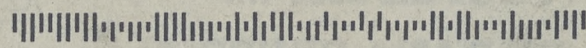




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As the economy sours

Demand for Human Services increases

“At what point do we stop backfilling for the state and federal governments?”

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

According to the 2010 Census, there are 297,735 people in Northampton County. Last year, 23,742 of them, or 8 percent of the county's population, were human services consumers, and that's excluding Gracedale.

At a recent county budget hearing, Human Services Director Ross Marcus outlined a growing demand on human services, which accounts for \$195 million, or 54 percent, of the

county's total budget. In a faltering economy, appeals for help have surged. But the increase comes at a time when the state and federal governments are both reducing services.

With the exception of Veterans' Affairs, whose \$278,000 budget is paid solely by the county, the county's current contribution is 7.1 percent (\$13.5 million) of the cost of numerous human services. But noting the decline in reimbursements, Marcus asks, "At what point do we stop backfilling for

the state and federal governments?"

Aging

Because of various cuts, the county is paying \$600,000 for a program that encourages older adults to remain in the community with some degree of independence. In addition to home delivered meals and counseling, the county provides services at 12 different senior centers; 4,900 people participated in this program in 2010. Marcus predicts that more than 5,000 people

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CITY

Parking trims jobs, ups fees

By **NATE JASTRZEMSKI**
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It was the last meeting of the year, and the city's Parking Authority used to decisively cut spending and earn more money; the former by trimming personnel and the latter by increasing meter fares.

The proposed \$4.5 million budget for 2012 takes into account fewer full-time and part-time positions, increased automation at garages and a new meter cost of \$1 per hour, up 25 cents.

Executive Director Tom Hartley said the city's meters are below average cost of the Lehigh Valley and do not take advantage of high-volume areas, such as downtown. The price increase will speed turnover time and reduce time to find vacant parking spots closer to desirable locations, he said. Meanwhile, parking at local garages will be reduced from \$1 to 75 cents.

Hartley said there was unanimous support from the Downtown Bethlehem Association but some Southside merchants are upset because they have no garage for low-price parking except Riverport. Joe Kelly, city director of community and economic develop-

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THREE GENERATIONS IN THE LIVE NATIVITY

Bethlehem pageant members are preparing for rehearsals at the Rose Garden where the 33rd annual holiday event will be held for the second year.

The fully costumed re-enactment of the historic events surrounding the birth of Christ, complete with camels and horses, will be at the city park at Eighth Street and Union Boulevard – the fourth location in 33 years.

The live pageant will be held Dec 10 and 11 at 2 p.m. Volunteers are being sought to participate in the support cast of the live pageant – costumes will be provided 45 minutes prior to the start of the biblical story.

This year's pageant singers will be the chancel choir from Bethany United Church of Bethlehem. The new group of some 25 costumed performers will participate in the musical prelude at 1:45 p.m and during the hour-long program on Saturday and Sunday.

There is no admission fee. However, goodwill offering donations will be used to offset performance expenses such as costumes and animals, totaling \$7,000, according to pageant president David M. Landis. He said the camels and their handlers, which come from an animal farm in Virginia, cost about \$4,000 for the weekend.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Baby Jesus gets cranky during the recent rehearsal of the live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant at the Rose Garden bandshell. Davin Villani, who joins the cast for the first time at five months, as the Christ child during the Sunday performance Dec. 11, is held by his mother, Linda Villani of Bethlehem and grandmother Lisa Villani, who has been with the pageant since its inaugural year in 1978 at Our Lady of Pompeii Church in South Bethlehem. The newest Villani addition to the pageant cast, creating a three generation family circle, is a little happier below right.



Barbara Penberth, center, of Bethlehem conducts a costume fitting for shepherds Alexandria McConnell and Elaine Fritzinger.



GRIDLOCK

County Council fails to pass a budget

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

Despite a process that began Oct. 1 when Executive John Stoffa proposed a \$331 million budget calling for a 9.3 percent tax increase, Northampton County Council has been unable to produce a budget. Despite at least six budget hearings and a three-hour long meeting, County Council rejected its own amended budget, in a 5 to 4 vote, Dec. 1.

Voting against this budget was Ron Angle, Tom Dietrich, Lamont McClure, Ann McHale and Barb Thierry. The rest of council – John Cusick, Mike Dowd, Peg Ferraro, and Bruce Gilbert – said yes to an amended budget that would have resulted in a 4.6 percent tax hike.

This failure is a sharp departure from last year, when then Council President Angle was able to produce his own budget in late October, which proposed no new taxes and was quickly adopted by council.

It also left Angle sparring with John Cusick, the current council president.

"It was your job to produce a budget," Angle said, proposing that a new millage rate ordinance be tabled because of "our malfeasance."

For his part, a visibly upset Cusick had his gripes too.

"There were some people who voted 'no' and proposed no amendments," he said, a pointed reference to Angle, McClure and Thierry, who proposed no amendments and still voted no.

"Just one more meeting with Angle," Cusick said in the hallway, after it was over. Under the Home Rule Charter, if council fails to adopt a budget by Dec. 16, the budget proposed by Stoffa, calling for a 9.3 percent tax hike, will become law.

Council will have one more chance to adopt an amended budget when it meets again Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.



"It was your job to produce a budget," Ron Angle said to Council President John Cusick.



PRESS FILE PHOTOS

"Just one more meeting with Angle," Council President John Cusick said after the meeting.

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BY DANA GRUBB

What do you think makes Bethlehem's historic Main Street a popular destination?

"We like brunch with Santa at the Hotel Bethlehem."

Kaitlyn and Kristina Melegari
Lower Saucon Township



"All of the quaint shops with something for everyone."
Isabel Geier
Bethlehem



"We love to come to the Moravian Book Shop, the shopping, and the feel of the town."
Cindy Rose
Lambertville, N.J.



"The unique shops, the beautiful Hotel Bethlehem, and the sight of the beautiful Star of Bethlehem on South Mountain."
Ginny Beck
Massepequa Park, N.Y.



"I actually appreciate the historical ambience of the Moravians and the heritage that you find in many of the shops. It makes it unique."
Tricia Williams
Farmingdale, N.Y.



"It's a great place to go because people take pride in the storefronts and stores, the decorations, and it's a great way to start the holidays. My girlfriends and I may just make this a tradition."
Chris Cahill Easton



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Surrounded by newly illuminated ethnic Christmas trees, Mayor John Callahan and his young assistants sing holiday carols in the lobby of the Comfort Suites. The three children who assisted the mayor in the countdown to the lighting of the decorated trees from various cultures were: Bernadette Lloyd, left, and Helen and Gerard Behe of Lower Saucon Township. The free display is open daily during the holiday season in the South Bethlehem hotel.

The wonder of Christmas



The Christmas in Ireland tree at the Southside ethnic tree display in the lobby of the Comfort Suites attracts the attention of Joe Templeton and his son Joseph during the opening program Nov. 27. Templeton, who is of Irish descent and lives in Bethlehem, said they came to see the lighting of the dozen international Christmas trees.



Youngster Gianni Hahalis of Bethlehem gazes up at the lighted star atop the international Christmas tree decorated by the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.



Christmas in South Bethlehem musical program spectators Aaliyah Womer and her grandmother Ida Womer of Bethlehem watch the performances. First grader Aaliyah had played earlier as a bell ringer in the Holy Infancy String Ensemble.



Advent Moravian Church Bell Choir members Hallbauer and Steve Salvesen were part of the 20th annual ethnic Christmas program. South Bethlehem Historical Society President Dana Grubb led the anniversary celebration as the master of ceremonies.

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Thursday, December 8

Bethlehem City Water Authority, 3 p.m. 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.
Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, December 12

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 and 11:15 a.m. 2344 Center St.
City of Bethlehem fourth budget hearing meeting, 7 p.m. 10 W. Church St.
BASD Regular Board, 7 p.m. East Hills Middle School Auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.
Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
Northampton Co. Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority meeting, 5:30 p.m. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Tuesday, December 13

Hellertown Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Wednesday, December 14

Bethlehem Zoning Hearing, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St. (note date change)
Lehigh Co. Board of Commissioners meeting, 7:30 p.m. public hearing room, Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center and Goundie House exhibit, Kill or Cure, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.
Bethlehem: The Christmas City film. Various times. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300.

Wednesday, December 7

Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 4 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 3 to 6 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.

Thursday, December 8

Central Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz, 73 W. Church St., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 610-866-5661.
Christkindmarkt, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. PNC Plaza, 645 E. First St. Call 610-332-1300.
Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 3 to 6 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.
Historic Bethlehem's Smithy (historic blacksmith), 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 425 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Moravian Museum of Bethlehem exhibit and period decorations, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 66 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055.
Kemmerer Museum of Bethlehem exhibit, Elizabeth Johnston Prime dollhouse collection and Victorian Christmas decorations, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 427 N. New St. Call 610-691-6055.
Moravian Museum of Bethlehem exhibit and period decorations, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 66 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055.
Central Moravian Church, "An Old Fashioned Moravian Christmas," 2 p.m. 73 W. Church St. Call 610-866-5661.
Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 3, 4 and (lantern led) 6 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Historic Bethlehem 15-minute horse-drawn carriage rides, 4 to 10 p.m. Call 610-691-6055.
Bethlehem bus tour with costumed guide; 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Visitor Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Friday, December 9

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East Hills Moravian Church Putz, 6 to 8 p.m. 1830 Butztown Road. Call 610-868-6481.
Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 6 to 8 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.
Living Tree choir's "The Glory of Christmas", 7 p.m. Calvary Wesleyan Church, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave. Call 610-866-1388.
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Serving others on Thanksgiving



PRESS PHOTO BY MARY ELEN KOLLMAN

Seventeen-year volunteer Carol Kistler of Bethlehem washes dishes at Trinity Episcopal Church's annual Thanksgiving dinner. The Rev. Elizabeth Miller, who is the deacon in charge of the soup kitchen, was the coordinator of the ecumenical effort. This is the 30th anniversary of the five days a week, 52 weeks a year soup kitchen at the 44 E. Market St. church.

CITY

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 ment, said while a new Southside garage is a priority, people can easily park for free in lots down the Greenway.
 Hartley said, "You want to park for free? You have to hoof it."
 Authority Board Chairman Joe Hoffmeier recognized not everyone will

be happy. He asked rhetorically, "Is there ever a perfect system?"
 Meanwhile Hartley said meter revenue is up, and he would like the new smart meters - which allow for credit card payments and reset automatically when a cars leave - to be installed at 400 primarily downtown spots. He said the DBA has worked hard to help edu-

cate the community and business owners on the ease and flexibility of the new machines. "They've been a great collaborative partner."
 Hartley explained in a follow-up interview the deputy director, marketing manager and tow truck supervisor have been removed, and eight part-time garage booth attendants will be laid off at

the end of the year. The attendants' work will be assumed by new automated monitoring stations. "Sometimes you have to do more with less," Hartley said. "It's one of the realities of the economic times. It's difficult." He said salary reductions will save about \$433,000. The budget needs only mayoral approval for acceptance.

DEMAND

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 will be getting assistance by this year's end. Yet more than \$400,000 in programs have been cut.
 In addition to Meals on Wheels and senior centers, the county provides "older adult protective services" to senior victims of predatory behavior. Marcus noted a disturbing trend in which "people are exploiting the frail elderly for their resources."
 In 2008, there were 66 requests for older adult protective services. In 2010, that number had skyrocketed to 129, and this year's numbers are about the same.
 County council member Ron Angle noted that \$90,000 is spent to house

someone in a nursing home when many of them could get by in their own homes with just another \$1,500-1,600 per month.
 "We have lost our way as a system," responded Marcus.
Children, Youth & Families
 What could be more important than protecting our most precious asset, our children, from abuse and neglect? Marcus wants \$4 million for this program next year, some of it to make up for state and federal cuts.
 "I'm just asking for one year," he pleaded, as counties work with the state to increase reimbursements.
 Currently, 212 Northampton County children are in placement. The high this year was

256.
 In 2010, there CYF investigated 420 allegations of child abuse. This year, there will be a 10 percent increase. After the Penn State scandal, there were 12 reports of child sexual abuse over the Veterans Day holiday.
 There were 2,043 requests for child protective services of one form or another in 2010. Marcus predicts a 50 percent increase this year.
Developmental Programs
 This program assists between 900-1,000 families with children who experience significant delays in one or more areas of development. The county will kick in \$906,300 this year, thanks in large part to declining reimbursements. Coun-

cil President John Cusick told Marcus he "will not substitute local dollars to replace cuts made by the state," adding that Lehigh and other counties are eliminating this program. But Marcus responded that the lower reimbursement rate is currently under appeal.
Mental Health
 Allentown State Hospital closed its doors last year, except for a small acute care unit caring for six Northampton County residents. According to Marcus, these former state hospital patients "seem to enjoy their new setting" in group homes.
 In 2009, 575 people were involuntarily committed, and that number is expected to remain about the same this year.

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 He is wonderful in His birth! He was virgin born, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). He had only one earthly parent. The Holy Spirit brought about the miraculous birth of the Son of God. The supernatural events surrounding His birth—angels announcing His birth, wise men led by a star to come and worship Him, etc.—witness that He is wonderful!
 He is wonderful in His person! Isaiah described Him as "The mighty God" (Isaiah 9:6). He is God incarnate, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). He is the Creator! "All things were made by him" (John 1:3). In Revelation 19:16 He is revealed as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS!"
 He is wonderful in His life! Acts 10:38 tells us that He "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." He saved the sinner. He "knew no sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 He is wonderful in His death! All of the Old Testament sacrifices pointed to the wonderful work that He did on Calvary as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).
 He is wonderful in His resurrection! No other can make His claim, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:18).
 He remains wonderful yet today! "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Do you know Him?

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STATE POLICE

Theft

Colonial Regional Police responded to a reported theft in a Hanover Township industrial park around 12:20 a.m. Nov. 26.

According to police, two men were observed at the rear of a business on Schelden Circle working on a cooling unit being stored outdoors. When officers arrived the men fled on foot or hid, but were soon apprehended.

Dywayne Chess, 29, of Mansfield Court in Bethlehem, and Shaw Mohamed, 28, of Susquehanna Street in Allentown, were allegedly attempting to dismantle the machine to remove copper parts for scrap sale. They are charged with criminal attempt to commit theft, conspiracy to commit theft and possession of instruments of crime. Each man was committed to Northampton County Prison under \$8,000 bail.

**1.5 mil tax increase adopted
Third raise in as many years**

By ZACH LINDSEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill's 2012 budget includes a tax increase of 1.5 mills, the third tax increase in as many years. It was adopted Dec. 5. Currently, residents pay 14 mills. The average home in Fountain Hill was worth \$145,862 in 2009, according to City-Data.com. With the millage increase, the average homeowner will pay \$2,260.86 in property taxes to the borough. The increase is not because of a budget increase, but, rather, a weakened economy and trickling revenue streams.

The 2012 budget is \$2.2 million, compared with a \$2.4 million budget in 2011. "The 2012 budget preparation has been challenging, as was last year's, in that we are addressing

a deficit of \$261,000 in the general fund," Borough Executive Administrator Rick Prill said at an earlier meeting. At least one member of the council was strongly opposed to any tax hike. The hike will happen, according to Councilwoman Helen Halleman, but "not with my vote. There's no way out," Halleman said. "We're still in a deficit even [raising taxes], so I'm prepared to give them a little talk before I cast my vote, because I really don't think we should be raising the millage."

The tax increase does not sit well with other members of council either, even those who believe it is a necessity. "We on council, we're going to pay the increased

taxes," said Councilwoman Carolee Gifford. "It's not something that we want to do, either, so it affects each one of us very directly."

But there is no other choice, Gifford said. The Finance Committee reviewed a number of options, some as "absurd," in Gifford's words, as "only using half our streetlights." While that idea may not have been considered too deeply, Gifford said, it shows the lengths the committee went to in an effort to avoid another tax increase. Halleman's concern is that an increase in taxes may be exploited by the borough government, instead of used as a way of making up for declining revenue. "I'm afraid

they're going to abuse that increase in the millage, and we'll be in the same fix next year," Halleman said. If the tax increase is approved, it will be the third in as many years, but before that, the borough went nearly 10 years without a tax increase. At the time, "that was awesome," Gifford said. "But, had we had smaller incremental increases, very small, we wouldn't have been facing the same situation we have now." Rising fuel and utilities costs left council faced with two choices: raise taxes or reduce service, according to Gifford. "This ... will prevent layoffs," Gifford said. "If we had to cut services, our residents would really feel that in quality of life." But Halleman said lay-

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AREA POLICE Assault

Police arrested 26-year-old Marvin Scille while investigating a domestic disturbance around 1 a.m. Nov. 25.

According to police, officers spoke with Scille at the reported location in the 100 block of East Third Street and discovered he was wanted on an open Lehigh County warrant for probation violations. When they attempted to take him into custody, Scille fought them and had to be Tasered.

Scille is charged with escape, resisting arrest and aggravated assault. He was committed to Northampton County Prison on \$25,000 bail.

Robbery

Police responded to a reported robbery in an Itaska Street residence around 6:40 p.m. Nov. 26.

According to police, a young man and woman, 23 and 20 respectively, were at home when three black males knocked on the door. They rushed in when the door was opened and forced the victims to lie on the floor, where their hands were tied behind their backs with duct tape.

Police said the men took a necklace and approximately \$300 in cash, and fled in a green 2003 Honda Accord.

DUI

Colonial Regional Police arrested a Bethlehem resident after observing his erratic driving through Hanover Township around 2:30 a.m. Oct. 29.

According to police, Moses Williams Jr., 31, of Copenhagen Square, was driving his Hyundai Sonata north on Schoenersville Road when officers observed him.

Suspicious, police pulled Williams over and conducted field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was transported to Bethlehem DUI Center for further testing and is charged with DUI and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Borough stays afloat, no tax increase

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Freemansburg Borough Council adopted the 2008 Act 32 earned income tax law at the Nov. 21 council meeting, and stressed the importance of residents remembering they live in Freemansburg.

Borough Manager Judith Danko said all citizens must confirm their resident status with their employers so withdrawn taxes come to the borough and not Bethlehem. She said it's imperative employers know the Political Subdivision (PSD) code for Freemansburg

to avoid mistaking addresses in the borough and city. The borough PSD - 480204 - was included in a recent newsletter.

Danko and mayor Gerald Yob said while employers are responsible for sending tax money to the correct destination, individuals are responsible for employers having the correct PSD.

Later, Danko announced after a hard year of cuts and playing catch-up, with some difficult and responsible decisions made throughout the borough, a preliminary

2012 budget is available - and it is balanced and without a tax increase. "We're holding to the 2011 budget and we've cut the 2011 budget," she said. "If we could collect some of the money due us we would be in really good shape next year."

Council member Rudy Gallich said, "Being on the finance committee, I thank everybody for tightening their belts."

The budget, totaling almost \$1.2 million, was adopted at the Dec. 5 council meeting.

Danko said borough employees worked very hard and were requesting some additional holidays next year; days other municipalities already have, such as Christmas Eve and Veterans Day. Council President Homer "Bud" Lorrach said council will review the request after Danko polls employees' choices.

Despite the importance of all the money talk, a truly momentous and drastic decision was made that evening. A vote was made which will alter the way council runs its affairs for the coming year

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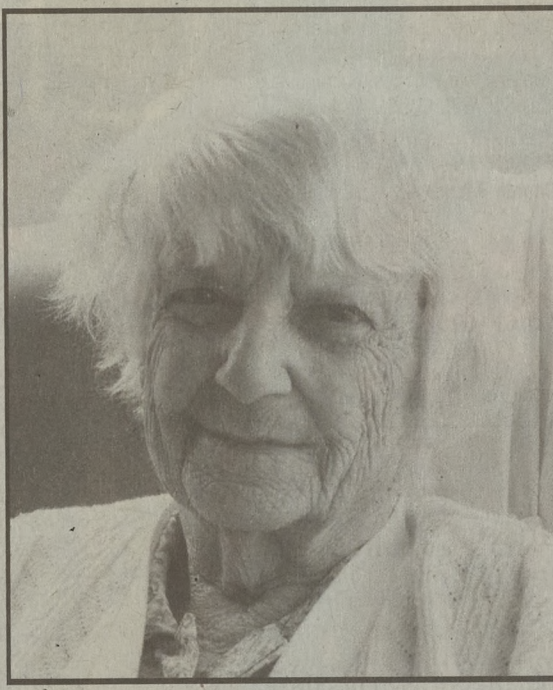
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BAPL

Holiday party set for Dec. 7

There will be a children's party at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Southside Branch, 400 Webster St. Tree-decorating, songs, crafts, stories and games and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on the agenda. Each child will receive a gift. Registration is required. Program is limited to children residing in Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Fountain Hill, Freemansburg, Hanover Township (Northampton County) and Lower Saucon. Register online at www.bapl.org or call 610-867-7582.



Christmas City Seal available

By **TIM GILMAN**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The 47th Christmas City Seal made its debut at Bethlehem's tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 25.

The non-postage stamp features a winter scene of the historic area along the Monocacy Creek by Sergei Yaralov, who has a gallery on Main Street in downtown Bethlehem.

The Citizens Christmas City Committee selected the oil painting in

recognition of the 250th anniversary of the restored 1761 Tannery, a historic attraction operated by the Historic Bethlehem Partnership.

Bethlehem's Christmas City Seal has been a unique tradition since 1964, when the Citizens Christmas City Committee was established. The holiday stamp donations help promote the Christmas City USA and fund citywide holiday lights and decorations.

The seals have been mailed by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to a list of Bethlehem area residents. The collectible stamps are also available at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, the HBP Visitors Center, and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce offices at 561 Main St. suite 200 in downtown Bethlehem.

Artists are invited to submit artwork for next year's Christmas City Seal. The committee has

selected the Christmas Putz at Central Moravian Church as the 2012 stamp theme.

The miniature display of the re-telling of the story of Christ's will be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year as Bethlehem's first and oldest putz.

The putz is open weekly Thursday to Sunday through New Year's in the lower level of the Christian Education Building off Church Street.

BRIEFLY

CONCERT

Choirs performing Dec. 10 and 11

The First Presbyterian Church of Allentown will host the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, under the musical direction of Greg Funfgeld, for "Cantatas and Carols" 8 p.m. Dec. 10.

For tickets, call 610-866-4382 ext. 15.

The choirs of First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman St., South Whitehall Township, will offer a Christmas Joy concert 4 p.m. Dec. 11.

RED CROSS

Assisted fire victims

The American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley was called recently to provide emergency assistance to a family displaced by a fire at their apartment at 1212 Linden St., Bethlehem. The Red Cross provided lodging, meals and toiletries for a family of two adults and two children.

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Gracedale receives \$2.75 million to balance its budget

By CAROL SMITH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County's Gracedale Nursing Home will receive an additional \$2.75 million to balance its 2011 budget. By a 7-2 vote Nov. 17, county council approved covering the shortfall in Gracedale's budget as part of coun-

cil's budget revision process.

For the second half of the year, the county contribution to Gracedale had not been calculated, in the event that Gracedale would be sold and privatized. In May, however, a voter referendum prevented Gracedale's sale. In

September, a management company was hired to improve Gracedale's financial situation. A preliminary report to council's Human Services Committee by Premier Healthcare Resources recommended ways to enhance revenue and reduce costs at Gracedale.

Prémier's report impressed council President John Cusick enough to allow him to support the additional money.

"I am hopeful that things will turn around," he said in approving the budget revision amend-

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BUDGET

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offs, while unpopular, might be better and more responsible than passing on a tax increase to citizens. "Something has got to give here," Halleman said. "They're not in favor of laying anyone off, but that's part of our job being elected - we have to make

some responsible decisions." Besides layoffs, Halleman recommended searching for savings in the police department and health insurance. She also led an effort to postpone construction of Sioux Street until 2013, she said. "If I managed my home the way they managed the borough, I'd be homeless," Halleman said. Prill

and the finance committee, led by Councilman Doug Trotter, recommend other actions to address the deficit besides the tax increase, including budget reductions and a reallocation of costs in the general fund, sewer fund and health and sanitation funds. But some of those measures could prove unpopular with members

of the police and public works associations, and will require negotiations, according to Prill. "Some of these budget reductions will only be achieved if we can secure some concessions through our contract negotiations with the police and public works associations," Prill said.

BOROUGH

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and yet change nothing at all.

They will now hold meetings on Tuesdays.

Danko requested a change of regular meetings from Monday to Tuesday nights so she can attend her youngest son's upcoming high school foot-

ball games. Gallich gnashed his teeth defiantly but then relented with a laugh. Nobody on council had any objection, and some even welcomed the change (Donald Lasso will be able to attend fire department meetings; Justin "Peanuts" Labar will enjoy Monday Night Football).

Council members thanked Danko for all her

hard work. "I drive by nine, 10 o'clock at night and see the office lights on," said Gallich.

Lorrah quipped, "They're on a timer."

After the room recovered from laughter, Danko thanked council profusely and said he was honored to work with them this year.

Danko also wants to remind residents they will

still be permitted to use the Bethlehem Area Public Library next year. As the borough is no longer a member of the library system, residents will not be permitted to withdraw items, but they have every right to use the public facility.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at Borough Hall, 600 Monroe St.

BRIEFLY

BASD

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The person selected to fill the vacancy shall serve until the term ends the first Monday in December 2013. Only submissions complete with all the requested documents will be considered and must be submitted by noon Dec. 8, 2011.

For more information, contact Stacy Gober at 610-861-0500 ext. 60201.

LVH

Holiday show set for Dec. 10

The first Lehigh Valley Harmonizers holiday show is set for 2 p.m. Dec. 10. The event will be held at Foy Hall, Moravian College south campus, Church and Spring streets.

Local groups performing in "Holiday Harmonies" include "Bel Canto Dalle Stelle" of Northampton Community College, the "Treble Makers" from Northern Lehigh High School and the William Allen Chorale.

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Zoning testimony continues

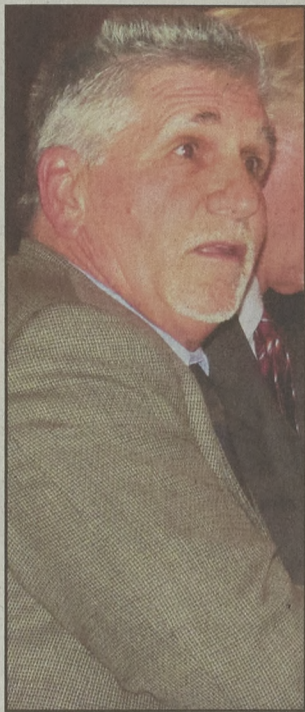
Atiyah rehab center supporters face numerous questioners

By BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

As locomotives belated their lonely greetings on a cold and rainy night, nearly 50 people crammed into Bethlehem Town Hall Nov. 29 for the third hearing on Abe Atiyah's request for a 70-bed voluntary inpatient substance abuse center...

Although this proposed rehab center is permitted as a special exception under Bethlehem's zoning ordinance, it borders a Bethlehem Catholic High School baseball diamond, is only a block away from the Bernie Fritztz playground...

To mollify security concerns, Atiyah Attorney Blake Marles called Malvern's chief of security, Tim Hubbard, who testified that the precautions planned at 111 Dewberry, from 24/7 security per-



Malvern CEO Joe Curran describes the face of addiction.

sonnel to fencing, are "above and beyond" what already exists at Malvern.

