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Tourneys take center stage

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Songs of the season



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Dressed in seasonal outfits, the Thomas Jefferson ES Choir Club performs Among the young singers are Alyson Van Dusen, Alainna Moffo, Dakota

Christmas songs Dec. 15 at the Christmas Village in downtown Bethlehem. 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

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 DiGiacin-to 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

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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 pasing, 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.

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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 no layoffs in public safety. never heard so many

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 support- to joke, "I feel like we're on

only going to get more dif-

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

That prompted city watchdog Mary Pongracz ed it because there were the H.M.S. Pinafore. I

he Season

Reynolds warned, "It's 'ayes' in my life."

The tax hike approved by council was whittled down from the 8.5 percent initially proposed by Calla-

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

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**



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

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."

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

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 or call 610-867-3761, ext.

Friday, December 28

BAPL, Children's crafting, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext.

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 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 or 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.

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

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

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

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 Steel-Stacks, 101 Founders Way. 610-332-1300 or visit www.art-

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

Christmas at SteelStacks, Nov. 15 through Dec. 31, 101 Founders Way. 610-332-1300 or visit 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.

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.; through Jan. 6.

This week

Monday, December 31

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Peace Light arrives in Valley



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- nursing homes.

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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

Season of sharing



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School students Bridget Keglovics and Helena Schmidt, both of Beth-Bethlehem by Night bus tour with costumed guide; North side: lehem, work together to build gingerbread-style houses. Some decorations never made it onto

the rooftops. Our Lady's eighth grade and kindergarten students are paired up in the fall for crafts and activities throughout the school year.



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milestones



Jaime Joseph Marrero

Holy Infancy Catholic Church member

Bethlehem, died Nov. 21, 2012, at L.V. Hospital-Muhlenberg



Bethlehem. Born in Baranquitas, Puerto Rico, he was a son of the late Pedro Jose and Angela (Santini) Marrero. He was the Marrero. husband of Graciela (Zuniga) Marrero for 10

He was in the U.S. Air War.

He worked for Bethlehem Steel for 37 years.

He was a member of Holy Infancy Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

He was a member of

Loretta J. Clauser

late William and Ida Clauser.

for Lehigh Dress Company for 19 years.

She was a member of the former First U.C.C., Bethlehem, where she was secretary of the Women's Guild, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and was an elder. She was a member of Trinity U.C.C., Bethlehem.

She is survived by five daughters, Cecelia Moll

Jaime Joseph Marrero, the Puerto Rican Beneficial Society and St. Bernard's.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Hilda and her husband Mark Gumulak and Angela and her husband Louis Hassay; a son, Jaime Jr.; a brother, Danilo Marrero; and six grandchildren, Jason and Adam Marish, Matthew and Christopher Hassay and Jaime III and Autumn

He was predeceased by two brothers, Awildo and Pedro Marrero Jr.

Contributions may be Force during the Korean made to Holy Infancy Catholic Church, 312 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, PA

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

seamstress

Loretta J. Clauser, 81, Bethlehem; Tammy and died Nov. 24, 2012, at her husband Jonathan Cedarbrook, Fountain Reck of Upper Macungie Hill. Born in Bethlehem, Township, Dawn and her she was a daughter of the husband John Tobin of Bethlehem and Bonnie (Klotz) Moll. She was the Keeler of Allentown; and wife of the late Harold E. two sisters, Margaret Lick of Bath and Arlene and her husband Michael She was a seamstress

Athis of Allentown. She was predeceased by a son, Cpl. Wayne Moll, U.S. Marine Corps; a sister, Barbara Vargo; and three brothers, Harold, Wilbur

and Lawrence Moll. Contributions may be made to Cedarbrook Fountain Hill Annex, 724 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Arrangements were and Jill Clauser, both of made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.



John W. Marini

government scientist

Bethlehem, died Nov. 25, service. 2012, at his residence. Born in Passaic, N.J., he the Lehigh University was a son of the late Dr. Home Club, Phi Kappa Dominic and Myra (God- Phi Honor Society and dard) Marini. He was the the St. Luke's Hospital husband of the late Mary (Royko) Marini.

engineering physics from Bethlehem Lehigh University and a neering from the Univer- sister, sity of Maryland.

He was a scientist for the U.S. government. He made by Connell Funeral retired in 1982 from the Home Inc., Bethlehem. Goddard Space Flight Cen-

John W. Marini, 90, of ter 17 after 34 years of

He was a member of Chess Club.

He is survived by two He was in the U.S. nephews, Dr. Dominick Army Air Corps during Marini of Seattle, Wash. and Dr. Joseph Marini of He earned bachelor's Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and a and master's degrees in niece, Mary Stefchak of

He was predeceased by Ph D. in electrical engia brother, Frank; and a Frances Rav werdink.

Arrangements were

Kathryn R. Dittemore

administrative assistant

67, of Bethlehem, died Heather of Easton: a Sept.16, 2012. Born in daughter, Kim and her Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Sylvan and Kathryn (Saemmer) Serban.

She was a 1963 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic Dunne of Albrightsville; High School. She was a and five grandchildren, graduate of Mt. Aloysius Elizabeth, Hannah, Abi-

She was an adminislehem Steel for 30 years and was employed by Access Services for 10

Shen was a member of aries. New Covenant Christian Community Church.

Kathryn R. Dittemore, son, Eric and his fiancée husband, Charlie Orth of Easton; two brothers, Larry Serban of Bethlehem and Bob Serban of Shillington; a sister, Pat gail, Madeline and Bryce.

Contributions may be trative assistant for Beth-made to New Covenant Christian Community, 21 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018, to be used in support of their mission-

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral She is survived by a Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Mary Kovacs

Warner/Laros office worker

Allentown died Nov. 13, George Skrip of Florida; 2012, at St. Luke's Hospice two grandchildren, Brent House, Bethlehem. Born Strohm and Courtney and in Bethlehem, she was a her husband Patrick Tagdaughter of the late gart; and a great-grand-Michael and Mary (Skubenich) Skrip. She

lehem, office for many

She was a former member of Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic

Church, Bethlehem. She is survived by two daughters, Carole Sullivan of Macungie and made by Connell Funeral Marylou Renaldo and her Home Inc., Bethlehem. fiance Robert E. Ward of

Mary Kovacs, 93, of Slatington; a brother. daughter, Skylar Taggart.

She was predeceased was the wife of the late by six brothers, Michael, Louis Kovacs for 60 years. John, Charles, Peter, She worked for Warn- Andrew and Joseph; and er/Laros Company, Beth- two sisters, Ann Petraitis and Helen Rosko.

made to the St. Luke's Hospice House, c/o St. Luke's Development Office, 801 Ostrum St.,

Fountain Hill, PA 18015. Arrangements were

Hilma Louise Stirk Myers

pianist, Bach usher

Myers, of Mora vian Village, Bethleh e m died Nov.



in Walnut Creek, Calif. She was the wife of the late Dr. Raymond R. Myers for 55

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late nie Maria (Dauber) Stirk.

She was a 1936 gradugraduated from the Bethlehem Conservatory of Music. She attended Moravian College. She began at age 75.

plished pianist and harmonica lessons at the Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Hilma Louise Stirk age of 12 and taught piano to children for many years, beginning during the depression.

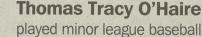
She was a member of Christ Church - U.C.C., Bethlehem.

She ushered at the Bethlehem Bach Festival for 51 years. She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by a

son, John C. and his wife Suzanne of Sarasota, Fla.; two daughters, Louise and her husband Ned Locke Preston Clinton and Min- of Potomac, Md. and Kristen and her husband Mark Koelmel of Housate of Liberty HS. She ton, Texas; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren with another one expected.

Contributions may be taking harp instruction made to the Blind Association, 260 E. Broad St., She was an accom- Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were teacher. She started giving made by Pearson Funeral



81, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 18, 2012, at Cedarbrook-Fountain Hill Nursthe late Leo and Mary (Tracy) O'Haire. He was the husband of the late Marie M. O'Haire

He was a U.S. Army, 11th Airborne division, veteran of the Korean War. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

He was an assembler at U.S. Gauge, Sellersville, until retiring.

He was a driver for Muhlenberg Hospital. He played minor league basecoached children's baseball, basketball and softball teams.

sons, Thomas Jr. and his

Thomas Tracy O'Haire, partner Patricia of Bethlehem, J. Brian and his wife Sandra of Downingtown and Gerald and his ing Home. Born in wife Brenda of Coplay; a Pittston, he was a son of daughter, Marlene and her husband Anthony Sandkamp of Jersey City, N.J.; and two grandsons, Brian and Gregory; nieces; nephews; and a brother-in-law, Kenneth Musto.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Margaret Dodgson of Olyphant and Kathryn Musto Pittston.

Contributions may be made to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, ball in the 1950s and www.mophsf.org/categories/donations. Arrangements were

made by Pearson Funeral He is survived by three Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Cecelia L. McGavin

Ss. Simon & Jude Church member

Cecelia L. McGavin, 89, ters, Marie Thaler and of Bethlehem, died Nov. 11, Mary Behun; two sisters, Bernard and Magdalen E. McGavin Jr.

She was a retired

Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Pa. 19106.

Church, Bethlehem.

2012, at St. Luke's Hospi- Dr. Jacinta Mann and Julia tal, Fountain Hill. Born in Ann DeYoung; 16 grand-Pinckneyville, Ill., she was children; and 13 greata daughter of the late grandchildren. She was predeceased by

(Ruppert) Mann. She was a son. Arthur: and three the wife of the late Arthur brothers, Tom, Chuck and Contributions may be

accounts receivable manag- made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market She was a member of St., Suite 102, Philadelphia,

Arrangements were She is survived by a son, made by Connell Funeral Joe McGavin; two daugh- Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Mary Kovacs

Warner/Laros office worker

2012, at St. Luke's Hospice House, Bethlehem. Born daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Skubenich) Skrip. She Louis Kovacs for 60 years.

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Byzantine Church, Bethlehem.

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John, Charles, Peter, She worked for Warn- Andrew and Joseph; and Contributions may be

She is survived by two Fountain Hill, PA 18015. Arrangements were wife Diane of Glen Ridge,

van of Macungie and made by Connell Funeral

In addition to his wife

Stephen G. Nemes

city employee

Stephen G. Nemes, 46, Rink. of Bethlehem, died Nov. 3, 2012. Born in Bethlehem, and parents, he is surhe was a son of Stephen vived by a son, Aron and a "Hector" and Marie Ann daughter Sydney, both of (Wingert) Nemes of Northampton. He was the husband of Kimberly Contributions may be (Fatzinger) Nemes for 20 years.

He was employed by

the City of Bethlehem

where he worked in the

control room of the Water

Department. Prior to that,

he worked at the Munici-

Bethlehem; a brother, Matthew of Northampton; nieces; and nephews. Contributions may be

made to a fund for the Nemes children; checks payable to Kimberly Nemes, c/o the funeral home, 245 E. Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were pal Golf Course and made by Connell Funeral Municipal Ice Skating Home Inc., Bethlehem.



Robert A. Sigafoos

UGI head mechanic

Robert A. Sigafoos, 69, of Bethlehem. died Nov. 29, 2012. Born in Easton,

he was a son of the late Kenneth B. Sigafoos Sr. Marie (Davis) Sigafoos of Easton. He was the husband of Beverly (Nichol) Sigafoos of Bethlehem.

U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam conflict.

He was the head mechanic for UGI for 35 years, retiring in 2005.

the Bethlehem Panthers. He served as a volunteer fireman for many years

In addition to his mother and his wife, he is survived by a son, Daniel and his wife Rachel of Danville; three brothers, Kenneth Jr., Thomas and David; two sisters, Sharon Fisher and Patti Ann; two stepdaughters, Lori J. Rowe and Melanie Meyer; and six step-grandchildren.

Contributions may be He was veteran of the made to The Center for Animal Health & Welfare, 1165 Island Park Rd, Easton, PA 18042.

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral He was a member of Home Inc., Bethlehem.

James M. Beers

awarded Purple Heart

Bethlehem, died Nov. 28, 454. 2012. Born in Easton, he was a son of the late Edward and Anna (Young) Beers. He was the husband of the late Anna A. Beers.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served with 10th Armored Division in World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Bethlehem. He was a member of the

Hellertown Legion and the

James M. Beers, 94, of Catholic War Veterans Post

He is survived by two sons, James F. and Stephen F.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by four brothers, Jacob, Edward, Frank and Elmer.

Contributions may be made to the Heartland Hospice Services or a charity of one's choice.

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

Wilbur C. Haas cold saw operator

Bethlehem, died Dec.18, 2012, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late George M. and Olive (Good) Haas. He was the husband of the late Margaret (Mumma) Haas.

He was a cold saw operator at the beam yard of the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation, from which Home Inc., Bethlehem. he retired after 44 years.

He volunteered at the

Wilbur C. Haas, 89, of Burnside Plantation.

He is survived by a sister, Eloise Kovalovsky of Bethlehem Township; and a brother George R. Haas of Saylorsburg.

He was predeceased by a son, Dale C. Haas; and a sister, Geraldine V. Thomas.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral

Eric D. Schwenk

of Bethlehem

Eric D. Schwenk, 32, of he was a son of Douglas and friends. and his wife Linda Schwenk of Coopersburg sent to the family chec and Bertha (Solis) Schwenk

of Bethlehem. of Saucon Valley HS and a 2005 graduate of Penn State earned a degree in electri- Home Inc., Bethlehem. cal engineering.

In addition to his par-Bethlehem, died Nov. 11, ents, he is survived by a 2012. Born in Bethlehem, brother, Phillip; family;

Contributions may be payable to Bertha Schwenk, c/o the funeral home, 245 E. He was a 1998 graduate Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were University, where he made by Connell Funeral

Irene F. Sillup

seamstress she was a daughter of the of Vineland, N.J.; five She was the wife of the great-grandchildren. late John S. Sillup for 40

years. She was a seamstress and a brother, Edmund at several factories in was the wife of the late by six brothers, Michael, Phillipsburg, N.J., and Jermyn.

