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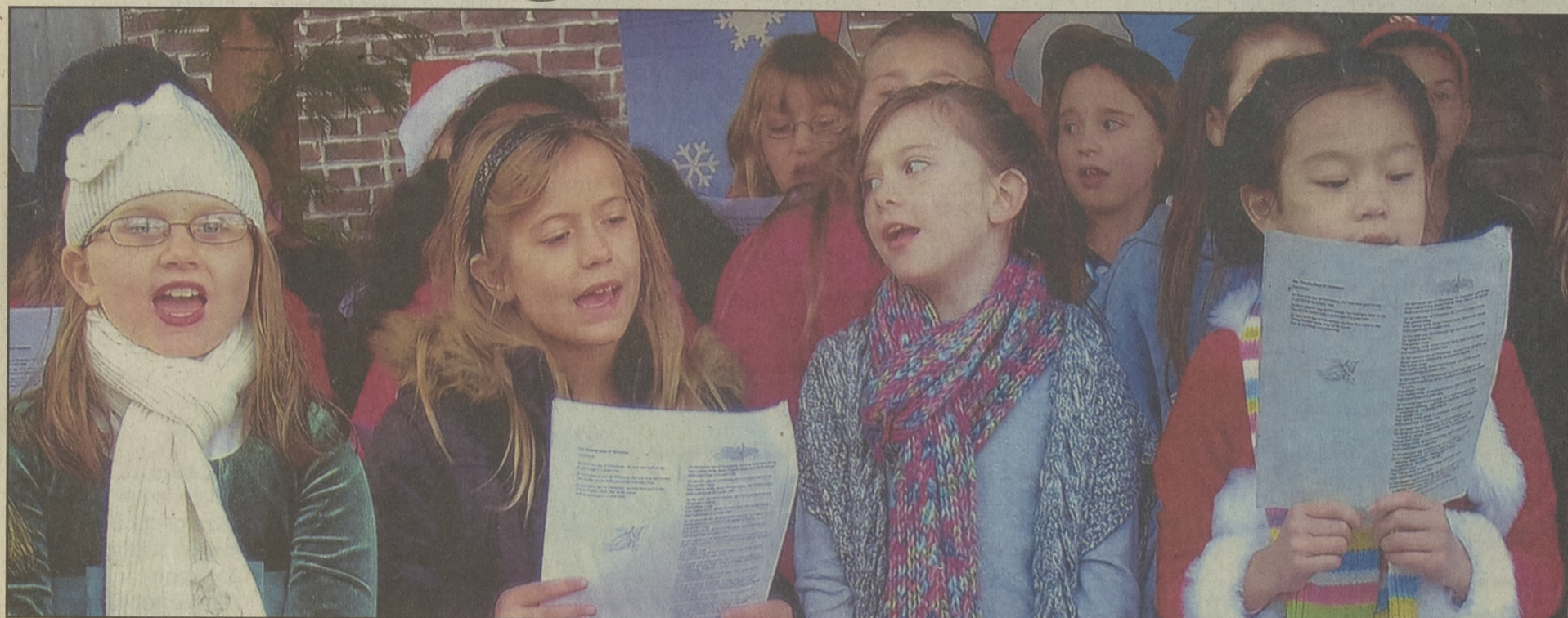
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## Songs of the season



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Dressed in seasonal outfits, the Thomas Jefferson ES Choir Club performs Christmas songs Dec. 15 at the Christmas Village in downtown Bethlehem. Among the young singers are Alyson Van Dusen, Alainna Moffo, Dakota Bateman and Sang Sang Duong on the stage in the Sun Inn Courtyard.



Thomas Jefferson ES music teacher and choir director James Thomson, of Bethlehem, accompanies the Choir Club singers with his flute.



Wearing a Santa hat, Scott Schaffer sings Christmas carols during the Thomas Jefferson ES Choir Club holiday performance.

**CITY**

### 2013 tax bill to go up 7%

By **BERNIE O'HARE**  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Skyrocketing pension costs, which have risen from \$1.5 million in 2004 to \$11.1 million next year, have forced Bethlehem City Council to impose a 7 percent tax hike next year. In a 6-1 vote at their Dec. 20 meeting, council members approved the plan, with only David DiGiacinto opposed. It is the conclusion of a six-week budget process.

Mayor John Callahan proposed raising revenue by imposing an event tax, seeking voluntary contributions from nonprofits like Lehigh University. See **2013** on Page A2

### HONORING A SOUTHSIDE ADVOCATE



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Mayor John Callahan welcomes the crowd honoring Maggie Szabo through the growl of Third Street traffic and a bitter wind Dec. 20. Five years after her passing, the city has installed a bench with her name on the Greenway overlooking the Sands Casino. "Maggie was a born leader and advocate for the Southside, where she grew up and spent her life," he said. "Maggie and I didn't always agree, but we shared a common love and passion for the city of Bethlehem. Looking at all the developments on the Southside over the last 10-15 years we know Maggie Szabo was a big part of it." Callahan said he was always amazed that speaking with Szabo would always result in her sharing stories from her seemingly endless experiences. Coverage continues on page A2

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**HONORING A SOUTHSIDE ADVOCATE**



Szabo's sister, Louise Valeriano, says, "Maggie always did what she thought would be best for the city. She took people on tours of 'her' Southside and showed them what was good here."

The dedication plaque on the new Maggie Szabo bench on the greenway, mere blocks from where she grew up and spent so many years supporting her neighborhood.

**PEOPLE SAY ...**

**BY DANA GRUBB**

What do you think Santa Claus will bring you for Christmas?

EDITORS' NOTE: We'd like to thank Bethlehem Area School District for its cooperation and assistance.



"The thing I want most is a remote control tractor trailer because I saw it on YouTube and I think it's really cool."

**Andrew**  
Bethlehem Area SD



"A Mickey Jack in the Box, the Christmas one, a Blue Furby, Glow Crazy and a Stuffie."

**Julia**  
Bethlehem Area SD

**2013**

Continued from page A1 and switching to a single trash hauler. But Bethlehem's 19 independent trash haulers, along with many of their customers, persuaded council to postpone that decision.

There was little debate before a litany of votes in the numerous budgets

adopted, from general fund to community development. Council members J. William Reynolds and Bob Donchez, who might be running against each other in the mayoral race next year, agreed it was the "most difficult budget" each had ever faced. Donchez supported it because there were no layoffs in public safety.

Reynolds warned, "It's only going to get more difficult."

Then followed what seemed like perfunctory votes, in which the word "aye" was repeated 147 times.

That prompted city watchdog Mary Pongracz to joke, "I feel like we're on the H.M.S. Pinafore. I never heard so many

'ayes' in my life."

The tax hike approved by council was whittled down from the 8.5 percent initially proposed by Callahan.

Council also unanimously authorized the administration to borrow up to \$1.5 million from the escrow account to meet payroll in January.

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"A Wii with Just Dance III, IV and the Disney one. A 3DS too!"

**Lydia**  
Bethlehem Area SD



"A license plate for the back of my bike, and maybe a Lego set."

**Jackson**  
Bethlehem Area SD



"The new Power Ranger Samurai, the first one they've ever made. And, a new iPod Touch, which I think my dad is getting me."

**John**  
Bethlehem Area SD



"A Pokemon DS game, Lala-oopsies and Monster High Dolls."

**Mikayla**  
Bethlehem Area SD

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**Thursday, December 27**

**BAPL**, Children's stories, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

**Friday, December 28**

**BAPL**, Children's crafting, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

**Saturday, December 29**

**BAPL**, All ages window decorating, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

**Thursday, January 3**

**Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club**, "My American Freedom via Amateur Radio", 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org) or [KE3AW@ARRL.NET](mailto:KE3AW@ARRL.NET) or call 610-432-8286.

**Lehigh Valley Chapter Executive Women**, 5:30 p.m., Prime Steakhouse, 325 Stoke Park Road

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**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, December 26**

**Bethlehem Parking Authority** meeting, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.

**Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Board**, 6:30 p.m. municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Bethlehem City Zoning Board**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Thursday, December 27**

**Hanover Twp. Zoning**, 7 p.m., municipal building, 3630 Jacksonville Road.

**Lower Saucon Twp. Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.

**Thursday, January 3, 2013**

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

**Freemansburg Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.

**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

**Daily**

**Christmas Trees From Around the World**, round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. 610-882-9700. Through Jan. 1.

**Bethlehem: The Christmas City film**. 30 minutes Various times. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. 610-332-1300 or visit [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org). Year round.

**The Doors and Windows of Bethlehem** exhibit, through Jan. 1. North and Southside buildings.

**Christmas at SteelStacks**, Nov. 15 through Dec. 31, 101 Founders Way. 610-332-1300 or visit [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org).

**Historic Bethlehem** 15-minute horse-drawn carriage rides, every 20 minutes, 4 to 10 p.m., (no rides 7 to 7:20 p.m.) Call 610-691-6055 or 1-800-TOUR. Nov. 23 through Dec. 31; closed Dec. 25, 26.

**Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center and Goundie House**, call for hours; 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

**Wednesday through Sunday**

**Historic Bethlehem's Smithy** (historic blacksmith), 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 425 Main St. 610-691-6055.

**Moravian Museum of Bethlehem** exhibit and period decorations, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 66 W. Church St. 610-691-6055 or 1-800-360-TOUR; closed Dec. 24, 25.

**Central Moravian Church** Christmas Community Putz and Star and Candle Shoppe, 73 W. Church St., 1 to 5 p.m. Every half hour. 610-867-2996.

**Holiday Walking Tours**: A Christmas City Stroll, 3 and 4 p.m. 610-691-6055 or 1-800-360-TOUR.

**Bethlehem by Night** bus tour with costumed guide; North side: 4, 5 and 6 p.m.; Southside: 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Visitor Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

**Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum Inc.**, 5 to 9 p.m. 705 Linden St. 610-868-7101 or visit [www.lkvmrr.com](http://www.lkvmrr.com); through Jan. 6.

**This week**

**Monday, December 31**

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**Peace Light arrives in Valley**



PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Scouts in the Minsi Trail Council accepted the International Peace Flame at a ceremony held Dec. 20 at the Minsi Trail Council headquarters. Scouts then shared the flame by transferring it to individual lanterns which will be distributed throughout their communities, schools, families and places of worship. The International Peace Flame originates from an oil lamp located in Bethlehem, Israel, that has burned continuously for centuries. It has been transported each year since 1986 to Austria, where it is distributed to delegations of scouts from around the world. The peace flame arrived in New York City on Dec. 10 when it was presented by Austrian Scouting, Austrian Airlines and the Austrian Broadcast Corpora-

tion to representatives of the Boy Scouts of America. At the Minsi Trail Council ceremony a moment of silence was held for scouts, their families and friends who were directly impacted by the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. Officials also announced that the Peace Flame had already been shared with Newtown. **ABOVE**: First Class Scout Billy Wyckoff transfers the International Peace Flame into a lantern held by his grandfather, Scott Wyckoff, a unit scouting commissioner in the Forks of the Delaware District. The elder Wyckoff said the flame would be delivered to Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church, where it would then be distributed to other churches and nursing homes.

**Season of sharing**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School students Bridget Keglovics and Helena Schmidt, both of Bethlehem, work together to build gingerbread-style houses. Some decorations never made it onto

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**CITY POLICE**

**DUI**

Officers allegedly observed Jeffrey Barlow, 22, of West Allen Street in Nazareth, driving his car at night without headlights and turning without signaling. This prompted police to pull his vehicle over on East Broad Street around 2 a.m. Dec. 18 and arrest him for driving under the influence.

Police said that while at headquarters Barlow repeatedly whacked his handcuffs on the DUI bench, which somehow disengaged the locks. He then tried to walk out of the police station.

Barlow was quickly rescued.

Barlow is charged with traffic violations, DUI and escape for attempting to flee custody.

**DUIs**

Police arrested 24-year-old Michael Troxel, of East Elm Street in Emmaus, for driving while intoxicated around 2:05 a.m. Dec. 15.

According to police, Troxel was stopped after he was observed driving the wrong direction on one-way Adams Street.

Less than 30 minutes later officers stopped 21-year-old Sherrick Ort, of West Lincoln Street in Easton, for the exact same offense elsewhere.

Both men are charged with DUI.

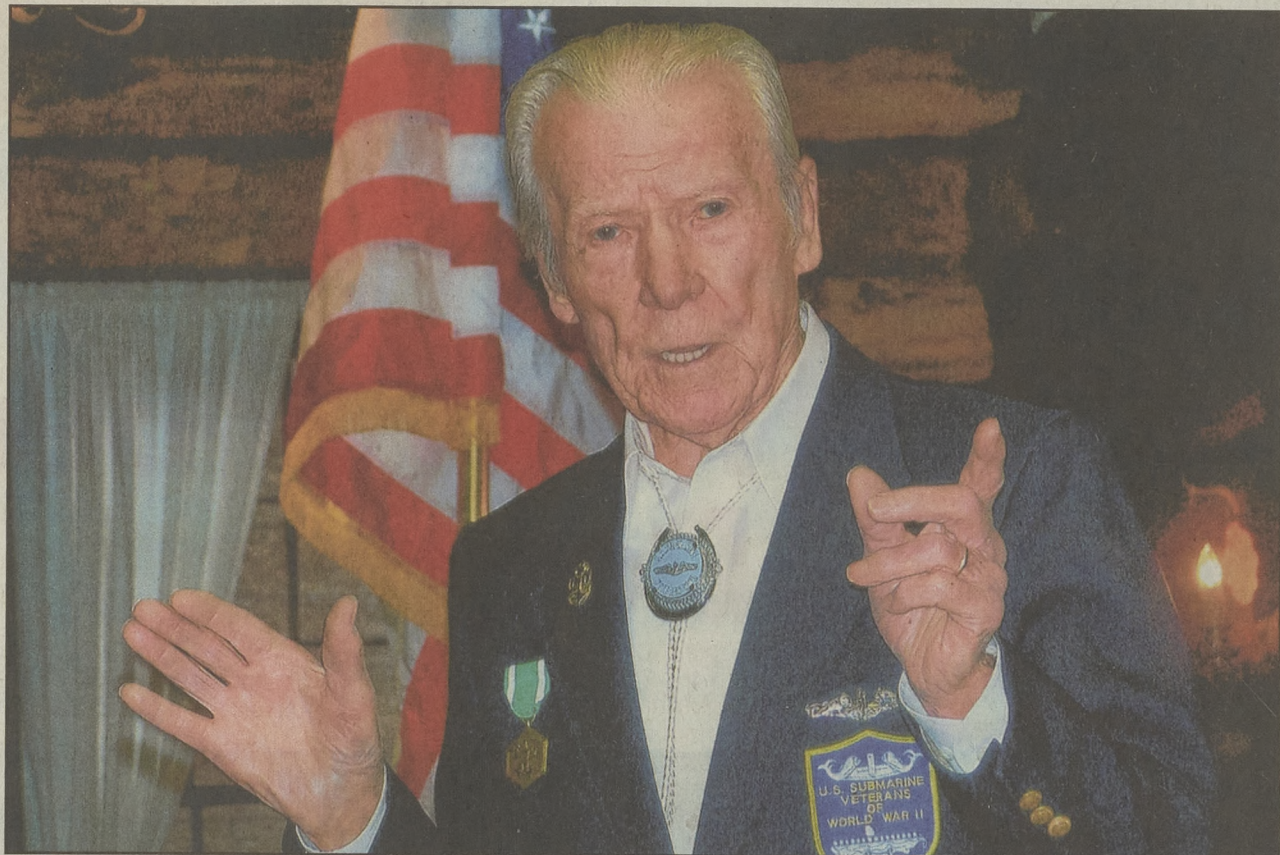
Around 2:30 the following morning officers discovered William Stumpf, 40, of Christian Street, asleep behind the wheel of his car on Walters Street. The car was running, police said, and in the wrong traffic lane.