Hubbard told zoners he'd be comfortable with his own children attending a high school this close to a residential treatment center. But in response to cross-examination by City Council Solicitor Chris Spadoni, Hubbard conceded he played no role in creating security plans for the Dewberry facility,

although he did review them.

Monique Sexton, director of marketing at Malvern, told zoners there is a "huge need" for this kind of facility in the Lehigh Valley, which has no similar kind of rehab facility. But Bethlehem Catholic Attorney Jay Leeson said the Lehigh Valley's need is irrelevant, and the only need that should be considered under Bethlehem's zoning ordinance is the need within Bethlehem itself.

Malvern CEO Joe Curran described the typical patient as the same as everyone else. "Addicts come in all colors, sizes, ages, professions," he said, adding that a stigma exists because people are afraid. He pointed to movies like "Reefer Madness," designed to scare people into thinking that addicts will "rape, pillage, murder and kill."

Under intense cross-examination by North Bethlehem Action Com-

mittee Attorney Steven N. Goudsouzian, Curran conceded there were inconsistencies between his own descriptions of addicts and those which appear on Malvern's own web page. Curran also admitted that at least 50 percent of his clients suffer relapses and that he does no criminal record or Megan Law checks for prospective patients.

Curran was also grilled by Kristine Borges about a bed bug infestation at Malvern, resulting in three citations from the Department of Health. "I know more about them than I ever wanted to learn," Curran said, noting that he had to purchase special equipment, change exterminators three times, bring in specially trained dogs and undergo special heat treatments. Noting that bed bugs can even be found in five-star hotels, Curran testified that the issue was confined to Malvern Institute and presented no danger to the community.

"I am so happy that we are free of them," he said, as audience members and zoners began scratching themselves.

Testimony will resume at 4 p.m. Dec. 19, at Town Hall.

BRIEFLY

OCCUPY Fundraiser set for Dec. 8

There will be a fundraiser for OCCUPY Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St. There will be poetry, blues and jams.

OCCUPY protests social and economic inequality, corporate greed and the influence of corporate money and lobbyists on government. Donations are suggested, either financial or of items such as bottled water, blankets and LED lights.

BOSCOLA Rebate deadline now Dec. 31

State Senator Lisa M. Boscola announced that the Commonwealth has extended the deadline for the state's Property Tax and Rent Rebate program from June 30 to Dec. 31, 2011. Senior citizens, widows and widowers over the age of 50, and permanently disabled individuals over the age of 18 who qualify should apply for the program.

The Property Tax and Rent Rebate program provides a rebate of up to \$650 on the combined amount of a senior's real estate property taxes for the school district, county and local municipality paid in 2010. Seniors who rent an apartment may qualify for rental rebates of up to \$500. Rebate amounts are based on a sliding scale dependent on the annual household income.

A homeowner's combined household income in 2010 cannot exceed \$35,000. Only half of an applicant's Social Security income is included in that limit. Applicants must be 65 or older, or must be permanently disabled over the age of 18, or must be a widow or widower over the age of 50.

For information and assistance, call the office at 610-868-8667.

GRACEDALE

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County council's total contribution to Gracedale's 2011 budget is now \$6.3 million. For the 2012 budget, county council is considering a \$5.5 million contribution

to support Gracedale's budget in light of the management company's preliminary analysis. Premier's recommended changes are expected to save the county about \$1 million next year.

Councilman Ron Angle and Councilwoman Barbara Thierry opposed moving money from the

county's general fund to cover the additional expense. With the county facing a \$24 million "swaption" payout in August 2012 and other budget reserve requirements, Angle said this leaves \$8.5 million in unassigned money to cover any emergency the county may face in the com-

ing year. The county's 2012 budget is expected to total about \$300 million with a 9 percent tax increase.

Northampton County Council's next meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 8 at Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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The importance of unconditional love

Linny Fowler honored for her record of strong leadership and commitment to the community

By PAT KESLING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Marlene "Linny" Fowler of Bethlehem has a response to people who sometimes tell her she needs to be focused in a few defined ways on her charitable giving: "I am focused. I mainly want to help families and children at risk, especially in the Hispanic community," she said.

"For 40 years, as a young mother of three small children, her focus started in forming a nursery school for children from all backgrounds," said Bethlehem resident Kathy Calabrese, director of the Child Care Center at Lehigh University. "To this day, Linny continues her heartfelt generosity to the improvement of her fellow man, be it a child in need or offering families educational and artistic outlets.

"I have seen how focused she is. She has dedicated herself to providing aid to Hispanic students and others in need wishing to attend college. I doubt there is anyone in the Lehigh Valley who has provided college aid to the extent Linny has. And, the children she has helped over

the years achieved great things. She is truly amazing," Calabrese said.

For her lifelong goal of providing educational, art and recreational support, as well as basic needs for youth, she was honored by the Easton Area Community Center, previously known as St. Anthony's Youth Center, Nov. 5, at Northampton Country Club.

Lee Griffo, event chairman, said, "Linny Fowler's record of strong leadership and her commitment to the community reflects the Easton Area Community Center's mission of education and service. She has distinguished herself through her actions, not just her words, and she is an admirable role model for all of us."

Fowler said, "My mother taught us we are blessed to be blessed and we need to help to see that others are blessed. I hope that will be my legacy."

Her father, Harold Oberkotter, was instrumental in creating the company UPS.

"My father started in business by pedaling a bicycle, delivering for Red Arrow Messenger Service, which became UPS."

She said her parents were very giving people who taught her the importance of unconditional love and the need for all people to feel it in their lives.

She said that many of the groups she supports, like Easton Area Community Center, help to keep at-risk kids off the streets after school, giving them a safe place to be, play and learn, giving them positive choices.

Quoting former Lehigh University President Peter Likens, she said, "Every child is at risk."

Easton Mayor Sal Panto said to a crowd of 200 people, "Linny has been an active patron, board member and philanthropist for over 40 years to numerous nonprofit organizations, offering time, value, talent and resources. No one in the Lehigh Valley has made a greater impact in introducing children to the arts."

Fowler explained that children who attend many of the programs she funds might otherwise never have an introduction to arts, science, storytelling and history. For example, she funds "Will Power," age-appropriate storytelling about Shake-



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Surrounded by family and friends, "active patron, board member and philanthropist for over 30 years to numerous nonprofit organizations," Marlene Fowler of Bethlehem was recognized by the Easton Area Community Center at its Harvest Gala Dinner Dance and auction Nov. 5 at the Northampton Country Club. Seated next to "Linny" Fowler is Kathy Calabrese and standing are Tony Calabrese, Judy and Bruce Waldman, and husband Beall Fowler.

speare's works in local classrooms. With her husband, Dr. Beall Fowler, she offers "Free Sundays" at the Allentown Art Museum. Attendance has increased by those who might not otherwise be able to enjoy the museum's treasures.

Fowler has served on more than 20 boards, has received nearly 50 awards for her charitable giving to organizations including

Head Start; the Valley Youth House; ArtsQuest through the Banana Factory, Musikfest and Steel Stacks; The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley; Scouting; the Allentown Symphony Orchestra; The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival; the Northampton Community College's South Side Fowler Center and myriad others. She was honored by former Pennsyl-

vania Governor Ed Rendell as a "generous community volunteer, humanitarian and artist." And she has received honorary degrees from Lehigh University and DeSales University.

Funds raised from the dinner, program and auction will all benefit the operation of the Easton Area Community Center.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Jody Chickey, left, is one of the key returning players for the Liberty Hurricanes girls basketball team this season.

Liberty girls looking strong

By KATIE MCDONALD
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The Liberty Hurricanes will return to the hardwood on Saturday with six returners, four of whom are seniors.

Jody Chickey (point guard), JJ Hilliard (guard), CJ Hilliard (guard), and Shay Lewis (guard) played valuable minutes last year, in addition to sophomores, Kali Shumock (guard) and Maggie Zerbe (forward).

"I believe we have the potential to be a very strong team this season. I am counting on [the seniors'] leadership and experience to make us very competitive this season," said Liberty coach Amy Yenko.

Notable newcomers include sophomores Amanda Pinter at forward and Gabby Pastor at

guard.

"Practice has been going well, it has been competitive, and everyone is working hard to get better individually and as a team," Yenko said.

Yenko sees the Hurricanes' strengths as being quickness, and the ability to get up and down the floor in transition. Yenko also believes there will always be room for improvement, so each day, the Hurricanes work on the style of basketball they want to play.

"The league is going to be interesting this year. On any given night, any team can beat any team," said Yenko.

Liberty's first opponent will be Allentown Central Catholic at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday as part of the annual Yasso Tournament.

Former Patriot DeAnna Rayam takes over the helm

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Under the new leadership of DeAnna Rayam, the Freedom Patriots girls' basketball team will roster 12-plus varsity players, including key returners, Leana Gonzalez, Ashley Gordon, Ada Marquez, and Sydney Brown.

"It's going well. We had our first scrimmage, and they did okay. They still have to work on working together," said Rayam.

So far, Rayam sees the Patriots' strength as being its defense.

"The girls need to learn confidence. I'd rather they try, than not do it at all," Rayam said. "We're trying to teach them how to push the ball, and we're working on things with the big girls."

Assisting Rayam is James Mazurowski, Alyssa Antolick, and Melanie Villano.

"Maz is just smart and knows so much. He's been

coaching for awhile. Alyssa works with the big girls, and Mel works with the point guards," said Rayam.

For Freedom's first-year head coach, the preseason has been a learning experience.

"The girls are great. They come to everything I ask: weight lifting, speed and agility camp. We run a lot. For every missed lay-up, they do a suicide," Rayam said.

"We are getting the girls focused."



Leana Gonzalez, right, is one of the key players back for the Pates.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Pate boys coming off very strong offseason

By PETER CAR
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There are expectations. There is hype. There is excitement at Freedom for the upcoming boys' basketball season, but if there's one man who isn't so enthusiastic, it's head coach Joe Stellato.

Stellato certainly knows that this year's team has talent, but he also knows they haven't won anything yet following last year's 8-14 campaign.

Sure, Freedom had success over the summer, reaching the semifinals of the Stellar tournament and then winning the

SportsFest tourney, but Stellato knows that success in July doesn't translate into success in the winter.

"Summer really doesn't mean anything," said the 13th year head coach of the program. "We haven't done anything yet. Last year we didn't do anything and these are mostly the same guys playing."

"These guys are hearing how good they are from everyone, but I have to be that leveling force to remind them that they haven't done anything yet."

Despite Stellato's concerns about his team thinking too much of

themselves, Freedom is grouped in the 'big four' of the elite teams entering this LVC season.

Easton, Emmaus and Central Catholic also figure to battle for the league crown, but the athleticism the Patriots carry this year could give them an edge over everyone.

Senior shooting guard Joe Lococo returns as one of the best shooters in the conference and he'll be joined by fellow seniors Jordan Young (point guard) and Jarrod Dilts (guard) in the starting rotation.

Juniors Derike Chiclana (center) and Nyreef See **FHS boys** on Page A12



Jarrod Dilts is hoping Freedom's boys basketball team can continue a successful offseason.

Liberty looks for new identity

By PETER CAR
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Liberty head coach Chad Landis isn't afraid to call this basketball season a rebuilding phase for the Hurricane program.

Entering his fourth year at the helm, Landis and Liberty begin a new chapter without the services of the departed Darrun Hilliard.

With Hilliard continuing his basketball exploits at Villanova, Liberty is now looking to find a new identity.

"I guess you can say it's going to be my first year of reality," said Landis about having to coach a team without Hilliard on it. "It's obviously going to be an

adjustment, along with losing the five seniors from last year's team.

"This is going to be a complete rebuilding year. We have to start from the beginning and see who can do what for us now."

Liberty returns two players with varsity experience as juniors Greg Noack (center) and Pat Donnelly (guard) will be looked upon to shoulder leadership roles.

The rest of the five-man rotation may be filled out with juniors Chevon Williams (point guard) and Joel Torres (guard), along with sophomore K.J. Williams (forward).

Liberty also returns four seniors in Devon Jones (guard), Justin Fenner (guard), Erik Carlstrom

(center) and Josh Lemos (guard).

With so much uncertainty and inexperience with this year's group, Landis is looking for players to step up to claim their minutes on the floor.

"I feel like we have a thousand questions to answer," he said. "Each of the last three years, we knew what kind of team we were going to be with Darrun out there on the floor. Now, we're at the point of figuring things out and learning about these guys."

"We want to play our best in January once these guys have experience under their belts, but we can't afford to start off on the wrong foot."

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LHS GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

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Dec. 9

• Wrestling at Iron Man Tourney, Ohio, 1

Dec. 10

• Wrestling at Iron Man Tourney, Ohio, 10

• Girls vs. Nazareth, Yasso event, 5:30

• Boys vs. Nazareth, Yasso event, 7

Dec. 13

• Boys at Pottstown, 7

• Girls vs. Moravian Academy, 7

FREEDOM

Dec. 10

• Wrestling at Quaker town Duals, 7 a.m.

• Girls vs. Northampton, Yasso event, 5:30

• Boys vs. Northampton, Yasso event, 7

LIBERTY

Dec. 10

• Wrestling at Boyer town Duals

• Swimming at Stroudsburg, 10 a.m.

• Girls vs. Central, Yasso event, 5:30

• Boys vs. Central, Yasso event, 7

Dec. 12

• Swimming at Pocono West, 4

Dec. 13

• Boys vs. Pocono East, 7

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• Dieruff vs. Whitehall, girls 2 p.m.

• Dieruff vs. Whitehall boys, 3:30 p.m.

• Central vs. Liberty, girls, 5:30 p.m.

• Central vs. Liberty, boys, 7 p.m.

At Freedom

• Emmaus vs. Allen, girls 2 p.m.

• Emmaus vs. Allen, boys, 3:30 p.m.

• Northampton vs. Freedom, girls 5:30 p.m.

• Northampton vs. Freedom, boys 7 p.m.

At Bechahi

• Emmaus vs. Parkland, girls 2 p.m.

• Emmaus vs. Parkland, boys, 3:30 p.m.

• Nazareth vs. Bechahi, girls 5:30 p.m.

• Nazareth vs. Bechahi, boys 7 p.m.

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Greg Noack is back to help lead the boys team this season.

FHS lacrosse names coach

The Freedom Lacrosse Club of Bethlehem (FLCB) announced the addition of David C. Pomeroy as the head coach of the varsity women's lacrosse Team for Freedom High School.

Coach Pomeroy comes to FLCB with extensive experience as both a player and a coach, previously coaching both women's and men's teams at the middle school, high school and college levels. Pomeroy currently serves as the president of both the mid-Atlantic and Rocky Mountain Women's Lacrosse Leagues where he coordinates Women's Club Lacrosse in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Additionally, Pomeroy is an appointed member of the US Lacrosse Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Association's Development Committee and Executive Council Committee.

The entire FLCB Board is excited to bring such a knowledgeable and inspiring individual to our expanding program. This sentiment is summed

up by assistant varsity coach for the women's team, Jill Berlanda, "I am really looking forward to the start of the season and having the opportunity to work with David. I think the girls, as well as the club, will benefit tremendously."

The Freedom Lacrosse Club of Bethlehem (FLCB) was started in 2010 by parents of Freedom High School students who were active in the Bethlehem Township (BTAA) Bulldog lacrosse youth program. Since there were no options for the student athletes to move on to the next level of play, these parents formed a group and formally applied to the Bethlehem Area School District to operate as a club sport at Freedom High School. 2011-12 marks the second season for both the men's and women's teams at Freedom and the first year both teams will compete as full members of the Lehigh Valley Conference as varsity programs.

The goal of FLCB is to enhance maturity, foster leadership, instill self-

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LHS boys

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Landis has brought in former Whitehall head coach Jerry Radocha to the staff this winter and the addition has been a blessing.

"He's been through this type of transition before when his Whitehall teams won back-to-back district titles [in 2004 and 2005]," said Landis. "Then he was dealt with losing all his seniors the following year. They started 0-5 that next season and he reminds me of that. He's a great basketball mind and he's

definitely going to help us."

Landis also knows that this season will be a test for himself without having the services of the best player in the LVC on his side, but it's nothing he's going to shy away from.

"Nobody is going to feel sorry for us," he said in regards to Liberty being in rebuilding mode. "Our players know the type of tradition we've built here and what the guys from the past have done. It's now their turn and it's going to be a big challenge for all of us."

FHS boys

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Jackson (forward) provide the muscle to Freedom's interior game to round out Stellato's starters.

Tajmire Flood (guard), David Williams (center) and Jessie El Colon (shooting guard) also figure to get viable minutes for the Pates.

With all the hype surrounding this team, Stella to hasn't listed any goals,

outside of just getting better each and every day.

"These guys played a lot last year and they have experience," he said. "If we play confident, we can be a dangerous team, but sometimes we lack that confidence and that can hurt us."

"We just have to focus on ourselves and not on what everyone else is saying. We have the talent to be good, but we haven't done anything yet."



Tennis

The Bethlehem Catholic girls varsity tennis team ended the 2011 season with a record of 15-4 taking them to district finals. The year culminated with a tough loss to Moravian Academy in the District 11 final. The team played its best tennis of the year and lost by a very close 3-2 score winning district silver. Team members (left to right) are: Julia Atiyeh, Maura Blanchard, Taylor Treadwell, Allison Barczynski, Rachel DiBenedetto, Paige Gurski, Nina Kopy, Kelsey Karabasz, Ale Pedraz and Ally Setcavage.

BASKETBALL

Hawk girls have youth, experience

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic girls' basketball coach Bill Lanscek is hoping that the Hawks' combination of youth and experience will result in a successful season.

"We expect to be competitive," said Lanscek.

Returning for the Hawks will be seniors Bri Morales, Rana Plesko, and Jaime Deisher. Gabby Lacherza, who sat out last season with an injury is also returning, and juniors Bridget Smith and Cecelia Perez are back.

Junior Ashley Brader will be moving up from junior varsity. Sophomore Janelle Robinson is a newcomer, having transferred from Allen.

Sophomore Julia Madison and freshman Maddie Reightler, will most likely double roster. The Hawks' will also have freshmen Nicole Lacherza, Kalista Walters and Kylie

Devlin.

"We should be balanced. We're returning our point guard and number three player [Morales and Plesko]. Gabby is a two, three type of player, and between Janelle and Bridget, we have quality, inside people, and the backups to them will give us the depth we need," Lanscek said.

The Hawks are working on defense, perimeter shooting, and teamwork.

"There are some question marks, but if they work, we'll be competitive, and that's what we're hoping for," said Lanscek.

Coach Lanscek is expecting tough competition from Liberty, Parkland, Nazareth, and Northampton.

"My sleeper is Emmaus," he said. "The league is going to be balanced. We're looking forward to a tough game every night."



Brianna Morales is one of the key players coming back for the Becahi girls this season.

Hawks are ready under Mike Frew

By PETER CAR
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If a fresh attitude is what Bethlehem Catholic's boys' basketball team needed than that's what they've got with new head coach Mike Frew.

The first-year boss has a challenge ahead trying to resurrect a program that has been 7-35 over the past three seasons in Lehigh Valley Conference play under former head coach Al Blount.

With six returning players from last year's 6-16, 1-13 squad, Frew knows there is potential with this group led by seniors Connor Casey (forward), Marc Meny (center), Justin Millan (guard), Evan Cowen (guard), Kyle Cargiulo (forward) and Matt Husek (center).

"We are looking to return to a competitive level," said Frew. "At this point in the season, like a lot of teams, we're a work in progress. Learning a new system and style of play. The key is for us to develop our mental toughness and continue to learn how to play together."

Frew knows that this team will need leadership from its seniors, as Casey, Cargiulo, Millan and Husek uphold the captaincy roles for this year's team.

"Connor Casey is an athletic slasher who can give you a lot of things on both ends of the court," said Frew. "Matt Husek is a presence in the post and I'm pretty sure the tallest kid [6-foot-10] in the league. He has really worked on his game this year and developed his athleticism and balance to make him a scoring option and a rebounder we will need."

"Kyle Cargiulo is a good shooter and can drive as well. Justin Millan is an athletic guard who can defend and cause turnovers that get us transition baskets."

All those components will need to come together for Becahi this season as they're likely going to be in the toughest division in the conference with Freedom and Easton being two of the league favorites to contend for LVC and district titles.

Throw Liberty into the See **Hawks** on Page A13



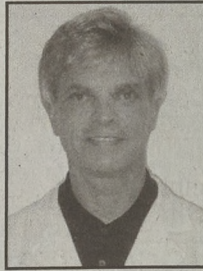
Justin Millan is back this year to help lead the Bethlehem Catholic boys team.

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A western wedding for all to enjoy

By DEBBIE GALBRAITH
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After dating for more than 20 years, Lisa Ann Holden and Stephen Wolfe decided to wed 2 p.m. Oct. 8.

Holden, who is a resident care director at Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek, wanted a small wedding but searched for a way to have her extended family of coworkers and residents attend. It was then decided the wedding would be held at the senior living facility.

What started out as a small affair evolved into an all-out western wedding party with everyone in western attire, which included a DJ, line dancing, antiques, carriage rides and a barbecue reception. Residents wore cowboy hats and yellow bandanas.

General Manager Ralph Feldman, of Zionsville, escorted Holden down the long sidewalk to where the ceremony took place.

Administrator Suzanne Panick planned the event, until she took ill, and Administrator Gayle Yastrop and personnel from the Northampton site came in to help make this day special for Holden and Wolfe. Northampton Chef Lynn Nagle and Mary Rose Milisits prepared the beautiful wedding cakes for the bride, groom and guests. The Northampton staff did all of the decorating, complete with bales of hay and beautifully colored mums.

"This is a prime example of how the entire staff came together and pulled this off," Feldman said.

"I'm very proud to work with all of them."

Holden hired Ironton Livery and Coach to provide a horse-drawn carriage ride to the gazebo and to provide rides for the guests after the ceremony. She traveled on the carriage with her matron of honor and sister-in-law Laura Holden, of Doylestown.

The best man was Stephen Dickinson, of New Wilmington; Barb Reaser, of Bethlehem, was a reader; resident Irene Albertson sang a special song during the ceremony; and Pastor Rick Paashaus, of Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg performed the ceremony. Holden danced one of her first dances with her older brother Kevin.

And "Ellie Mae," Holden's animated Boston terrier was there throughout the ceremony and reception visiting with all of the guests.

Ellie Mae is one of three dogs, three rats, two talking parrots, two horses, two rescued ponies and pigmy goats who reside on Lisa and Steve's 13-acre Northampton farm. Ellie Mae visits with the residents at Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek often.

The Press asked why Holden wanted to have her wedding and reception at Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek.

"I love what I do; I love my job," Holden said. "I see my residents more than I see my own family. This is my extended family."



Lisa Ann Holden and Stephen Wolfe exchange vows Oct. 8 in a ceremony presided by Pastor Rick Paashaus, of Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, in Coopersburg. Matron of honor is Lara Holden, of Doylestown and best man is Stephen Dickinson, of New Wilmington.



Residents wear special western attire for the ceremony and reception.



Lisa and Stephen Wolfe share their first dance together.



LEFT: Holden shares a special moment with resident Irma Karbarinos after the ceremony.



Bride Lisa Holden, of Northampton, arrives to her wedding in a horse-drawn carriage with her matron of honor Laura Holden, of Doylestown. The Ironton Livery and Coach carriage is driven by Dyanne and Jonathan Geiger of Wescosville.



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A time of waiting and preparation

46th annual Advent Breakfast reflects deeper meaning of the season

By CHRIS RICHIE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

“It’s not hard to get into the Christmas spirit when you live in Bethlehem,” said Mayor John Callahan during his remarks at the 46th annual Community Advent Breakfast, emphasizing that the annual event marks the beginning of the holiday season for him.

“Advent is for many a busy time to prepare for and experience the holidays, and it’s a magical time in our city, I think it’s fair to say that no city in the world celebrates Christmas quite like Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,” said Callahan. “Amid the hustle and bustle of the season, however, I think it would be wise for all of us to remember a deeper and more spiritual perspective of Christmas; It is after all a holiday of peace, of hope, of community and of compassion.”

The breakfast was held at Moravian Village of Bethlehem and was sponsored by the Citizens Christmas City Committee and the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The program included Christmas music, sung by those in attendance and performed by the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir; under the direction of Donald Kemmerer; remarks by Callahan; an Advent message by guest speaker and news anchor Rob Vaughn of WFMZ Channel 69 and a candle lighting ceremony led by Jan Christensen, president of Church Women United of Bethlehem.

The staff of Moravian Village hosted the buffet-style breakfast and the Central Moravian Church provided the beeswax Advent candles adorning the tables.

The word ‘advent’ itself is derived from the Latin ‘adventus,’ meaning arrival or approach. The Advent season – a time of waiting and preparation for the arrival of the baby Jesus – starts in many Christian calendars on the fourth Sunday before Dec. 25. With the breakfast occurring on the Saturday, a day before the first Sunday of Advent, the morning celebration could be thought of as an advent to Advent.

Rob Vaughn spoke about some of the more light-hearted traditions of the season, like shopping for the perfect gift, then shared his own personal family traditions of donning Philadelphia Eagles apparel and throwing a football while looking for a Christmas tree and heralding the opening of presents to his eagerly awaiting children upstairs by play-



Jan Christensen holds a candle during the 46th annual Community Advent Breakfast on Saturday at Moravian Village in Bethlehem.

ing “Joy to the World” off an old Percy Faith Christmas record.

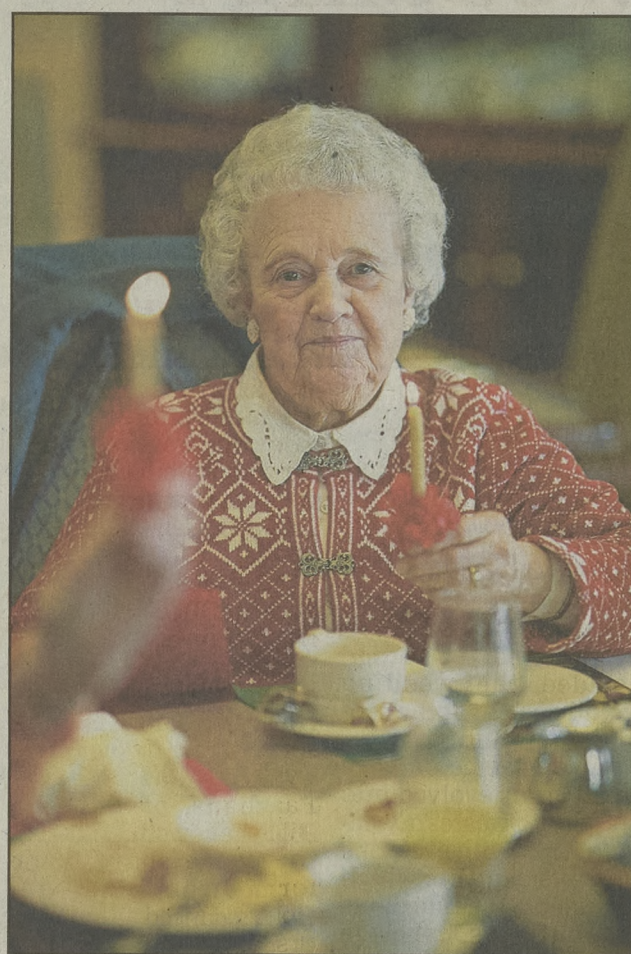
“When we think of his coming we often think appropriately of the baby in the manger, we think peace on earth, and we think of gift giving – the wise men came to bring him gifts,” said Vaughn, “I guess the wise men in a way were the forerunners to Santa Claus.”