She was a parishioner of er/Laros Company, Beth- two sisters, Ann Petraitis St. Anne's Catholic Church,

Bethlehem. She is survived by three She was a former mem- made to the St. Luke's sons, Robert W. and his ber of Ss. Peter and Paul Hospice House, c/o St. wife Angela, of Land O' Catholic Luke's Development Lakes, Fla., Jack S. and Office, 801 Ostrum St., his wife Mary of Freehold, made by Connell Funeral N.J. and Michael and his Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Irene F. Sillup, 85, of N.J.; two sisters, Alice Voy-Bethlehem, died Nov. 28, check of Goffstown, N.H. 2012. Born in Larksville, and Helen Wojciechowski late Walter and Lillian A. grandchildren; two step (Luckenbach) Sobolewski. grandchildren; and seven She was predeceased by

a sister, Edwina Hunter:

Sobolewski. Contributions may be applied toward Mass offerings to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017 and/or to Catholic Charities, 530 Union Blvd. Allentown, PA 18109.

Arrangements were

John A. Stofanak

assistant roller

Bethlehem, died Nov. 3, Detroit, Mich., he was a son of the late Paul and Margaret Stofanak. He was the husband of Mary M. (Yenca) Stofanak.

He was an assistant roller in the combination mill of Bethlehem Steel Corporation until retiring in 1986 after 39 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, John A. of Hellertown and David F. and his wife Susan of Bethlehem hem, PA 18017. Township and Kenneth A. and his wife Nancy of Macungie; two grandchildren, David and Sara Sto-

John A. Stofanak, 86, of fanak; three step-grandchildren, Ashley and Mark 2012, at his home. Born in Pruitt and Amy Schatz; a sister, Frances Goc of Slovakia; and extended fami-

He was predeceased by two brothers, Raymond and Ladislav Stofanak; and a sister, Mary Straka.

Contributions may be made to Incarnation of Our Lord parish, 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 and/or St. Francis Retreat Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethle-

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

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

resecured.

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

DUIS

Police arrested 24-yearold 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 21year-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.

BRIEFIY **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 Ready-PA.org to educate residents about the importance of making emergency kits and family emergency plans.





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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

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 the emotional Chief Petty Officer, who turns 88 at

and reflections, although sometimes it's hard," said the start of 2013.

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.

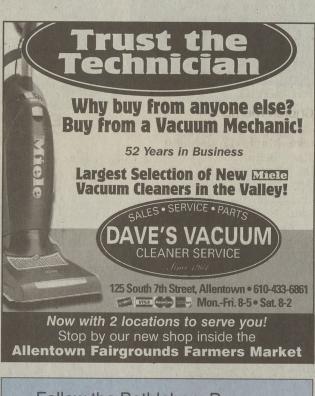
> Play video and board games any time from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 26. There will be stories on the hour from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 27 and crafting from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.on Dec. 28. All ages are needed for Window Decorating Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 29. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext.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

SOUTHSIDE SteelStacks host PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN 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 Steel-Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

During the Three Kings Celebration, guests will enjoy a variety of familyfriendly 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.

For more information on the Three Kings Celebration, please visit www.artsquest.org.



II. Hudzik said he signed up for active duty within

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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 untreat-

"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

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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Joselyn is a gorgeous young adult gal looking for a forever home. She is current on shots, spayed, social, microchipped and ready for a home for the holidays.



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King is a young rednosed handsome little imp. He's quite mischievous, high energy and can be a handful at times. He's still a big pup looking to learn the ropes.

CENTER FOR VISION LOSS, Allentown, is looking for volunteers to be "Annie's Angels" to do home visits, read mail and provide companionship. Contact Rita Lang, 610-433-6018, rita.lang@centerforvisionloss.org

EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY (ESCLV) is looking for retired and career professional management consultants to volunteer their expertise to nonprofits in the Lehigh Valley. Contact Bill Cosgrove, 610-504-6199,

KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF EASTON seeks volunteers who want to help Kiwanis change the world one child and one community at a time. Contact Kenneth Wildrick, 610-252-8080, wildduck@rcn.com.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL & GENEALOG-ICAL SOCIETY, Easton, needs a volunteer to serve as receptionist in the lobby of the Sigal Museum welcoming visitors and handling inquiries on phone and face-to-face. Con-Wildrick, 610-252-8080, volunteer.NCHGS@gmail.com.

PBS39, Bethlehem, is looking for a friendly volunteer to answer phone calls and welcome guests. Contact Lori Warsing, 610-984-8123, Loriw@wlvt.org.

THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY, Allentown, needs volunteers to perform community outreach to community organizations and provide information and materials pertinent to patient services and campaigns. Contact Maida Milone, 610-258-0360, ext. 242, maida.milone@lls.org.

THIRD STREET ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN INC., Easton, is looking for an Event Emissary volunteer to assist with rental of three primary rooms to the public. Contact Ashley Clark, 610-258-6271, aclark@thirdstreetal-

Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: vc@volunteerlv.org. Visit our website www.volunteerlv.org for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities

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 vided by Messiah's organist Linda Maule. those affected by Hurricane Sandy. The children, ages 2 through 5, portrayed the characters associated with the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Their as Mary and Joseph. 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 pro-ABOVE: Laura Dunham and JB Volkert lead the processional into the Messiah Lutheran Church

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.

MASONS Day Lodge seeks

new members ing of a Masonic Lodge, who work second or third shift, have difficulty driving at night, have a physical challenge or just want an afternoon out once a month for friendship and brotherhood are invited to join ed. Lehigh Valley Day Lodge No. 813 as a plural member

Lodge members meet 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. For information, call Robert Hoffman at 610-398-2274

RED CROSS National Blood **Donor Month**

Since 1970, National Blood Donor Month has been celebrated in January in an effort to educate Americans about the importance of regular blood and platelet dona-

tions and the impact they can have on patients in

This January, the American Red Cross is thanking the millions of dedicated blood and howerk second or third platelet deports forces the of Commissioners. platelet donors across the United States who roll up their sleeves and donate regularly. Because of their dedication, blood is available for patients whenever or wherever it is need-

> January is also a time when blood and platelet donations can drop as peo-ple are unable to make or keep donation appointbecause 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-

Park improvement projects bill tabled

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

plan.' Commissioner Vic Mazziotti agreed with Ott and said these sort of projects are not the board's "core responsi-'The question is, what is

our core responsibility?" Mazziotti said. "We're not raising significant revenue to do this job.

Jones supported the bill and said it is the board's job to execute the will of the vot-

board needed to make cuts, but agreed with Jones the support the project based on

on our hands," Commission- but over a number of years. ed by Mazziotti.

er Scott Ott said "It seems A motion to table the bill to me like a bad management 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

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

Commissioner Percy we should run the govern-Dougherty acknowledged the ment more like a business,' McCarthy said.

Dougherty said he would board has a commitment to not pay the county executive "one penny more" and said he is the will of the voters. He also in favor of reforming the system noted money for the projects to have a county manager, whom would not be paid all at once, the board would have control

over hiring and firing. Dougherty's call for reform was support-

"We need to take whatever steps we need to take to put that before the voters," Mazziotti 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 We're always told that will take place before his proposed bill would go into effect. The bill was to be voted on at the commissioners meeting Dec. 19.

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'Tis the Season!

Tournaments take center stage

WRESTLING

Holiday Classic: more meaning

By PETER CAR pcar@tnonline.com

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

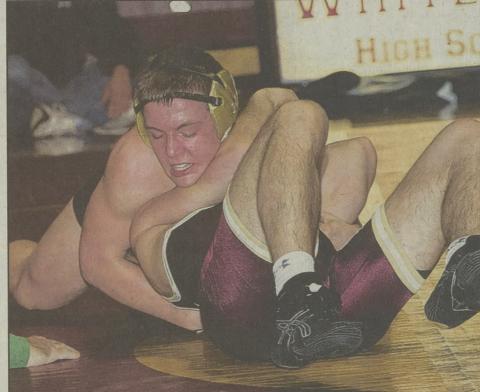
to life than just sports."
This year's holiday tournament will feature a major addition as well, as Central Dauphin enters the 29-team competition.

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 tourwas 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 com- By PETER CAR

Wyoming Seminary took home the team crown last season with 250.5 points to distance themselves from second place Catholic came in third with 132 points. Pen Argyl brought home the most gold medals from local with gold medals. participants, as Mike Rac-See Meaning on Page A10



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

nament since 2009, Karam Connor Hedesh will be looking to take home a medal at this year's Tony lasiello Christmas City Wrestling Tournament.

Hawks look for Christmas title too

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Bethlehem Catholic romped their way to the team title during last year's Tony Iasiello Christ-Nazareth (138). Camden mas City Wrestling Tournament when they placed 10 wrestlers in the finals, with seven coming away

Whether that happens ciato (145) and Dylan in the 45th version of this Evans (182) won titles. Bethlehem tournament will all unfold Friday and

Saturday at Bethlehem said Karam. "I think our Jose Ortiz (182) return-selves at home. ing as the only champinew gold medalists.

10 guys back in the finals Bethlehem again, but who knows,

Catholic's gymnasium. older guys know the Head coach Jeff Karam importance of this tournahopes for more of the ment with it being at Becsame this Christmas, but ahi, but for the younger with Darian Cruz (120), guys, this is there chance Ryan Todora (145) and to make a name for them-

There ere 30 teams ons from last year, the enter the format again Hawks will need to find this season for the tournament that kicks off this "I don't think we'll see weekend, along with the

See Hawks on Page A10

BASKETBALL

Area teams hit the road during holiday break

By PETER CAR pcar@tnonline.com

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 compe-

tition. 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 Acade-

The tournament features some of New Jersey's top schools, along with two teams from Aus-

happy to play in it again. Williamsport tournament helps this year," Landis nament was canceled a said. "It opened our eyes week before the season.

to what type of competition we were going up ment features the hosts, against last year. We along with St. Vincent return a lot of our guys Pallotti's (MD) and Chelfrom last year's team, so it tenham. Freedom opens should make a difference."

Octorara last year, but day and hope to find themlost to Rancocas Valley selves in the 7:30 p.m. (NJ) in their two-game finals the next night. slate. The same type of schedule applies for the tournament fell apart, we Hurricanes this year, as could have went with an they open with Rancocas easier tournament but we Valley again on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday.

Freedom heads off to

I hope familiarity this season, but that tour-

Coatesville's tournawith St. Vincent Pallot-The Hurricanes beat ti's at 6 p.m. on Thurs-

"Once the Williamsport wanted to play good teams," said head coach They will then play Joe Stellato. "We wanted either Lakewood (NJ) or to face a challenge and Arch Bishop Carroll on not take the easy way out.'

Bethlehem Catholic is H. Griffith Holiday Tour-

See **Hoops** on Page A10

the Coatesville tourna- taking part in the Robert tralia making the trek. ment on Dece. 27 and 28. PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR Liberty took part in the The Patriots were sup- nament at York Vo-Tech Matt Husek and the Hawks will travel to York over tournament last year and posed to take place in the the holidays to take part in a tournament. head coach Chad Landis is

Liberty and Becahi girls come up with victories

By KATIE MCDONALD kmcdonald@tnonline.com

After a too-close-forcomfort first quarter, the Hurricanes poured on the defense to defeat Easton, 43-35, last

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

some fast breaks, and pushed the ball up the court," said Liberty's Kali Shumock.

Hurricanes The outscored the Red Rovers by seven points in both game, Bethlehem Catholic on our defense. We like the second and third quar- defeated Freedom, 58-20. to go out and get them ters, and by eight points in

the fourth quarter.

week, 46-32.

Becahi guard Janelle and keep it fast paced." Robinson said, "After Shumock led Liberty's everyone's been picking ters was the top scorer McCaslin, and Robinson.

working on our jump In a Bethlehem rivalry shots. We're still working

Becahi's Kalista Wal-

steals in a row. We had scoring with 13 points, us to be the favorite, we're for the Hawks with 20 followed by freshman, Kay still playing every game points, followed by Bridget West, who had ten points. like it's our last. We're Smith who added 12 The Hurricanes also still working on getting points, and Nicole defeated Stroudsburg last into the post. We're still 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

INSIDE

THEY SAID IT

"I think it's important that our guys have an understanding for charity work. We did a 5K run in **November for** breast cancer 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."

> **JODY KARAM** LHS WRESTLING COACH

▼ 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

1 p.m. Northwestern vs. Freedom 2:30 p.m. Northwestern vs. Free-

dom boys
Auxiliary Gym 10 a.m. Emmaus vs. Boyertown

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. Boyer-

town boys
1 p.m. Emmaus vs. Solehi girls 2:30 p.m. Emmaus vs. Solehi

Auxiliary Gym 10 a.m. Freedom vs. Northwestern girls 11:30 a.m. Freedom vs. Northwestern boys
1 p.m. Liberty vs. Pocono West 2:30 p.m. Liberty vs. Pocono

BECAHI Dec. 27
• Boys hoops at Robert H. Griffith Tournament Dec. 28

• Boys hoops at Robert H. Griffith Tournament

• Wrestling - Tony Iasiello Christ-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 Berkwick Tournament, TBA

Jan. 3 • Swimming at Dieruff, 4:30 • Girls hoops at Central, 7 • Wrestling at Parkland, 7:30

Dec. 27

 Boys at Primetime Shootout · Wrestling at Hurricane Classic,

Dec. 29 • Wrestling at Hurricane Classic,

Boys at Primetime Shootout
 Jan. 3

• Swimming vs. Central, 4 • Wrestling vs. Whitehall, 7:30

SWIMMING Pates fall to Hornets

By KATIE MCDONALD kmcdonald@tnonline.com

In its second swim meet of the season, the Freedom Patriots gave their best effort against the Emmaus Hornets on Dec. 18, but were defeated. 112-71 (boys) and 107-79 (girls).

