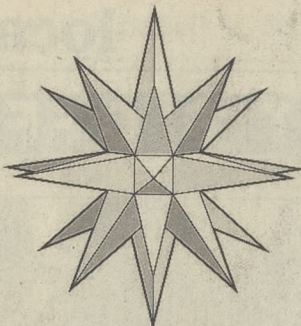




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## Christmas IN BETHLEHEM season opens

BY LINDA ANTHONY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hundreds of families filled Payrow Plaza Friday evening to welcome the start of the Christmas season with the traditional Christmas City Tree lighting ceremony.

The event started with a breath of unseasonal warm air as the evening opened with the introduction by Police Chief Mark DiLuzio and the welcome by Mayor Bob Donchez. An emotional rendition of the National Anthem by Moravian College student Luke DiGiacinto was rewarded with resounding applause. Pastor Suzanne Trump contributed to the emotions of the moment with her Invocation. East Hills MS kept the feelings high with their charming choral presentation, followed by the community sing.

The 2015 Christmas City Seal winner, photographer Tim Gilman, was awarded a plaque and \$300 for his lovely photograph depicting the Advent breakfast. And then the moment all had been waiting for, the lighting of the tree, with the mayor flipping the switch aided by students representing Miller Heights and Holy Infancy schools. All eyes looked skyward as the tree lit up.

The evening would not have been complete without the arrival of Santa Claus. Excitement was evident as parents became young again, to the delight of their children and grandchildren. The evening came to a close

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**Paola Calo and her sister** Nadaly Calo enjoy the festivities following the turning on of the lights. The sister are from Bethlehem.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

**PEOPLE SAY**  
BY DANA GRUBB

With Black Friday the day after Thanksgiving, and Cyber Monday three days later, when do you begin your holiday shopping?



"Not until real close to Christmas. I don't have the energy. I'm too busy doing it for everybody else."  
**Santa Claus**  
North Pole



"In July."  
**Brittany Beam**  
Northampton

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**Luke DiGiacinto** sings an emotional rendition of the National Anthem with an approving look from Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez. Luke's father, the late city controller and councilman Dave DiGiacinto, passed away in January at age 61.



**Jomari Sotomayor** of Bethlehem is the first child to greet Santa and share her Christmas wish list with him. More photos on page A2.

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**PEOPLE SAY**

BY DANA GRUBB

With Black Friday the day after Thanksgiving, and Cyber Monday three days later, when do you begin your holiday shopping?



"On Black Friday. Yeah."  
**Giuseppina Dematteo**  
Allentown



"Today, on small business Saturday."  
**Jill Porzio**  
Bethlehem



"She never stops!"  
**John & Ann Jordan**  
Roscoe, Ill.



"I do it Cyber Monday. I just can't take the crowds and I think it's sad that stores open on Thanksgiving."  
**Kathy & Jake Costello**  
Hanover Twp.

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The East Hills MS Band entertains the crowd under the direction of Christy Davies.



Mayor Bob Donchez counts down to one even as the reflection of the lights shines on the glass of the library the moment they came on. Helping him are students representing Miller Heights and Holy Infancy schools, with Police Chief Mark DiLuzio looking up.



Grace Mansfield of Bethlehem sings "Jesus, Call Thou Me" prior to the lighting of the tree.

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**PHOTO BY CELIA (GILMAN) MERKLE**  
Christmas City Seal award recipient Tim Gilman of Bethlehem is recognized with a plaque from Lynn Collins Cunningham, chair of the Citizens Christmas City Committee and senior vice president of Bethlehem Initiatives of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. The non-postage Christmas City commemorative stamps are designed to decorate holiday mail. This year's seal features a photograph taken by Gilman at a recent Community Advent Breakfast, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this season. Seal contributions are a major fundraiser for the committee and are primarily used to pay for the holiday decorations of the Christmas City USA.



Mario Cabrera lifts his son Aiden to give him a better view as the crowd buzzes with excitement with the arrival of Santa Claus.



The crowd reacts with excitement and the flash of cameras in the moments following the lighting of the Christmas tree.

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Youthful voices fill the air as the East Hill MS Choir sings, under the direction of Kim Van Orden.



Wednesday, Dec. 2

**Free babies /toddlers story time** for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Call 610-867-3761, ext.499 or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) for information.

**Kids' Storytime with Jane**, 10:30 a.m., ages two to four; sign up in children's book department; Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit [www.moravianbookshop.com](http://www.moravianbookshop.com).

**Salvation Army**, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up) Christmas party for members, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

**Book sale**, noon to 8 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org).

**Bethlehem Municipal Band Concert**, 7:30 p.m. Moravian Village.

Thursday, Dec. 3

**Salvation Army**, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) Christmas party, Fourtissimo Barbershop Quartet 10:45 a.m., followed by lunch (cost). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Friday, Dec. 4

**YWCA Bethlehem women's health workshops**, women 40 and over, 9 to 10:30 a.m., PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley, 555 Union Blvd., Allentown, 18109. Information: 610-867-4669, ext. 104.

**First Friday**, Southside Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.

**Northampton Community College's** community chorus, pre-concert music. 7 p.m.; sacred and secular holiday music, 7:30 p.m. Lipkin Theatre, main campus, 3835 Green Pond Road. Admission: donation or non-perishable food item for the food bank

Saturday, Dec. 5

**Community Advent breakfast**, 8:30 a.m., Moravian Village

**BAPL Back to School Book Sale**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org).

**Railroad Days**, Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers, 1 to 5 p.m. 900 E. Macada Road. Visit [www.bdsme.org](http://www.bdsme.org) or call 610-0867-2591 for information and costs.

**Music in the Park**, Flutations, 1 p.m. Main St.

**L.V. Harmonizers barbershop chorus concert**, Christmas in Bethlehem, 2 p.m. Foy Hall, Moravian College south campus, Church Street. Call 1-800-482-1548 or visit <http://www.lvharmoziners.com/2014Holiday> for tickets and information.

**Music in the Park**, L.V. Italian American Band, 2:15 p.m. Main Street; Mother Jones Brass Band, 4 p.m. Main Street area.

Sunday, Dec. 6

**"Oilcloth Stories"** free, open to the public book reading by Bethlehem's Carol Henn. Noon, Connect Zone, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way.

**Railroad Days**, Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers, 1 to 5 p.m. 900 E. Macada Road. Visit [www.bdsme.org](http://www.bdsme.org) or call 610-867-2591 for information and costs.

**The NAACP public** "Celebration of Life for 'Mother' Amelia Boynton Robinson", 4 p.m., St. James A.M.E. Zion Church, 410 Union St., Allentown.

Monday, Dec. 7

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Tuesday, Dec. 8

**Salvation Army**, Calling All Bridge Players program, for seniors 50 and up, 10 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

**The Bayou** will give a gift certificate to the first 20 people to become Bethlehem Food Co-op new members; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 702 Hawthorne Road. Call 610-419-6669.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

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**Chili cook-off and dinner** (cost), 5 to 7 p.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1900 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Allentown. Visit [www.standrewsbethlehem.org](http://www.standrewsbethlehem.org) or email [saec@ptd.net](mailto:saec@ptd.net) or call 610-865-3603.

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MEETING BOARD

Tuesday, Dec. 1

**Bethlehem City Council**, 7 p.m. 10 E. Church St.

**Freemansburg Council**, 7 p.m.; finance committee 6 p.m. (budget work session) 600 Monroe St.

**Saucun Valley School Board** reorganization, 7 p.m. Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road. No other meeting this month.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

**Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board** (changed from Nov. 25), 6:30 p.m. municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 3

**Northampton Co. Council**, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, Dec. 7

**Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners**, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Fountain Hill Borough Council**, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

**Hanover Twp. Planning Commission**, 7:30 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

**Hellertown Borough Council**, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

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Bethlehem Area School District Job Fair

Community-wide job fair for open substitute positions at Bethlehem Area School District. Positions include teachers, nurses, aides, custodians, and clerical staff.

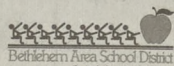
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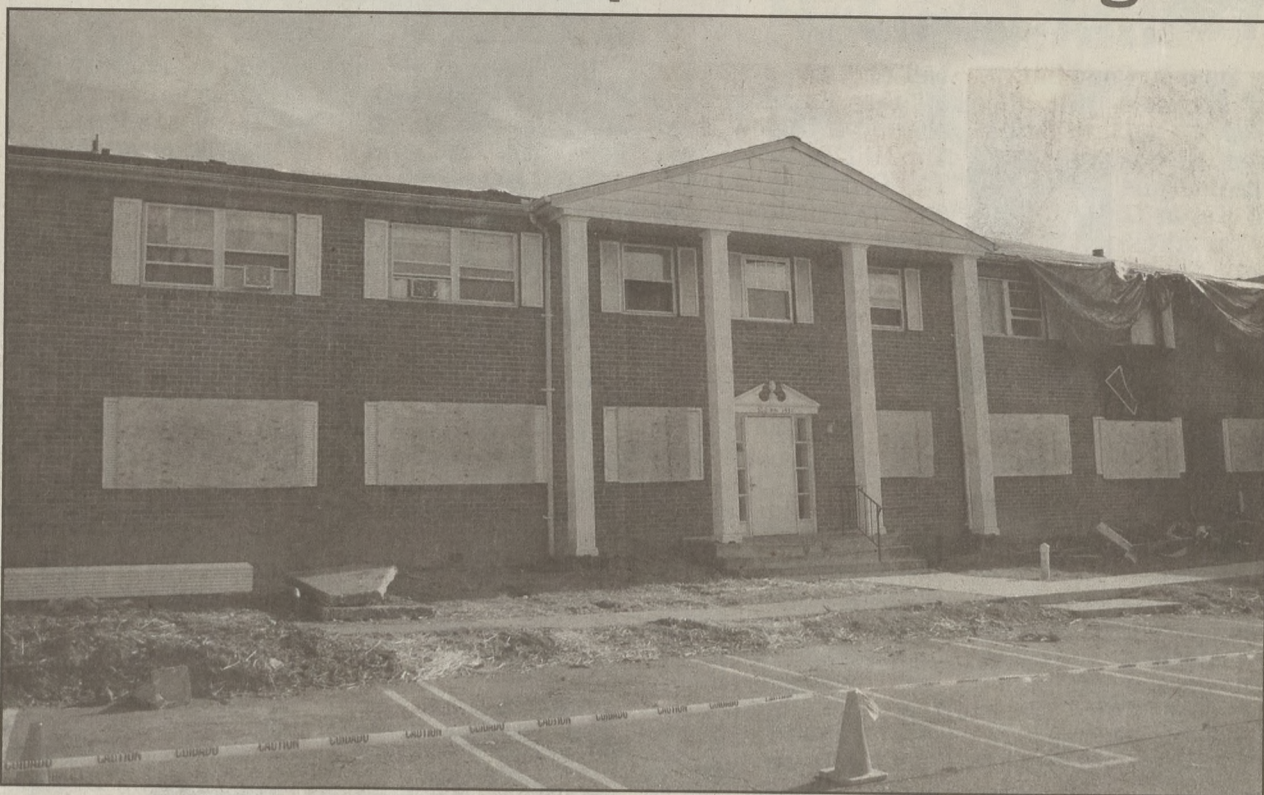


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Three-alarm fire in apartment building



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK RECCEK

A city apartment building burned in the early morning Saturday, permanently displacing about a dozen residents. Fire Chief Bob Novatnack said the fire was reported around 1:40 a.m., and units responded to 1551 Irene St., where residents were fleeing the building and at least two people had to be rescued by emergency responders. The fire was under control within a half hour, and four people were treated for smoke inhalation. Novatnack said the fire began on the first floor, but the cause is still under investigation. American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley Executive Director Peter Brown said Monday a total of 24 people have been assisted with lodging, food and clothing, and that volunteers will continue to help the residents develop recovery plans.

REPORTING BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Departing board members praised

BY ANDREW RITTER  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Members of the Bethlehem Area School District honored three departing board members at their regular meeting Nov. 16 at East Hills MS. Michelle Cann, Sudantha Vidanage and Basilio Bonilla Jr. all attended their final meeting as members of the school board. Vidanage and Bonilla have served the board for four years. Cann has served on the board for eight years, alternatively as president and vice president during her tenure.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy praised their service. "Collectively, all of you have helped us re-establish ourselves as one of the premier districts in the region and the entire state, and we know that service came with a tremendous amount of sacrifice on our part and for that we are extremely appreciative."

Roy continued, "Our

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children, our parents, our employees and our community will miss you."

School board president Michael Faccienetto praised Cann in particular for championing the district's newest facility, currently under construction, Nitschmann MS.

"When I first took on the role as president you were the vice president ... and I remember sitting in Dr. Roy's office and you said, 'I want to talk about Nitschmann,'" said Faccienetto, "And you said, 'I don't care if we have go to referendum, we promised to get it done, we have to do it.' And now we're six months into the project. It took a lot for you to get that done, and it certainly didn't happen single-handedly, but without you we wouldn't have even had the discussion."

"You taught me a lot about leadership and supporting the board," he added.

In other business, Faccienetto highlighted his recent trip to Harrisburg with other members of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), representing school board members and administrators from across the state. Members of the PSBA met with state senators Frank Dermody (D) and David Reed (R), the minority and majority chairs in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, respectively, to discuss the current budget impasse in the state capital, particularly relating to education. The budget impasse has lasted over 150 days.

"I thought we'd come home with some optimism, but I was not as optimistic as when I woke up this morning,"

said Faccienetto. "All we know for sure is that they're at least talking, which is more than they've done in a while."

Members of the Bethlehem Area School Board, including Faccienetto, have previously spoken out regarding a proposed back-end referendum by Governor Tom Wolf. A proposal would infuse roughly \$350 million at the expense of imposing a back-end referendum on all future tax increases by school districts. The decision would require all school district tax increases to be subject to voter approval.

Director Angela Sinker also provided a report on the school district's newest committee, the Wellness Committee. The committee recently dispersed 702 doses of the influenza vaccine, in a weekend drive-thru clinic for BASD students and family members at East Hills.

Review board considers 3 projects

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
 njastrzemi@ttonline.com

The Historical and Architectural Review Board had four items on its Nov. 4 agenda.

BETHLEHEM

Bob Wheeler, representing the Main Street Commons, wished to

replace 15 second-story windows on the building's southern face. He said they are old and poorly insulated, making it very difficult to keep the areas within warm.

Board members, particularly George Donovan, Beth Starbuck and Marsha Fritz,

talked with Wheeler at length regarding window shape, dimensions, material and value, and concluded more research was needed by the applicant.

Phil Roeder suggested Wheeler investigate a Canadian window company that may serve well.

Wheeler agreed to re-

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**Dino P. Cantelmi**

funeral director

Dino P. Cantelmi, 79, of Fountain Hill, died Nov. 22, 2015, in Bethlehem. He was the husband of Karen C. (Warmkessel) Cantelmi for 49 years. Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late Placido "Patsy" and Isabella (Piermatteo) Cantelmi.



He attended Moravian Academy, Bethlehem; was a 1956 graduate of Lincoln Prep, Philadelphia; attended Muhlenberg College; and was a 1959 graduate of the former Eckels College of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia. He was in the U.S. Army, stationed in Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

He worked at Joseph Levine & Sons, Philadelphia; and later served his internship at the former Steyers Funeral Home, currently the Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem, which Cantelmi's recently purchased.

He started, in 1963, the Cantelmi Funeral Home in his parents' home at 203 E. Packer Ave., later moving to 1311 Broadway. He worked for Cantelmi's Hardware Store.

He was a parishioner of the former Our Lady of Pompeii Church and of its Holy Name Society. He was currently a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

He was on the Fountain Hill Borough Council, coached Fountain Hill Little League base-

ball and was a member of the Fountain Hill American Legion, Fountain Hill Exchange Club, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association, and was honored for having served his profession for 50 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Dino Pat and his wife Joanna (Viliani) of Bethlehem and Christopher Scott and his wife Ailene (Pohle) of Maryland; two daughters, Lori Christine and her husband Robert Diaz of South Whitehall Township and Tara Elizabeth and her husband Anthony Markovich of Hanover Township; 13 grandchildren Bianca, Ethan, Dino Jr., and Isabella Cantelmi, Nicole Cantelmi, Marisa, Madisan, and Maya Diaz, Emily, Benjamin, and Tyler Markovich, Iris and Dario Cantelmi; a great-granddaughter Jaelyn; two sisters, Geraldine Burke of Fountain Hill, and twin sister Isabella and her husband Jerry Collen of North Carolina; a sister-in-law, Lillian Cantelmi of Bethlehem; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Louis Cantelmi.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, 801 Ostrum St., Fountain Hill, PA 18015.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Funeral Home Inc., Fountain Hill.

**Patricia A. Druckenmiller**

bank loan clerk

Patricia A. Druckenmiller, 78, of Bethlehem, and formerly of Northampton, died Nov. 15, 2015, at Moravian Village, Bethlehem. Born in Palmerton, she was a daughter of the late Lester and Margaret (Lentz) Burkhardt. She was the wife of the late Robert Druckenmiller.

She was a loan clerk for PNC Bank, Northampton branch, until she retired in 1994. She was previously a teacher's aide for the Northampton Area School District.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kreidersville.

She is survived by a daughter, Cheryl A. Dally and her companion Jeffrey Bell of Fogelsville; a son, David D. and his wife Jill of Coplay; a sister, Margaret "Peggy" and her husband Kenneth Kohler of Cherryville; and five grandchildren Nicholas, Tyler, Courtney, Caitlin and Michele.

Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, c/o the funeral home, 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, 18067.

Arrangements were made by Schisler Funeral Home Inc.

**Barbara A. Wuest**

church employee

Barbara A. Wuest, 81, of Nazareth, died Nov. 17, 2015, at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem. Born in Northampton, she was a daughter of the late Charles F. and Ada M. (Landis) Saylor. She was the wife of the late Marvin S. Wuest.

She was an administrative assistant for Nazareth Moravian Church for 34 years until she retired in 2007.

She was a member of Nazareth Moravian Church.

She was a member of the Bright Star Kings Daughters.

She is survived by

three daughters, Karen A. of Philadelphia, Cynthia W. and her husband Peter Miller of Harrisburg and Kim W. and her husband David Kmetz of Easton; and five grandchildren, Amanda, Christian and Leslie Kmetz, Justin and Trent Miller.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Walter and LeRoy Saylor.

Contributions may be made to Nazareth Moravian Church memorial fund, c/o the funeral home, 211 E. Center St., Nazareth.

Arrangements were made by Bartholomew-Schisler Funer-

**Leslie Caldwell Burns**

mechanical engineer

Leslie Caldwell Burns, 75 of Bethlehem Township, died Nov. 20 at his home Born in New Brunswick, N.J., he was a son of the late Leslie W. and Dorothy O. Burns. He was the husband of Jane L. (Jones) Burns for 53 years.

He was mechanical engineer at Honeywell, Inc.

He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, Bethlehem, where he was a trustee.

He is survived by a

son, Leslie W. II and his wife Kim of Hatboro; a daughter, Kim and her husband Keith Ruppel of Coopersburg; a sister, Pat Salasko of Ga.; and five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Rich Burns.

Contributions may be made to the church, 3245 Oakland Road, P. O. Box 3107, Bethlehem, Pa 18017.

Arrangements were made by James Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Stella Marie Hussar**

ILGWU member

Stella Marie Hussar, 94, of Northampton, and formerly of Bethlehem, died Nov. 20, 2015. Born in Roseto, she was a daughter of the late Anselmo and Philomena Tarola. She was the wife of the late Louis "Whitey" S. Hussar for 68 years.

She was a sewing machine operator at Lehigh Dress, Fountain Hill, and later retired from Lehigh Frocks.

She was a member of the ILGWU.

She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bethlehem, and more recently, of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Egypt.