Vaughn received an M.A. and M.Div. from the Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pa. This was after going from what he describes as an agnostic lifestyle while growing up, to becoming a Christian after a conversion he said occurred while he was getting his undergraduate degree at Temple University in the 1970s. It was after his born-again experience in college that Vaughn described spiritual Christmas songs having more meaning to him.

Jan Christensen led everyone in the candle-lighting ceremony. “I stand before you with a candle, a candle that was used in a church



NEWS ANCHOR ROB VAUGHN SPEAKS DURING THE 46TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT BREAKFAST.



KATHRYN DERR OF BETHLEHEM HOLDS A CANDLE DURING THE 46TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT BREAKFAST AT MORAVIAN VILLAGE IN BETHLEHEM.



MEMBERS OF THE BETHLEHEM AREA TROMBONE CHOIR PERFORM CHRISTMAS MUSIC DURING THE 46TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT BREAKFAST.

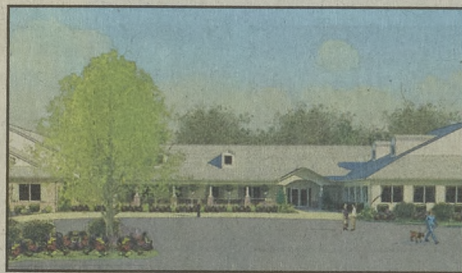


MAYOR JOHN CALLAHAN AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT BREAKFAST AT MORAVIAN VILLAGE IN BETHLEHEM.

service in 1747. Bishop John de Watteville used a candle to tell the children the story of Christ’s birth,” said Christensen. The bishop used the symbol of the beeswax candle to represent the purity of Christ, a red ribbon tied to it as the blood of Christ and when lit, the flame to represent Christ as the light of the world. Since the Citizens Christmas City Committee held the first Advent

breakfast in 1966 in Bethlehem, the Moravian tradition has been used.

The Christmas City’s 46-year-old Advent celebration ended with the lit candles being held in the air and the voices of those gathered singing in unison with the trombone choir to “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” marking the beginning of another Advent season.



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On a glowingly bright Nov. 9 afternoon Jim Ayoub, of Northampton's Valley View Farms, stands in his movable shop outside the Westgate Mall. It was the opening day for the new yearlong indoor/outdoor farmers market, open Wednesdays. Ayoub's farm sells all-natural meats, including beef, lamb, pork and chicken, at six regular markets, and he looks forward to operating during the winter months to be nearer people who can't make it out to his farm.

Yearlong indoor/outdoor market now at Westgate



Ed Verba, of the Verba Farm in Williams Township, helps one of his many customers from his indoor booth. "This is the first time we'll be selling in the winter," Verba said, "and if today's any indication of how this market's going to do, we're going to do well."

Casey visits recently opened medical center



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Administrators and staff at the newly opened St. Luke's Hospital Anderson Campus hosted Sen. Robert Casey for a visit the afternoon of Nov. 21. Casey, who said he was in the Lehigh Valley for a "combination of things," said he was impressed by the application of technology and the economic impact on the area workforce through job creation. "It's nice to see it up close and personal," said Casey, who indicated that the tour would also give him a "sense of the quality of healthcare that they can bring to bear" using the technology that the new Anderson Campus offers. Casey spent time in a meeting with hospital administrators prior to taking his tour. **ABOVE:** Tina Freeman, a clinical specialist in MRI radiology, explains the use of MRI technology to Senator Casey during his tour of the Anderson Campus.

Bill of rights

Essay deadline is December 15

High school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual Being an American Essay Contest. The largest contest of its kind in the country, the Being an American Essay Contest explores the founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and founding principles. The 2011-12 contest is sponsored by the History Channel. Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?" The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (first place), \$500 (second place), and \$250 (third place). Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100. Further information, including submission criteria, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, founders and the founding principles are available at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.

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Fest set for Dec. 28 to 31

The free annual Peeps Fest will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 28 to 31 at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Select events will require an admission ticket and may have a fee.

Scheduled to perform are folk singer Dave Fry, singer-songwriter Robbi K, rocker Yosi, magicians Joe Keppel and Tom Yurasits and Balloons the Clown. There will be a Peeps tree, the Peeps car, Peeps diorama competition, scavenger hunts, kids Zumba, an X-box 360 video game competition, 2 + 1 Math Rocks laugh and learn and a special presentation by the Lehigh Valley Zoo.

The dropping of the 85 pound, 4 and one-half foot-high lighted Peeps chick and fireworks will be held at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31.

Area nonprofits, including the Allentown Art Museum, Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, Bethlehem Area Public Library, Bethlehem Special Olympics, Cancer Support Community, Center for Humanistic Changes, Cetrionia Ambulance Corps, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley and Via of the Lehigh Valley will be on hand.

For information and tickets, visit www.artsquest.org/peepsfest.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ESTIZER SMITH

William Kukor Jr. (right) is competing for the second year, supported by his wife Donna and son Michael. It makes for a fun family night out and it's for a good cause, Kukor said.

Wings for charity

Lehigh Pizza, on Third Street, hosted its annual "Eat a Wing for Charity" fundraiser Oct. 7 under a tent on the side of the Banana Factory. Proceeds help Meals on Wheels, which makes 1,900 meals a day for those who need them.



Third-time champion Potbelly Hein (officially named Brian Hein, left) takes home the Heavy-weight Belt. He also gets a few other cool gifts from Lehigh Pizza's MC for the night Brian Mixtacki.



Executive Director of the Northampton Meals on Wheels JoAnn Nenow thanks Lehigh Pizza and all of the participants for their much needed support.



Before the final round of the contest begins, participants have a good laugh together. Many know each other from previous years of competing.

East Hills holiday craft fair



Mother and daughter duo of Mette Jensen and Agnes work together at the craft fair on some one-of-a-kind jewelry. Jensen, a Bethlehem resident originally from Denmark, owns MBG Design, which features handmade clay beads of Scandinavian design. Jensen said it was her first show with her new business, and her daughter turned 7 years old the previous Wednesday.



Sisters Joann O'Neil and Linda Wagner from Bethlehem examine a Christmas tree decorated with felt ornaments made by Paulette Dorward from Slatington.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Ann Becker examines a craft display of copper sculpture decorations with a Moravian flair at the Holiday Craft Fair. The craftwork is designed and made by Timothy Naisby of Catasaqua. East Hills Moravian Church of Bethlehem celebrated its 10th anniversary of the popular event, which featured 55 artists and crafters with their unique handmade items.

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Schwab's Riverside mansion



Jason W. Rehm
Columnist

In December 1936, New York City Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia received an enticing offer from Bethlehem Steel Company Chairman of the Board Charles M. Schwab. The New York City council was actively looking for a suitable mansion to become the mayor's official residence. It was generally agreed that the mayor of the greatest city in the world should be provided with a mansion like those of the mayors of large European cities.

Schwab offered his mansion, located at Seventy-Third Street and Riverside Drive, to the city for \$4 million. The mansion was considered one of the most beautiful, extravagant homes built in the United States. That posed a problem for the non-sense LaGuardia. He was a man of the people who was then currently living in a tenement house at 1274 Fifth Ave. LaGuardia said, "What! Me in that?" and the deal was dead.

In 1901, Schwab purchased the block bounded by 73rd and 74th streets, West End Avenue and Riverside Drive for \$865,000. It was the former site of the New York Orphan Asylum. At the time, he was president of United States Steel Corporation. By the time his new mansion was built for \$2.5 million, he would be president of Bethlehem Steel. He would continue to lavish more than \$8 million on decorations and furnishings for the home.

Schwab hired the French architect Maurice Hebert to design a French Renaissance chateau set in its own landscaped park. The Riverside Drive facade was based on that of Chenonceaux, a royal castle in France. The rear of the mansion copied the designs of the royal castles at Blois and Azay-le-Rideau, France. These castles were much admired by Mr. and Mrs. Schwab during their frequent trips to Europe.

It was speculated that Schwab was trying to outdo his partner, Andrew Carnegie, who had previously built a mansion at Fifth Avenue and 91st Street. Carnegie once said, "Have you seen that place of Charlie's? It makes mine look like a shack."

Construction of the 75-room "Riverside" mansion began in 1901 and continued for six years. More than 100 artisans were employed. Fortified by steel, the exterior materials were brick, cream-colored granite and limestone. Goods were delivered to a separate receiving lodge then transported through a service tunnel buried beneath the garden terraces.

A \$100,000 power plant and heating system were built that could have handled the needs of any hotel. There were garages for four cars. Louis Richard created sculptures displayed inside and outside the Schwab home. Richard had sculpted the lions that are outside the main entrance to the New York City Public Library. A 100-foot belfry with chimes took center stage on the mansion, surrounded by 116-foot-high pinnacles, along with the terraced grounds and a high spiked iron fence; the building presented a magnificent, eye-popping presence.

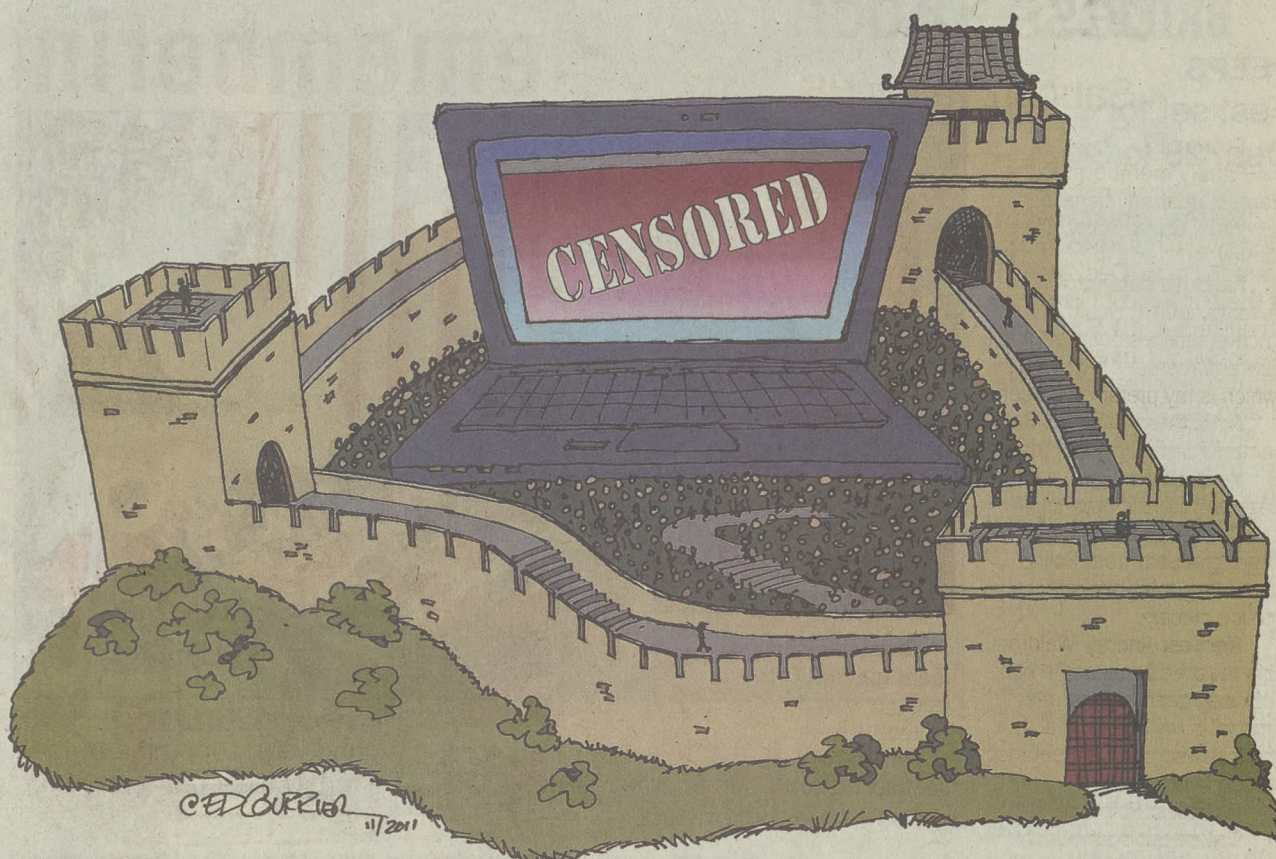
The interior was just as ostentatious. Entering the home, visitors found themselves in a two-and-a-half story hall facing a monumental staircase, which was surrounded by two levels of balconies on three sides. A Roman bath-style indoor marble swimming pool was adorned with 10 marble pillars, which were made in Carrara, Italy.

The home featured 40 bathrooms with hand-painted walls, a chapel and roof garden. For recreation there was a bowling alley, gymnasium and a card room where millionaires gambled away more money in an evening than the average worker earned in a year. Oak doors, dormer windows and elaborate mantles were transported from historic

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The 75-room "Riverside" mansion completed in 1906 for Bethlehem Steel Company Chairman of the Board Charles M. Schwab.



Living behind the Great Firewall

It seems cheap sneakers, iPads and iPhones, and a Christmas wish list of consumer goods won't be China's only exports arriving on America's shores. Censorship and government meddling in a free and open Internet might be turning up, too.



Brandon Taylor
Press columnist

In November, Congress began holding hearings on SOPA (the Stop Online Piracy Act), a bill that will crack down on online intellectual property theft. Targeting "rogue websites" that host copyright infringing content — music, movies, books, software and the digital likes — the House bill and its Senate counterpart, the PROTECT IP Act, authorize the Department of Justice to maintain a blacklist of block-worthy sites, most of which exist on servers outside America's jurisdiction.

Despite the facade of pure and noble intent — combating the theft of U.S. property — the House bill provides broad and ambiguous definitions that will not only block online pirate havens but also cause innocent websites to get caught in SOPA's nets. It will also make it easier for the government and entertainment industry to pressure Internet Service Providers (ISPs), like PenTele-Data, to monitor individual user traffic.

Blacklisted Web domains. Government oversight. Widespread blocking. These are words and phrases typically reserved for the likes of despotic regimes — Cuba or Iran for example — where pervasive censorship is the norm.

As Time magazine puts it, SOPA will allow the government to eliminate alleged pirate sites by essentially "disappearing them," or making them invisible or inaccessible on your web browser. "Disappearing," unless you're referring to a magic act, is another one of those words that should never be associated with the actions of democracies.

The Chinese government certainly isn't shy about its censorship. Since China began opening up in the late 1970s under Deng Xiaoping, the government has been engaged in a constant balancing act between openness

and control, says Rebecca MacKinnon in her essay, "Flatter World and Thicker Walls." Deng likened reform to opening a window for fresh air only to have a few "flies" (read, new ideas that run counter to the Party line) blow in.

To swat those flies in the modern age of the Internet, China has between 30,000 and 50,000 people involved with the Ministry of Public Security's Golden Shield Project, commonly called the "Great Firewall of China," according to Amnesty International. The project employs a variety of techniques to monitor the flow of traffic and control what sites are accessible to China's close to 500 million Internet users.

Websites affiliated with the Taiwanese government or the Dalai Lama are blocked, as are those that have, as broadly defined by the government, obscene or pornographic content. Sites with less than favorable opinions of China's human rights violations or authoritarian leadership also make the blacklist.

The big three social networking sites — Facebook, Twitter and YouTube — and other forums where content is predominantly user-generated are permanent members of the blacklist following their use by rioters during uprisings in Tibet in 2008 and Xinjiang the following year.

In the absence of Western social media, Chinese copycats — Renren, Weibo and YouKu — have developed loyal followings of netizens. But even with its social networks on a short leash, China is starting to rethink their role in Chinese society. Perhaps spooked by civil unrest in the Middle East or the Occupy Wall Street movement, which has evolved from a strictly American movement into a global phenomenon, China's leadership is imposing new restrictions on social media, the most prominent of which is real name registration.

From firsthand experience, dealing with the Great Firewall of China is certainly annoying, but easily tolerable. If I want to chat with friends on Facebook, or check out a new YouTube video, or update my non-political travel blog, or tweet, or retweet, or have full access to Gmail, or even view the Times News' webpage (apparently its coverage is too sensitive and controversial for Chinese readers and has subsequently been blocked here), I just have to log into a subscription-based proxy service that allows me to circumvent China's fire-

walls. Most tech-savvy Chinese also have this software and know-how.

As inconvenient as access denial to certain websites gets, for the most part I'm indifferent toward the Chinese government's Internet censoring protocols, because that's what I've come to expect of China. My expectations for America are higher.

Granted, SOPA doesn't go to the same censorship extremes as China. It doesn't even come close. The Chinese government is out to quash political comments on sensitive China-centric issues. SOPA is meant to protect American intellectual property from foreign online pirates, with China among the largest of these copyright-infringing marauders. But the similarities are still there.

Aside from assigning blacklisting authority to the government, SOPA will require website operators to prove their sites aren't being used for copyright infringement, the same "guilty until proven innocent" guidelines the Chinese government imposes on domestic social networking sites. The House bill also puts an unprecedented burden on ISPs to comb over all user traffic to find violators or face punishment themselves. Censoring could quickly turn into over-censoring as ISPs, looking to avoid litigation, block sites that aren't hosting copyrighted material but share keywords or have user posted links with sites that do.

The necessity for stronger laws to clamp down on web-based piracy is definitely there, especially with Hollywood studios, record companies and publishing houses claiming \$135 billion in annual losses from online theft. American intellectual property deserves protection, but perhaps not the way Congress is proposing, and certainly not if it emulates the kind of draconian tactics employed by China's Internet censoring goons.

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Favorite subject: My favorite subject would be protective services because it is a law enforcement-based class, which is my preferred career.

Activities: Disc golf; Bethlehem Police Explorer program

Next steps: Four-year college for forensic psychology

Career goals: After college, graduate from Police Academy, then become a police officer

Heroes: Andrew Waldron, my teacher, because he has not only been a great role model in my career goal, but he has also been a great inspiration in my life.

Hobbies: Paintball

Volunteer/community work: I try to participate in as much community work as possible, not only through school, but I volunteer almost every weekend with the Bethlehem Police Explorer program, for local runs/walks/events.

Likes: New York Jets, movies



Greatest accomplishment (so far): Being class leader of over 30 kids in my protective services class

Advice for peers: Do not get sidetracked your senior year. Stay on task and achieve your goal for after high school, whether it be to continue school or jump into the workforce. "Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men." - John F. Kennedy

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

LVPA NEWS

'Friends of Rachel' chapter organized

With the beginning of the school year far behind us, students of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts are buckling down and preparing for the winter months. Academically, all students are striving to do their best in their classes. Many upperclassmen are preparing for and taking the SATs and ACTs, looking at colleges, and preparing for their futures. Artistically, students are busy working toward the hectic performance schedule December will bring. Along with preparing ourselves, LVPA clubs and organizations are getting into the holiday spirit of giving and are working hard to prepare the less fortunate for the approaching winter season.



Katya Hrichak
LVPA

Recently, the dance majors put on their annual production, Dance Soup. Dance Soup is one of LVPA's student-choreographed shows. Dancers choreograph a piece, choose the music, the lighting, and the dancers they want to perform it. The production showcases a variety of styles and themes, giving it its name, Dance Soup.

LVPA has continued its involvement with Rachel's Challenge by creating a club titled Friends of Rachel. Friends of Rachel's Thanksgiving food drive concluded with a wonderful amount of donations. The food items received will go to students in our school whose families are in need.

On Dec. 1, the student council began its food drive, which will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank in Bethlehem. The collected items will be donated before Christmas. Keeping with the theme of giving, LVPA's chapter of National Honor Society will be hosting a coat drive. Students will be encouraged to bring in any unused coats, and NHS students will deliver the coats to a soup kitchen

when they go to volunteer.

On Dec. 9, the art department is holding its winter art exhibit. The exhibit will be held at the gallery at LVPA and will showcase the various works of the students of the visual arts department.

From Dec. 14 to 18, the theater department will be putting on a production of "A Dream" by August Strindberg. This show will feature two casts. In cast A, the main roles will be played by Emily Knight, Tristan J. Shuler, Maxwell Ferguson and Naamah Armstrong. In cast B, Bethany Linder, Aiden Newell, Carson Summers-Pelkey and Abigail Gillespie will take the lead roles.

District vocal auditions were held at Parkland HS Oct. 17. Several Performing Arts students have received the honor of being selected: Anna Baker, McKenzie Custin, Elizabeth Sellers-Bruch, Sarah Meinhart, Victoria Spruiell and Kelsey Lewis. District auditions for instrumentalists were at Parkland HS Dec. 3.

The winter concert series will be hosted at Foy Hall Dec. 19 and 20. The concerts will feature vocal and instrumental ensembles including the wind ensemble and orchestra, under the direction of Andrew Bauer; touring choir, under the direction of David Macbeth; the 9/10 choir, women's choir, and show choir, under the direction of Ellen Ditmer; and the 11/12 choir, under the direction of Jenna Moore.

Shortly after, on Dec. 22, LVPA will hold the annual Festivus concert, featuring the jazz and guitar department at Broughal MS, under the direction of Frank Dibussolo.

Currently, the skating department is working hard to prepare for its yearly production of "The Nutcracker." The performances will be held at the Steel Ice Center during the Penguin Figure Skating Show Dec. 11 and First Night in Bethlehem on Dec. 31.

On behalf of LVPA, we wish you all a happy holiday season.

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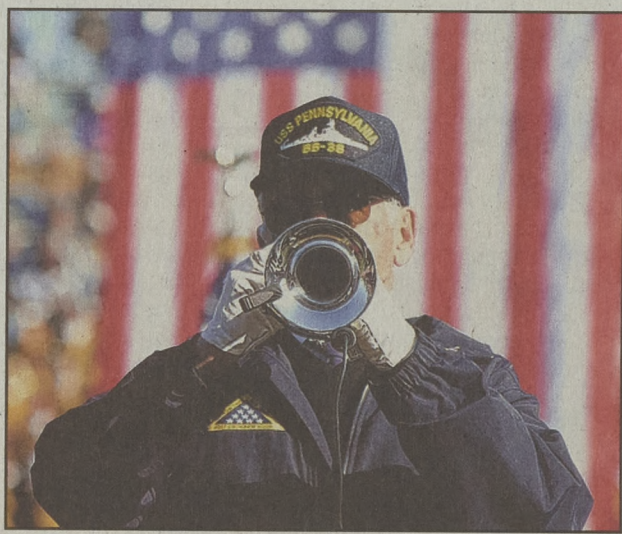
PRESS PHOTOS BY ROB MERCHANT

Part of the fanfare team, senior Sidney Lariar, junior Colin Worrich and senior Alex White perform to a backdrop of fireworks during God Bless the USA, sung by Liberty graduate John Rodgers.

Getting ready

The 260-member Liberty High School Grenadier Marching Band performed a special patriotic half-time show honoring United States of America armed forces during the Liberty-Freedom football

game on Nov. 7 at Frank Banko Field. The performance was really preparation for the band's later appearance in Hawaii.



World War II naval veteran Dan Deysher, 90, a 1939 Liberty High graduate, plays Taps with the Grenadier Band during the halftime show.



Freshman bagpiper Patrick Chabot in his feather bonnet.



Bass Drummer David Guarriello, freshman



Junior pipe drummer Michael Dumoff helps supply the beat for the theme from Hawaii Five-0.

The real deal

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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In a lead-up to this week's 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Liberty HS Grenadier Band performed in a parade in Hawaii late November.

The Waikiki Holiday Parade honors Pearl Harbor survivors by allowing chosen high school bands to bring hometown servicemen who weathered that event to participate, said

Band Director Greg MacGill. Liberty served in the lauded position of Honor Band this year, and performed "Taps" and the Navy Hymn for spectators and Navy personnel.

Ninety-year-old Hometown resident Dan Deysher, who at the onset of World War II served aboard the USS Pennsylvania, accompanied the 260-member band on its weeklong trip.

Deysher has played Taps at more than 2,750 military funerals. Several weeks

before the trip, Deysher spoke to the band, relating the story of the tragic attacks of Dec. 7, 1941, that propelled the United States into the epic conflict with Japan.

The Liberty students also performed at the USS Missouri Battleship and laid a wreath at the USS Arizona Memorial during their seven-day visit to Hawaii. Along with their official function, band members had plenty of time to enjoy all the island had to offer,

from visits to historical sites to the Polynesian Cultural Center, which MacGill describes as the "Colonial Williamsburg" of the Pacific.

The travelers also got to experience catamaran rides, kayaking, snorkeling and the Honolulu Zoo. "Boy, did we ever have fun," MacGill said.

Fundraising and families paid for the trip, while local corporate donations paid for uniform and instrument transportation.



LIBERTY HS GRENADIER BAND PERFORMS CEREMONIAL "TAPS" DURING THE ANNUAL WAIKIKI HOLIDAY PARADE IN HAWAII LATE NOVEMBER. THE PARADE HONORS PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS.

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Weather Trivia

Where is the driest place on Earth in terms of average annual rainfall?

Answer: Atacama Desert, Chile.



PRESS PHOTO BY ELSA KERSCHNER

Robert Ormesher came from the church where he is music director, Salem Lutheran in Bethlehem, to play a dedicatory concert for the new organ at the Little White Church in Palmerton. The dedication was held Nov. 6. Palmerton Area Historical Society owns the church. Ormesher has been playing organ since he was 7 and began playing for the Sunday school in a western Pennsylvania church at 9. He taught music in the Bethlehem Area School District and conducts various vocal and instrumental ensembles, including the Beethoven choruses. He was invited to the church by Peter Kern, a friend and student. Ormesher said he loves the historical aspects of the Little White Church.

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estates in France and installed. Tiffany lamps diffused beautiful colors in every room.

The house featured several kitchens to feed hundreds of people at a time. The first floor was for entertainment, the second for the Schwabs' living quarters, the third for guests and the fourth floor for the servants' quarters.

Archer Gibson, organist, was at Schwab's beck and call to play the giant 1904 Aeolian Organ day or night. The organ was situated at the top of the staircase and was rebuilt and doubled in size at a cost of \$21,500. Musicales were held at "Riverside" with such musicians as Enrico Caruso and Fritz Kreisler.

Schwab's private art gallery included paintings by Narcisse Virgilio Diaz, the "Rockets and Blue Lights" by

J.M.W. Turner, Rembrandt's "The Accountant," Jose Villagas "Prosperity in America," and Jean-Léon Gérôme's two gigantic bronze statues.

Schwab's wild spending and the Great Depression brought him to bankruptcy. He had been unable to pay property taxes of \$60,000 a year on Riverside since 1933. Schwab closed the house soon after his wife, Emma Eurana Dinkey Schwab passed away from a heart ailment Jan. 12, 1939. Mrs. Schwab opposed the sale of the mansion, as she would miss the view of the Palisades from her own private living room.

Schwab moved into a small apartment at 209 Park Ave. where he died on Sept. 18 of that same year of coronary thrombosis. They had no children.