Helen Hsu, Carly Del-Franco, Brooke Munion. and Shannon Howell opened the meet with a victory in the 200 medley relay in 1:53.03 for the Patriots.

Hsu said, "We didn't lose any [relay swimmers from last year], so hopefully, we'll keep getting better as the season goes on.'

In individual events, Howell won the 200 free in 1:58.33 and the 500 free in 5:13.12. DelFranco took first place in the 200 IM in 2:15.96 and the 100 backstroke in 1:00.69. Hsu

By KATIE MCDONALD

The Liberty Hurri-

canes swam to two more

victories on Dec. 18, as

the boys defeated Easton,

205-99, and the girls also

defeated the Red Rovers,

ners for the boys were

Sean VanAtta in the 200

IM in 2:13.10, Ryan Spadt

in the 50 free in 23.51,

Evan Smith in the 100 free

in 54.00, Alex Medellin in

the 500 free in 5:34.28, and

VanAtta in the 100 back-

touch-out at the end," said

team captain, James She-

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With all the traveling

Becahi goes through dur-

ing the season on week-

ends with various tour-

naments, Karam enjoys

staying right at home after

and stay at home," he said.

we have some good

teams coming in and some

great individual wrestlers

as well. We always look

"It's always nice to host

"The 200 IM was a

stroke in 59.94.

Hawks

Wrestling Classic.

the holidays.

Individual event win-

180-132

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clinched the 50 free in 54.62, and Munion won the 100 fly in 1:01.93.

Munion, and Hsu also placed first in the 400 free Patriot teammates. relay in 3:42.46.

place finishes, the Patriots came up short in the final scoring due to the Hornets' high number of second and third place swim-

challenge, but we tried to me as much. have fun. It was not a disappointment at all. I'm proud of all the girls and how we pulled together,"

events, Peter Conzola won and-a-half. the 100 fly in 52.40, and Scott DelFranco was a double winner in the 100 free in 48.43 and the 100 backstroke in 53.04 for

'Canes knock off Easton

Liberty's Bryan Rivera

The Hurricane boys

Spadt, Sheplock, Smith,

and Jacob Jones took first

place in the 200 free relay

in 1:37.73, and Jones,

Spadt, VanAtta, and She-

400 free relay in 3:41.04.

freestyle group. [Jacob

freestyler, so he can get

the lead because you don't

year. [The pressure] is

The crop of teams fea-

tured this year include:

lehem Catholic; Cedar

(VA.); Hill School; Notre

We have a very strong

won the diving event with

also won two relays.

close finish.

135.95 points.

plock, regarding VanAtta's something you have to get

plock placed first in the the 400 free relay for Lib-

Jones] is a fast 100 2013 season, Sheplock

want to have to come from Nazareth to be close, and

behind. I've been an of course, Freedom at the

forward to these two Perkiomen; Wallenpau-

Arch Bishop Wood; Beth- a.m. Friday morning and

Crest: East Stroudsburg through the day up until

North; East Stroudsburg quarterfinals and three

Pius X; Pocono Mountain and wrestling going

County (VA.); Susquehan- medal rounds and the

West: Port Jervis (NY.): through the day

South: First Colonial rounds of consolations.

continues

anchor since sophomore end of the year.'

lock said.

John McGinty won the 24.77 and the 100 free in diving event with 127.95 points, and Andrew Umstead placed a close Howell, Molly Magnan, second, as only a fraction of a point separated the

Umstead said, "[My Despite so many first best was] the inward dive, and I'm working on my double front flip. The first meet [against Northampton] was really hard because it was my first time, but I'm getting used

The Freedom freshman has been performing a straight dive, a back flip, a back flip with a full twist, an inward, a reverse back In the boys' individual flip, and a front flip one-

> Wrapping up Freedom's meet against Special to the Press Emmaus, Eric Lawrence, Sam Magnan, DelFranco, and Conzola won the 400 free relay in 3:16.91.

used to, but I like it in the

end. The adrenaline real-

ly pumps you up," Shep-

winner for the Hurricane

girls was Jocelyn Baker in

Kayla Drago, and Emma

Williams combined to win

Madison Sauers, Baker,

Looking ahead to the

continuation of the 2012-

said, "We're expecting

Southern Lehigh and

pack; Wilkes-Barre Mey-

Wrestling begins at 10

Same format runs on

straight

ers and William Allen.

the 500 free in 5:25.09.

erty in 3:56.41.



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

"We knew it would be a to it, so it doesn't affect The consensus among some local deer processors are that bigger bodied and bigger racked deer were taken this season.

OUTDOORS eer numbers about same

By NICK HROMIAK

With the major portion of the deer hunting seasons now over, Lehigh Valley sportsmen may be wondering how it went. According to local deer processors and a taxidermist, the numbers are about the same as last year, perhaps a tad off.

While many nice, heavily tined bucks were taken, overall numbers appear to be down ever The individual event slightly.

At Frable's Deer Processing in Slatington, Jason Frable said their intake numbers are about the same as last season, with of course more antlerless deer brought in than antlered. And of the bucks brought in, there were lots of 6-pointers and 8-pointers. Frable said they didn't have a lot of small bucks and he attributes that to the antler restrictions that are in place. The largest

field dressed buck they had weighed 130 pounds. During my post rifle season interview last season, Frable believed that a change should be made to the season to bring back higher deer numbers. It was thought that Pennsylvania should go back to shortening the antlerless season like it was years Dame; Palisades; Palmer- Saturday with semifinals ago (two days); and stop ton; Pottsgrove; Pottsville; taking place at 10 a.m. being able to take both species simultaneously; and stop issuing as many Saint Benedict's Prep (NJ); hour break will take place doe tags. It was added that Schuylkill Valley; South between the consolation there are also fewer hunters afield as there were a few years ago and many old-timers quit hunting either because of age, or out of frustra-

> At Lazarus Market in Whitehall, Grant Lazarus said this year's intake was about the same or maybe a few more than last season. Back in 2010 Bret Lazarus said they used to do about 1,000 deer a season but that year took in about 100. "The deer aren't here anymore. You can't

five doe a year and expect three deer for next year,' have hardly any crop dam- each doe could conceivage," he opined.

Grant said that the average field dressed deer er offers valid points as they took in weighed the PGC has said that 40 about 85 pounds but they percent of hunters don't also had a bunch of 150 pounders. Said Lazarus A check station would in response to the weight appear to be a tremensome deer that only weigh 35 pounds (small doe). An average yearling buck (for example) goes for around 125 pounds, but then the

average weight down. As for how the season wise, in five years. went, Lazarus recalls that but couldn't get a shot at it, but saw only one doe few deer in the area. doe," said Lazarus.

According to Dennis Hartman at Hartman's' Butcher Shop in New Tripoli, their intake was about even as last year, perhaps a half dozen with some of the bigger was a banner year," said Hartman. "I don't know if this mattered much, but the buck opener had a full many of the deer came moon and business was from, Danenhower said slow. But the first Satur- it's likely 95 percent came day, after the full moon, from private land. saw an influx of deer being brought in.

deer, Hartman said they bers will be. In local WMU took in a lot of 8-pointers 5C last year, there were and a few 10s. But he 8,900 antlered and 24,200 noted that the deer were antlerless deer taken from bucks over 200 pounds that includes Lehigh, part Lehigh or Schuylkill coun- Lancaster and Delaware ties. And of course most of counties, and all of Bucks the mix were antlerless and most of Berks coun-

Hartman also believes we're killing too many doe and as he said last year, the antlerless season is too long and too harvested, but the pickmany tags are being sold. ings will be slim. "Every time you kill one

keep killing three, four, doe, you're in effect killing to have deer. We even see Hartman opines as he refit on our farm where we erences the theory that ably have twins or triplets.

The New Tripoli butchreport their deer harvest. issue, "They're killing dous help in establishing legitimate harvest figures.

In contrast to these processor reports, Bob Danenhower of Bob's Wildlife Taxidermy in lighter does bring the Orefield, said he's having his best season, business

'With deer numbers a big gang up in Potter down and the economy County saw one big buck down, hunters who shoot an eight or 10 point or larger buck are finding and shot it. He believes the money to have either they won't have anything a shoulder mount or Euroto hunt next year with pean mount (antlers and skull) made. They may "They got to lay off these never get a similar buck, particularly since we're seeing fewer deer every year," said Danenhower.

Danenhower said he received a lot of 8s and 10s and some larger racks more, but nothing excep-racks being taken by tional. "It's not to say it youth hunters who are accompanied by their fathers.

And when asked where

It will be interesting to see what this years esti-As for the quality of mated deer harvest numlarger. "We had some nice this management area with most coming from of Northampton, Berks. ties

With the post Christmas archery and muzzleloader season, there will be a few more deer being

Meaning Continued from page A9

Stroudsburg's Guesseppe Rea also won the 113-

Friday, January 4th

Saturday, January 5th

Tuesday, January 8th

Friday, January 11th

Tuesday, January 15th

Friday, January 18th

Tuesday, January 22nd

Friday, January 25th

Tuesday, January 29th

Central Catholic at Freedom - 7:00 PM LIVE!

Notre Dame at Catasauqua - 7:00 PM LIVE!

- Easton at Central Catholic - 7:00 PM LIVE!

Bethlehem Catholic at Nazareth - 9:30 PM

Liberty at Whitehall - 9:30 PM

Salisbury at Bangor - 9:30 PM

Freedom at Allen - 9:30 PM

- Liberty at Allen – 9:30 PM

Parkland at Liberty - 7:00 PM LIVE!

Parkland at Emmaus - 7:00 PM LIVE!

Freedom at Parkland - 7:00 PM LIVE!

- Liberty at Emmaus – 7:00 PM LIVE!

Parkland at Allen - 7:00 PM LIVE!

Freedom at Emmaus – 9:30 PM

- Northern Lehigh at Salisbury – 9:30 PM

-Whitehall at Central Catholic – 9:30 PM

Emmaus at Easton - 9:30 PM

pound championship to den Catholic (NJ); Central round out local championship ties.

na Township; Upper finals.

Spring; Boyertown; Cam-

Dauphin; Council Rock South; Delaware Valley; This year's slate of Freedom; Hazleton; teams includes: Big Honesdale; Lehighton; Liberty; Milton; Nazareth; North Penn; Northamp-Get Your Game On! ton; Northern Lehigh; Northern; Northwestern **TV2 January Schedule** Lehigh; Pen Argyl; Pennridge; Phillipsburg (NJ); Quakertown; St. Mark's **High School Boys Basketball** (NJ); Saucon Valley; Stroudsburg; Tri Valley;

> West. Friday's wrestling slate Continued from page A9 starts at 9 a.m. with the second session officially set for 6 p.m. Saturday's semifinals kickoff at 10:30 a.m. with consolation finals at 5 p.m. Championship finals start approximately at 7 p.m.

Warwick; Wyoming Sem-

inary and Wyoming Valley

Hoops

on the 27th and 28th as well. The Hawks open with Southwestern at 7:30

"This tournament is a good fit for us," said Hawks head coach Mike

the road gives our team won the tournament a a chance to really come year ago and the Hawks together and have fun.

"As this team contin- them of their title. ues to grow, it will be compete on the road."

York Catholic square off ing night. in the other tournament

Frew. "Being together on match-up. Southwestern are looking to dethrone

The consolation and interesting to see how we championship game is set for 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. York Suburban and respectively the follow-

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ager Ruben Amaro, Jr., additions to the 2013 and manager Charlie Phillies Winter Banquet presented by The Air Products Foundation, Coca-Cola and the Lehigh Valley Health Network to be held on Jan. 24, 2013, at the Sands Events Center in Bethlehem.

Amaro Jr., and Manuel will be joined by Benny Looper (Asst. GM), Joe Jordan (Dir., Player Development) and Steve Noworyta (Asst. Dir., Player Development) along previously announced guests Dave Brundage (IronPigs manager), Erik Kratz and Kevin Frandsen.

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Putz book signing



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN 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 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

Food bank organizers chowski. credited a number of community partnerships that food drive and St. Luke's housing expenses.

sible. The Second Harvest Velazquez said that Food Bank will provide start up hours of opera- food to stock the pantry tion will be on the first and the Sands Casino Wednesday from 1 to 3 donated shelving which p.m. and the third Satur- was assembled and day from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. installed by casino faciliof each month. Those eli-ty staff. The Sands has gible for assistance are also held the first of sever-limited to income-quali- al planned food drives Director Alan Jennings fied residents of South among its employees, said the pantry would

spokesperson Susan Sta-

Executive Director Lorna made the initiative pos- 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.

Bethlehem and Fountain according to Sands assist those in need by allowing them to stretch limited incomes in order Liberty HS conducted a to pay their utilities and

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 fire-

For information and schedules, visit www.artsquest.org/peepsfest or call 610-332-3378.



First-time volunteer Karen Pietrantonia 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.



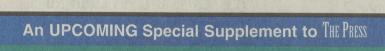
Hispanic Center board president Iris Cintron said the new food bank would fill the gap created by the closure of lood pantries over the last several years that operated out of the Southeast Neighborhood Center and Concordia Lutheran Church.