Stumpf is charged with DUI and traffic violations.

**BRIEFLY**

**PREPAREDNESS**  
Web page offers safety tips

There is a toll-free line, 1-888-9-READYPA (1-888-973-2397), as part of ReadyPA, a public outreach campaign that includes a website ReadyPA.org to educate residents about the importance of making emergency kits and family emergency plans.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Navy veteran Hank Hudzik (above) was the keynote speaker at a Bethlehem Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony at the D.A.R. Log Cabin Dec. 7. The Bethlehem native, who lives in Allen Township, proudly wore a Navy Commendation medal with a green ribbon on his chest for "outstanding achievement" on the USS Nautilus submarine during WW II. Hudzik said he signed up for active duty within

weeks of the Japanese attack when he turned 18 and was sent to the Pacific region where he boarded a submarine at Pearl Harbor. Following five years in the war, he later re-enlisted for a 12-year total serving his country. "I like to share my experiences and reflections, although sometimes it's hard," said the emotional Chief Petty Officer, who turns 88 at the start of 2013.

**Pearl Harbor Day reflections**



American Legion members of the Harry F.W. Post 379 of Bethlehem listen intently to WW II speaker Hank Hudzik as their rifles remain on a table during the indoor program.

**BRIEFLY**

**BAPL**  
four special events in Dec.

The Bethlehem Public Library will hold four special children's events over the holiday week at the main library, 11 W. Church St.

Play video and board games any time from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 26. There will be stories on the hour from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 27 and crafting from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 28. All ages are needed for Window Decorating Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 29. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499 for more information.

**SOUTHSIDE**  
SteelStacks host 3 Kings Jan. 6

El Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day), a cherished religious and cultural tradition in many Latin American countries, will be celebrated during the first Three Kings Celebration at SteelStacks Jan. 6, 3 to 7 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

During the Three Kings Celebration, guests will enjoy a variety of family-friendly fun, arts and crafts, live music and more. As part of the event, the Three Kings - Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar - will arrive and present toys, graciously donated by B. Braun employees, for all children ages 12 and under.

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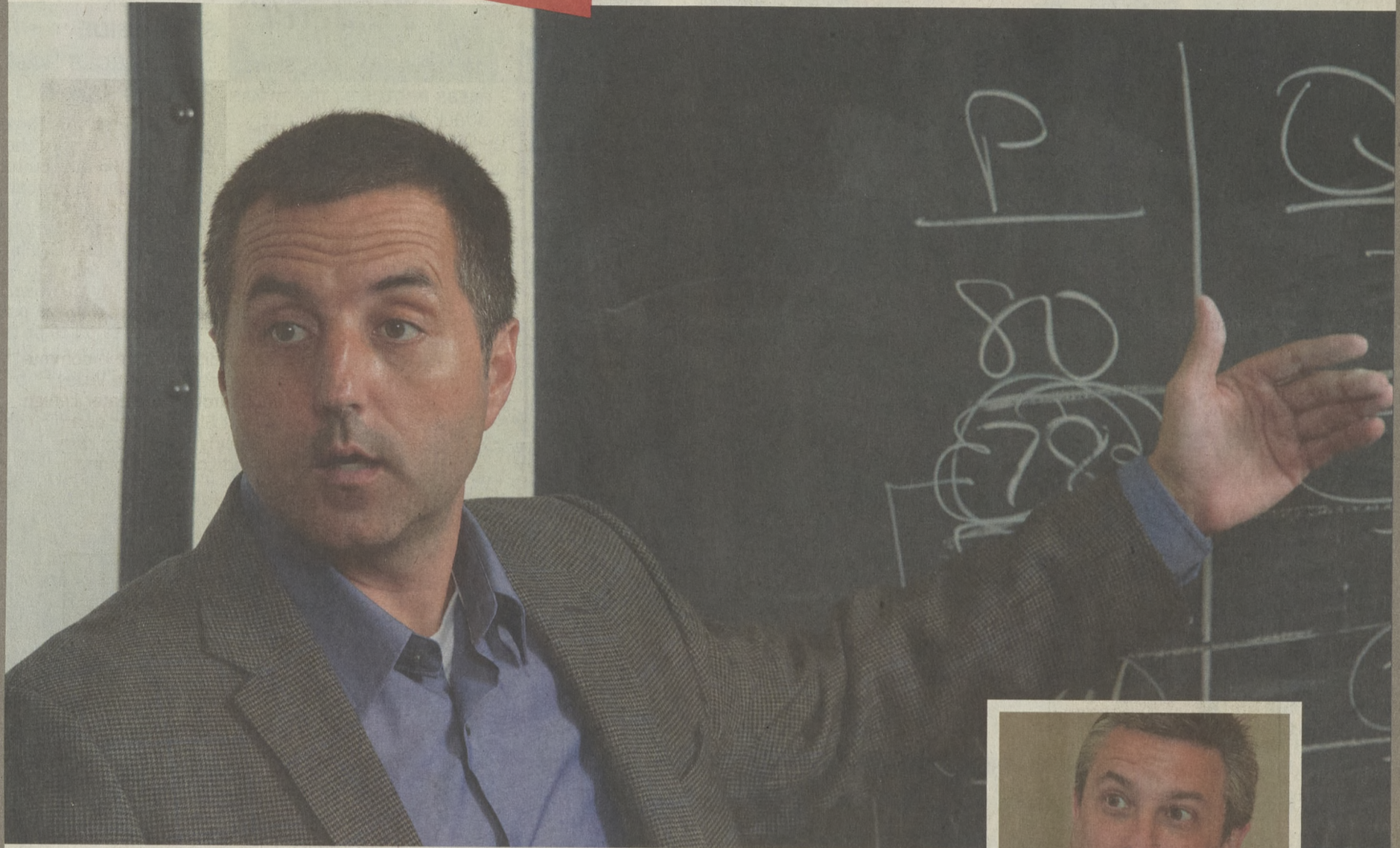
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## Fundraiser Honors Local Shining Stars, Benefits St. Luke's Mobile Medical, Dental and Vision Services for Youth in the Allentown School District

For the last eleven years, St. Luke's Hospital – Allentown Campus has been honoring Shining Stars, people and organizations recognized for their contributions to the community.

This year's Dinner by Starlight event was held on Thursday, November 29 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville for the benefit of mobile medical, dental and vision services for youth in the Allentown School District. This effort helps ensure that no child who has a medical need will go untreated.

"St. Luke's cares about our community, and we take pride in helping the city's school-aged children," said Frank Ford, President of St. Luke's Allentown Campus. "The Mobile Health Initiative provides easy access to medical, dental and vision services – working with the school district administration and school nurses, the HealthStar vans come to the schools and provide care on-site. There is nothing more rewarding than knowing these children are receiving necessary checkups that they otherwise would not have access to."

Since its inception, Dinner by Starlight has raised more than \$750,000 to support programs and services of St. Luke's Allentown Campus. This year more than 300 guests attended. Donations to the Mobile Health Initiative continue to be accepted.

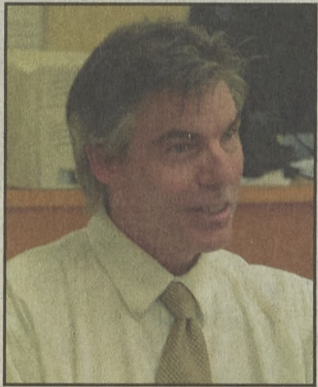
More than 40 corporate sponsors supported the event, including a silent auction with approximately 60 items, a sit-down dinner and a formal program

to recognize St. Luke's Honorary and Shining Stars.

In her final official public appearance as state representative, Jennifer Mann was named the 2012 Honorary Star for her dedication to the community and her unwavering support of St. Luke's. With Representative Mann's assistance, St. Luke's Allentown Campus has been able to grow to accommodate the ever-changing health care needs of the Allentown community. Representative Mann has also been instrumental in securing the support needed to launch St. Luke's Mobile Youth Health Clinics via the HealthStar vans, providing the children in the Allentown School District with medical, dental and vision care.



Nominations for the 2012 Shining Stars were solicited from the community and from local not-for-profit organizations in the greater Lehigh Valley area. The program honored an additional four adults from the greater Lehigh Valley area. A selection committee comprised of past Shining Star award recipients chose the 2012 honorees. The 2012 Shining Stars are: Larry Flynn, The Quilt Nannies, Tom Southwell and Don and Lorraine Wotring.



**Lawrence Flynn**  
Nominated by Anita Stevens

Larry Flynn teaches orchestral strings to 250 elementary students in the Allentown School District. Five years ago, he established a goal of creating a credible and competitive orchestra at Allen High School. Performing under the name "Allentown School District's City Orchestra", string instrumentalists from all schools in Allentown are invited to participate. Their performances have included "A Lehigh Valley Christmas," the Allentown Symphony's Young Composers Competition, Summer Arts Celebration at PPL Plaza, West Park, and most recently at Allentown's 250th Celebration in addition to playing at several retirement communities. Larry donates his personal time on evenings and weekends for the City Orchestra.



**Tom Southwell**  
Nominated by Dolores Evans

Tom is a motivated young man, who hasn't allowed his autism diagnosis to set him back from achieving in life. Since 2006, Tom has volunteered at the Cancer Support Community, where he and his faithful driver Josh, deliver calendars to physician offices advising about CSC's support programs and events. Tom also recycles all of their paper and cardboard, sweeps the porch and is always there to lend a hand and offer a kind word of support. Tom is very touched to receive this award. His greatest joy in life is helping people with cancer find the resources and support they need to battle their illness. Tom is well-traveled, but most enjoys spending holidays with his family and friends.



**Donald and Lorraine Wotring**  
Nominated by Joan Wickel of Phoebe Allentown Healthcare Center

Married for 61 years, Donald and Lorraine Wotring are committed to helping their neighbors and friends of Phoebe Nursing Home. Donald and Lorraine provide companionship, friendship and transportation to many of Phoebe's residents. They treat all residents with dignity and respect. In less than eighteen months, they have a combined 1,409 hours of volunteering. They play an integral role in supporting the Community Life Department at Phoebe, and are credited for making each day fun and a bit brighter for residents. There is always laughter, always friendship and always support when Don and Lorraine are in the house!

**Quilt Nannies**  
Nominated by Kelly Berk RN, BSN MPH –of the Nurse-Family Partnership

The Quilt Nannies are a group of quilters who are organized by Susie Metz and Deb Kriebel to handcraft quilts to be used by the client babies of the Nurse-Family Partnership program of the VNA of St. Luke's. The quilts provide baby a safe place to explore and crawl. The nannies also collect donations and purchase much needed supplies, such as formula, diapers, sippy cups and more, for the baby bank. In the past three years, these women have made and delivered over 100 quilts to the program. This year, they have also volunteered their time to help shop, organize and distribute over 250 coats to the program's client children.

Quilt Nannies I-r – front: Deb Kriebel and Sharon Enstrom. Back: Susie Metz, Sally Viglione, Rose Macaluso and Grace Crowther.



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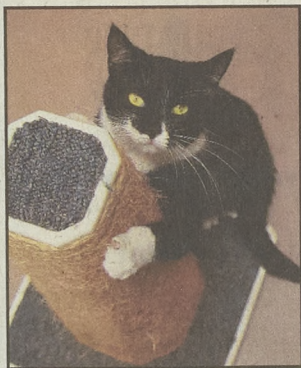
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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Children enrolled in the Messiah Lutheran Church's child center participated in a Dec. 18 Christmas chapel program, "Born in a Manger," by donating personal care items for distribution to those affected by Hurricane Sandy. The children, ages 2 through 5, portrayed the characters associated with the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Their 30-minute service included the singing of Christ-

mas songs, a mini children's sermon by Messiah Lutheran Pastor Eugene Sharkey, and the delivering of their gifts. Piano accompaniment was provided by Messiah's organist Linda Maule.

**ABOVE:** Laura Dunham and JB Volkert lead the processional into the Messiah Lutheran Church as Mary and Joseph.

## Pageant benefits hurricane victims



**LEFT:** Messiah Lutheran Church child center enrollees deliver donations of personal care supplies that will be given to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Luke Eureyecko, Natalia Mock, Caroline Brattesan and Tighe Smolenyak portray kings in the procession as they deliver a variety of items



into collection baskets at the front of the church. **RIGHT:** With the children seated around him on the floor for a children's sermon, Messiah Lutheran Pastor Eugene Sharkey explains that Christmas is about God giving us his big love in the form of a little baby.