She is survived by a

daughter, Barbara and her husband Terry Miller of Northampton; a grandson, Scott Miller, and two great-granddaughters, Kira and Karsyn, all of Texas; and a brother, Arthur Tarola of Bethlehem.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Antoinette Antoccia and Fanny Giamdomenico; and four brothers, Ralph, Albert, Daniel and Henry Tarola.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, c/o development, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Andrew M. Resetar**

softball coach

Andrew M. Resetar, 72, of Hellertown, died Nov. 14, 2015, at home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late George and Helen (Drevenak) Resetar. He was the husband of Mary Ellen R. (Mahoney) Resetar for 52 years.

He was a 1961 graduate of Liberty HS.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served during the Vietnam War.

He worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp. and then was an electrician for Muhlenberg College for 20 years.

He coached and managed baseball and softball for Northwest Little League.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Michael of Bethlehem; a daughter, Michelle Sayenga (Matheu) of Hellertown; a brother, Leonard of Hellertown; and three grandchildren: Paige and Jonathan Phillips and Taylor Resetar.

He was predeceased by a sister, Helen Lakics; and a brother, George.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, St. Luke's Home Hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Eleanor E. Ondria**

realtor

Eleanor E. Ondria, 76, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 14, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Ella (Szechko) Koltai. She was the wife of the late Wendell "Junie" J. Ondria Jr.

She was a realtor for many years for the former Eaton Realty, Bethlehem.

She was a member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathy and her husband Timothy Brown of Hanover

Township and Wendy and her husband Brian Heist of Bethlehem; two sons, Charles and his wife Jessica of Quakertown and Michael and his wife Dina of Bethlehem; 11 grandchildren, Timothy, Elizabeth, Kelly, Benjamin, Courtney, Charles Jr., Michael, Jessica, Julia, Trey and Jackson; and two great-grandchildren, Aaron and Parker.

Contributions may be made to the Veterans Association.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Funeral Home Inc., Fountain Hill.

**Alba M. Cirocco**

bookkeeper

Alba M. Cirocco, 96, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 14, 2015, while in the care of her sons and the staff of Old Orchard Health Care Services, Palmer Township.

Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Emilio and Elizabeth (Furrugia) Ciuffardini. She was the wife of the late George Cirocco.

She was a bookkeeper for many years for the former Glazer-Kapplin Recycling Company.

She was a member of the former Our Lady of Pompeii Of the Most Holy Rosary Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by three sons, Robert E. and George A., both of Bethlehem, and Philip M. and his wife Linda of Georgia; and one grandson, Nicholas.

She was predeceased by a brother, Aldo Ciuffardini; and a sister, Enza Fabozzi.

Contributions may be made to the Notre Dame parish center fund, 1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were made by James Funeral

**Margaret E. Guzzo**

hat designer

Margaret E. Guzzo, 97, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 18, 2015. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Nicholas and Elizabeth (DeLaurentis) Vallera. She was the wife of Eugene J. Guzzo for 58 years.

She was a hat designer and floor lady at local sewing factories.

She was a parishioner of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Easton, and St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, JoAnn P. Norris of Bethlehem;

two grandsons, Jason A. Grimm and Richard J. Norris; and three great-grandchildren, Kayla, Carson and Kayden Grimm.

She was predeceased by a son, Eugene N. Guzzo; and a grandson, James N. Grimm, Jr.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Church, 450 E. Washington Ave. Bethlehem, PA 18018; or to the Allentown Rescue Mission or The Salvation Army.

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Kenneth E. Wessner**

draftsman

Kenneth E. Wessner, 92, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 23, 2015, in the Phoebe Home, Allentown. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Robert E. and Edna E. (Thomas) Wessner. He was the husband of Arlene V. (Druckenmiller) Wessner for 71 years.

He was a 1943 graduate of Bethlehem Technical HS.

He was a T/SGT in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a radio operator-gunner on a B17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber with the 8th Air Force, 306th Bomb Group, called the "Clay Pigeons" stationed in Thurleigh, England. His squadron, the 367th, called "The Reich Wreckers" engaged in heavy bombing missions over enemy occupied Europe. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, European and American Theater Service Medals with two Bronze Stars, and the Victory Medal.

He was a structural and civil engineering draftsman at Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 34 years, and retired in 1983 from the mining and projects engineering department. He continued to work for several more years in the same capacity for Lehigh Valley engineering firms.

He was a member of Christ Church U.C.C., Bethlehem, where he was an usher, choir and senior club member and played on the dart baseball team. He was a former member of the Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church,

Bethlehem, where he was director of the youth Sunday school orchestra, Sunday school superintendent, and a vice chair of the building committee. He was a member of the board of trustees, the church choir, dart baseball team and the couplers group.

He was a member of the Hellertown American Legion Post 397, a Master Mason and former chaplain of the H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge #648, a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Allentown, and a member of the local Masonic High Twelve Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Dale K. and his wife Janet and Carol J. and her husband Thomas Lutz, all of Bethlehem, Todd W. of Allentown and Kimberly Ann and her husband Gregory Seifert of Hanover Township; four grandchildren, Scott A. Wessner, Janelle A. Lutz, Allesyn A. Wessner and Robert G. Wessner; a great-grandson, Brandon S. Wessner; and a sister, Phyllis Raines of Allentown.

He was predeceased by a sister, Marion Stahl; a grandson, Ryan James Wessner; and a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth (Kleintop) Wessner.

Contributions may be made to the church, 75 E. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018; or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kans. 66675.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Aida A. Rivera**

101 years old

Aida A. Rivera, 101, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 14, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital-Bethlehem. Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, she was a daughter of the late Arturo Rivera and Rosa Lajara.

She worked in the civil service area for the city of New York.

She was of the Catholic faith.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Memon of Bethlehem; a

grandson, Eric and his wife Ann Marie Gilbert of Bethlehem; a granddaughter, Karen Alamo of Bayonne, N.J.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Antonio Rivera, George Martin and Raymond Rivera.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Catherine Weidner**

Central Moravian Church member

Catherine "Nan" Weidner, 67, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 14, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of Catherine B. (Brandon) Weidner of Nazareth and the late Rev. Dr. Mervin C. Weidner.

She was a graduate of Northeast HS, Florida, and Bethlehem Business College.

She worked in the development office for the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park. She later was the manager of collections division at Hospital Central Services for 33 years.

She was a member of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, where she was president of Moravian women, a circle leader and in various other activities.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by three sisters, Carol and her husband, I.B.

Southerland of Winston-Salem, N.C., Martha and her husband Eugene Lisa of Winter Park, Fla. and Jane and her husband Philip Corvino of Allentown; a brother, Timothy B. Weidner of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; five nieces and nephews, Stephanie Weidner Landis of Orlando, Fla.; Jonathan Brandon Weidner of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; Mary Catherine Southerland Pittard of Raleigh, N.C.; Scott A. Southerland of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Andrew M. Lisa of Pittsburg, Calif.; and friend, Marlene Troxell, with whom she shared her home for 42 years.

Contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund, Moravian Hall Square, 175 W. North St., Nazareth, Pa. 18064.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

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**MEETINGS**

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**Tuesday, Dec. 8**

**South Bethlehem Historical Society** - no meeting this month.

**Wednesday, Dec. 9**

**City of Bethlehem special activities**, Town Hall, 10 E. Church St. Must R.S.V.P. to 610-865-7079.

**Lehigh County Commissioners**, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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**Natural fall beauty**

A large carpenter bee is attracted to a crown of a dahlia flower recently. Despite two successive mornings of fall's first frost, local dahlias continued to bloom in a protected part of photographer Tim Gilman's yard in northeast Bethlehem, planted by his wife Fatima. Dahlias bloom from mid-summer through fall's first intermittent frost. Bees play an important part in the natural process of floral pollination. The pollen powder is carried by the bee on its fuzzy body parts such as legs and arms to other flowers. The hardy dahlias are perennials which are native to Mexico and were declared the national flower of Mexico in 1963. The colorful flowers with a high pollen content attract pollinating insects such as bees.

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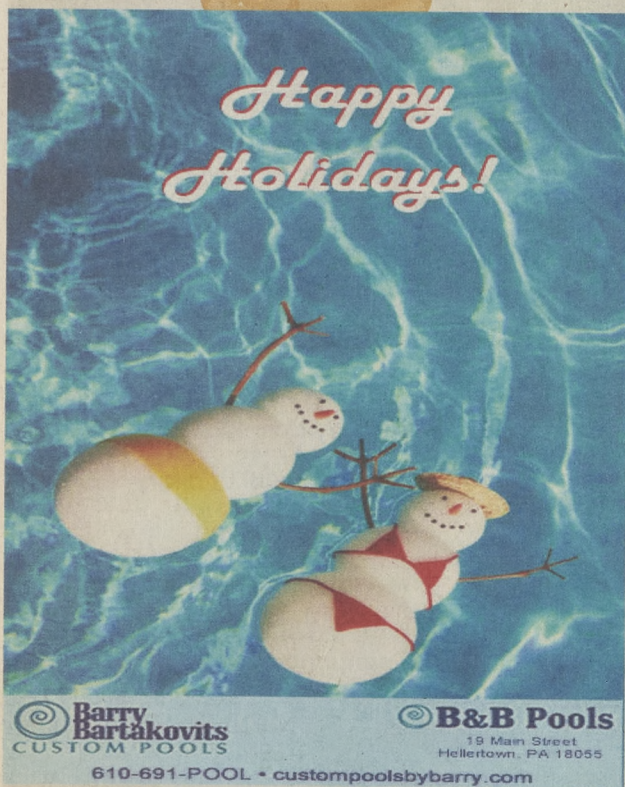
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turn after doing more research, and the item was tabled.

T-Mobile representative John Davey then advanced a plan to add several new cellular antennas to existing outlets atop Hotel Bethlehem. There was discussion, but board members admitted nobody realizes there are antennas there already, and the new ones will actually only be filling holes left by some removed since the agreement was first reached in 2012.

Starbuck was surprised at the revelation of the antennas' existence, saying, "I never saw them there."

Davey replied happily, "Thank you. That's music to my ears."

The board agreed to the replacement anten-

nas so long as they remain unobtrusive.

Ben Colunga was next, asking for permission to replace the awning of 81 Main St. and add a new business sign.

The new awning was described as essentially identical to the old one, but Fritz was unhappy with the lack of description of a proposed color scheme, which she said the board always insists upon.

Roeder suggested the provided mock-up image was enough to keep the process moving, and he and Starbuck said they would accept the new change as appropriate so long as Colunga offered a record of the exact paints to be used to the city.

The proposal was accepted.

The final item was canceled because the property owner wasn't present.

**NorCo graduates 4th Citizens Academy**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Recently, Northampton County Judge Stephen Baratta sentenced a man to spend the rest of his life in jail for the murder and sexual abuse of his stepdaughter's corpse. It's a story that attracted a lot of attention. But there's much more to county government than what you see at the courthouse.

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Northampton County Executive John Brown presents Bethlehem Township resident Mary Ellen Stampone Ingenu a certificate as one of 22 Northampton County Citizen Academy graduates.

Twenty-two Northampton County residents, from Riegelsville to Northampton, now understand what is often called the forgotten government. They were honored at recent county council meeting as the fourth graduating class of the Northampton County Citizens' Academy. They completed a 10-week program that included Public Works, Emergency Management, Court Administration, Human Services and Gracedale Nursing Home, Fiscal Affairs, Community and Economic Development, the Department of Corrections, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff's Department and County Council.

"There wasn't really enough time," said Penn State student Laurie Giannetti.

Rick Sergi, a pastor in Bethlehem, added, "I was almost excited to pay my taxes."

Noting that the county takes care of so many bridges, Sergi called the county a "bridge" that gets people from one side of life to another.

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**Tuesday Dec. 15**  
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**Holiday Putz Trail** collection of nativity displays at the Moravian Museum Gemeinhaus, Single Sisters' House, 1810 Goundie House and the Central Moravian Church Christmas Putz; through Jan. 10. Visit <http://historicbethlehem.org/holiday-putz-trail/> for times and dates or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-360-TOUR.

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**Live Advent calendar**, 1810 Goundie House, 505 Main St. 5:30 p.m.; through Dec. 24.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**Christkindmarkt**, PNC Plaza, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 20. Visit [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org) for hours.

**Touchstone's Christmas City Follies XVI** annual variety show with The Old Guy, Little Red, The Pajama Sisters and the shopping cart ballet. Dec. 3 to 20, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets and information: call 610-867-1689 or visit [www.touchstone.org](http://www.touchstone.org). Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. 4th St.

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**Christmas City Village /Weihnachtsmarkt**, about 35 wooden huts with gifts, vendors and artisans. Downtown Bethlehem, 11a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 20. Information: visit [www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village](http://www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village).

Friday, Dec. 4

**Tree lighting**, 6 p.m. Hanover Twp. Community Center, marshmallow and hot dog roasting, choir, horse drawn sleigh rides, ice sculpting, Santa. Information: call 61031708701 or email [rcep@hanovertpw-cc.org](mailto:rcep@hanovertpw-cc.org).

**First Friday**, SouthSide Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and S. New streets. Call 610-841-5831.

**Freedom HS choir winter concert**, basket raffles, 7 p.m. 3149 Chester Ave. Tickets at the door.

**Northampton Community College's** community chorus, pre-concert music. 7 p.m.; sacred and secular holiday music, 7:30 p.m. on Lipkin Theatre, main campus, 3835 Green Pond Road. Admission: donation or non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Saturday, December 5

**50th annual Community Advent breakfast**, 8:30 a.m. Speaker: Sean Burcaw (author of "Laughing at My Nightmare"), candlelighting, Liberty and Freedom HS combined choir. Cost includes breakfast. Moravian Village, 526 Wood St. Call 484-28-3024.

**Holiday Bazaar**, benefits world fight against malaria, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 69 Main St., Hellertown.

**Railroad Days**, Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers, 1 to 5 p.m. 900 E. Macada Road. Visit [www.bdsme.org](http://www.bdsme.org) or call 610-0867-2591 for information and costs.

**Music in the Park**, Flutations, 1 p.m. Main St.

**L.V. Harmonizers barbershop chorus concert**, Christmas in Bethlehem, 2 p.m. Foy Hall, Moravian College south campus, Church Street. Call 1-800-482-1548 or visit <http://www.lvharmonizers.com/2014Holiday> for tickets and information.

**Music in the Park**, L.V. Italian American Band, 2:15 p.m. Main Street; Mother Jones Brass, 4 p.m. Main Street.

**Historic Bethlehem Partnership** holiday dinner, drinks, original-live/silent auction, 5:30 p.m. ArtsQuest Center, Steel Stacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 1-800-360-TOUR or visit <http://historicbethlehem.org/event/holiday-dinner-and-auction>.

**Holiday Open House** at Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse, 1- 3 p.m., 4216 Country-side Lane, Hellertown

Sunday, Dec. 6

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# Deputy sheriff to join police dept.

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Township may be pondering a tax hike, but commissioners scored a major coup at their Oct. 19 meeting. By a 4-0 vote, they accepted Chief Dan Pancoast's recommendation and appointed Northampton County Deputy Sheriff Gretchen Kraemer to their police force. Northampton County's loss will be Bethlehem Township's gain.

Kramer, who started her career as a clerk in Northampton County's Criminal Division, became a Bethlehem city police officer. She probably would still be there today except for circumstances in her family life that required her to be a caregiver. Unable to work the shifts expected of new police officers, she was able to return to Northampton County, but this time as a deputy sheriff.

Whether it was courtroom security or manning the door, she performed her duties cheerfully and professionally.

She is one of the deputies whose quick



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Gretchen Kramer will be just the second female police officer ever hired in Bethlehem Township.

thinking saved the life of prominent Bethlehem Attorney Rich Schaedler. In 2013, he suddenly collapsed outside a courtroom. She was part of a team of 10 deputies who would not give up, even though Schaedler's heart had stopped beating for seven minutes. They used CPR, first aid, oxygen administration and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) until a faint heartbeat returned.

Once her family situation improved, she applied with Bethlehem Township's police department. Chief Pancoast called her his first choice, and told commissioners she is "well qualified as a police officer."

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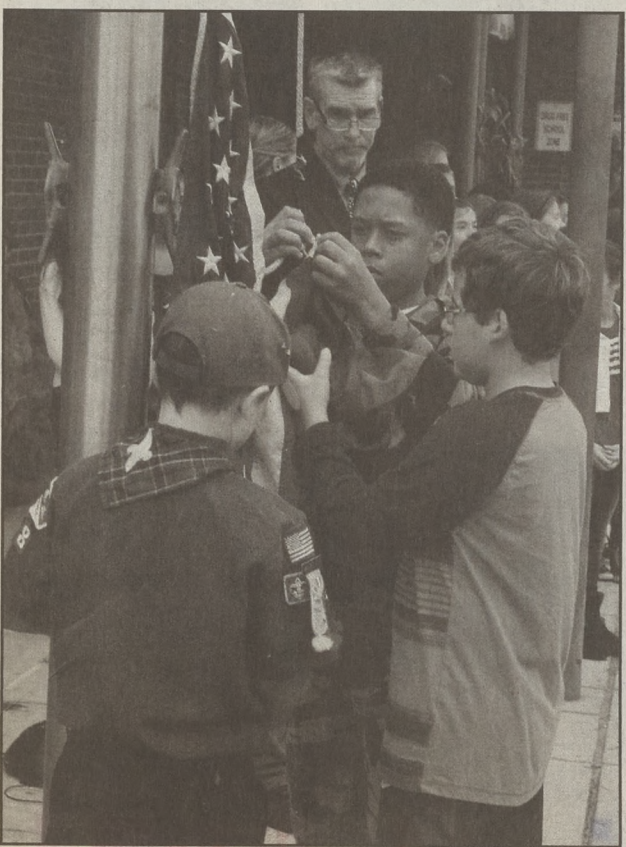
**Bagpiper Barry Newhart** and trumpeter Kevin Long, from visiting from Liberty HS, herald the opening of Veterans Day events at Hanover ES Nov. 11.



**Rep. Marcia Hahn** greets individual veterans and presents certificates of thanks. She also thanks Principal Lynch and the students for their wonderful presentation and performance. "Every year 'You're My Hero,' makes me cry," she says.

PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

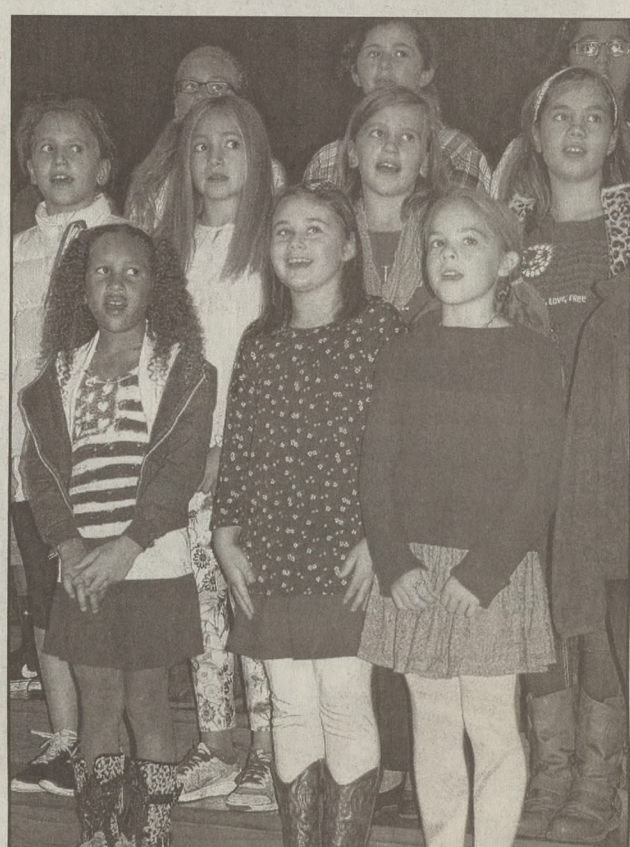
## Hanover ES salutes veterans



**Serving as honor guard**, Mackenzie Gregory, Aiden Abreu and Owen Reilly carefully prepare the flag to rise over the community members gathered for the event. Principal Timothy Lynch is in back.