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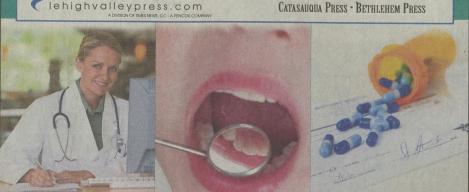
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with a hearty roasted leg

main course followed.

of lamb stew from the

Roussillon region of

mountains of Cevannes

in the sunny Languedec-

south central France. It was paired with a 2008

Cotes du Roussillon Vil-

lages red wine from Ger-

ard Bertrand, named the 2012 European Winery of

the Year by Wine Enthu-

be complete without

cheese, and the Hotel

Bethlehem's offerings

were Bleu d'Auvergne, a

southern France that is

considered to be more

buttery and less strong

than other blue cheeses;

Bucheron, a goat's milk

famous goat cheese also

from the Loire Valley.
The Provence-Alpes-

Cote D'Azur dessert of

caramel sauce was pre-

Tatin with date ice cream

pared by pastry chef Cas-

warm Banana Torte

and sweet red wine

Valley; and Crottin de

Chavignol, the most

cheese native to the Loire

pungent blue cheese from

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siast Magazine.

BRIEFLY

DBA 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

There will performances by Trouble City Allstars 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 Bethle-hem 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 commu-

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

www.bapl.or.

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



REE PARKING

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 Aquitane, 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 Aquitane.

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 Aquitane, was paired with 2009 Rigal Malbee 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



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

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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 din-



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A look back on Christmas past



Rehm Columnist

hristmas Day has come and gone once again. As we reflect on the joys we've shared this oast holiday season, let us look back on another Christmas of long ago. Described as the happiest Christmas in years, Christmas 1922 was ruly 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 resulted 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 Bethle-

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 struc-

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 Christ-

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

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 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. Amongs 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 Bethlenem, longume 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 commitee 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.

Merry Christmas Season's Greetings from the staff of your community newspaper The Bethlehem Press



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



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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

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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 contestents, 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, Medfore/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, Freedon HS, marine science.

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

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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

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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



other parts of the world. Students also wrote let-

ters that were included in the packages. The pro-

duction line process was done in donated space

at the General Supply facility in Bethlehem Town-

ship. The students are part of a team teaching

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 Henritzy, 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.

Central Moravian Putz CHRISTMAS CITY USA Bethlehem PA * 2012

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 nonpostage 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. with are available as 24-stamp sheets, the committee also prepares a cacheted cover. The philatelic collectable envelope, which postmarked dated for the Christmas City Tree Lighting Cere-

nonprofit Citizens tee's major fundraiser, toward the Christmas City's holiday lighting and decorations. For more information call 610-739-1510 or lynnc@lehighvalley chamber.org.

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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 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).

(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 in 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, lesus is the Carpenter of carpenters of carpenters."

repeatedly, "Who is This?" Some only knew Him as a carpenter, but He is more than a carpenter! 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 Creatort "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 attales in my

As I was reading numerous scriptures and articles in my messag declaring Who Jesus Is, I was overcome with the majesty of Jesus an 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 really 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



Central Santas meet local needs



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Central Moravian Church members recently filled 150 Christmas gift bags for local children in need. Miriam Devey and Central Santas project features the seal with a co-chairs Joan Carson and Mary Wiesenski check a roomful of colorful bags filled with warm cloth-USPS holiday stamp, is ing 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.

Santa beer fun run



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-type 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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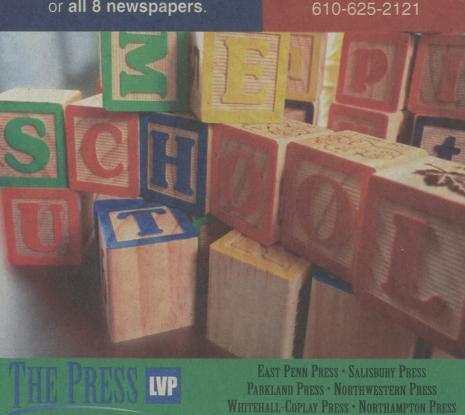
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The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annu-

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

Applicants may acquire property tax, rent rebate claim forms and related information at revenue. state.pa.us or by calling 1-888-222-9190.



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 Steel-Stacks, 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

One of the most popular Founders Way, Bethlehem 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.

display Dec. 27 - 29 in ArtsQuest Center. The entry with the most votes will be Winner and be invited on for decorating; stage to drop the Peeps Chick on New Year's Eve.

Peeps Diorama Competition winners will be







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

30, with the winning entries day;

on display Dec. 30 and 31. following free activities:

New Year's Eve Party with music by kid-friendly The dioramas will be on rock band Starfish, 4 p.m. Dec. 31, Levitt Pavilion Steel-Stacks;

Large, kid-friendly cardcrowned the Peep-les Choice board gingerbread houses

Interactive children's theater with Middle Earth Stu-

announced 10:45 a.m. Dec. children's performers all ties:

PeepsFest includes the crafts, video game competi- friendly DJ, bounce house tions and a scavenger hunt; and more; Photo opportunities with

the Peeps Chick;

contest; and Family Disco Lounge

with music by and dancing roast on outdoor fire pits; to Erin Lee & the Up Past and Bedtime.

PeepsFest includes the items for sale. Family musicians and following ticketed activi-

Band, Dec. 30; Lisa & Peeps-themed arts and Wendy, Dec. 31; family-

> PeepsFest 5K run; PeepsFest Kids Fun Run,

Peepmobile filled with and Mascot Dash, featurcandy for a guess-how-many ing popular area mascots, noon Dec. 31; Peeps'mores for sale to

Peeps & Company store

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

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at



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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 criticallyacclaimed 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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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

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

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.

that was. This column looks back at the year's first six months.

January

ture of 53 degrees. The first by one day. precipitation fell Jan. 11 observed peeking through the soft January soil.

very busy. I was busy adding to the equipment and restocking the corncobs and sunflower seeds while the squirrels stayed busy exercising and dining at the buf-

fell overnight Jan. 20 and cousin was standing atop bird courting and breeding later that afternoon.



PRESS PHOTO BY BUD COLE

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

Jan. 1 arrived warm and Winter Bird Survey at ing sun as I drove east on mild with a high tempera- Lehigh Gap Nature Center Route 248 toward Bath. On

when 1.25 inches of rain snow in our yard while cent field about 300 yards covered the Lehigh Valley. Lehigh Valley Internation- from the groundhog bur-The mild weather and rain al Airport reported 3.40 inch-row. confused many spring bulb es. I've always suspected plants as tulip, daffodil and that the weather people at hyacinth leaves were the airport take the precipitation gauges inside to keep them dry at the first signs of My gray squirrel gym bad weather. The month kept me and the squirrels 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 ground-The first and what would hog out and about on dry. Fifteen days passed be the only winter snow- Groundhog Day, Feb. 2. The between March 9 and 24 also harvested the first jewstorm of any consequence famous prognosticator's without precipitation. Song-

annual Bake Oven Knob cornfield enjoying the mornthe way home, I spotted an I recorded six inches of eastern coyote in an adja-

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

21. The snow postponed the its burrow in a harvested 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 whitethroated 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 March was very mild and our two hummingbird feeders the next day, April 24. I elweed shoots for dinner

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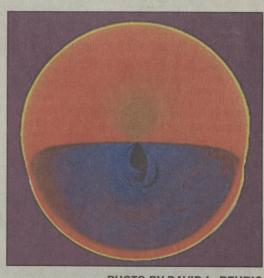


PHOTO BY DAVID L. REHRIG

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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New Tripoli, PA 18066

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www.ziegelschurch.org Worship, 11:05 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Handicapped Accessible Pastor Bruce MacLaughlin

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10:30 a.m. Worship www.emmausmoravian.org Rev. Kevin J. Henning, Pastor Linda Wisser Director Growth and Development

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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> Bible Study - Tuesday - 7 P.M JACOB'S CHURCH Route 143, Jacksonville, PA Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor 610-756-6352 or 610-756-6676 Church School, 9 a.m. Family Worship, 10 a.m.

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10:45 a.m. Worship Service QUAKERS

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Meeting for Worship at 9:30 a.m Everyone welcome Childcare provided Web: LehighValleyQuakers.org

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UNION

ST. PETER'S UNION CHURCH 7863 St. Peters Road (on Macungie Mountain) 610-966-3030 Rev. Jerel W. Gade, Pastor 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

ST. PETER'S UNION CHURCH (Lutheran & UCC) Lynnville, PA 610-298-8064 Pastor Carol Ivey Worship 9:30 a.m. All Welcome!

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL U.C.C. 4695 Lowhill Church Road New Tripoli - 610-298-2527 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship christchurchatlowhill.com

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Hearing Devices Available **EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH** Whitehall - 610-262-4961 Pastor Larry E. Pickar, Sr. Series: Plan to Win! Message Outlines on Website (Child-Care Available) Adult/Children's Sunday Sch., 9 a.m.

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(Nursery available)

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www.uccheidelberg.org JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.) Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Sr. Pastor

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

TRINITY U.C.C. Third & Coplay Sts Coplay, PA 610-262-8933 Pastor Steve Hummel 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship (Child Care available) Communion, 1st Sunday/mo 11 a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday Schools 7 p.m. Thursday evening "Experiencing Community" service www.trinityucccoplay.org or http://facebook.com/trinityucccoplay

UNION U.C.C. 5550 Route 873, Neffs (610) 767-6961 Rev. Thomas N. Thomas, Senior Pastor Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson, Associate Pastor 8 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 www.ziegelschurch.org Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 8:30 a.m. Handicapped Accessible Pastor Candi Cain-Borgman

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WESLEYAN

CALVARY WESLEYAN CHURCH 1414 Pennsylvania Avenue Bethlehem - 610-866-1388 www.calvarywesleyanchurch.org Blended Worship, 8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. Signing for the Hearing Impaired, 11 a.m. Autism Ministry, 11 a.m. Adult, Children, Youth Connections, 10:05 a.m. AWANA & Youth, Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m. Senior Pastor, Dwight Mikesell

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

To have your religious service listed in The Press please contact Josephine Jackson at 610-740-0944 Ext. 3703

Celebrating Christmas

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PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA DEIBERT

Sunday School students from Ziegels Union Church, Breinigsville, presented their Christmas program Dec. 9. Grayson Marsteller, Ben Missmer, Hailey Green, Sophia Schaeffer and Allison Roth sang "Jingle Bells" for their part of the celebration.



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.

*Cupcake Bowl' set to take the cake ery, Rodale Catering & of Univest's "Committed Univest employees pledged to volunteer more than to Volunteer more than the Flour Shop to Local" campaign which to volunteer more than



Bakeries from throughout the region are coming together for a sweet, new event, "The Cupcake Bowl," 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dec. 29, ArtsQuest Center, Steel-Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

The benefit raises funds for ArtsQuest's Arts Education Programming Fund, which provides quality arts and educational programs and experiences for students from throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Attendees will cast their votes to determine the People's Choice winner, while a judging panel will decide the winners for Best Frosting, Best Cake, Best Decoration and Best Overall

Cupcake Bowl participants include Amy's Sweets & Treats, Antonella's Bakery, Cathy's Creative Catering & Café, Cuddles' Cup-Granny Schmidt's Bake Shop, Iron Lakes Country Club, Kym's Creations Bak- nications, Univest.

Events and The Flour Shop

Dan DeChellis Trio.

Tickets: artsquest.org, 610-332-3378

St. Luke's winner: Univest Corp. awarded St. Luke's Hospital - Quakertown Campus \$1,000 for Local" Facebook contest.

Entertaining will be the the missions of local non-munities in 2012. profit organizations focused on youth education and wellness development.

As of Sept. 30, Univest partnered with more than 60 nonprofit organizations tied to youth education and winning the "Committed to wellness development and contributed more than The contribution is part \$485,000 to those causes.

to Local" campaign which to volunteer more than is focused on advancing 10,000 hours in local com-

> Good Cause is a column. about fundraisers and galas for Lehigh Valley nonprofit organizations. Email press releases and event coverage requests to Paul Willistein, Focus Editor: pwillistein@tnonline.com.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Committed to Local" check presentation, above, left to right: Kathy Ramcake Bar, Delightful son, Vice President of Patient Services, St. Luke's Hospital - Quakertown Designs-Sweets Buffets, Campus; John Sylvia, President, St. Luke's Hospital - Quakertown Campus; and Kim Detwiler, Senior Vice President and Director of Corporate Commu-

How to prolong life of holiday plants

If you received a flow- GROWING ering plant as a Christmas gift, proper care will GREEN determine the amount of L.C. Cooperative time it remains attractive Extension in your home. You don't LehighExt@psu.edu need a lot of gardening experience to keep a quality holiday plant. If you follow a few simple suggestions, the plants and their flowers will last for weeks after the holiday season.

Here are some tips: Set the plants in bright light, but not direct sunlight; 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenkeep them as cool as possible; keep them out of drafts; make certain the soil is kept moist, but not soggy; and remove the flowers when they have faded.

Once plants begin to flower, they need a lot of light to maintain quality. South, east or west windows provide the most light in winter. Avoid full sun, which tends to fade the flowers.

It's also a good idea to turn the plant weekly to keep it growing straight. If you do have to set your mas cactus live longer, holiday plant in a poor-



ly-lighted room, put it as close to artificial light as possible. Incandescent light gives off heat that may dry the plant.

Cooler indoor temperatures are ideal for most flowering plants. Generally, temperatures around heit in the day and 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit at night will not harm the plants. Locations near cooler than other spots keep the plant more in a room, and windows offer extra light.

Most holiday plants are produced under rather intensive conditions. They are not able to withstand moisture extremes around their root systems. The roots will be severely damaged if they are dry or

overwatered To help your Christavoid overwatering.

Drench the soil thorough- ing out. ly and allow it to dry out

faster than foliage. When in a sunny window. watering, add water until

sapping your plant's attractive, as the faded blooms detract from the rest of the plant.

Did you receive a poinsettia for Christmas? If you want to try to keep it until next year, gradually stop watering it when the leaves begin to fall. Store the plant in a cool, dark basement until April or May, giving it just roots and stems from dry- Gardeners.