In 1947, Prudential Insurance Company purchased the home for approximately \$1.25 million. As Riverside

was about to be razed in 1948, Eric Sexton of New Canaan, Conn., purchased the organ from the wrecking company. It took two months to remove the wood paneling, chandeliers, organ and stained glass windows before demolition could begin.

There was quite a bit of excitement about what Schwab hid in the cornerstone of the house. Prudential told the wrecking crew to keep an eye out for the hidden cache. When it was discovered and opened it only contained a few coins, a program for the stone-laying ceremony and a few decrepit newspapers. The crew described the job as the toughest they ever experienced and said they believed the mansion could have lasted forever.

A huge, bland residential building, called "Schwab House" was erected in 1950 on the site, and spans the entire block.

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Ed Hanna, Chief Meteorologist

Raising the bar for 'Nutcracker'

Repertory Dance Theatre graduates return to inspire ballet's next generation of dancers

By SUSAN CHASE
Special to The Press

For some families, the approach of the holidays means a drive to the country to select a Christmas tree.

For other families, it's a time for pie-baking and home decoration.

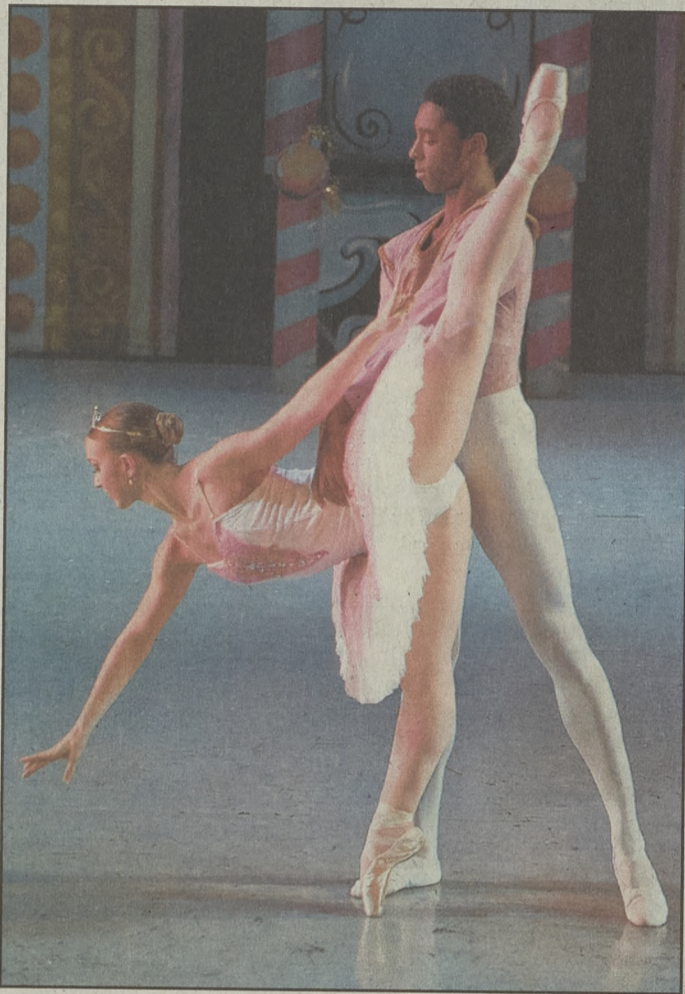
But if you are a ballet family, if you are one of the children of a ballet family, the approach of the holidays means one thing: the chance to dance in "The Nutcracker."

Every year hundreds of Lehigh Valley children spend the month of November and much of December auditioning and rehearsing for productions of "The Nutcracker," hoping, each year, to progress to a new level, to be cast in a more challenging or more prominent role in the holiday favorite.

Many of those children will be seen this year in the Repertory Dance Theatre (RDT) production of "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, Symphony Hall, Allentown, accompanied by the Allentown Symphony.

Under the artistic direction of Jennifer Haltzman Tracy and Trinette Singleton, RDT has been presenting the holiday classic since 1987.

Though RDT boasts a long tradition of "Nutcrackers," the company and "The Nutcracker" are ever evolving. In 1987, Tracy choreographed the production with her mother, Dolly Haltzman. For years, the production featured stars from New



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Madeline Jazz Guerdat (Sugar Plum Fairy), Matthew Harvey (Cavalier), "The Nutcracker," Repertory Dance Theatre, Dec. 10, 11, Symphony Hall, Allentown

York City Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet and Boston Ballet in the lead roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

In recent years, however, the company has been able to utilize its growing pool of graduates, some of whom are emerging or

established professionals, to present a truly home-grown production featuring RDT students, pre-professionals and professional dancers in roles that showcase their developing abilities.

This, says Tracy, is part of the ballet tradition; learning

from one's elders. Young dancers spend hours in the dance studio, learning through explicit instruction. But they also learn by watching the older students and the professionals, through a process that is as subtle and effective as osmosis.

"It's amazing," Tracy says. "Every year, you see the kids mimicking the older dancers on the side of the rehearsal studio or in the wings of the stage. Then a year or two later, you see those kids performing the role they once mimicked from the side."

The young RDT students are blessed with particularly striking role models in "Nutcracker." Matthew Harvey, who now dances with Carolina Ballet Theatre, will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy's Cavalier.

He began his ballet studies through RDT's Talent Identification Program. The program allows RDT instructors to visit inner-city schools to identify promising students and offer them free dance classes. "Matthew started with us in third grade," says Tracy. "Now he comes back every year. It's an inspiration to the kids."

Madeline Jazz Guerdat, a former RDT student who also dances with Carolina Ballet Theatre, will dance the role of Sugar Plum Fairy.

"We are so blessed to have her," says Tracy. "She is a total non-diva. She can't do enough to relate to the stu-

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

"Sun" sounds: Singer, guitarist, actor and erstwhile Turner Classic Movie host Chris Isaak, above, plays selections from his latest CD, "Beyond the Sun," in concert, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. Isaak went all the way to Memphis and the legendary Sun Studios, where rock 'n' roll pioneer Sam Phillips recorded Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis. Isaak's "Sun" sessions include interpretations of Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love," Cash's "Ring of Fire" and Lewis's "Great Balls of Fire." Look for Isaak to also perform his mega-hit, "Wicked Game," his cheeky "Baby Did a Bad, Bad Thing" and Christmas tunes. If you saw Isaak's phenomenal outdoor show before thousands at Musikfest 2009, you won't want to miss him and his band in a gorgeous intimate theater setting. 610-432-6715

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Nativity sounds: For its annual Christmas concerts, the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Bach Festival Orchestra, and Greg Funfgeld, Bach Choir artistic director, conducting, celebrate the Nativity with Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," and the choir's first foray into the music of French composers Marc-Antoine Charpentier, "Midnight Mass for Christmas," and Francis Poulenc, "Motets for the Christmas Season." Soloists are Anne Grimm, above, soprano; Barbara Hollinshead, mezzo-soprano; Benjamin Butterfield, tenor; and Joshua Copeland, bass-baritone. There are two concerts: 8 p.m. Dec. 10, First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman Street, Allentown, and 4 p.m. Dec. 11, First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-866-4382, ext. 15



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"Technicolor" sounds: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" continues through Dec. 11, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University. The Act 1 DeSales University Theatre production features students Matt Kleckner, above left, (Joseph) and Colleen Clancy, above right (The Narrator). The plot is based on the Biblical story of a young prophet's journey from slavery to imprisonment to becoming one of Egypt's most powerful men. The hit Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical includes the songs "Any Dream Will Do" and "Go, Go, Go Joseph." Professional director-choreographer and DeSales Alumnus Stephen Casey, who choreographed "South Pacific" and "1776" for The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, directs the show. Tim Eisman is music director. 610-282-3192

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From Russia: A different 'Nutcracker'

Moscow Ballet original predates American classic

By SUSAN CHASE
Special to The Press

When George Balanchine premiered his full-length production of "The Nutcracker" for New York City Ballet in 1954, the great Russian-born choreographer had no idea he was launching an American tradition.

Balanchine's "Nutcracker" gained popularity in the 1960s and in the following decades most American ballet companies made "Nutcracker" a staple of their season: a crowd-pleasing holiday event for children and families who might not attend another ballet all year.

The Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," 7 p.m. Dec. 8, State Theatre, Easton, evolved from a different tradition entirely, a tradition that dates back to 1892, when the two-act ballet premiered at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The original "Nutcracker," choreographed by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov, opened on a double bill with Tchaikovsky's opera "Iolanta" to mixed, even negative, reviews. However, "The Nutcracker" survived as a small-scale, non-seasonal ballet in Russia.

In 1987, Akiva Talmi produced the First International Glasnost Ballet Festival tour with dancers from the greatest Russian ballet companies, including the Bolshoi and Kirov. The troupe performed at major universities and in cities throughout the United States. Talks on East-West relations were held in conjunction with performances.

Talmi, on tour with the West Coast production of the "Great Russian Nutcracker," recalls that first tour in 1987: "Many of the



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Alexandra Elagina, left, (Masha) and Anatolie Ustimov, right, (Prince), "Nutcracker" Pas De Deux, Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," Dec. 8, State Theatre, Easton.

dancers were afraid to join us. The government was still in control of everything. They didn't know what the consequences would be."

Undaunted, Talmi continued the Glasnost Festival Tours into the early 1990s and in 1993 debuted the Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," directed and choreographed by Stanislav Vlasov, former soloist with the Bolshoi Ballet. The 2003 version, which will be seen at the State Theatre, has been restaged by Anatolie Emelianov, and will include many features that will surprise American audiences.

Emelianov has trans-

posed Act Two from the "Kingdom of Sweets" to the "Land of Peace and Harmony" where Masha and her Nutcracker Prince dance in front of a stunning hand-painted backdrop, inspired by the painter Henri Rousseau, and interact with larger-than-life puppets, created by scenic designer Valentin Federov.

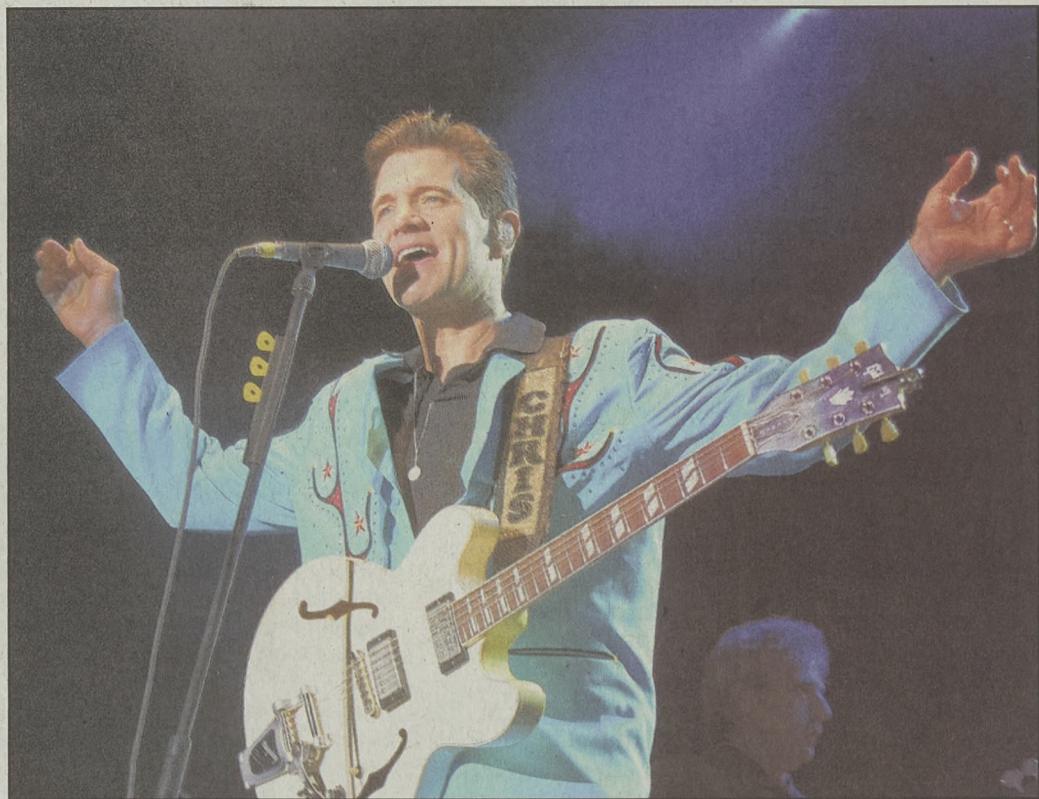
This "Nutcracker" is distinguished by Federov's highly-evolved scenic design. Federov, art director at the Chuvashia State Theatre of Opera and Ballet since 1988, is a graduate of the Stanislavski Institute.

Says Talmi, "Valentin brings his love of life into his puppets and even into

his backdrops by adding treats for the eye, such as angels with three-dimensional trumpets and paying homage to great Russian artists in the interior backdrop with the 'painting' of the Russian Troika, the famous sleigh pulled by three horses abreast, which is practically a symbol of Russia."

Most American "Nutcrackers" use only two sets, the Stahlbaum parlor for Act One and a simple backdrop for the Act Two "Kingdom of Sweets." The "Great Russian Nutcracker," however, features nine different hand-painted backdrops, including: Drosselmeyer's

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Chris Isaak,
7:30 p.m. Dec.
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**PRESS PHOTO BY
PAUL WILLISTEIN**

With Isaak, 'Sun' shines on rock pioneers

Chris Isaak presents a holiday-themed concert, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown.

Isaak performed a 2009 Musikfest concert in Bethlehem at the former River-Place venue on Sand Island. He performed in June at Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe.

At Symphony Hall, Isaak is expected to feature material from his latest CD, "Beyond the Sun," released in October and which was recorded at the legendary Sun Studios, Memphis, Tenn., where producer Sam Phillips discovered and

recorded rock 'n' roll pioneers.

Isaak will also probably perform his biggest hit, "Wicked Game," for which a popular video was made for MTV, and his popular tune, "Baby Did a Bad, Bad Thing."

Isaak's longstanding desire to musically salute his inspirations was intensified when at the end of an Oxford American article, the interviewer asked Phillips what new artists he listened to.

"I don't keep up with the business like I used to," said Phillips, "but I love to listen to Chris Isaak. He's very talented,

and his music is so damned honest. It's incredible."

Said Isaak, "I fell out of my chair when he said that. I had no idea he even knew who I was."

"It just felt like all that music that I had grown up listening to had all come full circle."

"I think it meant more to me than any gold record or award I ever received because Sam Phillips was really the thread that connected all that music that I had been loving all my life."

Elvis Presley is heavily represented on the handpicked "Sun" collection, with "Trying to Get to You," "I Forgot to Remember to Forget," "Can't Help Falling in Love," "How's the World Treating You," "It's Now or Never," "She's Not You" and "My Happiness." The latter is the first song Presley recorded.

Isaak opens the "Sun" CD with Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" and offers his take on "I Walk the

Line." He wails his way through Jerry Lee Lewis's "Great Balls of Fire," revisits Roy Orbison's "So Long I'm Gone" and heats up Carl Perkins' "Dixie Fried."

The set is rounded out by a blistering rendition of "Miss Pearl" by the nearly forgotten Sun artist Jimmy Wages.

There is also a second disc, which starts out with the one-two punch of Presley's "My Baby Left Me" and Orbison's "Pretty Woman," and includes the treasure "Everybody's In The Mood" by Howlin' Wolf.

Isaak has released 14 albums, been nominated for two Grammy awards, has acted in several motion pictures and starred in his own critically-acclaimed TV series.

His shows with his longtime band Silverstone have entertained tens of thousands for more than two decades.

In 2009, Isaak began hosting "The Chris Isaak Hour," a music interview series on the Biography Channel.

Earlier this year, Isaak joined pop star Mary Ann Mobley to host a poolside screening of the 1965 Elvis Presley musical "Girl Happy" at the 2011 TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood.

In June, Isaak was a TCM guest programmer with Robert Osborne. Isaak chose four movies from the 1950s to present: "The Night of the Hunter," "God's Little Acre," "A Face in the Crowd" and "Touch of Evil."

Isaak also filled in for Osborne as host and got high marks from TCM viewers. Stated one posting on TCM's message board:

"While I think there's no replacement for Robert Osborne [RO], Chris Isaak gets my vote the as the best RO stand-in. He has it all. Brains, affability, humor and an inherent ability to engage the viewer in the context of the movie about to be seen. Chris Isaak is doing a terrific job. Please retain his services on the weekends, TCM. Three C's: class, charisma and credentials."

What makes you happy?

How much power do we have to determine our own happiness?

That's an interesting question I've been debating with people for quite some time.

Some say happiness is determined by what happens in your life.

I'm among those who believe that's not exactly true. Happiness is determined by how you respond to what happens in your life.

Attitude probably has more to do with happiness than does circumstance.

That point was again driven home to me this week when I visited my friend Fern.

I told you about her in a previous column. At 71, through no fault of her own, she lost her home to foreclosure.

This was a woman who didn't just live in a home. She thrived in it. She often said her two favorite parts of her place were the garden out back and the heated pool she needs to get moving each day. Severe arthritis has taken its toll and she needs the early morning warm water to get her joints moving.

When she knew the bank was foreclosing, she stayed philosophical. "It's just a building," she said. "It's just a place to live and there are other places."

Even as she said it, I knew that wasn't true. I knew she would miss going into her garden for the herbs and vegetables she uses in her cooking. And I knew she would suffer without the pool.

Fern moved to what she could afford — a second floor apartment with no outdoor space. Shortly after she moved, she invited me to see her new apartment.

When I was walking up the path, I looked around and felt sick that my precious friend had to live in a place without the outdoor space she craves.

But when Fern showed me around the apartment, she kept saying: "Aren't I lucky to find a nice apartment like this? I just love it!" she enthused. I must have given her a look that conveyed what I was thinking because she hugged me and explained.

"I know I will be happy here," she said. "Before I moved, before I even knew where I would be living, I knew I would be happy wherever it was," she said.

"Do you know why I knew I would be happy?" she asked me.

Her answer: "Because I made up my mind I would be happy no matter where I landed. Happiness is a choice and I choose to be happy."

She's right about that.

Happiness is a choice. There's a book by that name which I bought for a relative a long time ago.

This woman thinks everything that happens to her is out of her control. She's depressed about her circumstances. Those circumstances keep changing but she's still depressed. She never seems to real-

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ize she has the capacity to control her own happiness. That's why I bought her the book.

She later said the book was "hokey" and "pie in the sky." She says I don't understand.

What I do understand is that life is what we make it. It may sound like a cliché, but attitude is everything. As Fern will tell everyone, we can't control what happens to us. But we can control our attitude toward it.

The older I get in life, through no fault of my own, the more I think that our well-being depends on what it takes to make us happy.

There's a well-known quote that says: "Happiness doesn't depend on what you have. It depends on being content with what you have."

I attended a seminar by a psychiatrist who talked on that very subject. To determine our values and what makes us happy, he told us to write down at the end of every day what made us happy that day. At the end of a month, he said, we'll see a pattern of what we value.

I find that so many of my happy moments are the everyday things of nature. My pleasurable moment yesterday was watching magnificent shore birds glide across a sky streaked with pink and purple hues. It was so peaceful to sit there and watch them and that peace soon filled my soul.

The other day when we were driving home from dance lessons I was just about ready to point out the spectacular sunset to my husband. Before I could say anything, he had pulled into a parking place by the bay so we could get out and enjoy the sight.

We stayed there watching the sky look like it was illuminated from on high, with rays of light shining down on us. Who could walk away from a site like that and not feel good all over?

It's also the small routines of life that give me pleasure. Shopping with my husband for a Thanksgiving turkey was a pleasurable moment.

Maybe you can take moments like that for granted if you're married a long time. Maybe you can even think of it as a boring routine.

But once you lose that routine for any reason, you come to realize how precious is every single moment.

I glory in all the small pleasures and small moments of life. It doesn't take big, grandiose events to make me happy.

How about you? What does it take to make you happy?

CORRECTION

For the Players of the Stage production of "A Little Princess," Dec. 1, 2, 3, Living Hope Presbyterian Church, 330 Schantz Road Allentown:

In cast one, Naomi Mills played Sarah, Theresa Marlin played Miss Minchin, Elizabeth Marlin played Ermengarde, Colleen Prince played Becky and Joy Mills played Lavinia.

In cast two, Madeline Hoffman played Sarah, Stephanie Harvey played Miss Minchin, Mara Weigner played Ermengarde, Haleigh Ott played Becky and Makenna Masenheimer played Lavinia.

Some cast members' names and play characters' names were spelled incorrectly in an article in the Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 Focus section.

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"A Christmas Carol," 7 p.m. Dec. 8; one-man show by Gerald Dickens, great-great grandson of author Charles Dickens, Foy Hall, Moravian College, Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. Presented by Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5481

"A Christmas Carol," through Dec. 17, Civic Theatre of Allentown, 19th Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943

"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17, The Nebraska Theatre Caravan at the State Theatre, 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132

"A Conestoga Christmas With Pip The Mouse," through Dec. 31: "The Mouse Before Christmas" puppet show; "Closing Ceremony," noon - 3 p.m. Dec. 31; "Toys and Traditions from the Conestoga Era" display, "Pip's Winter Wonderland" mechanical toys first exhibited at Hess's and new animations from the Creagan Company, "A Pennsylvania German Christmas Tree," Liberty Bell Museum, Zion's Reformed Church, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232

"Annie," through Dec. 18, Pennsylvania Youth Theatre at Charles A. Brown Ice House, 56 River St., Sand Island, Bethlehem. 610-332-1414

"Christmas 1944," Dec. 10, noon, lunch; show, 1:30 p.m., Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378.

"Christmas at The Pines," through Dec. 23, Matinees: Wednesday - Sunday, Dinner; 12:30 p.m., Show; 2 p.m.; Evenings: Friday, Satur-



Gerald Dickens, "A Christmas Carol," 7 p.m. Dec. 8, Foy Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem

day, Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Show: 8 p.m., The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333

"Christmas City Follies XII," through Dec. 18, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-1689

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," through Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Wednesdays - Satur-

days, 2 p.m. Sundays, Act 1 DeSales University Theatre, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University. 610-282-3192

"The Down of A Thistle," through Dec. 18, Crowded Kitchen Players, McCoolie's Arts & Events Place, 10 S. Main St. Quakertown. 610-395-7176

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toy workshop, a Moscow skyline, the Stahlbaum family parlor, a party puppet show, Masha's bedroom with growing Christmas Tree, a "Traveling with the Angels" scene, and the exotic Rousseau-inspired "Land of Peace and Harmony."

Another surprise for American audiences is the use of the original 1892 Petipa choreography for the "Snow" scene and the "Waltz of the Flowers" in Act Two. In the Petipa version, "The Waltz of the Flowers" is performed by eight couples, rather than a large all-female corps de ballet. "The two waltzes are the only surviving Petipa choreography," notes Talmi.

The high quality of the Russian performers will probably not surprise

American audiences. Leading a cast of 35 professional dancers, Karyna Shatkovskaya will dance the role of Masha, the young girl who dreams that her nutcracker turns into a prince. Shatkovskaya, a native of Kharkov, Ukraine, has received numerous accolades, including an award at the prestigious Second International Ballet Competition in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Vladimir Tkachenko will make his debut in the role of the Prince. Tkachenko, a soloist with the Kharkov National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet, has danced principal roles in "Nutcracker," "Coppelia," "Cinderella" and "A Thousand and One Nights."

The Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker" grew out of Talmi's desire to build East-West relations by sharing his

culture with the West. The production provides a glimpse of Russia's rich culture and folklore that American productions, including the celebrated Balanchine version, overlook.

Today, Talmi's vision is educational as well as cultural. "The 'Great Russian Nutcracker' has developed into an educational project with children," he says. "Several thousand children participate each year. We send out three to five Russian teachers to work with the American children who then perform in the ballet."

There are no Lehigh Valley ballet students in the State Theatre performance.

As an adult who vividly remembers the Cold War, I find it heartening to know that Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker" takes American children and their families on a journey to "The Land of Peace and Harmony." Judging by the rave reviews the production has received in New York and other major cities, it is a journey that grows more popular each year.

Ticket information: 610-252-3132

'Muppets' back in Hollywood

"The Muppets" are back.

For those who didn't realize it, The Muppets franchise, purchased by the Walt Disney Company in 2004, was moribund in the marketplace. In other words, The Muppets were old-hat, or perhaps more precisely, old sock puppets.

Disney "felt" it was time to reboot our fine felted friends.

For the "The Muppets" movie, the franchise was entrusted to Jason Segal, who co-wrote the screenplay and appears in the movie, and Nicholas Stoller.

Of course, why wouldn't you bring in Segal, who wrote and starred in, and Stoller, who directed, the raunchy R-Rated comedy, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," in which Segal bared all?

Obviously, that Dracula puppet show in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" clinched it for Segal.

Add to these questionable choices the director of "The Muppets," James Bobin, who wrote for TV's "The Alli G Show" and "The Flight of the Conchords," the latter which he also directed and created.

"The Alli G" and "Conchords" are also not what could be considered kiddie fare.

Not to worry. With the exception of a couple of Whoopee Cushion jokes, evil Muppets called The Moppets, and perhaps one too many self-referential asides, "The Muppets" franchise is still intact.

In fact, "The Muppets" movie, which is a musical, really, with comedy, is as sweet, sentimental and fun as a Mickey Rooney-Judy Garland movie.

The Mickey-Judy movie musical plot line of "Let's put on a show" is pretty much the extent of the plot line in "The Muppets."

Jason Segal plays Gary, who is dating Mary (Amy Adams) for seven years in Smalltown, USA.

Gary's brother Walter (voiced by Peter Linz), who is a Muppet but is treated as a human, is a big fan of The Muppets.

For their anniversary, Gary and Mary travel to Hollywood.

Walter tags along because among the tourist

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



stops is The Muppet Theater, which is closed and in deplorable condition. Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) wants to buy the theater for what is believed to be a lucrative oil deposit underneath it.

Gary and Walter decide to reunite The Muppets for a telethon to raise \$10 million and outbid Richman for the theater.

Tracking down The Muppets, restoring the theater and putting on the telethon provides fodder for laughs and song and dance. The songs and choreography are charming in the Broadway musical style.

Bret McKenzie of "The Conchords" wrote four original songs for the soundtrack and is the movie's music supervisor.

His songs include "Life's a Happy Song," sung by Segal, Adams and Walter; "Man or Muppet," a duet by Segal and Walter; and "Me Party," sung by Adams and Miss Piggy.

The 15 songs include "The Muppet Show Theme" and "Rainbow Connection."

Great In supporting roles are Rashida Jones, Jack Black, Zach Galifianakis, Alan Arkin and Emily Blunt.

It's fun to spot the cameos, including Ken Jeong, Kristen Schaal, Dave Grohl, Whoopi Goldberg, Neil Patrick Harris, Selena Gomez, John Krasinski, Leslie Feist, Sarah Silverman — and, yes, Mickey Rooney.

"The Muppets" will be of chief interest to moppets — those 10 and under — and those who remember being moppets and watching The Muppets on TV.

"The Muppets," MPAA Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested). Some material may not be suitable for children) for some mild rude humor; Genre: Comedy, Family, Musical; Run time: 1 hour, 38 minutes; Distributed by Walt Disney Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: A "Toy

Story" short film precedes "The Muppets." Make sure you get to the movie theater in time to see it.