**Anthony Nassif** joins his two grandfathers, both of whom served. USAF (Ret.) Col. Dr. Tom Nassif was a flight surgeon in the astronaut program and Lambros Zumas was enlisted in the U.S. Army.



**Juliana Valdez**, Ava Sabetti and Annika Desch are among the singers who warmly honored friends, neighbors and relatives in the community tradition.



**Angelina Fekula** and Mackenzie Fetsurka hold aloft flowers as they sing with their classmates a song of mourning, saying, "No poppies grow in Flanders Field."



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# Christkindmarkt



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Across the Lehigh River from downtown Bethlehem, a German-style holiday market, Christkindmarkt, continues to thrive in its 23rd season. More than 130 artisans and vendors offer visitors unique gifts, live holiday music and food in two large heated tents. ArtsQuest presents the festival, said to be "one of top holiday markets in the world" by Travel and Leisure Magazine. Christkindmarkt continues on four-day weekends (including Thursdays) through Dec. 20. Additional info at [www.christmascity.org](http://www.christmascity.org) and by calling 610-332-3378.



ArtsQuest volunteer Maya Topp of Bethlehem, a Liberty HS student, restocks a rack of Christmas bell ornaments bearing first names at the Christkindmarkt souvenir store.



Kathleen Hartraft of Coplay stops at Ye Olde Toffee Shoppe booth as her daughter Anna sleeps soundly.



Gretchen Gross of Emmaus and her daughter Sarah, compare ornaments being considered for the family's annual tradition of selecting one ornament per family member.



Elaine Donoghue and John Smulian of Emmaus visit Christkindmarkt for the first time.

# Christmas City Village



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Christmas City Village, an outdoor market of 26 wooden huts lit with Moravian stars, features holiday season crafts and gifts at the Sun Inn patio across from the Main Street Commons. The village is modeled after open-air holiday season markets in Germany. Entertainment is scheduled during the market's weekend hours of 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 20. Downtown Bethlehem Association hosts the market. Additional information is available at [www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com](http://www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com).



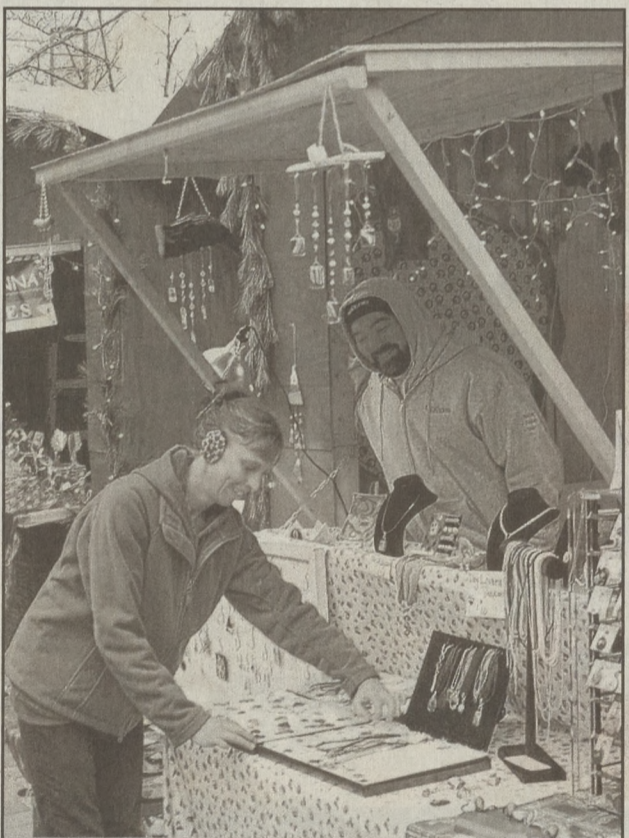
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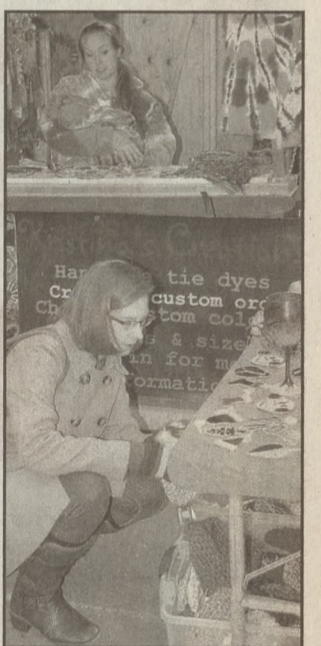
The Christmas City Trolley is available between North and South Bethlehem with stops along the way. The trolley schedule coincides with the major events of Christkindmarkt and the Christmas City Village. A trolley runs Friday and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays noon to 6 p.m. through Dec. 20. A second trolley runs on Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. The free trolley is sponsored by the Hotel Bethlehem and is organized by the Downtown Bethlehem Association and the Bethlehem Office of the LV Chamber of Commerce. See [www.christmascity.org](http://www.christmascity.org) for more info and complete trolley route map and stops.



Silver Moon Studio handcrafted jewelry is examined by Stephanie Case of South Carolina and her friend Sue Crossley of Emmaus. "This is still home to me," said Crossley, a Bethlehem native who enjoys returning to her hometown for special events like the Christmas City Village. Keith Krause and his wife Ronetta from Walnutport operate the Silver Moon Studio booth at the village.



Fused glass is featured at a Christmas City Village booth run by Jemima Snyder of Jim Thorpe. Snyder said she makes her own craft items in a kiln at home. The artist says it's her second year at the outdoor market. Her husband, Pat Costello, helps out on weekends.



Emmy John Edton of Bethlehem, a frequent Christmas City Village shopper, picks out a crocheted cap from an assortment of handmade gifts at the Kristina's Creations booth. Merchant Kristina Litterer of Tannersville said it's her first time at the Christmas City Village.

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Bob Werner presents proclamation honoring D Freeman.

**County says goodbye to Gracedale  
'Godsend' administrator D Freeman**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Gracedale Administrator D Freeman, who has served Northampton County since June 2012, announced his resignation during county council's Nov. 19 meeting. He's leaving for a nursing home administrator position in the private sector, at Parkhouse Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Royersford.

Freeman came with Premier Healthcare Resources, a privatized administrator for a public

home. The biggest change under Freeman has been a significant increase in residents at Gracedale. Census has grown from 590, when the threat of sale loomed, to highs near 700. The more patients, the more revenue.

He also aggressively pursued accounts receivable, conducting bi-weekly accounts receivable reviews that went through each file. A collections law firm has brought in \$1.4 million, and payment plans are in place for some ac-

counts that were written off in the past.

Through effective use of risk management, workers' compensation claims have dropped from \$2 million in 2011 to just \$166,000 last year.

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Northampton County Council honored Freeman with a proclamation, with Bob Werner calling Freeman a "Godsend."

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# Sands, NCC share impact award



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Northampton Community College and the Sands Bethlehem Casino have been recognized for their ongoing partnership with the award of this year's Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) community impact award. NCC and the Sands formed a partnership even prior to the casino's opening in 2009, laying the groundwork for an ongoing partnership that raises funding to support NCC and provides training programs for students who enter the Sands workforce. The national award was announced at an Oct. 21 press conference. "I could not be prouder," said NCC president Dr. Mark Erickson, "and am most proud of developing the cooperative and collaborative relationship that we have. The Sands Bethlehem is full of Northampton graduates and that is the most rewarding part," said Erickson. "We get great kids," Sands Bethlehem Casino President Mark Juliano said. "We couldn't do it without partnerships like this," he added. The award recognizes the Sands' role in revitalizing the former Bethlehem Steel property, once the largest brownfield site in the United States, for job creation, fundraising initiatives that support programs at NCC, and the training programs offered at Northampton Community College that prepare students for employment opportunities in the casino industry and in particular at the Sands Bethlehem Casino. CASE is a nonprofit organization with over 3,600 education related entity members located in 80 countries. **Above:** Northampton Community College President Dr. Mark Erickson, Sands Bethlehem Casino President Mark Juliano and Sands Bethlehem Casino dual rate pit manager Tyler Baltz, a graduate of the college's casino training program, join in recognizing the success of the college-casino partnership with receipt of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's community impact award.

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The Light

An artist painted a picture of a winter twilight—the trees heavily laden with snow, and a dreary, dark house, lonely and desolate in the midst of the storm. It was a sad picture. Then, with a quick stroke of yellow, he put a **light** in one window. The effect was magical. The entire scene was transformed into a vision of comfort and cheer.

Christmas lights all around us this season remind us why Jesus came into this sin-darkened world. Luke 1:78-79 explains, "**The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**" Simeon referred to Jesus as, "**A light to lighten the Gentiles**" (Luke 2:32). The Bible declares, "**In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness**" (John 1:4-5). The primary mission of John The Baptist was "**to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe**" (John 1:7). Jesus proclaimed, "**I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness**" (John 12:46). The Bible tells us that "**all have sinned**" (Romans 3:23). So, we all need Jesus Who declared "**I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life**" (John 8:12). Yes, "**God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Peace, joy and hope for the future can only come through a personal faith and relationship with Jesus Christ! Christmas is a celebration of this truth. Yet, foolishly, many reject the light and continue to remain in the darkness of sin as Jesus stated, "**This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil**" (John 3:19). Will you believe in Jesus, The Light?

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**Chad Landis**  
LHS boys  
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# PIAA unveils new enrollment numbers

BY PETER CAR  
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The PIAA unveiled their enrollment numbers for the next two-year cycle, beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

The anticipation for the numbers comes on the heels of the PIAA approving a new six class system in football, as well as in basketball, baseball and softball.

Boys and girls soccer, as well as girls volleyball will move to four classes. Field hockey moves to three classes and boys and girls lacrosse expands to two classifications.

Teams in all sports have until December 15

to decide whether they want to move up a classification.

For Liberty and Freedom, not much has changed for both schools in regards to their competition level when it comes to the postseason, as both will find themselves in the highest category in all the sports that added classifications.

Bethlehem Catholic doesn't see much of a difference either, the Hawks will just be in a higher category than before, but in reality, only in name.

In baseball, softball and boys and girls basketball, the Hawks have

moved up to 4A. Field hockey and girls volleyball will be in 3A. Boys and girls soccer will both be in 3A as well.

The only major difference for any of Becahi's sports is in boys basketball, where the Hawks will now be the only East Penn Conference team if they reach the postseason.

Central Catholic has now moved up to 5A in the latest numbers, which should benefit all the teams in 4A, especially Becahi, since Central has been a staple district championship contender over the years.

Below is the full slate

of where football teams stand with the new numbers.

**CLASS 6A**

Allen; Parkland; Liberty; Easton; Emmaus; Dieruff; Freedom; Northampton; Stroudsburg; Pleasant Valley; Pocono Mountain West; Pocono Mountain East and Nazareth.

**CLASS 5A**

East Stroudsburg South; Whitehall; Southern Lehigh and East Stroudsburg North.

**CLASS 4A**

Bangor; Blue Mountain; Pottsville; Central Catholic; Northwestern;

**CLASS 3A**

Notre Dame; Jim Thorpe; Wilson; Lehigh; Palisades; Tamqua; North Schuylkill; Pen Argyl; Salisbury; Northern Lehigh and Pine Grove.

**CLASS 2A**

Catasauqua; Palmerston; Minersville; Mahanoy Area; Panther Valley and Schuylkill Haven.

**CLASS A**

Shenandoah Valley; Marian Catholic; Williams Valley; Tri-Valley and Nativity BVM.



Andrew Hudak and the Hurricanes return a talented roster.

## 'Canes are motivated

BY PETER CAR  
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Expectations should be high for Liberty's basketball team this season following last year's 18-8 campaign and the Hurricanes should be motivated too.

After losing last year's East Penn Conference championship to Parkland, Liberty saw their postseason run end prematurely with pigtail defeat to Nazareth in the District 11 4A playoffs.

Head coach Chad Landis returns several key members from last year's team including Andrew Hudak (Sr, C), Logan Priestas (Sr, SG/

SF), Cameron Hoffman (Jr, PF), Amir Griffin (Jr, SG), Jeremy Johnson (Jr, PG) and Alex Serrano (So, SG/PG).

Landis also features five seniors that will provide critical depth and experience, as Caleb Martinez, Victor Santiago, Chance Neilley (transfer from Bethlehem Catholic), Doug Erney and Najee Plunkett fill out the roster.

"I believe we have a good mix of returning experience and new guys," said Landis. "The guys have been working hard in the early part of the season. Our strength will be in our ability to score around the basket.

But we will only be as good as our defense is. We have put a large emphasis on improving our defense in the early part of the season. If we can improve our defense we will be in a lot of close games this year, which will be determined by our ability to execute offensively down the stretch."

Landis noted that Hoffman, Hudak, Griffin and Serrano are key players the team will need to lean on this year.

The 'Canes open up this season on Saturday at 2 p.m. against Ridley in the Steel City Challenge at Moravian College.

Liberty then travels to Wissahickon next Wednesday before opening up league play the following Friday at home against Easton. Liberty will then square off against Allen in next Sunday's Yasso-Rothrock Classic.

"Our goals are to get better each week of the season," said Landis. "We want to play in 'important games' at the end of the season."

"If we are playing our best basketball at the end of the season, we feel like we can compete with a chance to win those 'important games' at the end of the year."



Jordynn Jones is one of seven returners.

## Hawks return seven

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Bethlehem Catholic High School's girls' basketball team has two championships to defend this season, and they are taking it seriously.

Winners of the East Penn Conference and District 11, the Hawks will return seven players this year and will add a player from last

year's junior varsity team along with two freshmen.

Coach Jose Medina is also returning for his second season.

"I'm feeling a lot more comfortable, now that I've had a summer and offseason with the girls. There is a lot I've seen, and we're putting girls in the right positions."

The team includes returners Jordynn Jones,

Tessa Zamolyi, Rebekah Recchio, Morgan Orloski, Sarah Baumann, Allison Hontz, and Natalie Rhine. Newcomers are Julia Zambo, Briana Barnard, and Jess Indelicato.

"They are hungry, very hungry and eager to learn. These are basketball girls," Medina said.

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# Mind of the Athlete helps young players cope

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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**Editor's note - This is part of a two-part story.**

Sports, today, are more emotional than ever before, and at the same time, young people are struggling emotionally, more than ever before.

This, according to Dr. Jarrod Spencer, founder and president of Mind of the Athlete, is the reason for his sports psychology company located in Bethlehem. For Spencer and his staff, however, Mind of the Athlete is more than a company; it is a mission and a ministry.

Spencer says that, while the stereotypical sports culture is one of "Suck it up," research shows how badly kids are struggling when mental health is minimized, and none are immune to depression and anxiety. In fact, one out of three college students have difficulty functioning, and nearly 50% suffer from anxiety.

"We really want to help," Spencer said. "We want to serve."

Dr. Megan Cannon and Dr. Julie Amato, two Mind of the Athlete staff members, are the first female sports psychologists in the region.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to have an impact on where I'm from," said Cannon, a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School and former swimmer, softball player and dancer.

Cannon recently spoke with seventh and eighth graders from St. John Vianney Regional School in Allentown.

"They were really engaged. I taught them how the mind works and the hurdles that arise from our pre-conscious mind," said Cannon. "There's enough video and fun things throughout. It's all in the way it's delivered. We don't really sugarcoat stuff."

Mind of the Athlete is currently working with five high schools in the area, including Northampton High School, and another 20 high schools are interested in what Mind

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PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD

Left to right is Erin Sparrold, Dr. Jarrod Spencer, Dr. Megan Cannon of Mind of the Athlete.



Madison Young returns to help lead the Freedom diving team.

# Young, McGinty back

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom High School diving coach Jeff Zettle-moyer will be looking to his seniors, Madison Young and John McGinty, to push the envelope as the 2015-2016 swimming and diving season begins this month.

Both district contenders last year, Young and McGinty should have enough experience and skill to move up the leader board in 11-dive meets this year.

Young has all 11 dives and has been working constantly during cross country season which ended not too long ago.

"If she hits all her dives, she could win districts. She has upper degree of difficulty dives. Her toughest competitor



John McGinty is also back for the Pates.

will be Jess Hurlbut from Emmaus," Zettle-moyer said.

McGinty also has 11 dives.

"He got his 2 1/2 last year, so he moved his degrees of difficulty up. He's working on his

forward 3 or 3 1/2. If he hits all his dives [at districts], he could go to states. There may be room at the top for him if he puts his mind to it," said Zettle-moyer.

This Saturday, Young and McGinty will compete at the Cedar Crest Invitational, where they will do six dives apiece.

Two newcomers to the Patriots diving team will be senior, Megan Schupp, and freshman, Leigha Evans.

Schupp dove two years ago, swam last year, and is back to diving this year.

"Megan still has to get a couple dives. She's working on her twister," Zettle-moyer said. "Leigha is getting there. She needs one or two more. She needs her reverse."

# Three return for LHS

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Rachel Finn, Meryem Okumus, and Sergio Alvares will be Liberty High School's returning divers for the 2015-2016 season, and Alicia Valladares, Jeff DePalma, Safa Turkdomez, and Kellen Rogers will round out the Hurricanes' diving roster.

Finn was a district contender last year, and Liberty coach Jeff Zettle-moyer has high hopes for the Hurricane senior.

"Rachel got her 2 1/2 and also has her front double pike. Those are new dives for her,"



Rachel Finn is back for Liberty divers.

Zettle-moyer said. Okumus was injured last year, but she has six

dives prepared for regular meets, and Zettle-moyer is working with her on getting to 11.

"Everyone else is beginning to intermediate," said Zettle-moyer.

Alvares is now a sophomore, and, along with Rogers, who is a junior, has all six of his dives.

"I expect we will do pretty good in diving [this season], enough to go into meets," Zettle-moyer said.

For the first three meets, however, Liberty's divers will not compete because those meets will be swum at Pocono schools that have no diving.

## CHEERING

Registration is taking place for the Patriot Pride's Rally in the Valley Cheerleading Competition, scheduled for Dec. 6 at Freedom.

The competition is open to recreational, junior high, junior varsity and varsity.

First place trophy

awarded in each category, medals for runners-up, and a grand champion trophy.

National Federation spirit rules and guidelines and AACC safety guidelines will be followed. There will be a nine-panel padded mat floor and a seven-panel mat floor for warm-up.

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quired.

Discount registration of \$100 due before Nov. 13, between Nov. 14 and Dec. 1, the registration fee \$150. Payments non-refundable.

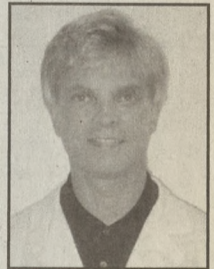
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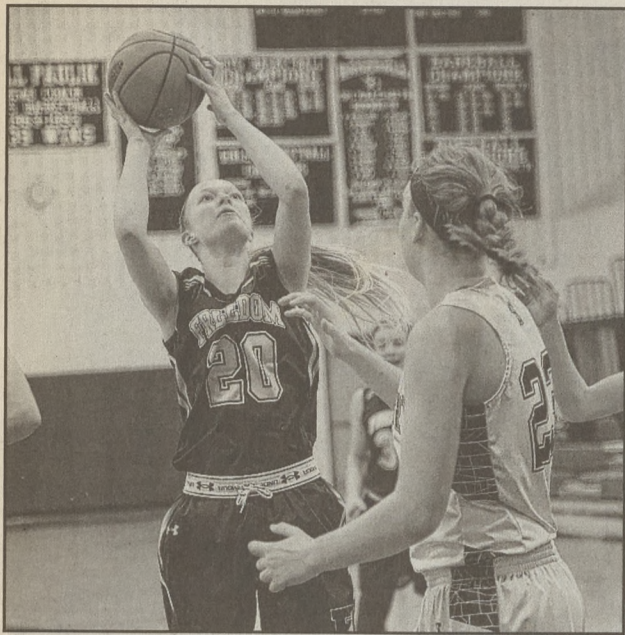
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Hailey Silfies is back for the Patriots.

