and Blooms” begins in Washington Park. Bobby Dick and the Sundowners — a favorite Albany rock ‘n’ roll band beginning in the 1960s — will perform from 5 to 6 p.m.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Burners UK, a high powered rock ‘n’ roll group will entertain.

Things really get under way on Saturday as more than 80 art and craft vendors set up shop throughout a designated area in the park.

Exhibitors will be displaying and selling pottery, wordworking, sculpture, hand-crafted jewelry, painting and prints and a variety of creative items that can be purchased for a unique gift or your own pleasure.

The new Tulip Queen will be crowned by Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings at noon on the amphitheater stage but before the coronation entertainment will be provided by the Tim Jepsen Ensemble at 11 a.m., the Dutch Dancers (with audience participation) at 11:30 and the Mendelson Club of Albany, a 75 voice male chorus under the direction of Jeffrey Vredenburg, offering a stirring vocal piece at 11:45.

The main entertainment stage, located on the park parade grounds will kick off Saturday with Tulip Festival veteran Jeffrey Gaines. The popular acoustic recording artist has been a crowd-pleaser at past festivals. From soulful ballads to stormy rock. Gaines has three albums to his credit ("Jeffrey Gaines," "Somewhat Slightly Darker" and "Galore") with a new release, "Always Be" growing in popularity.

The Scharff Brothers will appear at 1:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. Compared to the group Bare Naked Ladies, the trio has become known for their insightful and socially aware songwriting combined with their dynamic performing harmonies. The Boston Globe called “Both Points of View,” their 1990 CD release, “… the kind of album that will make a long drive on a grey winter’s day seem sunny.”

The five female members of the pop-rock group Antigone Rising will take the stage from 3 to 4 p.m. Named by cable music station VH-1 as one of the “10 best indie bands in the nation,” the group scored a hit with several dates at Lilith Fair.

If you enjoy a pleasing mix of laid back rap, pop, jazz and folk with a little country blues thrown in, you’ll want to check out Elwood who plays on the main stage from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Elwood’s “swang-hop” is a blended musical style as developed by this good ol’ boy from North Carolina.

Cole Broderick opens the entertainment on the Main Stage on Sunday at 1 p.m. The Albany native began studying the piano at age 7 and has pursued a lifelong passion for the instrument.

In 1992 he organized the Cole Broderick Quartet and performed in the 1993 Newport Jazz Festival at SPAC. Following that career boost, he recorded the first in a series of four CDs celebrating the changing seasons of Saratoga Springs. The finished set called, “Seasons of Saratoga” received a coveted “Critic’s Choice” from “Billboard Magazine” in July 1996.

The quartet will serve up a generous portion of jazz that is as cool as it is hot.

At 2 p.m., one of the highlights of the weekend takes place as Jennings, Mayor Jerry Jennings, Joe Condon of B95.5 and Fox TV crown the winner of the “Mother of the Year” award.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Naturally Seven takes the stage as the popular a capella group makes its second appearance.

MUSIC

JOSHDUB REDMAN
The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Syracuse, May 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 361-1111.

BILL HALEY’S COMETS
The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Syracuse, May 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 361-1111.

DON McLLEAN
Syracuse Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 1, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

DAVID LINDLEY
The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Syracuse, May 12, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 361-1111.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

MENDOSSUNDB CHIJN
with the University Club of New York City, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 12, 7:30 p.m., Information, 361-8663.

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BY TEN BY TEN
North Pointe Cultural Arts Center, Route 5, Kinderhook, through May 12, $20. Information, 622-9867.

THEATER

GWEN MARIONCOW
The Egg of Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 20, 7:30 p.m., $25 for seniors and children’s Information, 472-1845.

BON JOVI
Pepsi Arena, South Pearl St., Albany, May 20, 7:30 p.m. to $25. Information, 467-2000.

ROBERT F. BROWN
R&B, Pop and Dance, through May 13, $12 to children. Information, 707-5551.

ROYAL JESTER
with the University Club of New York City, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 12, 7:30 p.m., Information, 361-8663.

DICKIE BETTS BAND
Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, May 14, 9:30 p.m., $20. Information, 377-0012.

ROASIE SORRELLS
Old Stong Dutch Barn, Altamont Farmington, May 18, 8 p.m. Information, 258-3815.

DANCE

DIAGNOSE

SINTERED LIGHTS
through May 30, $1.50. Information, 518-8840.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB
Wednesday, 8 p.m., through May 7, $17. Information, 374-5650.

BAS BAND
concert at the Empire State Plaza, May 19, $15. Information, 274-5600.

ROBERT F. BROWN
with the University Club of New York City, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 12, 7:30 p.m., Information, 361-8663.

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BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVC. Page and Recreation Office, 66 Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m., All Ages, Thurs., 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-2663.

