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Recreation complex proposed

RED HOOK - Jack Baker and Rocky Mancini presented the Red Hook Town Board Tuesday with a proposal for a recreational complex on the Rte. 9 site that had been proposed for the Ames Department Store.

Before presenting the new proposal, Jack Baker, owner of the parcel, criticized the Red Hook Town Zoning Board of Appeals for alleged delaying tactics on his plans.

He charged that the board acted in an irregular fashion by concerning itself with functions above what it is charged to do. He said the board "thwarted the free enterprise system."

"We get to a certain point and then we are delayed into oblivion," Baker said.

He used as an example the most recent incident where K&P Management with the Ames proposal came in before the Jamesway proposal in Rhinebeck. But during all the delays, Jamesway moved in, he said.

Consideration of the effect on other merchants is not in the board's jurisdiction, Baker contended.

Baker added that he has lived here 18 years and did not plan to sell the property and walk away from it.

"This is a legitimate enterprise and we will go to court, if necessary to get in," Baker pledged.

Baker said he would take his proposal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Arthur Hand contended that Baker's statements were inaccurate. He said that K&P Management did not respond to requests from the Zoning Board for clarifications from the company. Hand said the board has copies of letters it wrote seeking the information.

He also contended that Town Attorney Albert Trezza did not respond to requests from the Zoning Board of Appeals for legal interpretations of the zoning law.

Hand offered to challenge Baker on the points of contention.

Hand also explained that the effect of new businesses on existing merchants was not a factor when making a zoning decision.

He chided village merchants for their apparent lack of concern over the Ames proposal. Richard Baright was the only one to attend meetings to voice concern, he said.

Hand also contended that Jamesway had the edge over K&P timewise, but it was not his intention to compete with Rhinebeck.

Mancini said the proposed recreation complex would be completed in three stages.

The first phase would include a roller skating rink, restaurant and theater and parking for 155 cars.

The second phase would include several stores and professional offices and a health spa and parking for 133 cars.

The third phase remains undetermined.

Fred Prudente asked the Town Board Tuesday for a zoning change from industrial to residential for a parcel of land on Adams Rd. behind the Temptee Freeze. He wants to sell it to Richard Espie, who plans to build homes.

The Zoning Commission, which is reviewing the zoning ordinance, will meet with Espie to discuss the proposal.

Mrs. Prudente said building homes on the land would make it more attractive.

"I'm a real janitor," she said. "I pick up all the kids' garbage from Temptee Freeze. If there were homes there, the property would look much better."

The Zoning Commission also will look at the William Anagnos dump on Mill Rd. and consider revisions of the law that would permit only local waste.

The board will hold a public hearing Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall annex in the Colburn Building on the offer that the town purchase Annandale Water Works for $95,000.

The board approved a $250 per month rent on the town hall annex, where town meetings will be held unless a large crowd is expected.

Mrs. Glenda Jannsen expressed concern about drinking in the town and referred to other area towns and villages' open container laws.

(The open container law in the village of Red Hook takes effect today.)

"I see a real problem brewing," she said.

Town Supervisor Robert Bowman said there were problems with the law in some towns and that Red Hook should move slowly. He noted that consumption of alcoholic beverages was prohibited at the Rec Park.

The board appointed Martin Tirsch to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (pm)

Parking site offered:

Mancini wants to help town

The owner of a new roller rink under construction in Red Hook has offered to let all-day parkers use his lot as their base for commuting to work.

Rocco Mancini, Jr.'s offer to apportion part of his Route 9 site for public parking could remove some of the congestion in the Village of Red Hook and take pressure off town and village officials to find a commuter parking area.

Mancini says the parking area may be ready in June and that he made the offer because he feels it would help the town and be good for his business.

"It should work out good," said Mancini after making his offer to town officials last week. "It won't hurt us. Some of the stores we have in later, it should help them too." He believes commuters parking in his lot are more likely to take advantage of services at the facility.

Richard Baright of the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce recently approached the town board with a plan to create a park and ride facility for 15 to 25 cars on property just south of town hall as a possible solution to the parking problem being experienced in the Village of Red Hook.

Instead of being used for shoppers, the parking spaces in the village were being used by IBM employees, who would leave their cars in the village when they took the commuter bus into work, and merchants and employees, who used the spaces for their own convenience.

Under the park and ride concept, starting in June, commuters will park their cars in a designated portion of the Mancini lot and then either take the Dutchess County Loop bus system or the IBM commuter bus into work.

Supervisor Sam Lore was pleased with the new arrangement, which could solve a problem for town officials as well as commuters. Lore had been against building the facility on town property because of the possibility of commuter cars getting in the way of town highway equipment and problems of insurance. There also was a problem with finding a proper place for buses to stop to pick up commuters off the highway, a problem the Mancini lot would not have.

"It's good because the buses can go right into the parking lot," said Lore. "It's safer."

Baright welcomed the use of the Mancini parking lot for the park and ride facility and said, "The next step is to get people to use it. There's certainly a lot of room."

Baright estimates spots for 15 to 25 cars will be needed on the

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Rink owner makes offer

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lot initially but cautions that, "If they (the county) put in another bus, it could mean another 10 to 15 cars."

Mancini indicated he is "shooting awfully hard" to get the parking lot in place by early June. However, he does not plan to have it fully blacktopped, only oiled and stoned, which will make a compact gravel base. Later in the summer, Mancini hopes to expand the lot to 300 spaces.

As for the complex, Mancini said he was falling a bit behind because of the delay in receiving the insulation needed for the building's solar heating system. The roof of the building has just been completed. Next Mancini plans to panel the sides of the building.

"Once we get the outside done we can probably move back inside and then I think we'll get back on schedule."

Mancini plans to have the roller rink open for business by late June. Later this year, he plans to construct a women's health spa in the front section of the complex. After that, Mancini expects to build a restaurant, theater and racquet ball club. He also hopes to eventually attract some small stores to the complex.

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Bowman likes Mancini's proposal

by HARVEY AUSTER

Red Hook Town Supervisor Robert Bowman feels that Rocco Mancini will probably not meet any undue difficulties in getting his proposed recreation complex on Route 9 off the ground.

Mancini wants to develop the 15 acre parcel south of Red Hook Village, opposite Hoffman's Farm stand, into an entertainment center including a roller skating rink, theatre, restaurant, health spa and racquetball courts. Mancini, who owns and operates Rock City Sand and Gravel Co., envisions using the same site as had been eyed by Konover and Patron Management Associates of West Hartford, Conn. as the sites of an Ames Department Store.

Ames decided against building at the site after it lost first crack at the Northern Dutchess market to Jamesway which has begun building a department store a few miles south next to the Grand Union along Route 9 in Rhinebeck.

A little over four years ago, in the spring of 1975, a Saugerties man came to the Village of Red Hook with a plan to put what he termed a recreation center for teens into the former Grand Union building next to Silver Lake Dairy on North Broadway. The building is now the Red Hook IGA.

Pinball arcade

Robert Romano's plan basically called for a pinball arcade and dance hall.

His plan ran into a storm of opposition which had many groups and individuals concerned about noise, kids using pot, police surveillance and the turning of Memorial Park opposite the site into a "bedroom and bathroom."

Romano, who wanted to call his complex "Funland," dropped the proposal in the face of the strong opposition, indicating that he could not afford to make the investment necessary if there was a good chance he could lose his money and be stuck with a long term lease on the building.

But the situation with Mancini is not the same, according to Bowman. "What Rocco has in mind is a sports complex with roller skating, a theatre, maybe some small shops. That other thing (Funland) was pin ball machines and disco dancing," the supervisor said.

"The kind of opposition that came up over the pinball thing wouldn't come up on this," he added.

Known

Bowman also indicated that the community knows Mancini and knows that there is no problem with his being able to finance the venture.

"He's a good citizen of Red Hook," the supervisor noted. The money's there and the kind of complex it is will help the community."

Bowman expressed his feeling that the time may have come to stop trying to keep all business within the town's two villages. "If you look at (Route) 199, over there by the theatre," he said, "you'll see there's a limit to what new commercial ventures you can put in the village."

"Certainly, I want to keep our villages strong," he said, "but we have to start looking outside to the town. The town should not discourage business coming in because it is not in the villages."

Common-sense proposal

Bowman argued that "a good, common-sense proposal should be let in" by town agencies.

At this point, Mancini and Jack Baker, the owner of the property, have to go to the town's Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit to permit Mancini to launch his project.

In a meeting last week with the Town Board, Baker blasted the zoners' lack of action as having kept Ames from developing his Red Hook site while Jamesway had little difficulty getting necessary permissions in Rhinebeck.

Baker charged that the zoners went well beyond their jurisdiction in considering things like the opinions of local merchants in deciding on projects when, in fact, the land is zoned for industrial uses, so there should have been no problem in developing a department store there.

Three phased plan

Mancini's plan has three phases. The first, and the only one with detailed plans, calls for building a roller skating rink, a restaurant and a 400 seat theater on the land. Mancini said the plans for the theater are not definite, and that he was considering having some kind of entertainment like live music for the restaurant instead.

Mancini said this week that the live music would not be disco or hard rock or anything of that ilk. "I don't like that kind of thing myself," he said in an interview, "and I wouldn't have anything stronger than good jazz in there."

In the second phase of the plan, Mancini would build a health spa, four professional offices and five small stores. Mancini stressed phase II would not be started "until I start getting some kind of return on the first phase."

The third phase is unplanned as yet, but it could include a racquetball court.

There would be spaces for 155 cars in the parking lot under the first phase of the plan, and 133 additional spaces in the second phase.

Legitimate enterprise

Baker said he would not accept rejection by the zoning board of appeals on the project. "We have a legitimate enterprise and we'll go to court to get in there," he said.

The plan calls for the roller skating rink to be 70 ft. by 144 ft., and the theater and the restaurant to each be 48 by 70 ft.

According to Mancini, the developer's hope is to get the required permissions quickly enough to be able to open the phase I part of the project--the skating rink, theatre and restaurant by the end of next spring. "I hope to open up phase I between April and June," he said. "It depends on how soon we can get in there this year."

Mancini said he has no solid cost estimates yet, but plans to meet with his architect to get that information. He indicated that he should have costs and development times pretty well ironed out in the next week or two.

Beat the clock

• Rocco Mancini, Jr. feels he is playing a game of beat the clock as he tries to get moving on his sports complex proposal before winter stalls his bid.

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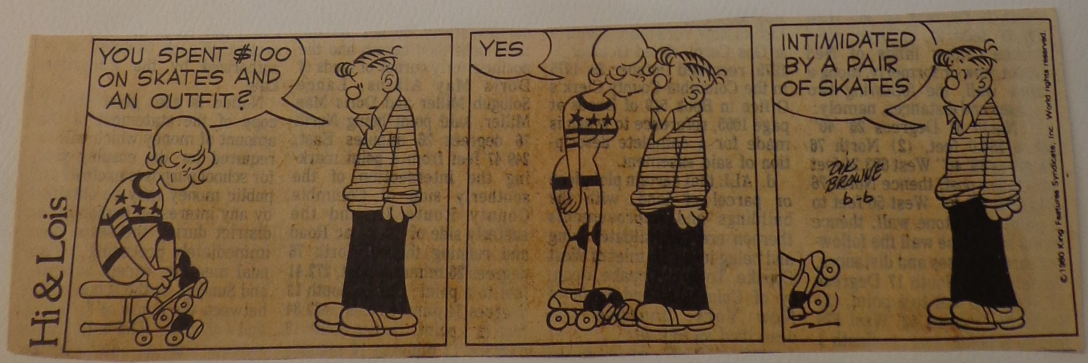



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More parking to be available

RED HOOK - Parking for 20-40 cars could be available by June for area commuters in the parking lot of Rocco Mancini's skating rink and recreation complex, Town Supervisor Sam Lore said Wednesday.

The Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce has been looking for commuter parking for several months to ease the situation in the village.

Discussions were held with ministers of several churches but there were problems relating to insurance.

The chamber then approached the village and town boards, eventually requesting space on the town hall property.

Lore said establishing permanent parking on town hall property could create problems should the building facilities be expanded in the future.

Construction of the skating rink and recreation complex now is underway, with the first phase expected to be completed by June. (pm)

Taconic Newspapers, Thursday, October 11, 1979

Mancini trying to beat the clock to start sports project

by HARVEY AUSTER

Rocco Mancini Jr. feels like he's playing a real life version of Beat the Clock.

Mancini, who Sept. 25 received conditional preliminary site plan approval from the Red Hook Town Planning for Phases I and II of his proposed three phase sports and commercial complex on Route 9 opposite Hoffman's Farm Market, feels he has to get the foundation and framework for the skating rink portion of the project in before winter.

Even now, he said, he is working on setting up the financing — basically through local banks.

Phase I will consist of a roller skating rink 70 by 144 feet, a small theatre about 48 by 70 feet and a sit-down restaurant about 48 by 70 feet. It will incorporate parking for 168 cars. All buildings will be steel with baked enamel exteriors.

Mancini is banking on getting the rink open in May or June, but not later than July so he can begin getting a return on his investment and begin paying off the financing on the initial half million dollar investment.

Ames Site

The land involved is a 15.29 acre parcel owned by Jammar Associates, the same parcel that Ames Department Store was considering before it backed out about two months ago. Part of the half million dollar investment Mancini is making includes $85,000 to purchase the land.

In granting the preliminary approval, the Planning Board imposed three basic conditions. First, it asked that the complex be pysically set back 20 feet further from Route 9 than Mancini had envisioned to allow more up front parking. It also made the approval contingent on Mancini's getting septic approval from the Dutchess County Health Department and plans for entrances and exists off Route 9 from the State Department of Transportation. The board also asked for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Mancini said this week that the plans have already been altered and the complex has been moved back 30 feet farther from the road — 10 feet more than the planner requirement.

He said that test holes had been dug at various points among the building site — basically the southern third of the parcel — and these had been checked by the county.