Box Office, Dec. 2: "The Twilight Series: Breaking Dawn, Part 1" continued at No. 1 for a third week, \$16.9 million, \$247.3 million, three weeks, and "The Muppets" continued at No. 2, \$11.2 million, \$56.1 million, two weeks. "Hugo" moved up from No. 5 to No. 3, \$7.6 million, \$25.1 million, two weeks.

4. "Arthur Christmas," \$7.3 million, \$25.2 million; two weeks; 5. "Happy Feet Two," \$6 million, \$51.7 million, three weeks; 6. "Jack and Jill," \$5.5 million, \$64.3 million, four weeks; 7. "The Descendants," \$5.2 million, \$18 million, three weeks; 8. "The Immortals," \$4.3 million, \$75.5 million, four weeks; 9. "Tower Heist," \$4.1 million, \$70.8 million, five weeks; 10. "Puss in Boots," \$3 million, \$139.5 million, six weeks

Unreel, Dec. 9:

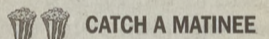
"Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" R: George Smiley returns from semi-retirement to track down a Soviet agent during the Cold War. Gary Oldman and Colin Firth star in the espionage thriller.

"New Year's Eve," PG-13: Garry Marshall directs Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel and Ashton Kutcher in the romantic comedy about several couples on New Year's Eve in New York City.

"The Sitter," R: Jonah Hill stars in the comedy about a college student who babysits the children next door.

"I Melt with You," R: Thomas Jane, Rob Lowe and Jeremy Piven star in the drama about fortysomething college friends' annual reunion.

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dents. She really makes everyone feel like they're part of a family."

An inherent challenge in the presentation of a revered classic is the need to keep the production fresh while maintaining beloved traditional elements. RDT faces this challenge by infusing "The Nutcracker" with new staging and new choreography each year.

"We really want to keep the interest alive," says Tracy. "If you do the same choreography every year, it begins to look staid."

In this year's production, the Act One party scene has been "tweaked," according to Tracy. The bigger changes occur in the Act Two divertissement in "The Land of Sweets." The "Marzipan"

or "Reed Flutes" variation has been choreographed by Trinette Singleton to feature the more advanced dancers of RDT.

"In past years, this variation featured a soloist surrounded by younger girls who were often doing their first dance en pointe," says Tracy. "Now we have so many strong dancers that this has become one of the hardest numbers in the divertissement."

Similarly, the "Chinese" variation has been expanded from a pas de deux to a trio, again to provide greater challenge, greater opportunity to more students.

Another recent change has been to include an acrobatic "Trepak" in Act Two. Ballet companies throughout the world seem to be divided as to whether Tchaikovsky's shortest and most explosive variation should be performed by the "Candy Canes" or by Russian folk dancers.

For RDT, the excitement of the "Trepak" has become an audience favorite. Max Coombs Esmail, an RDT dancer and nationally-ranked snowboarder will alternate the "Trepak" variation with RDT dancer Anthony Cordero.

A point of distinction with RDT's "Nutcracker" is its use of music. The Allentown Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Ron Demkee, accompanies RDT's "Nutcracker,"

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts Women's Choir, directed by Ellen Ditmars, accompanies the musicians during the magical snow scene.

"This is a fabulous experience for our students," says Tracy. It's simpler and easier to work with a recording, with predictable tempos and dynamics. "But it's more exciting for the audience and more challenging for our students with a live orchestra. There is no substitute for that."

For Tracy herself, the learning from one's elders continues. She credits her mother with bringing Trinette Singleton to RDT. Singleton, a former principal dancer with the Joffrey Ballet and the first female dancer featured on the cover of Time magazine in 1968, teaches at DeSales University, as well as RDT.

"It was my mother's [Dolly Haltzman] master plan to get her on board," says Tracy. "Trinette is a phenomenal teacher, dancer and choreographer. And because she teaches at a local college, their dancers join us as well. It's a wonderful fit — a wonderful way to involve the community."

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THEATER REVIEWS

'Down of a Thistle' up at CKP

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
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"The Down of a Thistle," in its world premiere by Crowded Kitchen Players (CKP) through Dec. 18 at McCool's Arts & Events Place, Quaker town, is the kind of "whodunnit" that sneaks up on you. Just when you wonder where the play is going — wham! — it hits you upside the head.

"Thistle," written and directed by Ara Barlieb, places the theatergoer in an Adirondack Mountains, N.Y., lodge where a family of sisters and friends has gathered for the Christmas holiday. The cast of characters are, ahem, characteristically eccentric, an essential ingredient for a crime caper.

It worked well for Agatha Christie in "And Then There Were None," aka "Ten Little Indians," and it works well in "Thistle." Each of the CKP cast members is up to the task of delivering a thriller with touches of morbid humor.

There's Irene Moore

(Pamela McLean Wallace), whose Christmas present from her husband Clarke Moore (Elisabeth Buss) is a divorce decree because she "lived up to distrust ... diligently." Clarke has his list and checked it twice. The litany of grievances include signatures forged, an unauthorized property purchase and funds withdrawn.

There are assorted sisters and a grandmother: Clarissa Marywether (Nancy Mikkelsen), Ophelia Marywether (Sharon Ferry), Althea Rufe (Carla Thew), and Rosemary Travers (Margaret Rawdon).

There's also a neighbor, Harriet Butler (Dorothy Cockrell), the Moore's daughter Clementine (Grayson Thew), a cook, Elsie Trump (Paula Klein), a maid, Elizabeth Lawrence (Sarah Thomas), and a character called only The Stranger (Elizabeth Buss).

The play begins with a toast described by one character as "a little long-winded." It serves to introduce each character. Even

so, keeping a cast of 10 women straight is a challenge. So, it is with some relief, that we can report that, one by one, they disappear.

The plot twist won't be revealed here. It's a doozy, and not one that I anticipated. The pace picks up at the top of Act Two.

"Thistle" is extremely clever. Several of the verses from "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" foreshadow or echo the action on stage. The script has the sense of an old-time radio play. The dialogue and action elicits its share of guffaws.

The set, with painting by Nora Oswald, along with lots of furniture and Christmas lights, provides a cozy, festive room for the proceedings. The costumes by Mikkelsen add to the holiday flair.

If you go, make sure you read the always amusing and informative Director's Notes. This time the topic is the accuracy and debate over the authorship of an "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore.

'Carol' goes Broadway at PPH

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to The Press

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" gets a delightful, witty treatment in Kathy Feininger's "A Broadway Christmas Carol," through Dec. 18 at The Pennsylvania Playhouse (PPH), Bethlehem.

Kerry McGuire plays Scrooge as a Broadway producer coming to grips with his morality. McGuire is the self-described "star" of the high-energy show and is great in this tap-dancing musical.

McGuire shares his dancing skills with the cast by being the show's choreographer. The show sparkles with clever steps and classic tap routines.

The Broadway producer twist on the classic raises the curtain on wonderful repertoire of show tunes with artfully modified lyrics. The entire cast gets to show case their considerable music talents.

The four-person cast lets the actors each develop several characters.

Kayleigh Jardine is wonderful to watch as she

taps into a wide range of characters to include one of the Christmas Ghosts visiting Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve. She brings a strong, resonant voice to the production.

In one scene, Jardine seeks a charitable contribution from Scrooge. She transforms from a charity marm to being in touch with her inner babe by dropping a demure cloak to reveal a red sheath dress. She dances a hot number while trying with no success to liberate some of Scrooge's cash: "How much can I sign you up for?"

She is also memorable as a Christmas Ghost and as Scrooge's first love as the play visits Scrooge's young life where his tightwad tendencies were, even then, well-advanced.

Jardine also does a great job as Bob Cratchit's wife, then as Nephew Fred's wife and is very believable in each role.

Michael Weinhofer in his several roles excels in them all. He is, in turn, Scrooge's nephew, Fred; then Bob Cratchit, and a

Christmas Ghost, and brings the house down with his wonderful appearance as Tiny Tim the crippled boy.

Billed as the "Man at the Piano," Joseph Fink shows his skill on the ivories of the two pianos on the set where he renders the show's trademark Broadway hit tunes arranged for the production. Fink is memorable for his Phantom of the Opera appearance in the two-act play.

Fink, music director for the production, has brought a wonderful musical to toe-tapping life.

Brenda McGuire, who both directs the fast-moving play and is costume designer, does a beautiful job on both counts. Her clothing choices for the actors and the characters they play.

The set is a model of realism simplified for the story played in the round at with the audience on three sides. Bill Nothstein's set design Scott Bateman's lighting are perfect for this intimate setting.



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'Nut/Cracked' at ArtsQuest

David Parker and The Bang Group, above, of New York City present "Nut/Cracked," a contemporary dance interpretation of "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

There are 12 Muhlenberg College dance students participating in two sections of the performance: "The Dance of the Reed Flutes," in which they dance a Morse Code sequence spelling "Merry Christmas," and in the Russian section in which they do the Hustle.

This is the first time the Bang Group is working with Muhlenberg, although the group performed in 1996 at the college.

The Bang Group mixes Tchaikovsky's original score with music by Duke Ellington, Glen Miller and others, turning the sugar-coated ballet into a percussive piece of dance theater. There's tap dancing, singing and unusual pointe shoe activity.

"You never know what'll happen next, but when it's over you find a passionate declaration of naïveté in the best sense: innocence regained," wrote reviewer Alastair Macaulay in The New York Times.

"Nut/Cracked" is presented as part of the Dancenow SteelStacks Series, a partnership between DanceNowNYC and ArtsQuest to bring New York City dance companies to the Lehigh Valley.

"As a dance producer in New York City for 25-plus years, and a resident of Bucks County since 1999, I am thrilled to be able to bring my worlds together at the new ArtsQuest Center," says DanceNow Founding Artistic Director and Producer Robin Staff.

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An 'Annie' for the ages at PYT

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to The Press

The Pennsylvania Youth Theatre's production of "Annie," through Dec. 18 at Charles A. Brown Ice House, Sand Island, Bethlehem, immediately entralls children and adults with Annie's positive attitude and the paths of girls living in a Great Depression-era orphanage in New York City.

Director Gary Minyard provides a fun interpretation of the classic musical tale based on cartoonist Harold Gray's "Little Orphan Annie," introduced in newspapers in 1924.

Then as now, the story fascinates audiences as the very poor and the very rich struggle to make a world that accommodates both.

The Dec. 3 performance featured the "Ovaltine Cast" with charming and talented Christina Concilio in the title role. She delights the audience as she leads them through the story of a smart but poor orphan on the streets of New York City. The kids sum up their lot with the song "It's the Hard Knock Life."

Concilio as Annie sings "Tomorrow" convincingly, giving the audience the

faith that the future holds better things.

It's hard to steal the show from a bunch of talented youth and "singing" dog Sandy (played by Bentley), but slimy underworld denizen, Rooster, comes very close.

Ryan Yandersits plays Rooster who with his moll, Lily — "I was named after the hotel" — St. Regis, played by Jen Santos, are delightfully evil in their never-ending quest to live on Easy Street.

Their sinister ways are abetted by the orphanage's matron, boozy and abusive Miss Hannigan, played with complete charm and consummate skill by Dawne Marie Seifert. The gold digger makes eyes at every guy with a job who walks in, then throws in with her brother, Rooster, to go after the biggest mark of all. Hannigan, Lily St. Regis and Rooster beautifully sing "Easy Street," accompanied by wonderful choreography.

"Daddy" Oliver Warbucks, played by Bill Mutimer, is great as he enlists his buddies, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and other Fat Cats

to help find Annie's parents.

Warbucks, a wealthy self-made billionaire, hosts Annie and her orphan friends with the help of his liveried staff and glamorous assistant, Grace Farrell (Jody Thrash) — "Blondie," as she is called by Rooster.

Paul Bonnici is an essential background player as he handles three parts with charm: Police Lt. Ward, masked radio show personality Jimmy Johnson and Judge Brandeis.

Bert Healy sparkles as a radio show host played by Max Smith. The Boylan Sisters, commercial singers on the Healy's radio show, add sparkle and beauty to the production. Kendra O'Donnell as sister Ronnie Boylan gets additional credit by lending her charm as Mrs. Greer, and as the gorgeous "Star To Be."

State Rep. Steve Samuelson (D-135) played the dual roles of Cordell Hull and Henry Morgenthau, members of F.D.R.'s cabinet.

The music (Jeremiah Downes) and choreography (Lauran Stanis) in the two-act play is impressive and Bill Bauman's costuming perfectly captures the era.

CAMERATA Singers present holiday concert

The Camerata Singers presents its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17, Wesley Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem.

Allan Birney conducts the singers and the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra.

The program includes two baroque masterpieces: Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Handel's "Dixit Dominus" (Psalm 110).

Soloists include soprano Sara Casey and Kathryn Aaron, counter tenor Marshall Coid, tenor Greg Oaten and bass Eduardo Azzati.

Tickets information: 610-434-7811

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ENGAGEMENT

Kroope-Smith
Couple plans
June 2012 nuptials

Debra and Monte Hayes of Topton, and Brian Kroope of Catasauqua, announce the engagement of their daughter Natalie Kroope to Richard Smith, son of David and Beth Smith of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

The bride-elect, a graduate of DeSales University, is employed by Northampton Area School District.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Akron. He is employed by the United States Air Force.

A June 30, 2012, wedding is planned.



Natalie Kroope and Richard Smith

To the squirrels go the victory

In the last column (Focus section, Nov. 23, 24), I discussed the ongoing squirrel wars during my 18-plus years living on our wooded property in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. I described four methods, including hanging birdfeeders from thin floral wires, using wire strung between two trees, greasing feeder poles, and making homemade feeders from plastic milk, orange juice and mixed greens containers. The gray squirrels were victorious, but at least the recycled containers reduced my feeder budget.

My other squirrel war tactics included hanging a feeder from the top of an old Sunfish Sailboat mast, but the mast provided too small in diameter. The squirrels zipped directly up to the feeder, "smiled" and proceeded to dine right in front of me. Then I started investing in more advanced (and more expensive feeders) like the spring loaded perch-type feeders that will not support a squirrel's weight. Their weight, being heavier than a bird's weight, closes the seed portal.

It was that easy, right? Not really. If anyone has purchased a similar feeder you already know that the squirrels eventually come up with an Olympic gold medal performance as they hang upside down from the edges of the feeders. These actions do not place any weight on the perch, thus providing a fitting banquet for their ingenuity and efforts. So, the score is - Squirrels, 1; Squirrel feeder engineers, 0, and Squirrels, 6, Bud, 0.

I believe gray squirrels attend Squirrel University where they major in Problem Solving and Gymnastics. Are there any colleges or universities with a gray squirrel mascot? I do not know of any, but it would be better than some of the mascots including the Buckeyes, Hatters, Paladins, Vandals and Zips. At least the Gray Squirrels would be expected to have plenty of fun during their university years and graduate at the top of their "branches" of study.

The best method I have found to date, although not fool proof, saves a few seeds for the birds. I used a step ladder to slip an eight-foot white PVC pipe over the sailboat mast. The white pipe seemed to stand out too brightly (in my opinion, not the squirrels') against our yard's natural background. So, I painted it in a camo pattern with green, brown and black spray paints.

BUD'S VIEW
By Bud Cole



Unfortunately, although the squirrels were not able to climb the pole with its factory-white color they were able to climb the pole after I painted it.

Heading back to the drawing board, I removed the painted pole, cut it in half, made two drain pipes to carry rain away from the downspouts, bought another eight-foot pole, placed it over the mast and to this point most of the gray squirrels are unable to climb to the feeder. Notice I said: most. As with any sport or vocation there are the gifted few that have certain instinctive abilities. I am just waiting for this particular squirrel gene to disappear again. The ability seems to be inherent in one squirrel every couple of years. And it's back.

My best squirrel story involves the squirrel that figured out how to pull the hanging gallon milk jug feeder up to his perch on the branch. One morning while I was staring into the yard looking for birds I noticed the milk jug jerkily rising into the air. A squirrel was pulling the jug up to its branch with its paws, but it was unable to hold onto the jug to steal the seeds.

When the jug dropped, releasing seeds as it abruptly stopped, I thought that it was an accident, but when the squirrel jumped to the ground, consumed the seeds, climbed back to the branch and went through the procedure again and again I was convinced

this particular squirrel had graduated at the top of its family "tree." Unfortunately, my video camera had a dead battery or I might have received a cashier's check from Tom Bergeron's "America's Funniest Home Videos" TV show.

I want to thank the readers who responded to me with their squirrel stories. Joe Palhofski of Bethlehem also traps gray squirrels and relocates them. Joe has trapped 48 squirrels and given them free rides. He also accidentally trapped three birds and two skunks (that might be a future story). When he reported that he drops some of the squirrels near the Lehigh Valley Post Office, I suggested that he send them to Tibet.

Bill Boyle made a church-style birdfeeder using instructions from a backyard bird book. The Texas entrepreneur's blueprints and instructions touted it to be squirrel proof, but it only took five minutes for Bill's squirrels to begin dining from the new feeder. The only squirrel proof, according to Bill is the proof that our Lehigh Valley squirrels are smarter "than them there" Texas squirrels. Bill also transplants trapped squirrels. We are probably all taking our trapped squirrels to some other squirrel trapper's property, who in turn brings them back again to our yards.

That's the way we see it!

Email comments and questions to: bbbc@enternet.net. To schedule programs, hikes and birthday parties, call 610-767-4043.

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A gray squirrel dines on sunflower seed, perched atop a wooden birdfeeder.

WEDDING

Metrick-Pearsall
Couple married
in Virginia

Kathy Pearsall and Aaron Metrick were married June 10 in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, Va.

Retired United States Navy Capt. Monsignor Frederic Elkin officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pearsall and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rich of Garland, N.C.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Metrick of New Tripoli.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Ron Pearsall.

The bride wore a delicate lace and satin strapless gown by Marisa. The gown featured a drop waist with a trumpet skirt, cascading into a chapel-length train.

The bride completed her look with silver peep toe Christian Louboutins and a hand-sewn veil edged with French Alencon lace.

She carried a bouquet of peonies in various hues, bound by the same lace used to make her veil.

The maid of honor was Lt. j.g. Amy Nowakowski of Norfolk, Va.

Bridesmaids were Jadie Baldwin-Hamm of Cary, N.C.; Virginia Kelly of Hampstead, N.C.; Jody Maryniak, sister of the groom, from Wyomissing, Berks County; and Jessica Perron of Virginia Beach, Va.

The bridesmaids wore gossamer knee-length gowns of dusky almond with ruffled necklines.

The best man was Lt. Mark Muncy of Virginia Beach.

Ushers were Chad Davis of Allen-



Aaron Metrick and Kathy Pearsall Metrick

town, James McDonough of Simi Valley, Calif., Patrick McKlinton of West Chester and Scott Myers of Lewes, Del.

The bride's mother was attired in a suit of cream and gold.

The groom's mother was attired in a tea-length dress of sage.

The reception was held at The Founder's Inn, Virginia Beach.

The bride is a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy Nurse Corps, serving as a supervising nurse for the Pediatric Clinic at Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

The groom is a Naval flight officer with the VAW-121 Bluetails Squadron.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple is residing in Virginia Beach.

WASSAIL MUSIC
Annual concert
at Trinity

The Baltimore Consort, an early music ensemble, returns to Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem for a program of Christmas music from the Renaissance era "Wassail, Wassail! Yuletide Carols and Dance Tunes from the British Isles, Germany, France, and Spain," 7 p.m. Dec. 14, Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 E. Market St., Bethlehem.

The group performs on period instruments, including lutes, viols, recorders, krumphorns and more.

The program features soprano Danielle Svonavec and countertenor Jose Lemos.

Larry Lipkis, Moravian College Director of Early Music and Composer-in-Residence, plays viols and recorders.

A reception with wassail and Yuletide treats follows.

The Baltimore Consort has toured the United States and Europe, performing classical and folk music of the British Isles, Europe and North America.

Their syndicated radio broadcasts have appeared on CBC Radio's "On Stage" and the BBC. The Dorian label recording artists have released 15 CDs and are preparing a 16th.

Tickets are expected to be available at the door. Information: 610-867-4741.

ment at Allen Organ Company, Macungie.

The concert of seasonal and classical music mixes traditional and modern compositions, including Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata 29 "We Thank Thee, God," Frederick Delius' "Winter Night" and "Carol Rhapsody" by Richard Purvis. The audience may sing along to Christmas carols.

A reception with Yuletide treats follows the performance.

Tickets are expected to be available at the door. Information: 610-867-4741.

LU PHIL
Holiday theme
concert returns

The Lehigh University Philharmonic Orchestra and Music Director Eugene Albuiescu present the festive masterworks, Tchaikovsky's classic "Nutcracker Suite" and contemporary New Zealand composer Jenny McLeod's "The Emperor and the Nightingale" set against a colorful multimedia holiday slide show created by orchestra manager and artist Linda Ganus, 8 p.m. Dec. 9 and 3 p.m. Dec. 10, Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

"This concert was so popular last year, that we decided to bring it back this season and make it even more family-friendly," says Albuiescu. "The

concerts are intended for the whole family and we included a special Saturday afternoon matinee to make it even more child-friendly."

Ticket information: 610-758-2787

LU CHORAL ARTS
Free vespers
in Packer

Lehigh University Choral Arts, under the direction of Director Steven Sametz and Associate Director Debra Field, presents its annual free candlelight holiday celebration, 4 and 8 p.m. Dec. 11, Packer Memorial Church Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

The Vespers program features readings and music to celebrate the season.

"As part of our traditional holiday present to the Lehigh Valley community, each year for many years, Choral Arts have premiered a new arrangement of Praetorius' Christmas carol, "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming." This year's arrangement incorporates themes of Honegger's Le mort David and is by Casey Rule, Class of 2011. There's something for everyone to celebrate," says Sametz.

Seating is limited. Early arrival is recommended. No tickets are required. Information: Lehigh University Music Department, 610-758-3835

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By Dave Green

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12/07

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LVAR appoints government liaison

The Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors (LVAR) announced it has appointed Justin R. Poremba as Director of Government Affairs.

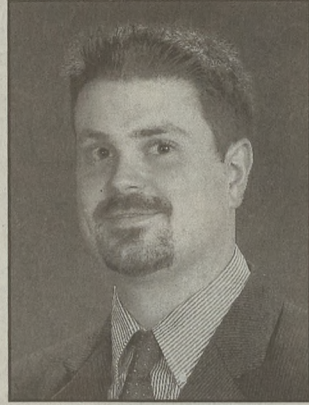
Poremba previously served as Deputy Director for United States Senator Arlen Specter for eight years. He most recently held the position of Assistant Director of Admissions at Moravian College.

Poremba received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from

Moravian College and a Masters of the Arts in Political Science from East Stroudsburg University.

As Director of Government Affairs, Poremba will be responsible for developing, coordinating and advocating legislation that directly effects the real estate industry, consumer and members of LVAR. He will manage all aspects of government relations on local, state and federal levels.

Poremba will also edu-



Justin R. Poremba cate association members on government issues, oversee grassroots advocacy, manage LVAR's political action committee, and direct coalition building.

LVHN names medical chief

Family medicine physician Robert Motley, MD, has been named president-elect of Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) medical staff. He replaces trauma surgeon Michael Pasquale, MD, who was named chair of LVHN's department of surgery.

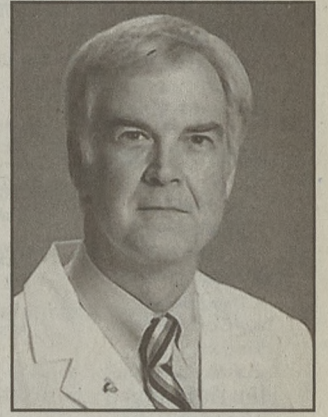
Motley came to LVHN in 2006 with nearly 20 years of private practice experience.

He received a medical degree from Jefferson Medical College and completed a family medicine residency program at Thomas Jefferson Univer-

sity Hospital. He has a bachelor's degree in biology from La Salle University.

Motley is a member of the Baranzano Society (Medical Ethics Professional Education Advisory Committee) at DeSales University. He also is a member of the pre-marital preparation program at St. Stanislaus Parish, Lansdale.

Motley enjoys kayaking and biking with his wife, Jeanne-Marie, and spending time with his five children (four of whom work in health



Dr. Robert Motley (care) and two grandchildren.

No reservations about Rude Elf at Fegley's Brew Works

Fegley's Brew Works has announced that litigation with fellow Pennsylvania brewer, Troegs Brewing, has been resolved and Fegley's Brew Works will continue to sell Rude Elf's Reserve, an award-winning holiday ale.

When asked to com-

ment on this matter Jeff Fegley said, "We have no further comment."

When asked if Troegs attended the Allentown Brew Works Beer Festival Dec. 3, Fegley said, "Unfortunately, no. They are tied up with their new brewery expansion."

Fegley said this year's

batch of Rude Elf's Reserve is "better than ever."

"We added two new 30 bbl fermentation tanks this year and are really happy with how the complexity of the flavor profile has come together."

"The 1999 recipe has only been tweaked slight-

ly over the years as the equipment changed, and was a Medal Winner at the Great American Beer Festival in 2009."

Like many craft breweries, in 2011 Fegley's Brew Works has seen a giant increase in business.

"We are at full capacity,

projected to brew about 3,800 barrels of beer in the next 12 months at our Allentown facility alone. We are adding three more 30 barrel fermenters in the next few months," said Fegley.

Fegley's Brew Works products are available at Shangy's Beer Authority,

Whole Foods, Wegmans and Tanczos.

They can also be sampled at PJ Whelihans, Allentown and Bethlehem; Dunderbaks, Whitehall; Porter's Pub, Easton; TGIFriday's, Quakertown; Wise Guys Beer Depot, Allentown, and beer distributors.

LVHN to oversee ER services at Gnadon Huetten, Palmerton

The Blue Mountain Health System (BMHS) and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has announced a partnership in which LVHN will oversee the operation of emergency services at BMHS hospitals: Gnadon Huetten Memorial Hospital, Lehighton, and Palmerton Hospital, Palmerton.

Under the partnership, LVHN's emergency medi-

cine administration will be responsible for the operation of the emergency departments at the two Blue Mountain hospitals. BMHS ER physicians will continue to deliver patient care at the hospitals.

The administrative oversight by LVHN will be similar to existing emergency medicine relationships that Lehigh Valley Health Network has with Sacred

Heart Hospital, Allentown, and Hazleton General Hospital, Hazleton.

LVHN and BMHS announced a five-year affiliation agreement in 2009 to work collaboratively to enhance and improve health care for the residents of the Carbon County area. Prior to the affiliation the two organizations had worked together since 2004 to provide advanced

cardiac and stroke care. They also have collaborated to care for burn patients through telemedicine.

Last February, the two announced that LVHN infectious disease specialists would begin consulting with physicians and patients at BMHS through telemedicine. The use of a patient exam camera, electronic stethoscope and high definition audio-video

connections, mixed with other health information technologies to assess and treat patients with infectious diseases, became the first service of its kind in Northeast Pa.

The Blue Mountain Health System consists of the Gnadon Huetten Memorial Hospital, a 101-bed community hospital in Lehighton; Palmerton Hospital, a 70-bed community

hospital cated in Palmerston; and The Summit, a 91-bed nursing and rehabilitation center.