## BRIEFLY

### MASONS

Day Lodge seeks new members

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January is also a time when blood and platelet donations can drop as people are unable to make or keep donation appointments because of inclement weather and seasonal colds and flu. At the same time, the need for blood remains constant, so it is important for all eligible donors to give blood. The Red Cross encourages all donors to make a New Year's resolution to give blood regularly to help ensure a stable supply.

To find out where to donate blood, call 610-865-4400.

By ANDREW CASS  
Special to The Press

The Lehigh County Board of Commissioners tabled a bill Dec. 12 that would have given \$1.06 million to local park improvement projects. The Green Futures Fund Program, which was approved by voters in a non-binding referendum in 2002, would have given \$324,693 to Allentown for the Martin Luther King Trail, \$238,000 to Lower Macungie and \$231,888 to Upper Saucon Township for the Saucon Rail Trail.

The program would have also given money to projects in Salisbury Township, Emmaus and Bethlehem. Opposition to the program came primarily from the board's more conservative members.

"This seems to me like a bunch of nice to have projects, but we already have a multi-million dollar deficit

on our hands," Commissioner Scott Ott said. "It seems to me like a bad management plan."

Commissioner Vic Mazzotti agreed with Ott and said these sort of projects are not the board's "core responsibility."

"The question is, what is our core responsibility?" Mazzotti said. "We're not raising significant revenue to do this job."

Commissioner David Jones supported the bill and said it is the board's job to execute the will of the voters.

Commissioner Percy Dougherty acknowledged the board needed to make cuts, but agreed with Jones the board has a commitment to support the project based on the will of the voters. He also noted money for the projects would not be paid all at once,

but over a number of years.

A motion to table the bill for discussion at a later date was made by Commissioner Michael Schware. The Commissioners voted 5-4 in favor of tabling the bill.

The board also had its first reading of a bill proposed by Commissioner Daniel McCarthy raising the county executive's salary to \$127,500 starting in 2014.

The county executive is currently paid \$75,000 a year. McCarthy said the increase is intended to attract the best candidates for the job.

"We're always told that we should run the government more like a business," McCarthy said.

Dougherty said he would not pay the county executive "one penny more" and said he is in favor of reforming the system to have a county manager, whom the board would have control

over hiring and firing. Dougherty's call for reform was supported by Mazzotti.

"We need to take whatever steps we need to take to put that before the voters," Mazzotti said.

Schware said he was unsure how the county would pay for the increased salary and said the county executive's pay is not tied to performance.

"We can't give a bonus for a good job or a cut for a bad job," Schware said.

McCarthy said he would also consider looking into a county manager system, but does not think that a change will take place before his proposed bill would go into effect. The bill was to be voted on at the commissioners meeting Dec. 19.

## Park improvement projects bill tabled

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# 'Tis the Season!

## Tournaments take center stage

### Holiday Classic: more meaning

By PETER CAR  
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Something happened on the way to Liberty's wrestling tournament at Penn Manor two weeks ago that prompted a slight change to this weekend's Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic plans. Following the tragic events that transpired at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. on December 14, Liberty's wrestling team had other things on their mind as they geared up for a wrestling tournament.

"Driving to the tournament that Saturday, it really bothered all of us," said head coach Jody Karam about the 26 people killed, including 20 children, by a lone gunman in the small Connecticut town. "We brought all the guys together and decided that we wanted to do something to help the families and victims."

So, as this year's holiday classic enters its 19th season, a fundraiser will take place during the tournament to help the victims of the tragedy. Charity work is something that Karam believes in and hopes his wrestlers and everyone that attends the two-day wrestling event can fully support.

"I think it's important that our guys have an understanding for charity work," Karam said. "We did a 5K run in November for breast can-

cer with about 20 of our guys. It really helps put things in perspective, especially for kids who need to understand there's more to life than just sports."

This year's holiday tournament will feature a major addition as well, as Central Dauphin enters the 29-team competition.

The Rams have won the District 3 title five years in a row, went 25-1 last season en route to taking third place in the PIAA 3A team championships. They also finished in second place at the PIAA 3A individual state tournament.

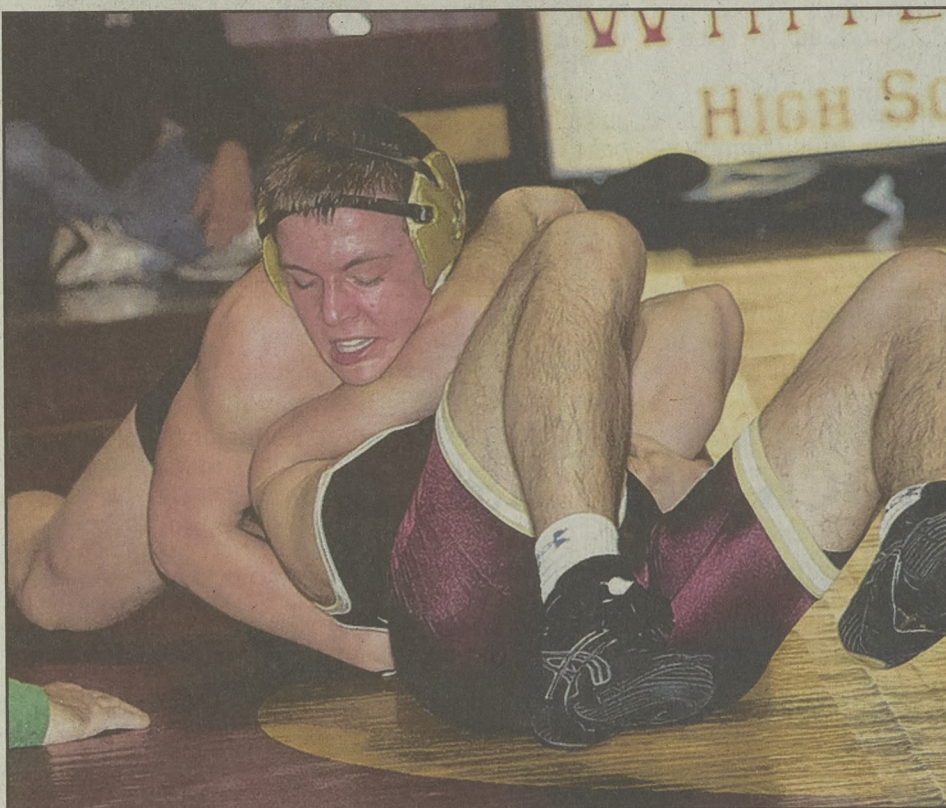
With Blair Academy not competing in the tournament since 2009, Karam was happy to land one of Pennsylvania's top programs to supplant Blair's place for big name teams.

"It was important to get a team like Central Dauphin to come," Karam said. "This tournament is ranked ninth in the country and a team like Central Dauphin only adds to the quality of competition."

Wyoming Seminary took home the team crown last season with 250.5 points to distance themselves from second place Nazareth (138). Camden Catholic came in third with 132 points. Pen Argyl brought home the most gold medals from local participants, as Mike Raciato (145) and Dylan Evans (182) won titles.

See **Meaning** on Page A10

### WRESTLING



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

Connor Hedesh will be looking to take home a medal at this year's Tony Iasiello Christmas City Wrestling Tournament.

## Hawks look for Christmas title too

By PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic romped their way to the team title during last year's Tony Iasiello Christmas City Wrestling Tournament when they placed 10 wrestlers in the finals, with seven coming away with gold medals.

Whether that happens in the 45th version of this Bethlehem tournament will all unfold Friday and

Saturday at Bethlehem Catholic's gymnasium. Head coach Jeff Karam hopes for more of the same this Christmas, but with Darian Cruz (120), Ryan Todora (145) and Jose Ortiz (182) returning as the only champions from last year, the Hawks will need to find new gold medalists.

"I don't think we'll see 10 guys back in the finals again, but who knows,"

said Karam. "I think our older guys know the importance of this tournament with it being at Becahi, but for the younger guys, this is their chance to make a name for themselves at home."

There are 30 teams enter the format again this season for the tournament that kicks off this weekend, along with the Bethlehem Holiday

See **Hawks** on Page A10

### BASKETBALL

## Area teams hit the road during holiday break

By PETER CAR  
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If there's one thing synonymous with the holiday season, it's holiday tournaments. Liberty, Freedom and Bethlehem Catholic's boys' basketball teams will be making treks out of the area this week, as they gear up for out-of-area competition.

Liberty finds themselves in the most prestigious tournament on Dec. 27 and 29 when they take part in the Primetime Christmas Shootout at Trenton Catholic Academy (NJ).

The tournament features some of New Jersey's top schools, along with two teams from Australia making the trek. Liberty took part in the tournament last year and head coach Chad Landis is

happy to play in it again. "I hope familiarity helps this year," Landis said. "It opened our eyes to what type of competition we were going up against last year. We return a lot of our guys from last year's team, so it should make a difference."

The Hurricanes beat Octorara last year, but lost to Rancocas Valley (NJ) in their two-game slate. The same type of schedule applies for the Hurricanes this year, as they open with Rancocas Valley again on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

They will then play either Lakewood (NJ) or Arch Bishop Carroll on Saturday.

Freedom heads off to the Coatesville tournament on Dec. 27 and 28. The Patriots were supposed to take place in the

Williamsport tournament this season, but that tournament was canceled a week before the season.

Coatesville's tournament features the hosts, along with St. Vincent Pallotti's (MD) and Cheltenham. Freedom opens with St. Vincent Pallotti's at 6 p.m. on Thursday and hope to find themselves in the 7:30 p.m. finals the next night.

"Once the Williamsport tournament fell apart, we could have went with an easier tournament but we wanted to play good teams," said head coach Joe Stellato. "We wanted to face a challenge and not take the easy way out."

Bethlehem Catholic is taking part in the Robert H. Griffith Holiday Tournament at York Vo-Tech

See **Hoops** on Page A10



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

Matt Husek and the Hawks will travel to York over the holidays to take part in a tournament.

## Liberty and Becahi girls come up with victories

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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After a too-close-for-comfort first quarter, the Liberty Hurricanes poured on the defense to defeat Easton, 43-35, last week.

"We decided to focus a lot more on our man defense, and we got a few

steals in a row. We had some fast breaks, and pushed the ball up the court," said Liberty's Kali Shumock.

The Hurricanes outscored the Red Rovers by seven points in both the second and third quarters, and by eight points in the fourth quarter.

Shumock led Liberty's

scoring with 13 points, followed by freshman, Kay West, who had ten points.

The Hurricanes also defeated Stroudsburg last week, 46-32.

In a Bethlehem rivalry game, Bethlehem Catholic defeated Freedom, 58-20.

Becahi guard Janelle Robinson said, "After everyone's been picking

us to be the favorite, we're still playing every game like it's our last. We're still working on getting into the post. We're still working on our jump shots. We're still working on our defense. We like to go out and get them and keep it fast paced."

Becahi's Kalista Walters was the top scorer

for the Hawks with 20 points, followed by Bridget Smith who added 12 points, and Nicole Lacherza who had ten points.

Ashley Gordon was the leading scorer for the Patriots with seven points.

Three-point goals were scored by Gordon, Tori McCaslin, and Robinson.

### INSIDE SPORTS

#### THEY SAID IT

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JODY KARAM  
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#### SCHEDULE

##### COACHES VS. CANCER

Emmaus will host the Second Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Junior High Basketball Invitation.

It will take place Dec. 27 and 28 at Emmaus High School.

This tournament is a recognized Coaches vs. Cancer event, and official merchandise will be on sale. All games will be played under standard PIAA rules and regulations for junior high (9th Grade) teams.

The following is the schedule:

- Thursday, Dec. 27**  
**Main Gym**  
10 a.m. Solehi vs. Liberty girls  
11:30 a.m. Solehi vs. Liberty boys  
1 p.m. Northwestern vs. Freedom girls  
2:30 p.m. Northwestern vs. Freedom boys  
**Auxiliary Gym**  
10 a.m. Emmaus vs. Boyertown girls  
11:30 a.m. Emmaus vs. Boyertown boys  
1 p.m. Parkland vs. Pocono West girls  
2:30 p.m. Parkland vs. Pocono West boys
- Friday, Dec. 28**  
**Main Gym**  
10 a.m. Parkland vs. Boyertown girls  
11:30 a.m. Parkland vs. Boyertown boys  
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10 a.m. Freedom vs. Northwestern girls  
11:30 a.m. Freedom vs. Northwestern boys  
1 p.m. Liberty vs. Pocono West girls  
2:30 p.m. Liberty vs. Pocono West boys

- BECAHI Dec. 27**  
• Boys hoops at Robert H. Griffith Tournament  
**Dec. 28**  
• Boys hoops at Robert H. Griffith Tournament  
• Wrestling - Tony Iasiello Christmas Tournament  
**Dec. 29**  
• Wrestling - Tony Iasiello Christmas Tournament  
**Jan. 3**  
• Wrestling at Dieruff, 7

- FREEDOM Dec. 27**  
• Boys hoops at Coatesville Tournament, 6  
**Dec. 28**  
• Boys hoops at Coatesville Tournament, 6  
• Girls hoops at Berwick Tournament, 7:30  
**Dec. 29**  
• Girls hoops at Berwick Tournament, TBA  
**Jan. 3**  
• Swimming at Dieruff, 4:30  
• Girls hoops at Central, 7  
• Wrestling at Parkland, 7:30

- LIBERTY Dec. 27**  
• Boys at Primetime Shootout  
**Dec. 28**  
• Wrestling at Hurricane Classic, 8  
**Dec. 29**  
• Wrestling at Hurricane Classic, 8  
• Boys at Primetime Shootout  
**Jan. 3**  
• Swimming vs. Central, 4  
• Wrestling vs. Whitehall, 7:30



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Putz book signing



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Author Vangie Roby Sweitzer, a longtime member of Central Moravian Church and former Bethlehem resident who now lives in Palmer Township, signs first edition copies of her third book on Moravian church history. Published by Central Moravian Church, "The Moravian Christmas Putz" tells the history and Moravian traditions surrounding Central's putz, which is marking its 75th year as the oldest community putz in Bethlehem. Designer Nancy Rutman, another Central Moravian member, put together the 72-page putz volume. Sweitzer also wrote "Christmas in Bethlehem - A Moravian Heritage and Sing for Praise - The Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir." The putz book is available at various locations, such as the Moravian Book Shop, Bethlehem Visitors Center, Central Moravian Church office and the Star and Candle Shoppe at the Central Moravian Christmas Putz, which is open to the public at no charge through Dec. 31.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley executive director Lorna Velazquez (third from right) leads a group of dignitaries and supporters in a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Food bank serves Southside

By DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Dignitaries, support staff and volunteers attended the official ribbon cutting recently for the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley's food pantry grand opening. Located in the basement at the center's 520 East Fourth St. facility, it is anticipated that the pantry will assist 30 to 50 people initially, according to Hispanic Center

Executive Director Lorna Velazquez.