Holes "Clean"

He said that except for some rocky areas well in the rear and on the southeast border of the property, test holes 15 feet down at various points along the proposed building site had come up "clean." The Milan contractor noted that even with all the rain that had fallen the weekend of Sept. 29 and the beginning of the first week in October, the test holes and site in general had shown their drainage excellence by failing to hold water.

At this point, Mancini is concerned that it may take several weeks for the county's bureaucratic mill to grind out its formal approval of the site and that the preparation and board consideration of the EIS could take a month or more — all of which may cost him time. And time, for him, is money — a lot of it, especially if he is unable to work on the project this winter.

Mancini has not yet gotten DOT approval on his access to Route 9, but that is one condition he is not particularly worried about. He noted that the state agency would either approve the plans presented or would suggest an alternate with which he would comply.

"Can't Back Out"

"The Planning Board," he said, "has given us approval. They can't back out as long as we meet the conditions. The board, however, still must give the plan final approval, something Mancini cannot begin without. He is hoping to get that final OK this month.

The planners have told him they will meet with him when he is ready, even if it takes calling a special meeting.

While Mancini is just looking to begin the Phase I part of the project, he is trying to get the board's final approval on Phases I and II.

Phase II

Phase II, which he envisions starting next year and which, he says, he has not costed out, would consist of a 75 by 144 health spa and racquetball facility, attached to the restaurant end of the main complex, these stores out in front of the main complex, each about 7,000 to 8,000 square feet, plus a complex of six professional offices set in the rear.

Phase II would have parking for an additional 124 cars and the building floor space would total about 23,520 square feet.

Plans for Phase III, to cover the northern two-thirds of the site, are nebulous at this point.

"It all depends on how Red Hook grows," Mancini said. "I'd love to put a thousand tennis courts in there, but the question is, ... necessary?"

Aug 16, 1979

Eat, skate, play, and exercise

Red Hook may get rec complex

by ANNE BARTLETT
Staff Writer

An entertainment center, including a roller skating rink, theater, restaurant, health spa and racket ball courts could be built on the parcel of land on Route 9 in Red Hook that was to have been the site of an Ames store.

Rocco Mancini, a Red Hook contractor, unveiled his plans for developing such a center at the Red Hook town board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

At the same meeting, Jack Baker, the owner of the land, attacked the behavior of the town zoning board of appeals, which he said had blocked three previous plans he had for the land.

Konover and Patron Management Associates, a firm that had an option to buy the land it planned to lease to an Ames discount department store, recently failed to renew the option, possibly because a Jamesway store is being built in Rhinebeck Baker said the zoning board had effectively killed the Ames project by delaying on making a decision so long.

Baker said the Ames company had approached him long before the Jamesway decided to come into Rhinebeck, and it was only the zoning board's lack of action that prevented Ames from coming in first.

He said the zoning board went well beyond its jurisdiction in considering things like the opinion of local merchants in deciding on projects, when in fact the land is zoned for industrial uses, and there should be no problem about developing a department store there.

Baker and Mancini said they were presenting their new plan to the town board so that it could have a public airing before it was formally presented to the ZBA.

Mancini's plan has three phases. The first, and the only one with detailed plans, calls for building a roller skating rink, a restaurant and a 400 seat theater on the land. Mancini said the plans for the theater are not definite, and that he was considering having some kind of entertainment like a disco for the restaurant instead.

In the second phase of the plan, Mancini would build a health spa, four professional offices and five small stores.

The third phase is unplanned as yet, but it could include a racketball court.

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Sporting proposition

•Rocco Mancini Jr. has gotten a preliminary OK from the Red Hook Planning Board to begin the half million dollar Phase I on his Route 9 sports—commercial complex. But there are still hurdles ahead. Page 13.

Lore, Mancini co-owners of planned spa

Lore and Mancini will be co-owners of a new women's health spa to be located in Rocco Mancini's complex on Rte. 9 in Red Hook. See [illegible] page [illegible] (first [illegible])

REDHOOK. The complex, which also will include a restaurant, theater and [illegible] Mancini said he hoped [illegible] would open [illegible] fall. [illegible] would be [illegible] Tues. exercise [illegible] by 70 [illegible] operation [illegible] and shower [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Taconic Newspapers, Thursday, September 27, 1979

Planners give initial sports complex OK

The Red Hook Town Planning Board Monday, Sept. 24, gave Rocco Mancini of Milan, preliminary approval on his site plan for Phases I and II of a three-phase recreation-commercial complex on Route 9 opposite Hoffman's Farm Market.

At the same time, the board learned that its approval, together with state Department of Transportation (DOT) agreement to proposed exits and entrances and county health department OK of the water and septic systems will be all the approval Mancini needs.

When Mancini first proposed his complex to the Town Board last month, that board had thought he would need a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. That thought apparently generated from the fact that Mancini was seeking to use the same 15 acre parcel which the Ames Department Store project had wanted to use and a special permit would have been required for that project.

However, Steven Melley, Mancini's attorney and Herman Ross, the town Zoning Enforcement Officer, explained that the Ames project would have been a shopping center requiring such a permit while the Mancini project proposes nothing which is not specifically permitted in an industrial zone, which is how the 15.29 acres, currently owned by Joumar Associates Inc., is zoned. Once he gets final approval, Mancini will buy the land from Joumar for $85,000, he explained.

Back in October

Following the meeting, Mancini indicated he was "very pleased" with how the session had gone. He said he would have his engineer, Michael Morris of Morris and Andros, Hyde Park, make the necessary submissions to DOT and the health department this week and hopefully, be able to come back to the Planning Board in October for final approval.

At that time, chairman Sidney Mead pointed out, the Milan contractor will have to come in with a state required Environmental Impact Statement.

According to the plans, Phase I will consist of a roller skating rink 70 by 144 feet, a small theatre about 48 by 70 feet and a sit-down restaurant about 48 by 70 feet. It will also incorporate parking for 168 cars. All buildings would be steel with baked enamel exteriors.

Mancini said he hopes to get final approval quickly enough to begin construction this fall. He targeted an opening for "early summer 1980—maybe May, June or July."

Phase II

Phase II, to be begun sometime later, would consist of a 70 by 144 health spa and racquetball facility attached to the restaurant end of the main complex, three stores out in front of the main complex, each about 7,000 to 8,000 square feet; plus a complex of six professional offices set in the rear.

Phase II would have parking for an additional 124 cars and the building floor space would total about 25,520 square feet.

Mancini explained that he will be his own general contractor but will subcontract some of the construction to Cables and Wilson of Hyde Park. The heating system, which he described as "a different kid of solar heat" will be handled by Advanced Cooling Manufacturing of Clifton Park.

That system was described to the board as being a combination of solar heat and the taking advantage of the body heat produced by skaters, storing it in sand underneath the complex and then reusing it by means of a sort of heat pump.

"Heating won't be as much of a problem as cooling," Mancini said.

No Movies

In response to specific questions from the Planning Board members, Mancini explained that his theatre would not be a movie theatre. "It's too small," he pointed out. Rather, he said, it would be more of an "all purpose room" for small shows and public meetings.

Mrs. Barbara Hluszko, board secretary, taking note of the standing room only crowd at the planning meeting, suggested that the Planning Board might want to be the first in line to use that meeting room.

Board members also expressed some concern about the Phase II parking in the rear and the proximity of the proposed Phase II store fronts to Route 9. They suggested that the last row of parking be removed from the current plan, that the entire complex be shifted accordingly toward the rear and that that row of parking be put in front of the proposed store front area.

Mancini agreed and this change will be reflected in the plan he comes in with for final approval.

Southern Third

The way the plan is now set up, with the entire parcel is 15.29 acres with over 700 feet of road frontage. Phases I and II will be contained in the southern one-third of the parcel with about 321 feet of road frontage.

According to his official submission, Phase I will cost him about half a million dollars, although, in conversation, he used the figures $300,000 to $500,000 including the $85,000 purchase of the land.

He said he does not know what Phase II will cost since it is at least a year down the line and there is no way of telling what costs will be at that time.

He indicated that Phase III is nebulous.

"It all depends on how Red Hook grows," Mancini said. "I'd love to put a thousand tennis courts in there, but the question is, will they be necessary?"

Apartments?

Asked specifically if he might consider apartments for the Phase III 10 acre northern portion of the property, Mancini indicated it is something he had not really thought about but if Red Hook develops to the point where it appears there is a market for them, he might consider it.

At a Town Board meeting this past week, the need for apartments was cited and possible zone changes to permit them were discussed.

Mancini, when he gets his state and county approvals, will come back to the Planning Board for its final OK.

Bank branches out

The First National Bank of Rhinebeck will open an office in the Red Hook recreation commercial complex off Route 9 by early fall, according to Ron Miller, bank president.

"The board of directors has decided it is time to expand operations into Red Hook," Miller said.

The complex is being built by Rocco Mancini, Jr.

The bank has applied for approval of the Red Hook office from the regional administrator in New York City of the comptroller of the currency.

Miller expected the approval to take a few months.

The Red Hook office will have five teller windows, two drive-up windows and an outdoor deposit box, Miller said.

A roller rink, theater, restaurant, health spa, raquetball club and professional offices will also be located in the complex.

Since the First National Bank of Red Hook opened in 1865, Red Hook has been a one-bank town.

And since 1853, the First National Bank of Rhinebeck has been a one-branch bank.

An official of the First National Bank of Red Hook said he was not concerned by the proposed branch office.

Ice rink plan shows solar heating, cooling

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RED HOOK—The heating and cooling systems in Rocco Mancini Jr.'s proposed skating rink on Rte. 9 south of the village will be solar powered.

Construction on the site began Wednesday and Mancini said he hoped to be open for business by June.

The topsoil was stripped Wednesday and today Mancini said he hoped to dig the hole for the energy collectors. The energy would be stored in sand banks under the building.

Mancini said he still would have to install an air-conditioning unit, but it would be much smaller than if he didn't have the solar unit. (pm)

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An artist's rendering of Rocco Mancini's skating rink. Mancini has received final approval from the Red Hook Planning Board to proceed and construction of the facility is expected to begin within two weeks.

Mancini to begin sports complex

Rocco Mancini Jr. expects to begin work within two weeks on the first building of his Red Hook recreation-commercial complex off Route 9 after receiving final approval from the town's planning board Monday, Nov. 5 on Phases I and II of the three phase project.

Mancini is still hoping to beat the clock and the weather and have the framework of the skating rink in before the ground hardens and winter weather arrives in force.

Mancini appeared before the Planning Board Monday night with an amended plan which met the requirements to set the project further back from the road which the board had imposed in granting preliminary approval in September. He also produced approvals for the water and sewer system from the County Department of Health and an approval of his exits and entrances off Route 9 from the State Department of Transportation.

The vote of the board for final approval was unanimous except for the abstention of Mrs. Jack Baker. Mrs. Baker did not vote due to a potential conflict of interest. Mancini is purchasing the land for the complex from Jonmar Associates Inc. in which she and her husband are principals.

15.3 Acre Site

The complex will rise on east side of Route 9 about a mile south of the Village of Red Hook. It is part of a 15.3 acre site basically opposite Hoffman's Farm Market.

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The land involved is the same parcel that Ames Department Store was interested in several months ago. The interest died, however, when the Jamesway Store began building in Rhinebeck. Mancini is purchasing the land from Jonmar for $85,000.

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Red Hook chamber wants more parking

The scarcity of parking spaces in the Red Hook business district brought a delegation from the village's Chamber of Commerce to a meeting of the Village Board Monday, Nov. 5.

The businessmen came away with a few suggestions, but not with any concrete answers.

Meeting with the Board were Dick and Carleen Baright and Bruce Rodwell.

The crux of the problem appeared to be the all day parking by merchants and their employees along the street, leaving prospective customers with a scarcity of places to pull in to park.

Adding to the problem is the fact, according to both Trustee C. John Boyce and the chamber representatives, that all day parkers — many taking the IBM commuter bus — are parking all day in the village parking area which is really provided by the First National Bank of Red Hook.

126 Spaces

Boyce, who has been working on the problem with the chamber, said a survey they had taken had revealed there are 126 vehicle parking spaces in the business district including 39 on North and South Broadway, 43 on East and West Market Street and 44 in the bank's parking lot.

He also said that a 10-day period check had shown that there are at least 26 cars parking for an eight hour period or longer.

A suggestion was made to reinstate the two-hour on street parking limit which, Baright said, he could remember once being in effect. Some trustees expressed reservations about that solution and said They hope to hear how the public would react to that.

Boyce suggested that perhaps arrangements could be made with some of the local churches to accommodate all-day parkers to free up on street spaces and the bank lot. He suggested specifically that businessmen might be able to use the Methodist Church lot at the corner of West Market and Church Street, a block from the Red Hook light; and that the IBM parkers might be able to use the St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church lot to empty out the bank parking area.

Legal Hassles

Baright, however, felt that trying to use the church lots would create what he termed a "legal hassle."

Rodwell indicated that the Episcopal Church had found that if it wanted to allow village use of its parking facilities, it would have problems with insurance coverage.

But, according to Trustee Peter Riley, part of the problem with the Episcopal Church's facilities is the fact that it is a meeting place for groups like the Brownies and the children play in the parking area. He indicated that it could be St. Christopher's would have no such problems.

But the question was raised that since any church, if it agrees to make such a commitment to allow use of its parking facilities, must make it for five days a week, what happens when a funeral or the like comes up which requires parking at or near that church.

Baright suggested that the area around the town hall, about a mile south of the village, might be utilized for IBM parking. However, two objections were raised to that.

Walking Wives

First, it was pointed out that when some IBM parkers leave their cars in the morning, some of their wives walk to the village during the day and use the cars.

Also, there was some fear expressed that cars around the town hall might be left scattered here and there and provide problems getting plows and sanders out of the adjacent town garage in case of a snow storm.

Carleen Baright recalled that at one time, the Red Hook Volunteer Fire Department had offered space behind the firehouse for parking. She suggested that a check be made with the department to see if the offer is still open.

Village Clerk Donald "Red" Moul also suggested that the Mason's Building has what he termed "an enormous parking area" and suggested the chamber might want to check that out.