FREE CONCERT AT LIBRARY Ann-Marie Becker, vocals; violin; and Jackie Locke, piano. Sponsored by the Bethlehem Library to thank community for support of its programs. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH afternoon prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., Kenwood Avenue. Information, 439-6314.

TOWN BOARD Public hearing, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4553.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS The Clubhouse, Adams St. Pharmacy, 1st January Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-6871.

RINGO Blaeberry American Legion Post, 16 Paradise Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9619.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 54 drill team practice, Voorheesville Elementary School, 247 Columbia Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3581.

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION Firemen, Adams Plaza Phase II, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3681.

TESTIMONY MEETING First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 West Albany Road, 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-2921.

NEW SCOTLAND TOWN COUNCIL New Scotland Town Hall, 55 Albany Road, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4899.

BOOK DISCUSSION Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m., Information, 439-1791.

PRAYER MEETING averine prayer meeting, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Mountainview Baptist Church, Route 150, 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-7791.

AA MEETING First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 415 Delaware Ave, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4789.

NEW SCOTLAND FRATERNITY CLUB IOS Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-7791.

THIRD NIGHT POETS Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7791.

Sun., 5/13


BOOZE IN THE BOX Book sale, Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 35 Adams Street, 10 a.m. Information, 439-2818.

ROAST BEEF DINNER Includes meat, vegetables, rolls, ice cream, cookies and beverages. Strength Training Center, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Drive, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Information, 767-0653 or 157-2712.

ELLENSON PROGRAM Jack Bickel of Scotia Liberal Arts Traveling Museum with staked cucumber床垫 and center of Lake Winnipesaukee. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2818.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS Wyman Osterhout Community Center, 56 South Main Street, 9 a.m., call for time, Information, 439-6979.

AA MEETING First United Methodil Church of Voorheesville, 50 Main Street, 8 a.m. Information, 439-6979.

BETHLEHEM EARLY BIRD GUIDED WALK Tips and tricks for identification for the beginner, by center naturalist. Free program. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 563 Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 a.m. Information, 439-2921.

DECISION-MAKING DAY Focusing on one's area of strength or potential for stress relief. Bethesda, 50 Main Street, 8 a.m. Information, 439-2818.

RECOVERY, INC. self-help support groups. First United Methodist Church, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-5076.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4893.

BETHLEHEM AMT ASSOC. Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 767-2824.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 45 Adams Plaza, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

DELMAR FIRE DEPT. AQUIESSES Bethlehem, Adams Plaza, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN YOUTHFELD Youth Fellowship, Zion Lutheran Church, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-4582.

“SPRING STORIES” Slavonic, songs, finger plays, flannel boards and costumes for preschool, aged 3-6. Bethlehem United Church, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 459-9014.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM Delfield Chabad Center, 10 Elmer Avenue, 7 p.m. Information, 456-0370.

ELLENSON PROGRAM John Hodsman of the Religious Education office in the Spanish Language Ministry. South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Drive, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Information, 767-0653 or 157-2712.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS United Presbyterian Church, Route 150, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 767-4410.

BETHLEHEM BIKE AT DAY PARK Palestinian, African, Mexican and other cultures, open to all and SD school district residents. "Retail rodeo" or safety courses, inspections by Bethlehem police, 6th Avenue Town Park, Route 32, Delmar, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. or arrangements if inclement weather. Information, 439-1311, ext. 2004.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION, NEW SCOTLAND (CANCELLATION) Registration, Double Dutch Park, 6th Avenue, Route 32, Delmar, 7 p.m., Information, 439-0291.

FIRST HOURS FOR CHILDREN "Camping Out," second Free Tree House program for young children. Meet at the Delmar Fire Company. New Scotland United Methodist Church, 585 Route, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6318.

DELMAR KIWANIS Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-0377 or 439-0652.


INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING Albany County G P O Club, Move House, 7 to 9 p.m. at Albany Tuesday. Information, 439-0697.

WORSHIP INFORMATION Bethesda Community Church, 451 Delmar, 439-3135.

WORSHIP INFORMATION Bethlehem Church, 5 Elm St., Delmar, 439-3455.

WORSHIP INFORMATION Elm St. United Church of Christ, 5 Elm St., Delmar, 439-3022.

WORSHIP INFORMATION Bethel Luthurian Church, 5 Elm St., Delmar, 439-4407.

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TEMPLE CHAPLAIN'S FAREWELL First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 415 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2818.

NEW SCOTLAND QUARTET REHEARSAL United Presbyterian Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 767-4612.

BETHLEHEM HEALTH SCREENINGS Bethesda Community Church, 451 Delmar, 439-3135.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP First United Methodist Church, 451 Delaware Ave, Delmar, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SPRING STORIES Songs, finger plays, flannel boards and costumes for preschool, aged 3-6. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-5014.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Northway Thanksgiving Service, Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-5014.

ZOMING BOARD OF APPEALS Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4950.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 53 St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 347 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 to 9 p.m.