Velazquez said that start up hours of operation will be on the first Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. and the third Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. of each month. Those eligible for assistance are limited to income-qualified residents of South Bethlehem and Fountain Hill.

Food bank organizers credited a number of community partnerships that

made the initiative possible. The Second Harvest Food Bank will provide food to stock the pantry and the Sands Casino donated shelving which was assembled and installed by casino facility staff. The Sands has also held the first of several planned food drives among its employees, according to Sands spokesperson Susan Stachowski.

Liberty HS conducted a food drive and St. Luke's

University Health Network will be contributing support and referrals. Lehigh University will provide student volunteers and the Bethlehem Rotary Club is holding a raffle to support the food bank.

ACLV Executive Director Alan Jennings said the pantry would assist those in need by allowing them to stretch limited incomes in order to pay their utilities and housing expenses.

BRIEFLY

**STEELSTACKS**  
Peepfest returns  
Dec. 27 to 31

The fourth annual Peeps festival will be held Dec. 28 to 31 at the Arts Quest Center; SteelStacks. The event includes live music, arts and contests. There will be Peeps dioramas by area school children with an inaugural

Peep-les choice contest. Programs are free but some require a ticket for admission.

At 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31, there will be a drop of a 4.5-foot tall, 85-pound, lit Peeps chick and fireworks.

For information and schedules, visit [www.artquest.org/peepsfest](http://www.artquest.org/peepsfest) or call 610-332-3378.



First-time volunteer Karen Pietrantonio and Lehigh University community services coordinator Carolina Hernandez stock a last-minute donation to the newly opened food bank. Hernandez is coordinating volunteer hours at the pantry for Lehigh students.



Hispanic Center board president Iris Cintron said the new food bank would fill the gap created by the closure of food pantries over the last several years that operated out of the Southeast Neighborhood Center and Concordia Lutheran Church.

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New Year's Eve celebration

The Downtown Bethlehem Association will hold a Main Street New Year's Eve Celebration from 9 p.m. to midnight Dec. 31. Main St. will be closed from Broad to Walnut streets.

There will be performances by Trouble City All-stars and the L.V. Harmonizers, a cash bar and food vendors. The Bethlehem Star will rise at midnight. Liberty Property Trust is sponsoring the event.

LIBRARY

Branch closing for two months

The Southside branch of the Bethlehem Public Library, 400 Webster St., will be closed as of Jan. 2, 2013, for about two months for privately-funded renovations.

While the branch is closed, materials, programs and services will be available at the main library, 11 W. Church St. except for the south side book drop, which will remain open during construction. Books, movies and music may be borrowed from the bookmobile from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Fourth and Webster streets. Call 610-867-3761 ext. 224 for special requests to be picked up via the bookmobile.

SOUTHSIDE

Library needs book movers

The doors of the Southside branch of the Bethlehem Area Public Library will close Jan. 2 to prepare for privately-funded renovations to the cherished landmark that serves as the social, cultural and educational center for the Southside community.

Library services have changed significantly since the Southside branch, 400 Webster Street, was built in 1929, but the interior features most of the original shelving and furniture, even as technology and the collection have changed.

Volunteers will be needed to relocate the entire contents of the main floor to the basement. Assistant Library Director Diane Davis is hoping to enlist enough volunteers to form a human chain in order to pass boxes of books from one floor to the other.

Phone 610-867-3761 x212 to volunteer.

Follow progress on the Library's blog at www.bapl.or.

For questions about the collection and services, phone the Branch at 610-867-7852.

Wine Dinner features unique menu

HOTEL BETHLEHEM

By CAROLE GORNEY Special to the Bethlehem Press

It was more than a meal; more than just fine dining. It was a culinary experience not soon to be forgotten. It was the Hotel Bethlehem's France Wine Dinner - the second in the autumn series of wine pairing and cuisines from various countries served in the newly renovated 1741 on the Terrace dining room.

The six-course menu, featuring such delights as foie gras, black truffle flan and wild mushrooms, was the most challenging of the dinner series, according to Executive Chef David Troxell.

"The menu was pretty intense because we wanted to take a tour of different [French] regions, not just one," Troxell explained.

The appetizer of pepper-seared foie gras and fried and fresh figs was representative of Aquitaine, one of the 27 regions in the southwestern corner of France. The wine pairing was a 2007 Chateau Baston-Lamontagne from the Sauternes section of Aquitaine.

Wine expert Terry Balent was on hand to explain that Sauternes wines are sweet, made from multiple grape types that are partially "raisined" through a process called "noble rot," which happens only in certain years.

"Some of the most expensive dessert wines come from Sauternes," Balent said. That is because the Sauternes climate is one of only a few suitable for the noble rot infection to occur; the grapes produce very little juice, and the costs of production are very high. "The vineyards have to hire help who know exactly what grapes to pick, and they have to go back to the rows many times," Balent added.

The salad course of duck and wild mushrooms, reminiscent of the southern Midi Pyrenees region just east of Aquitaine, was paired with 2009 Rigal Malbec from the vineyards of Lot Valley, a secluded area of cliff-perched medieval towns. The limestone soil is perfect for robust, deep burgundy colored "black wine" made from the Malbec grapevine, which, according to Balent, has been grafted to an American vine from Southern California to produce a lighter wine.



PRESS PHOTOS BY CAROLE GORNEY

Executive Chef David Troxell presents one of the six courses he created to provide Hotel Bethlehem diners with a culinary tour of many of the southern regions in France.



Wine consultant Terry Balent opens one of several bottles of French wine served at the Hotel Bethlehem's France Wine Dinner in October

After an intermezzo of black truffle flan, the main course followed, with a hearty roasted leg of lamb stew from the mountains of Cevannes in the sunny Languedec-Roussillon region of south central France. It was paired with a 2008 Cotes du Roussillon Villages red wine from Gerard Bertrand, named the 2012 European Winery of the Year by Wine Enthusiast Magazine.

No French meal would be complete without cheese, and the Hotel Bethlehem's offerings were Bleu d'Auvergne, a pungent blue cheese from southern France that is considered to be more buttery and less strong than other blue cheeses; Bucheron, a goat's milk cheese native to the Loire Valley; and Crottin de Chavignol, the most famous goat cheese also from the Loire Valley.

The Provence-Alpes-Cote D'Azur dessert of warm Banana Torte Tatin with date ice cream and sweet red wine caramel sauce was prepared by pastry chef Cas-



The delicious appetizer of pepper seared foie gras with fried and fresh figs was enhanced by its beautiful presentation.

sandra Tripaldi. It was served with a rich sweet dessert wine grown on steep terraces in the Banyuls overhanging the Mediterranean Sea.

One of the evening's 50 diners, Marilyn Achey of Bethlehem, has attended most of the wine dinners at the hotel. She said she likes the variety of wines and the fact that they are explained so well. Mentioning the black truffle flan, she called the French dinner one of the most interesting, and said she planned to attend future wine dinners.

Advertisement for Orchard Knoll Seafood Market featuring fresh Florida clams, lobster, and crab. Includes address: 2980 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Advertisement for Roxey Northampton featuring a \$3.00 all-seats-all-times offer for the week of Dec 28th through Jan 3rd, and a 'Wreck-It Ralph' movie screening.

Advertisement for Flama Tropical restaurant with a festive holiday message and contact information.

Advertisement with the headline 'Your Table is Waiting...' and an illustration of a couple dining.

Advertisement for East Supreme Buffet and Grand China Buffet & Grill, offering over 300 items and a 10% discount on lunch or dinner adult buffet.

Advertisement for Paolo's Italian Restaurant, 'The One. The Only. The Original.', featuring holiday reservations.

## A look back on Christmas past



**Jason W. Rehm**  
Columnist

Christmas Day has come and gone once again. As we reflect on the joys we've shared this past holiday season, let us look back on another Christmas of long ago.

Described as the happiest Christmas in years, Christmas 1922 was truly a special time. Downtown, shoppers were out in full force making their holiday purchases at places such as Bush & Bull, corner of Broad and Main, where Christmas cards could be had for the trifling cost of five cents.

Even more people had the chance to shop that season when four Bethlehem banks distributed a total of \$140,450 to thrifty residents, who throughout the year had set spare money aside, bit by bit, to be saved for Christmas presents. This careful planning in Santa filling many a stocking that otherwise might not have been filled.

Like today, strolling through Bethlehem's streets during the Christmas season was a thing of wonder. Many still hold fond memories of the community tree which stood year after year on the Hill-to-Hill Bridge circle. In 1922, with the bridge still a couple of years from completion, municipal trees could be found on the corners of Market and New as well as Fourth and Broadway.

What a sight it must have been for families to view these beautifully decorated trees on their way to admire Christmas putzes in the homes of neighbors and friends.

Acts of kindness and generosity were abundant among the people of Bethlehem that holiday season. Christmas seals for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society were available for purchase at places like the Kurtz Theatre, Bethlehem Club and the South Side Post Office.

A splendid concert by the Lehigh University band was given at the State Hospital in Rittersville for the benefit of 44 veterans who'd been injured during the Great War. The band must have felt deeply rewarded after spreading holiday cheer to these deserving men and an additional 500 patients.

During the days leading up to Christmas, a spirit of anticipation took hold of the city. Once more the schools, churches and other societies were all hard at work preparing, decorating and memorizing lines for the upcoming Christmas programs.

Employees at the Simon Rau & Co. drugstore had their hands full making 8,000 beeswax candles for the Moravian Church. The sweet-smelling candles were sent to congregations all across the region for their Christmas Eve vigils. Of course a good amount was kept in Bethlehem.

In the midst of all this activity, Charles Schwab, chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., surprised his associates when he made an appearance at the Steel's annual Christmas dinner. Having been absent for several months, Schwab dropped in on his way to Scranton to extend season's greetings to E.G. Grace and other bigwig executives.

Never before in the history of Bethlehem public schools had such painstaking and elaborate preparations been made for Christmas. With three new buildings, Nitschmann, Quinn and Liberty, teachers and pupils worked even more enthusiastically to give fitting programs that might do honor to the handsome new structures.

Each school building was festooned with trimmed Christmas trees, some which were even illuminated with electric light bulbs. After the many concerts and cantatas were performed, Santa Claus visited the classrooms and passed out gifts to the children. Pupils at the Hamilton School were grateful to receive oranges and candy.

Lest you be concerned that the true meaning of Christmas was forgotten, practically every church in the city performed a special pageant or cantata celebrating the coming of the Immanuel. The churches were all seasonally decorated with evergreens and trimmed Christmas trees.

What's more, on Christmas Eve the city gathered around the municipal trees to sing carols and listen to the inspiring words of Bethlehem's ministers. Reverend Kenneth P. Otten of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church delivered an address on "The Message of Christ." The services, under the direction of Mayor James M. Yeakel, were a great success.

Christmas Day comes but once a year. Organizations such as the Salvation Army worked tirelessly to make sure that food and gifts were given to those in need, so that it would be a joyous day for all.

Characterized by a spirit of generosity and good will toward men, Christmas 1922 most certainly was.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Family affair at the Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant consists of Jill Rathmell as Mary, with her three children – Levi as baby Jesus, Nathan Jr. and Eddie as shepherds. Nathan Rathmell takes pictures of his family members after the performance, as well as of Gary D. Snyder (Joseph) and Natalie Seier (angel).

## A child is born

The 34th annual Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant was held Dec. 8 and 9 at the Rose Garden Band Shell in Bethlehem. The re-enactment of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ featured a cast of 125 costumed

actors accompanied by live music from the Chancel Choir of Bethany United Church of Christ, a narrative of the Christmas story and live animals. There is no charge to attend the one-hour outdoor presentation. The pageant

committee is making special plans for next year's 35th anniversary of the local production, according to LBCP President David M. Landis of Bethlehem.



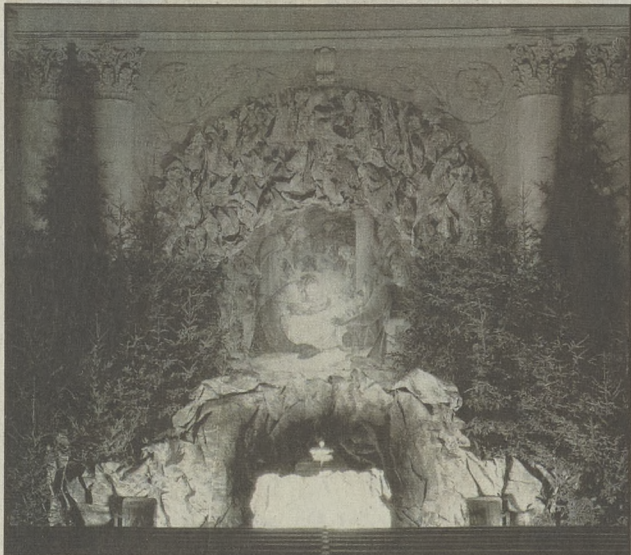
Pageant-goers of all ages watch the Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant. Among the crowd are Dorise Gross, Julia Meehan and her daughter Nicole, and Jolene Slifra seated in folding chair.



Following the pageant the Beisel family of Bethlehem, longtime pageant participants, pet one of the three camels. Shepherds Tammy and daughter Maya with foot soldiers Arby and son Nate get close to a camel next to the animal trailer at the Rose Garden.



Wiseman Kevin Landis, son of LBCP committee president Dave Landis, holds the baby Jesus, played by Levi Rathmell of Bethlehem.



Like many Bethlehem churches, the altar of Central Moravian Church is seasonally decorated with evergreens and trimmed Christmas trees.

