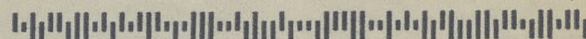




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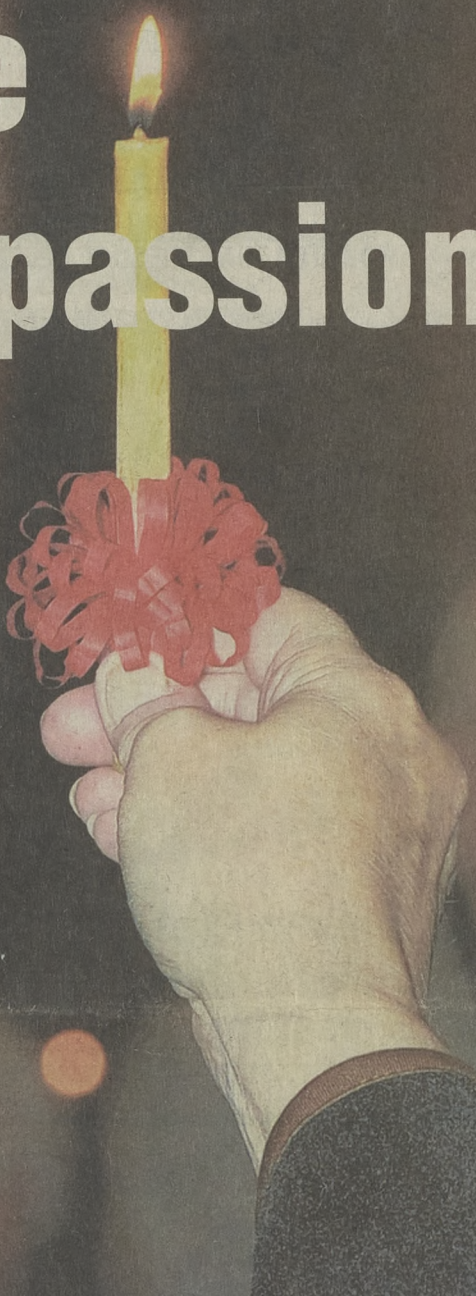
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## DECEMBER CANDLES

# Hope and compassion



KATHY BYRNES

Moravian Village was the site of the 47th annual Community Advent Breakfast sponsored by the Citizens Christmas City Committee. The annual event celebrates the beginning of Advent and Christmas traditions unique to Bethlehem.

## Southside still has a soul

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Despite a bone-chilling rain, more than 50 people attended a candlelight vigil in South Bethlehem Friday night, just a few feet from where six people were shot the previous weekend. After a volley of 30 bullets, Yolanda Morales, 23, died. Her killer and another shooter, still hospitalized, have been charged. But that was little consolation to the people who came to wonder why.

Kim Carrell-Smith, a Lehigh University history professor who lives on the Southside, pointed to where the shooting occurred.

"That is not who we are," she said. "But this,

the community gathering, is who we are. We're the Southside."

Those attending the vigil included Evelyn

Rivera, president of the Puerto Rican Beneficial Society, where a minor argument escalated into a gunfight outside.

"There's not much you can do except cry," she said, as her daughter, Jaclyn, consoled her.



Bethlehem Police Chief Jason Schiffer mourns with the rest of the community.

Bethlehem Police Chief Jason Schiffer, who helped light candles, said he is proud to partner with a "community that still has a soul." He said his department would never have been able to piece this together without the residents.

"We're standing here together, and against what happened," he

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PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

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## Charges filed in shooting

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Yolanda Morales, age 23, died in a hail of gunfire during the early morning hours of Dec. 2. She was killed just after leaving the Puerto Rican Beneficial Society, a club located at 205 E. Third St. Five others are hospitalized. Altogether, six people were involved in the bloodiest episode of the Southside's history since the 1910 Bethlehem Steel strike.

But unlike the violence in 1910, which involved workers' rights and wages, this fight appears to have started over nothing. An incidental bumping inside the Puerto Rican club is what led to the

shooting, according to court documents filed by Bethlehem police.

"It should have never reached this stage," said veteran District Attorney John Morganelli, who grew up on the Southside himself.

On Friday, Morganelli announced that two of three shooters in this gunfight, both Allentown men, have been charged. Rene Figueroa, 32, faces homicide and related charges, including the use of a stolen .45 caliber pistol. Javier Rivera-Alverado, 38, has also been charged with attempted homicide and aggravated assault. Neither man possessed a license to carry.

Both remain hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital and are under

guard.

A third shooter, Orialis Figueroa, 38, and no relation to Rene Figueroa, will face no charges. According to Morganelli, he was defending himself and others.

"His actions may have saved other lives that night," said Morganelli.

None of the participants in this firefight are club members, but were there for an "open night."

The two charged shooters were at the club together and were concerned by another group that was supposedly eyeing Figueroa's gold jewelry.