Several of the trustees expressed the opinion that since the IBM parking at least tends to benefit town residents more than village residents, the town be brought in to see if it can provide assistance for things like plowing any lot that might be settled upon. That will be checked with the town board.

A-4RH The Register-Star Hudson, N.Y. Wednesday, November 14, 1979

Zoning board questions sports complex approval

RED HOOK - Red Hook Town Board of Appeals Chairman Arthur Hann Monday night questioned a planning board's approval of a sports complex which would include a health spa and recreational facilities.

Hann also asked about an application for a variance dealing with site plan approval sections of the zoning ordinance written to the Red Hook Town planning board's specifications.

Hann questioned the town board's recent approval of the people of Red Hook wanted it. He contended that a health spa was not a permitted use and therefore required a special permit.

Hann said he understood that State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations required that an Environmental Impact Statement be submitted. Town Planning Chairman Robert Greig said that the entire project be done. The first phase calls for a skating rink, restaurant and motel. The latter was referred to the planning board (pm)

False starts and patient work in Red Hook:

Town and village eyed new development

by HARVEY AUSTER

False starts and patient work, near misses and some hits all characterized zoning and development activities in the Town and Village of Red Hook in 1979.

Both town and village worked on major zoning revisions over the course of the year. But in the village, just what the revisions would entail got tangled up in finances — how much the village could afford to spend on revising the zoning ordinance.

The question came to light in mid-September when the proposed village new changes were being unveiled in a joint meeting of the Village Board Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Take a Chance

The question arose because Douglas Wicks, the village attorney, cautioned the officials that the current zoning ordinance had not been printed in its entirety in the official newspaper and could well be subject to court suit to try and overturn it. Attorney Paul Weiner, chairman of the ZBA, agreed.

But members of the Village Board indicated they were willing to take that chance because publication of the ordinance would cost over $5,000 while the budget for zoning only came to $900. Making the few changes eyed at the time would cost only $600 to $700 it was figured.

In addition, Peter Riley, village trustee in charge of planning and zoning noted later, if the current zoning were to be overturned by a court because it was not adopted in a technically correct manner, the zoning would revert to a tougher 1955 ordinance which was adopted correctly.

Those zoning changes did not appear to please the residents of West Market Street.

Found a Way

The trustees were supposed to set a date for a public hearing at their October meeting, but in the meantime, Wicks told them he had found a way they could adopt their changes by abstract, that is, by simply referring to a zoning document on file. This would allow more significant changes in zoning at no significant additional cost.

With an eye on this and with the protests of West Market Street residents in mind, the trustees quickly formed a committee to take another look at zoning, modified their proposals to exempt West Market Street from the office conversion provision and unveiled their new proposed changes earlier this month.

Town zoning changes were also in the works, although the effort made in developing them was not subject to the same kind of false start as had occurred in the village.

A town zoning committee, headed by Councilman Robert Grieg, worked throughout the year on development of half a dozen changes to the town ordinance. These changes would involve rezoning of a seasonal cottage area near Spring Lake for year-round homes; encouraging apartment conversion and construction; elimination of the unused planned unit development provisions of the ordinance; clarifying district lines by having them follow street lines and property lines; encouraging agricultural development; providing more recreation areas and the potential establishment of a commercial area just east of the Red Hook Village line.

ZBA Problems

But most of the excitement with town zoning concerned not the changes, but rather the unhappiness of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board of Appeals was upset because it felt it had been made the villain of the mini-drama over the race for an area department store between Ames and Jamesway. Ames, which had wanted to build on property owned by Jonmar Associates on Route 9 south of the village (opposite Hoffman's Farm Market) lost the race to Jamesway which currently is building its store in Rhinebeck, adjacent to the Grand Union.

When Jamesway started construction while Ames was still tangled up with trying to get special permit from the Red Hook Town ZBA, Ames simply walked away. This prompted Jack Baker of Jonmar to say publicly what he thought of the ZBA, something which had the ZBA members upset.

Baker would be mollified a little later in the year when Rocco Mancini Jr. took an option on the same piece of property for a recreation-commercial complex featuring a roller rink, small theatre, restaurant, health club, stores and professional offices. Construction on that project began early in December over the objections of Arthur Hand, ZBA chairman.

Ross Dispute

Early in the fall, the ZBA also called for a meeting with the Town Board to fault what it considered to be the poor performance of Herman Ross, zoning enforcement officer.

The ZBA board members castigated Ross for not coming to their meetings, for not acting on a series of specific complaints and for a near adversary relationship which had developed between Ross and themselves.

Supervisor Robert Bowman tried to steer a middle course between the warring factions and appeared to cool the situation somewhat.

On the bright side of the development picture, the face lift in the Red Hook Village business district continued.

Bob Zaleski continued to beautify his Tobacco Lane building. Dick and Carleen Barright put up a new store where Aucock's shed had been and continued to improve their other properties, and a new Army-Navy Store opened where the old Red Hook Department Store used to be.

In addition, the Friends of the Elmendorph were highly successful in raising the $15,000 they needed to match federal funds to begin substantive improvements at that historic old inn.

Recreation complex outlined

RED HOOK - Rocco Mancini Jr. Speaking at a meeting of the Red Hook Rotary Tuesday, outlined the different phases of the recreation complex he is building south of the village.

Phase I will include the grand opening of the roller skating rink Aug. 15. A women's physical fitness club will also be instituted in the same building as the Rhinebeck branch of the First National Bank.

A supper club theater is also under consideration.

Phase II of the project would include a Chinese restaurant, a racketball club and an indoor swimming pool.

Mancini said the first facility would employ 16 area people.

The next Rotary meeting will be at Bard College Tuesday while the annual "Baxter's Bash" will be at Wilcox Park Aug. 12. (tko)

Development

•The bulldozers were busy in the Rhinebeck and RedHook areas in 1979 as development projects began on such projects as a Jamesway Department Store in Rhinebeck and a sports-commercial complex by Rocco Mancini Jr. in Red Hook. Page 6.



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by PENNY LISER

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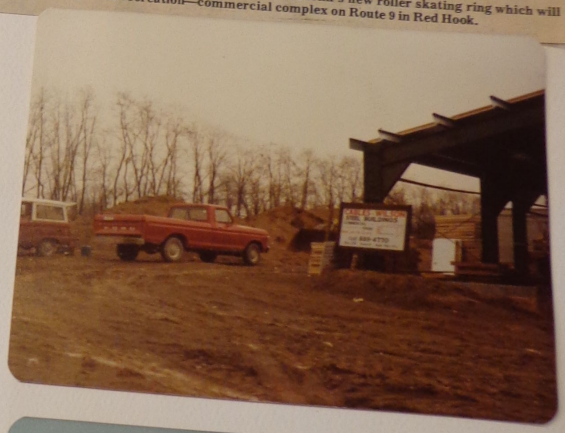













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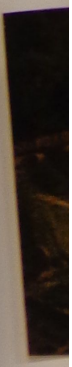









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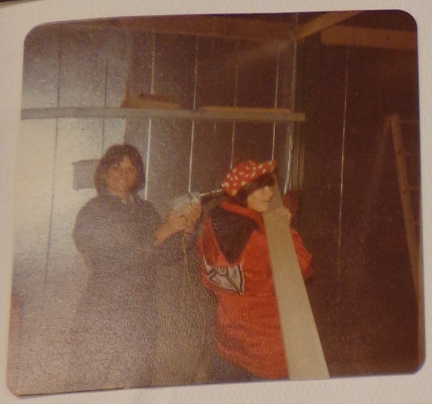

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Notice of Application To Establish A Branch

Pursuant to the Comptroller of the Currency's regulation 12 CFR, 5.5.2, the First National Bank of Rhinebeck, headquartered at 20 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, has made formal application to the Comptroller of the Currency, Regional Administrator of National Banks, New York, New York, to establish a branch at the southeast corner of the intersection of U.S. Route 9 and Metzger Road, Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York. This application was accepted for filing by the Comptroller of the Currency on May 19, 1980.





July 21, 1980

Rec park work delayed

by MARK VOORHEES

Eugene Reymonds, a 12-year-old, rides his bicycle up to the mounds of dirt located next to the two Red Hook rec park tennis courts.

Next to those mounds, in a dug-up area, two more courts are planned as part of the second phase of the park's development.

"I wish the courts were done," Eugene said last Tuesday.

In April, the town board accepted a low bid of $86,000 from Rock City Sand and Gravel for the rec park work, construction of the two tennis courts, more lighting for the parking lot and basketball courts, and a jogging and nature trail winding through the park.

Since then, the jogging trail has not been started, the poles for the lights are standing but without lights on top, and the courts look more like a battlefield.

Rocco Mancini, Jr., proprietor of Rock City, has been devoting most of his energies to the recreation and commercial complex, which will be completed next week, on Route 9 south of the village.

"As soon as we finish the complex, we'll start cracking on the rec park," Mancini said.

The remaining work will take three or four weeks after it is begun, according to Mancini.

Supervisor Sam Lore is not particularly bothered by the time taken for the rec park work, funded with a federal Housing and Urban Development grant and a six-percent municipal bond.

"People were complaining when the rec park was just a meadow, when there was nothing there," Lore said.









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New construction

A new skating rink complex being built on Rte. 9 is one of the relatively few new construction sites in the Red Hook area. High mortgage rates and tight money supplies have curtailed major construction in the area this summer.(tko) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)

Building lag blamed on interest rate

RED HOOK - Red Hook area construction firms have seen better days than they have this summer.

Town and village zoning officers, too, have little to keep them busy.

New building projects have been few and far between in the Red Hook area the past three months and most local officials and construction companies are pointing at the high interest rates on mortgages.

"It's very slow every place," Red Hook Town Zoning Enforcement Officer Herman Ross said.

"It's the slowest summer since I've been on the board," Village Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Paul Weiner agreed.

There's been a dearth of building permit applications this summer as compared with the same period last year, according to town figures.

Ross said he has received permit applications for only three new homes in the area since June 1 and only 17 total building permits were issued.

This compares with seven new home building applications and 28 permits for the same period in 1979.

Total permits issued for 1980 since Jan. 1 number just 33, while last year's figures showed 75 permits granted. Ross said most permits besides new homes were issued for new garages and tool sheds, etc.

"It's way down this year," Ross admitted.

Ross agreed that the general economy, especially high interest rates on mortgages, made it difficult for any family to invest in a new home.

"Who can afford 10 or 11 percent (rates)?," Ross asked rhetorically.

Weiner, who has been on the Village Zoning Board since 1976, said he has never seen such few cases presented before the board in the summer months.

"I cannot remember a time like this," Weiner said, "when there's been so few cases in the prime building season."

Weiner said no cases had become before the board for "at least three months" and could only remember two or three all year.

"I assume it's part of the general economy," Weiner continued. "People are doing less with real estate than in prior years."

Village Planning Board Chairman John Waryas concurred with Weiner, saying the summer applications have been trickling in compared to past years.

He had only received "one or two" applications in the past three or four months, mostly for remodeling. No new homes in the village were included in the applications.

Several local construction firms have also been feeling the squeeze this summer as middle class families wait in vain for the interest rates to go down before building.

"Even in the last recession, we did better than this," Phil Seymour of P & S Construction Corp. of Red Hook lamented. "There was more mortgage money available back then."

Seymour said it was one of the worse summers for building he could remember. His company has only had one major commercial building contract this summer and a "couple modular homes."

Other business was in the form of smaller projects as compared to the larger ones he usually has at this time of year.

Seymour doesn't see the situation for prospective home builders getting any better.

"A lot of people are waiting for interest rates to go down, but it's not going to happen," Seymour said. "There's no time to build like the present' is an industry phrase, but as far as costs go, it's true. The figures prove it."

L.H. Kipp, Inc. of Rhinebeck, whose company originated 20 years ago, has also seen better days.

"This is worse than the first year we started," Kipp said. "We've been sitting on our hands all summer."

Kipp felt the middle income families were the hardest hit by the high rates and indicated a secondary income is necessary to pay for a new house.

"We build for the median income market, and people just can't cut the mustard on mortgage rates," Kipp said.

He added that contractors who are involved in building high-priced homes have been doing good business but the construction of medium priced houses is on a downswing.

A spokesman for Belliveau Construction Co. of Red Hook said the firm has only constructed one house and one addition, but the company has been phasing out its construction business this year.

Oddly, not all area contractors are having such a bad time of it.

"This is one of the busiest summers we've ever had," a spokesman for Reichelt Builders of Rhinebeck said.

The company has handled two houses in Rhinebeck and Elizaville and is in the process of building another one.

The spokesman admitted, however, the new homes were being built by customers from New York City and other areas and that local money is not really being spent on the projects.

Another spokesman for Wolcott Builders of Rhinebeck also said the summer has been a busy one, with projects included in the Tivoli, Rhinebeck and Red Hook area.

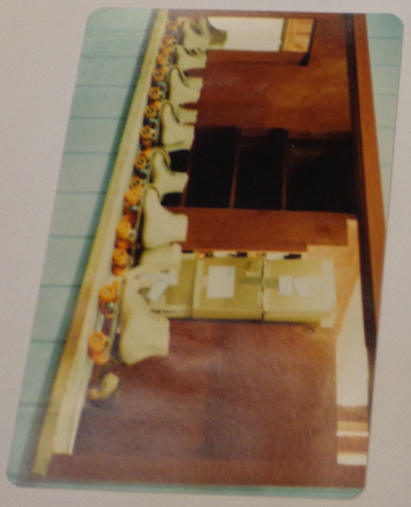
She said projects have been roughly "split down the middle" as far as area and out-of-town money spent on the buildings go.

She added the company has recently undergone expansion with the addition of a new partner last success stories seem to be the exception rather than the rule at present, however, and most figures indicate that people are holding their money for a sunnier day.

Will the situation get any better?

Indications have surfaced that the interest rate is on its way up again, but Zoning Officer Herman Ross offered a bit of light at the end of the tunnel for building contractors, saying there had been "several inquiries recently" for building permits for next month.