## FHS girls get new head coach

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom High School's new girls' basketball coach has been through this before: working to take a struggling team and bring it to a higher level with a winning record.

While at Palisades High School, Dean Reiman, along with assistant Jeff Barr, did just that, and their intention is the same at Freedom.

"Our goal was to get better. It was our goal every day," Reiman said. "I believe the results will take care of

themselves, but we can't have unrealistic expectations, or we'll fail."

Perhaps before all else, Reiman hopes the Patriots will have patience to get to know him and trust him.

"We're in it for the kids. It's about forming relationships and developing them. I want to make it a positive experience for them. Then, I think we're doing our job," he said.

Coming from the Colonial League to the East Penn Conference, Reiman had little if any familiarity with

last year's Patriots, although he did have some summer leagues and fall tournaments with them this year.

"This is a great league. There are not a lot of off nights in this league. It's always a battle. It's a bigger school, and we're playing bigger teams. It's one of the things that drew me in," said Reiman.

Jaiden Coyne, Meckenzie Herman, Kaitlyn Swint, Erika Schwoyer, and Hailey Silfies will be returning for the Patriots, but Gabrielle Sanchez will be out for the

season due to an injury.

"We're athletic, we're committed, and the kids show up for everything. We'll make inexperienced mistakes, but I don't mind when they're young," Reiman said.

When it comes to expectations, Reiman hopes to see the Patriots' hearts and minds in the game.

"I hope to see the kids want to compete, want to win, doing everything the right way, respecting the game, and representing the school," he said.

## High expectations for LHS girls

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty High School's girls' basketball coach Becky Soto said the sky is the limit as for how far the Hurricanes want to go this season.

"We want to go game by game, and it doesn't put limitations on them," Soto said.

Soto is beginning her third season as head coach and is assisted by Terry Marcincin, Horace Jenkins, Hailey Cintron, Shelby Sferra, and Nicole Calabrese.

Together, they form the perfect team, each

with his or her own strengths.

"The coaches rely on each other a lot, from conversation to dinners together. We lay our ideas out and fight for what we want," said Soto.

The Hurricanes already know they will be graduating eight players this year, so developing the underclassmen is on their priority list, but getting from transition time to basketball season is a lot closer to the top.

"Kids are coming from other fall sports,

the dynamics are changing from summer, and now everyone is fighting for five spots," Soto said.

Two of those spots will be filled by key returners, Kaylin West and Maddie Capuano. Soto believes there will be pressure for West as the natural leader, for one thing, and maybe some for Capuano as the Hurricane senior tries to hit 1,000 points.

"The whole team has to be emotionally invested. We all have the same name," said Soto, referring to respect.

Liberty's strengths

will be their tempo and their movement without the ball.

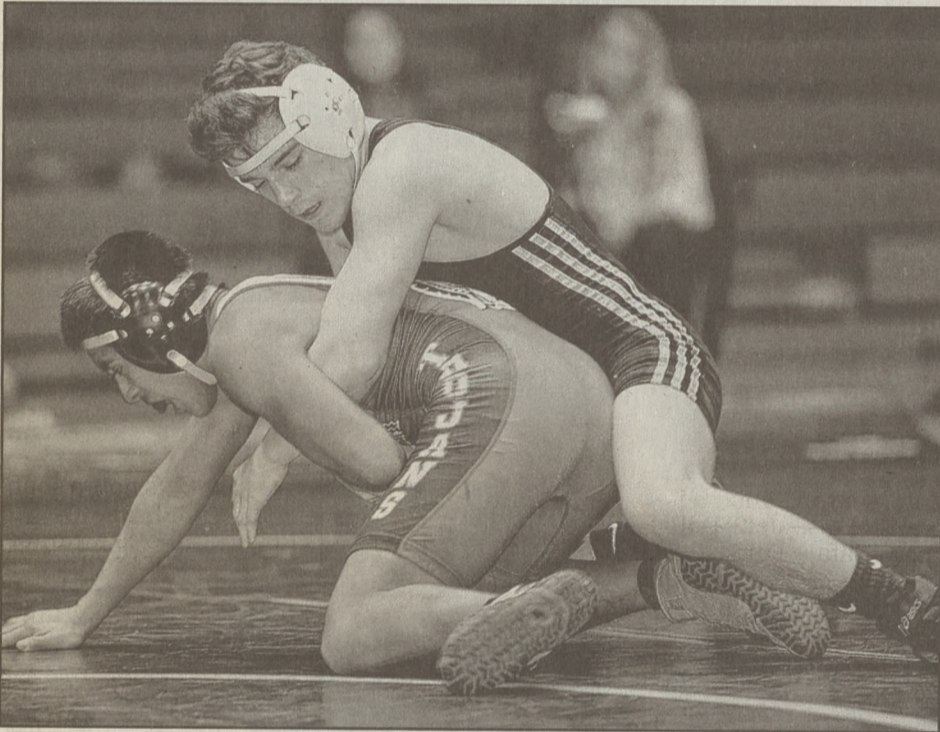
"Last year, our plays would break down, and they'd look to one person," Soto said, "and it has to be up-tempo to play their style."

In one word, Coach Soto is excited about the upcoming season.

"I get to see these ladies, here, when they accomplish it. I want to be there in that moment with them," said Soto. "Right now, this is their sanctuary. This is where they can let loose."



Kaylin West is one of many key returners.



Dylan Brown is back for the Pates this year, as Freedom will feature a young team after some key losses.

## FHS looks to rebound

BY PETER CAR  
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With last season in the rearview mirror Freedom head coach Joe Stellato enters this winter with a new perspective for his 17th season in Patriot-land.

The Pates are coming off a 7-15 mark from a year ago and Stellato and company look to fix that this season with the goal of the postseason on their minds.

"We are an athletic team who likes to get up and down the court," he said. "We'll be a competitive team and look to make the playoffs. We need to learn how to play together and gain chemistry playing together."

Returning players for the Patriots include Najee Cash (Sr, G), Nick King (Jr, G), Jose Rivera (Sr, G), Roy Saunders (Sr), Kharory Smith (Sr, G).

A junior contingent of Joushten Rodriguez, Tyler Muniz, Tyrese Stewart, Lewis Hargett



Nick King and the Pates look to turn around last season.

and Jason Hall are also in the mix along with seniors Sean Abel and Jonah Gundrum.

Stellato expects big things out of Cash, King and Hall this season to lead the Pates in the scoring department.

After being one of the final four team's remaining in the Stellar tourna-

ment this summer, Freedom has hopes that they can turn things around this winter, after going 15-29 the last two years.

"The number one goal is to make the district playoffs," Stellato said. "We need to use our length and athleticism on the defensive end to create offense."

## Pates aiming to grow

BY PETER CAR  
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Freedom's wrestling team enjoyed historic success last season, but this year will be a different story.

After finishing last season 25-2, including an undefeated 24-0 mark during the regular season, which helped them win a share of the East Penn Conference title, the Pates enter this season with plenty of work to do.

After losing five seniors to graduation, the Pates will also be without the likes of Jonah Zych (transferred to Saucon Valley), Cordell Cotto, Cyrus Thompson and Evan Callahan this

season, as they've decided not to compete.

That leaves head coach Brandon Hall with a young team, without much experience taking the mats this winter.

"Same as last year, we will try to get better every day and look forward to competing this season," said Hall. "We have a young team which needs to compete and gain experience."

Back for the Patriots are Dylan Brown (132), Ben Huber (126), Andrew Youwakim (120), Andy Evans (138), Thomas Bonilla (152) and Jake Rugis (195).

Newcomers include Gianni Palaio (113) and Marco Augello (160).

With a much different team from last season, Hall is just taking things one step at a time.

"We will look to compete the best we can," he said. "We will work toward advancing more wrestlers deeper into the postseason and getting our new and inexperienced wrestlers the attention they need to progress. Individually, the goal is always to send as many kids to the state tournament as possible."

Freedom opens the season this Saturday at home with the Bethlehem Duals, followed by next Wednesday's league opener at Whitehall.

## BC

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Becahi won the Forks summer league championship, and their Little Hawks program, for seventh and eighth graders, is growing.  
"We're hammering

the fundamentals. The great thing about young kids is that they're like clay, and we're molding them. Now it's about uniformity and common language throughout," said Medina.

The Hawks' expectations for the upcoming

season are high.

"We don't want to take a step back. It's going to take everybody, a collective effort. Everyone has to play their role and do the little things that will go far," Medina said.

## MIND

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of the Athlete has to offer them. Spencer and his team were planning on meeting with administrators at both Dieruff and William Allen High Schools this past November.

Mind of the Athlete can also be accessed from all kinds of social media, including You-

Tube, which contains over 500 Mind of the Athlete videos on topics such as positive self talk, dealing with toxic teammates, managing pressure, handling disappointment, the effect of the overbearing parent, and the power of prayer.

No matter what the topic, Spencer and his staff assure the viewer that what he or she is

feeling is normal; that they can relate. Then, the video goes on to explain how the viewer can handle or cope with the issue.

"Our hearts are on a deep level, and we really want to help you. All of the people who work here have faith. I believe us, coming together, was God-orchestrated," said Spencer.

## DARTS

### Suburban Dart League Standings

Bath Lutheran	24	9.727
Dryland	22	11.667
St. Paul's	16	11.593
Emmanuel	19	14.576
Salem Lutheran	17	13.567
Christ UCC	15	18.455
St. Stephen's	15	18.455
Salem UCC	14	19.424
Messiah	13	20.394
Ebenezer	12	21.364
Farmersville	10	23.303

### Week 12

**Emmanuel (5-2, 7-3) at Farmersville (1-0)**  
Em - Jim Hill 6-13, Jeff Hoffer, Judy Hoffer 5-13.  
F - Wade Chilmonik 4-10, Ben Kerbaugh 4-12.

**Ebenezer (6-3) at Salem UCC (7-3, 5-4)**

S - Jack Troxell 7-12 HR, Kyle Taylor 6-11 HR, Sherry Bush 5-13, HRs: Bill Rinker, Kiestin Seager.

Eb - Kim Zettel 6-11 HR, Dave Zettel 4-9, HRs: Jim Voortman, Dave Williams.

**Dryland (6-5 12in, 6-4, 2-0) at Messiah**

D - Butch Silfies, Shawn Sigley 6-15, Hermie Crush 5-13, Lou Dervarics 5-14, Earl Sigley 5-15.

M - Harry Schoenberger 4-11, Norm Schoenberger 4-12, Terry Knauß HR.

**Christ UCC at Bath Lutheran (8-0, 7-4, 3-1)**

BL - Candi Miller 7-13 GSHR, Doug Moser, Butch Kemp 6-12, HRs: Wendy Yacone, Ericka Meixsell.

C - Garry Hunsicker 7-12, Dave Shaver 5-12, Joe Hunsicker 3-9.  
**St. Stephen's (4-3) at Salem Lutheran (4-3 12in, 3-2)**

SL - Kyle Taylor 8-14, Jason Biggs 6-15, Jacob Hoffert 5-14 HR, Tyler Frankentield 4-11.  
SS - Al Antry 5-13, John Hoysan HR.

Bye - St. Paul's

### Week 11

**St. Paul's (7-3, 3-1) at Salem UCC (8-7 15in)**

SP - Paul Slimmon 8-15, Kevin Gross 7-16, Bret Remel 7 fot18, Rich Ken 5-16, Deb Hughes HR

S - Ed Taylor 6-13, Sherry Bush 5-12, Bob Krause 5-13 HR, Jack Troxell HR

### Farmersville at Dryland (4-3 18in, 4-1, 4-3)

F - Dave Campbell 5-14 HR, Kyle Campbell 5-14 HR, Ben Kerbaugh 5-14, Luke George HR, Tom George triple play

D - Bernie Yurko 6-15, Larry Golick 5-15, Hermie Crush HR

**Ebenezer (3-2) at Bath Lutheran (5-0, 4-3)**

Eb - Jim Voortman 5-12 HR, Carol Voortman HR, Hitters-Bath Lutheran

BL - seven plays with three hits

**Messiah (7-0, 1-0) at St. Stephen's (2-1)**

M - Dan Halteman 9-13, Dave Casey 4-7, Andy Mickelson 4-13 HR, Harry Schoenberger (2 run HR)

SS - Gary Buczynski 4-11, Ed Wychock 4-12

**Christ UCC (9-3, 6-3) at Salem Lutheran (6-2)**

C - Dave Shaver 7-13, Garry Hunsicker 6-13, Joe Hunsicker 6-13, Jarod Pokorny 5-15, HRs: George Gasper, Ed Yost

SL - Bill Hoke Sr. 5-12, Walt Hoffert 5-12, Jason Biggs 5-13 HR  
BYE - Emmanuel

Schoenersville	19	1.633
Christ Lutheran	18	12.600
Fritz-Wesleyan	17	13.567
Holy Trinity Luth	16	14.533
East Hills Moravian	14	13.519
Christ UCC	15	15.500
St. Peter's Luth	15	15.500
Holy Cross Luth	13	14.481
Bethany UCC	14	16.467
Trinity UCC	14	16.467
West Side-Edge	14	16.467
First UCC	13	17.433
St. Matthew's Luth	13	17.433
College Hill	12	18.400

**RESULTS**  
College Hill at St. Peter's 5-0, 2-14, 0-3; Bethany at St. Matthew's 8-9 (10), 6-3, 2-0; Holy Trinity at Christ UCC 4-1, 1-2, 4-0; Christ Lutheran at Trinity UCC 6-3, 8-6 (15), 3-2; West Side-Edgeboro at Schoenersville 0-12, 4-0, 6-1; East Hills at Holy Cross no report; First UCC at Fritz-Wesleyan 2-1, 7-9, 3-5

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
1) Karl Bittner 6-12 & Wayne Shelley 7-13 for Bethany.  
2) Bill Christman 6-12 for St. Matthew's.  
3) Barry Coles 5-12 for Holy Trinity.  
4) Bill Roth 6-12 for First UCC.  
5) Matt Balikian 8-15, Woody Rehm 4-7 & Blair Weller 9-13 for Fritz-Wesleyan.  
6) Rick Dall 8-12 for West Side-Edgeboro.  
7) Jim Walker 5-12 & Ray Walker 6-12 for Schoenersville.  
8) Jen Fullman 6-10, Josh Wynn & Bob Mease each 5-14 for Trinity UCC.  
9) John Buss 10-17, Bob Filasetta 7-15 & Jerry Stametz 5-11 for Christ Lutheran  
10) Chuck Stoltz 5-10 & Rick Rivera 6-11 for College Hill.  
11) Ron Frankentield 6-13 & Toni Grello 6-10 for St. Peter's.

**Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League Standings Week 1-10**





PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

**Miller Heights ES students** Leah Hann, Michael Horvath, John Phillips and Alexi Ragab look over hand-colored and laminated ornaments made for the mayor's tree. The participants in the annual mayor's Christmas tree decorating party gathered in the rotunda for food and refreshments before going outside.

## Decorating the mayor's tree

The Mayor's Tree decorating party was held Nov. 20 in preparation for the Christmas city tree lighting the Friday after Thanksgiving. The mayor's tree, donated this year by James and Susan Campbell of Bethlehem, is placed on the south side of Payrow Plaza close to the large Advent Candles Wreath display. The smaller evergreen tree is placed near the giant

Christmas city tree, but both are turned on together to signal the start of the holiday season. During the mayor's tree decorating party, hand-colored and laminated ornaments, customarily prepared by third-graders from two Bethlehem elementary schools, are invited to decorate the smaller tree. Food and refreshments are available for

the children and other special guests attend the annual event. Mayor Robert Donchez announced the students who would assist him in turning on the lights for the towering Christmas city tree and all the other decorations throughout Bethlehem.



**Bethlehem Area Vocational** Technical School culinary students Carissa Wagner and Gilda Martinez with the last of the cupcakes prepared by the school's bake shop.



**Miller Heights student** Melissa Harvey is escorted by Santa Claus to the annual mayor's tree decorating program outside the city hall rotunda. This popular annual event was held this year on the Friday before the annual Christmas city tree-lighting ceremony at the same location Nov. 27.



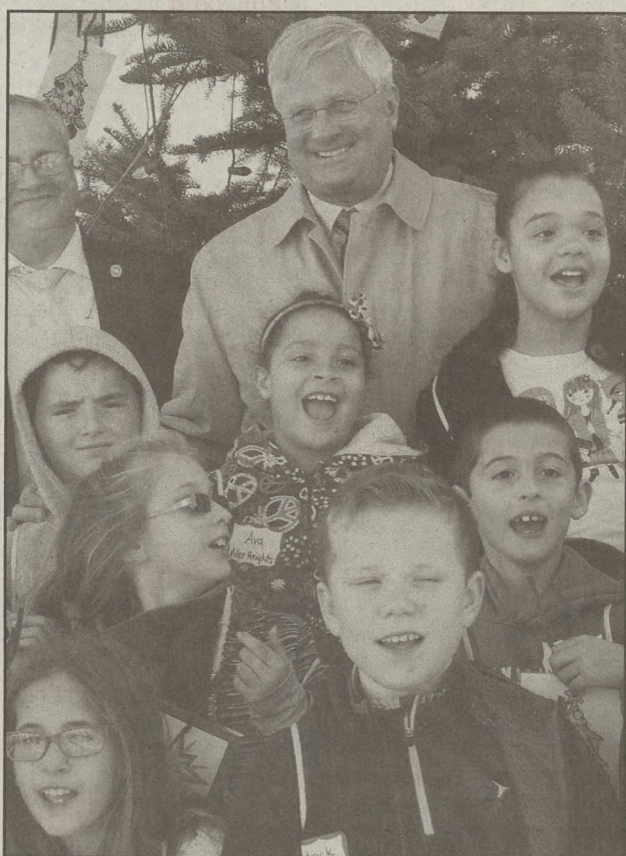
**Teacher Dawn Parker** of Miller Heights ES helps Sophie Slegel hang her ornament on the mayor's Christmas tree which is traditionally decorated by students from two different schools from the Bethlehem area.



**Ryan Marano**, a student at Miller Heights, hangs his ornament carefully on the mayor's Christmas tree.



**Mayor's assistants** selected to help light the giant Christmas city tree during the municipal lighting ceremony, join Mayor Robert Donchez at the end of the mayor's Christmas tree decorating party. The student from Holy Infancy School is Adryanna Hernandez (left) and the Miller Heights students are Mary Adodoaji, Ellery Collins, Jaovanni Womer and Mellissa Harvey.



**Bethlehem Mayor** Robert Donchez and some students from Miller Heights sing carols in front of the decorated tree.



**Wearing Santa** and Christmas hats are Liberty HS Grenadier Band trumpet players Devon Wachter and Sophie Kich-Peck outside the city hall rotunda.