In May, cut the stems completely before water- back to three to five inching again. Use a fertile es and repot the poinsetpotting soil, never gravel. tia. Plant the poinsettia During winter, indoor in your yard, keep it air is drier and plants watered and fertilized in tend to lose water faster. summer. Before the cool Open flowers on a plant weather sets in next year, will also lose water much bring it inside and put it

If you want it to flower it passes through the for Christmas, in early drain holes in the bottom October you must make of the pot. Prevent a sure the plant is kept in waterlogged condition by total darkness 5 p.m. - 8 discarding extra drain a.m. until Thanksgiving.

For answers to your Remove faded blooms garden questions, call to prevent seed-set from the Lehigh County **Cooperative Extension** windows are often a bit strength. This will also Office, 610-391-9840, or Northampton County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-746-1970, and ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Volunteers staff phone lines several days a week, Monday -Friday.

Growing Green is contributed by Lehigh County Cooperative Extension enough water to keep the Office Staff and Master

approaching, I was in the mood for some of my favorite carols as I drove REGARDS to an appointment in the By Pattie Mihalik next town.

During that trip, which lasted two hours, do you know how many Christmas carols I heard?

Only two. And I'm not sure they count because they were instrumentals without words.

I kept changing stations, trying to find one that played the old time carols I love. I heard plenty of Christmas music – if you think "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" qualify as Christmas music.

But I heard no real car-

Finally, I found a radio station that calls itself "the Christmas station." Surely they will have the old carols, I thought.

Wrong. one that mentions Jesus,

the reason for the season. What's going on here? I received emails a while

back telling me some atheist group is suing to keep Christmas carols off the airwaves because it violates the beliefs of non-Christians.

Another email said a group has filed petition #2493 with the FCC demanding 20 popular pastors be removed from the airwaves, along with all Christmas programs.

Frankly, I didn't believe there was much chance of that happening.

Again, I was wrong. What is going on here?

Why are we sitting passively while those of us who celebrate Christmas are having "the reason for the season" stripped away?

There are approximately 250 million Christians in this country. The last survey I saw claims 73 percent of those in America identify themselves as Christians.

Yet, in the name of political politeness, all refer- ebration." ence to Christ in Christbeen obliterateu

We don't even call it Christmas anymore.

In the name of political correctness, we call it "the holidays.

Today, in our local paper, there were eight stories about upcoming holiday events. Every single story talked about "holiday celebrations." The only mention of the word Christmas was one sentence that said the Cultural Center was sponsoring a Christmas tree decorating contest.

I read one story that said my own homeowners' association was hosting a "holiday lighting" party for our community. The notice said it would include refreshments and an old-fashioned songfest.

I went, expecting to find the same sweet experience I had every year at the community caroling in Palmerton Borough Park.

No matter how cold it was, I found an inner warmth while caroling in the park and attending the ecumenical Christmas service. It helped me slow my pace and welcome the Christmas season in an uplifting way.

Please tell me they still

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have it. Please tell me that wonderful tradition con-

Please tell me some communities still sing Christmas carols.

And if your town offers community caroling, make sure you attend. In towns across America, this tradition is slowly but surely disappearing.

I walked away disgruntled after attending the socalled caroling in my new community.

We sang "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Jingle Bells" and "Winter Wonderland."

No "Silent Night." No "Joy to the World." No "Hark the Herald

Angels Sing.' "Because non-Christians

Their version of Christattend, too," said one offimas songs didn't include cial. "We have to take everyone's beliefs into considerations.

OK. But why does that mean Christians have to swallow their beliefs with no outward signs of what they are celebrating this month?

I'm tired of hearing we can't display a manger scene and can't sing Christmas songs that include a Christian reference.

I'm tired of having people wish me "happy holidays.

When my dentist said that as I was leaving his office this week, I firmly told him, "I don't celebrate the holidays.' I celebrate Christmas.

He didn't respond.

But as his dental assistant walked me out the door, she whispered: "I'm glad you said that. I celebrate Christmas too.

Fine. But since when is that something we have to whis-

I told my family if this keeps up, I'm dropping out of "the holiday season cel-

I will no longer spend big bucks buying presents. I will no longer pay triple

prices to fly home "for the holidays. If our December festivities have nothing to do with

celebrating the birth of Christ, I'm not doing any of Instead, I told my family I would fly home for a first

day of summer celebration. At that time, I'll buy special gifts for family members and we'll celebrate life.

But I won't celebrate the holidays.' Yes, I'm mad.

And yes, I'm not going to take it anymore. I'm rebelling.

We have special celebrations for Hanukkah. We have special celebrations for Kwanzaa. I want special celebra-

tions for Christmas. I don't want it called "the

holidays" so people aren't offended.

So Merry Christmas, dear readers.

I hope your Christmas gifts include the courage to stand up for what you value.

If not, what you value will disappear and someday, you'll wonder how it happened.

TRADITIONS Open house

Traditions of Hanover Independent Living is holding "Taste of the Holidays' Open House, 2 - 4 p.m. Dec. 30, 5300 Northgate Drive, Bethlehem, near Weg man's, off Route 512.

Feast on culinary treats created by Traditions chefs and listen to holiday classics performed by the Old Towne Carolers, classical pianist Evelyn Michaels,

"After the busy holiday tion. © 2012 Fred Cicetti | season, guests are invited

to relax, enjoy memorable entertainment and take a tour," said Rosalind Haglund, Traditions executive director.

The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are not required, but appreciated

RSVP and information: Jennifer or Rachel, 610-882-0400

CORRECTION

The name of Miller Symphony Hall was incorand harpist Rebecca Simp-rect in an article in the son. Prizes will be offered. Dec. 19 and 20 Focus sec-

What you need to know about contacts

Third of four parts

There are three basic **HEALTHY** ways to correct faulty vision: eyeglasses, contact lenses, or surgery. In this column, we'll Cicetti

cover contacts. There are two basic

soft and hard. Soft lenses, which are thin and gel-like, are the most popular of the two. They come in many varieties and are very comfort-

able. I never felt them in my

eyes. The following are

some choices in soft lenses: Daily-wear lenses are removed when you go to sleep. They are the least

Extended-wear lenses can be worn when you sleep. They are removed at least once a week to be cleaned and disinfected. There is a greater risk of eye infections when you wear contacts overnight.

Disposable-wear lenses are the most convenient. They are removed nightly and replaced on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. These are the most expen-

If you replace disposables every day, you always have clean, flawless lenses that produce sharp vision. And you don't have to deal



By Fred

kinds of contact lenses: with maintenance. These are enormous advantages.

Hard contacts are rigid. gas-permeable lenses (RGP). Hard contacts allow oxygen to flow through the lenses to the cornea, the transparent cover over the pupil in the center of the

better choice over soft lens- rinse and dry them with es if you have astigmatism, which is caused by an uneven curvature of the eye's surface. There are soft contact lenses (torics) that can correct astigmatism, but not always as well

as RGPs can. RGPs are also preferable if you have allergies or tend to form protein deposits on contact lens-

You can get hard and soft multifocal contact lenses. They can correct nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism in combination with presbyopia, the natural condition of aging that makes it more difficult to focus on near

contact lenses is taking care of them. Lenses that are not properly cleaned and disinfected increase the risk of eye infection. Any lens that is removed from the eye needs to be cleaned and disinfected before it is reinserted.

The following are some guidelines for care of contact lenses from the American Academy of Ophthalmology

Before handling contact RGP lenses may be the with soap and water, then a lint-free towel Minimize contact with

water, including removing lenses before going swimming or in a hot tub. Contact lenses should not be rinsed with or stored

Do not put your lenses in your mouth to wet them. Saliva is not a sterile solu-

in water (tap or sterile

to disinfect lenses. Neither is an effective or approved disinfectant. Wear and replace contact lenses according to fred@healthy-geezer.com the schedule prescribed by

your eye-care professional.

Do not use saline solu-

tion and rewetting drops

Follow the specific con-The major downside of tact lens cleaning and storage guidelines from your eye care professional and the solution manufacturer.

During cleaning, rub your contact lenses with your fingers, then rinse the lenses with solution before soaking them. This "rub and rinse" method is considered by some experts to be a superior method of cleaning, even if the solution you are using is a "norub" variety.

Rinse the contact lens lenses, wash your hands case with fresh solution not water. Then leave the empty case open to air dry.

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'Journey' to Middle-earth

Despite its title, there's not too much that's unexpected in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

There are goblins, wiz- REVIEW ards, trolls, rock monsters By Paul Willistein and, of course, dwarfs.

of the J.R.R. Tolkien (1892 - 1973) novels, on which "The Hobbit" is based, as "The Hobbit" is based, as it did my son, Elias, who dominate "The Hobbit." accompanied me to a 3D screening of "Unexpected Journey.'

It was the second time Elias saw "The Hobbit" movie. The first time he saw it was in the regular format. Elias said the 3D version enhanced some scenes, but it's not necessary to see "The Hobbit"

My son, Elias, has read the Tolkien books and he and his friends, fellow students at Moravian College, are big fans of "The Hobbit." Elias plans to see the film again and looks forward to part two, set for release one year from now, and part three, set for release in summer 2013.

It's been awhile since I've read "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." My son, Elias, assures me that "Unexpected Journey" director Peter Jackson has not strayed far from the primary source material, but has added elements from "The Silmarillion," a series of works based on Tolkien's notes and manuscripts published after his death by his son, Christopher.

Peter Jackson directs from a screenplay he wrote with Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, and Guiillermo del Toro, based on Tolkien's works.

For those not familiar with "The Hobbit," Bilbo Baggins, the Hobbit, goes on a journey with Gandalf, a wizard, and Thorin Oakenshield, the heirapparent to the Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor, with a goal to reclaim it from the dragon Smaug.

As with many fairy

"A Chorus Line," 8 p.m.

Jan. 12, Zoellner Arts Cen-

ter, Lehigh University, 420 E.

Packer Avenue, Bethlehem.

zoellnerartscenter.org, 610-

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1, 2; 3 p.m. Jan. 27, Feb. 3,

Pennsylvania Playhouse,

Illick's Mill Road, Bethle-

hem. paplayhouse.org, 610-

Comedy: ManDudeBro,"

11 p.m. Dec. 29, ArtsQuest

Center, 101 Founders Way,

Bethlehem. artsquest.org,

Cristo," 7 p.m. Jan. 17,

Miller Symphony Hall, 23

N. Sixth St., Allentown.

"The Count of Monte

"Long Form Improv

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This should please fans tales, fables and fantasy novels, as well as graphic novels, brought to the big There are also numerous battle scenes.

The scenes in "The Hobbit" that I most enjoyed involved the interactions of the main characters, and the lovely landscape (filmed in New Zealand) and not the big battle scenes between the dwarfs and the creatures called the Orcs, the huge dragon Smaug and trolls and goblins.

Martin Freeman is charming as Bilbo Baggins, the Hobbit. He is our "everyman" window into the world of Middle-

Ian McKellen is friendly and solid as Gandalf Richard Armitage is rakish as Thorin Oaken-

shield. Hugo Weaving is a convincing. Elrond. Christopher Lee is Saruman. Cate Blanchett is Galadriel. Sylvester McCoy is Rada-

Gollum, portrayed by Andy Serkis, is still one of the most fascinating combinations of motion-capture and computer-generated imagery ever in cinema (and was obviously the inspiration for Dobby the House Elf in "Harry Potter" movies).

pected Journey Should please fans of the J.R.R. web site, thould enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Lehigh Valley Art" (2000) "Company of the should enjoy "Com pected Journey" should tein at the Times-News the journey, albeit a long Salon, "6 - 6:30 p.m. Monone, at nearly three-hours viewing time.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for chil- GO WITH YOUR PALS

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Show, 2 p.m.); Evenings:

Friday, Saturday (Dinner,

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The Pines Dinner Theatre,

448 N. 17th St., Allentown.

pinesdinnertheatre.com,

Improv Comedy Troupe,"

8 p.m. Dec. 27, Jan. 10,

Blue Cinema, ArtsQuest

Center, 101 Founders Way,

Bethlehem. artsquest.org,

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dren under 13) for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence, and frightening images; Genre; Fantasy, Adventure; Run time: 2 hrs., 49 mins.; Distributed by New Line Cinema.

Readers Credit Anonymous: "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" was filmed in New Zealand, including Stone Street Studios, and at Pinewood Studios, Eng-

Box Office, Dec. 24: Because of early Christmas Day holiday Focus section deadlines, the Dec. 21 box office results were not available at deadline. Unreel, Dec. 28:

"Django Unchained," R: Director Quentin Tarantino directs the western about a bounty hunter in the slave-era United States south starring Jamie Foxx. Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kerry Washington.

"Parental Guidance," PG: Billy Crystal, Better Midler, Marisa Tomei and Tom Everett Scott star in a comedy about parenting and grandchildren.

"Promised Land," R: Gus Van Sant directs Matt Damon as a natural gas company salesman who has second thoughts about fracking. Frances McDormand, John Krasinski and Hal Holbrook co-star in the drama.

"This Is 40," R: Director Judd Apatow revisits the lives of Pete (Paul Rudd) and Debbie (Leslie Mann) in the comedy.

Read previous movie "The Hobbit: An Unex- reviews by Paul Willisdays, Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio, WDIY 88.1 FM, wdiy.org. Email Paul Willistein pwillistein@tnonline.com and on Facebook.

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David James," 8 p.m. Jan.

3, Blue Cinema, ArtsQuest

Center, 101 Founders Way,

Bethlehem. artsquest.org,

Cabaret," 7 p.m. Jan. 6,

Touchtone Theatre, 321 E.