The regular meeting of the Red Hook Town Zoning Board of Appeals, scheduled for Wednesday, has been cancelled due to "lack of business." (tko)





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Rarin' to roll

Owners of the new roller skating rink on Rte. 9 in Red Hook cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the facility Wednesday as anxious skaters get ready to roll. A yellow ribbon was used to signify support for the 52 hostages in Iran. From left to right, first row, are Town Supervisor Sam Lore, Antoinette Mancini (with scissors) and Rocco Mancini Jr.; second row, Rocco Mancini Sr., Ken Hawks and Ann Mancini.(tko) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)



Red Hook rollers

Youngsters and adults alike enjoyed roller skating at the new skating rink recently completed by owner Rocco Mancini Jr. The rink opened Wednesday night to a waiting crowd.(tko) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)

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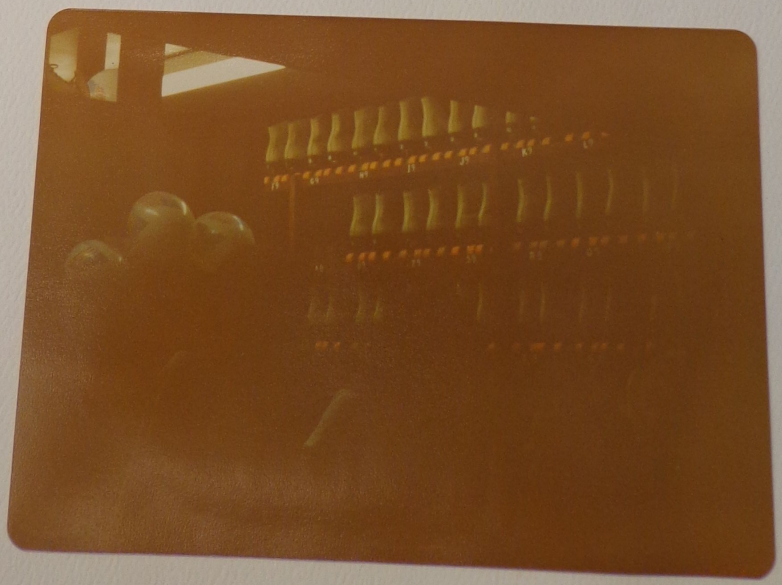



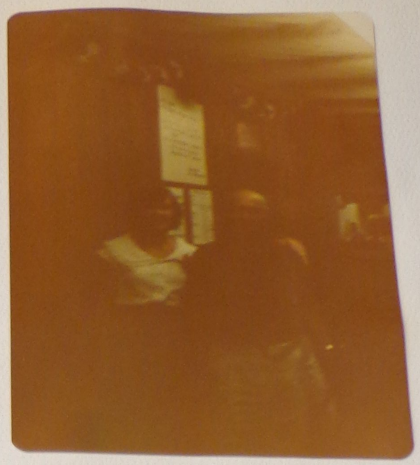


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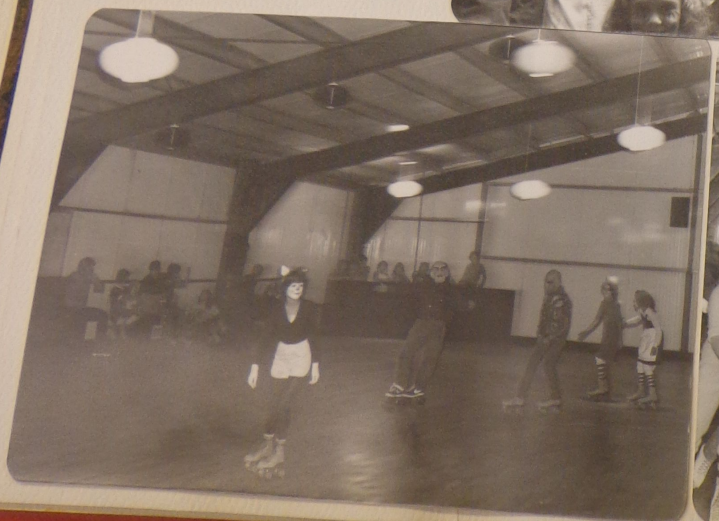





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Rolling away

Several area skaters roll to combat muscular dystrophy as part of Jerry Lewis's 12-hour Skate-A-Thon held at Rocky's Roller Rink Saturday. Nearly $2,300 was raised by about 125 skaters during the day, which will go towards fighting muscular dystrophy. (tko) (Register-Star photo by Kevin Kelly)

Skaters raise $2,300

RED HOOK — It took people skating backwards, forwards and in several directions at once in some cases, but nearly 125 area skaters put on the wheels for 12 hours at Rocky's Roller Rink Saturday to raise almost $2,300 for the Jerry Lewis Skate-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy.

The Skate-A-Thon is an annual event sponsored by the Roller Skating Rink Operars Association (RSROA) and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Skate-a-thon officials awarded prizes donated by area businesses for people who brought in the most money pledges.

First prize, a cassette tape recorder went to Scott Baldwin for collecting $203 in pledges. A $50 gift certificate for second place was awarded to Ed Van Wagner on Rhinebeck, who skated backwards the entire 12 hours to earn his prize. Van Wagner collected $130.

John Hapeman of Elizaville was next with $100 in donations, followed by Angela Wyant with $80, Todd Martin of Red Hook with $76, Ed Greenfield with $76 and Tom Hanson of Red Hook with $75.

Anyone who raised over $75 were awarded jackets, compliments of the RSROA.

Area businesses donating prizes to the benefit included Stockenburg's Hardware of Red Hook, Holy Cow Ice Cream Shop, Red Hook; Rocky's Roller Rink, Red Hook; Salvatore's Pizza, Red Hook; Rhinebeck Sports Shop; The Handy Shop, Red Hook; Red Hook Drug Store; Cowhig's Pharmacy, Red Hook; Stickle's Five and Ten, Rhinebeck; and The Village Fabric Shop, Red Hook.

The money raised by roller skating rinks throughout the country will go towards helping MDA fund a worldwide research program that includes more than 700 individual projects in 186 medical schools, laboratories, hospitals and universities.

It was the first time Rocky's Roller Rink, which opened about three months ago, played host to a Skate-A-Thon. (tko)



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MD skaters who raised most named

RED HOOK - Skaters and sponsors from the Red Hook area who helped raise $2,291.93 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association were thanked by the association recently.

Some 100 skaters participated in the Jerry Lewis Skate-A-Thon at Rocky's Roller Rink, Red Hook.

Incentive prizes were awarded to top money-raisers Scott Baldwin, Ed Greenfield, Tom Hansen, John Hapeman, Todd Martin, Ed Van Wagner and Angela Wyant. (kc)

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Time out

Jeff Cella of Red Hook, right, and Richard Fusco, a disc jockey for WDST in Woodstock, take a brief time out during the 12-hour Jerry Lewis Skate-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy at Rocky's Roller Rink Saturday. Over 100 skaters participated in the event, which raised nearly $2,300 for muscular dystrophy research. (tko) (Register-Star photo by Kevin Kelly)

A-4RH The Register-Star Hudson, N.Y. Friday, December 26, 1980

RH boy N. Dutchess Cerebral Palsy theme child

By TERRY O'BRIEN

RED HOOK — Six-year-old Jamie Minn of Red Hook will become a star of sorts in the next few months as the northern Dutchess area's Cerebral Palsy Theme Child for 1981.

But his parents are hopeful their son will be able to relinquish his fame — and his wheelchair — and be able to walk in the near future.

Jamie has been chosen to represent northern Dutchess, Greene and Ulster Counties at the cerebral palsy telethon aired over WTEN-TV in Albany Jan. 17 and 18.

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Operations

"Some day he may walk," Mrs. Minn said when asked of Jamie's progress. "We're hoping this will be his last operation."

She was referring to a hip operation Jamie is slated to undergo in four months — his third such operation in about a year.

Arthur Minn, Jamie's father, said the operations must be done at an early age, before the bones develop to the point of no return.

Jamie has recuperated well from his last two operations, managing to move around remarkably well considering the weight of the body cast he had to wear.

"You look at him and you wonder, 'How does he do it?'" Mrs. Minn said.

Meanwhile, Jamie is attending the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Kingston, an affiliate of the Cerebral Palsy Association. His progress over just the past year has been phenomenal, according to his parents.

Speech Improved

"In eight months, his speech has improved 100 percent," Minn said. "Before, he could say about one word and that was it."

Mrs. Minn agreed that the area of speech is the most noticable improvement in Jamie. "The school has done wonders. Before he could barely talk, now he never stops," she said, laughing.

Speech therapy is only one facet of the unique program offered at the CRC. Jamie and the 11 other handicapped students enrolled there also receive physical, occupational, and musical therapy.

Physical therapy utilizes some unusual equipment to help develop motor control, such as a four-foot orange ball, smaller yellow balls, bright orange floor mats and large mirrors.

The physical therapist uses neurodevelopmental techniques in conjunction with the equipment to improve children's head control and ability to sit, crawl or walk.

Occupational therapy teaches handicapped students how to dress themselves, tie their shoes and other daily necessities.

Another important part of the program, of course, is parent participation at home. Mrs. Minn said she spends about an hour with Jamie after school in physical exercises for his legs.

Jamie spends five days a week, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the CRC and is usually still "raring to go" for about an hour after school, according to Mrs. Minn.

Other improvements noted by his parents is Jamie's ability to say his full name, better word pronunciation, and being able to count. Jamie counted quickly to 20 during the interview.

For the present, though, Jamie needs a wheelchair and hip brace to move around, plus a splint for his leg at night.

Recreation

But he still enjoys recreational activities, Mrs. Minn said. One of his favorite pastimes, which he'll probably get to enjoy Jan. 17, is riding around the skating rink.

"He loves the roller rink," Mrs. Minn said. "One of the roller rink guards will give him a ride around the rink once in awhile."

Other activities Jamie enjoys are similar to what other youngsters his age like — fingerpainting, drawing pictures and looking at books.

Mr. and Mrs. Minn both agreed that the Kingston facility is the most effective means to treat their son.

Much of the extra cost of Jamie's treatment is absorbed by the Red Hook School District and Minn's insurance, but the Minns say there are some additional expenses in Jamie's case.

Jamie's 11-year-old brother, Scott, generally helps him, although their parents admit the two can get into typical fraternal spats as any young brothers would.

Meanwhile, Jamie's progress seems to be accelerating as evidenced by his active behavior around the Minns' kitchen table, rattling off numbers and syllables in rapid order.

Happy, Friendly

"Jamie's a bright, happy child most of the time," his mother noted. "He's very friendly."

Jamie's parents are encouraged by his progress in speech and soon hope to see further advances in his physical therapy, especially after the upcoming operation.

"Last year, Jamie didn't know what Christmas was," Mrs. Minn said, "but he sure does now."

And if the money collected at the various cerebral palsy benefits can help make youngsters like Jamie walk, perhaps many others will come to know what Christmas is really all about. (tko)



Brothers Two

Scott Minn, left, poses with his brother, Jamie, the northern Dutchess County area's Cerebral Palsy Theme Child for 1981, in front of the Christmas tree at their Red Hook home. Jamie will appear at a Skate-a-Thon at Rocky's Roller Rink Jan. 17 and at the CP telethon in Albany Jan. 18 to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy research. (tko) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)

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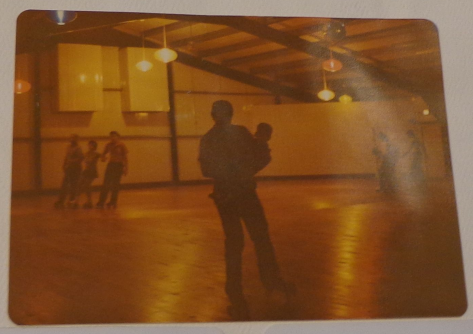





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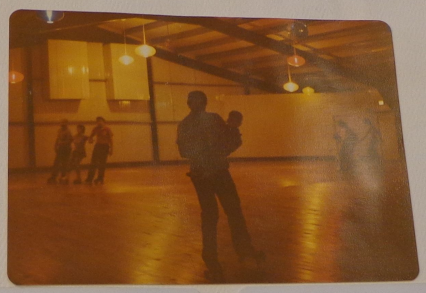







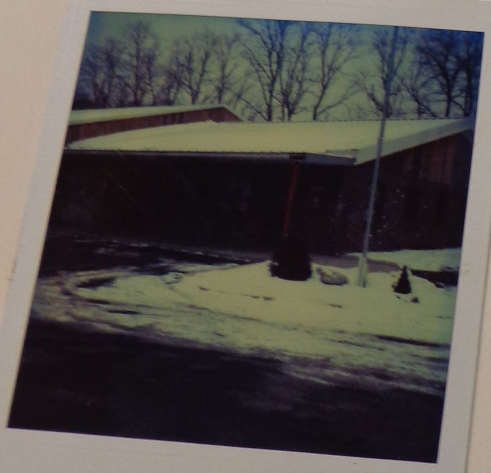

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On behalf of the Children's Rehabilitation Center and we the Minn Family would like to extend our special thanks to the Red Hook; Rhinebeck; Tivoli merchants for your generous gifts and donations for the United Cerebral Palsy Skate-A-Thon.

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Thank You,
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For further information about the Telethon contact Dr. Michael Parker, executive director, Children's Rehabilitation Center, 338-9320.

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"We went there to check it out three years ago, and loved everything about it," says Mrs. Minn.

"He knows his colors now, his numbers. He loves to draw and to sing. The more progress we see in Jami, the easier it is to cope."

The Kingston Rehabilitation Center services 22 children with Cerebral Palsy in the Rhinebeck-Red Hook area.

"He's very independent. He insists that he do things for himself. At the school, they teach the children to respect the rights of others. At first, if a child took away the toy Jami was playing with, he let them, and would go off in the corner and start crying. Now, he stands up for his rights," says Mrs. Minn.

Daily therapy

Jami attends the rehabilitation center every day. He receives physical and occupational therapy and attends class with 11 other handicapped children. After school, Mrs. Minn works with Jami an additional two hours.