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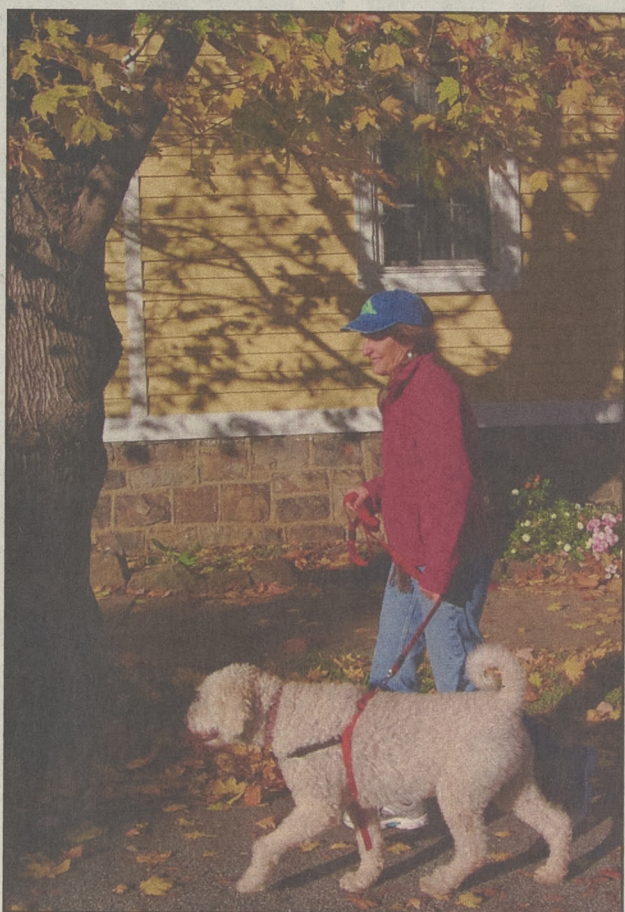
PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Grandparents Steve and Jill Platt pull their bundled-up 22-month-old grandson, John Santanasto, along Church Street in Bethlehem on a recent brisk fall day. The Platts, from Haddonfield, N.J., were visiting their grandson's parents, Mike and Amie Santanasto, who live in the Church Street area.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

With temps in the low 70s on a recent afternoon, barefoot Jody Wendt takes a break from leaf raking to play with her two pugs – Otis and Lola Jean – in her Bethlehem Township yard off Willow Park Road.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Karen White walks her poodle Nessie along Wall Street in Bethlehem's residential Historic Districts where some leaves remain on the trees. "I grew up in Bethlehem and I am happy to be back," said the Bethlehem native, who has returned to Christmas City USA after living elsewhere for a number of years.

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GVHS House tour set for Dec. 5

Governor Wolf Historical Society's 35th annual Christmas house tour, "Heirloom Quilts at Christmas", will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath.

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## BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP



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The Bulldogs provide organized sports for 1,500 children a year.

## Tax hike gets cut in half

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

What was originally proposed as a 37.6 percent tax hike in Bethlehem Township has been cut in half. At their Nov. 16 meeting, commissioners voted 4 to 1 to adopt a \$16.9 million spending plan for next year, with Michael Hudak casting the sole no vote. Taxes will still increase 1.01 mills (18.4 percent) to a 7.09 millage rate, about half the increase originally expected. According to Finance Director Andrew Freda, a home assessed at \$100,000 could expect to see a \$709 tax bill next year instead of the current \$599.

This budget is the culmination of four very crowded budget hearings that had to be moved to town hall because the conference room was too small. It may also have cost Republican commissioners Marty Zawarski and Phil Barnard their jobs. They were defeated in the Nov. 3 election by Democrats Malissa Davis and Kim Jenkins, who had unlikely allies in tea party conservatives.

The budget adopted for approval decreases the fund balance by \$500,000, and Freda warned before the meeting that a second hike

might be necessary next year.

During budget hearings, commissioners slashed \$336,000 in spending, mostly by putting off the purchase of a \$160,000 radial-arm mower and leaving unfilled a wage permit tech position. They also voted to slash the annual \$40,000 allotment to the Bethlehem Township Athletic Association, more commonly known as the Bulldogs, in half. This is because the Bulldogs had built up savings of \$113,000 from fundraising and donations.

A nonprofit organization, the Bulldogs consist entirely of volunteers and have had a contractual relationship with the township that goes back to 1969. The sports group offers recreational cheerleading, football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, softball and lacrosse to all township residents. Under the terms of its contract, it must maintain liability insurance, and the township has agreed to subsidize the organization. Over 1,500 children participate in one or more of these sports. Bulldogs did receive an annual subsidy of \$60,000, which was reduced to \$40,000 during the Great Recession.

According to Bulldogs president Frank Grillo, "[T]he commissioners and the township manager asked our organization to do extra fundraising or saving to show good faith and put some money toward the restrooms." Those are projected to cost somewhere around \$350,000, although they also include an equipment storage room. "Now that our organization did what the township asked, the BTAA is going to be penalized," Grillo complained.

Grillo and Mike Beck, another Bulldog, asked commissioners to restore the \$40,000 in funding. Saying the Bulldogs "get blamed for a lot of things," he asked "where taking \$20,000 away from the kids is going to get us."

Michael Hudak said the cut is the result of an outcry from the public, and that he found it personally offensive that Grillo would bring up kids in what is, after all, a youth sports program. "Take \$20,000 out of savings and spend it on the kids," he told Grillo. "I would hope we don't back out on this," Hudak told fellow commissioners. "The public spoke at the election as well."

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**NAACP**

Robinson event set for Dec. 6

The NAACP Celebration of Life for "Mother" Amelia Boynton Robinson will be held at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church, 410 Union St., Allentown.

The leader of the American Civil Rights movement in Selma, Ala., is the 2015 inductee to the Freedom Memorial of the Lehigh Valley, Stories that shaped a Nation.

Community women leaders from Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton NAACP and other organizations will lead the March to Freedom memorial. There will be performances by local youth. A reception will follow.

**YWCA**

Health workshops set for Dec. 4, 7

YWCA Bethlehem will host women's health workshops, for women 40 and over, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 4, and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 7, at PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley, 555 Union Blvd., Allentown, 18109.

Edie Gliem, a nurse-educator, will present information about breast health, cancer prevention, risk-factors and mammograms, and information about free mammograms.

The workshops are made possible in part by the Women's 5K Classic volunteer organization. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, call 610-867-4669, ext. 104.

**HIKE**

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But that's exactly what happened. Commissioner Tom Nolan proposed restoring the \$20,000 taken away from the Bulldogs, and with only Hudak voting no, this budget amendment was adopted.

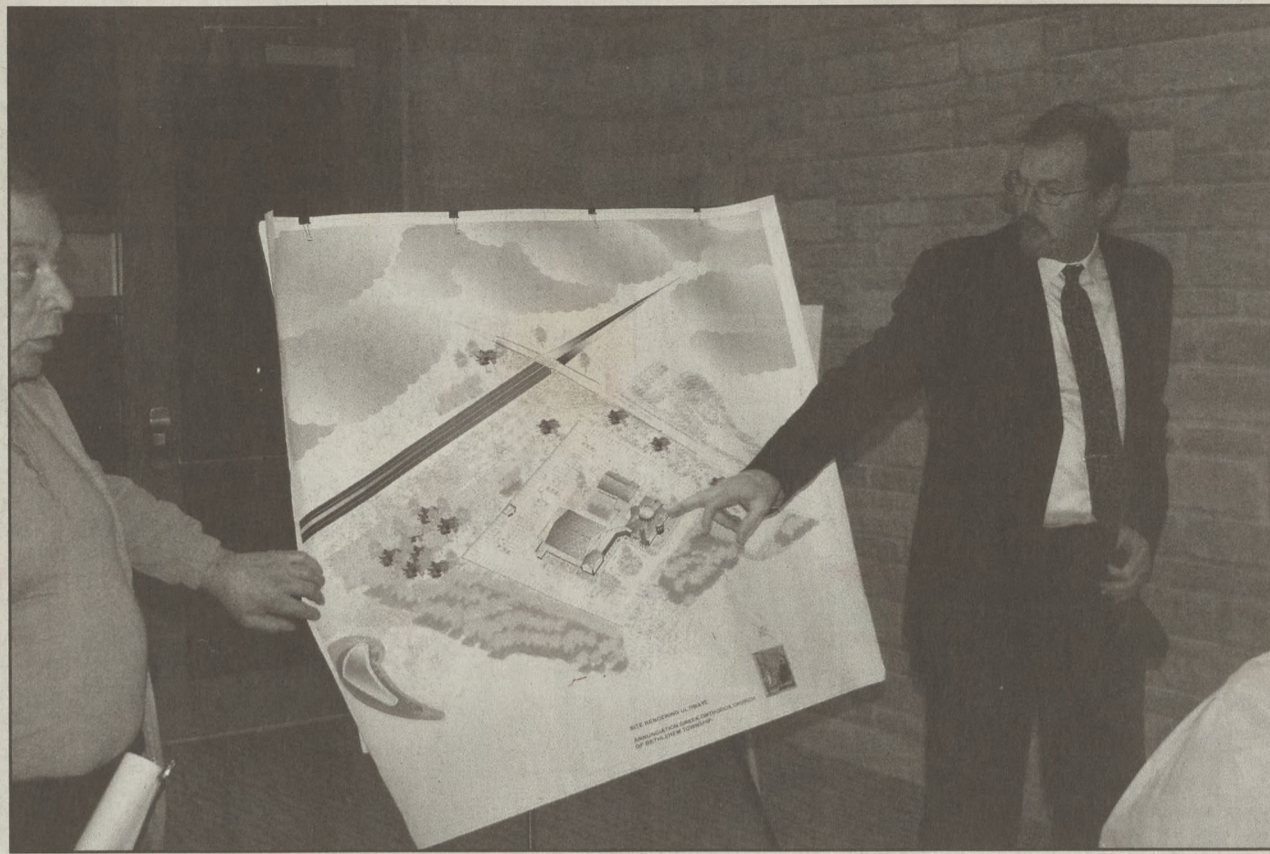
Then the budget itself was approved for advertising by the same 4 to 1 vote.

Hudak, on both his Facebook page and at the meeting, derided the "lame ducks" who voted to restore funding. "We need to stand up for our decisions and have a spine."

Kim Jenkins, who is replacing "lame duck" Phil Barnard next year, is a member of the Bulldogs board.

As the meeting ended, Pat Breslin said he talked to several hundred people during the budget process and has several legal ads full of notes. He'd like to form what he calls a citizen's self-audit committee to review the budget throughout the year.

"Obviously, we have a spending problem," he said.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Terraform's Terry DeGroot describes plans for Greek Orthodox Church.

**Church moving next to friary**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, currently located on 20th Street in Wilson Borough, is moving to Bethlehem Township. Parish Council President Aristides Manolas and Engineer Terry DeGroot presented sketch plans for a church, fellowship hall and administrative offices during the Nov. 16 commissioners' meeting. It's located on

the northern 12 acres of a sprawling 21-acre tract along Bethman and Church roads, along with a 500-car parking lot.

The sanctuary, which is what Manolas called the church, would have room for 350 worshippers. The fellowship hall, which will include a kitchen and can double as a gym, is planned to hold 500.

When asked about the church entrance facing the back of the tract, Manolas explained that Greek Orthodox Churches always try to face east.

Manolas told commissioners that the Wilson Borough church, led by Father Constantine Papadopoulos, has no insulation or features for the differently abled.

At this point, DeG-

root is unable to project a cost or timeline.

St. Jane's, The Franciscan Friary and Calvary Baptist Church are all located on or near Church Road. During an earlier review at the Planning Commission, one member quipped, "Church Road is living up to its name."

The Wilson Borough Church is the site of a famous bi-annual Greek food festival.

**BRIEFLY ALLENTOWN**

Veterans concert offered Dec. 6

Allentown Band will host an "Americans We" concert tribute to veterans 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown.

The band has expanded the scope of the annual holiday/Pearl Harbor Remembrance concert in collaboration with the City of Allentown, Arts Quest, Bethlehem, Lehigh Valley Veterans History Project, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, Lehigh Conferences of Churches and Muhlenberg College to make this concert a special tribute and recognition of all veterans, with special recognition to World War II Veteran honorees in attendance.

The concert will feature Daniel Rodriguez, the singing policeman, Euphonium virtuoso Jason Ham, U.S. Military Academy Band and the El Sistema Chorus under the direction of Kyle Keller.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.allentownband.com](http://www.allentownband.com).

For more information, call Debbie Heiney, business manager, at 610-737-6504 or 610-434-7026.

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Growing Readers begin Dec. 3

Parents can sign up their child for a four-week session of Story-Time at Bethlehem Area Public Library beginning Dec. 3. Classes are on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. (no class on Christmas Eve) at the South Side Branch, 400 Webster St.

Stories, songs, and rhymes are designed to promote color, number, and letter recognition and develop language skills and reading readiness.

Registration is required and can be done online at [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or by phone 610-867-7852.

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Food bank donations sought

The Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road, is requesting assistance for their food pantry for the needy.

Packaged goods, soups, cereals, canned meats, tuna, various macaroni and other non-perishables and/or financial donations are needed.

For questions and information, or to donate, call Lt. Colonel Rader, 610-867-4681.

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

**Council refuses to repeal \$50M loan**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At its Nov. 5 meeting, Northampton County Council voted 6 to 3 to approve an emergency ordinance authorizing Executive John Brown to borrow up to \$50 million so that the county can continue paying human service providers out of its own pocket during the state budget impasse. Fiscal Affairs Director Jim Hunter has since secured a line of credit with Lafayette Bank to borrow only what the county needs, starting sometime in December.

But is the state budget logjam finally breaking up? The governor's spokesperson, Jeff Sher-

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idan, claims there's a tentative agreement and is hopeful that the record-setting stalemate will be over by Thanksgiving. But there is no way of knowing just how long it will take for state reimbursement of human service providers.

Given this uncertainty, council at its Nov. 19 meeting quickly rejected a Lamont McClure repeal of the \$50 million loan authorization. Only Ken Kraft joined him in attempting to kill the loan.

Executive John Brown said that even if the state budget is adopted by Thanksgiving, it's unclear when state

reimbursements will begin trickling back to the county.

"We'll only take exactly what we need," pledged Brown, who indicated the first draw of about \$2 million would take place in the first week of December.

McClure was bothered about borrowing \$50 million when the county already has a \$10 million rainy day fund. This would require council action. McClure told Brown, "I think [council] would give you authorization to use the rainy day fund when it's raining."

But there's another problem. The county

can't get at it without incurring penalties. Brown conceded that perhaps that should change.

Northampton County's southern neighbor, Bucks County, is spending about \$6 million per month of its own reserves for important programs like child protective services. But instead of borrowing, Bucks Commissioners have threatened to withhold between \$4-5 million in taxes and fees it collects monthly for the state, and has already established an escrow fund for that purpose. Bucks stopped paying human service providers in July.

**County passes \$386M 2016 budget**

BY MARK RECCEK  
Special to The Press

The 2016 Lehigh County budget has been approved by the board of commissioners.

The board officially approved the \$386 million budget at the Nov. 10 meeting.

Based on the approved budget, a resident with a home assessed at \$203,000 will see a \$14.21 reduction in next year's tax bill.

Prior to the approval, the board voted to override county Executive Tom Muller's vetoes involving fees associated with the Affordable Care Act, Agricultural Conservation Municipal Match Program, funding for an emergency management vehicle and a capital project involving information technology.

Muller's amendment involving a 2.5 percent wage increase for non-union county employees did make slight headway among the board. While the amendment passed by

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a vote of 5 to 4, the board reduced the raise to 2 percent.

Those voting to override the veto included commissioners Percy Dougherty, Amanda Holt, Vic Mazziotti, Lisa Scheller and Michael Schware.

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# Gas station to replace Martin Tower?

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

**A** controversial mixed use ordinance at the 53-acre Martin Tower campus is poised for adoption by Bethlehem City Council later this month, following a review by the planning commission.

Mayor Bob Donchez and Council President Willie Reynolds have publicly stated that they want to give developer Lew Ronca more flexibility for numerous different uses, such as destination retail, big boxes and apartment buildings. But documents provided to this reporter in response to a Right-to-Know request reveal that, despite numerous meetings with city officials since January, Ronca appears to be somewhat uncertain what he really wants to do with the entire 53-acre site.

Two things are clear, however. First, he wants to demolish the iconic 21-story building that once stood as headquarters for Bethlehem Steel. Second, he's considered replacing this landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places with a small commercial building, possibly a high-end gas station.

## Ronca instrumental in securing Bethlehem CRIZ

Documents released by Bethlehem City Hall reveal that Ronca was instrumental in obtaining a City Revitalization and Investment Zone (CRIZ) designation in Bethlehem. That is a special tax zone in which a developer can use state income and sales tax to fund the cost of development. The Martin Tower project is described as the "cornerstone" of Bethlehem's 130-acre CRIZ plan and as "another example of Bethlehem's efforts to create its future from vestiges of Bethlehem Steel's past."

Ronca orchestrated the use of lobbyists Anthony Pugliese and Heather Browne, wife of state senator and NIZ author Pat Browne, to navigate the treacherous political waters in Harrisburg to secure favorable tax concessions for a closed club of developers that includes him, Dennis Benner, Mike Perrucci, J.G. Petrucci and the Sands Casino. At the time, Ronca and then Mayor John Callahan were conducting conference calls with these lobbyists, emails reveal that developer Lou Pektor was on the outside looking in. He tried over and over to get a seat at the table, but it was a closed game.

When the CRIZ designation ultimately came in late 2013, Ronca finally had a green light to use state sales and income tax to fuel development at the site. What's more, any attempt to transfer the CRIZ away from Martin Tower to another part of the city would require his approval. He could just sit on the entire tract and do nothing, and the city would have to pay him to move the CRIZ somewhere else.

## Ronca beneficiary of \$9M grant

Think the CRIZ is enough of an incentive to jumpstart development? Think again.

In addition to the CRIZ, Ronca has another government concession: \$9 million in taxpayer dollars to remediate asbestos at the site. Over the summer, Mayor Donchez requested a one-year extension on the site, signing off on a letter that had been prepared in advance by Ronca. This is part of the state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), and was initially obtained by Pektor when he was involved in the Martin Tower project. Since this funding stream was approved before the CRIZ, Ronca will be able to take advantage of this state grant as well as use state taxes to pay for construction.

Instead of using \$9 million in RACP funds to just remove the asbestos from Martin Tower, he intends to do that and then tear down the building. He will spend \$5.1 million on asbestos remediation, \$1.75 million for demolition and \$1.5 million on regrad-

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While plans for the Martin Tower site are at best sketchy, two things are clear. First, developer Lew Ronca would like to demolish the iconic 21-story building that once stood as headquarters to Bethlehem Steel Corp. Second, he could replace this landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places with a small commercial building, most likely a high-end gas station.

ing. The tower structure is to be replaced by a \$4 million commercial building. The state will reimburse \$9.075 million of the money spent.

## Ronca wants to replace Martin Tower

The new commercial building will most likely be a high-end gas station. Ronca and his business associate, Duane Wagner, began meeting with city officials in earnest concerning a new Office Mixed Use Ordinance in January. In late February, Ronca broached the idea of a high-end gas station, possibly a Sheetz, to replace the Martin Tower. He seemed concerned at the time that it might be too close to Route 378 because of wording in the ordinance, but his worries seem to have been answered.

A high-end gas station is appealing to Ronca because, as he explained in email exchanges with city officials, it will generate \$210,000 annually in state taxes. That money can in turn be used to fuel more CRIZ development. This idea was discussed with Mayor Donchez.

According to a timeline Ronca submitted to the state, he was hoping to get the Office Mixed Use Ordinance approved in November. After that, he would present a master plan for approval in February and a specific plan to demolish Martin Tower in May. The tower would tumble in October 2016.

This is completely contrary to redevelopment elsewhere in Bethlehem, where the emphasis has been on adaptive re-use of Bethlehem Steel structures.

What happens to the rest of the site is unknown.

## Contacts with city officials

Ronca and other CRIZ beneficiaries have been major contributors to Mayor Donchez and several council members. The Right-to-Know request asked for all written communications between these elected officials and Ronca, even phone text mes-

sages and emails from their personal accounts. Aside from two emails from Michael Recchiuti inviting Ronca to campaign fundraisers, nothing indicates that Ronca reminded any elected official of his contributions or that there were any communications at all between Ronca and elected officials, with the exception of meetings with Donchez to discuss the new zoning proposal.