BCC MEETING BCCHQ, 2001 Adelphi Avenue, Suite 202.

BETHLEHEM EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST Four 45-minute sessions of storytelling, songs and play to 15-25 month olds, sponsored by adult, Voorheesville Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Information, 439-3314.

NEW SCOTLAND BOOK SALE Annual Friends of Library used book sale, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-7391.

NEW SCOTLAND BOOK AND BAKE SALE Annual Friends of Underhill Library, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information, 767-2791.

BETHLEHEM EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST Four 45-minute sessions of storytelling, songs and play to 15-25 month olds, sponsored by adult, Voorheesville Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Information, 439-3314.

NEW SCOTLAND LIBRARY, MT. VESUVIUS OF CASTLETON Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2786.

NEW SCOTLAND RETIRED SENIORS Women's Center, open call for time, Information, 765-7391.

LUMBERJACK MEETING New Scotland United Methodist Church, 35 Adams Street, 8 a.m. Information, 439-2818.
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appearance at Tulip Fest. Combining Gospel with R&B Naturally Seven has released an acclaimed first CD, "Non-fiction," featuring breathtaking arrangements of "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Blessed Assurance." The party is from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Duke Ellington Orchestra will appear on the Main Stage from 4 to 6 p.m., wrapping up the Main Stage entertainment for the weekend. At the toddlers' jazz for nearly 75 years, the orchestra is now led by Paul Mercer Ellington, Duke Ellington's son. Mercer Ellington is a third generation of Ellingtons to lead the orchestra, following in the footsteps of his dad. Mercer Ellington.

Jazz fans may rest assured that the Ellington Jazz Festival will continue to be a family favorite for many more years.

In the event of rain the Ellington Orchestra will perform at the Palace Theatre in downtown Albany.

For the younger set and families, the Hannaford KidZone offers entertainment for children and their parents.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, the KidZone will offer face painting, balloon sculptures, pony rides, the fire safety bus, kids ID fingerprinting and hands on crafts where kids can make a new Mother's Day gift.

On Saturday, KidZone features ventriloquist Sylvia Markesan and her Markesan and her friends will appear on the KidZone stage at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. At 2 and 4 p.m., Bruce May will lead audience participation sing-a-longs. Sunday at the KidZone features Ako Dun Academy Drummers at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. and the magic tricks of Mr. Twisty at 2 and 4 p.m.

Additional entertainment will be featured on the Amphitheater Stage at the Lake House and the Dance Stage located near Williet Street and Madison Avenue. Schedules for these venues are boxed on this page.

The festival has always been a popular springtime attraction for people in the area and this year will no doubt prove likewise.

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as Mark Rust and Habiba will represent the cultures of the people who are settled here in the past and who live in our community today.

In addition to the live entertainment, there will also be a few more children's art activities and a children's scavenger hunt. Another attraction of the festival is storytelling by Ellen Malch, who will present "Aunt Helen's Closet," an interactive presentation introducing children and adults to memories, souvenirs and artifacts collected from more than 60 years of world travel.

According to Gieba, the event usually attracts about 2,000 people.

"You see people of all different ages at the festival," Gieba said. "All of the booths serving food are volunteer groups, so the event is a fund-raiser for the groups who are providing the food. It really is a community event put on by the community."

During the festival, the museum, galleries and exhibits will be open to the public, and there will be no additional charge for Planetarium shows, which will be presented every hour on the hour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the event is $3 for adults and $1 for children ages 4 to 12.

Dance Stage

Williet Street and Madison Avenue

Not Just Mine with Rich Superberg
1 p.m.

Artpark's/Teefay's & Co., Inc.
2 p.m.

Parish School of Irish Dance
3 p.m.

Chinese Dance Troop
4 p.m.

SATURDAY

da Dance Theatre
1 p.m.

Albany Berkehire Ballet
2 p.m.

Ellen Sibley Co., Inc.
3 p.m.

Eleanor's School of Dance
4 p.m.

Dance Stage

Williet Street and Madison Avenue

The Big Macs
2 p.m.

The Colours
3 p.m.

The Spots
4 p.m.

The Enthusiasts
5 p.m.

The Dancing Elf's Den
6 p.m.

The Big Macs
7 p.m.

The Colours
8 p.m.

The Spots
9 p.m.

The Dancing Elf's Den
10 p.m.

The Big Macs
11 p.m.

The Colours
12 a.m.

The Spots
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12 noon.
Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BARTEC LLC

The town of Bethlehem to allow a family residence to be built on a lot located at 1107 South Main, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Antonio Di Giovanni and Company LLC for a building permit in accordance with the Code of the Town of Bethlehem.

The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful purpose.

The county within New York in which the Company's principal place of business is located is Albany County. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at 439 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 9, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on March 26, 2001.

The Articles of Organization for Judy's Tiny Shop, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on March 26, 2001. Office located: Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served.

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