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Shepherds and their animals gather at the stable after visiting the newborn Christ child in Bethlehem during the Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant.

# Tyler Fernandez

Notre Dame HS

**Grade:** 12

**Family members:** My parents are Lon and Susan Fernandez and I have three siblings; Ryan, Alyssa and Vincent.

**Favorite subject:** My favorite subjects are music theory, theater arts and college writing because they are challenging and will prepare me for college.

**Activities:** I have been in theater and choir all four years of high school.

**Next steps:** I plan to major in music education and voice in college.

**Career goals:** I'd like to pursue my passion for music, whether performing or teaching.

**Heroes:** My hero is Kim Gillow (deceased friend) because she helped me understand the value of life and that we should embrace each day.

**Hobbies:** Aside from singing and acting, I love performing in my band, Kim's Comeback. I also love playing sports, especially basketball.

**Volunteer/community work:** My band, Kim's Comeback, is always willing to perform for benefits (Thon, 5k, school functions).

**Likes:** I love playing instru-



ments and sports, and especially love musical theater, singing and performing in my band.

**Dislikes:** I dislike being late for anything.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** My greatest accomplishment was being nominated and winning a Freddy Award (2012) for my role of Professor Bhaer in "Little Women" at Notre Dame.

**Advice for peers:** Live your life to the fullest because the future is unknown, and always perform random acts of kindness.

*Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.*

# Gift Giving Tree at Notre Dame



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Notre Dame HS's SADD chapter organized a Gift Giving Tree. The gifts satisfied the wish list of 30 children. The gifts (more than 120 of them) were presented to the Northampton County Division of Youth Services Dec. 14. A 'Giving Tree' was displayed in the main hallway of the school and students, faculty and staff each took a gift tag with

the name of the child, age, and present desired. The gifts were purchased and returned wrapped for delivery. This has been an event for the past four years, but this year was the largest undertaking of present-buying. The project enabled members of the Notre Dame community to experience the true meaning of Christmas.

## COLLEGENOTES

### Moravian College

#### New programs announced for winter term

Registration is open for the winter term, Jan. 2 through 11, 2013. The courses for current students only, include "What do I say to avoid offense?"; working with people with disabilities; business writing; program music; crime fiction and fact in Navajoland; globalization and global social movements; and music, memory and language.

Two of the half-unit/two-credit hour courses are available online. Students may only enroll in one course per winter term. For full course descriptions, and registration, visit the college website.

*Moravian College is located at 1200 Main St. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.*

## PEOPLENOTES

### College prize winner

Michael Roche, of Bethlehem, received the Samuel P. Weaver Prize at Gettysburg College's Fall Honors Day ceremonies. The event recognized students for outstanding scholarship, academic achievement and service to the campus community.

### College graduate

Diane Kimsey, a Bethlehem resident, recently graduated from Saint Joseph's College of Maine. She earned a master of science in nursing degree.

### Competes for teen title

Katilyn Fritz, a daughter of Dr. John and Christina (Fritz) Westafer of Bethlehem and a student at Arts Academy MS, Bethlehem, competed for the title of Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA. The contest was held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2 at the Pittsburgh Hyatt Regency Airport hotel. The 14-year-old, the youngest of the pageant contestants, was chosen Miss Photogenic. She was awarded \$29,000 toward her college education.



Fritz

She is active with the ballet and in theater and music. She is a Look model and actress. She worked on the Polaris project and recently met with state Sen. Daylin Leach (D-17).

### Tufts enrollees

Sarah Brown and Theodore Messman, both of Bethlehem, have enrolled at Tufts University, Medford/Somerville, Mass.

### Accepted at Coastal Carolina

Three Bethlehem residents have been accepted at Coastal Carolina University for the Fall 2013 semester. The students and their planned majors are Tyler Gesstiz, Liberty HS, biology; Gary Moritz, Freedom HS, recreation and sport management; and Benjamin Loh, Freedom HS, marine science.

CCU is a public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, near Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Nitschmann MS sixth grade students under the guidance of teachers Natalie Kavacky-Baran and Paulette Wilderotter joined the Blue Star Mothers Lehigh Valley Chapter and dozens of other volunteers in late November, as they collected, sorted and boxed supplies that were later shipped to Lehigh Valley area service members serving in other parts of the world. Students also wrote letters that were included in the packages. The production line process was done in donated space at the General Supply facility in Bethlehem Township. The students are part of a team teaching

initiative at Nitschmann that identifies with and partners with area colleges and universities. Kavacky-Baran and Wilderotter arranged for their team of Muhlenberg students to volunteer on the Blue Star Mothers service project. **ABOVE:** A line of volunteers, including Blue Star Mothers, Nitschmann MS students, Girl Scouts, teachers and other assorted volunteers snakes its way past tables loaded with all kinds of snacks, reading materials, toiletries, clothing and other useful items that were being packed for about 75 Lehigh Valley area soldiers.

# Remembering the troops



Items donated need to be sorted prior to packing. Nitschmann students Katie Neary and Alanna Bezas help with that task. Bezas said she canvassed her entire neighborhood seeking donations for the initiative and received great support.



Sue Donaldson, president of the Blue Star Mothers Lehigh Valley Chapter 201, gives last minute instructions to volunteers prior to beginning to pack the supply boxes going to the troops. She is joined by Debbie Heritzky, the organization's vice president, and Kathy Garrity, the event organizer.



Nitschmann team Muhlenberg teacher Natalie Kavacky-Baran is assisted by students Brian Wycherly, Hannah Gold and Ava Lobach as they open packages of drink mixes, tea bags and coffee which will be added to each box.



Carefully adding socks and a T-shirt to a box headed to a soldier serving overseas is Nitschmann student Caleb Gross.

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## Central Santas meet local needs



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Central Moravian Church members recently filled 150 Christmas gift bags for local children in need. Miriam Devey and Central Santas project co-chairs Joan Carson and Mary Wiesenski check a roomful of colorful bags filled with warm clothing and Christmas gifts destined for the Commu-

nity Services for Children agency in Allentown. The Central Santas project has become a cherished holiday season tradition of more than 10 years at the downtown Bethlehem church, where individuals provide a bagful of gifts for each child.

## City Seal honors putz

The 2012 Christmas City Seal features the Central Moravian Christmas Putz in recognition of its 75th year as the first community putz in Bethlehem. A photograph by Bethlehem resident Mike Riess of a holy family miniature scene was selected for the 48th annual non-postage commemorative stamp. The Citizens Christmas City Committee of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce publishes the seals to decorate holiday season mail and promote Bethlehem as the Christmas City USA. In addition to the

Christmas City seals, which are available as 24-stamp sheets, the committee also prepares a cacheted cover. The philatelic collectible envelope, which features the seal with a postmarked USPS holiday stamp, is dated for the Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony. Seal distribution is the nonprofit Citizens Christmas City Committee's major fundraiser, with contributions going toward the Christmas City's holiday lighting and decorations. For more information call 610-739-1510 or lynnc@lehighvalleychamber.org.

## Santa beer fun run



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

A Santa Will Run for Beer 5K-ish event, celebrating the end of a yearlong series of themed running events throughout the Lehigh Valley, took place in Bethlehem Dec. 15, with runners going among a number of designated bars for beverage stops. Wearing Santa-tune outfits, sneaker-clad participants in the fun run form a line outside Hometown Heroes on East Goepp Street. Run Lehigh Valley, started in 2010, organizes a series

of themed races throughout the Lehigh Valley for "novice and hardcore runners alike in a fun and competitive environment." Each year ends with the "5K-ish" Santa run in Bethlehem. Runners pay an entrance fee, with part of the proceeds benefiting charities. Points are awarded for each race and the top runner at year's end wins a vacation prize. Additional information is available at the runlehighvalley.org website.

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**Who Jesus Is**  
 In my message last Sunday morning I spoke on "Who Jesus Is." I emphasized that Jesus fulfilled 333 Old Testament prophecies proving Who He really is—God incarnate! "The mighty God, The everlasting Father" (Isaiah 9:6). The first verse of the Gospel of John tells us He is coeternal with God, "In the beginning was the Word." He is coexistent with God, "The Word was with God." He is coequal with God, "The Word was God." Getting to know Him and love Him is our number one priority! God commanded it and Jesus reiterated it! "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30).  
 The question we need to ask ourselves is: How can I allow the cares of life to become the preeminent things in my life when I know Who Jesus is? If Jesus Christ is Who the Bible says He is—the only Savior of mankind from sin and hell—the only hope of heaven—then man's greatest error is in not getting to know Who Jesus is and man's greatest sin is in rejecting Him!  
 Jesus asked, "Who do people say that I am?" The question came up repeatedly, "Who is This?" Some only knew Him as a carpenter, but He is more than a carpenter! Jesus is the Carpenter of carpenters! "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). He is the Creator! "The world was made by him" (John 1:10). "All things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17).  
 As I was reading numerous scriptures and articles in my message declaring Who Jesus is, I was overcome with the majesty of Jesus and began to weep—stopping at times to ask in broken tones pointed questions such as: "Do you really know Him? Is He the King of your life? Are you submitting to His rightful lordship in your life? When we realize Who He is, how can we reject Him? Do you really know Who Jesus is?" Hear this message at: <http://www.naog.ws/sermons.htm>

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The program helps Pennsylvanians ages 65 and older, widows and widowers ages 50 and above and people with disabilities age 18 and above.

The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters.

Half of Social Security income is excluded. Rebate distribution began July 1.

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## Peeps at the New Year

SteelStacks' ArtsQuest Center has free activities for families

Gather your peeps, as in family and friends, for PeepsFest, returning for its fourth year Dec. 30 and 31, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

The event, for which most activities are free, features two days of live music, arts and Peeps-related programming, culminating at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31 with the dropping of a 4.5-foot tall, 85-pound, lit Peeps Chick and fireworks to welcome in the New Year.

"PeepsFest 2012 will be a magical extravaganza that will continue to make this relatively new event an annual holiday destination for the whole family," says Matt Pye, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Just Born Inc., which makes and distributes Peeps and other candy items.

"PeepsFest celebrates the fun and passion consumers have for the beloved Peeps brand, which is produced right here in Bethlehem," says Pye.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 30 and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 31. Admission is free, although a few activities require an admission ticket.

One of the most popular attractions is the Peeps Diorama Competition, showcasing dozens of Peeps dioramas created by area schoolchildren. This year's contest includes public voting for the first time.

The dioramas will be on display Dec. 27 - 29 in ArtsQuest Center. The entry with the most votes will be crowned the Peep-les Choice Winner and be invited on stage to drop the Peeps Chick on New Year's Eve.

Peeps Diorama Competition winners will be announced 10:45 a.m. Dec.



Fourth annual PeepsFest, Dec. 30, 31, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem

30, with the winning entries on display Dec. 30 and 31.

PeepsFest includes the following free activities:

New Year's Eve Party with music by kid-friendly rock band Starfish, 4 p.m. Dec. 31, Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks;

Large, kid-friendly cardboard gingerbread houses for decorating;

Interactive children's theater with Middle Earth Studios;

Family musicians and children's performers all

day;

Peeps-themed arts and crafts, video game competitions and a scavenger hunt; Photo opportunities with the Peeps Chick;

Peepmobile filled with candy for a guess-how-many contest; and

Family Disco Lounge with music by and dancing to Erin Lee & the Up Past Bedtime.

PeepsFest includes the following ticketed activities:

Band, Dec. 30; Lisa & Wendy, Dec. 31; family-friendly DJ, bounce house and more;

PeepsFest 5K run; PeepsFest Kids Fun Run, and Mascot Dash, featuring popular area mascots, noon Dec. 31;

Peeps'mores for sale to roast on outdoor fire pits; and

Peeps & Company store items for sale.

Information: artsquest.org/peepsfest, 610-332-3378.

### 8 DAYS A WEEK

## Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**'S "Wonderful":** Bucks County Playhouse, which reopened this past summer following a multi-million dollar renovation, concludes its 2012 season with "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," through Dec. 30 at the legendary 70 S. Main St., New Hope, theater. Justin Guarini, above, center, plays George Bailey, the role made famous by Jimmy Stewart in director Frank Capra's 1946 movie classic. Guarini, a Central Bucks East High School graduate, was first runner-up in the "American Idol" 2002 debut season. Also in "Wonderful Life" are Jill Paice, above left, portraying Mary Bailey, and Kevin Pariseau, above right, as Freddie Filmore, radio show announcer. Gordon Greenberg directs the Joe Landry stage adaptation. Tickets: 215-693-1755, bcptheater.org



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**Going Steady:** Indie rock band, The Hold Steady, above, makes its Lehigh Valley debut, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. The critically-acclaimed Brooklyn, N.Y., - based band's albums include: "Almost Killed Me" (2004 debut); "Separation Sunday" (2005); "Boys and Girls in America" (2006); "Stay Positive" (2008); and "Heaven Is Whenever" (2010). The band will perform fan favorites and songs planned for a new album to be released next year. Tickets: artsquest.org, 610-332-3378

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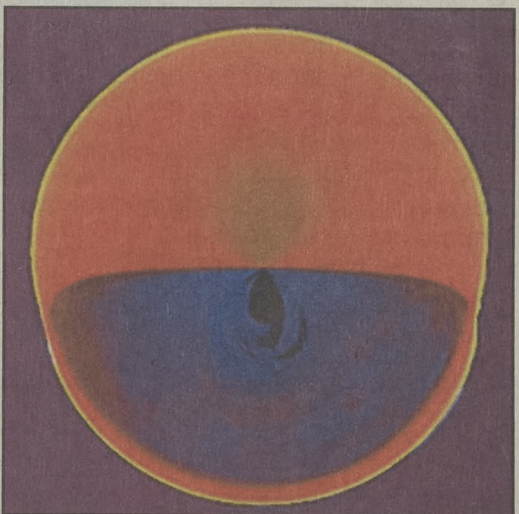


PHOTO BY DAVID L. REHRIG

**Circle game:** The exhibition, "Out of the Sphere: The Photography of David L. Rehrig," continues through Jan. 11, Ambre' Studio, 310 W. Broad St., Bethlehem. Rehrig's digital images, including "Sun on the Sea," above, explore the sphere. "Like crystal balls, spheres hold inner truth, broad reflections, and pensive stares," states the Bethlehem resident. "It is only fitting that these photographic images will be displayed in an 1888 former pharmacy, designed by prominent architect A. W. Leh, a structure that now serves as a fine art gallery and event venue, where modern examples of the powerful potential in photography concentrate the essence of an image," says Evelyn Beckman, Ambre owner. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or by appointment. Information: 610-428-2484, 610-974-8480

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## Nature and critters warmed up to 2012

### BUD'S VIEW

By Bud Cole



A recent newspaper article stated that 2012 gasoline prices will almost certainly set the record for the highest average price for a single year. Other news reports predicted a record-setting year.