But Ronca did have frequent contact with City Planning Director Darlene Heller and Department of Community and Development Director Alicia Karner, as several drafts of the new proposal went back and forth.

Finally, after two meetings with the planning commission, Heller forwarded the new zoning ordinance to city council with a memo calling Martin Tower "blighted and obsolete." She claimed the city was being proactive, but the reality appears to be that this ordinance was inspired by Ronca, who provided the original draft to the city on Jan. 20, 2015.

In addition to being the driving force behind this new ordinance, Ronca business associate Duane Wagner even went so far as to provide Heller with talking points to answer merchant concerns about the ordinance as fears of a third downtown began to surface.

## Ronca strategy: Wear the public down

Instead of publicly defending his proposal or presenting a specific plan of what he intends to do at the 53-acre site, Ronca's strategy seems to be to wear the public down. He did not attend the meeting when the new zoning ordinance was presented to the planning commission in July and August and has been absent at three public hearings concerning these zoning changes.

At the Oct. 6, public hearing, Planning Director Darlene Heller provided a two-hour and 15-minute

presentation concerning the new zoning ordinance in what was perceived by many downtown merchants as an attempt to drive the audience away.

At that time, DCED Director Karner began exchanging text messages from Ronca, who was outside.

Karner: "Not sure why you get to miss all the fun..."

Karner: "Darlene presented for two hours. Questions now."

Ronca: "I was outside for a while but needed to avoid reporters. Didn't D wear them out?"

Karner: "Only a few."  
Ronca: "OK. Keep me posted. Any grumbling from the audience?"

Karner: "Hearing just ended. rest of council to go. 34 speakers. 2 supportive."

These text exchanges, which actually went back and forth for three days, are the only text messages exchanged between Karner and Ronca. But they make clear that his strategy was to avoid the public and "wear them out."

## What's next?

That strategy has failed. If anything, the result has been even greater participation and many questions about the absent developer who refuses to present a plan.

City council is currently considering amendments proposed by Eric Evans to prevent a third downtown. But it will still include destination retail and could spur all kinds of big box development. The planning commission is scheduled to consider these proposals Dec. 10, after which city council is scheduled to vote on the mixed use ordinance Dec. 15."

## Right-to-Know timeline

1/14/13 - Lou Pektor provides Mayor Callahan with copy of the "NIZ meeting list."

1/16/13 - Mayor Callahan and Joe Kelly have meeting with Pektor and Deibert about Home Properties. Matt

Deibert is bringing Home Properties to the meeting. (Matt Deibert seems to visit NorCo Exec John Brown on a regular basis, and it is unknown how many outfits he has introduced to Brown.)

5/22/13 - Joe Uliana explains CRIZ legislation to LVEDC

6/11/13 - Mayor Callahan scheduled to meet Ronca about Martin Tower TIF.

6/21/13 - Don Cunningham urging LVEDC to support CRIZ legislation.

6/21/13 - Sy Traub has no opposition to CRIZ advocacy by LVEDC so long as NIZ legislation remains unchanged.

6/25/13 - Ronca business associate Duane Wagner sends Callahan SB 947 concerning CRIZ

6/25/13 - Ronca meeting with Callahan about Martin Tower TIF

7/3/13 - Uliana sends Joe Kelly Tax Code bill with final CRIZ language.

7/23/13 - Tim Garrity tells Callahan his company (Compass Point Consulting) can help Bethlehem with CRIZ.

8/28/13 - CRIZ conference call involving Callahan, Lew Ronca, Senator Lisa Boscola, Norton Herrick (Martin Tower) and lobbyists Anthony Pugliese and Heather Browne (wife of state Senator Pat Bowne)

10/7/13 - CRIZ guidelines provided to city.

10/8/13 - Pektor trying to get hold of Callahan

10/17/13 - State provides CRIZ guidelines to Bethlehem and lobbyists Joe Uliana and Rocco Pugliese

11/22/13 - Joe Kelly sends final draft of CRIZ application to Joe Uliana, Dennis Benner, Robert DeSalvio, Lew Ronca and Mayor Callahan.

12/3 & 12/4/13 - Pektor wants Callahan to call Leo DeLong

12/26/13 - Duane Wagner submits CRIZ application supplement, including private investment highlights. Kelly responds with information indicating there must be one private dollar for every \$5 of CRIZ revenue.

12/30/13 - Kelly sends Uliana a copy of Governor Corbett's CRIZ news release.

5/22/14 - Brenner proposes CRIZ amendment to insure that all liquor taxes are captured by CRIZ developers.

5/23/14 - Karner informs CRIZ developers that it is impossible to know what taxes are being certified by the state for liquor sales because of tenant confidentiality.

5/27/14 - Dennis Benner tells Karner that city needs to take "leadership position" on liquor and wants to be able to capture all alcohol taxes.

6/4/14 - In response to a request from Amy Pektor, DCED's Jordan Snelling sends her a map of the Enterprise Zone and a list of the city's business and development incentives.

7/14/14 - RACP schedule calls for land development approval by planning in May 2016. There is no mention of a need for a new CMU ordinance. RACP project to start October 2016, which at this time would be a preservation of Martin Tower. But Ronca's schedule states that he will be seeing a zoning amendment approval in November 2015.

7/28/15 - City solicitor wants amendment to RACP agreement to Martin Tower, indicating Ronca must kick in \$12 M and state grant will be \$9.075 M (The \$12.6 M paid to purchase Martin Tower is counted, so he is getting \$9.06745 M).

9/12/14 - Karner advises Pektor aide James Towers that earliest 315 Columbia project will be considered is October.

9/17/14 - Pektor aide James Towers told by Bethlehem's Jordan Snelling that 315 Columbia project will not be on the agenda for 9/18 because the board lacks a quorum.

9/18/14 - Pektor aide James Towers submits Blackplate Distilling project for CRIZ at 315 Columbia Street, an "arts premium spirits distillery, tasting room and restaurant facility."

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ty," located one block from ArtsQuest. The project is projected to create 41 full time jobs with \$1.1 M in annual wages at \$26,800 per job. This would redevelop a brownfield warehouse.

9/29/14 - James Towers with Lou Pektor wants to know if Lou Pektor project at 315 Columbia is on agenda for CRIZ meeting on 10/2/15.

12/11/14 - Jim Broughal meets with all CRIZ developers

1/20/15 - Ronca business associate Duane Wagner meets with Alicia Karner and Darlene Heller concerning OMU zoning ordinance at Martin Tower. This draft contains a 50,000-square-foot limit on retail use, but is crossed out.

1/25/15 - Karner tells Heller that, other than some minor tweaking, Ronca is OK with changes proposed by Bethlehem to a new OMU zoning ordinance at Martin Tower.

2/3/15 - Heller recommends to Ronca that in an OMU, a minimum of 65 percent of the building footprint of all new buildings shall be at least two habitable stories. She points out that the maximum build out would be 31.6 acres, or 1.376 million square feet of building footprint. She believes that

25 percent, or 344,145 square feet, should be limited to one-story. The rest would have to be two stories or greater.

2/23/15 - Recchiuti invites Ronca to a 2/26 fundraiser at Bethlehem BrewWorks

2/25/15 - Ronca and Wagner send an email to Karner about a possible 1.5- to 2-acre Sheetz at the site, believing it will generate about \$210,000 annually in state taxes that can be used for CRIZ financing.

3/2/15 - Karner advises Ronca she will discuss Sheetz proposal with Mayor Donchez.

3/4/15 - Planning Dept. sends OMU design guidelines to Ronca and Karner, and adds that if they are acceptable, she can try to get the matter heard by planning commission in March.

3/24/15 - Ronca meeting with Mayor Donchez and Karner to review OMU Ordinance. Ronca sends draft copy.

3/26/15 - Ronca sends latest draft of OMU Ordinance for review with Karner and Heller on 4/6/15. It eliminates fast food restaurants, adds a provision indicating that the district "is intended to encourage ground-floor retail and service uses to promote connectivity between the residential and commercial buildings..." It permits a gas station.

4/1/15 - Heller sends

OMU Ordinance back to Ronca suggesting changes.

4/7/15 - Wagner concerned about "gas station distance." Wants to discuss with Heller. Appears to be concerned he might be too close to Route 378.

4/13/15 - Ronca emails Karner he expects to see OMU Ordinance submitted to the planning commission no later than May.

4/17/15 - Wagner sends draft of OMU Ordinance and design guidelines to Heller.

4/27/15 - Recchiuti invites Ronca to a 4/30 fundraiser at The MINT Gastropub

6/1/15 - Heller advises Ronca she met with the mayor concerning OMU Ordinance, and will be meeting him again on 6/2.

6/3/15 - Heller provides Ronca with latest revisions to OMU Ordinance based on discussions with the mayor, as well as revisions to design guidelines. He is pushing to have matter heard by planning commission in June.

6/5/15 - Heller provides latest draft of OMU Ordinance to Ronca, insisting on 10 percent open space. This includes handwritten notations from Ronca. He only wanted 10 percent of the residential area excluded as open space. Bethlehem wants 10 percent of the entire tract excluded. Bethle-

hem wants 25 percent limit on vinyl siding. Bethlehem wants description of public amenities to be provided. Ronca pushing to have Martin Tower OMU Ordinance scheduled for June planning commission. Wagner says, "[t]he urgency is related to our RAPC extension request, which Lew had discussed previously with the mayor." Heller tells him this is not possible because the latest ordinance must be reviewed with Mayor Donchez.

6/10/15 - Ronca business associate Duane Wagner tinkers with 10 percent open space requirement. Heller proposes that if Ronca caves on open space, she'll cave on a vinyl siding limit.

6/12/15 - Annual City CRIZ tax report at Martin Tower filed. Total goose egg.

6/16/15 - Undated and unsigned letter to Joseph Elias, RACP, Office of Budget, seeking a one-year extension on RACP Contract 300-726 for Martin Tower, citing the challenge of developing Martin Tower and need to adopt a new zoning ordinance. This letter has actually been prepared by Ronca business associate Duane Wagner, who is worried about the RACP agreement expiring on 6/30/15.

6/22/15 - Amendment #2 for RACP at

Martin Tower provided to Ronca. This is to extend termination date to 7/31/15.

6/24/15 - Letter from Mayor Donchez to Joseph Elias, RACP, that appears to be identical to the unsigned and undated letter that Ronca prepared on 6/16/15.

6/29/15 - Heller sends Wagner what she calls the "long awaited document." A final draft of the OMU Ordinance before it hits the planning commission.

6/30/15 - Wagner either acknowledges "the final" document with a comparison or is attempting some minor changes. It appears to be the former.

- State notifies Bethlehem that RACP extension at Martin Tower is flawed because it does not provide information on construction status, funding secured or received and special conditions.

7/1/15 - Ronca informed more information needed in extension request for Martin Tower RACP.(ME300-726)

7/6/15 - DEP informs Ronca that he has failed to file a monthly discharge report since September 2012, which is in violation of the Clean Streams Act as well as his NPDES Permit.

7/7/15 - Ronca business associate Wagner provides "talking points" to Darlene Heller for her to use at the planning commission

in reaction to concerns raised by vox populi. (This is where the 425,000 square feet myth arises.)

7/9/15 - Dyanne Holt (Apollo Grill) advises Bethlehem officials that she would like to address the change in zoning at Martin Tower at a 7/14/15 meeting with the mayor.

7/14/15 - Updated project schedule for RACP provided by Ronca. State wants assurance of \$550,900 in matching funds.

7/24/15 - Meeting between Heller and Ronca business associate Wagner to discuss OMU changes in response to planning commission concerns.

7/27/15 - Karner informs Wagner that RACP grant has been extended.

8/3/15 - Wagner looking for draft of OMU that is going to planning commission on 8/13.

8/5/15 - Wagner wants Heller to contact him concerning recommendations at planning commission and an inter-office memo she shared with him. She sends a memo to the mayor indicating Ronca agrees with all changes recommended by city, except he wants to be able to do two of three uses (residential, office, retail) without being tied down to a specific percentage.

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8/6/15 - Meeting with Ronca and mayor (There was a meeting with Abe Atiyeh earlier in the day).

8/14/15 - Undated and unsigned memo from Darlene Heller to city council for zoning ordinance amendments for the redevelopment of Martin Tower. She calls the tower "blighted and

obsolete and its reuse is extremely challenging to say the least." She states the city is being proactive with a broader mix of proposed uses and notes the zoning amendment was recommended for approval by a 4-1 vote at the planning commission.

8/27/15 - Wagner thanks Heller for her help that day.

9/4/15 - Solicitor's Notice of Public Hearing

on Martin Tower CMU Ordinance for 10/6/15.

9/15/15 - Heller informs LVPC she is unable to attend 9/21 planning committee meeting at which Martin Tower OMU will be discussed.

10/6/15 - Text exchanges between Alicia Karner and Lew Ronca, starting on the date of the special hearing. (This is their only exchange.)

Karner: "Not sure why

you get to miss all the fun..."

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Karner: "Only a few." Ronca: "OK. Keep me posted. Any grumbling from the audience?"

Karner: "Hearing just ended. rest of council to go.

34 speakers. 2 supportive."

Oct 7 Ronca: "What time did you get out of there?"

Karner: "Idk. 1230 or so."

Ronca: "My God. Had I known I would have bought you a drink or two after that!"

Karner: Sends Ronca a link to a blog post by this reporter.

Ronca: "There ya go. All was not wasted then!"

Ronca: "Yes. I read that first thing this morning. Schweder is an (expletive deleted) by the way."

Karner: "First I ever saw/heard him speak."

Ronca: "There is a story. I'll tell you when I see you."

Karner: "Can't wait."

Oct 8 Ronca: "Can you meet with me and the mayor tmrw at 3:30?"

Karner: "Yes. At Mayor's office?"

Ronca: "Yes please. See you then."

10/9/15 - Alicia has meeting scheduled with Ronca business associate Duane Wagner at 3:30 pm.

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# A 'Carol' we go

Civic brings Dickens' classic to the stage for 26th year

## SPOTLIGHT ON

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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There's a new Scrooge in town. Mark Domyan is playing Ebenezer Scrooge in the Civic Theatre Of Allentown production of "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 4-19, Nineteenth Street Theatre, Allentown.

It's the 26th annual year Civic has staged the adaptation by William Sanders, Civic Artistic Director and show director-choreographer, and Sharon Lee Glassman, Civic Board Of Directors President, of the Charles Dickens' classic 1843 novella.

Domyan was previously on the Civic stage in Sondheim's "Passion" and has been in other Lehigh Valley theater productions.

Sanders has directed "A Christmas Carol" at Civic since 1989 when Allentown's West End Theatre District venue first staged his and Glassman's adaptation for all but four of the 26 years.

Civic's production includes several songs with the entire cast, 127 by Sanders' count, including the Ivy and Holly cast of "Urchins" and "Party Kids," holding candles and singing "Angels We Have Heard On High" at the play's conclusion as artificial snowflakes fall.

The score, which is from the original 1989 production, includes hammer dulcimer and harpsichord. "I wanted the music to have an other-worldly quality and a film score feel. The music is specific to the period because the songs are specific to the show," Sanders says.

Lots of stagecraft is involved in Civic's "Christmas Carol." Special effects emphasize "the ghost story,"

Sanders notes, which, of course, "A Christmas Story" is. There are visual projections, sound effects, a music score and dramatic lighting (400 light cues, according to Sanders) in the approximate two-hour show.

"Marley's Ghost, in particular, is very frightening this year," says Sanders. Remy Kayal is The Ghost Of Jacob Marley.

Sanders says every year each production is a little different:

"Most of the inspirations come during rehearsal. There are little staging tweaks and even lines that are added where we feel we may need them.

"There are a couple of scenes that are optional ... and we're adding one scene back in this year. I don't want to give away what it is."

Not only is there a new Scrooge, but the Ghosts are new.

"And the Ghosts are all women this year, which is fun," Sanders says.

Denise Long is The Ghost Of Christmas Past. Andrea Cartagena is The Ghost Of Christmas Present. Chelsi Fread is The Ghost Of Christmas Yet To Come.

"We had more than 100 audition this year," says Sanders. "We have a lot of really talented men."

"A Christmas Carol" is one of, if not the most popular shows in Civic's season each year, although its fall musicals, "The Addams Family" this year, and "Young Franken-

stein" last year, are giving it a run for the money.

"It's the founder of the feast, as Dickens says," Sanders says of "A Christmas Carol" and its box office impact on Civic.

In addition to the public performances, there are four student matinees for students from schools across the Lehigh Valley and beyond, including: Sacred Heart Regional School, The Swain School, St. Ann's School, Arts Academy Charter Middle School, Lower Macungie Middle School, Northampton Area Middle School, Springhouse Middle School, Northwestern Lehigh Middle School, Northwestern Elementary School, Weisenberg Elementary School, St. Thomas More School, Faith Christian Academy and Moravian Academy.

Sanders says "A Christmas Carol" is about the importance of family not only in the storyline, but in the production itself:

"Regardless of the bottom line and the fact that it [Christmas Carol] does make money, live theater is for want of a better word, a family. It's a place where you can go and it's the reason this place [Civic Theatre] was founded 80-odd years ago.

"The people who were in it [Christmas Carol] come back to see it. It's that sense of continuity that

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## 8 DAYS A WEEK

### Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**50 years on:** The Irish Rovers, above, are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a tour and triple CD set, "The Irish Rovers, 50 Years," available at concerts, including its Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, State Theatre For The Arts, Easton. The band first became known on United States television in the 1960s, performing on "The Tonight Show," "The Smothers Brothers Show" and the "Mike Douglas Show." With "The Irish Rovers Show" on TV in the 1970s, the band played and recorded popular songs, including "Black Velvet Band," "The Unicorn," "Whisky On A Sunday" and "Wasn't That A Party." These days, the group is back on the radio, has done television specials and has gone viral with "Drunken Sailor." At the concert, fans will enjoy a mix of the group's hits, rollicking jigs and reels, plus hilarious stories from years on the road. The group's children's album, "Songs For The Wee Folk," is expected to be available at the concert. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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# SWEET 16

The tried and new for Touchstone Theatre  
'Christmas City Follies'

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It's "Sweet 16" for "Christmas City Follies," Dec. 3-20, Touchstone Theatre, Bethlehem.

"Being that it was the sixteenth year, I said to the ensemble, 'Whatever we want to turn this into at this point, we can. Nothing's sacred. If we want to lose some characters, we can,'" says Jp Jordan, Touchstone Artistic Director who's directing "Follies" for the eighth year.

"But in the process, we lost nothing. Everything stuck around. By means of the process, it turned out that everything was sacred in a way."

The "Big Three" are back: Touchstone co-founder Bill George's cantankerous storytelling clown "The Old Guy"; Mary Wright's sweet and silent "Little Red," and the immortal musical number "The Shopping Cart Ballet."

Music is as integral to "Follies" as the comedy. Returning as music director is Kevin O'Boyle, whose group The Sugar Pills performed as part of "Follies" one year. O'Boyle, piano and guitar, will be augmented by the cast on music instruments.

Along with returning favorites, there are new sketches, new characters, personal stories from



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Favorite characters are back and new characters join "Christmas City Follies XVI," Dec. 3-20, Touchstone Theatre, Bethlehem.

company members and original and adapted holiday music. The community guest will be on certain nights, not every performance.

"One of the fun-est things for me is that we're introduced to Santa's newest album," Jordan says, adding, "It's kind of like a TV commercial where Michael Crawford sings the songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber."

"We teach people how to prepare for Black Friday."

"We once again set sail on the high seas for an island paradise. We had a lot of reaction asking for that sketch. So, without saying Pirates or Pandas ... There will be perhaps be a special black-and-white friend in attendance."