The other group consisted of

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## CITY

## Council, mayor agree on targets

By ANDREW CASS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Council unanimously voted Dec. 5 to support Mayor John Callahan's proposal to have large nonprofits contribute funds to help close the city's budget gap.

Nearly 20 percent of Bethlehem's land is occupied by nonprofits, which cannot be taxed. Callahan's proposal does not call for a specific amount to be paid, but the mayor said he would like to see a \$1 million total contribution. Lehigh University, Moravian College and Lehigh Valley Health Network are the main targets of the mayor's proposal.

"We're not breaking any new ground here," Councilman J. William Reynolds said.

Reynolds said that this is something that has been going on across the state and across the country for many years.

"Nobody is getting picked on here," Reynolds said. "Larger institutions with very large endowments across the country have done it, smaller liberal arts colleges have done it and I think it's more of a step in the right direction as far as not just supporting a municipal budget, because we have a large budget and this is just a small percentage of that. It's about coming up with the idea that they should be giving something toward these services."

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PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli grew up on Bethlehem's Southside.



## PEOPLE SAY ....

BY DANA GRUBB

What is your favorite Christmas carol and why?



"Silent Night. It calms me and it's very peaceful."

**Denise Zemanick**  
Bethlehem



"O Holy Night. It describes the true meaning of Christmas."

**Ellen Zemanick**  
Binghamton, N.Y.



"Carol of the Bells. It's just absolutely beautiful, pure and sounds like winter and Christmas."

**Roberta Hunter**  
Lawrenceville, N.J.



"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. It just puts me in the spirit of Christmas and I look forward to that time of sharing."

**Gladys Martino**  
Queens, N.Y.

## CITY

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Councilwoman Karen Dolan added that it would not be fair to make a request of the smaller nonprofits.

"Channel 39, generally speaking, does not have citizens in the street drunk throwing trash around," Dolan said. "No offense to college students, I was a college student once, as were many of us, and Channel 39 doesn't require the use of multiple vehicles going through the streets at a very, very high volume of traffic and the involvement of our emergency vehicles as well."

Councilman David DiGiacinto said he would have liked to see Arts Quest added to the list of nonprofits asked to pay, but Councilman Michael Recchiuti said it would not be fair to ask Arts Quest for any more money because they already pay the city for services during MusikFest.

Bethlehem resident and Lehigh University professor Stephen Antalics said that Lehigh does put back into the community.

"There's money there, you just don't see it," Antalics said. "What dollar value can you place on Lehigh helping Southside schools? They do it for free."

Antalics also added that singling out specific nonprofits is discriminatory and if the board does it to three, they should do it to all.

"Don't lean on the nonprofits," Antalics said, "because they do provide us a service."

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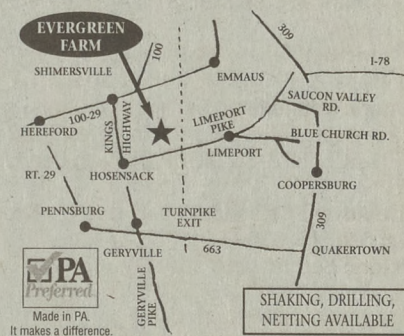
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**Wednesday, December 12**

**Gluten-Free/Celiac Sprue Support Group**, 7:30 p.m.  
Lower level board room of St. Luke's - Warren Hospital. Call 610-865-3543 or 732-207-6666.

**Monday, December 17**

**First Presbyterian Church** Hi Neighbors, 10 a.m. (Captain Radio with Joseph Hehn), 2344 Center St.

To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, [gtaylor@tnonline.com](mailto:gtaylor@tnonline.com) or fax 610-625-2126. For additional local news items not in our print edition, check out [www.bethlehempress-aroundtown.blogspot.com](http://www.bethlehempress-aroundtown.blogspot.com)

**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, December 12**

**Lehigh County Commissioners** meeting, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Lehigh County Gov. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

**Thursday, December 13**

**Bethlehem Water Authority**, 3 p.m., 85 W. North St.  
**Bethlehem Planning Commission**, 4 p.m., 85 W. North St. Canceled - no meeting in Dec.

**Monday, December 17**

**Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners**, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.  
**Fountain Hill Zoning Board**, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.  
**Hellertown Council**, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

**Tuesday, December 18**

**Bethlehem Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Church St.  
**Freemansburg Council**, 7 p.m., finance meeting if needed at 6 p.m., 600 Monroe St.  
**Hanover Twp. Supervisors**, 7 p.m., municipal building, 3630 Jacksonville Road (only meeting this month).

**Community Putz opens**



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Central Moravian Christmas Putz is open for visitors in downtown Bethlehem during the Christmas City's milestone 75th year. **ABOVE:** June Hahn of Catasauqua and her granddaughter Brielle Hahn get a close-up look at the Moravian community putz. The telling of Christ's birth with miniature biblical scenes, narration and music is open Thursday through Sunday before Christmas - Thursday and Friday 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The putz is also open after Christmas to Dec. 31, daily 1 to 5 p.m. at the Christian Education Building near Central Moravian Church.