The hospitals of the Blue Mountain Health System are regional providers of health care services to the people living in Carbon County and parts of Monroe, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill counties.

8 DAYS

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610-967-5600
Emmaus Chorale, 3 p.m. Dec. 11: "The Many Moods of Christmas"
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALLENTOWN
 Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman street, Allentown. 610-395-3781
Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Bach Festival Orchestra, Greg Fungfield, conductor, 8 p.m. Dec. 10: Christmas Concert: "Cantata 40," "Christmas Oratorio"; Carpentier, "Midnight Mass for Christmas"; Poulenc, "Motets for the Christmas Season"
First Presbyterian Church Choirs, 4 p.m. Dec. 11: Christmas Joy Concert
Summer Harmony Men's Chorus, Local Choral Groups, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16: First Presbyterian Church Concert Series
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BETHLEHEM
 2344 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-867-5865
Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Bach Festival Orchestra, Greg Fungfield, conductor, 3:30 p.m., pre-concert organ recital, 4 p.m. Dec. 11: Christmas Concert: Bach, "Cantata 40," "Christmas Oratorio"; Carpentier, "Midnight Mass for Christmas"; Poulenc, "Motets for the Christmas Season"
Valley Music Together, 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays
Oasis, 6 p.m. Dec. 17: Worship Service, Christmas Concert
Chancel Choir, Philadelphia Brass Choir, 4 p.m. Dec. 18
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE
 Williams Center for the Arts, Hamilton and High streets, Easton. 610-330-5356
Lafayette College Instrumental, Vocal Students, Faculty, 12:15 p.m. Dec. 7: First Wednesday Recital.
Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Dec. 7. Free. Ticket required
Department of Music Honors, 12:15 p.m. Dec. 9. Free
Concert Band, 8 p.m. Dec. 10. Free. Ticket required
Marquis Concert, 3 p.m. Dec. 11. Free. Ticket required
LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700
Good Vibrations Chorus, Crazy Kids, Lehigh Valley Pops, Tap Dancers, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 15: Holiday Concert
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
 Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-2787
Lehigh University Philharmonic, 8 p.m. Dec. 9; 3 p.m. Dec. 10: "Nutcracker and Winter Fun"; McLeod, "The Emperor and the Nightingale"; Tchaikovsky, "Nutcracker Suite"
 Packer Memorial Church, Asa Packer Campus, 36 University Drive, Bethlehem. 610-758-3877
Lehigh University Choral Arts, 4, 8 p.m. Dec. 11: "Christmas Vespers," Packer Memorial Church, Asa Packer Campus, 36 University Drive, Bethlehem. 610-758-6611
Wess Morgan and Friends, 5 p.m. Dec. 17: "United for His Glory"
MACUNGIE INSTITUTE
 510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830
Valley Music Together, 9:30, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays; 10 a.m. Saturdays
MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE
 14 W. Broadway, Jim Thorpe. 570-325-0249
Four Celtic Voices, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 9
Craig Thatcher and Friends, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 10: "Rockin' Christmas Show"
Bach and Handel Chorale, Festival Orchestra, 3 p.m. Dec. 17: Handel, "Messiah"
MAIN STREET BETHLEHEM
Flutations, 1 p.m. Dec. 10: Strolling Musicians Series
MUHLBERG COLLEGE
 Recital Hall, Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3623
Candlelight Carol Services, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11; 3:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Free. Ticket required
NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 30 Belvidere St., Nazareth
The Large Flowerheads, 8 p.m. Dec. 9
Pennsylvania Guitar Quintet, 3 p.m. Dec. 11: Holiday Show
Trevor Gordon Hall, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16
Matt Roach, 8 p.m. Dec. 17
SECOND STORY BLUES ON BROADWAY
 1205 Broadway, Fountain Hill. 610-882-1710
Nick Moss and The Flip Tops, Friar's Point, 8 p.m. Dec. 9: "Blues for Smiles"; Annual Toys for Tots Benefit
SELLERSVILLE THEATRE 1894
 24 W. Temple Avenue, Sellersville. 215-257-5808
George Winston, 8 p.m. Dec. 7
Savoy Brown featuring Kim Simmonds, Gina Sicilia, 8 p.m. Dec. 8
Emerson Hart, 8 p.m. Dec. 9
Eric Mintel Quartet, 2 p.m. Dec. 10
J.D. Crowe and The New South, Lewis Brothers, 8 p.m. Dec. 10
Keller Williams, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11
Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Tony Gaynor, Vocals, Narrator, 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 15: "Kings of Christmas"
The Sideguys, 8 p.m. Dec. 16
Suzy Boggus, 8 p.m. Dec. 17

Annie Haslam and Friends, Jen Creed, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18
SHERMAN THEATRE
 524 Main St., Stroudsburg. 570-420-2808
Mac Miller, 8 p.m. Dec. 8
The Machine: Pink Floyd tribute, 8 p.m. Dec. 10
Golden Dragon Acrobats, 2 p.m. Dec. 11
Twelve Twenty Four, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15
Jam Stampede, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17
STATE THEATRE FOR THE ARTS
 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-258-7766
Mannheim Steamroller, 5:30, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6
John Tesh, 8 p.m. Dec. 15: "Big Band Christmas"
Kenny Rogers, 8 p.m. Dec. 16: Christmas Concert; Also, Billy Dean, Easton Area High School Camerata, John Shilanskas, Conductor
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 32 S. Fifth St., Allentown. 610-435-1641
St. John's Choir and Friends, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13: "A Festival of Lessons and Carols"
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NAZARETH
 200 S. Broad St., Nazareth. 610-759-3090
Jan Session, 8 p.m. Tuesdays
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 1249 Trexlerturn Road, Trexlerturn. 610-395-4571
Bach and Handel Chorale, 3 p.m. Dec. 11: Christmas Concert
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 44 E. Market St., Bethlehem. 610-867-4741
Aram Basmadjian, organ, 3 p.m. Dec. 11
Baltimore Consort, 7 p.m. Dec. 14: "Wassail, Wassail"
UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
 5671 Chestnut St., Old Zionsville. 610-966-3223
Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10: The Meadowood String Ensemble: Listen Live Music
Tony Trischka Band, Zapp Family, 8 p.m. Dec. 17: Holiday Show: Listen Live Music
WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
 2540 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-865-5715
Camerata Singers, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17: Christmas Concert

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

AMERICA ON WHEELS
 5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200
Holiday Train Exhibit, through Dec. 29
BAUM SCHOOL OF ART
 510 Linden St., Allentown. 610-433-0032
Holiday Gallery, through Dec. 23
CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
 Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-866-5661
Christmas Putz, through Dec. 23; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursdays - Saturday; 1 - 8 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Dec. 26 - 30; 1 - 10:30 p.m. Dec. 31
CHRISTKINDLMARKT
 PNC Plaza, Steel Stacks, First street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300
Springhouse Middle School Choir, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 8
Dave Fry, 1 p.m. Dec. 8; 11:30 a.m. Dec. 16
Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Performing Arts Women's Choir, 4 p.m. Dec. 8
The Beautiful Distortion, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8
East Hills Middle School, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 9
Brandywine Heights High School Choralliers, 1 p.m. Dec. 9
Palisades High School Madrigal Singers, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 9
Violin Studio of Rosalie Keddington, 4 p.m. Dec. 9
Coventant Brass Quintet, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9
Freedom High School Les Chanteurs, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 10
St. John's United Church of Christ Fellowship Ringers, 1 p.m. Dec. 10
The Lesson Church, 1 p.m. Dec. 10
Valley Suzuki Strings, 4 p.m. Dec. 10
Stephen DiJoseph, 6 p.m. Dec. 10
Lower Macungie Middle School, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 11
Holy Infancy Strings, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 11
Kato, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 11
Pohatcong School Music Department, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 15
Mercy Tone Choir, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15
Craig Thatcher, Nyke Van Wyck, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 15
The Brandywine Christmas Minstrels, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15
Nazareth School District Chorus, 2 p.m. Dec. 16
Emmaus Chorale, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 16
Hunterdon Youth Choir, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16: YOUiversity of Music and Arts
Nazareth Community Choir, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17
June Thomas Jazz Group, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17
Farmersville Elementary School, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 17
Southside Brass, 6 p.m. Dec. 17
AJ Silverberg, 11:30 a.m., 3, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18
Silver and Brass Trombone Quartet, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 18
CHRISTMAS AT STEELSTACKS
 First Street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300
Holiday Music, Light Show, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m., through Dec. 31
DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM
A Christmas City Stroll, 4 p.m. Mondays - Sundays; 3 p.m. Thursdays - Sundays; 6 p.m. Mondays - Fridays, through Dec. 23
Christmas City Village, Fridays - Sundays through Dec. 18
Holiday Ghost Tours, 7 - 9:30 p.m., through Dec. 29

Home for the Holidays: Photographing the Christmas City, 1 - 5 p.m. Dec. 11; 6 - 9:30 p.m. Dec. 12
Advent Calendar, City Center, through Dec. 23
EDGEBORO MORAVIAN CHURCH
 645 Hamilton Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-866-8793
Christmas Putz, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays - Fridays; 6 - 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; 3 - 6 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 22
GALLERY AT ST. JOHN'S
 330 Ferry St. Easton. 610-258-6110
Holiday Art Show, through Dec. 18
KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK
 200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140
9th Annual Gingerbread House Competition, Display, 9 a.m. Dec. 10
Williamsburg Wreath Design, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13
KREIDERSVILLE COVERED BRIDGE
 5744 Indian Trail Road, Northampton
Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 10
LEHIGH, KEYSTONE VALLEY MODEL MUSEUM RAILROAD
 705 Linden St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7101
14th Annual Christmas Open House, 1 - 6 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18; Jan. 1, 7 - 8; 1 - 5 p.m. Dec. 24, 31; 5 - 9 p.m. Dec. 26 - 30
LEHIGH PARKWAY
 Lehigh Parkway East and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Allentown
Lights in the Parkway, 5:30 - 10 p.m. through Dec. 24, 26 - Jan. 1
LIBERTY BELL SHRINE MUSEUM
 Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232
Pip's Winter Wonderland - A Conestoga Wagon Christmas, through Dec. 31
MACUNGIE HOLIDAY
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 10, Macungie
Christmas Ornaments, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 10, Young and Young Law Offices, 119 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-967-6197
Museum Open House, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 10, Macungie Institute
Pet Photos with Santa, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 10, Macungie Animal Hospital, 161 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-421-8381
Scavenger Hunt, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 10
Decorated Christmas Stockings, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 10, Macungie Fire Company, 31 S. Walnut St., Macungie. 610-966-2323
Children's Holiday Party with Santa, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Dec. 10, Macungie Fire Company
Recordante, 11 a.m. Nov. 10, Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830
Coral's Academy of Dance, noon, 2 p.m. Dec. 10, Eyer Middle School, 5616 Buckeye Road, Macungie. 610-965-1600
Macungie Band Ensemble, 1 p.m. Nov. 10, Macungie Institute
Santa, Mrs. Claus, 1 - 3 p.m. Nov. 10, Macungie Institute
MARTIN GUITAR
 510 Sycamore St., Nazareth. 610-759-2837
Holiday Open House, 5 - 8 p.m. Dec. 8
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 Gates Center, Alumni Hall, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5300
Holiday Boutique, 6 - 9 p.m. Dec. 7
SMITHY AND BLACKSMITH SHOP
 Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-691-6055
Christmas at 1750 Smithy and Blacksmith Shop, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays through Dec. 23
WERLEY'S CORNER HOTEL
 4590 Werley's Corner Road, New Tripoli. 610-395-0763
Weisenberg-Lowhill Township Historical Society Grischtidaag, Christmas Event, 8:30 - 2 p.m. Dec. 10

DANCE

ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY HALL
 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715
"The Nutcracker", 2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11: Repertory Dance Theatre; "Land of the Sweets" party after Dec. 10 performance
FEARLESS FIRE COMPANY
 1221 Front St., Allentown. 610-767-2549
Allentown Area Swing Dance Society, Con Gallagher, 7 p.m. Dec. 13: Cha Cha; Dancing, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Dec. 6: Dave Kim, California Mix
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN
 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571
Israeli Dancing, 7:30 p.m. Mondays: Beginners; 8:30 p.m. Mondays: Experienced dancers
LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700
Neil Wright, 1 p.m. Dec. 7
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
 Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-2787
"The Nutcracker", 2 p.m. Dec. 17, 18: Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, Jennie Somogyi; Nutcracker tea party, cocktail party following Dec. 10 performance
MUSIKFEST CAFE
 ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, First Street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378
"Nut-Cracked", 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7: David Parker and The Bang Group
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5300

Northampton Dance Ensemble, Acta Non Verba Dance Club, 11:15 a.m. Dec. 8; 7 p.m. Dec. 9: Dance Showcase
STATE THEATRE FOR THE ARTS
 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132
"The Nutcracker", 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8: Moscow Ballet
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
 424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-923-0997
Folk Dance, 6 p.m. Sundays
Lisa Greenleaf, 3 p.m., challenging dances, 5:30 p.m., potluck, 7 p.m., lesson, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. evening dance, Dec. 10: Contra Dance: Moving Violations

EVENTS

ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS AGRI-PLEX
 302 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-7541
Lehigh Valley Motorcycle Extravaganza, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 10; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 11
Star of Bethlehem Dog Show, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 17; 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 18
COLLEGE HILL MORAVIAN CHURCH 72 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem. 610-867-8291
Bethlehem Palette Club, 9 a.m. Wednesdays: Weekly meeting
HAWK MOUNTAIN
 1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Kempton. 610-756-6961
Autumn Hawkwatch, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, through Dec. 15
KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK
 200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140
Writers Guild, 9 a.m. Dec. 17: Meeting
MERCHANTS SQUARE MALL
 1901 S. 12th St., Allentown. 610-797-7743
Antique Toys, Collectibles Show, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 10
Stamp Show, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Dec. 11
Garage Sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 17, 18
MUSSELMAN ARTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
 Sixth Street Gallery, 610 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-821-0345, ext. 124
Family Drum Circle, 10 a.m. Mondays: Host: Moe Jerant. Free
Kids, Family Jam Time, 11 a.m. Saturdays: Hand Drumming Sessions: Host: Moe Jerant. Free
SOUTHERN LEHIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY
 3200 Preston Lane, Center Valley. 610-282-8825
Doug Files, 7 p.m. Dec. 7: "Defensive Gardening": "Gardening around the Year - Third Harvest"
STEELSTACKS
 First street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300
Along the Lehigh River: The Rise and Fall of Bethlehem Steel, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. daily through Dec. 31: Historic Bethlehem Partnership: Walking Tour

LITERARY EVENTS

GODFREY DANIELS
 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390
Story Circle, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14
HELLERTOWN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
 409 Constitution Avenue, Hellertown. 610-838-8381
Trestia Media Beach, noon - 4 p.m. Dec. 10: "Thinking and Laughing Allowed: Columns from the Valley Voice" book signing
LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700
Current Events Discussion Group, 2 p.m. Thursdays
MORAVIAN BOOK SHOP
 428 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5481
Jonathan Maberry, 5 - 7 p.m. Dec. 9: "Dead of Night" book release, signing
Linda, Rocco Maniscalco, 3 - 5 p.m. Dec. 10, 17: "Italian Christmas Eve" book signing, tasting
Bethlehem Writers Group, 1 - 3 p.m. Dec. 17: "A Christmas Sampler: Sweet, Funny, and Strange Holiday Tales" book signing
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-861-5526
Jaye Beetem, 1 - 3 p.m. Dec. 10: "Pirate Pete's Island Christmas," Cops-N-Kids Reading Room Meet the Author
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 Signal 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
Dr. James Largay, 7 p.m. Dec. 8: "Battle Hymn of the Republic and the Battle of the Crater"
Don Becker, Damian Siekonic, 6 p.m., book signing, 6:30 p.m., discussion Dec. 16: "Winemaking in Early America"
PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
 South Whitehall Township Building, 4444 Walbert Avenue, Walberts. 610-398-0407
Elizabeth Bodien, 2 p.m. Dec. 17: "Endpapers" poetry reading, book signing
Submission deadline for 8 Days A Week is noon Monday, 10 days prior to the Wednesday-Thursday Focus section publication date. Email: Alexandra Racines at: racines.eightdays@gmail.com

ANGLICAN

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
2510 Livingston Street
Allentown, 18104 - 610-435-0712
8:40 a.m. Morning Prayer
9 a.m. Holy Communion
28 Book of Common Prayer
Rev. Joseph S. Falzone

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

NORTHAMPTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
3449 Cherryville Road
Northampton - 610-262-5645
www.NAOG.ws
Daniel E. Lundmark, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible - 7:30 p.m.

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
4601 Tighman Street
Allentown - 610-395-5441
Rev. Manfred vonHarten
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m., Nursery
Handicapped Accessible

BVF * Small Groups * Bible Study
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5300 Green Pond Rd., Easton
610-365-5300
Sunday Worship: 8:45 & 10:20 a.m.
(with classes for all ages during both services)
Wed. Dinner with Programs (for all ages)
www.calvarybaptistpa.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1808 N. 19th St., Allentown
(South Whitehall Township)
SUNDAY SERVICES
Contemporary Worship 8 a.m.
Traditional Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.
Study Groups 6 p.m.
WEEKDAY MINISTRIES
Awana Clubs & Prayer Groups
Student & Singles Groups
610-432-3414, www.fbctown.com

HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SCHNECKSVILLE
3749 Route 309 North
Orefield - 610-395-4970
James E. Barr, Pastor
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

LEHIGH VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
4702 Colebrook Ave.
Emmaus
610-965-4700
Pastor Roland Hammelt
Bible Discovery Groups, S.S. 9 a.m.
Sunday - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.
www.lvbaptist.org

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
BETHANY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
3300 Seventh Street
Whitehall, PA 18052
610-434-8661
www.WhitehallBFC.org
Timothy Schroyer, Senior Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Bible Study
7 p.m. Youth Group

CALVARY CHAPEL
CALVARY CHAPEL LIVING WATER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY
2224 Industrial Drive
(before Unclaimed Freight)
Pastor David Massie
http://www.cclivingwater.org
ph. 610-432-6532, fax 610-432-6533
Worship Service 10 a.m.
Nurse & Child Care provided
Handicapped Accessible

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9:05 a.m. Church Sch. & Ad. Forum
Wed. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Healing Service: first Wed.)

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3900 Mechanicsville Rd.
Whitehall, 610-435-3901
The Rev. Frank S. St. Amour
Sunday Mass, 8 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
www.ststephenepiscopal.org

EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL

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

HORIZON CHURCH
"Where Heaven and Earth Connect"
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Pastor Robert Daneker - 610-439-0418
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10 a.m. Service begins
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Corner of N. 5th St. & Ridge St.
Emmaus - 610-965-5570
Rev. Al Giles - Senior Pastor
Rev. Nathan Kennedy - Asst. Pastor
Traditional Worship, 8:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Kids Club - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

CALVARY TEMPLE
3436 Winchester Road,
Allentown 610-398-3222
Rev. Ray A. Ricketts, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Service & Children & Youth, 7 p.m.
Handicapped Accessible
cloffice@ptd.net
calvarytemplepa.org
Visitors Welcome

LUTHERAN

CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCH
3419 Broadway, Catonia
610-395-6332
9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Communion - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month)
Handicapped Accessible

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
13th & Hamilton Sts., 610-433-4271
Rev. William Maxon Senior Pastor
Rev. Maritza T. Dolich, Outreach Pastor
Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.
9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
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3355 MacArthur Road
Whitehall, Pa. 18052
(610) 435-0451
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, all ages
The Rev. Michael J. Bodnyk
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mbodnj@aol.com
Handicapped Accessible
Hearing Devices Available

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
28 W. Main St., Macungie
Worship: Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
Christmas Day, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Rev. Paul E. Bartlett, Pastor
610-966-3325
www.gracemacungie.org

HEIDELBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH
Irvin & Church Roads
Heidelberg Township
Rev. David L. Hess
610-767-9513
Info and map on website:
www.heidelberg-lutheran.org
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Handicapped accessible & air conditioned

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
3461 Cedar Crest Blvd.
Emmaus, Pa. 18049
610-967-2220
Rev. Richard H. Elliott, Sr. Pastor
Rev. James Bowers, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Marge Dean, Assoc. Pastor
Sunday Holy Communion
7:30, 8:45, 10:45 a.m.
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Special service for developmentally disabled adults & children
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HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth & Pine Sts., Catonsville
610-264-2641 - Rev. John Hart
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sun./month)

JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EASTERN SALISBURY
1707 Church Road
Allentown, PA 18103
610-797-6933
Rev. Shirley Guider
8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

JORDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
5103 Snowdrift Road
Orefield 610-395-5912
The Rev. Herbert H. Michel, D.D.
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sun. at 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun. at 8 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Hearing Devices Available

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4004 Tighman St. - 610-395-5062
John P. Minnich, STM, Pastor
Richard H. Stough, STM, Assoc. Pastor
Communion
1st & 3rd Sunday & every Saturday
Saturday Worship, 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
www.nativityallentown.org

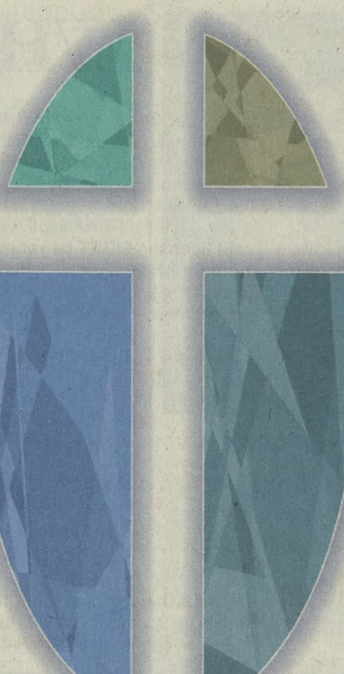
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822 N. 19th Street
Allentown, PA 18104
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Sat. Eve. Worship, 6 p.m.
Sunday School - 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.
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5th & Chestnut sts.
Emmaus, Pa. 18049
610-965-9885
Rev. Wayne A. Matthias-Long, Pastor
Rev. Fred S. Foerster, Pastor Emeritus
Melanie E. Werley, Associate in Ministry
Worship, 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School for All Ages, 9:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1028 Church Street,
Fogelsville - 610-395-5535
Pr. Andrew Carlsson, Interim Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Nursery during worship
www.emmausmoravian.org
Rev. Kevin J. Henning, Pastor

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
417 Howertown Road
Catonsville, PA 18032
610-264-3221
Rev. Gary L. Walbert
8 a.m. Holy Communion
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sun./month

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4331 Main St., Whitehall
610-262-1600
Rev. James W. Schlegel
Wheelchair accessible
8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
Communion every Sunday, 8 a.m.
Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sun. 10:15 a.m.
8 & 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
5th Sunday of the Month



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5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville
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Worship Service, 8 & 10:45 a.m.
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7645 Weisenberg Church Rd.
New Tripoli, PA 18066
610-298-2437
Pastor Ray Hand
Worship, 9 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
Holy Communion - 1st Sunday
Wheelchair accessible

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

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EMMAUS MORAVIAN CHURCH
146 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049
610-965-6067
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Nursery during worship
www.emmausmoravian.org
Rev. Kevin J. Henning, Pastor

SONRise COMMUNITY CHURCH
Next Preview Worship Session:
Xmas Eve, Dec. 24
The Macungie Institute
510 E. Main Street
Rt. 100, Macungie
7 p.m.
Contact: Kate Dekker, LCL
610-965-1879
CHURCH WITH NO WALLS

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Pastor Steve Feeley
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Teaching Verse by Verse thru the Bible
Contemporary Worship
Relaxed Atmosphere
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560 Dalton Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
Phone 610-928-4036
Pastors Bill & Sue Whitney
Sunday Service - 10 a.m.
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.
Nursery Available
Bible Study Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Handicapped Accessible

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ALLENTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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10 a.m. Arabic Worship in the Chapel
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www.fpcallentown.org

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N. 2nd & Cherokee Sts.
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Rev. Timothy Michael Dooner
10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery care provided
www.faithchurchemmaus.org
faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org

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2344 Center Street
610-967-5885
Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson, Sr. Pastor
Saturday Oasis, 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship:
8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
9 & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Childcare & Handicapped Accessible
www.fpc-bethlehem.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA
3005 S. Front Street
Whitehall, PA 18052
610-264-9693
Rev. Joyce Smothers
Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10 a.m.
Email: hokeypres@verizon.net
Web: www.hokeypres.org

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

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

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3441 Devonshire Road
Allentown, PA 18103
610-797-4242 or 610-791-4979
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ
Rev. Homer E. Royer Jr., Sr. Pastor
8 a.m. U.C.C. Word Service
9 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Lutheran Holy Communion
Service, altar

UNION

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7863 St. Peters Road
(on Macungie Mountain)
610-966-3030
Rev. Jerel W. Gade, Pastor
9 a.m. Worship
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.
Handicapped Accessible
All Welcome!

UNITED CH. OF CHRIST

CEDAR U.C.C.
3419 Broadway
(2 blks. W. Cedar Crest Blvd.)
610-395-6332
Pastor Lee Scheicher
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

CHRIST CHURCH U.C.C.
75 East Market Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018 - 610-965-6565
Rev. William J. Kuntze, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Jeffrey V. Bauer, Assoc. Pastor
email: christ@christucc.org
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. "The Gathering Place"
Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.
135 Quarry Rd., Alburis
610-966-2991
Rev. Scott M. Sanders
9 a.m. Church School
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Advent Handbells

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

EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH
4129 S. Church Street
Whitehall - 610-262-4961
Pastor Larry E. Pickar, Sr.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Series: Plan to Win!
Message Outlines on Website
(Child-Care Available)
Adult/Children's Sunday Sch., 9 a.m.
Visit Our Website: www.EgyptUCC.com

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
902 Lincoln Ave.
Northampton, Pa. 18067
610-262-7186 grapeucc@rcn.com
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Handicapped accessible

U.C.C., GREENAWALDS
2325 Albright Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
610-435-1763
Jeffery A. Brinks, Pastor
9 a.m. Education Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship
(Nursery available)
Sanctuary handicapped accessible

HEIDELBERG U.C.C.
Irvin & Church Roads
Heidelberg Township
Pastor Karen Yonney
610-767-4740
Puppet Ministry
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service
Handicapped Accessible
Air Conditioned
www.uccheidelberg.org

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

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

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
139 North Fourth St.
Emmaus 610-965-9158
Sr. Pastor, Rev. Paul Knappenberg
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

ST. PAUL'S UCC OF INDIANLAND

787 Almond Road
Walnutport (Cherryville)
610-767-5751
Rev. Martin E. Nuscher
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
8 a.m. Contemporary Worship,
2nd & 4th Sunday
Nursery Available, Handicapped Accessible

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Rt. 100 & Church Lane
Trexlerstown - 610-395-4571
Rev. Al Bastin, Co-Pastor
Rev. Carol Bastin, Co-Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery

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

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
615 Third Street
Catonsville, PA 18032
610-264-4091
Pastor Robert Lewis, Interim Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday School
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Handicapped Accessible
Nursery Available

SOLOMON'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
82 S. Church Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Office 610-966-3086
Rev. Dr. Martha H. Boyer, Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages,
Confirmation classes
10:15 a.m. Worship

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.