Each of the two acts is about 45 min. "Follies" rehearsals began the first week in October. The cast includes Emma Chong, Touchstone

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**Say a cappella:** Rockapella, above, has toured the globe and provided a funky, powerful soundtrack to several generations of vocal music fans, while keeping it all fresh along the way. The group performs a Christmas concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 10, State Theatre For The Arts, Easton. Rockapella is regarded as being influential in the era of network television a cappella shows like NBC's "The Sing-Off," movies like "Pitch Perfect" and innumerable college vocal groups that own the corner of cool on campuses everywhere. With buckets of catchy original pop songs, and contemporary revisions of sparkling Motown, pop and soul classics, Rockapella is the one to watch and hear. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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# David Phelps' 'Classic Christmas' at State Theatre

BY ERIN FERGUSON  
Special to The Press

David Phelps, of Gaither Vocal Band fame, brings his "Classic Christmas" tour to the State Theatre for the Arts, Easton, 7 p.m. Dec. 8.

"Classic Christmas" is Phelps' 16th annual Christmas tour with more than one dozen stops by Phelps and his seven-piece musical entourage. Many of the songs featured are included on Phelps' "O Holy Night" recording, as well as his recently-release "Freedom" recording.

Over the last 20 years, Phelps has emerged as a leading voice in contemporary Christian music. Phelps' voice has been heard in Carnegie Hall, the White House at a gospel concert for then President George W. Bush and the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

"I'm just a kid who grew up dreaming about singing. Then I stepped on stage at Carnegie Hall and the White House and it's almost surreal. It's crazy," Phelps says with a laugh in a phone interview.

Phelps' first concert appearance was in a high school talent show in Tomball, Tex. When the nervous freshman opened his mouth, his classmates sat in awe. By the time he had finished singing all you could hear in the auditorium were the steps of his feet as he turned to leave. "Look, they're standing," some-



David Phelps' "Classic Christmas" concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 8, State Theatre for the Arts, Easton

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one yelled in the crowd and Phelps got his first glimpse of the big picture and knew he had to sing.

Phelps' countless stage performances prepared him to be the youngest winner of the Christian Artists Seminar In The Rockies contest. He received a music degree from Baylor University and became artist-in-residence at First Baptist Church, Hurst, Tex. In 1997, Phelps became part of the multiple Grammy and Dove Award-winning Gaither Vocal Band, singing tenor.

"I think above anything else, in terms of the lessons that I've had to learn, is that I have to be myself. Over the years the labels and man-

agement that I've been with at one time or another have tried to make me something I'm not. I've had to figure out who I am as an artist and the passion that goes along with that endears you to the audience."

The David Phelps Band is a family affair. Joining him on stage are his two daughters as singers, when their schedule permits; his sister on trumpet; his wife's cousin is music director and keyboardist, and his nephew on lighting.

"I have been blessed to do a lot of things. I have an appreciation for all kinds of music and have a lot of different genres in my music. I've become a little hard to classify as a specific genre. I perform

my music with the world view I have as a believer and hopefully can inspire people through that."

Phelps has released 14 records, as well as DVDs.

"I want to make great art. I am very passionate about that. I want to have a great listening concert. I put a lot of effort into the planning of how that will be accomplished. I have a chance during Christmas to give the fans hope, help them on their journey. It makes me smile to know that I can give someone just a little bit of hope in an evening of music," says Phelps.

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## Ending 'Hunger'

I'm not going to waste your time convincing you to see "The Hunger Games" Mockingjay - Part 2."

If you're a fan, you've probably seen the final installment of the series based on the young adult novels, the "Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins, best-known before creating the most preposterously named characters in fiction as writer of the "Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!" children's television series (2008-'09).

If you're not a fan, you're not missing anything.

The first installment ("The Hunger Games," 2012), had its moments despite the deeply cynical and despicable premise whereby teens kill each other for televised entertainment and propaganda. The finale is thin on material and padded out to make it a fans' must-see.

The chief reason to see "Hunger Games" is Jennifer Lawrence as protagonist and arch archer Katniss Everdeen. Lawrence's impassive

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face creates an interior life that leaves a lot to the viewer's imagination. When she's on screen, "Hunger Games" is watchable.

Other actors worth noting: ever-debonair Donald Sutherland as President Snow, "kindly" dictator of the Capitol central government; Woody Harrelson as Haymitch Abernathy, in his best Tom Petty wig and sneer; Julianne Moore, haughtily regal as Alma Coin, opposition leader; Elizabeth Banks, silly as Effie Trinket, and Philip Seymour Hoffman, stoic as Plutarch Heavensbee, rebellion strategist. Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark and Liam Hemsworth as Gale Hawthorne function mainly as eye candy.

The big battle scenes are when the rebels enter the Capitol and when they are at Snow's mansion gates. Direc-

tor Francis Lawrence ("The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 2013; "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1," 2014) spends an inordinant amount of time in what appears to be a city storm sewer system, with an attack by zombie-like creatures, and what resembles the boarding area of the New York Port Authority bus terminal.

This leads to an inevitable and welcome conclusion: No more "Hunger Games" to baist the Thanksgiving holiday box office weekend. We've had plenty of turkey. We don't need more leftovers.

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2," MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13) for intense sequences of violence and action, and for some thematic material; Genre: Science Fiction, Adventure; Run time: 2 hrs, 27 mins.; Distributed by Lionsgate.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2" filming locations included Studio Babels-

berg, Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany.

Unreel, Dec. 2: "Krampus," PG-13: Michael Dougherty directs Adam Scott, Toni Collette, David Koechner and Allison Tolman in the comedy horror film about a boy who gets more than coal in his stocking for Christmas.

"Chi-Raq," R: Spike Lee directs Nick Cannon, Teyonah Parris, Wesley Snipes and Angela Bassett in the drama, an adaptation of the ancient Greek play, "Lysistrata," by Aristophanes, set in Chicago.

"Macbeth," No MPAA rating: Justin Kurzel directs Jack Madigan, Frank Madigan, Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard in the retelling of the William Shakespeare classic.

"Youth," R: Paolo Sorrentino directs Michael Caine, Harvey Keitel, Laura De Marchi and Rachel Weisz in the drama about a retired orchestra conductor on holiday when invited by Queen Elizabeth II to perform for Prince Philip's birthday.

## Are people basically friendly?

I received an email from a reader who said she looks forward to my columns but thought I incorrectly give others the impression that it's easy to make new friends.

"You paint a rosy picture about how friendly people are. I do join church and community activities, but what I find time and again is that people are caught up in their own lives. They don't take time to be friendly with others," she wrote.

If I've given the impression I think people are basically friendly, that's because I believe they are. I find proof of that every day.

Here are just two examples from my past two days. I arrived early one morning for an interview on the beach. While I was waiting for my interviewee to arrive, I started taking pictures of seagulls lined up like sentries at the water's edge.

Noticed another woman also taking photos. We both smiled and she noted she was using her cell phone, not a camera like mine. Soon we were chatting away about camera, photography and how much we loved every moment on the beach. She said she comes every day and I should look for her so we can chat again.

I'm sure she is a friend in the making.

See? Easy peasy. This morning while I was out biking, it started to rain and I was 6 miles away from home. I took shelter under a picnic pavilion in a park where another biker was also waiting out the storm.

Soon we were chatting like old friends. Newly retired, he talked about how hard it is to adjust from having a paycheck to living on a pension, noting that he sometimes runs out of money before the month is over.

He said his parents always "had everything" and never taught him to budget. Then we talked about how much parents "owe" their adult children. Should they help out in a money crunch, or should parents let their adult kids learn to manage on their own.

I didn't know this guy until we both took shelter from the rain. But there we were, sharing our lives' story and talking about some weighty issues.

I find that often happens. Don't know why, but it does.

One woman wrote to say she thinks I find it easy to make friends because people in Florida are friendlier than they are in Pennsylvania where she lives.

Well, she's right about one thing. It's probably easier to make friends in Florida because so many people are retired with plenty of time on their hands to meet new people and join new activities.

Plus, many retirees here in the Sunshine State moved away from their family and former friends. They are more than willing to make new friends.

But I don't believe the woman was right when she said people are

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friendlier in Florida than in Pennsylvania.

I lived in Pennsylvania all my life before I moved here and I always found people to be friendly, especially in the coal regions where I grew up.

When I moved from my hometown to Palmerton, I was sad to leave behind a community where I knew every man, woman and child, along with the names of their pets. I was leaving a strong support system of friends, moving to a place where I knew absolutely no one.

When I learned Palmerton has a wonderful community festival, I called around to see where I could volunteer. That was all it took to start making new friends.

I do have a funny story or two about how some people want you to "prove yourself" before they accept you.

One of my new friends invited me to her family reunion. She introduced me to her father-in-law by saying I was her "wonderful new friend."

"Only time will tell how wonderful she is," the old man replied. He said I would have to prove myself before he would call me a friend.

Ten years later we were all good buddies and he and I laughed about our first meeting when I reminded him of what he said.

During my early days in the area I was in Bowmanstown looking for a certain address I could not find.

When I saw a woman sweeping leaves in the street, I stopped to ask her where I could find the woman I was supposed to interview.

"Oh, everyone knows where she lives," said the woman. When I told her I was a newcomer to the area, she said she was, too.

I asked how long she lived there and was startled by her answer. "Twenty-one years," she said, "but you're a newcomer here until you have two generations buried in the cemetery."

I laughed at her comments and hoped I wouldn't find it was true. It wasn't.

I have two close friends who wanted to enlarge their social circle instead of only relying on a few close friends, because if those friends are unavailable, they don't want to sit home.

One found success by taking a volunteer job where she meets interesting new people. The other friend gained new friends when she joined a women's church group as well as "meet and greet" groups that exist solely to help people get to know others.

I still believe people are basically friendly and many would welcome new friends. All we have to do is seek them out.

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## The Irish Rovers sing the long goodbye

BY ERIN FERGUSON  
Special to The Press

"The Irish Rovers' 50th Anniversary Christmas Concert" arrives at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at The State Theatre Center for Arts, Easton.

On this, its final world tour, the group performs a mix of Christmas music, hits and hilarious stories from years on the road. The group's triple CD, "The Irish Rovers, 50 Years," will be available for purchase along with two Christmas CDs, a Christmas DVD and a new children's album, "Songs For The Wee Folk."

"We are retiring, but it's a long tour. We are like Cher. ... It's going to be a long road before we actually retire," says George Millar in a phone

interview.

Millar is a founding member of The Irish Rovers. All but one of the band members are from Ireland. Millar and his cousin Ian Millar are from Ballymena. Original member Wilcil McDowell is from Larne. Sean O'Driscoll is from Cork. Gerry O'Connor from Dundalk. Morris Crum is from Carnlough. Percussionist Fred Graham is from Belfast. Flute-whistle player Geoffrey Kelly was born in Dumfries, Scotland.

The primary voices heard in the group's early songs were Will Millar, tenor; Jimmy Ferguson, baritone; George Millar and Joe Millar, and in the last 20 years, John Reynolds and Ian

Millar. Wilcil McDowell's accordion has been a signature sound of the band throughout their more than 50 years.

"We sing and tell a gag here and there and do a horrible version of 'The River Dance,'" George Millar says. "We try to entertain and are a mixed band, so we have fun."

"I don't believe the stage should be used as a political arena. I've seen too many bands who don't like one another or their music."

"The audience is smart and will know if you're not enjoying yourself. When there's no heart or soul, no eye contact, no smiling, just going through the motions, that's not what music is about and I try

to just have fun.

"Being in a band is like a marriage. You have your ups and downs, but you have to like each other to make it work," says George Millar.

George Millar hopes he and The Irish Rovers present a fun evening for all to enjoy.

"I want the fans to walk away whistling something like the 'Drunken Sailor.' I like them leaving with a smile on their face and a thump in their heart. If the fans leave like that then we've done our job properly."

Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org; 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

## Essential to cope with essential tremor

Q. I heard that Botox can help if you have shaky hands. Is that true?

"Shaky hands" is a symptom of "essential tremor," which is the most common movement disorder. The medical community calls it "essential" because it isn't linked to other diseases.

Botulinum toxin type A (Botox) injections, popular for ironing wrinkles, is used to treat muscle spasms and tremors caused by diseases such as multiple sclerosis and neurological conditions such as muscle spasms of the neck, shoulders and face.

Botox is used to treat hand tremors. Injections can bring relief for up to three months. However, if Botox is used to treat hand tremors, it can cause weakness in your fingers.

Essential tremor (ET) is often confused with Parkinson's disease.

### HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti  
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Unlike Parkinson's disease, however, ET doesn't lead to serious complications. Parkinson's is associated with a stooped posture, slow movement, a shuffling gait and other difficulties.

Not all tremors are ET. There are more than 20 kinds of tremors. For instance, excessive caffeine, alcohol withdrawal, problems with thyroid or copper metabolism or the use of certain medications may cause tremor.

A genetic mutation is responsible for about half of all cases of ET. The only other known risk factor is older age. Although ET can affect people of all ages, it usually appears in middle age or later. Men and women are affected

equally.

Abnormal communication within the brain causes ET. There is no cure as yet for this disorder.

Tremor is an involuntary movement of one or more parts of the body. Most tremors occur in the hands. Tremors can also show up in the arms, head, face, vocal cords, trunk and legs.

Victims of tremors usually get them when they make a delicate movement such as writing with a pen or tying shoelaces. Tremors usually disappear when a person is resting.

Some people have relatively mild tremors throughout their lives, but others develop more severe tremors and increased disability.

Most people with ET don't need treatment. The effects of the condition can be eased by avoiding what aggravates the problem: lack of sufficient sleep, anxiety, stimulants such as caffeine and tempera-

ture extremes.

Drinking alcohol can calm tremors for up to one hour after consumption. However, tremors tend to worsen when the alcohol wears off.

Physical therapy and exercise can develop more stability in hands that shake.

There are other medications besides Botox that can bring relief. These include beta blockers normally used to treat high blood pressure, anti-seizure medications and tranquilizers.

If tremors are severe and drugs don't help, surgical procedures are available.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezer.com

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## 'CAROL'

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brings the joy of family."

Sanders enjoys directing "A Christmas Carol."

"It certainly puts me in the Christmas spirit, most of the time. Seeing young kids who started at five or six playing the older roles and moving on to college brings home the sense that Civic really is a home and a family for people."

And yet, for Sanders,

Civic's "A Christmas Carol" became a burning issue:

"Right before we'd go into the theater for the last rehearsals, I would have anxiety attacks. And I never put the two together that it was the candles."

This is the fourth year that electric candles, some 65-strong, instead of candles with flames, will be used in the finale.

"And parents across the Lehigh Valley

breathed a sigh of relief," Sanders joked, adding:

"One of the mothers came in one year and paid to have everything sprayed flame-retardant."

"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19; 2 p.m. Dec. 6, 12, 13, 19, Civic Theatre of Allentown, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. Tickets: civictheatre.com, 610-432-8943

## EMMAUS

First Friday  
December 4

The annual First Friday In December is Dec. 4 in Emmaus.

Saint Ann's School student choir will stroll and sing Christmas carols throughout the retail district beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Emmaus Historical Society will be

open with live music.

In the "Red Easel Event," Allentown Arts Collective artists set up easels and paint in several Emmaus businesses. A "Meet the Artist" after-party at Amber Connection follows shopping.

There are extended store hours, sales and promotions, drinks and refreshments.

Participating in First Friday In December:

Amber Connection,

Big Red Barn, Conversational Threads, Emmaus Jewel Shop, Emmaus Run Inn, House Splendid, La Belle Cuisine-Fine Cookware, Let's Play Books, 187 Rue Principale, Schmidt's Furniture Design, South Mountain Cycle, Sugar So Sweet Cupcakes, Switchback Pizza, and Tangent Gifts.

Information: 610-928-0070.



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**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
25th & Livingston Streets  
Allentown, 610-435-0712  
8:40 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9 a.m. Holy Communion  
28 Book of Common Prayer  
Wed. 10 a.m. Healing Service  
Rev. Joseph S. Falzone

**ST. THERESE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
1031 Linden St., Sta. 203, Allentown  
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.  
All Welcome

**BIBLE STUDY/SUN SCHOOL** 11 a.m.  
Father Harold Minor  
610-653-9832  
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610-262-7390  
Handicapped Accessible

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**NORTHAMPTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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www.NAOG.ws

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible 7:30 p.m.

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3749 Route 309 North  
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Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.  
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Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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4702 Colebrook Ave.  
Emmaus  
610-965-4700  
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Sunday 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg. 7 p.m.  
www.lvbaptist.org

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2096 Independent Road  
(Rt. 863 S nr New Smithville)  
Breinigsville 610-285-2235  
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www.LighthouseBaptist.org  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
0:30 a.m. Worship/Children's Church  
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**BETHANY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
3300 Seventh Street  
Whitehall, 610-434-8661  
www.WhitehallBFC.org  
Timothy Schroyer, Sr. Pastor  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Bible Study  
7 p.m. Youth Group

**EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL**

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
7974 Claussville Rd., Fogelsville  
610-285-6967  
Christian Ed., 9 a.m.  
Snack & Chat 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Rev. Ken Kalisz  
hopecommunitychurch.org

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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Wed. Service & Children & Youth 7 p.m.  
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ctoffice@ptd.net  
calvarytemplepa.org  
Visitors Welcome

**REVOLUTION CHURCH EXPERIENCE FREEDOM**  
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610-443-0556  
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Jim McIver, Senior Pastor  
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Children's Ministries Available  
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Handicap Accessible

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**CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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610-395-6332  
Rev. Gordon Camp  
9 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
(Communion -1st & 3rd  
Sunday of each month)  
Handicapped Accessible

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
13th & Hamilton Sts., 610-433-4271  
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Rev. Maritza T. Dolich,  
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concordia-macungie.com

**FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
3355 MacArthur Road  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
(610) 435-0451  
8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
The Rev. Michael J. Bodnyk  
e-mail prayer requests to  
mbodn@aol.com  
Handicapped Accessible  
Hearing Devices Available

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
28 W. Main St. Macungie  
Sunday Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
Interim Pastor, Rev. Mark E. Swanson  
610-966-3325  
www.gracemacungie.org  
Visitors Always Welcome!

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Irvin & Church Roads  
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Rev. David L. Hess 610-767-9513  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Handicapped Accessible/AC  
Info & map on website  
www.heidelberg-lutheran.org

**HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Fourth & Pine Sts., Catasauqua  
610-264-2641 - Rev. John Hart  
8 a.m. Spoken Communion  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Nursery

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
4131 Lehigh Drive, P.O. Box 1030  
Cherryville (610) 767-7203  
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The Rev. Jami Possinger  
The Rev. Brian Rajcok  
8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
*People of Hope: working together,  
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1707 Church Road  
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Rev. Kathleen Coleman  
8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship

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5103 Snowdrift Road  
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Pastor Jimmy Lee Werley  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
Holy Communion  
1st & 3rd Sun. at 10:30 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sun. at 8 a.m.  
Handicap Acc./Hearing Devices Avail.  
www.jordanlutheran.org

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
3461 Cedar Crest Blvd.  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
610-967-2220  
Rev. Richard H. Elliott, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. James Bowers, Assoc. Pastor  
Rev. Becca Mildeke-Conlin, Assoc.  
Pastor  
Sunday Holy Communion  
7:30, 8:45, 10:45 a.m.  
"Cafe Worship 9:50 a.m."  
Rejoicing Spirits...  
Special Service for developmentally  
disabled adults & children  
2nd Sunday each month at 2:30 p.m.