I'm, however, convinced that 2012 will set the record as the fastest-passing year on record.

Each year appears to go by faster than the previous one and before I know it I find myself browsing through my yearly journal and skimming my columns to summarize what has transpired during the year.

So, this is 2012, the year that was. This column looks back at the year's first six months.

#### January

Jan. 1 arrived warm and mild with a high temperature of 53 degrees. The first precipitation fell Jan. 11 when 1.25 inches of rain covered the Lehigh Valley. The mild weather and rain confused many spring bulb plants as tulip, daffodil and hyacinth leaves were observed peeking through the soft January soil.

My gray squirrel gym kept me and the squirrels very busy. I was busy adding to the equipment and restocking the corn cobs and sunflower seeds while the squirrels stayed busy exercising and dining at the buffets.

The first and what would be the only winter snowstorm of any consequence fell overnight Jan. 20 and 21. The snow postponed the



PRESS PHOTO BY BUD COLE

Spring flowers, such as bleeding hearts, opened three weeks early in 2012 because of spring-like weather.

annual Bake Oven Knob Winter Bird Survey at Lehigh Gap Nature Center by one day.

I recorded six inches of snow in our yard while Lehigh Valley International Airport reported 3.40 inches. I've always suspected that the weather people at the airport take the precipitation gauges inside to keep them dry at the first signs of bad weather. The month ended with rain Jan. 23, 25, 26 and 27, adding to the total of 2.96 inches for the month.

#### February

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Gobblers Knob, Jefferson County, and I observed my first groundhog out and about on Groundhog Day, Feb. 2. The famous prognosticator's cousin was standing atop its burrow in a harvested

cornfield enjoying the morning sun as I drove east on Route 248 toward Bath. On the way home, I spotted an eastern coyote in an adjacent field about 300 yards from the groundhog burrow.

The highest February temperature was 62 degrees while the lowest was 17 degrees. Precipitation for the month was 1.11 in. The lack of rain and fairly low temperatures at night provided perfect snow-making as well as skiing and boarding conditions at Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Blue Mountain Ski Area.

#### March

March was very mild and dry. Fifteen days passed between March 9 and 24 without precipitation. Songbird courting and breeding began early with many

males singing and calling for potential mates several weeks before their usual schedule.

A male pileated woodpecker, Penn's Woods largest woodpecker, pecked away on our trees, staking out his territory and drumming on the hollowest trees to announce to any nearby females that he was looking for love in all the right places.

The month ended with 1 inch of precipitation. The highest temperature was 80 degrees F and the lowest was 19 degrees F.

#### April

The April countryside was aglow with the colors of spring at least three weeks before normal. The very mild winter with the lack of snowfall had the spring blooming plants rushing the season.

Most municipalities established fire bans because of the spring drought. It finally rained April 22 when 2.50 inches of rain inundated the area.

Although, farmers and gardeners were praying for rain, most of the heavy rain ran off without soaking into the ground to provide needed moisture for growth.

Bev rescued two white-throated sparrows April 23. They had accidentally flown into our patio door window at different times. After an hour in a tissue-lined shoebox, both stunned sparrows were well enough to fly away.

A male pileated woodpecker spent the same afternoon excavating holes in the red maple tree in the side yard. I filled and hung our two hummingbird feeders the next day, April 24. I also harvested the first jewelweed shoots for dinner later that afternoon.

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Celebrating Christmas



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA DEIBERT
Sunday School students from Ziegels Union Church, Breinigsville,
presented their Christmas program Dec. 9.

Logan Leibenguth, Jenna Frey, Emily Rutherford, Kira Schafer, Joey Turner,
Amanda Achenbach, Matthew Lucarelli, Aubrey Remaley, Jordan Meyers
read about the ways different countries celebrate Christmas.





ENGAGEMENT

Sommer-Zellers

Couple plans May 2014 nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sommer of Schnecksville announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily C., to Paul D. Zellers, the son of the late Kimberly Reis and the grandson of Jackie Reis of Allentown.

Paul surprised everyone by asking for Emily's hand in marriage during Thanksgiving dinner in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The couple met while attending Northwestern Lehigh Middle School, New Tripoli.

The bride-elect works at Sacred Heart Senior Living by the creek, Northampton.

The groom-to-be works for J's Service, Allentown.

The couple is planning a May 2014 wedding.



Emily C. Sommer and Paul D. Zellers

ARTSQUEST Winners listed for film fest

Six Lehigh Valley-based filmmakers were honored with awards for their work during the second-annual Greater Lehigh Valley Filmmaker Festival (GLVFF), which took place Nov. 2-4 at the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas at Steel-Stacks. The awards were presented Nov. 4 at the conclusion of the festival, which featured more than 25 different shorts and feature films produced by filmmakers from throughout the region.

The 2012 GLVFF award winners are:

Best Feature: "Wallowitch & Ross: This Moment," Richard Morris, Bethlehem

Best Short (15-50 min.): "Doorman," Collin Kornfeind, Slatington

Best Short (less than 15 min.): "Please Kill Me Again," Spencer Snygg, Allentown

Best Web Series: "The Flighty Ducks," Dan Maher, Bethlehem

Honorable Mention (by the Jury): "A Cure," Matthew Hertz, Center Valley

Audience Award: "The Super List," Adam Winston, Macungie

The 2012 GLVFF was juried by Courtney Eady, Ben Hickernell, Gershon Hinkson, Ann Knerr and Michael Kramp. Submitted films were pre-screened by the ArtsQuest Cinema Committee and ArtsQuest Cinema staff, who then selected the films for the festival and put select titles in competition. The jury screened all festival films for the first time at the festival and collaboratively selected the award winners. The GLVFF Audience Award was presented to the film with the highest average score based on 2012 GLVFF audience voting only.

Hold on for The Hold Steady

By EMILY THIEL Special to The Press

The Hold Steady expects to give its fans what they want — familiar tunes from each of its five albums — in its area debut, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

Craig Finn, lead singer of the group, recently completed a solo tour backing his album, "Clear Heart Full Eyes," but has been back on tour with the band since October.

"Everyone was really positive about it," says the lead singer about going solo during the band's hiatus.

The band's most recent album, "Heaven Is Whenever," was released in 2010. The band will perform songs from its unrecorded new album, planned for release next year.

"We make it a priority on the set list to perform songs from each of our



albums," says Finn, knowing fans enjoy the older material because they can sing along.

For hard-core fans, listen closely to the lyrics as Finn occasionally will change the words to some of the songs for a laugh for those who are paying attention.

The lead singer describes The Hold Steady's music as "storytelling backed by a rock and roll band."

Finn, the group's lyricist, is inspired by such legends as Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen for their ability to produce "so many different things in their career" and the variety of music in their catalog.

The Hold Steady's sound has changed a bit

since its debut album in 2004. The band no longer plays live shows with a keyboard player.

"We want to do something more ambitious," says Finn, a Minnesota native.

The critically-acclaimed Brooklyn, N.Y.-based band's albums include: "Almost Killed Me" (its 2004 debut); "Separation Sunday" (2005); "Boys and Girls in America" (2006); and "Stay Positive" (2008).

The Hold Steady added a new band member, guitarist Steve Selvidge, in 2011, after keyboarder Franz Nicolay left in 2010.

The group includes, in addition to Finn, on vocals and guitar, and Selvidge, Tad Kubler, lead guitar; Galen Polivka, bass; and Bobby Drake, drums

"Everyone who can should come out to the show," Finn encourages. "It should be a very post-holidays for people to let off steam kind of night."

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- The Irish Rovers, 7:30 p.m. March 12
Julie Fowlis, 7 p.m. April 14
PENN'S PEAK
325 Maury Road, Penn Forest Township. 1-866-605-7325
Hollywood Nights with Human Wheels, 8 p.m. Dec. 28
Dickey Betts and Great Southern, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12
Little River Band with Fran Cosmo, 8 p.m. Feb. 1
The Pink Floyd Experience, 8 p.m. Feb. 15
Bruce in the USA: Bruce Springsteen tribute, 8 p.m. Feb. 23
Queensryche, 8 p.m. March 9
Bobby Vinton, 8 p.m. March 23
Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes, 8 p.m. April 19
Tanya Tucker, 8 p.m. May 4
SANDS BETHLEHEM EVENT CENTER
77 Sands Boulevard, Bethlehem. 1-800-745-3000
The Wallflowers, 8 p.m. Dec. 27
The Fab Four: Beatles tribute, 8 p.m. Dec. 29
John Pinnette and Billy Gardel, 8 p.m. Dec. 30
The Backstreet Boys, 9 p.m. Dec. 31
George Lopez, 8 p.m. Jan. 11
Stone Sour, Papa Roach, 7 p.m. Jan. 20
Creedence Clearwater Revisited, 8 p.m. Jan. 23
The Rat Pack tribute, 8 p.m. Jan. 26
Scooby-Doo Live! Musical Mysteries, 4, 7 p.m. Feb. 8
Daughtry, 3 Doors Down, 7 p.m. Feb. 10
Sarah Brightman, 8 p.m. Feb. 13
Tiësto, 8 p.m. Feb. 25. Rescheduled from Oct. 7
Matchbox Twenty, Phillip Phillips, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27
Chris Botti, 7 p.m. March 3. Rescheduled from Nov. 11
Jewel, 7:30 p.m. March 15
Brian Regan, 7 p.m. May 12
Yes, 7 p.m. April 7
Wayne Newton, 8 p.m. April 20
Sarah Brightman, 8 p.m. Sept. 22
SELLERSVILLE THEATRE 1894
24 W. Temple Avenue, Sellersville. 215-257-5808
Devon Allman Band, 8 p.m. Dec. 27
Live Wire: AC/DC tribute, 8 p.m. Dec. 28
Beatlemania Now!, 3, 8 p.m. Dec. 29
Marshall Tucker Band, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 30. Rescheduled from Oct. 14
Dr. K's Motown Revue, 7, 10:30 p.m. Dec. 31
Big Shot: Billy Joel tribute, 6, 9 p.m. Jan. 1
The Local Connection: How Not To Be Seen, The Swamp Candles, 8 p.m. Jan. 4
Beach Party Benefit for Hurricane Sandy, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6
George Cole and Eurocana, 8 p.m. Jan. 9
Paula Cole, 8 p.m. Jan. 10
BeauSoleil Avee Michael Doucet, 8 p.m. Jan. 11
Caravan Of Thieves, 8 p.m. Jan. 12
Jan Ungar and Molly Mason, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13
Jimmy Carroll, 8 p.m. Jan. 19
Marshall Crenshaw, The Bottle Rockets, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20
Satisfaction: Rolling Stones tribute, 8 p.m. Jan. 24
Vagabond Opera, 8 p.m. Jan. 25
Garland Jeffreys, 8 p.m. Jan. 26
The English Beat, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27
John Waite, 8 p.m. Jan. 30
10,000 Maniacs, 8 p.m. Jan. 31
Albert Cummings, Feb. 1
John Cassidy: Balloon Freak, 1 p.m. Feb. 2
Battlefield Band, 8 p.m. April 4
Jonathan Edwards, John Flynn, 8 p.m. April 19
Rich Little, 3, 8 p.m. April 20
Kenny Vance and The Planotones, 7:30 p.m. April 21
Junior Brown, 8 p.m. April 24
Hotel California: The Eagles tribute, 8 p.m. April 25
Steep Canyon Rangers, 8 p.m. May 2. Rescheduled from Oct. 18
SHERMAN THEATRE
524 Main St., Stroudsburg. 570-420-2808
Killswitch Engage, 7 p.m. Dec. 28
Christmas Jam in the Poconos, 8 p.m. Dec. 29
Edelweiss, 6 p.m. Jan. 12
Earl David Reed, Raymond the Amish Comic, 8 p.m. Jan. 19
Gin Blossoms, 8 p.m. Feb. 2
Hammer of the Gods: Led Zeppelin tribute, 8 p.m. Feb. 9
The Magic of Bill Blagg Live, 7 p.m. March 2
Vienna Boys Choir, 8 p.m. March 8
STATE THEATRE FOR THE ARTS
453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132
John Denver: A Rocky Mountain High Tribute, 8 p.m. Feb. 6
The Time Jumpers, 8 p.m. Feb. 16
Olivia Newton-John, 8 p.m. Feb. 21
Kenny Rogers, 8 p.m. March 9
Golden Dragon Acrobats, 1, 4:40 p.m. March 10. Rescheduled from Nov. 4
Mark Russell, 7:30 p.m. March 23
Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, 7 p.m. April 28. Rescheduled from Nov. 3
Dana Carvey, 8 p.m. May 2
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
37 S. Fifth St., Allentown
Harpisichord Concert, 4 p.m. Jan. 20
Lyric Consort, 4 p.m. Feb. 10
Organ Concert, 8 p.m. March 22

- 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571
Israeli Dancing, 7:30 p.m. Mondays: Beginners; 8:30 p.m. Mondays: Experienced dancers
MILLER SYMPHONY HALL
23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715
Koreah Dance Company, 8 p.m. Jan. 26
Lulu Washington Dance Theatre, 8 p.m. Feb. 23
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-923-0997
Folk Dance, 6 p.m. Sundays