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

ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9990 Ziegels Church Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031
Phone: 610-265-6157
www.ziegelschurch.org
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11:05 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Pastor Candi Cain-Borgman

UNITED METHODIST
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Springhouse Rd. & Walbert Ave.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services, 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Open Door Community Worship, 11 a.m.
www.asburyivn.org

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1208 Brookside Road
Wescosville 610-395-3613
Contemporary Worship, Sat. 5 p.m.,
Sun. 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Blended Worship, Sun. 8 a.m.
(Child Care Available, Hearing Asst.,
Handicapped Access at all services.)
(Signing for the Deaf at 11 a.m.)
9:15 & 11 a.m. Sunday School
5 p.m. Children's Church
Sr. High Cafe, Friday 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sr. High Cafe, Friday 9-11 p.m.

UNITY
UNITY OF LEHIGH VALLEY
26 North 3rd Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
Rev. Joy Wyler, Spiritual Leader
610-965-3036
10 a.m. Sunday Service
Otc. Hrs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tues.-Fri.
Bookstore Open Sunday Mornings
Call for Evening Class schedule
DIAL-A-PRAYER 610-966-3577

WESLEYAN
CALVARY WESLEYAN CHURCH
1414 Pennsylvania Avenue
Bethlehem - 610-866-1388
www.calvarywesleyanchurch.org
Blended Worship, 9 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.
Sunday a.m. Children, Youth & Adult Classes
Wednesday Fellowship Meals
AWANA (Wednesday evenings)
Autism Ministry
Youth Ministry
Senior Pastor, Dwight Mikessell

TRINITY WESLEYAN CHURCH
"Home of the Live Nativity"
6735 Catonia Road
Allentown, Pa. 18106
610-398-1711
www.trinityallentown.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.

Sunday School students and church members were invited to bring a pair of pajamas for donation to the Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry. They, in turn, were able to wear a pair of pajamas throughout the day. First- and second-grade students stand with Pastor Candi Cain-Borgman in their pajamas for Pajama Sunday.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA DEIBERT
Samantha Hall, Lauren Riazzi, Marlyse DeLillo, Aubrey Romig, Owen Leibenguth, Ethan Marsteller, Makela Frantz, Jayden Hausman, Seth Rohbach and Jordan Ruth stand by the donation box after they place their pajama donations inside.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MEETING

The Whitehall-Coplay School District gives public notice of the following meeting scheduled for January 3, 2012: A Finance/Budget committee meeting of the Board as a Whole will begin at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2012-2013 district budget and any and all other issues that may properly come before the Board in public meeting. Location: Administration Building, 2940 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA. Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Pennsylvania Statutes, Title 73, Chapter 26 § 1901 et seq., a public auction will take place on December 21, 2011, at the below-listed Public Storage facilities, for the following units, the contents of which shall be sold to satisfy the owner's lien.

- 1. PUBLIC STORAGE located at 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052; (610) 770-0773; TIME: 11:00 AM. Units: B0009 H. Delong; C0035 T. Thompson; D0239 D. Shortell; E0311 Y. Torby; F0528 H. Wynn; F0556 J. Sherman

All sales are subject to cancellation. Public auction terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. Date of Publication: 12/7/11 and 12/14/11

PS Orangeco, Inc., 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080, Bond No. 6004928. Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburtis Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, Pennsylvania 18011, will consider, and may enact, an ordinance entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 41-802 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST THIRD STREET IN THE VICINITY OF 31 WEST THIRD STREET UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2013, UNLESS TERMINATED SOONER BY COUNCIL; AND AMENDING SECTION 41-501 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A THIRTEEN (13) FOOT PORTION OF THE WESTERN (INSIDE) CURBLINE OF RIDGEVIEW DRIVE BEGINNING ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET SOUTH OF THE EASTERN INTERSECTION OF RIDGEVIEW DRIVE WITH AVI DRIVE.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburtis Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours. The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Executive Secretary at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability.

David G. Knerr, Esquire Solicitor

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE ZONING HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Borough of Macungie Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM and on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM if needed in Borough Council Chambers, 21 Locust Street, Macungie PA on the following appeal:

Appeal 2011-3 PHILIP ROMIG, 4981 Buckeye Road, Emmaus Pa., 18049 is proposing to utilize the property located at 51 Race Street for various commercial uses. The applicant is requesting (1) an appeal from the interpretation of the Zoning Officer denying several uses claimed as pre-existing, non conforming uses, or (2) in the alternative a variance to resume claimed non-conforming uses specifically to include inspections of trailers and motor vehicles, and the sales and service of agricultural tractors and equipment. The property is located in the Town Center (TC) Zoning District

The applicant and all interested parties must appear at the hearing to be heard.

Brian J Nixon, Zoning Officer

Nov. 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1998 BY ESTABLISHING THE HILLS AT LOCK RIDGE OVERLAY DISTRICT (HLRO); PROVIDING FOR LOT AREA, WIDTH, BUILDING COVERAGE AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS AS WELL AS MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS, OFF-STREET PARKING AND ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR USES WITHIN THE HLRO DISTRICT; AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO DELINEATE THE HLRO DISTRICT". The proposed amendment provides regulations for the HLRO District, including minimum lot areas and widths, minimum building coverage, maximum building height and minimum front, rear and side yards. The amendment does not revise the Official Zoning Map of the Township, as the district is already illustrated. The Board of Commissioners will consider the foregoing Ordinance at a public meeting on December 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa. Copies of the full text of this Ordinance is available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa., or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, Pa. 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, Pa. 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting.

The Lower Macungie 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 Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Bruce E. Fosselman, Township Manager

Nov. 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL BUREAU OF PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Whitehall, Bureau of Planning, Zoning & Development and the Plumbing Inspector, to all Master and Journeyman Plumbers licensed by the Township that, according to Section P-112.5 of the Whitehall Township Plumbing Code, all said licenses MUST be renewed on or before January 31, 2012 or all rights to same shall be relinquished, thus losing the ability to perform services within the Township.

LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED IN PERSON BY THE LICENSE HOLDER ONLY. You must bring with you, your PA Driver License or PA Photo ID and payment. Licenses can be renewed at the Development Office at the Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall Township will conduct public hearings on Wednesday December 28, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, for the following zoning appeals:

ZHB-2011-24: The amended appeal of Atlantic Refining and Marketing Corp (property owner; Site Enhancement Services - agent) seeking approval to replace the existing manual gasoline pricing board portion of a variance located sign, with a new electronic LED style pricing board, pertinent to the Sunoco Gas Station and A-plus Mini-Mart, located at 3131 W. Tilghman Street. The appellant seeks a variance from Section 12.39(g)(1) which states that no sign illuminated in the colors red, yellow or green shall be located within 200 feet of any traffic light. The subject property is zoned "NC", Neighborhood Commercial.

ZHB-2011-29: The appeal of Butterflies and Rainbow Child Care seeking approval to be able to erect and maintain signage for their commercial child care use located at 4060 Broadway. The appellant seeks special exception approval via Section 12.39(p) accordingly. The subject property is zoned "R-5", Medium Density Residential.

Also currently scheduled for this evening are: ZHB-2011-16 Roma and ZHB-2011-22 Muniz as those cases were continued to this date from a previous docket.

Any above-referenced property is located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted are available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). All appellants or their representative with legal standing must attend. All objectors and interested parties are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to be heard.

Keith M. Zehner, Zoning Officer

Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE BID INVITATION

- (1) 1997 Jeep Cherokee, unmarked police vehicle. Mileage 77,577 VIN 1J4FJ28S6V564664
- (2) 2001 Chevy Impala, unmarked police vehicle. Mileage 140,837 VIN 2G1WF55K019335663
- (3) 1999 Ford Taurus, non-police package. Mileage 75,566 VIN 1FAFP522XXG266683
- (4) 1999 Ford Crown Vic, non-police package. Mileage 102,080 VIN 2FAFP73W4XX225134
- (5) 2008 Dodge Charger, marked patrol vehicle. Mileage 76,392 VIN 2B3KA43G48H280035
- (6) 2008 Dodge Charger, marked patrol vehicle. Mileage 73,588 VIN 2B3KA43G08H280033

Please contact Roger Heins, Admin. Sgt. for an appointment. Vehicles to be sold are on display at the Maxlatwney Twp Building, 127 Quarry Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530 upper parking lot. Vehicle photos and additional specs are posted on our web site at www.blrpd.org

Bids must be received at the Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Department at 127 Quarry Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530 on or before 12:00 Noon, on December 19, 2011. Bids will be opened and awarded on the same date at the Police Commission Meeting held at 7PM.

All bids must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of this Bid Invitation. The original and two copies of each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled to show the following

- The name and address of the bidder
- The title. Example: "1997 Jeep Cherokee VIN 64664 or 2008 Dodge Charger VIN80033"

All vehicles must be picked up within (30) thirty days after receiving notice of winning bid. All vehicles are labeled "AS IS".

The name and address: Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Department. 127 Quarry Rd Kutztown, PA 19530

The BLRP Commission reserves the right to refuse any and all bids Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby provided pursuant to Sections 304(a)(3), 505 and 506 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code [53 P.S. 10304(a)(3), 10505 and 10506], as amended, that Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua (hereinafter, "Council") will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2011, commencing at 7:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter, at the Borough Hall located at 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of taking public comment and input concerning the adoption of the following proposed Ordinance amending the Borough of Catasauqua Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, codified at Chapter 235 of the Catasauqua Code (hereinafter, "SALDO").

Council intends to consider passage of the proposed Ordinance amending the SALDO at a public meeting to be held on December 19, 2011, commencing after conclusion of the above-referenced public hearing. Said public meeting shall take place at the Borough Hall located at 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania.

The title of the Ordinance is "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PLAN SUBMISSIONS, FEES AND CHARGES, PARK AND RECREATION FEES AND VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES." It has been submitted to both the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Borough of Catasauqua Planning Commission for review in accordance with applicable law. The text of the Ordinance is summarized by the Solicitor pursuant to Section 506(a) of the Municipalities Planning Code [53 P.S. 10506(a)], as follows:

Section 1, titled "STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS," contains a series of findings by Council regarding the background, purpose, legislative authority for and intent of the Ordinance.

Section 2 is the Ordinance text, summarized as follows.

Various subsections throughout Section 235 are amended to establish and clarify the fact that all plans for subdivisions and land developments submitted to the Borough for review and approval are to be submitted first to the Borough Planning Commission (hereinafter, "PC") for review and recommendation, and following recommendation by the PC, to be submitted to Council for review and action. Council's authority shall include denial, approval or conditional approval of the plan, and Council shall have the authority to refer the plan back to the PC for further review. The decision of Borough Council is to be delivered to the developer in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended, (hereinafter, "MPC").

The amendment also clarifies the procedure for filing sketch plans, preliminary plans and final plans. The Ordinance addresses the number of copies of plans and supporting materials to be filed and the distribution of those copies to Borough officials and consultants. In addition, the Ordinance addresses plan revisions and plan recording.

The Ordinance provides for the filing of a preliminary/final plan for subdivisions creating no more than three residential lots and addresses situations which do not require subdivision or land development approval. The Ordinance provides that no plan shall be recorded or construction of improvements commence until the developer has complied with all conditions of plan approval including execution of an improvements agreement and the posting of security as authorized.

At subsection 235-6, the Ordinance establishes new regulations and procedures relating to the reimbursement of review fees paid by the Borough to its professional consultants and experts in connection with the review of land development plans and the construction of public improvements and common amenities contemplated by the plan. The terms "Review fees" and "Consultant" are defined. This subsection provides that construction of public improvements and common amenities cannot commence until all review fees paid or incurred by the Borough have been reimbursed by the developer in accordance with the Ordinance. In this regard, the subsection provides for the establishment and periodic replenishment of an escrow account from which review fees may be reimbursed. This subsection sets forth remedies for the Borough to recover past due fees and to obtain replenishment of depleted escrow accounts.

At subsection 235-15, the Ordinance establishes new regulations and procedures relating to the obligation of a developer to provide to the Borough land suitable for park and/or recreation purposes. The amount of land to be offered is based upon the type of dwelling unit, and the subsection sets forth specific standards to determine whether the land offered is suitable for park and recreation purposes. In lieu of the dedication of land, the subsection authorizes the payment of a fee or the construction of park and/or recreation facilities (or a combination thereof), at the discretion of the Borough. The requirements of this subsection are in addition to, and not in lieu of, open space or private recreation land required to be provided in connection with certain uses under the Borough's Zoning Ordinance.

Subsection 235-37 is amended to add provisions requiring a developer and its consultants to acknowledge that documents submitted pursuant to the SALDO are public records and are there for subject to review and reproduction. To the extent that such documents may be copyrighted, the developer and its consultants provide a limited waiver of copyright protection. The waiver is limited to use and copying for the purpose of review, analysis, criticism or approval of the plan. In the event that copyright litigation ensues, the developer must indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Borough.

Subsection 235-37 is amended to codify the developer's duty of good faith and requires that the developer promptly address or otherwise respond substantively to the review, comments and requirements of the Borough, its staff and consultants and otherwise move the plan to completion in a prompt, timely and diligent manner.

Finally, subsection 235-37 is amended to provide that any statements made to the Borough in connection with land development process must be true and correct to the best of the developer's knowledge, information and belief with the understanding that false statements are subject to possible, criminal prosecution.

Section 3 establishes the effective date as immediately after enactment and mayoral approval.

Section 4 is a repealer and provides for the repeal of ordinances or provisions thereof in conflict with the Ordinance.

Section 5 contains a savings clause which provides for the continued validity of the Ordinance if a part thereof is deemed invalid.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance may be examined and or obtained at the Borough Hall located at 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. In addition, and in accordance with Section 506 of the Municipalities Planning Code, as amended, attested copies of the proposed Ordinance have been filed in both the Lehigh County Department of Law (Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. 7th St., Allentown, PA); and the Catasauqua Press newspaper.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA BRIAN K. MCKITTRICK, PRESIDENT

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#121117 - The appeal of New Circular Wireless PCS, LLC, 200 N. Warner Road, King of Prussia, PA; for a special exception to construct a wireless communication facility. The property is located at 5274 Oak View Drive and is zoned G1.

Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard. Al Geogts, Zoning Officer

Nov. 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Legal & Legislative Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA. Dec. 7

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

TRIPLE FEATURES ACROSS

- 1 Source of healthful fatty acids
- 8 Cards for soothsayers
- 14 Stunning weapons
- 20 Produced by its own staff
- 21 Latin "and others"
- 22 Sound setup
- 23 Really big souvenir given to a trick-or-treater?
- 26 Throat-infecting bug
- 27 Nada
- 28 Lion tail?
- 29 Great Plains natives
- 30 Sit in (for)
- 32 Dawber and Anderson
- 34 Tapioca-yielding plants
- 38 Connected group of a World War II general's combat units?
- 43 Sainly
- 44 Actor Sam
- 45 Sweetie pie
- 46 Father deer
- 47 Viper type
- 48 The Gem State: Abbr.
- 49 "... hear — drop"
- 51 Partner of to
- 54 In a funk
- 55 Tail ends
- 57 Mentally ill Martian yaks it up?
- 62 Theater tickets, informally
- 64 City in Texas
- 65 Lauder of perfumery
- 66 Go uninvited to a nightclub show in an Asian ethnic district?
- 73 Love, in Dijon
- 74 Memorial bio
- 75 Idyllic place
- 76 Hogtie an old Roman fighter?
- 82 Allow to enter
- 83 Hoppy brew
- 84 Understand
- 85 Angel player Cheryl
- 86 Be sickly
- 88 Agcy. that helps mom-and-pops
- 89 Paws, e.g.
- 91 "Well, let me think ..."
- 92 "Where do —?!" ("It's a deal!")
- 95 Sanders and Klink: Abbr.
- 96 Vast sand hill in Central Park?
- 102 Screenplay
- 103 Moby Dick's adversary
- 104 Itty-bitty drink
- 105 Sand
- 106 Palme — (film award)

19 — Canals
19 Painter Fra Filippo —
25 Lament
31 Stock's kin
33 Asia's Strait of —
34 "John King, USA" aircr
35 "Presto!" kin
36 —> or <—
37 Makes slant
38 Phony type
39 Llama cousin
40 Kind of tide
41 Lima's home
42 A wife of Chaplin
43 One of two in "crocus"
48 Connecting land strip
50 Driver's license, e.g.
51 Pert. to finances
52 Levy again
53 Yellow pool rack item
56 Tabulae — (blank slates)
58 Whirlpool.
59 TV chef who "can cook"
60 Relative of largo
61 Astrologer Dixon
63 Listerine rival
67 Immense
68 Bible book after Amos
69 Quipster
70 Exposes by finking
71 Fit for eating
72 Food fishes
76 Flat floaters
77 — acid (fat compound)
78 Golfer Calvin
79 Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
80 — with faint praise
81 Sitar piece
87 Taverns
90 Citrus fruit
91 MDs' group
93 — & Hutch"
94 Hit — (really go places)
95 Small domes
97 C.S. Lewis' magical land
98 Often-purple flowers
99 — Field (Mets' stadium)
100 Annoy a lot
101 Light-varying switch
106 Old art style
107 Man — bird
109 Urge on
111 Long deeply
112 The "U" of CPU or BTU
113 H.S. junior's exam
114 Little pouch
115 Screwball comic Philips
116 Hoover or Dyson, for short
117 Homer Simpson cry
118 "— haw!"
119 — friendly (green)

- 108 Put tears in informally
- 110 Clean a spill
- 114 A heptad of mischievous sprites turned laterally?
- 120 Charlotte — (capital of the Virgin Islands)
- 121 Rocker Ric of the Cars
- 122 Fiji is in it
- 123 Hot winter drinks
- 124 Equine, in tot-speak
- 125 Football great Tony

DOWN

- 1 Smyrna fruits
- 2 Beginning ltr.
- 3 — Pei (dog breed)
- 4 Truthfulness
- 5 Part of I/O
- 6 Suffix with Brit or Turk
- 7 Slope
- 8 Like juicy biographies
- 9 From — B
- 10 Most crude
- 11 Bullring yells
- 12 1-1 and 7-7
- 13 — Juan
- 14 Fly of Kenya
- 15 As many as
- 16 Park fixtures
- 17 South end?
- 18 Pounded: Abbr.

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CRYPTOGRAM

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on **December 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

DOCKET # 1735 - Blazin Wings, Inc. aka Buffalo Wild Wings - 5500 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 1600, Minneapolis, MN 55416. Location: **1225 Grape Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 54987156064**, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-80 E(2)(a) and Sec. 27-161 A(1) and (2) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding front yard setback and number and size of wall signs for proposed restaurant.

DOCKET # 1737 - Smokes 2 Go - 2161 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: **2161 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549862374939**, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-104 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding multiple business (2) being added to an existing business located in a strip mall.

DOCKET # 1738 - GFY Real Estate Development, LLC - 343 Springfield Way, Easton, PA 18045. Location: **3629 Columbia Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 548993343045**, the subject property is located in an OS1 Open Space Residential/Agricultural Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a use variance to Sec. 27-68 A and Sec. 27-68 E (2)(a)(c)(d) and (3) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding change of the present use of the property from a single family residential to an office with dimensional and impervious coverage variance requests.

DOCKET # 1739 - Andrew Powell - 4223 Bedford Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020. Location: **807 Third Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640811189204**, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-78 A and Sec. 27-146 and a special exception pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Applicant proposes to provide off street parking for his business. The proposed parking would occur on an adjacent parcel owned by David and Carolyn Riddle and known as 807 Third Street. Applicant is requesting a variance to use the parcel as a parking lot, a special exception to provide off street parking on another parcel and a variance for the number of off street parking spaces.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact Melissa A. Ceasar, Zoning Officer, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.
MELISSA A. CEASAR, Zoning Officer
Nov. 30, Dec. 7

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

The Coplay Borough Council will be considering the following Ordinances and Resolutions and any other general purpose business at the Special Borough Council Meeting of Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6 P.M. in the Coplay Borough Hall, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037, at which time formal action and adoption may take place. Copies of these documents may be inspected at the Coplay Borough Office during regular business hours of 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. and may be obtained for the cost of copying:

ORDINANCE NO. 798
AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE PENSION CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED FROM THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY POLICE OFFICERS TO FUND THE POLICE PENSION PLAN TO ZERO PERCENT (0%) AS AUTHORIZED BY ACTUARIAL STUDY.

ORDINANCE NO. 799
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND AUTHORIZING COLLECTION THEREOF.

RESOLUTION NO. 1346
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE BOROUGH GOVERNMENT, HEREIN AFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR, BASED ON ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY.

Sandra A. Gyecsek, Borough Secretary
Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of BRUCE EVANS, deceased, late of 1533 Woodlawn Street, Allentown, 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:

Executive: Beverly Zellner
432 Second Street
Slatington, PA 18080
or to her Attorney:
David B. Shulman, Esquire
SHULMAN & SHABBICK
1935 Center Street
Northampton, PA 18067
Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of ELEANORE B. KUHN, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, PA, Letters of Administration 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 payments without delay to:

Rodney J. Kuhns
588 Wynonah Drive
Auburn, PA 17299
or to his attorney,
Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.
Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/ BUDGET ADOPTION

A public hearing on the proposed 2012-13 General Fund and Academic Center Budgets of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is scheduled for December 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Final adoption of the 2012-13 General Fund and Academic Center Budgets of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is scheduled for January 25, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Both meetings to be held at 4500 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA.
JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute
Randy Hensinger, Bus. Adm./Board Sec.
Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of MARLENE F. FIZER, deceased, late of Macungie, 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:

Ronald L. Fizer,
Co-Executor
Kimberly A. Moreau,
Co-Executor
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Donald S. Young, Esq.
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to their Attorney:
YOUNG & YOUNG
Donald S. Young, Esq.
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA

Catasauqua Borough Council intends to consider for adoption at their special year-end Council meeting to be held on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in Borough Hall, 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA, the following ordinance:

BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. ... AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 207, RENTAL PROPERTY, REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, INSPECTION FEES, DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

SECTION 1: STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

WHEREAS, Borough Council (hereinafter, "Council") of the Borough of Catasauqua (hereinafter, "Borough") finds that Section 1202 of the Borough Code, authorizes Council to enact ordinances to, among other things, prevent nuisances and dangerous structures, provide for the public health, safety, morals, general welfare and cleanliness, define disorderly conduct, disturbance of the peace and prohibit the same, prevent fires, regulate housing and property maintenance, prevent noxious and offensive business and prevent or regulate other like activities within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the Borough enacted an Ordinance licensing and regulating apartments and boarding houses, which Ordinance is codified at Section 207 of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough of Catasauqua; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years since enactment of the Ordinance, it has come to Council's attention that certain modifications and amendments are appropriate to update and carry out the intent of the Ordinance and Section 207 and to further protect the public health safety and general welfare of Borough citizens by extending the licensing requirement to other rental properties, require post-fire inspections, cause fees to reflect actual costs, provide for an effective means of addressing disruptive conduct and to provide notice to insurers of dangerous properties.

NOW THEREFORE the Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua does hereby enact and ordain as follows:

SECTION 2: ORDINANCE TEXT

1. Section 207-3. "Definitions" is amended to add the following definitions:
"Active working fire." An actual fire which occurs inside a residential structure and which results in a response to the property by a fire department. The scope of any inspection hereunder which results from an active working fire call shall be at the discretion of the Borough.
"Unregulated rental unit." A dwelling unit, including a boardinghouse unit, which is occupied for residential purposes by a person related by blood or marriage to the owner of the unit, and which unit is not also occupied by the owner."

2. Section 207-3. "Definitions" is amended with respect to the definition of "Disruptive conduct" as follows:
a. subsection 8.a is amended by deleting the phrase "is in violation of" and substituting therefore the word "violation", and
b. the last paragraph is amended to add the phrase "or police officer" after the phrase "code enforcement officer."

3. Section 207-3. "Definitions" is amended with respect to the definition of "Disruptive conduct report" as follows:
a. the phrase "providing notice" is added and inserted after the phrase "written report; and the word "completed" is deleted and the word "prepared" is substituted therefore.

4. Section 207-3. "Definitions" is amended to delete in its entirety the definition of "Boardinghouse" and substitute therefore the following:
"A residential use in which: (a) room(s) that do not meet the definition of a lawful dwelling unit are rented for habitation; or (b) a dwelling unit includes greater than the permitted maximum number of unrelated persons. A boardinghouse shall not include a use that meets the Zoning Ordinance definitions of a hotel, dormitory, motel, life care center, personal care center, bed-and-breakfast inn, group home or nursing home. A college fraternity house, sorority house, or personal day care center not meeting the Zoning Ordinance definition with respect to licensing, and all used as residences, shall be considered types of boardinghouses. A boardinghouse may either involve or not involve the providing of meals to residents, but shall not include a restaurant open to the public unless the use also meets the requirements for a restaurant. A boardinghouse shall primarily serve persons residing on-site for five or more consecutive days."

5. Section 207-4. "Duties of owner" is amended as follows:
a. sub-section A.(3) is amended by deleting the word "each" and substituting therefore the word "every" and by inserting the phrase "and unregulated rental unit" after the phrase "regulated rental unit" all in the first line of the sub-section.
b. sub-section A.(3) is further amended by deleting the phrase "regulated rental unit shall not" appearing in lines 4 and 5 and substituting therefore the phrase "neither the regulated rental unit nor the unregulated rental unit shall,"
c. by adding the following sub-section A. "General."
(7). The owner shall notify in writing the Borough within five (5) days of the date when any tenant moves out of, or a new tenant moves into, a unit for which a license is required hereunder.

(8). The owner of licensed property shall use and maintain the property in accordance with all laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, directives, standards, policies, recommendations, specifications, and instructions promulgated by any and all governmental agencies, including the Borough".

d. by adding the following to sub-section B:
(4). The owner shall provide a copy of Section 207 and any amendments thereto to the manager, and the manager shall sign, on a form prescribed by the Borough, a written acknowledgement of his or her representation of the owner and an acceptance of his or her responsibilities pursuant thereto. The owner shall require the manager to provide to the Borough all information required by subsection (3), above and further require that all information provided be updated as appropriate."

e. sub-section G. "Eviction" is amended to add the following:
(6). The occurrence of a conviction for the underlying conduct constituting disruptive conduct or a judicial finding that such conduct occurred shall not be a prerequisite for eviction hereunder."