There have been frustrating moments for the Minns in caring for Jami. After three operations, two on his hip, Jami was placed in a body cast.

"He would be in terrible pain. He'd have leg tremors and because of the cast, we couldn't touch his leg to soothe it. We'd just have to use other ways to calm him down," says Mrs. Minn.

Jami's brother, Scott, 11, has also had his share of adjustments.

"One night they had to take Jami to the hospital. He was sick again. I went to the neighbor's, and I was crying all night. I just couldn't stop," says Scott.

The family says their struggles have made them "incredibly close," and are optimistic that Jami, a cheerful chattering child, may someday walk.

It seems to amaze the Minns that the entire town seems to be turning out to aid in raising funds for this year's Cerebral Palsy telethon being held this weekend. Jami will appear Sunday on Channel 10, Albany during its telethon cast.

Roller Rink

Rocco Mancini, owner of Rocky's Roller Rink in Red Hook has donated his premises for a Skate-a-thon Saturday. Skaters who have lined up sponsors, will earn money for United Cerebral Palsy.

"I took Scottie to the rink last Friday, and all the kids seem to know about Jami, and were telling me that they were going to skate for him. They are all doing it for Jami. They have watched him grow and see what he can do now," says Mr. Minn.

Scott proudly says he is skating because "Jami is my brother." He has raised $84 in sponsorship money in two days.

The Red Hook-Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce will supply volunteers to man phones being set up in The First National Bank of Red Hook, in Red Hook, and at its Rhinebeck branch.

The Student Organization and Honor Society of Red Hook and Rhinebeck high schools will also be collecting donations in front of area businesses and supermarkets on Saturday.

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Rolling along

by Earl Aronson

One day while skiing with a friend, discussing world problems like solar heat for conservation and recreation, Rocky Mancini had an idea. The result is a roller skating rink—solar heated, of course, in Red Hook, NY.

The rink, owned with wife, Ann (who had never skated), opened last September on Route 9 in the Dutchess County town. Rocky, born Rocco, Jr. 43 years ago, built the brick and wood structure himself, including the 140'x70' skating area.

Sly like a fox (Ann's description), he made the structure big enough to also house an ice cream parlor, the Holy Cow; a bank branch which will soon move in, and a planned women's fitness club with sauna and suntan room plus, to be run by Ann and her partner, Sue Lore. Ann noted, with a twinkle, that after skating and exercise, patrons would probably hanker for some ice cream. And conversely, after eating too much ice cream, they might want to work it off with exercise or skating.

Rocky has visions of adding an racquet ball court and later, an adjacent building for someone to rent as a restaurant and bookstore. He is also in the sand and gravel business, does blacktopping and makes tennis courts.





The rink and its snack bar have drawn up to 500 persons on weekends and private parties may be arranged. There is a disc jockey, Jeff Cella, offering a mixed bag of music, from rock and roll to less frantic fare.

Lessons are available. The adults are taught by John Crichton, a professional who, 20 years ago, won a U.S. gold medal in senior men's figure skating, senior mixed pairs and senior fours. Children are the province of Linda Matheson, a 32-year-old who began skating when she was 7, and in the next 12 years passed proficiency tests for bronze, silver and gold bars. She has skated in many shows, including free style and solo at Boston Garden. Linda attempts to acquaint youngsters with balance and a few fundamental dance steps. "In just a couple of lessons they feel comfortable," she said.

The rink has 500 pairs of rental skates, from baby size to men's 13, at 50 cents a session. The pro shop sells shoe skates, pom poms to decorate them, and boot covers to dress up skate shoes with a color change.

Rocky and Ann have many other pursuits. He collects antique cars, owning 9 Buicks, the oldest dating to 1928. Rocky is former chief of the Milan Volunteer Fire Department, and Ann is an emergency medical technician with the Rescue Squad—training that comes in handy in the event of rink spills. Both have been active in scouting, as well.

About his project, Rocky mused: "Red Hook had no roller rink and I had the land. The solar plant uses zero energy. In summer, cool nocturnal air is stored in the same banks where we store heat in winter." □



Family on Wheels

Donna and Bill Raspa of Rhinebeck skate with their daughter Megan Sunday at a skating party at Rocky's Roller Rink in Red Hook benefitting the Rhinebeck Parent, Teacher and Student Organization. Anita Mikaelian was co-ordinator, assisted by Lorraine Rikert.(-jak) (Register-Star photo by Annalee Van Kleek)

Roller rink plans to add snack bar

RED HOOK — Work to expand the snack bar at Rocky's Roller Rink is expected to be completed by the beginning of April, according to owner Rocky Mancini.

The town zoning board of appeals granted the Hardscrabble Sports Complex, which houses the rink, approval to add a 24-feet by 32-feet addition earlier this week.

Mancini is adding more benches, tables and chairs for his customers' comfort. He will expand the serving area slightly.

Mancini hopes to complete the work in time for the complex's official opening April 4. Planned events include a marathon race from Rhinebeck and an antique auto show.

Another business, Sue-Ann's Fitness Club, will open March 16 at the complex. The club will be run by Rocky's wife, Ann Mancini, and Sue Lore, wife of supervisor Sam Lore.

The exercise club for women will feature a whirlpool, sauna, showers, exercise machines and a universal gym.(jak)

Sue Ann's Fitness Club

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Awarded

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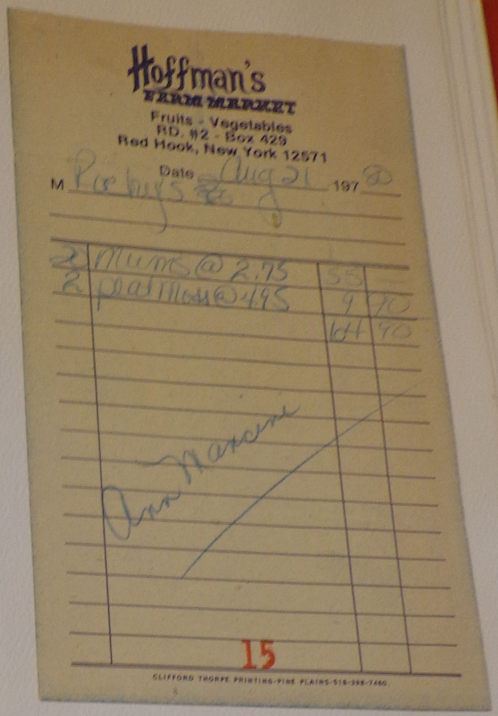
Meanwhile, skaters are simply happy to keep on rolling. (tko)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'Everybody First' runs slated

The "everybody's First" fun run, a two-mile and five-mile road race will be held Saturday, April 4, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Entry forms for the event are available at The First National Bank of Rhinebeck, Rocky's Roller Rink, The Holy Cow and Sue-Anne Health Spa.

Free T-shirts will be given away to the first 300 entrants, there will be free refreshments, a drawing for a $100 savings bond and special prizes for all participants.

The events, sponsored by the Hardscrabble Recreation Center, will be hosted by Grand Marshall Frank Biannino, author and famed distance runner.



Our First Fun Run - April 4, 1981

Red Hook gets a new bank

The First National Bank of Rhinebeck opened a branch on Route 9, Red Hook, Monday, and business was surprisingly good, said Branch Manager John Ochs.

"It was hectic, but the system is rolling now. Somehow word must've gotten around because we've had quite a flow of customers," Ochs said.

A Grand opening is not slated until April or May when construction is completed and the parking lot is paved in the Hardscrabble Plaza, next to Rocky's Roller Rink one mile south of the village of Red Hook, he said.

"We'd like to have everything polished and shined for the grand opening," Ochs said.

Although details have not been made final, Ochs anticipates "a large party with participation from the community."

Tellers Mary Cioffi and Barbara Hluszko of Red Hook and teller Anne Miller were transferred from the Rhinebeck bank. Ochs was formerly loan department manager in Rhinebeck.

The bank received approval July 10 from the comptroller of currency to open a Red Hook branch after the federal regulatory agency surveyed the area and determined another bank was needed, said Ronald Miller, president and chief executive of the bank.

"It will be a slow process. The First National Bank of Red Hook has never had any competition and it's a good institution. It'll be slow, but we wanted to grow and expand," Miller said.

The First National Bank of Red Hook has had a branch bank in Rhinebeck on Route 9 since 1974.



OPENING DAY — Branch manager John Ochs tries to balance the books with tellers Barbara Hluszko and Mary Cioffi at the Red Hook branch of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck. The bank's first day of business was Monday. Photo by Mark Trezza.

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Blood drive draws few donors

by LARK LANDON

Red Hook high school senior Joe Vucich, who "absolutely refused" to donate during the school's annual blood drive last year, is donating "in the memory of Steve Coon" today.

"When Steve was in the hospital, I offered to donate blood but they didn't need it. Then he died, and I made a commitment to donate," says Vucich, 18.

The drive is being organized by Club 17, a group of students which has been recruiting classmates, 17 and older, to donate during free periods in the school gym.

"I was afraid last year. I'm still afraid this year, but I wanted to do it for Steve," he says.

Coon, a popular senior and co-captain of the high school football team died Oct. 7 from internal injuries following a motorcycle accident on Linden Avenue.

Vucich says he has been trying to rally students to donate in "the memory of Steve" and support the drive but the response has not been great.

Three or four students have joined Vucich in plans to donate blood in memory of Coon. "But the whole school was in shock when he died. Maybe this will bring back too much pain, forcing students to remember the tragedy," says Linda Lutz, a Club 17 member.

Miss Lutz, 17, who wants to study nursing, will also be donating for the first time "because my mother was in the hospital for a few years and I wanted to do something, but I was too young at the time."

Club members say they are asking participants to wear red high school T-shirts to reinforce the day's theme of "Give a little red to Red Hook."

Last year, 192 pints of blood were collected from students, faculty staff and the community, says Ronnie Jones, a health teacher, who acts as an advisor to the club.

The group of 25 members which started meeting in September to organize the drive, "has been running around looking for donors, making posters and setting up the display in the lobby," Mrs. Jones says.

The drive will be opened to the community from 2 to 8 p.m. today, and is being held in cooperation with the Hudson Valley Blood Services, Mrs. Jones says.

Vucich says students ask him if he's crazy when he requests their participation in the drive. "I tell them it could save someone's life," he says.

"I'm only afraid of the needle," says club member Sherri Lukens, 18, who is donating blood for the first time. "But I tell students that giving blood can save lives, and even though I'm afraid, I tell them that they are not alone in their fear and try to reassure students."

"I tell students one pint is not going to hurt them," says Miss Lutz. "What if it was your brother, or mother who needs it," she asks students reluctant to donate.

Senior Gretchen Krish, who heads the club, says the response has been "disappointing". Only 45 people have signed up.

Excuses are "I don't weigh enough, I'm not old enough," says Miss Krish of students who do meet eligibility but still refuse to sign up.

"I try to convince them. My friend said, 'I don't want a needle in my arm' and I said, 'Oh, come on now.' It worked, but that was one of the easier ones," she says.

Junior Jack Auster says he's received "a lot of refusals but we're trying our best." Four students changed their mind about donating "after I kept bugging them," he says.

For Steven in Red Hook

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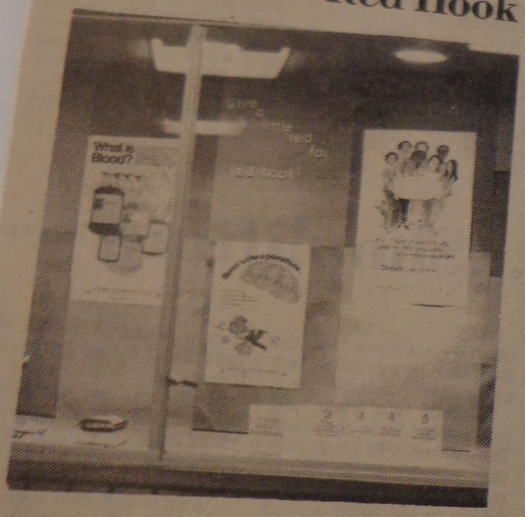
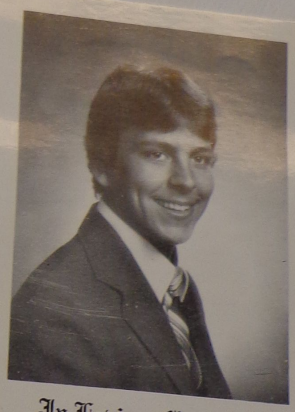


•One Red Hook senior high school student is donating blood for the first time in memory of classmate Steven Coon who died in a motorcycle accident. The drive today at the school gym is being sponsored by a group of students. Page 9.



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Roller Rink.
The couple is residing in Rhinebeck. (tko)

Fitness club opens next week in RH

RED HOOK — Sue-Ann's Fitness Club opens next week in the Hardscrabble Sports Complex on Rte. 9 in Red Hook.

Club owners Ann Mancini and Sue Lore are hosting an open house and registering members this week.

The main exercise room, carpeted in a plush brown and accented in orange, includes a new universal gym, stationery bicycles, a treadmill, butterfly exercise bench and vibrating belts.

The whirlpool, sauna, showers and changing rooms will be completed Monday, when classes are scheduled to begin.

Mary Dittus and Liz Klawson will teach six exercise classes Monday through Friday, with the help of Lisa Griffin and Eileen Mancini.

Members are entitled to unlimited classes and use of machines, sauna and whirlpool.

Mrs. Mancini said they plan to add a diet-oriented snack bar in the summer.