EVENTS

- AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM
5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200
Big Dipper New Year's Eve Daytime Party, noon - 3 p.m. Dec. 29. Reservation recommended
ALLENTOWN YMCA AND YWCA
425 S. 15 St., Allentown. 610-434-9333
Community Open House, Jan. 14 - 18
HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY
1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Kempton. 610-756-6961
Wild About Winter, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Jan. 19
LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM
432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074
Trains on Holiday Special, through Jan. 13, Thomas the Tank Engine Fun Room
LEHIGH-POCONO COMMITTEE OF CONCERN
313 W. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-691-8730
Peace Vigil, 4 p.m. every second Thursday, Third Street and Hill to Hill Bridge
Americas Solidarity Group, 12:15 p.m. Jan. 14
Action Meeting, 7 p.m. Jan. 14
Bike-Walkathon Planning Committee, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 15
LIGHTS IN THE PARKWAY
1700 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Allentown.
Electric Light Display, 5:30 - 10 p.m. daily, through Jan. 6
MUSSELMAN ARTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
601 W. Hamilton St., Allentown.
Hand Drumming: Lunchtime Stress Relief, noon - 1 p.m. Mondays

LITERARY EVENTS

- ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
1210 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400
Lap-sit Storytime, 10 a.m. Thursdays: Up to 2-year-olds
Time for Twos, 6 p.m. Wednesdays; 10:15 a.m. Fridays: 2-year-olds
Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays: 2 p.m. Thursdays: 3- to 5-year-olds
"Off the Page," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 27: Poetry open mike
Nilsa Lasso-von Lang and Jiwanda Gale-Rogers, 7 p.m. Jan. 16: "Flavors of Panama"
Sharlee DiMenichi, 7 p.m. Jan. 23: Peace Corps
Alonso Gross and Wendy Smale, 7 p.m. Jan. 30: "Inspiration, Harmony and the World Within"
ARTSQUEST CENTER, STEELSTACKS
101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 484-707-3282
Writers' Salon, 7 p.m. Second, Fourth Tuesdays. Free
BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
11 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-867-3761
Homework Help, Reading Practice, 4 - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday
Main-Youth Department, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Dec. 29; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 27, 28; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 29
LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville. 610-799-1929
"How to Win the Money Game," 7 - 8 p.m. Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12. Registration required by Jan. 18
LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700
Current Events Discussion Group, 2 p.m. Thursdays
LUTHER CREST
800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall Township. 610-398-8011
Shared Wisdom Discussion Group, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays
LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY
3450 Brookside Road, Macungie. 610-966-6864
Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Jan. 9
eReader Workshop, 6 p.m. Jan. 15
MORAVIAN BOOK SHOP
428 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5481
Bonnie Banks-Beers, Jonah Reece Beers, 1 - 3 p.m. Dec. 29: "What Do Animals Eat? Animal Appetite ABC's" book-signing
PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
4422 Walbert Avenue, Allentown. 610-398-1361
Books into Movies, 7 p.m. Dec. 26: "The Pursuit of Happiness"
Knitting Circle, 1:30 - 4 p.m. Dec. 27
SIGAL MUSEUM
342 Northampton St., Easton. 610-253-1222
Ed Henning, 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Fridays: "Stories about Northampton County: Lenape Lifeways - What the Rocks Tell Us." Reservation required
Carol Kuhn, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays: "Stories about Northampton County: Lenape Lifeways, Lenape-Pennsylvania-German Connection." Reservation required
WEGMANS
5000 Wegmans Drive, Bethlehem.
"The Fine Print: How Big Companies Use 'Plain English' to Rob You Blind," 6 p.m. Feb. 5, Lepoco Book Group
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'Nutcracker' sweet

Repertory Dance Theatre ensemble, right, attends the "Land of Sweets Party" following a performance of Tchaikovsky's timeless holiday classic ballet, "The Nutcracker," at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. The reception in the hall's Rodale Community Room followed the Dec. 8 matinee. The Allentown Symphony, conducted by Associate Conductor Ron Demkee, again performed. The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts Women's Choir, directed by Ellen Ditter, sang in the Snow Scene. It was the 26th annual RDT "Nutcracker."



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WHEELS MUSEUM New Year's Eve

The annual Holiday Train Exhibit continues through Dec. 30, America On Wheels (AOW) Museum, 5 N. Front St., Allentown. AOW holds its New

Year's Eve Day-Time Party noon - 3 p.m. Dec. 29. The holiday exhibit of pedal cars continues through Dec. 31. Children may get behind the wheel at "Pedal Place." Information: americanwheels.org, 610-432-4200, x16

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## LV housing market sales improve by 15 percent

Data released by the Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors (LVAR) today, shows that the housing market remains favorable

Year-to-date sales are recorded at 5,312, up 15.1 percent over 2011 year-to-date sales of 4,614.

LVAR research shows there are 6,024 pending sales year-to-date, which indicates transactions in process that have not yet closed. This figure marks an increase of 31.2 percent over 2011 year-to-date pending sales of 4,589.

"LVAR members have reported that homebuyers are taking advantage of favorable market conditions and our extensive research puts solid numbers behind what we are hearing," says Ryan Conrad, CEO of LVAR.

"Our data, compiled from Realtors throughout the Lehigh Valley region, indicates that home sales and pending home sales increased over the same time the previous year for the past 17 months. The consistency in the real

estate market for that significant amount of time goes beyond a positive trend, and indicates that the Lehigh Valley housing market is on the road to recovery."

November 2012 to 2011 comparisons also show growth in the housing market. The number of sales increased 16.4 percent, with 476 sales reported in November 2012, compared to 409 during the same month last year.

The average sales price of \$184,000 rose slightly at 1.1 percent over last year at the same time when the average sales price was recorded at \$182,000.

Month-to-month comparisons show an increase of 5.5 percent with November home sales at 476, compared to October sales of 451. The average sales price decreased 9.9 percent at \$184,000, compared to \$203,000 in October of this year.

"During the month of November, 203 homes or 42.6 percent were sold in the \$100,000 - \$200,000 price

range," says Conrad.

"The numbers show that many people are taking advantage of housing affordability." Since the average price is obtained by dividing the number of sales into the total sales dollars, the average sales price has decreased.

"We're finding that many people who previously rented are choosing to buy a home," says Andrea Decker, President of LVAR. "A fixed-rate mortgage remains consistent, while rents continue to escalate. Mortgage rates are at an historic low, making it possible for a mortgage payment to be less than rent."

Monthly statistics are based on figures generated by the Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors Multiple Listing Service. Average sales and median prices fluctuate monthly depending on the number of sales at the high or low end of the price range. The year-to-date numbers generally remain more constant.

## Ben Franklin Tech to invest \$354,876 in area development

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP-NEP) Board of Directors has approved the investment of \$354,876 in support of regional economic development.

Ben Franklin announces the following early-stage company investments from its Pennsylvania Challenge Grant funding. Ben Franklin investments are provided to early-stage clients in the form of loans.

HB Custom Media, Inc., Ben Franklin Tech Ventures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$75,000. Goal: Establish HB Custom Media's production facility and begin commercializing custom tissue culture media, reagents, cell culture supplements, and mouse embryo culture media to the Research-Use-Only market. These products are essential for life sciences companies in various applications, including drug development, cancer research, nerve cell regeneration investigation, and treatments for heart attacks.

Virtual Celebration, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$65,000. Goal: Support the development of a "back-end" transaction automation system and analytics for growing a network of Virtual Event Planners. Virtual Celebrations, LLC is a proprietary virtual platform in which hosts and guests privately gather to connect, play, share, give, and gift with provided celebration tools and content. With the Ben Franklin investment, Virtual Celebration will be able to utilize online tools to recruit and train 1,000 event planners.

Ben Franklin announces the following established manufacturer company investments from its Pennsylvania Challenge Grant funding. Ben

Franklin provides a 1:1 matching grant for work with a college or university partner on technology-based manufacturing innovation in established manufacturers.

Bosch Rexroth Corp., Bethlehem. University Partner: Lehigh University. Ben Franklin Investment: \$25,000. Goal: Complete manufacturing process analysis in order to increase the capacity of the hydraulic cylinder manufacturing system. The Enterprise Systems Center team will analyze and evaluate work processes, then utilize simulations to test alternative system configurations and scheduling methods. Bosch Rexroth manufactures motion control equipment, including hydraulic and pneumatic components.

Demco Automation, Quakertown. University Partner: Lehigh University. Ben Franklin Investment: \$19,876. Goal: Implement a new Enterprise Resource Planning System for this developer and manufacturer of custom automation equipment and controls.

Ben Franklin will invest in the following early-stage companies through its five-year grant from the Alternative Energy Development Program (AEDP). Pennsylvania's AEDP was created in 2008 to incent collaboration to save energy costs, reduce dependence on foreign fuels, expand clean energy production, and create energy-related jobs in the state.

Bio-Energy Holdings, Inc., Center Valley, Upper Saucon Township. Ben Franklin Investment: \$50,000. Goal: Continue commercializing the patented A-Ceptor, a unit that separates oils and grease from "gray" restaurant sink effluent before it goes into underground traps or wastewater treatment systems. Trap buildup can

cause odor, bacteria, and drain back-ups inside the restaurant, and sewer blockages and discharge issues outside. The end-product from the A-Ceptor is recycled for bio-diesel energy production.

Vitrius Technologies, LLC, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County. Ben Franklin Investment: \$120,000. Goal: Develop and commercialize new window products that combine three proprietary new innovations specific to materials and glazing. The metal-clad composite windows produce heat and power as well as greatly increase energy efficiency.

Since beginning operation, BFTP-NEP has helped to create 15,479 new jobs for Pennsylvania workers and to retain 21,459 existing jobs, to start 429 new companies, and to develop 1,127 new products and processes. The Pennsylvania Ben Franklin Technology Partners network has returned \$3.50 to the state treasury for every \$1 invested in the program. Ben Franklin Technology Partners is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and is funded by the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority.

BFTP-NEP owns and manages Ben Franklin Tech Ventures, an award-winning business incubator-post-incubator facility on Lehigh University's campus in Bethlehem at which it is headquartered. The facility won the State Science and Technology Institute Building Entrepreneurial Capacity award at SSTI's National Conference in Atlanta, complementing its second National Business Incubator of the Year Award.

BFTP-NEP also manages the Bloomsburg Regional Technology Center in Bloomsburg.

## KidsPeace names hospital director

KidsPeace has announced that John G. Lees, LSW, has joined the organization as Executive Director of KidsPeace Psychiatric Hospital on the Orchard Hills Campus, Orefield, North Whitehall Township.

Lees' duties will include overseeing all aspects of the hospital's operations including, staffing, program development and quality of

patient care.

Prior to joining KidsPeace, Lees spent nine years with Magellan Health Services, first as a Child and Adolescent Care Manager and more recently as Child and Adolescent Care Management Supervisor.

Lees received a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from Westfield State College and a Masters of Social Work from the Uni-



John G. Lees

versity of Pennsylvania. He and his wife and their two young sons reside in Hanover Township.

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## Petrucci appoints Till as regional president

J.G. Petrucci Co., Inc. (JGPCO) has announced that Martin K. Till has joined the firm as Regional President. His principal responsibility will be in the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia region.

Till spent the past four years as President to PenNJersey Advance, New Providence, N. J. He was Chief Executive for three regional media companies: the Lehigh Valley Media Group, South Jer-

sey Media Group and NJN Publishing.

For 14 years he was the Publisher for The Express Times- Lehigh Valley Media Group, Easton.

## VIEW

Continued from page 1

The last of the juncos migrated north April 28.

April's highest temperature was 90 degrees F and the low was 29 degrees F. Precipitation was 2.92 inches.

### May

The first male hummer was seen at the kitchen window feeder May 5, which coincidentally was the last day we observed white-throated sparrows.

I watched a pair of house wrens add sticks to a nest in the old gourd

hanging in the dogwood on the west side of the house. Blue jays built a nest in the yew next to the chimney and two robin pairs built nests in the patio hemlock hedge and the weeping hemlock in the front yard.

Indigo buntings and red-breasted grosbeak started to appear at my new clear plastic feeder in mid-May. A male bluebird was checking out the patio bluebird box and the male bluebird and male cardinal were taking mealworm offerings.

The first lightning bugs were observed Memorial

Day Eve after a rainstorm.

May precipitation was 5.63 inches. The winter and spring drought ended. The highest temperature was 91 degrees F and the lowest was 39 degrees F.

### June

Several day lily flowers burst open to welcome the sun June 4. The baby robins fledged from the patio hemlock nest June 5. The young robins remained in the yard for about one week, dining on food provided by Mom and Dad Robin.

The male bluebird did not end up luring a mate to the bluebird box near the patio. Though he kept going to the box, hanging at the opening and occasionally entering the box., there were no signs of nest building by a female. He sure had us fooled.

June continued to follow the early blooming schedule of the spring months. Rainfall for June was 4.43 inches. The high and low temperatures were 96 and 46 degrees, respectively.

That's the way I saw it during the first six months of 2012.

In the next column: July - December 2012

Email comments and questions to: [bbbc@enter.net](mailto:bbbc@enter.net). To schedule programs, hikes and birthday parties, call 610-767-4043.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers and letters.

Difficulty Level ★★★

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions for the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177), by the following corporation:

Key Binding & Trim, Inc. The Articles of Incorporation were filed on December 10, 2012. Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 East Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062

Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF THADDEUS J. TUSINSKI a/k/a THADDEUS JOHN TUSINSKI, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

David Thaddeus Tusinski, Executor c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062

Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 2012-11 at its public meeting held on December 6, 2012. Ordinance No. 2012-11 amends the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to establish administrative review procedures for non-residential plans proposing less than 10,000 SF of additional impervious surface and less than 10,000 SF of additional building area and boundary line adjustments between residential property owners where no new lots are created.

Publication of this notice is intended to provide notification of the adoption of Ordinance 2012-11. Any person claiming a right to challenge the validity of Ordinance 2012-11 must bring legal action within thirty (30) days of the publication of the second notice pursuant to Section 108 of the Municipalities Planning Code. A copy of the full text of Ordinance 2012-11 is available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania.

Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners

Dec. 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#11301 - The appeal of T.H. Properties, Inc., 345 Main Street, Harleysville, PA; for a variance to maximum building height for new low rise apartments. The applicant is proposing 39 feet 8 inches which exceeds the maximum building height requirement of 35 feet. The property is located at 1230 Route 100 and is zoned R5.

Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Al Geosits Zoning Officer Dec. 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE The Board of Supervisors, Hanover Township, Northampton County has set the following dates for January 2013 Meetings for all Boards and Commissions as follows:

- Board of Supervisors - January 7 and January 22, 2013
Planning Commission January 14, 2013
Recreation Advisory Board January 10, 2013
Shade Tree Advisory Commission January 2, 2013
Special Events Committee January 15, 2013
Crime Watch January 9, 2013.

All meetings will be held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18017 and will start at 7:30 P.M. with the exception of the Shade Tree Advisory Commission, which will start at 6:00 P.M., and the Board of Supervisors and Special Events Committee which will start at 7 P.M. All meetings are open to the public.

The Board of Supervisors, Hanover Township, Northampton County has cancelled their regularly scheduled Board meeting for Tuesday January 8, 2013. It has been moved to Monday January 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Lori A. Stranzl Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Dec. 26

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See cryptogram answer on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals T

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

WHAT THEY ALL HAVE ACROSS

- 1 - dish (biology lab container)
6 French river
11 "Hey, buddy, over here"
15 Bow shapes
19 "Dad" co-star Hawke
20 Building wing
21 Blues singer - James
22 It may hit a bull's-eye
23 Ringing-up places
26 Kitchen draw
27 High-flying toy
28 Nutrition info
29 Altar promise
30 - stop to
32 With 83-Down, glacial epoch
33 Egyptian beetle
35 Common back-to-school buys
39 Kind of eye surgery
41 University official
42 Arrives
43 Hollywood stars, say
48 La Scala star
51 Jean - (Revlon brand)
52 Lawlessness
53 Slacks with folds
57 Singer Berry
58 City near Phoenix, on an envelope
61 Mendes or Longoria
62 Plant that's the source of poi
63 Pig sound
64 - Piper
67 Do-nothings
72 Pastiche
73 Family trees show them
76 Telling sign
77 Rocked from shock
79 Writer - St. Vincent Millay
80 Granted
81 "La Dolce -"
82 Grassy field
84 Footwear part
86 Hybrid offspring of two kinds of roaring cats
87 Anglers' tools
93 Impartial
95 "Do - others ..."
96 Repeated word in a Doris Day song title
97 Casanovas
100 Specialist on a running track
102 "Nothing - it seems"
105 Tricks
106 Coaster sites
110 Cause long-lasting anger
115 Hollywood's Cage, to pals
116 Hip-hop pal
117 -Kosh B'Gosh
118 Tavern cask
120 Spots in la Seine
121 Roman 202

Crossword grid with numbers 1-134.

- 123 Operators are involved with them
127 2009 Wimbledon semifinalist Tommy
128 Dreaded dino
129 Fixes text
130 Once upon -
131 Bone in the forearm
132 Old oil name
133 Feeling
134 Things that this puzzle's nine longest answers have

DOWN

- 1 Light kisses
2 Body of moral values
3 Sorority letter
4 Relay runner
5 Ballpoint fluid
6 Acclaim
7 Toronto site
8 Mag for execs
9 Do another lube job on
10 Radiated, as charm
11 House cat, e.g.
12 "Hurry up!"
13 Walk cockily
14 Small sample
15 Rumpus
16 Guy using a CB
17 Davy of the frontier

- 18 Accents
24 1969 Tony winner Jerry
25 Branching point
31 "Nashville" network
34 "Alas and -!"
36 Kiev's land: Abbr.
37 Nil
38 Chaplin's fourth wife
40 Confound
43 Part of SPF
44 Get a lungful
45 One of TV's Partridges
46 Hip dude
47 Vacation facility
49 Peace sign
50 Counsel
54 Olympic swimmer's assignment
55 Operatic bass Pinza
56 Dog paw part
59 Relative of -ette or -trix
60 Timetable, for short
63 Humorous Nash and others
65 Frozen waffle brand
66 Turning tuner
68 Comic Jon
69 Political exile
70 Rip again
71 Sounds like an angry dog
74 Blue dye from a plant

- 75 "... - we speak"
78 Drug magnate Lilly
83 See 32-Across
85 Opposite NNE
86 Verdi's "Miller"
87 Mustache named for a Chinese criminal
88 Hostile
89 Native of a Caribbean island nation
90 Weeders' tools
91 Chips brand
92 Brewery kiln
94 Omph
98 Mork from -
99 Pirates' guns
101 Crimson, e.g.
103 Per each unit
104 Pageant bands
107 Unglossy
108 Pitchers
109 - Island
111 Mafia boss Frank
112 Fashionable Calvin
113 " - at 'em!"
114 Slalom turns
119 To be, to Livy
122 "Well, this - surprise!"
124 Prefix with skeleton
125 Writer Anaïs
126 Mineo of movies

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See crossword answer on page B8

DEADLINES

Classified Line Ads and Legal Advertising

Deadline is Monday 12 Noon for same week.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of GERALDINE E. CIVITTS a/k/a GERALDINE CIVITTS, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: John P. Civitts, Co-Executor Barbara C. Mumbauer, Co-Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE Request for Proposal From: Lehigh County Housing Authority 333 Ridge St., Emmaus, Pa. 18049 To/Name: Contractors-General From: Dave DeCarlo; Maintenance Supt./Contract Administrator Office Phone # (610)433-2312 Ext. 222 / 8am-4pm M-F Bid Due Date: 1/11/13 Subject: Contract for Early Spring 2013 "Block Wall Cleaning/Concrete Repairs/Concrete Replacements/ Handrail Painting" Location: North Catasauqua Elderly Apts. 1400 Main Street North Catasauqua, Pa. -Call for appointment to see work-Scope/Separate Prices : 1.) Remove/Replace existing 12'x5' approx. concrete walk section-North main entry/ Medical office w/3000 psi concrete min./ reinforced/brushed finished 2.) Rebar & Repair broken concrete/railing jointures-South side building patio 3.) Prep and paint all hand rail's-North and South sides 4.) Power wash-Exterior block walls (Stains) while maintaining the clarity of windows and protecting main entry walk from falling water and dirt. Additional: >Contractors to provide full insurance and references >1 year minimum warranty on all work >Dispose of all debris and waste off site >"Prevailing Wage" rates, paperwork and procedure will apply. Dec. 19, 26

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 January 15, 2013, 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 # 1757 - David J. Harte - 1177 N. Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 855 Third Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812142058, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-146 and 27-110 (c) (1, 2, 3, 4, and/or 5 as applicable) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding parking for office use, 8 spaces required and 4 spaces provided and relating to driveway width and relation to roadways. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant. DOCKET # 1758 - Mark Nielsen - 500 Metuchen Road, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Location: 2350-2360 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 54984443484, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-146 A (20) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding number of parking spaces for proposed retail tile store. DOCKET # 1759 - Janet Loch - 3339 S. Second Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 3339 S. Second Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549869372342, the subject property is located in a R5A High Density Residential w/o Apts. Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-76 E (2) (c) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding side yard setback for proposed enclosed sunroom. DOCKET # 1760 - Ski Properties II, L.P. - 105 Airport Road, Pottstown, PA 19464-3438. Location: 2510 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549855024125, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-153 A (3), 27-153 A (4), 27-153 A (5), 27-153 A (6), 27-161 A (1) and 27-161 A (2) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding advertising signs and wall signs to permit Applicant to maintain the scenic display panels containing portions of advertisements on the Applicant's commercial building. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building. 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. Ceasar, 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. CEASAR, Zoning Officer Dec. 26, Jan. 2







PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Coplay Borough Council has changed the date of the regularly scheduled Council Workshop Meeting of Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at 7 PM to Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7 PM. Meeting will be held in the Coplay Borough Hall, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037.

Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Macungie Borough Council and Borough Authority will be conducting a workshop on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, to hear a presentation by Gary Pulcini, Financial Consultant, for Valco Capital, Ltd. and discuss financing of capital projects. The public is invited to attend.

Chris L. Boehm
Borough Manager
Dec. 26

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Robert A. Green,
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825 North 19th Street
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or his attorney:
Nancy K. Busch,
Esquire
825 North 19th Street
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Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Rose T. Hetzel, Deceased, late of Upper Saucon Twp., Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to:
E. Barry Hetzel, Executor, c/o Alan G. Wandalowski, Esq., 131 W. State St., P.O. Box 50, Doylestown, PA 18901. Or to his Atty.: Alan G. Wandalowski, Antheil, Maslow & MacMinn, LLP, 131 W. State St., P.O. Box 50, Doylestown, PA 18901.
Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of JOSEPHINE M. MILLER, deceased, late of Slatington, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Walter Henry Coles, Jr., Deceased, late of the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, PA. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Victoria Coles and Tyrone L. Bowden, Administrators, c/o Jeffrey P. Lowenthal, Esq., 555 City Line Ave., Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. Or to their Atty.: Jeffrey P. Lowenthal & Abrams, P.C., 555 City Line Ave., Ste. 500, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.
Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors announce the following meetings to be held at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli PA.

Monday, 1/7/13 - Board of Supervisors Re-organization meeting, 7:00pm followed by the regular monthly meeting at approximately 7:30pm.

Tuesday, 1/8/13 - Board of Auditors meeting, 7:00pm

Janice M. Bortz
Heidelberg Township Administrator
Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a .67 tract of land located at the intersection of Creek Road and Maple Drive in Lehigh Township. (Tax Parcel J2 14 7C). A 10% bid security must accompany all bids. Bids must be received in the Municipal Office by 4:00 PM on Monday, January 7, 2013, and will be publicly opened and possibly awarded at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of January 7, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, Pa. 18088. The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Alice A. Rehrig, Manager
Dec. 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of WILLIAM H. GAINER, late of The City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:
RONALD W. GAINER, Executor
c/o WILLIAM P. LEESON, ESQUIRE
or to:
LEESON, LEESON & LEESON
70 E. Broad Street
P.O. Box 1426
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426
Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters of administration to the persons named. All persons having claims or demands against the estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the administrator or to their attorney named below.
TIGGES, Eileen B., dec'd.
Late of Whitehall
Administrator: Jessica Tigges Cardwell c/o Jeffrey L. Gilbert, Esquire, 1132 Hamilton St., Suite 201, Allentown, PA 18101.
Attorney: Jeffrey L. Gilbert, Esquire
1132 Hamilton Street, Suite 201
Allentown, PA 18101
Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF LORETTA S. (McElroy) LEIBENSPERGER, aka LORETTA S. LEIBENSPERGER aka LORETTA LEIBENSPERGER, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to
Peggy L. Vargo, Executrix
c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire
207 E. Main Street, Suite 100
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to her Attorney: Michael Ira Stump, Esquire
207 E. Main St., Suite 100
Macungie, PA 18062
Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of HAZEL M. KIDD a/k/a HAZEL M. WEHR KIDD, deceased, late of 219 Center Street, Slatington, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Co-Executors: Samuel A. Flick
570 Oak Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
and
Barbara Scheirer
4019 Friedens Road
Slatington, PA 18080
or to their Attorney: David B. Shulman, Esquire
SHULMAN & SHABBICK
1935 Center Street
Northampton, PA 18067
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of DANIEL B. ROSENBERGER, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
John C. Rosenberger, Co-Administrator
Mary L. Rosenberger, Co-Administrator
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
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PUBLIC NOTICES
Notice is hereby given that the 2013 Upper Macungie Township Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville PA 18031.

Immediately following the reorganization meeting, there will be a special meeting of the Upper Macungie Township Authority. The purpose of this meeting is to reorganize the Authority for the year, 2013. Also, any other business that may come before the Authority.

Immediately following the Authority meeting, the Board of Supervisors will hold their regular monthly meeting for January, 2013.

The Upper Macungie Township Board of Auditors will hold their annual reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.
Kathy A. Rader
Township Secretary
Board of Supervisors
Dec. 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of EDWARD W. IVANKOVITS, deceased, late of 121 S. Fifth Street, Coplay, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Administratrix: MARGARET IVANKOVITS
Address: 121 S. Fifth Street
Coplay, PA 18037
or to her Attorney: David B. Shulman, Esquire
SHULMAN & SHABBICK
1935 Center Street
Northampton, PA 18067
Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY
2013 MEETING SCHEDULE
Meetings are typically held on Mondays beginning at 12:00 p.m., except as noted below, in the LCA Office, Main Conference Room.

Table with 2 columns: Workshop Meetings, Board Meetings. Lists dates from January to November.

ASA M. HUGHES
Chair
Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that on December 13, 2012, they acknowledged receipt of a proposal to include additional land within the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area. The proposed addition consist of approximately 39.841 acres more or less, and is identified as PIN No. 552006457436 1. The proposed additional land will remain on file and is available for public inspection during the normal business hours at the Lynn Township Municipal Building located at 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania.

Any municipality encompassing or adjacent to the proposed additional areas, or any landowner who owns the land proposed to be included within the Agricultural Security Area, or any landowner with lands adjacent or near the proposed additional areas who wishes land to be included or not included therein, may propose modifications to the proposed area. Objections to the proposed additional areas, and proposed modifications must be filed with the Board of Supervisors, in writing, with a copy to the Lynn Township Planning Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice. At the end of the fifteen (15) day period, the proposed additional land and proposed modifications, if any, will be submitted by the Lynn Township Planning Commission and the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held on the proposed additional land, proposed modifications, if any, and recommendations of the Lynn Township Planning Commission and the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee.

Marc S. Fisher, Esquire
Solicitor for Lynn Township
Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that on December 13, 2012, they acknowledged receipt of a proposal to include additional land within the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area. The proposed additions consist of approximately 17.13 acres more or less, and are identified as PIN Nos. 542800257082 1 and 54270984023 1. The proposed additional lands will remain on file and are available for public inspection during the normal business hours at the Lynn Township Municipal Building located at 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania.

Any municipality encompassing or adjacent to the proposed additional areas, or any landowner who owns the land proposed to be included within the Agricultural Security Area, or any landowner with lands adjacent or near the proposed additional areas who wishes land to be included or not included therein, may propose modifications to the proposed area. Objections to the proposed additional areas, and proposed modifications must be filed with the Board of Supervisors, in writing, with a copy to the Lynn Township Planning Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice. At the end of the fifteen (15) day period, the proposed additional land and proposed modifications, if any, will be submitted by the Lynn Township Planning Commission and the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held on the proposed additional land, proposed modifications, if any, and recommendations of the Lynn Township Planning Commission and the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee.

Marc S. Fisher, Esquire
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