6. Section 207-5. "Duties of occupant" is amended to delete, in their entirety, sub-sections D.(4) and D.(5).

7. Section 207-6. "Licenses and inspections is amended as follows:
a. by deleting sub-section A.(6) in entirety and substituting therefore the following:
"A rental license application shall be provided by the Borough and shall require at a minimum that the owner provide a list containing the name of each resident occupying each unit covered by the license application, regardless of age. The owner shall update the list at least annually from time to time in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance."

b. by deleting sub-section B.(2) in its entirety and substituting therefore a new subsection B.(2) as follows:
"Premises regulated hereunder shall be inspected according to the following schedule:
(a) Except for a boardinghouse as defined herein, each regulated rental unit shall be inspected following a change of occupancy. Where circumstances permit, the owner shall make the unit available for inspection while the unit is vacant, however, in no event shall the inspection occur later than three (3) days following re-occupancy. In the event the unit is occupied at the time of the inspection, the owner shall provide a copy of the inspection report(s) to the tenant(s) within five (5) days of receipt from the Borough.
(b) Common areas shall undergo a minimum of one (1) inspection every four (4) years, based upon a schedule established by the Code Enforcement Officer.
(c) With respect to a boardinghouse, all common areas and individual units shall be inspected at the same time, every two years.
(d) Following a determination that there has occurred an active working fire, each unit so involved shall be inspected within 48 (forty-eight) hours of extinguishment of the fire in order to determine whether the unit or the premises are habitable and subject to occupancy. If the premises or any unit thereof are deemed not habitable, the premises or unit, as the case may be shall be re-inspected and approved for occupancy prior to re-occupancy."

c. by adding the following to subsection B:
(8) The fee for any inspection hereunder shall be the greater of the fee established by resolution of the Council or the actual cost to the Borough in the event that a third party inspector is utilized. Utilization of a third party inspector shall be at the sole discretion of the Borough.
(9) The Borough may in the exercise of its discretion provide the results of any inspection conducted pursuant to this Ordinance to the insurer of any premises regulated hereunder or to the agent of that insurer."

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after enactment by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua and mayoral approval.

SECTION 4: PROTANTO REPEAL

Unless otherwise specifically stated in this Ordinance, all ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE

To the extent that any word, portion or provision of the text hereof is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or void on constitutional or other grounds, such word, phrase, portion or provision shall, if possible, be deemed to be repealed and those remaining valid portions of the text shall remain in full force and effect if same can be accomplished without the structure of the Ordinance having been destroyed by the elimination of that word, phrase, portion or provision found to be invalid or void.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this day of 2011.
Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Special Meeting of the Civil Service Commission of the Township of Salisbury, Lehigh County, PA held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA.

Randy Soriano, Township Manager

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough of Emmaus will be accepting letters of interest to serve on the Civil Service Commission, Arts Commission, Environmental Advisory Council, General Authority, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and the Special Entertainment Commission. Send letter of interest to Emmaus Borough Manager, 28 S. Fourth St., Emmaus, PA 18049.

Craig B. Neely, Emmaus Borough Manager

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council will conduct its 2012 Council Meetings in Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA, at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, except for legal holidays, when the meeting is scheduled for the next day. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. preceding all Council Meetings.

Craig B. Neely, Emmaus Borough Manager

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeal:

APPEAL 10413 - RODALE, INC., 400 S. 10th ST., EMMAUS, PA 18049 FOR 1134 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to have exercise classes for non-employees at its gymnasium located at 1134 Pennsylvania Ave., Emmaus, PA. Applicant is requesting an interpretation to a prior granted Special Exception. In the alternative if the Board were not to grant the interpretation, then they are requesting an enlargement of the scope of the previously approved Special Exception.

James L. Farnsworth, Zoning Officer

Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua will hold a special meeting:

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2011 TIME: 7:00 P.M. PLACE: Catasauqua Municipal Building 118 Bridge Street Catasauqua, PA 18032

PURPOSE:

- 1) Hold a public hearing on the 2012 budget.
2) Adopt various ordinances and resolutions and take other actions related to the 2012 budget.
3) Hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Catasauqua Sub-division and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO)
4) Consider ordinances relating to SALDO amendments and the Residential Rental Licensing Program.

Eugene L. Goldfeder, Borough Manager

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AMENDING SECTIONS 201, 404, 504, 604, 704, 804, 1002, 1005, 1002A, 1005A, 1102, 1104, 1102A, 1104A, 1302 AND 1304 OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1998 AND ADDING SECTION 2141, ALL TO PERMIT SOLAR PANELS, SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, WIND TURBINES AND WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AS ACCESSORY TO PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES IN VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP".

The Lower Macungie 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 Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Bruce E. Fosselman, Township Manager

Nov. 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NOTICE The Lynn Township Board of Supervisors will meet Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the re-org meeting and any other business that may come before the board; the Lynn Township Auditors, Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.; the Lynn Township Sewer Authority, Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Lynn Township Municipal Building at 7911 Kings Highway in New Tripoli, PA.

Lynn Township Board of Supervisors Tammy M. White, Secretary/Treasurer

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING/MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport on Tuesday, December 22, 2011 at 7:00PM to hear the following appeal(s):

APPEAL #490, Case #11-08 A hearing of the appeal of Walter Roberts, Sr./Nancy E. Smith for a variance/special exception and/or other relief deemed necessary in order to operate a welding shop/repair for customers as well as repair of and storage of amusement business trucks, trailers, and vehicles, along with receipt of goods and supplies to business site. The property site is located at 6922 Donats Peak Road, Kempton, PA 19529 and is in the AP - Agricultural Preservation District. The size of the lot is approximately 1.943 acres.

APPEAL #492, Case #11-09 A hearing of the appeal of James & Melinda Wessner for a variance or interpretation and/or other relief deemed necessary in order to construct a four car detached garage partially within the required front yard setback and the addition of a porch to a non-conforming home. The property is located at 7999 Allemaengel Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 and is the AP - Agricultural Preservation District. The size of the lot is approximately 152.3 x 602.25 acres.

Kevin N. Deppe, Zoning Officer

Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

CONTINUED FROM November 22, 2011 hearing is Appeal No. 11-011 of Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6528 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown PA, 18106; property owner: Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6528 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown PA, 18106; property address: 6528 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown PA 18106; Pin#:547501481138-1; zoned Commercial; requests a hearing pursuant to Lower Macungie Township Ordinance No. 1998-11, as amended, to determine a Variance of Sections 201.149; 1006; 1007; 1704.5; 2000.D, and 2001.5, and any other relief as may be required from the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 7:00 p.m.

The Lower Macungie 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 hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

James F. Lancsek, Zoning Officer

Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AMENDING SECTION 27-706 AND SECTION 27-1007 OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY CHART HEADINGS REGARDING MINIMUM LOT AREA, MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT, MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE, AND MAKE OTHER MINOR TYPOGRAPHIC CORRECTIONS".

The Lower Macungie 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 Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Bruce E. Fosselman, Township Manager

Nov. 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowhill Township Planning Commission has rescheduled the December 26, 2011 meeting to December 19, 2011 @ 7:30 pm in the Lowhill Township Municipal Building. Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of ELEANOR J. HALLMAN, deceased, late of Allentown, 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: Joseph R. Hallman,

Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to his Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7

Executrix Sandra J. Edwards, 622 N. Sherman Street Allentown, PA 18109 or to her attorney: Ronald E. Corkery, Esquire 352 Fifth St., Ste. A Whitehall, PA 18052 Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:

An Ordinance Amending the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance to Permit Outdoor Wood Fired-Boilers as an Accessory Use in Certain Zones, Establishing Criteria And Definitions Thereof

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

Gerald J. Harbison, Assistant Director

Nov. 30 Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of LAURA E. SCHEIRER a/k/a LAURA SCHEIRER, deceased, late of 5334 Egypt Road, Laury's Station, 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:

Executor: Barry C. Scheirer 4934 Mountain Road McAlisterville, PA 17049 or to his Attorney: Joshua D. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN & SHABICK 1935 Center Street Northampton, PA 18067 Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF EMMAUS JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR EMMAUS FACILITIES

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals for the Janitorial Services for various physical facilities, as detailed herein, will be received at the Borough of Emmaus Office, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 by the Emmaus Borough until Noon on December 28, 2011. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The Work will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, providing all cleaning equipment, supplies, and personnel to perform the work. Supplies shall include, but not be limited to, trash bags, toilet paper, urinal blocks, hand soap, hand soap dispensers, paper towels, and floor and surface cleaners, necessary to provide the services detailed in the spreadsheet of work to be performed as contained in this Request for Proposals. All garbage collected during cleaning will be secured and placed in dumpsters that the Borough will provide at a convenient location near the facilities that are part of this Request for Proposals.

Bidding documents can be obtained from the Borough at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, free of charge. Bidding documents are available by mail for a \$15.00 fee. Bidders must acquire bidding documents to be considered a qualified bidder.

Bids will be effective for 60 calendar days from the bid opening date and may not be withdrawn during that period.

The Borough of Emmaus reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Craig B. Neely, Borough Manager

Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOWHILL TOWNSHIP AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED BUDGET Notice is hereby given the 2012 proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Lowhill Township Municipal Building, 7000 Herber Rd. New Tripoli, Pa 18066, 610-298-2641. A Special Meeting will be held on December 26, 2011 at 8 am in the Lowhill Township Municipal Building to approve the budget and any other township business that comes before the Board.

Jill Seymour, Secretary

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of CHARLOTTE M. STOUT, Deceased, late of 650 N. Sherman Street, Allentown, 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: Sandra J. Edwards, Executrix 622 N. Sherman Street Allentown, PA 18109 or to her attorney: Ronald E. Corkery, Esquire 352 Fifth St., Ste. A Whitehall, PA 18052 Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7

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Gerald J. Harbison, Assistant Director

Nov. 30 Dec. 7

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Grid of crossword puzzle solutions with words like FISHOIL, TAROTS, TIASERS, GIANTHALL, LOWE, ENMENTO, etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, December 12th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

BILL NO. 35-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR PROPOSED VARIABLE WIDTH SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT ALONG WITH VARIABLE WIDTH TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT, IN FAVOR OF COPLAY-WHITEHALL SEWER AUTHORITY UPON, ACROSS, OVER, UNDER AND ALONG PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, BETWEEN WATER STREET AND EBERHART ROAD ALONG THE COPLAY CREEK, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 36-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2012. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 37-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 38-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE EARNED INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2012. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 39-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, HERINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 40-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES OF 2012 ("NOTE"), IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,078,441; ESTABLISHING THE FORM AND TERMS OF THE NOTE; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE SUCH NOTE AT A PRIVATE SALE; PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH NOTE; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH NOTE AND TO PREPARE AND FILE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS; AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION INCIDENTAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH NOTE; COVENANTING WITH NOTEHOLDERS; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 2740 TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2012-2016), SPECIFICALLY FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR. (ADMIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2741 TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL REAFFIRMING AND REENACTING THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX, THE EARNED INCOME TAX, THE PER CAPITA TAX, THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX, AND THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX (ADMIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2742 TITLE: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 36-2011, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2012, IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2743 TITLE: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 37-2011, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2744 TITLE: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 39-2011, ADOPTING THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2745 TITLE: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 38-2011 IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2746 TITLE: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 40-2011 IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES OF 2012 ("NOTE") IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,078,441 AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.

/s/Paul F. Geissinger FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

Dec. 7

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of December, 2011, at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, "Fire Prevention and Fire Protection" of Bethlehem Township's Code of Ordinances for the purpose of amending Part 2 "Outdoor Displays of Fireworks" and adopting certain provisions of the current edition of the International Fire Code, which were not adopted in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, as the Fire Prevention Code establishing the minimum regulations governing the condition, maintenance, operations and other physical things of all existing property, existing buildings and structures, and existing building systems. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building located at 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Amendment:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, "FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION" OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING PART 2 "OUTDOOR DISPLAYS OF FIREWORKS" AND ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, WHICH WERE NOT ADOPTED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, AS THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS, MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS OF ALL EXISTING PROPERTY, EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND EXISTING BUILDING SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners ("Board of Commissioners") under the power vested in them by the "First Class Township Code," as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby ordain and enact the following amendment to the Bethlehem Township Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to amend Chapter 7, "Fire Prevention and Fire Protection" of Bethlehem Township's Code of Ordinances, for the purpose of amending Part 2 "Outdoor Displays of Fireworks" and adopting certain provisions of the 2009 International Fire Code, or its successor fire codes, which were not adopted in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code as Bethlehem Township's Fire Prevention Code establishing the minimum regulations governing the conditions, maintenance, operations and other physical things of all existing property, existing buildings and structures, and existing building systems.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall have no effect on Bethlehem Township's enforcement of provisions of the 2009 International Fire Code, and successor editions, that are adopted in Pennsylvania's Uniform Construction Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION I.

The Bethlehem Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, is hereby amended by amending Part 2, Outdoor Displays of Fireworks in its entirety to read as follows:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to construction, alterations, or repairs to new structures; or the construction, or alterations of existing structures; land development, or new subdivisions under the municipalities Planning Code.

Part 2 Fire Prevention Code

§201. Definitions. For the purpose of this Part, the following terms shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this Section unless from the particular context it clearly appears that some other meaning is intended. Other than the words in this Section, those words which are defined in the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, shall have the same definition as that employed in the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition.

EXISTING - Buildings, facilities, or conditions that are already in existence, constructed or officially authorized prior to the adoption of this code.

NEW - Buildings, renovations, additions, facilities or conditions not in existence prior to the adoption of this code. Such buildings, facilities or conditions shall be regulated by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, land development, or new subdivisions under the municipalities Planning Code.

§202. Adoption of Provisions in the International Fire Code. The Township of Bethlehem hereby adopts, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for regulating and governing the safe-guarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials, and devices and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the Township of Bethlehem, including administration, enforcement and penalties, the following provisions of the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, or any subsequent edition(s), in any, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended of which three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the Construction Official and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as fully as if set out at length herein:

Adopted Provisions of International Fire Code

- §101.1; §101.2-1 through §101.2-3; §101.2-5; §101.3; §102.2-2; §103 in its entirety; §104.3; §104.10 and §104.10.1; §105.6; §105.6.1 through §105.6.46; §106.1 through 106.2; §107 in its entirety; §109.1 through §109.3 as amended below; §110.2; Chapter 3 in its entirety; Chapter 4 in its entirety; §503.3 through §503.4 as amended below; §504.2 as amended below; §505.1 as amended below; §506 in its entirety, §506.1 as amended below; §507.5.4 through §507.5.5; §605 in its entirety; §608.1 through 608.8; §609.3 through 609.3.4; Chapter 7 in its entirety; §806 through §807 as amended below; §901.6 through §901.9; §904.11.5 through §904.11.6.3; §906 in its entirety; §912.3; §912.3.2 and §912.3.3; §912.4; §913.5; §1030 in its entirety; §1205 through §1207 in its entirety; Chapter 13 in its entirety; Chapter 15 in its entirety; Chapter 16 in its entirety; Chapter 17 in its entirety; §1901 through §1903 in its entirety; §1905 through §1909 in its entirety; Chapter 24 in its entirety; §2505 in its entirety; §2507 in its entirety; §2508.2; §2509 in its entirety; Chapter 26 in its entirety; Chapters 27 through 44 in their entirety; Chapter 47 only as referenced by adopted provisions; Appendices E through I.

§203 Amendments to the International Fire Code. In order to complete this chapter, the following information shall be inserted in the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, or any successor edition(s).

- A. Insert "Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania ("Township") at the following location: First line, Section 101.1 Title (Page 1). B. Section 109.1 is deleted and the following is inserted: "109.1 Unlawful acts. It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation to utilize a building, occupancy, premises or systems regulated by this code, or cause same to be done, in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of this code." C. Section 109.3 is deleted and the following is inserted: "109.3 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or directive of the fire code official, shall be guilty of a [SPECIFY OFFENSE], punishable by a fine of not more than [AMOUNT] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding [NUMBER OF DAYS], or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

- D. Insert "Summary Offense" at the following location: Sixth line, Section 109.3 Violation penalties (Page 12). E. Insert "One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)" at the following location: Seventh line, Section 109.3 Violation penalties (Page 12). F. Insert "ninety (90) days" at the following location" Eighth line, Section 109.3 Violation penalties (Page 12). G. Insert "Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)" and "One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), respectively, at the following location: Fifth line, Section 111.4 Failure to comply (page 13). H. Section 503.4 is amended as follows: "Existing fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. A minimum unobstructed width of 20 feet and height of 13 feet 6 inches shall be maintained at all times." I. Section 504.2 is deleted and the following is inserted: "504.2 aintenance of exterior doors and openings. Exterior doors and their function shall not be eliminated without prior approval. Exterior doors that have been rendered nonfunctional and that retain a functional door exterior appearance shall have a sign affixed to the exterior side of the door with the words THIS DOOR BLOCKED. The sign shall consist of letters having a principal stroke of not less than 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) wide and at least 6 inches (152 mm) high on a contrasting background." J. Section 505.1: delete the word "New" K. Section 506.1 is amended as follows: "Where access to or within a commercial or industrial structure or a commercial or industrial area are restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access to a commercial or industrial structure is necessary for life-saving or firefighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official." L. Section 806 and 807: delete the word "New" from titles M. Chapter 47 Referenced Standards of provisions adopted in §201 of this ordinance. N. That the geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, are hereby established as follows: (1) Section 3506.2 - the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited in all zoning districts except General Industrial (GI) and Light Industrial (LI). (2) Section 3404.2.9.6.1 - the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited in all zoning districts except General Industrial (GI) and Light Industrial (LI). (3) Section 3406.2.4.4 - the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited in all zoning districts except General Industrial (GI) and Light Industrial (LI). (4) Section 3804.2 - the storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas as follow: prohibited in all zoning districts except General Industrial (GI) and Light Industrial (LI). O. That Chapter 33, "Explosives and Fireworks" is hereby amended by modifying and amending portions thereof as hereinafter set forth: (1) Statement of Purpose. This Part has as its purpose the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the general public through limiting the use of fireworks. Fireworks contain explosives, which can damage property and endanger human life when misused, or used under conditions which create hazards which would not exist but for the presence of such conditions. This Part 2 will allow for outdoor displays of fireworks to be put on by professional competent pyrotechnicians in a safe manner. (2) Definitions. (A) Words employed herein which are defined in the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, shall have the same definition as that employed in the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition. (B) DISPLAY PROPERTY. The lot, parcel, or tract of real estate on which a permitted outdoor display of fireworks is to be conducted. (3) Incorporation of International Fire Code. Chapter 33, "Explosives and Fireworks" of the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, shall constitute "reasonable rules and regulations for displays of consumer fireworks and display fireworks" as such phrase is employed in the Act of November 30, 2004, P.L. 1598, No. 204, §5, Title 35 P.S. "Health and Safety", Chapter 13A. "Fireworks and Explosives" §1275.2. "Supervised public displays permitted; permits", and the provisions thereof are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth here at length. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of the International Fire Code and this Part 2, those provisions which provide greater safety and protection to persons and property, or which is more restrictive on the conduct of outdoor display of fireworks, shall apply. (4) Delegation of Authority. The Board of Commissioners hereby delegates to the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official its authority pursuant to Title 35 P.S. "Health and Safety", Chapter 13A, "Fireworks and Explosives", §1275.2, "Supervised public displays permitted; permits", to grant permission and issue permits for outdoor displays of fireworks provided that the permit applicant fully meets the requirements of the International Fire Code, including without limitation the requirements of Chapter 33, "Explosives and Fireworks" and, in particular, Section 3308, "Fireworks Displays" thereof, and the additional rules and regulations set forth in this Part 2. (5) Permit Required for Displays. It shall be unlawful, and a violation of this Part 2, for any person or entity to conduct an outdoor display of fireworks within the limits of the Township of Bethlehem unless a permit therefore has first been issued by the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official. (6) Permit Applications. All applications for a permit for an outdoor display of fireworks shall be made in writing by use of a Bethlehem Township application form, and submitted to the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official with all required information, documentation, and plans not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled display. No permit shall be issued for any late application. (7) Permittee to be Owner of Display Property. The applicant and proposed permittee shall be the fee simple title owner of the display property, other than displays conducted on Township property with the permission of the Township. (8) Structures Disallowed in Display Site. The permittee shall ensure that there are no dwellings, buildings, or any other structures (including tents) located within the display site, whether or not the dwelling, building or structure will be unoccupied during the display, and whether or not the dwelling, building, or any other structure provides protection through substantial noncombustible or fire-resistant construction for the occupants. No permit shall be issued for any outdoor display of fireworks where plans submitted to the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official evidence that there are or will be dwellings, buildings, or any other structures (including tents) located within the display site. (9) Financial Responsibility Requirements. After the permit application is approved, but before a permit is issued by the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official, the applicant or operator shall file with the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official, a corporate surety bond in the principal sum of not less than \$1,000,000 or a public liability insurance policy for the same amount, for the purpose of the payment of all potential damages to a person or persons or to property by reason of the permitted display or the conduct of any act authorized by the permit, and arising from any acts of the permittee, the operator, and their agents, employees or subcontractors. (10) Location of Display Site on the Display Property. The display site shall be situated on the display property at such location as is the greatest distance from the nearest dwelling, building structure (including tents), or public street while still meeting the International Fire Code clearance and separation distance requirements. (11) Revocation of permit; Cancellation or Discontinuance of Display. The permit for any outdoor display of fireworks may be immediately revoked and the display immediately canceled or discontinued at any time deemed necessary by the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official or any authorized representative of a Bethlehem Township fire company at their sole discretion as a result of any noncompliance with any legal requirements, including without limitation the requirements of this Part 2, or due to weather conditions such as drought, extremely low humidity, or wind factors. Any permitted outdoor display of fireworks shall be canceled if wind gusts exceed 25 mph as measured immediately prior to the commencement of the display, and shall be discontinued if wind gusts exceed 25

mph at any time prior to the end of the display. The display may also be ordered discontinued immediately whenever in the sole discretion of the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official, an authorized representative of a Bethlehem Township fire company, or the operator determines that a hazardous condition exists, and shall not resume until such time as the hazardous condition is corrected to the satisfaction of the person ordering the display discontinued. The permit shall be immediately revoked and the display shall be discontinued in the event of accidental ignition of any form of combustible or flammable material as a result of falling debris from the display.

(12) Fire Company Presence at, and call for Emergency medical Services to, Display Property. The permittee shall make arrangements with a Bethlehem Township fire company for the presence at the display property of the Bethlehem Township fire pumper and/or other firefighting equipment as determined by such fire company, and a minimum of three firefighters, for a period beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to the display and ending thirty (30) minutes after the display is concluded. All costs related to the provision of fire personnel and apparatus, and calls for emergency medical services and apparatus, shall be paid by the permittee in an amount determined by Bethlehem Township.

(13) Traffic Control Arrangements with the Bethlehem Township Police Department. Not less than ten (10) business days prior to conducting the display, the permittee shall make arrangements acceptable to the Bethlehem Township Police Department for traffic control. Traffic control shall be conducted by either Bethlehem Township Police Department officers, or Special Fire Police officers of a Bethlehem Township fire company. Traffic control measures shall be sufficient to prevent motorists, whether or not attending the display, from parking, stopping or standing motor vehicles within the right-of-way or shoulder of that portion of any public street abutting the display property, or that portion of any public street in sufficiently close proximity to the display property to be affected by the traffic to be generated there by as determined by the Bethlehem Township Police Department. The permittee shall submit to the Bethlehem Township Police Department for its review and approval its traffic control plans. Such plans shall include provisions for handling ingress and egress of motor vehicles to and from the display property, interior circulation of vehicles within the display property, and demonstrate adequate parking on the display property. In the event that the permittee anticipates the necessity for additional parking facilities, other than those available on the display property, the permittee may contract with a nearby property owner or owners for overflow parking, provided that either: (1) shuttle service from the overflow parking site to the display property is provided; or (b) safe pedestrian pathways are available from the overflow parking to the display property. Such plans shall be sufficiently detailed so as to permit meaningful review by the Bethlehem Township Police Department. All costs related to the provisions of police officers and police vehicles shall be paid by the permittee in an amount determined by Bethlehem Township. The permittee shall not conduct the display unless such traffic control measures and plans have been approved in writing by the Bethlehem Township Police Department.

(14) Enforcement of Requirements. The Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official and Bethlehem Township police officers are authorized to enforce all legal requirements relating to outdoor displays of fireworks, including the requirements of this Part 2, and, in addition to criminal sanctions or civil remedies, he/she may revoke any permit and order the cancellation and/or discontinuance of a display upon any failure of refusal of the permittee to comply with such legal requirements, including without limitation this Part 2, or upon any failure or refusal to comply with the orders and directives of the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official, a Bethlehem Township police officer, or an authorized representative of a Bethlehem Township fire company.

(15) Property Owners to be Notified. The permittee shall notify in writing the owners of all real estate located within 2,000 feet of all boundaries of the display property. The notice shall be mailed by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, to such owners not later than ten (10) days prior to the date on which the display is to take place, and proof of such mailing shall be delivered to the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official not later than three (3) days prior to the date on which the display is to take place. The notice shall contain not less than the following information: (1) the name, address and phone number of the permittee and of its contact person responsible for the display; (2) the name, address and phone number of the operator and of its contact person directly responsible for conducting the display; (3) the date, time, and location of the display; and (4) a general statement describing the display. The permittee shall not conduct the display unless such proof of mailing has been delivered to the Bethlehem Township Fire Code Official.

(16) Removal of Debris and trash from Display Area. The permittee shall remove all combustible debris and trash from the display areas prior to the commencement of the display. (17) Inspection and Approval of Discharge Site Set Up. After the discharge site has been completely set up, and prior to the commencement of the display, the permittee shall cause the discharge site to be inspected and approved by an authorized representative of a Bethlehem Township fire company. The permittee shall not conduct the display unless such approval has been obtained. (18) Removal of Display Debris. In the event that any property owner or occupant notifies the Township, the permittee, or the operator that debris from the display has fallen on such property, the permittee shall remove such debris from such property within twenty-four (24) hours of notice to the permittee or the operator from the owner, occupant, or the Township.

O. For the purposes of the International Fire Code, Edition 2009, the term "Board of Appeals" shall mean the Board of Appeals established under §303 of the Code of Ordinances known as the Property Maintenance Code, Board of Appeals.

§204. State Laws and Regulations. In all matters that are regulated by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by regulations of departments or agencies of the Commonwealth promulgated by authority of law, such laws or regulations, as the case may be, shall control where requirements thereof are more restrictive than the provisions of this International Fire Code.

§205. Provisions to be Continuation of Existing Regulations. The provisions of this Code insofar as they are the same as those of ordinances and/or code in force immediately prior to the adoption hereof are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and/or codes and not as new enactments. The provisions of this Code shall not affect any act done or liability incurred prior to the adoption hereof, nor shall they affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any right or penalty or punish any offense under the authority of any of the repealed ordinances and/or codes."

SECTION II.

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as same affects this Ordinance, and Ordinance No. 06-08 and Ordinance No. 08-09 is hereby specifically repealed.

SECTION III.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION IV.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty-five (35) days following the date of enactment hereof.

James L. Broughal, Solicitor
Bethlehem Township
38 West Market Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that an Application was made to the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, PA, on November 17, 2011, by The Wasserstrom Company, a foreign corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, where its principal office is located at 477 S. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215, for a Certificate of Authority to do business in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

The registered office in Pennsylvania shall be deemed for venue and official publication purposes to be located at c/o CT Corporation System, Lehigh County.

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Return of The Harold S. Campbell Foundation, Inc. is available for inspection during regular business hours at 2285 Schoenersville Road, Suite 210, Bethlehem, PA 18017, by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days of the date this notice is published. The directors are Mylee Mouahhid and Helen M. Venturini and they can be reached at 610-867-3737.

Dec. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE The Lower Macungie Township Public Safety Commission will not meet on December 20, 2011 as previously advertised. Nov. 30

750 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TASTYKAKE Route for sale. \$129,000 incl. 14 ft. step van. Lehigh Valley Area. Call Bob 610-360-7399

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