4th St., Bethlehem. touch-

tone.org, 610-867-1689

p.m. Jan. 8, 9, State Theatre

Center for the Arts, 453

Northampton St., Easton.

statetheatre.org, 610-252-

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8 DAYS A WEEK

YOUR LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

By EMILY THIEL

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ART EXHIBITS

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM Franz Kline: Coal and Steel, through Jan. 13, Scheller

Walker Evans & The American Social Landscape Photographers, through Jan. 13, Rodale Gallery The Lerner Contemporary Glass Collection, through April 28, Fowler Gallery. Gallery talk: Diane C. Wright, 1 p.m. Jan. 13

The Paisley Pattern: Woven Shawls from Asia to Europe, through Dec. 30, Goodman Gallery ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY 1210 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400 Library Doll Collection, through December AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM

Holiday Model Train Exhibit, through Dec. 30
Pedal Cars and Ride on Toys exhibit, through Dec. 31
American Classics of the 1930s, through April
Works by Carl Renner, through May. 1950's GM

SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378

Stephen Perloff, through Jan. 2, "Unseen Color: Part

25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300 College Photography Contest Exhibition, through Jan.

Joyce Tenneson: A Life in Photography, through Jan.

Pennsylvania Photographers Competition Exhibition, CEDAR CREST COLLEGE

Center for Visual Arts, Miller Family Building, 100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-606-4666
"Can of Corn Show," through Jan. 4: Charlie McGrady's **FLOREANT PROJECTS**

215 Main St., Emmaus. 610-421-8871 Marilyn Hazelton: Workshops, 9 a.m. - noon Jan. 12, Feb. 16, March 23, April 20 GOUNDIE HOUSE

505 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055 "The Steel Way of Life," ongoing GROSSMAN GALLERY Williams Visual Arts Building, 243 N. Third St., Easton.

610-330-5361

"Histories of Now: Social Transformation, A Workshop of Ideas," Jan. 30 - March 12 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN Lehigh Valley Photography Club exhibit, through Jan.

KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140 Richard Farmer: Paintings, through December Christine Thatcher: Paintings, January through Febru-

LÉHIGH UNIVERSITY Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue. 610-758-

Joan Mitchell, Jan. 16 - March 24
"That Was Then, This Is Now," through Summer 2013
LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074 Lehigh County Bicentennial, through Dec. 31
Toys, Games & Trains, through Jan. 13
Energy Past & Present, ongoing
LIBERTY BELL MUSEUM

Zion's Reformed UCC Church, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232 Replica of the Liberty Bell, ongoing LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY 450 Brookside Road, Macungie. 610-966-6864

Mary Ellen Stoyanov: Watercolors, December LUTHER CREST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Irene Bartz: Paintings, through December
Betty Allender: Paintings, January through February
MICHENER ART MUSEUM
138 S. Pine St., Doylestown. 215-340-9800 "Creative Hand, Discerning Heart: Symbol, Story,

"Making Magic: Beauty in Word and Image," through Ted Hallman, through March 3: "Suspended Har-

monies: Fiber Art" **Jerry Uelsmann,** Jan. 19 - April 28: "The Mind's Eye: MITCHEL CENTER n St., Emmaus. 610-965-6418

Catherine Rhoades: Paintings, January through MORAVIAN MUSEUM OF BETHLEHEM

Weighted Spirits: Bethlehem, Salem Moravians in The Civil War, ongoing MUHLENBERG COLLEGE Martin Art Gallery, Baker Center for the Arts, 24th and Chew streets, Allentown, 484-664-3467

Sarah Kate Burgess, Andrée-Anne Dupuis-Bourret, Colette Fu, Jacque Liu, and Lee Emma Running with Amze Emmons, Jan. 16 - Feb. 23: "Paper Architecture" MUSEUM OF INDIAN CULTURE 2825 Fish Hatchery Rd., Allentown. 610-797-2121 Kachinas: Spirit Dolls of the Hopi, ongo **Mystery Unearthed: The Extraordinary Story of Two** Lenape Rock Shelters, ongoing Beadwork of the Great Plains.

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem. 610-861-5062 Julie Miller: Photographs, Jan. 11 - Feb. 13: "Strange PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY GALLERY 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-

Thomas Mann, Jan. 28 - March 16: "Mann's Mind: Sculptural Objects" Artist reception, 5 - 7 p.m. Jan. 31
Alumni Night at the Gallery, Jan. 31
THE WHITEFIELD HOUSE

United by God, Divided by Man: The Moravian Struggle During the American Civil War, ongoing

CHRISTMAS CITY

ARTSQUEST CENTER nem. 610-751-4979 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-751-4979
SouthSide Holiday Cocktail Trail, Dec. 29
CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION BUILDING 40 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5661 Christmas Putz and Star & Candle Shoppe, 1 - 5

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM

A Christmas City Stroll, 3, 4, 6 p.m. Dec. 26, 27, 28,

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM VISITOR CENTER Bethlehem by Night Tour Bus: Northside, 5, 6, 7 LEHIGH AND KEYSTONE VALLEY

MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM n St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7101 Model Railroad Display, 1 - 6 p.m. Dec. 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1, 5, 6; 5 - 9 p.m. Dec. 26, 27, 28 **MUSIKFEST CAFE**

Light Show and Holiday Music, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, Horse-drawn carriage and wagonette rides, Dec. 27,

Jimmy and the Parrots: Holiday Parrot Party, 8 p.m.

Cupcake Bowl, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dec. 29

Peeps Fest, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 30; 10 a.m. - 6
p.m. Dec. 31

Peeps Chick Drop and Fireworks, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31 Start Making Sense with the Great White Caps, 9

CINEMA

ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY 1210 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400 "King of Devil's Island," 2 p.m. Jan. 19. Free ARTSQUEST CENTER, STEELSTACKS Frank Banko Alehouse Cinema, 101 Founders Way,

Bethlehem. 610-332-1300
"Hitchcock," 1:15, 4, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26, 27
"Anna Karenina," 2, 4:30, 7:15 p.m. Dec. 26; 2, 4:30 "Silver Linings Playbook," 1:10, 3:35, 6:05, 8:35 p.m. Dec. 26; 1:45, 4:05, 6:35, 9:05 p.m. Dec. 27

'Bethlehem: The Christmas City," 1 p.m. Dec. 26; 1,

CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN 527 N. 19th St., Allentown, 610-432-0888 "Chasing Ice," 3, 5, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26; 5, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 27. Theatre514 "Hitchcock," 2:30, 5, 8 p.m. Dec. 26; 5, 7:30 p.m.

LEHIGH-POCONO COMMITTEE OF CONCERN 313 W. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-691-8730 "American Autumn," 7 p.m. Jan. 4 "Freedom Riders," 7 p.m. Feb. 1 "Into the Abyss" 7 p.m. March 1

NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS 30 Belvidere St., Nazareth. 610-365-8249 "Living with the Tiger," 7 p.m. Jan. 18

CONCERTS

CROCODILE ROCK CAFÉ 520 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-434-4600 Coppadonna, doors open 6 p.m. Dec. 26, Main Stage He Is Legend, Drakona, doors open 7 p.m. Dec. 29,

Clutch, Mondo Generator, Saviours, Wino, doors open 6 p.m. Dec. 30, Main Stage Chris Webby, doors open 7 p.m. Jan. 16, Main Stage Four Nights Gone, doors open 6 p.m. Jan. 19 Blaze, doors open 6 p.m. Jan. 30, Main Stage Never Loose Hope Tour, doors open 3 p.m. Feb. 2,

Road to the Sphinx, doors open 5:30 p.m. Feb. 14; Action Item, Outasight, Paradise Fears, doors open 5

Sevendust, Lacuna Coil, Avatar, doors open 7 p.m.

p.m. Feb. 15, Main Stage
Hatebreed, Shadow Fall, Dying Fetus, The Contortionist, doors open 6 p.m. Feb. 15, Main Stage
Black Veil Brides, doors 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 GODFREY DANIELS 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390

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December Blues Jam, 8 p.m. Dec. 26: Dana Gaynor Greg Piccolo, 8 p.m. Dec. 28
Vintage Open, 7 p.m. Dec. 30: Mike Holliday
New Year's Eve: 3 Generations of Homegrown Godfrey's, 8 p.m. Dec. 31: Dave Fry, Dina Hall, Jay Lapp
January Irish Seisiún, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2
HISTORIC HOTEL BETHLEHEM
417 Main St. Bethlehem. 610-626-2226 427 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-625-2226 Steel, Ghosts and Murder, Feb. 8 - 10

Ghostbreakers Paranormal Weekend, April 12 - 14
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3615 A Chorus Line, 8 p.m. Jan. 12 Helen Beedle, Sam and Denise Miller, 3 p.m. Jan. 20 Mountain Heart, 8 p.m. Feb. 1 NY Jazz Repertory Orchestra, 8 p.m. Feb. 2: "The

Motionhouse Scattered, 7 p.m. Feb. 10 LU Philharmonic, 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16: "Concerto Marathon Worlds of Fire" LU Jazz Faculty, 3 p.m. Feb. 17

East Winds Quintet, 3 p.m. Feb 24: "All American" MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE vay, Jim Thorpe. 570-325-0249 The Tartan Terrors, 8 p.m. Dec. 30 Dancin' Machine, 8 p.m. Jan. Billy Cobham, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 18 Savoy Brown, 8 p.m. Jan. 19 The Eilen Jewell Band, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 25

Fred Eaglesmith Travelling Steam Show, 8 p.m. Jan. Sands: Frank Sinatra tribute, 5 p.m. Jan. 27 MILLER SYMPHONY HALL 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715 Berlioz's Les Troyens, noon Jan. 5 The Phantom of the Opera: Live in HD, 7 p.m. Jan. 8 Love Never Dies: Live in HD, 7 p.m. Jan. 9

Barrymore, 7 p.m. Jan. 10 Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera, noon Jan. 12, encore Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day, 7 p.m. Jan. 15 Verdi's Aida, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16, encore The Magistrate, 7 p.m. Jan. 17

Dave and Lydia Liebman Play Jobim, 7:30 p.m. Jan.

Donizetti's Maria Sturarda, 1 p.m. Jan. 19 Rolling Stones: Charlie is My Darling, 7 p.m. Jan. 22 Berlioz's Les Troyens, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23, encore Benefit Recital featuring Josh Klein, Jan. 27: Rodale

Alfie Boe, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 Birdland Big Band, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 Angelina Ballerina, 1 p.m. Feb. 2, family show Modern Romance, 8 p.m. Feb 9; 3 p.m. Feb. 10 MORAVIAN COLLEGE Foy Concert Hall, Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-861-1300 Utrecht String Quartet, 8 p.m. Jan. 18 Vienna Piano Trio, 8 p.m. March 1 Bennewitz String Quartet, 8 p.m. April 12 MUSIKFEST CAFE

ArtsQuest 2

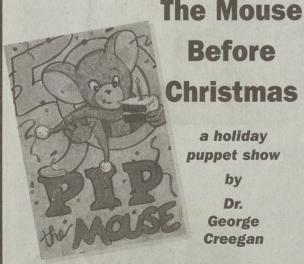
ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378 Jimmy & The Parrots' Holiday Parrot Party, 8 p.m.

The Hold Steady, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28 Start Making Sense: New Year's Eve Party, 8 p.m., Hector Rosado y su Orchestra, Alberto Santiago, 10 Craig Thatcher Band: Jimi Hendrix tribute, 7:30 p.m.

She Said Sunday, 8 p.m. Jan. 11 The Wailers, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 The Fabulous Greaseband, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 7 p.m. Jan. 27 Valentine's Day with Bev Conklin, The BC Combo, The Girls, Friar's Point, Tower Suite, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14

The Aardvarks, 8 p.m. Feb. 22 See 8 DAYS on page B5

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The Thomas Fun Room is open through Jan. 13, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. The 3,000-square-foot

exhibit re-creates the era when railroads were king. The display includes

50 enlarged images of Lehigh Valley Railroad steam locomotives.

Information: lehighvalleyheritagemuseum.or g, 610-435-1074

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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,

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



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 filmthe region.

The 2012 GLVFF award winners are:

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

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

the Jury): "A Cure," Matthew Herbertz, Center Valley

ston, 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 Honorable Mention (by selected the award winners. The GLVFF Audience Award was presented to the film with the highest Audience Award: "The average score based on 2012 makers from throughout Super List," Adam Win- GLVFF audience voting

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 of the songs for a laugh Heart Full Eyes," but has for those who are paying itive" (2008). been back on tour with attention.

the band since October. the lead singer about telling backed by a rock going solo during the and roll band.'

band's hiatus. release next year.

"We make it a priority catalog. on the set list to perform songs from each of our sound has changed a bit off steam kind of night."

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

The band's most recent cist, is inspired by such and guitar, and Selvidge, album, "Heaven Is When-legends as Bob Dylan and ever," was released in 2010. Bruce Springsteen for The band will perform their ability to produce songs from its unrecorded "so many different things new album, planned for in their career" and the variety of music in their

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.

critically-The 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 Pos-

The Hold Steady added The lead singer a new band member, gui-"Everyone was really describes The Hold tarist Steve Selvidge, in positive about it," says Steady's music as "story- 2011, after keyboarder Franz Nicolay left in 2010.

The group includes, in Finn, the group's lyri- addition to Finn, on vocals 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-The Hold Steady's holidays for people to let

8 DAYS

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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-

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.

Queensrÿche, 8 p.m. March 9

Bobby Vinton, 8 p.m. March 23 Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes, 8 p.m. April

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 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

Scooly-Doo Liver 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 Aliman 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. Resched-

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.

George Cole and Eurocana, 8 p.m. Jan. 9 Paula Cole, 8 p.m. Jan. 10 BeauSoleil Avec 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 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 THEATER 524 Main St., Stroudsburg. 570-420-2808 Killswitch Engage, 7 p.m. Dec. 28 Christmas Jam in the Poconos, 8 p.m. Dec. 29

Earl David Reed, Raymond the Amish Comic, 8 p.m. Gin Blossoms, 8 p.m. Feb. 2 Hammer of the Gods: Led Zeppelin tribute, 8 p.m.