**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
4004 Tilghman St. 610-395-5062  
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Communion  
1st & 3rd Sunday & every Saturday  
Saturday Worship 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
www.nativityallentown.org

**NORTHAMPTON LUTHERAN JOINT PARISH**  
Holy Trinity Slovak  
1372 Washington Ave.  
Communion 8:30 a.m.  
Zion - 1904 Main 11:00  
Communion Sun. 1, 2, 4  
Sunday School 9:45  
Interim Pastor Jeff Kistler  
610-261-1812

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5th & Chestnut Sts.  
Emmaus 610-965-9885  
Rev. Kenneth Buckwalter, Pastor  
Elizabeth Vaughn, Music Min. Director  
www.stjohnsemmaus.org  
Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Church School  
for All Ages 9:15 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1028 Church Street  
Fogelsville 610-395-5535  
Rev. Nelson Quinones  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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www.stjohns-fogelsville.org

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Communion every Sunday 8 a.m.  
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**UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville  
610-767-6884  
Rev. Dennis Moore  
Worship Service 8 & 10:45 a.m.  
9:15a.m. Sunday School  
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Rejoicing Spirits...  
Special service for developmentally  
disabled adults & children  
4th Sunday each month at 9:30 a.m.

**WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
7645 Weisenberg Church Rd.  
New Tripoli, PA 18066  
610-298-2437  
Pastor Ray Hand  
Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1st Sunday  
Wheelchair accessible

**ZIEGELS LUTHERAN**  
9990 Ziegels Church Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Phone: 610-285-6157  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
Pastor Bruce MacLaughlin

**ZION LEHIGH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
8269 Spring Creek Road, Alburts  
610-395-1215  
10 a.m. Worship  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
(Communion first Sunday/month)  
Handicapped Accessible  
Rev. Herbert H. Michel

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**EMMAUS MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
146 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049  
610-965-6067  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
www.emmausmoravian.org  
Linda Wisser, Director,  
Growth & Development

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**FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
1201 N. Ulster St., Allentown  
610-841-3616  
Pastor Louis Felix 484-560-0618  
Sun. Fellowship 10 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Spanish/English Service 1 p.m.  
Wed. Community Meal, 5-6:30  
Thurs. Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Preschool starting January

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Route 143, Jacksonville, PA  
Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor  
610-756-6352 or  
610-756-6676  
Church School 9 a.m.  
Family Worship 10 a.m.  
Nursery Available  
Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Handicapped Accessible

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New Tripoli, PA 18066  
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome  
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www.thehealingchurch.com

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**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EMMAUS**  
N. 2nd & Cherokee Sts.  
Emmaus 610-967-5600  
Rev. Timothy Michael Dooner  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Nursery care provided  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
www.faithchurchemmaus.org  
office@faithchurchemmaus.org

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA**  
3005 S. Front Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
610-264-9693  
Rev. Joyce Smothers  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Email: hokeypres@gmail.com  
Web: www.hokeypres.org

**ALLENTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Cedar Crest Blvd. & Tilghman St.  
8 a.m. Communion Service, Chapel  
9 & 10:30 a.m. Alternative Worship  
10 a.m. Arabic Worship in the Chapel  
10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Sanctuary  
12:15 a.m. Chin Worship, in the Chapel  
610-395-3781 www.fpcallentown.org

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CATASAUQUA**  
2nd & Pine Sts.  
610-264-2595  
Rev. P. Douglas Crouce, Pastor  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Nursery available  
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**QUAKERS**

**LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING**  
4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA  
1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512  
610-691-3411  
Meeting for Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Everyone welcome  
Child care provided  
Web: LehighValleyQuakers.org

**SHARED MINISTRY**

**JERUSALEM WESTERN SALISBURY CHURCH**  
3441 Devonshire Road  
Allentown, PA 18103  
610-797-4242 or 610-791-4979  
Rev. Homer E. Royer Jr., Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Samantha Drennan, Assoc. Pastor  
8 a.m. Holy Communion Service - pew  
9 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 Holy Communion Service - altar

**UNION**

**ST. PETER'S UNION CHURCH**  
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Lynnville, PA 610-298-8064  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
All Welcome!  
Pastor Rebekah Thomas

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**CEDAR U.C.C.**  
3419 Broadway  
(2 blks. W. Cedar Crest Blvd.)  
610-395-6332  
Pastor Lee Schleicher  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
All Are Welcome!

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.**  
135 Quarry Rd., Alburts  
610-966-2991  
Rev. Scott M. Sanders  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Advent Chancel Communion Celebration  
Tuesdays - Wine 'N Jesus 6:30-7 p.m.

**EBENEZER U.C.C.**  
Route 143, New Tripoli  
610-298-8000  
Rev. Kevin Frucht, Pastor  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
Nursery Available  
Handicapped Accessible  
Hearing Devices Available

**GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
902 Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton, PA 18067  
The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz  
610-262-7186 graceuccchurch.com  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible



**HEIDELBERG U.C.C.**  
Irvin & Church Roads  
Heidelberg Township  
Pastor Karen Yonney 610-767-4740  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Handicapped Accessible/AC  
www.ucheidelberg.org

**JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1837 Church Road, Allentown  
(Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.)  
jordanucc.org  
610-395-2218  
Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Sr. Pastor  
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC**  
5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville  
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The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601  
Home of the Village School Preschool,  
openings for ages 2-4  
S.S. 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Hanging of the Greens Service  
www.oldzionsvilleucc.org

**ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON**  
575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052  
Rev. Dr. Becky J. Beckwith, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. George R. Eckstein, Assoc. Pastor  
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Accessible & Elevator  
Everyone is Welcome!  
610-264-8421  
stjohnsucc.pastor@rcn.com

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
139 North Fourth St.  
Emmaus 610-965-9158  
Sr. Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger  
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship

**ST. PAUL'S UCC OF INDIANLAND**  
767 Almond Road  
Walnutport (Cherryville)  
610-767-5751  
Rev. Martin E. Nuscher  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship  
8 a.m. Contemporary Worship,  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
Nursery Avail. Handicapped Accessible

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
19th St. & Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton 610-261-2910  
Rev. Todd Fennell  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
Nursery & Child Care provided  
Sally Jane Payson, Child Care Teacher  
Sanctuary, Handicapped Accessible

**SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
615 Third Street  
Catasauqua, PA 18032  
610-264-4091  
Rev. Mike Smith, Pastor  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
Handicapped Accessible  
Nursery Available

**UNION U.C.C.**  
5550 Route 873  
Neffs, PA 18065-0066  
610-767-6961  
www.unionucc.org  
8 a.m. Heritage Worship  
9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Sept.-May)  
10:30 a.m. Horizon Worship

**ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
9990 Ziegels Church Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Phone: 610-285-6157  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11:05 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
Pastor Candl Cain -Borgman

**UNITED METHODIST**

**BETHANY CHURCH**  
Macungie Campus  
3801 Brookside Road  
610-395-3613  
Blended Worship, Sun. 8 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 11 a.m.  
(Child Care Available, Hearing Asst.,  
Handicapped Access at all Services.)  
Wescosville Campus  
1208 Brookside Rd.  
Catasauqua Campus  
429 Walnut St., Catasauqua  
610-395-3613  
Contemporary Worship Sun. 9:30 a.m.

**WESLEYAN**

**TRINITY WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
"Home of the Live Nativity"  
6735 Cetrionia Road  
Allentown, PA 18106  
610-398-1711  
www.twcallentown.org  
Rev. Gina Colburn, Pastor  
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (Blended) 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

## Christmas craft shopping at Jordan Lutheran



William and Emilie Ryan of Allentown check out the Christmas decorations by Flo and Herb Schlosser of Bethlehem at the fall craft show Nov. 21 at Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield.



PRESS PHOTOS BY SUSAN BRYANT  
Marie Stufflet of Whitehall personalizes some Christmas ornaments for a customer at the fall craft show.



# Rockapella: the state of a cappella

BY ERIN FERGUSON  
Special to The Press

Rockapella, the contemporary a cappella sensation, sings holiday and contemporary classics at 7 p.m. Dec. 10, State Theatre Center for Arts, Easton.

The internationally-acclaimed, contemporary a cappella group will feature holiday classics and favorites that are, according to one of its singers, high tenor, Scott Leonard, "often imitated, never duplicated."

The group started its journey in the early

1990s when it achieved national television fame on PBS's "Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego?" Rockapella toured the globe with its powerful sound.

"Rockapella was the first contemporary a cappella group to go mainstream," says Leonard in a phone interview. "It was not accepted by record companies or radio stations."

"So, we had to find alternative routes to exposure and TV was an alternate route for us. We performed on the Folgers coffee commer-

cial and then record companies finally started noticing us, which led to a record deal. We have made 20 records and now a cappella is a hot thing," Leonard says.

The Rockapella line-up includes new singers focused on the music many have come to love and enjoy. The line-up, in addition to Leonard, since 1991, high tenor, includes: Jeff Thacher, 1993, vocal percussionist; Steven Dorian, 2010, tenor; Calvin Jones, 2013, tenor, and Ryan Chappelle, 2015, bass.

"I would like fans to walk away with a light heart. Rockapella is fun. It's songs fans have a connection to done in a new way and with the edge Rockapella adds to the show. It's highly-crafted simple fun with a smile that'll get you into the Christmas spirit," says Leonard.

**Tickets:** State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

## LCCC Employer Forum

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) is hosting a Community Partner Employer Forum, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dec. 15, Scheller-Woodman Community Services Center, main campus, Schneeksville, North Whitehall Township.

Speakers include Tracey Jones, CEO of Tremendous Leadership,

speaking on working with and hiring veterans, and Vince Loose, President of UniqueSource, speaking on working with employees with disabilities.

The event is free and open to the college community and business and industry partnering with LCCC.

Space is limited. Information: Tom Bux, Director of Workforce Training, tbux@lccc.edu, 610-799-1961

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# LVHN, Air Products team for Innovation Care Center

Officials from Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and Air Products announced the establishment of the Air Products Center for Connected Care and Innovation at LVHN.

The Air Products Foundation is providing a major donation to launch the center. Using this gift, Lehigh Valley Health Network and collaborators will develop and launch innovative ways to improve and deliver health care, solutions that will come about by thinking 'big,' says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FCOEP, LVHN president and chief executive officer. The specific amount of the multi-million-dollar funding was not disclosed.

It's the kind of "big" thinking that inspired Air Products' founder, Leonard Parker Pool, to envision a superior, regional hospital for the Lehigh Valley more than 40 years ago. That facility is known today as Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest.

Seifi Ghasemi, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Air Products, speaking at a Nov. 23 press conference, said the gift from the Air Products Foundation to create the Air Products Center for Connected Care and In-

novation at Lehigh Valley Health Network will be a catalyst for future thinking.

"Today's gift to Lehigh Valley Health Network is the largest single gift in our history. We are very happy to have the Air Products Center for Connected Care and Innovation at Lehigh Valley Health Network located right here in Allentown in this building at One City Center.

"We are excited about the prospects of the innovative achievements to be made at this Center, which will bear our name, and which will help Lehigh Valley Health Network accomplish important objectives.

"We at Air Products want to be part of making that happen. This gift reinforces our continued commitment to bring to the area the highest quality health care for people with a focus on innovation and always striving to be the best," Ghasemi said.

Nester said the gift is significant in several ways for both organizations and for the community. "It is truly historic for Air Products to make such a generous gift to Lehigh Valley Health Network, and we are proud to receive this legacy gift in honor of the 75th anniversary of

Air Products," Nester said.

The Air Products Center for Connected Care and Innovation at LVHN will be located at LVHN - One City Center, inside the Allentown revitalization district.

"Our center will be right here in downtown Allentown to foster community involvement," said Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH, FACP, associate chief medical officer at LVHN. Salas-Lopez said collaboration with groups outside health care will be an important part of the solution-development process.

"We'll reach out to community members, schools and universities, industry and community-based agencies," she said. "Together, we'll have important discussions about how we can imagine, develop and ultimately shape the future of health care."

The Air Products Center for Connected Care and Innovation at LVHN will have customizable, open-space rooms that will allow for the testing of concepts, technologies or pilot ideas in a controlled setting. The renovation of that space will occur in the coming months.

While the center's location is developed, LVHN's former tele-



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Seifi Ghasemi, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Air Products, announces Air Products Center for Connected Care and Innovation at Lehigh Valley Health Network, One City Center. Allentown.

health services (now known as connected care) will continue to be offered. To date, LVHN has 17 telehealth programs, including services like Teleburn, whereby LVHN burn surgeons consult with physicians at 100 locations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Delaware to assess the severity of a patient's burn using securely-transmitted images.

One of the newer connected-care innovations, according to Joe Tracy, LVHN vice president for Connected Care and

Innovation, uses two-way interactive audio and video technology for LVHN's Street Medicine program. "This program recently used this technology to connect and provide behavioral health services to a gentleman who lived in an unsheltered camp in the Lehigh Valley," Tracy said.

Another new innovation, Virtual Inpatient Check-in-Check-out (VICC) connects surgeons and their patients via secure video to ensure a patient who had surgery the previous day is ready to go home.

Innovative programs on the drawing board include, but are not limited to: post-operative follow up visits from a patient's residence; expansion of remote patient monitoring program for high-risk patients with chronic diseases; virtual travel medicine visits for patient wanting to travel outside the United States; and virtual visits that can provide patients with access to LVHN providers for certain primary care conditions using their personal computer or mobile device (tablet or cell phone).

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**'FOLLIES'**  
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"I like that we don't introduce them to what we've done before. We don't want to look at the previous show.

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Jordan was asked about the process of creating "Follies":

"There's no methodology that we don't employ. It could be that everybody's in a room and the director's conducting the jam, or that we break out into separate groups and write and everyone's presenting proposals. If there's a way to get at a creative idea then we employ it."

A "Follies" Saturday matinee was again added because of ticket demand. The majority of performances sell out.

"Follies" is suitable for all ages. "It's kind of like 'The Muppets Show.' The whole family will enjoy it, but the adults will take a little more out of it," says Jordan. "There's multiple storylines that wrap themselves up. I can definitely tell you that I like to wrap my shows up at the end."

"This year [directing 'Follies'] especially has been a real pleasure after these two huge projects, two-year projects that we did, 'Journey From The East' and 'Dear Tamaqua,' both of which culminated last spring and summer."

Looking ahead, w-wJordan says, "We're looking to mark the 20th anniversary of 'Steelbound' [presented in 1999 at the Foundry at Steelstacks]."

"Christmas City Follies XVI," 8 p.m. Dec. 3 - 5, 10 - 12, 17 - 19; 2 p.m. Dec. 6, 13, 19, 20, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. In the Touchstone Gallery: "Seeing Surfaces And Beyond: Paintings And Drawings" by George K. Shortess. Tickets: touchstone.org, 610-867-1689. On Thursdays, Touchstone offers a pay-what-you-will ticket option at the door.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE BOROUGH MANAGER FOR THE YEAR 2016.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1: That Section 50-4 of the Code of the Borough of Catasauqua be amended to read:

"Compensation of the Borough Manager effective January 1, 2016, and until further notice of the Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, shall be paid bi-weekly during his term of service, at the rate of \$77,888 per annum."

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 16th day of December, 2015 at a special, year-end Council meeting.

BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA

BY: Vincent P. Smith  
Council President

ATTEST:

Eugene L. Goldfeder  
Secretary

APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2015.

BY: Barbara A. Schlegel  
Mayor

Dec. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on **Thursday December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** for an agenda review, and at **7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following items, as well as any items brought before the Planning Commission:

**HOTEL HAMILTON  
MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2015-107  
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW**  
An application to develop the properties located at 3051 Hamilton Boulevard, 3125 Hamilton Boulevard, 3127 Hamilton Boulevard and 3141 Hamilton Boulevard. The plan proposes the consolidation of the four lots, the alterations to the existing building at 3141 Hamilton Boulevard and the construction of 192 parking spaces and three commercial buildings on the 5.36-acre tract. The tract is zoned Highway Commercial HC. Hotel Hamilton LLC is the owner and applicant.

**ZONING ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1**  
Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Sections 12.37 and 12.38 to update provisions for Private Roads and Driveways, the uses and lighting thereof; and Amending Sections 12.31(j) and 12.28(c)(1), (2) and (13) to clarify Commercial Kennels and Repair an Incorrect Reference.

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.

Gregg Adams, Planner, Community Development Department  
Dec. 2, 9

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET ADOPTION

A public hearing on the proposed 2016-17 General Fund and Academic Center Budgets of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is scheduled for December 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Final adoption of the 2016-17 General Fund and Academic Center Budgets of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is scheduled for January 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Both meetings to be held at 4500 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA.

**JOINT OPERATION COMMITTEE**  
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute  
Patricia T. Bader, Bus. Adm./Board Sec.

Dec. 2

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on **December 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

**DOCKET # 1830 - Bang Wang Pan** - 3311 Carl Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 1250 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549864197492**, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting relief from conditions imposed from Docket #1804 regarding seafood meal take out and dine of food items on the premises along with the sale of non-grocery items.

**DOCKET #1831 - James Haddad** - 2008 N. First Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 2008 N. First Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549896567114**, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-84 E (1) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding setbacks for shed placed without first securing the necessary and required permits.

**DOCKET #1832 - Fullerton Lofts LP** - 648 Buena Vista Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348. **Location: 215 Quarry Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812367096**, the subject property is located in a R5A High Density Residential w/o Apartments Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a special exception to Sec. 27-60 D (6) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding changing from one non-conforming use (factory) to another non-conforming use (apartments) in addition Applicant is requesting a variance to the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Sec. 27-76 E (4) maximum of 35' building height above finished grade; Sec. 27-121 (B) (2) side, rear and front yard setback requirements; Sec. 27-121 (B) (3) maintaining distance of 35 feet between buildings on same lot; Sec. 27-121 (B) (6) density requirement; Sec. 27-145 (A) nonparallel parking spaces be at least 10 feet wide and 20 feet long, exclusive of aisle space and parking area not closer than 10 feet to any dwelling; Sec. 27-145 (D) 25 foot minimum aisle width for 60-90 degree spaces with 2-way traffic; Sec. 27-145 (P) parking spaces maintain a minimum setback of 10 feet from any street, alley or highway right-of-way; Sec. 27-145 (R) residential off-street parking areas be landscaped on any side facing a public right-of-way and screened on sides adjoining residential zones; Sec. 27-146 (A) (18) two off-street parking spaces required per dwelling unit of the Zoning Ordinance.

**DOCKET #1833 - Simon Brro** - 422 Grant Street, Allentown, PA 18102. **Location: 844 Third Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640802912872**, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-104 E (A) and Sec. 27-146 C of the Zoning Ordinance regarding multiple uses on a lot and required parking space regulations for proposed mechanics garage on lot with existing convenience store, gas station and car wash.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status and disability status of the Applicant.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact Melissa A. Wehr, Zoning Officer, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.

MELISSA A. WEHR, Zoning Officer

Nov. 25, Dec. 2

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real estate within said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for fiscal year 2016 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes: The sum of five and nine tenths (5.90) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation;

Making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of five and nine tenths (5.90) mills.

SECTION 2: That any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 16th day of December 2015 at a special, year-end Council meeting.

BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA

BY: Vincent P. Smith  
Council President

ATTEST: Eugene L. Goldfeder  
Secretary

APPROVED this 16th day of December 2015.

BY: Barbara A. Schlegel  
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Dec. 2

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY FUND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 800

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council by Ordinance No. 800 established an emergency reserve fund in the Water Fund for the unanticipated expenses; and **WHEREAS**, two large transmission and distribution lines have been located underneath the Catasauqua Creek by the Walnut Street Bridge; and **WHEREAS**, the aforesaid lines need to be replaced and relocated to make them safer and more accessible; and **WHEREAS**, the regular Capital Reserve Account in the Water Fund has a balance insufficient to fund this project.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, Lehigh County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1: That Borough Council authorizes the one time release of \$250,000 from the emergency reserve fund established by Ordinance No. 800.

SECTION 2: That the proceeds of this release are authorized for use in the excavation, replacement and relocation of the two large transmission lines under the Catasauqua Creek by Walnut Street.

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