Open-house hours will continue Thursday and Friday through 9 p.m. (jak)



Getting in shape

Mrs. Rekha Das of Red Hook, aided by exercise teacher Mary Dittus, rides the stationary bicycle at Sue-Ann's Fitness Club in Red Hook. Mrs. Das, who always wears her native Indian Sari, said she bought her first sweat-suit to attend exercise classes at Sue-Ann's. She has never worn pants before. (jak)(Register-Star photo by Jacqueline Keveson)



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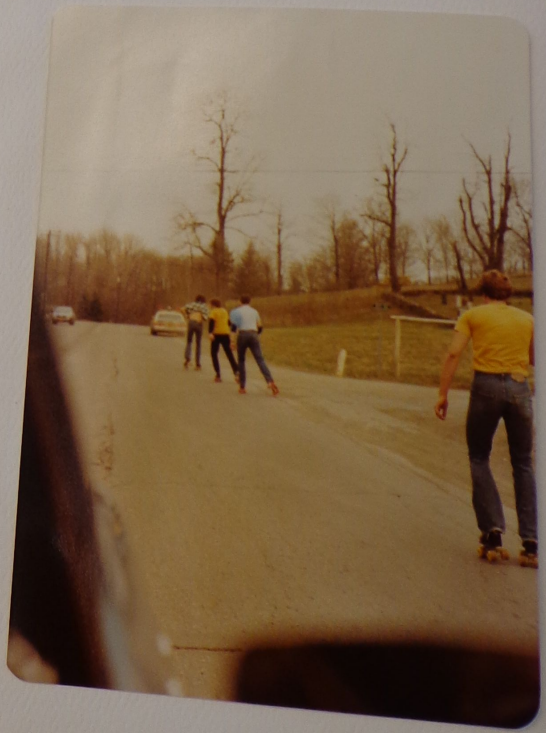
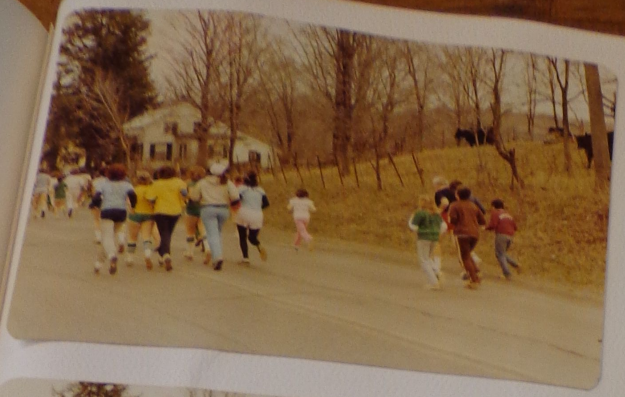
Run for Fun opens center

RED HOOK — Runners and skaters alike participated in Saturday's "Run for Fun" a five and two mile run to commemorate the grand opening of the Hardscrabble Recreation Complex which houses Rocky's Roller Rink, Sue-Ann's Fitness Center, Holy Cow and the Red Hook branch of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck, co-ordinators of the run.

Roller Rink owner Rocky Mancini was among the skaters in the run. (jak)

















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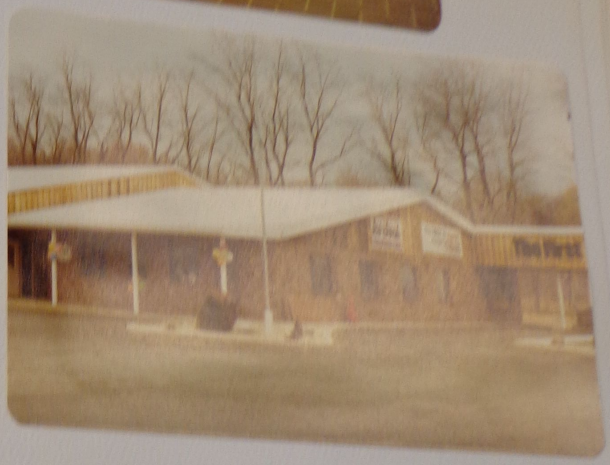
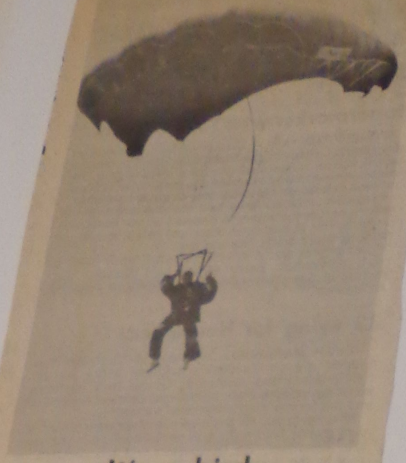








It's a bird

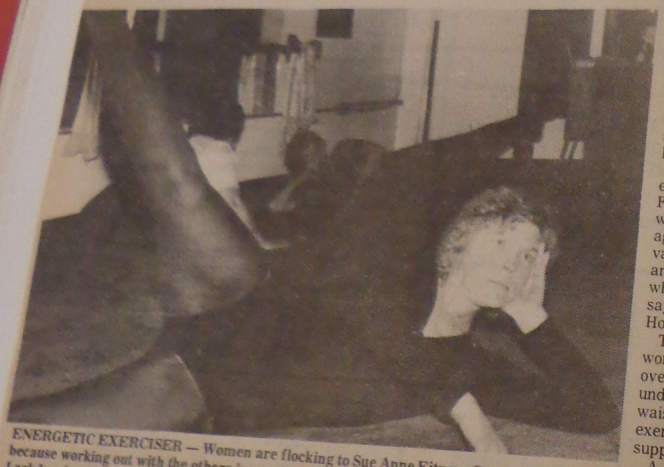
Skydiver David Jacaruso, owner of Rhinebeck's Jacaruso's Restaurant, floated into the field next to the Hardscrabble Recreation Complex which opened in Red Hook Saturday. Mr. Jacaruso's spectacular entry was part of the Grand Opening celebrations.(jak)(Register-Star photo by Annalee Van Kleeck)



Rolling along

Claudia Gutierrez and Ed Greenfield glide along during this couple's number at Rocky's Roller Rink in Red Hook Sunday at a skate-a-thon for Muscular Dystrophy sponsored by Jamesway. Between $600 and $700 was raised. (pm) (Register-Star photo by Patti Magee)

Banishing fat can be fun with friends



ENERGETIC EXERCISER — Women are flocking to Sue Anne Fitness Center in Red Hook because working out with the others is proving to be more fun than doing it alone. Photo by Lark Landon.

by LARK LANDON

Because losing weight is a losing battle when done alone, scores of area women are zipping through house work grabbing car keys, tights and towel and finding sweating can be fun in rooms hotter than 100 degrees.

For most of the women the exercise classes at Sue Anne Fitness Center in Red Hook, which opened three weeks ago provides "a little vacation to wrap a towel around you, sit in the whirlpool and contemplate," says Dee DeRosa of Red Hook.

The fitness center for women only makes reducing oversized thighs, flabby underarms and bulging waistlines fun, through daily exercise classes and group support, participants say.

A new outlook and new energy are worth juggling schedules to attend, the women say.

And getting out of the house to do something constructive with their time is a big attraction, an added advantage of the center in Hardscrabble Recreation Center.

"This is their time. Husbands aren't asking for dinner. The kids don't have to be driven somewhere, and the women are making a real effort to be here," says Ms. DeRosa.

In addition to tighter muscles and a loss of weight, participants say they enjoy the group support.

"When someone announces they have lost weight, even if it's only two pounds, the rest of the girls applaud," says exercise instructor Mary Dittus.

"There is a very close feeling here. The girls have developed a real rapport with each other."

After classes and workouts are over, some women sit around a table drinking coffee. Talk drifts to children, jobs, husbands and families.

"One day I couldn't come here so I tried doing the exercise routine at home," says Ginny Callahan of Rhinebeck. "I only got half way through before I gave up. It seems so much easier when everyone else is doing it with you."

17-70

Women ranging in age from 17 to 70 have enrolled in the six daily exercise classes, says Sue Lore, part-owner with a friend, Anne Mancini.

"Some of the older women who come here can't do the exercises, but they don't care. They just want to improve circulation and get some muscles toned," Mrs. Lore says.

Following the hour-long exercise class supervised by

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...Banishing

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Mrs. Dittus during the day and Liz Klawson at night, there is a fifteen-minute discussion of vitamins, diet, grooming and eating habits, led by instructors.

Cutting back

"We don't stress diets. You can't go out and eat a hot fudge sundae and expect to lose weight, but the emphasis is in cutting back and working out," says Lisa Griffin, who aides Mrs. Dittus in the class. Eileen Mancini is the assistant instructor at night.

Instructors stress confidence and making women feel good about their improved appearance, says Mrs. Dittus.

"It's amazing how many women with great figures feel self-conscious about the way they look," says Mrs. Dittus.

"There are women who look better than you do and there are others who look a lot worse. There is always a barometer to measure yourself by," says Ms. DeRosa.

Classes are Monday through Friday at 10 a.m., 12 a.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Between 25 and 30 women enrolled in each of them, Mrs. Lore says.

Women pay $65 for the exercise class and use of the weight machines, which entitles them to attend the center and use its facilities every day for three months.

For an additional $25, customers can use the sauna and hot whirlpool bath after workouts every day for three months.

Prices for one day use are $5 exercise class and weight machines and $5 for sauna and whirlpool. If a person opts to use all the facilities, the cost is $2 less.



SHOOK UP — One woman enjoys the muscle-toning effect of an exercise machine at Sue Anne Fitness Center in Red Hook before hitting the sauna and whirlpool. Photo by Lark Landon.

Joyce Cole





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Roller rink costume party winners listed

RED HOOK — Several costumed roller skaters won prizes at a Halloween party at Rocky's Roller Rink Saturday.

They were, Claudia Guttierez and Kelly Rathjen, Siamese twins; Christopher Paul Moon, Dracula; Doug Dietch, baby; Debbie Hermance, fairy godmother; Les Cole, lady; Sonya Baldwin, bride; Debbie Burr and Annie Fisher, mice; Kim Moon, cowgirl; Michelle Burdick, duck; Susanne Scrader and Christine Conklin, cone heads; Annette D'Ippalito, clown; Tom Florence and Noff Timperio, rock group KISS; Chris Goodwin, Liberace; Jim Waterhouse, vampire; Anita Lehman, rock star; Dawn Doliymple, football player; Ray Henderson, toreador; and Chris Gorsuch, Yoda. (pm)



Telethon star gets a ride

Jamie Minn (in wheelchair) gets a ride around the roller skating rink Saturday at the Cerebral Palsy Skate-A-Thon at Rocky's Roller Rink in Red Hook. Jamie represented Greene, Ulster and Northern Dutchess Counties as the 1981 Theme Child by appearing at Sunday's National Cerebral Palsy Telethon in Albany Sunday. The Skate-A-Thon raised over $2,300 for cerebral palsy research. With Jamie, from left, his brother Scott, Ed Van Wagner and John Colburn. (tko) (Register-Star photo by Jim Elkthunder)

$2,339 raised at skate-a-thon

RED HOOK — A 12-hour Skate-A-Thon held at Rocky's Roller Rink Saturday for Cerebral Palsy raised $2,339, according to organizers of the event.

The 1981 Theme Child for Cerebral Palsy for Greene, Ulster and Northern Dutchess Counties, Jamie Minn of Red Hook, was on hand at the Skate-A-Thon before traveling to Albany Sunday to appear on the televised National Telethon.

Winner of first prize for collecting the most pledges was Jamie's 11-year-old brother, Scott, who raised $355.

Other prize winners included second-prize winner Gail Shanley ($135), Donna DePew and Donna Myers ($132), Michelle Zietz ($76), Anton Tybus ($66), Gwen Fleming ($63), Sandy Garren ($59.60), Helen Burns ($56), Guy Timpario ($55.60) and Debbie Garren ($45).

About 150 people skated 12 hours to raise money for the event.

Organizers said everyone who participated received a prize, most of which were donated by businesses in the area and from other counttes.(tko)

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Three-game sweep:

A. Pease & Sons takes title

by BUDDY CLARK

After knocking on the door for three years, A. Pease and Sons has captured the Northern Dutchess Softball League title, defeating Welcome Inn in a three game sweep by the scores of 6-5, 14-3, and 14-7.

The first game of the series was the closest and best-played, matching two pitchers, Andy Seidel of Welcome Inn and Charley bost of Pease, who had yet to be beaten in playoff action. Welcome Inn picked right up where they had left off against Jonmar, scoring two runs when Seidel, Frank Babic, and Barry Lindsay followed a Jeff Martin base-on-balls with base hits in the top of the first.

When Pease came to bat, they scored in exactly the way they would score in all three first innings of the series: Ricky Coon walked, John pease bunted him along, Ronnie Coon drove him in. In this case, Coon's RBI hit was followed by a Charley Bost bunt hit, a Nick Nikolatos sac fly, and a Phil Bauer RBI single, giving Pease a 4-2 lead.

This lead was shortlived, however, as Bost temporarily lost the plate, walking three, and Frank Babic drove in two more runs with a single, tying the score in the top of the second. Both defenses stiffened at this point, yielding only one more run each so that it was 5-5 when Charley Bost smashed a homerun over the rightfield fence leading off the fifth inning for the run that stood up. Welcome Inn threatened when Seidel smashed his third hit, a double, just inside first base, but Bost bore down to get Lindsay on a pop-up and Wayne Dedrick on a bouncer back to the mound.

John Pease ended up with three hits for the winners, all bunts, and a sparkling catch of a line-drive deflected by Bost.

Tuesday's victory for Pease was an easy one, and the keynotes were defense, teamwork and speed, commodities with which the Blue-and-Black are loaded. Charley Bost returned to the mound for Pease, opposing Danny Pasco. Teamwork was demonstrated by the five sacrifice bunts laid down by Pease players, each leading to a run; speed exemplified by looking at a peculiar stat from the game: Ron Coon drove home three runners in this game without ever getting the ball to the outfield. One runner scored on a groundout, and the other two tagged and scored on sacrifice flies to infielders. Rick Coon set the tone in the first inning when he hustled all the way from second base on Coon's fly to second baseman Andy Seidel, who had to make an outstanding catch and lost possession of the ball when he rolled over.