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

Lyric Consort, 4 p.m. Feb. 10 Organ Concert, 8 p.m. March 22

DANCE

ANTONIO SALEMME FOUNDATION Empire Ballroom, 542 Hamilton St., Allentown 610-433-4150

Lehigh Valley Tango Society, 7 - 10 p.m. Wednesdays: **FEARLESS FIRE COMPANY**

Starlight Ballroom, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown.

Allentown Area Swing Dance Society, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Main lesson, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Open dancing, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays: Beginner and JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN

702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571
Israeli Dancing, 7:30 p.m. Mondays: Beginners; 8:30 MILLER SYMPHONY HALL 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715
Koresh Dance Company, 8 p.m. Jan. 26
Lulu Washington Dance Theatre, 8 p.m. F
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 **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.

LIGHTS IN THE PARKWAY 1700 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Allentown. **Electric Light Display,** 5:30 - 10 p.m. daily, through

MUSSELMAN ARTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER 601 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. Hand Drumming: Lunchtime Stress Relief, noon - 1

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: 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 Alonzo Gross and Wendy Smale, 7 p.m. Jan. 30:

ARTSOUEST 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 Main-Youth Department, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Dec. 29; 9

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 J 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. Thurs-

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" PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

4422 Walbert Avenue, Allentown. 610-398-1361 **Books into Movies,** 7 p.m. Dec. 26: "The Pursuit of

Books into Movies, 1 p.m...

Happyness"
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

5000 Wegmans Drive, Bethlehem. "The Fine Print: How Big Companies Use 'Plain English' to Rob You Blind," 6 p.m. Feb. 5, Lepoco Boo "Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumai Undercity," 6 p.m. March 5, Lepoco Book

"The Race for What's Left: The Global Scramble for the World's Last Resources," 6 p.m. April 2, Lepoco

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY 3700 Mechanicsville Road, Whitehall. 610-432-4339 Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. Tuesdays; 1, 7 p.m. Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Registration

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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 Ditmer, 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: americaonwheels.org, 610-432-4200, x16

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LV housing market sales improve by 15 percent

today, shows that the hous-

Year-to-date sales are to recovery.' recorded at 5,312, up 15.1 percent over 2011 year-to- comparisons also show dollars, the average sales date sales of 4,614.

sales year-to-date, which cent, with 476 sales reportprocess that have not yet closed. This figure marks an increase of 31.2 perpending 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

Data released by the estate market for that sig-range," says Conrad. Lehigh Valley Associa- nificant amount of time tion of Realtors (LVAR) goes beyond a positive that many people are taktrend, and indicates that ing market remains favor- the Lehigh Valley hous- affordability." Since the

growth in the housing LVAR research shows market. The number of there are 6,024 pending sales increased 16.4 perindicates transactions in ed in November 2012, compared to 409 during the same month last year.

The average sales price cent over 2011 year-to-date of \$184,00 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.

42.6 percent were sold in numbers

"The numbers show ing advantage of housing ing market is on the road average price is obtained by dividing the number November 2012 to 2011 of sales into the total 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 num ber of sales at the high "During the month of or low end of the price November, 203 homes or range. The year-to-date generally the \$100,000 - \$200,000 price remain more constant.

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

support of regional economic development.

early-stage company investinvestments are provided to form of loans.

\$75,000. Goal: Establish HB Custom Media's production facility and begin commercializing custom tisculture media. reagents, cell culture supplements, and mouse embryo culture media to the Research-Use-Only marcompanies in various applications, including drug development, cancer research, nerve cell regeneration investigation, and treatments for heart

Virtual Celebration, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin in the following early-stage Investment: \$65,000. Goal: Support the development of a "back-end" transaction native Energy Developautomation system and analytics for growing a network of Virtual Event Plan- created in 2008 to incent ners. Virtual Celebrations, collaboration to save ener-LLC is a proprietary virtuand 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 uti-

company investments from Grant funding. Ben tems. Trap buildup can

The Ben Franklin Tech- Franklin provides a 1:1 cause odor, bacteria, and nology Partners of North- matching grant for work drain back-ups inside the eastern Pennsylvania with a college or univer- restaurant, and sewer BFTP-NEP) Board of Direc-sity partner on technology-blockages and discharge tors has approved the based manufacturing inno- issues outside. The endinvestment of \$354,876 in vation in established product from the A-Cepmanufacturers.

Bosch Rexroth Corp., energy production. Franklin Bethlehem. University announces the following Partner: Lehigh Universi- LLC, ty. Ben Franklin Investments from its Pennsylva- ment: \$25,000. Goal: Com- Franklin Investment: nia Challenge Grant fund- plete manufacturing \$120,000. Goal: Develop and Ben Franklin process analysis in order to commercialize new winearly-stage clients in the the hydraulic cylinder man-three proprietary new inno-HB Custom Media, Inc., Enterprise Systems Cenals and glazing. The metal-Ben Franklin TechVenter team will analyze and clad composite windows tures, Bethlehem. Ben evaluate work processes, produce heat and power Franklin Investment: then utilize simulations to as well as greatly increase test alternative system con- energy efficiency. figurations and schedul-Rexroth manufactures motion control equipment, pneumatic components.

Demco Automation, Quakertown. University ket. These products are Partner: Lehigh Universiessential for life sciences ty. Ben Franklin Invest- Franklin Technology Partment: \$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 companies through its fiveyear grant from the Alterment Program (AEDP) Pennsylvania's AEDP was gy costs, reduce dependduction, and create energyrelated jobs in the state.

Bio-Energy Holdings, Inc., Center Valley, Upper Institute Building Entre-Saucon Township. Ben Franklin Investment: at SSTI's National Conferlize online tools to recruit \$50,000. Goal: Continue ence in Atlanta, compleand train 1,000 event plan- commercializing the patent- menting its second Nationed A-Ceptor, a unit that al Business Incubator of Franklin separates oils and grease the Year Award. announces the following from "gray" restaurant established manufacturer sink effluent before it goes ages the Bloomsburg into underground traps or its Pennsylvania Challenge wastewater treatment sys- ter in Bloomsburg.

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Vitrius Technologies, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County. Ben increase the capacity of dow products that combine ufacturing system. The vations specific to materi-

Since beginning operaing methods. Bosch tion, BFTP-NEP has helped to create 15,479 new jobs for Pennsylvania workers including hydraulic and and to retain 21,459 existing jobs, to start 429 new companies, and to develop 1,127 new products and processes. The Pennsylvania Ben ners 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.

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> BFTP-NEP also man-Regional Technology Cen-

KidsPeace names hospital director

KidsPeace announced that John G. Whitehall Township.

Lees' duties will Supervisor. include overseeing all aspects of the hospital's lor of Arts in Liberal Studoperations including, ies from Westfield State their two young sons staffing, program devel- College and a Masters of reside in Hanover Town opment and quality of Social Work from the Uni-ship.

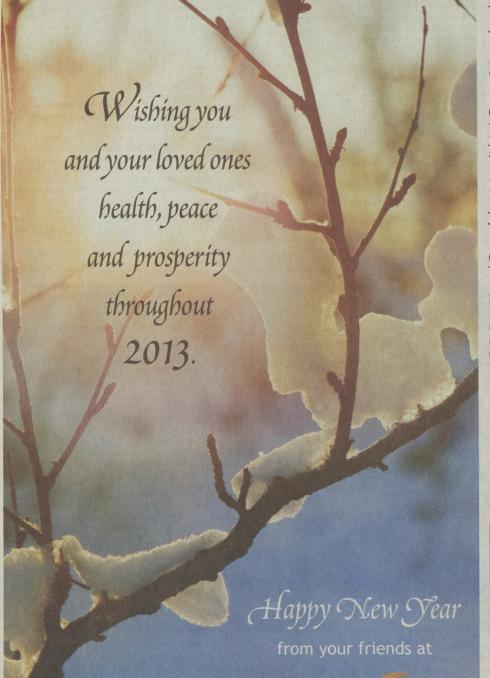
has patient care.

Prior to joining Kid-Lees, LSW, has joined the sPeace, Lees spent nine organization as Execu- years with Magellan tive Director of KidsPeace Health Services, first as a Psychiatric Hospital on Child and Adolescent Care the Orchard Hills Cam- Manager and more recentpus, Orefield, North ly as Child and Adolescent Care Management



John G. Lees

Lees received a Bache- versity of Pennsylvania. He and his wife and



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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 sey Media Group and 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-

NJN Publishing.

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

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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

FDIC LINE

The first male hummer was seen at the kitchen window feeder May 5, which coincidently 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

AIRLINE

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 tak-

ing 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: bbbcole@ enter.net. To schedule programs, hikes and birthday parties, call 610-767-

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By Dave Green

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Departof State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorpo-ration pursuant to the provisions for the Busi-Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. debted to the Decedent to make payments with1444, No. 177), by the following corporation:

The name of the corporation is:

David Thaddeus Tusinski, Executor

Key Binding & Trim, Inc. The Articles of Incorporation were filed on December 10, 2012

Macungie, PA 18062

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of MEDA E. ECKHART, deceased, late

of 204 Railroad Street, Slatington, County of

Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, Letters 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

or to their Attorney: David B. Shulman, Esquire

Slatington, PA 18080

Edward Allen Eckhart

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Northampton, PA 18067

202 Railroad Street

1935 Center Street

and

Administrators: Deborah Y. Strohl 252 Cherry Street

Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE of THADDEUS J. TUSINSKI a/k/a Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie THADDEUS JOHN TUSINSKI, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Aministration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent ness Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of to make known the same, and all persons in-

> David Thaddeus Tusinski, Executor c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062 Michael Ira Stump, Esquire
> 207 East Main Street, Suite 100
>
> Or to his Attorney: Michael Ira Stump, Esquire
> 207 E. Main St., Suite 100

Macungie, PA 18062

Dec. 19, 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, 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

Applicants must appear at the hearing.

Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to

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.

All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Zoning Officer Dec. 26, Jan. 2

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See cryptogram answer on page B8

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PREMIER Crossword WHAT THEY

By Frank A. Longo

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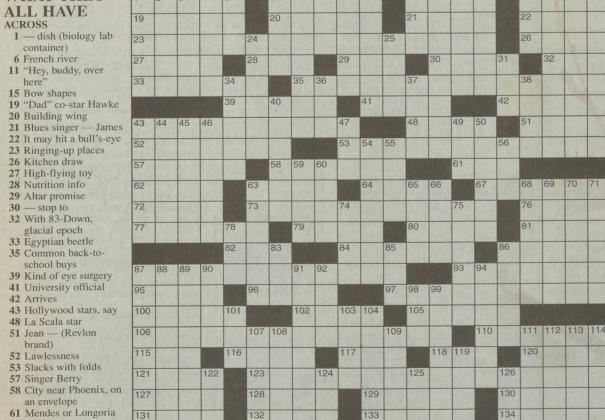
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John P. Civitts Co-Executor Barbara C. Mumbauer, Co-Executor

c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street

Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young,

Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 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. Al 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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal From: Lehigh County Housing Authority 333 Ridge St., Emmaus, Pa. 18049 To/Name: Contractors-General From: Dave DeCarlo; Supt./Contract Administrator
Office Phone # (610)433-2312 Ext. 222 /

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 Catasaugua, 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 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 Meet-

ing 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. 27-110 (p) (1-2) 4 Applicant is requesting a variance 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. Contin-

ued 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 549844443484, 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 num-

ber 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

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

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are availa-

ble 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.

Dec. 26, Jan. 2

MELISSA A. CEASAR, Zoning Officer



Assistance 610-799-1704 Lehigh Carbon



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PUBLIC SALE

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The following schedule of public meetings for calendar year 2013 will be held at the Catasauqua Municipal Complex, 118 Bridge St., Catasauqua, PA:

Council Regular Meeting Planning/Zoning Committee 7:00 PM Recreation Committee 8:00 PM (note time change) Public Safety Committee 7:00 PM 6:30 PM (note time change) Public Works Committee 7:00 PM **Public Utilities Committee** Shade Tree Committee 7:00 PM (alternate months) Zoning Board 7:00 PM (when convened) 6:30 PM (note time change) Planning Commission General Government Committee Council Executive Meeting 7:00 PM**

Budget Sessions - Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19th and 20th 6:00 PM Year-End/Budget Adoption Meeting - Wednesday, December 18th

Civil Service Commission - Code Hearing Board - Board of Health - called as needed

** May Council Executive Meeting - Monday, May 20th July Council Meeting - Monday, July 8th September Council Meeting - Monday, September 9th 7:00 PM 7:00 PM

> **PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION 10**

INVITATION TO BID

Upper Macungie Township Authority, Lower Macungie Township, Alburtis Borough, and Macungie Borough (collectively, "Owners") will jointly receive sealed bids for the rehabilitation of their respective sanitary sewer systems at various locations throughout these municipalities. The work will include approximately 28,600 linear feet of cured-in-place 8-inch and 10-inch main line pipe lining, including 560 lateral and/or drop pipe reinstatements and will also include chimney and/or full-depth manhole resin lining of approximately 380 total vertical feet. Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Friday, February 1, 2013 at the Township of Upper Macungie's Municipal Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania, 18031, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be sealed and marked, and addressed as follows:

L FOR: 2013 SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 1 - CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE LINING & PROPOSAL FOR: PHASE 2 - MANHOLE REHABILITATION CONTRACTS "A-1", "A-2", "B-1", "C-1", "C-2", "D-1", and/or "D-2"

Prospective Bidders have the option to bid on one or both Phases of work, however consideration for award(s) will be based upon the lowest bid price received for each Phase individually. Each of the Owners will enter separate Contracts with the successful Bidder(s), however each Phase will be awarded as a collective whole

Mailed bids must be placed in separate sealed carrier envelopes noted "BID ENCLOSED".

Copies of Drawings, Specifications and Bid Forms may be examined and obtained at the office of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. at 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Wescosville, PA 18106-9797, upon request and non-refundable deposit of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per set.

Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made jointly payable to the Owners in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of the General Conditions. The successful Bidder(s) must individually furnish Performance and Payment Bonds per Contract-each in the amount equal to each of the Contract Amounts and meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of General Conditions-to each respective Owner

A portion of this project is being financed in part by H2O PA grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority. The low-bid prime Contractor(s) must comply with all requirements associated with the conditions of the grant awards

This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

The Owners reserve the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids

An optional pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at the Township of Upper Macungie's Municipal Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania, 18031.

Alburtis Borough Macungie Borough Upper Macungie Lower Macungie Township Township Authority Renea Flexer Sharon Trexler Richard Henderson **Executive Secretary**

Authority Manager Dec. 26, Jan. 2

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Estate of Mary S. Lee, Sewer Authority will be holding Monthly Meetings at 7:30 PM in the CWSA Public Meeting Room, Deceased. Late of the of Allentown, County, PA CWSA Building, 3213 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052 on the dates below Testamentary January 17, 2013 July 18, 2013 on the above Estate February 21, 2013 August 15, 2013 have been granted to the undersigned, who March 21, 2013 September 19, 2013 October 17, 2013 request all persons having claims or de-April 18, 2013 November 21, 2013 June 20 2013 mands against the es-December 19, 2013 tate of the decedent to Dec. 26 make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Stephen S Lee, Executor, c/o Ta-

Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, announces the 2013 public meeting schedule. All meetings are held at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062.

NOTICE that the Board of the Coplay Whitehall

All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. The building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of business conducted at any meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance. Al meetings will include any and all matters that may properly and duly come before the Boards.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm Executive Sessions will be held as needed, generally before or after a regularly scheduled meet-

PLANNING COMMISSION 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm Workshops on 3rd Tuesday of month at 7 pm, as

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD January 2, 2013 at 7 pm; and

Last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm; except the November meeting will be November 20th and the December meeting will be December **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm ZONING HEARING BOARD 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, as needed Agendas advertised, as needed
AUDIT COMMITTEE, BUILDING CODE **BOARD OF APPEALS and HISTORICAL COM-**

MISSION As advertised Renea Flexer

Township Secretary Dec. 26

PUBLIC AUCTION REAL ESTATE 1336 WALNUT DR., DANIELSVILLE, PA 4 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-CAR GARAGE OPEN HOUSE: SUN., DEC. 16 (1-3 PM)

WED., DEC. 19 (3-5 PM) AUCTION: Saturday, January 12 @ 9AM (R/E offered 12 Noon).

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Committee meetings of the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will be held on an as needed basis at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062 as follows:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE, 4th Monday of the month at 4 PM BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1st Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 1st Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, 2nd Thursday of the month at 4 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Whitehall is soliciting Requests for Proposals for: RFP No. 13-01 "CODES INSPECTOR/PLANS EXAMINER FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP". Sealed Proposals will be accepted on or before Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. Proposals will be publicly

opened and read aloud, Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052.

A Pre-Proposal meeting will be held at the Whitehall Township Munici-

pal Building on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Attendance is

The position requires a qualified Code Official, Plans Examiner and Inspector to perform duties pursuant to the PA Uniform Construction Code (Uniform Const. Code) and Whitehall Township Ordinances. Minimum qualifications for this position: Certification from Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry in the following categories: Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Mechanical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Energy Inspector, Building Plans Examiner, Electrical Plans Examiner, Mechanical Plans Examiner, Plumbing Plans Examiner, Energy Plans Examiner, Building Code Official Accessibility Plans Examiner, Accessibility Plans Examiner, Fire Inspector, Fire Inspector, Fire Inspector, Plans Examiner, Plumbing Plans Examiner, Plans Examiner,

Code Official, Accessibility Plans Examiner, Accessibility Inspector, Fire Inspector and certification with the State of Pennsylvania as a third party in-

Contract documents can be obtained at the Municipal Building, 3219

MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052 or call 610-437-5524.

MARY ANN MILLER, CPPO

PUBLIC NOTICE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMP-TON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HAS ADOPTED THEIR 2013 GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL RESERVE, STATE FUND AND RECREATION BUDG-

ETS. THEY ARE ON DISPLAY FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD, BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, 18017.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Resolution 12-25 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION OF THE Township of HANOVER, County of Northamp ton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rates for the year 2013.

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property and within

Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 3.40 mills on each dollar of as-

Tax rate for fire tax purposes, the sum of 0.05 mills on each dollar of as-

Valuation

That any resolution, or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be

and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolu-

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned TOWNSHIP has caused this

Resolution to be signed by a duly authorized officer and its corporate seal,

duly attested by the Board Secretary, to be hereunto affixed this 18th day

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Resolution 12 - 26

A RESOLUTION OF THE Township of Hanover, County of Northampton,

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County

of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that a tax be and the

same is hereby levied on all property transfers and occupation tax within said municipality subject to taxation for the Fiscal Year 2013 as follows:

The latter three taxes to be shared with the Bethlehem Area School District

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned TOWNSHIP has caused this

Resolution to be signed by a duly authorized officer and its corporate seal. duly attested by the Board Secretary, to be hereunto affixed this 18th day

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2013

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Valuation

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Tax Rate for Fire Tax Purposes 0.50 Mills

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sessed valuation or the sum of 34.0 cents on each one hundred dollars of

the said Municipality subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2013as follows:

ALSO, THE TOWNSHIP HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2013: HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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Renea Flexer, Township Secretary Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Catasauqua will hold a meeting:

Monday, January 7, 2013 6:30 P.M. DATE: TIME Catasauqua Municipal Building

118 Bridge Street Catasauqua, PA 18032 PURPOSE: For general business

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Salisbury will hold a public hearing and act on the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (RELATING TO POLICE PENSION PLAN) TO COMPLY WITH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INCLUD-ING PROVISIONS CALCULATING BENEFITS WITH RESPECT TO W-2 COMPENSATION (PLUS EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS) RATHER THAN MONTHLY SALARY, LIMITING RECOGNIZED COMPENSA-TION FOR LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS AT THE TIME OF RETIRE-MENT TO AMOUNTS EARNED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT (BUT ONLY FOR PERSONS HIRED AFTER THE JUNE 29, 2005 ACT 111 ARBITRATION AMAPD). CLARIEVING THE CALCULATION OF SERVICE. AWARD), CLARIFYING THE CALCULATION OF SERVICE, AND, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013, TREATING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PENSION PLAN AS EMPLOYER "PICK UP" CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE § 414(h)(2).

A copy of the full text of the ordinance may be examined at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through

Randy Soriano Township Manager/Secretary

Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AT THEIR JANUARY 14, 2013 PUBLIC MEETING, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CHAPTER V, CODE ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE VIII, UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, AND THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS, APPENDIX "G", SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS, AND ARTICLE IX, ADOPTION THE UNIVERSE CONSTRUCTION CORP. ING THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE OF PENNSYLVANIA, BY REVISING CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR SUCH INSTALLATIONS.

This public hearing will be held in the public meeting room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall PA. The meeting commences at 7:00 p.m. A complete copy of the text of BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All persons inter-of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of North-

The Whitehall Township 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 Patricia A. Sweeney, Executive Secretary, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary accommodations.

Code Sections to be amended:

International Residential Code (2009), Appendix "G", Section AG 105, Barrier Requirements, Subsection 105.2, Outdoor Swimming Pools, sessed valuation or the sum of 5.0 cents on each one hundred dollars of

Subsection 1, which presently reads:

 The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on the top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall

be 4 inches (102 mm). Shall be amended to read:

The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier may be at ground level or mounted on the top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, it shall be a minimum of 24 inches (609.6 mm) in height, and the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the poo structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

(2) Subsection 10, which presently reads:

Where an above-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure and the means of

10.1 The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access; or

10.2 The ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of section AG105.2, Items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch diameter (102mm) sphere.

Shall be amended to read:

Where the barrier for an above ground pool structure is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps:

The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access; or

The ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of section AG105.2, Items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch diameter (102mm) sphere

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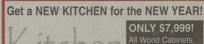
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The 2013 meeting dates for the Borough of Alburtis are as follows: Borough Council: Jan. 9thth and 30th; Feb. 27th; Mar. 13th and 27th; Apr. 10th and 24th; May 8th and 29th; June 12th and 26th; July 10th and 31st; Aug. 14th and 28th; Sept. 11th and 25th; Oct. 9th and 30th; Nov. 13th and 27th; Dec. 11th and 23rd. Borough Council meetings begin at 7:00

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alburtis Park and Recreation Commission - Jan. 21st , April 15th, July 15th

and October 21st at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission - 3rd Tuesday of each month as needed

Highway/Water/Sewer Committees - last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm as needed Policy/Personnel/Public Safety Committees - 3rd Wednesday of each

month as needed

Pension Board - January 30th at 6:45 pm, April 24th at 6:45 pm, July 31st at 6:45 pm and October 30th at 6:45 pm
Alburtis Borough Authority (Water Authority) -April 22nd at 7:00 pm and October 28th at 7:00 pm

Environmental Advisory Council - as needed. Budget - September 4th, October 2nd November 6th and December 4th Zoning Hearing Board - as needed

All meetings are held in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin St., Alburtis, PA. The public is invited to attend.

The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. If you need any reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call 610-966-4777 to make arrangements.

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD JANUARY 09, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPELLANTS HAVE FILED AN APPEAL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, A HEARING TO BE HELD AT 6:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2013 AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 4225 EASTON AVE-NUE, BETHLEHEM, PA 18020. THE MEETING, AMONG OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS THE FOLLOWING ZONING APPEALS:

Appeal #15-2012: Marcus and Nancy Dixon (the "Applicants"), seek a use variance from the Bethlehem Township Codified Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The Applicants seek to conduct a retail beer distributorship at 3801 Nazareth Pike, which real estate exists entirely within the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District which is also impacted by a Commercial Enhancement Overlay District. This proposed use is not permitted, bécause the Zoning Code only permits the use of "Beverage Distributor" within the General Commercial Zoning District. As a result, the Applicants seek to establish a use that is not permitted by right, by conditional use, or by special exception within the zoning district applicable to the subject real estate. The real estate is improved by a stand alone building owned by Patricia A. Fodi, and the real estate maintains Northampton County Tax Assessment Parcel ID # (M7 8 9 0205.)

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

Deborah Roseberry, Zoning Officer
Telephone: (610) 814-6464

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1087
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 405(a) OF CHAPTER 15, TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE PARKING ON ANY PUBLIC

STREET OR ANY PUBLIC AREA OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, TRUCK TRACTOR OR TRAILER; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

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Establishes fines of between \$15 and \$300 for violations.

Establishes a Repealer

Establishes a Severability Clause.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shane M. Pepe

Borough Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** CONDITIONAL USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a public meeting on January 7, 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 conditional use appeal:

INDEX # 1830-12 - National Plastics & Manufacturing, Inc. - 11 McFadden Road, Easton, PA 18045. Location: 1139 Lehigh Avenue, Suite 200, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640824179247, the subject property is located in the I-Industrial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a conditional use pursuant to Sec. 27-81 (D)(1) of the Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the proposed use for the processing of post-industrial (manufacturing) plastic by-product materials, which by-products are comprised of plastic trim, plastic lumps and obsolete plastic finished products. Once processed, the materials are sent to other manufacturers who use them as feedstocks to make products out of the re-processed plastic. Continued to this meeting for the taking of additional testimony.

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 the Township secretary 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 Dec. 19, 26







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PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA The Coplay Borough Council has changed the date of the regularly sched-

uled 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. Sandra A. Gyecsek, Borough Secretary

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

PUBLIC NOTICE **MECHANICS PLUS TOWING AND** TRANSPORT, INC. 4701 Colebrook Ave Emmaus, PA 18049 610-967-3035

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Executor 825 North 19th Street Allentown, PA 18104 or his attorney: Nancy K. Busch.

Esquire 825 North 19th Street Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE Rose T. Deceased. Hetzel. Late of Upper Saucon Twp., Lehigh County, Letters Testamentary on the above have been Estate granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims demands against the estate of the decethe same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to E. Barry Hetzel, Execc/o Alan G. Wandalowski, 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 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 make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Russell Heintzelman 1045 Deer Run Lane Slatington, PA 18080

Carol H. Kanas 104 Second Avenue Walnutport, PA 18088 or to their attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington,

PA 18080. Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9 **PUBLIC NOTICE** Estate of Walter Henry Coles, Jr., Deceased. Late of the City of Lehigh Bethlehem, 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, Jeffrey P. Lowenthal, Esq., 555 City Line Ave., Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. Or to their Atty.: Jeffrey Lowenthal. 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 Tri-

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

Tuesday, 1/8/13 - Board of Auditors meeting,

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 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 Jeffry L. Gilbert, Esquire, 1132 Hamilton St., Suite 201, Allentown, PA 18101. Attorney: Jeffry 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. LEIBEN-SPERGER 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

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 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 Barbara Scheirer 4019 Friedens Road Slatington, PA 18080 or to their Attorney: David B. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN & SHABBICK 1935 Center Street

Northampton, PA 18067

Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9

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

Estate of EDWARD W. IVANKOVITS, deceased, late of 121 S. Fifth Street, Coplay, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, etters 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 with-

Administratrix: MARGARET IVANKOVITS 121 S. Fifth Street Coplay, PA 18037 David B. Shulman, Esquire or to her Attorney: SHULMAN & SHABBICK

Dec. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE Meetings are typically held on Mondays begin-

1935 Center Street

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ning at 12:00 p.m., except as noted below, in the LCA Office, Main Conference Room. Workshop Meetings Board Meetings January 14 February 11 January 28

March 11 April 8 May 13 June 10 July 8 August 12 September 9 October 14

November 11

February 25 March 25 April 22 May 28 (Tues.) June 24 July 22 August 26 September 23 October 28 November 27 (Wed.) December 9

ASA M. HUGHES Chair

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

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