For Welcome Inn, it was all downhill after the first inning when they scored two runs. Pease parlayed timely hits by John Pease, who drove in three runs with a single and triple, Al Moore, Nick Nikolatos, and Ricky Coon with solid defense, including outstanding plays by Rick Coon in left, Phil Bauer at second base, and Mike Martinez behind the plate. Charley Bost, meanwhile, was masterful, hurling a 7-hitter.

Game No. 3 was settled in the outfield, the plays that Pease made and Welcome Inn didn't make providing the margin. Pease sent Nick Nikolatos to the mound to oppose Andy Seidel.

Pease picked up two runs in the first via the Coon-Pease-Coon connection and a Nikolatos Texas Leaguer that fell into short center. But Welcome Inn stormed back with five runs in the top of the second with hits by Wayne Dedrick, Nick Ascienzo, Pasco, John Moore, and a bases-clearing double by Seidel. On Moore's hit, Pease secondsacker Bauer made an unbelievable diving stop to keep it in the infield, an indication of what was to follow.

Before the game was over, Welcome Inn was to be frustrated by great catches by Al Moore in center and Billy Pease in right. For their own part, Welcome Inn seemed to have trouble adjusting to four outfielders, looking uncharacteristically unsure on may shots that ended up falling between them for hits. the game, in fact, pivoted on a fly ball hit by George Sisco of Pease with two on and two out that was misplayed in right field into a four-base error, giving Pease back the lead they never relinquished. An Al Moore homer an inning later, which also had semed a catchable shot, gave Pease an imposing 9-6 lead.

Barry Lindsay smashed a longhomer just inside the foul pole in left giving the Inn a breath of life in the fifth inning, but Ron Coon rapped his third hit of the game, a homer to left in the bottom half for Pease, clinching the Tournament MVP trophy for himself in the process. When Pease went back onto the field the new pitcher was familiar Charley Bost, and he held Welcome Inn scoreless for the last two innings. So futile were the efforts of the Innmen at this point, in fact, that the game ended on a strike-out pickoff doubleplay.

For A. Pease and Sons, the victory was the one that has been eluding them, and there was a demonstration of great joy and relief as they ran off the field victors.

"It was three years in coming," beamed a happy Coach Arnie Pease, I'm really proud of these guys. They played like a team."

That they did. The series was a clinic on hustle, defense, bunting, team spirit, and teamwork. Charley Bost, who could have just as easily received MVP as well, did a great job cooling off a team that scored 44 runs in their three semi-final games against Jonmar. But in fact the whole Pease team rose to the occasion, and singling out individuals is almost counterproductive. This was A. Pease and Sons' year, winning 21 of 24 regular season games and sweeping all seven playoff games.

Congratulations go to a fine team.

Welcome Inn, too, deserves to be commended. They have mastered the difficult balance of being able to lose, as well as win, with class.



A. Pease and Sons, 1980 NDSL Champions



Hardscrabble basketball team

Pictured above are the members of the Hardscrabble basketball team of Red Hook, which is currently in second place in the Ulster County Community College Summer League. Front row, L to R-Chris Kurdziel, Ed Hester, Frank Zapata, and Tim Mahoney. Back row-Steve Kudzy, Jim Watkins, Andy Sparks, Joey Kilmer, Tom Hegestter, and Jim Rogers. (rm) (Register Star photo by Anna Lee Van Kleeck)

Ralph's defeats Rhinebeck

RED HOOK — Ralph's Sports came up with six runs in the first inning and added eight more runs in the last as they trounced Rhinebeck Sports 18-9 in their Northern Dutchess Men's Softball A Division contest.

Steve Nicholitch led the winners with a triple and a single, Jack Bohnsack and Ralph Stickle added a double and single each, and the veteran Rocky Mancini had a pair of singles. Ed Hilbrandt was the winning pitcher.

Kenny Staats led the losers with a triple and single, Jim Tuton added two singles, Brian Moore and Matt Kurdziel had doubles. Tad Boyce took the pitching loss. (rm)

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Burud,rf	3	1	1
Moore,1b	2	2	1
Giffher,lf	1	1	0
Tuton,c	3	0	2
Boyce,p	1	1	0
Totals	27	9	8

Ralph's Sports	ab	r	h
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Pinnele,c	4	1	1
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Wfield,3b	3	2	1
Nchitch,c	3	3	2
Mancini,rf	3	2	2
Stickle,lf	3	1	2
Hapemn,cf	1	0	0
Hlbrndt,p	4	2	1
Totals	37	18	14

Hardscrabble wins, 55-48

STONE RIDGE — The Red Hook Hardscrabble Merchants basketball team moved into second place in the Ulster County Community College summer league with a 55-48 win over New Paltz.

Andy Sparks and Chris Kurdziel led the winners with 16 points each, Tommy Hegsetter added 14. Red Hook will enter the playoffs, starting on August 3 with a 7:15 contest against Onteora. (rm)

Don't Just Elect . . . ***Select!***

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Vote Row B

also a skate guard at Rocky's Roller Rink.
The couple is residing in Rhinebeck (tko)



Bombarded

Rolling at Rocky's

by MIMI McANDREW

There are two unenviable truths everyone over age 35 must face.

–You can't go home again.

–Never look backwards at the roller skating rink.

I learned the second truth first hand on Saturday when I accompanied 11 fourth graders, and one five-year-old to Rocky's Roller Rink in Red Hook to celebrate my eldest daughter's 10th birthday.

"You'd better sit it out," a sales clerk in the store told me earlier in the day," with a note of shock and concern in his voice. "You're going to wind up at Northern Dutchess Hospital tonight."

This occurred after my five-year-old daughter, who only last week innocently suggested I was ready for Oil of Olay, announced proudly to him that "Mommy is going to go roller skating and she's 38." The emphasis was on the 38.

Insurance check

"You're not really going to put on a pair of skates?" my startled husband asked just as the party was scheduled to begin.

"Have you ever done anything like this before?" He left the room to check on my life insurance policy.

"Mrs. McAndrew, will you still be able to drive us home?" inquired a party-goer, making sure she'd be taken care of in case of my demise.

Ever more discouraging was the fact that Lark Landon, a 23-year-old reporter, who agreed to help chaperone, appeared absolutely terrified at the thought of donning a pair of skates. I had always assumed people 23 weren't afraid of anything.

"Maybe you could shop for vegetables," one of the youngsters suggested as we inadvertently drove past Rocky's and had to turn around in Hoffman's Farm Market, opposite the rink on Route 9. "It might be safer for you just to think about starting a garden," she continued. Everyone else laughed.

By the time we entered to the rink at 3 p.m., Lark was in a near catatonic state but managed a small smile when she was assured by an attendant that "we haven't lost one yet to a broken neck."

So friendly

Meanwhile, I was more than just a little unnerved by virtue of the fact that everyone was so friendly. It was as if people wanted to be nice in my last hour of unbroken arms and relatively normal knee caps.

It's probably been 25 years since I put on a pair of roller skates. I learned to skate up and down the hills of San Francisco where it was a ritual for children to don metal skates over their shoes, lock them in place with the ever present skate key and whizz ferociously down the hills while our mothers covered their eyes with their hands and uttered a few not-so-silent prayers.

Rink skating, except for the over 35 set, is something like child play to anyone who has raced down San Francisco hills, jumped curbs at intersections, oblivious to cars, and continued on for 10 or 12 blocks until one smashed into a garage door or fell helplessly to the ground as one of the skates flew off and landed in the middle of the street car tracks.

But some things you never forget. Once I braved the rink floor, the music and the lights and the confident little kids who skated past me made the fears vanish.

Lark was still hugging the rail as I skated around and around again, unconcerned about the fact that I was less than sure footed and would never become the Peggy Flemming of the roller skating set.

It didn't matter how I looked or who thought what. It was fun.

Nothing disturbed me — not even the father who was sitting the afternoon out because he said he'd dislocated his shoulder at a rink in Albany.

I accepted the challenge to skate hand-in-hand with some of the party-goers and even managed a few cross steps at the rink's curves.

Terror

Terror seized me only once when I looked back to see where one of the children was skating and was totally unnerved by scores of youngsters who appeared to be heading in my direction with the intent purpose of tripping me. But no one did.

"Just don't look backwards," I muttered to myself several times.

I didn't leave Rocky's as an expert or even a good skater. I never managed to learn how to stop properly, I just crashed into the padded walls and grabbed a rail to slow me down.

Maybe you can't go home again. But roller skating is another thing. I'll be back on the rink again soon.

Who knows? Today Rocky's, tomorrow the world.

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Activities and Promotions

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Jaycees add to community events

HUDSON — Two new events, the Hudson-Philmont Road Race for Muscular Dystrophy and the Outstanding Young Person competiton, were added to the Hudson Jaycees' roster of community activities in 1980.

More than $300 was raised for MD in the race. The club also raised $7,000 for the March of Dimes in their walk-a-thon in April.

Another race was the half-marathon 13.1 miles, in April.

In September, the Jaycees brought up the International All-Star Circus from Sarasota, Fla., for underprivileged and retarded children in the area. More than 800 people attended.

Other children's programs in 1980 included Operation Pumpkin in October, a costume parade from Fifth Street to the Seventh Street Park where prizes and refreshments were received by the children and the November Turkey Hunt also in the park.

In March, the Jaycees presented their annual Distinguished Service Awards to an outstanding young man and girl, senior man and woman, young educator and young fireman in the community.

The Greater Hudson Tennis Tournament was sponsored by the club for two weekends in June.

In July, there was the Columbia-Greene County High School Basketball Classic.

Five needy families received food baskets from the club at Christmas.

The major goal for 1981, according to President Phil Carducci, is to implement big fund-raisers instead of several small events. Carducci said he hopes the circus can be expanded this year with two shows instead of one.

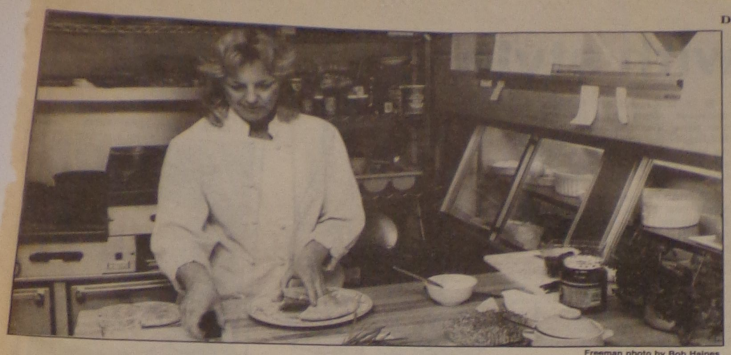
In addition, in April, the club will sponsor a new project, the Yule Brian Foundation Program for Sophomores, through which high school students may win college scholarship money.

Carducci noted the club in 1980, for the first time in its 45-year history, was among the top 10 in New York State membership. (dr)



Visually excellent

The Barrytown Post Office, located in northern Dutchess County, won an award for visual excellence from the Dutchess County Visual Environment Committee in 1980. (pm) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)



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Chef Holly Beernink stuffs pita bread

Find fine fare in Red Hook

By CHARLES STEPHENS
Restaurant reviewer

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CHECK, PLEASE

MANY elements conspire to make or break a restaurant. One of these elements is restaurant location.

Unlike a major city, restaurants in the hinterlands of the Hudson must be located in a place where there is enough traffic to make for a repeat clientele, both local folks and visitors to the area. Using the analogy of a great artist who labors in a garret, undiscovered and unappreciated, a restaurant can also turn out creative and delicious cuisine, and still fail, because not enough people appreciate the dedication of the chef, garreted away in a poor location.

Holly Beernink, chef/owner of Taste Buds Cafe in Red Hook, is a rising star in the area's culinary sky. Having studied with world-famous chef Madeline Kamin in France and New Hampshire, and working as Kamin's assistant on various projects, including a television series on PBS, Holly has also worked in some of the best restaurants in the Bay Area of her native California. Currently a resident of Rhinebeck, Holly has also worked as a pastry chef and sous-chef at the Depuy Canal House in High Falls. Holly Beernink can really cook.

Taste Buds Cafe is a combination gourmet food shop and small restaurant. The gourmet shop sells high quality coffees, teas, oils, pasta, sushi tools and condiments, breads from Bread Alone, and other fresh and packaged delicacies hard to find elsewhere in our bioregion. The cafe serves luncheon and dinner, along with Sunday brunch.

The menus are distinctive and creative. Beernink, in addition to being a well-trained professional chef, also holds a degree in nutrition. Her menus reflect her concern for presenting the finest food, along with an elevated health consciousness.

Back to the question of location. Taste Buds Cafe has a lousy location — the Hardscrabble Plaza in Red Hook (recently renamed the Northern Dutchess Mall). Taste Buds is hard to find, and caters to a local clientele that is close to nonexistent.

There is insufficient appreciation for the work of this chef/artist in Red Hook. The evening we dined at Taste Buds, my dining companion and I were the only customers in the place. Beernink is unaware of this issue, but believes that her high quality will attract a devoted following. I hope she is right. This summer, with many weekenders swelling our population, looking for a good place to dine, will be a good indicator of the future of Holly's fine restaurant.

Dinner at Taste Buds is informal and delicious. The a la carte menu changes every few weeks, and offers some lovely choices. An extremely limited wine list (two whites, two reds) is available, along with a selection of four imported beers. We had the Glen Ellen Chardonnay ($11), a good wine from Sonoma.

We opted for the two cold soups of the day ($2.95 each), and were happy with both the gazpacho and carrot apple. The soups were fresh and intensely flavored — especially the gazpacho, which was quite light, not showing the oiliness of many other cold vegetable soups. The carrot apple soup is a flavorful base of apples and cream, with slivered carrots floating on top.

Next we tried the fish plate as an appetizer ($5.95), a combination of smoked trout and roses of salmon, accompanied by dill cream cheese, horseradish sauce, pesto, caviar and toast rounds. It did not disappoint. The trout was lightly smoked, and the salmon was prepared as a gravlax — not smoked at all. Mixed greens salad ($1.95) with a dressing of walnut oil was a small plate of fresh cool greens — simple but tasty.

An entree of Springtime Lamb ($8.95), roasted and wrapped in a golden brown filo pastry dough, served with chutney and fresh vegies, was a total success, as was raviolini stuffed with fresh garlic and herbs ($5.25), served with a fresh tomato coulis and topped with smoked mozzarella cheese. The raviolini were tiny but great in number as well as taste.

Desserts at Taste Buds are outstanding, tremendous, luscious, sinful. Holly Beernink's skills really shine on her dessert tray, which was presented to us by the very young and very friendly waitress, Jennie. We could not pass up a chocolate pate ($6 for two people), a souffle ramekin filled with a killer chocolate pudding, served with fresh fruits for dipping — very unusual. We also sampled a tropical fruit mousse that was refreshing in flavor and light in texture. My dining companion and I agreed that these desserts were unique in our culinary experience. Freshly-brewed French roast coffee (70 cents) was a full-bodied treat with our desserts.

Taste Buds is unpretentious in appearance and service. The food is

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RH Hardscrabble Day

Community spirit on display Saturday

It's time again for Red Hook's annual community bash.

A bed race, parade and display of military memorabilia will highlight this year's Hardscrabble Day celebration Saturday.

But, according to organizers, the day's events are secondary to the real value of the festival — neighbors socializing with neighbors.

"What sticks out in my mind about Hardscrabble Day happened a few years ago," said Lottie Kittner. "An old man was walking along the street, talking to different people, with a big smile on his face. He said, 'I haven't seen some of these people in years,' and he was obviously enjoying it. There's something nice about meeting your neighbors in the street."

Historic beginnings

The Hardscrabble Day concept began in 1975, according to Red Hook historian Rosemary Coons.

A bicentennial committee, organized to coordinate Red Hook's festivities during the nation's 200th anniversary, came up with the idea of having an annual community day.

In keeping with the bicentennial spirit, the first Hardscrabble Days were geared toward the colonial era, and included attractions like fife and drum groups, folk dancers and blacksmithing demonstrations.

The bicentennial committee ran the first two Hardscrabble Days, and, according to Mrs. Coons, several other organizations have alternated as coordinators of the celebration in the ensuing years.

This year's event is being run by Paul Fredricks and George Schweikert.

According to Mrs. Coons, Hardscrabble was an early nickname for the village. She said that she thinks it was derived from a corruption of the Dutch phrase for "rocky soil," a description which characterizes much of Red Hook.

Although the first few H rdscrabble Days were "very popular," Mrs. Coons said, it has had its ups and downs in the last few years.

"We're trying to get it back to being the biggest day in Red Hook, every year," Mrs. Kittner said.

What's in store

The streets of Red Hook will be jumping Saturday, with everything from a bike-a-thon to an arts and crafts show taking place.

The bike-a-thon will be to benefit St. Jude Hospital's children's cancer research. Called "Wheels for Life," the event will begin at 11 a.m. Participants bringing in more than $25 in donations will receive t-shirts, while those amassing more than $75 will get tote bags.

Those wishing to take part in the bike-a-thon should call Fredricks at 758-8891.

The Hardscrabble Day parade will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Hardscrabble Center on Route 9, proceed north through the village and turn left onto West Market Street. Those who want to make a last-minute entry in the parade can call Schweikert at 758-6250.

The Red Hook Lions Club will offer fingerprinting identification for children and diabetes screening, both at the firehouse.

A horse-drawn surrey, sponsored by Key Bank, will give leisurely rides through the village. Various merchants will have their wares on display along the sidewalks.

The popular bed race will take place at noon on Linden Avenue and West Market Street. There is still time to enter the race by calling Sheila MacDonald at 758-6158.

A flea market to be held in the village parking lot on Prince Street still has tables available, and those interested should call Fred cartier at 758-1591.

Spots in the arts and crafts show are available by calling 758-4200. It will be held at the Red Hook Center for Counselling and Education, 30 East Market St.

Memorabilia from World Wars I and II will be on display at the Red Hook Grange Hall, Prince Street, courtesy of Robert Stitham and family.

A Flag Day ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. by Elks Lodge BPOE 2022.



Hardscrabble Center, just south of the Village of Red Hook on Route 9, will be the starting point for this year's Hardscrabble Day parade. The procession is one of many events which will highlight Red Hook's annual community day bash.

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Glen-Ridge, Baxter Road
Red Hook, New York 12571
April 30, 1980

Mr. Rocco Mancini
Louise Terrace Road
Red Hook, New York 12571

Dear Sir:

I would like to apply for a job at the roller-skating rink you are building on Route 9. I know you may not be seeking employees, but I wanted to take this opportunity to apply.

I am sixteen years of age and am a sophmore at Red Hook High School. I enjoy working with people, and I have experience serving the public. I have also worked with money.

I enjoy being given extra duties and responsibilities and have always tried to do my best with whatever I undertake.

I shall be glad to come for a personal interview at your convenience. My phone number is 758-6932.

Very truly yours,

Julie Anderson

Julie Anderson

PERSONAL DATA SHEET
OF
JULIE ANDERSON

Personal Information

AGE:	16
ADDRESS:	Glen-Ridge, Baxter Road Red Hook, New York 12571
TELEPHONE:	(914)758-6932
HEALTH:	Good

Education

HIGH SCHOOL:	Red Hook Central High School
GRADE AVERAGE:	B+ (in the top 20% of my class)
MAJOR:	College Prep. / Academic

School Activities

Member of the High School Cross Country team for 1 year.
Statisticion for High School Girl's Track team for 2 years.
Student Representative for sophmore class.

Work Experience

Painter for one summer. Worked for Dick Baright.
Presently work for Stockenburg's Hardware store. Clean stock, take inventory and help customer's when needed.

References (by permission)

1. Marian Quenzer, Baxter Road, Red Hook New York 12571

2. Mr. Richard Baright, Applering Drive, Red Hook New York 12571

3. Mr. John Kuhn, English teacher, Red Hook Central High School, 87 South Broadway, Red Hook New York 12571



Egg hunting at Rocky's

A group of local children got assistance from the "Easter Chicken" Saturday morning in their search for hidden Easter eggs. The hunt was held at Rocky's Roller Rink in Red Hook. (rw) (Register-Star photo by Cathy Comeau)

Red Hook Inn

by Earl Aronson

Red Hook Inn's home is old in time, but the restoration, the spirit, the proprietors and the good wishes of the community are fresh and new.

The structure housing the inn, just past the traffic light on Route 9, has been traced back to 1850, but part of it is older, according to owners Rod and Holly Mauskapf. Until a few years ago, the building was the tired Regis Hotel, a 12-room boarding house and bar.

One attractive feature of the Inn's decor is the numerous historical pictures of the area, begged and borrowed from townspeople by Holly, and copied, framed and hung in the public rooms. One picture in the cozy bar shows blacksmith Henry J. Brenzel shoeing a horse in front of his smithy while his 5-year-old son, Raymond, watches. Raymond, now about 84, is a frequent visitor to the inn, pointing out the picture to all.

The reopening of the inn, scheduled for last July, had to be pushed back to December 16. All plumbing and wiring were replaced; floors and stairways were scraped and refinished and painting done; tables and chairs were repaired or replaced. The mahogany bar shines again.

Walls of some of the original 12



rooms were removed and Holly and Rod now have a 3-room apartment upstairs, where there is also an office, store room, restrooms and a dressing room for employees.

The inn's main dining room seats 85, while an additional 20 may be served at tables in the bar. The large dining room is divisible into two smaller areas. The inn emphasizes American fare since, after all, the stage coach used to stop nearby. The menu includes steaks, prime ribs, barbecued chicken and ribs, scrod, scallops and scampi. Specials include fish, veal, steak and kidney in mustard sauce. Everything is a la carte, with potato, vegetables and tossed salad accompanying entrees. Prices range from $5.95-$10.95.

The most popular dishes to date, Rod related, are stuffed flounder, scallops, sirloin, scampi and prime ribs. He buys much of his produce and supplies in the area and even acts as a third bartender when needed. (Holly is the inn's hostess and does much of the paperwork).

Red Hook Inn has been enthusiastically received by residents. On a recent visit, a woman diner stopped Rod to express her delight in the restaurant. At a roller skating rink further along Route 9, the owner, his wife and skaters alike recommended the inn's "super" lunch. And the proprietor of a Red Hook fabric shop expressed pleasure with the new inn, saying "I hope the townspeople will support it. It's just what Red Hook needs!"

The restaurant is closed Mondays. Otherwise, it is open for lunch, dinner and late night "Something Else," or "a little bit of this—a little bit of that," such as chili, salad, steak or other hot and cold sandwiches, from after dinner to about 1 pm.□

At Taste Buds:

Gallery of culinary delights

by NANCY A. LEMMERMANN

Cooking is an art form for Holly Beernink. And her small restaurant, Taste Buds, is her gallery.

On the shelves of her food boutique are neat rows of international gourmet and specialty foods. Morracan savory meat pies, French chicken tarragon and German pork roulade, to give a small sampling.

Business spotlight

Beernink opened her establishment, located in Hardscrabble Plaza in Red Hook, last November and the sense of art carries through to the tasteful decor. High ceilings and arched mirrors create space and soft colors soothe. Even the music fits — soft strains of "Jazz a la Francais" by Claude Bolling.

Creates from the basics

Beernink sees cooking as a creative process, starting with the basics, much like a painter might start with the three primary colors, and working from there.

"Recipes restrict me," she explains. "They stifle what I want to do.

"I never learned a recipe. I was given a set of basic ingredients and then I learned the food chemistry, what each item brings to what you are trying to make — looking at it, feeling it."

Learned from French chef

Beernink is a trained chef, having recently completed an intensive year as one of only five students under French chef Madeleine Kamman. The first three months were spent in France and the rest of the training was in New Hampshire where teacher and students operated their own restaurant, creating their own menus, buying their own food, waitressing and finally, cleaning up.

"I have learned lasting disciplines," says Beernink, " not just related to cooking, but in every part of my life. I've learned what I can do"

The course, which Beernink signed up for four years in advance, required a firm commitment on several front,; a $12,000 plus expenses tuition, a year away from her family (a husband and a teenage son) and long hours of work.

"We started work at 7:30 in the morning and never used machinery. Madeleine believed that the art form was to do it by hand. You didn't depend on electricity."

Training was international. Students spent a month learning a country, the people, their life style and why they ate the foods they did.

Beernink explains the French style of a la Provencal.

"In Provence the climate is warm and they grow lots of tomatoes. Thyme and rosemary grow wild and there is an abundance of lavender, mint and garlic. They use garlic in Provence while the rest of France uses shallots."

Finds home and hearth

Beernink finished her training in October 1985, then she rested and got reacquainted with her family.

She then worked with John Novi at DePuy Canal House in High Falls, doing most of his first courses, desserts and catering, all the while keeping her primary goal in mind, a place of her own.

Beernink found her way to cooking by way of teaching. With a degree in psychology and a background in health sciences, she taught patient motivation in a dental hygiene program for 10 years in northern California.

She started teaching nutritional courses as part of dental prevention, nurturing a long standing love of cooking.

Today it is doubtful that her sticky buns or chocolate hazlenut torte would make the dental hygiene menu, but they sure add a touch of culinary class to Red Hook.



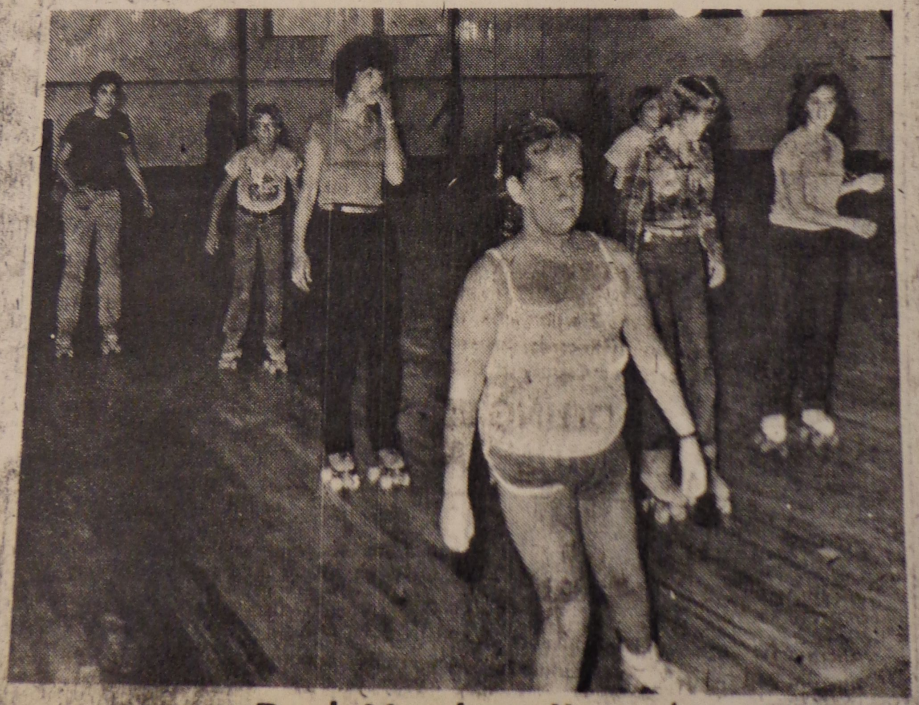
Taste Buds restaurant owner Holly Beernink reaches for a blueberry muffin.

Letters



Rarin' to roll

Owners of the new roller skating rink on Rte. 9 in Red Hook cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the facility Wednesday as anxious skaters get ready to roll. A yellow ribbon was used to signify support for the 52 hostages in Iran. From left to right, first row, are Town Supervisor Sam Lore, Antoinette Mancini (with scissors) and Rocco Mancini Jr.; second row, Rocco Mancini Sr., Ken Hawks and Ann Mancini.(tko) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)



Red Hook rollers

Youngsters and adults alike enjoyed roller skating at the new skating rink recently completed by owner Rocco Mancini Jr. The rink opened Wednesday night to a waiting crowd.(tko) (Register-Star photo by Terry O'Brien)