**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

**Daily**

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

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

**SteelStacks wagonette and carriage rides** Southside Bethlehem, 2 to 8 p.m.; through Dec. 31; closed Dec. 24, 25. SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org).

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

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

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

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

**Live Advent Calendar**, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St. Through Dec. 23. 610-691-6055.

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

**This week**

**Wednesday, December 12**

**Free public music program** by Community Music School's Silver Winds flute choir, 7 p.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. with sing-along and ornament making. Register by calling 610-867-3761, ext. 224 or online at [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org).

**Thursday, December 13**

**Film: The Fourth Wise Man**; ages 55 and up, 10:45 a.m., the Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Reservations required. 610-867-4681.

**Saturday, December 15**

**Central Moravian Church** Christmas Community Putz, 73 W. Church St., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Every half hour. 610-867-2996; through Dec. 22.

**Congregation Beth El** Gabor Chanukah party and concert after the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat service, 1555 Linwood St. 610-419-1464.

**Tuesday, December 18**

**Christmas music**, quiet and reflective, with Rebecca Owens, piano, and Andrea Wittchen, harp, 7 p.m. Old Chapel east of Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St. Call 610-866-5661.

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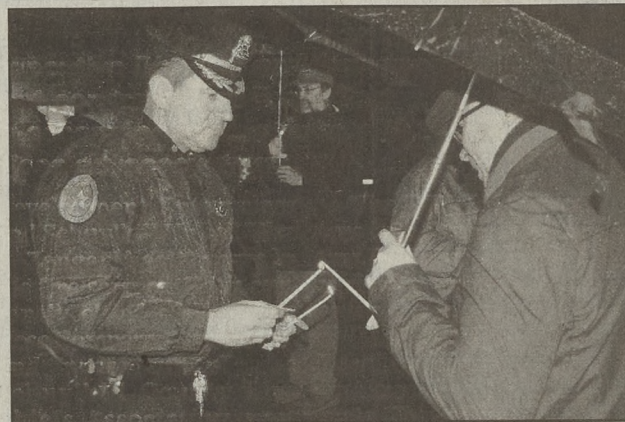
Jaclyn Rivera consoles her mother, Evelyn.

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said. Northampton Community College's Southside Campus Dean Paul Pierpoint said "We are all shocked and saddened at the senseless violence and loss of precious life that occurred on this street."

He attributed it to "our current gun culture. None would have died here last weekend if guns were not present." Guns "exacerbate our flaws," he said. "Maybe guns don't kill people. But angry or frightened people with



PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

A Bethlehem Deputy Commissioner Craig Finnerty helps light vigil candles.

guns far too often do." Pierpoint said he dreams of an "island

without gun violence. "But it is only a dream so long as our island is



City Council member J. Willie Reynolds, said that despite geographical divisions, there is only one Bethlehem.



A saddened State Rep. Steve Samuelson said little, and spent most of his time at the vigil in prayer.

surrounded by an ocean of guns."

**CHARGES**

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Orialis Figueroa, who was at the club with his brother, Angel Figueroa, 35, and his nephew, Luis Rivera, 24. Orialis was also accompanied by his girlfriend and her friend, Yolanda Morales. They are from the Easton area.

Orialis Figueroa bumped into a group of men that included the charged shooters, and words were exchanged. One of them threatened him, saying, "Te voy a Disparar" (I'm going to shoot you.)

After the threat, Orialis Figueroa decided to leave, and waited at the club's front door for his girlfriend. Because the club was ready to close, and she would likely leave with a crowd that included the same people who threatened him, Orialis retrieved a baseball bat from her car for protec-

tion. But as he turned around along the sidewalk, he was ambushed by Rivera-Alvarado.

Pointing a handgun at Orialis Figueroa's head, Rivera-Alvarado taunted him and fired several shots into his legs.

Just then, Yolanda Morales and Angel Figueroa approached. Rivera-Alvarado turned and fired at them, too. "I'm hit," said Morales. Rivera-Alvarado then turned and shot Luis Rivera.

While Rivera-Alvarado was turned, Orialis Figueroa, despite his wounds, managed to strike Rivera-Alvarado in the back of the head with the baseball bat. Rivera-Alvarado collapsed to the ground.

Orialis Figueroa took Rivera-Alvarado's handgun and went to assist Angel Figueroa and Yolan-

da Morales. Rivera-Alvarado's friend, Rene Figueroa, was trying, with a handgun he had taken from his waistband, to get a clear shot at Angel Figueroa. Yolanda Morales inserted herself between Rene and Angel Figueroa. Rene Figueroa shot her. After that, he gunned down Angel Figueroa and began shooting at Orialis Figueroa, who was returning fire.

Rene Figueroa then ran back into the club and ran around the metal detector in all the chaos, giving his handgun to someone to hide for him, after which he collapsed from his wounds. Bethlehem police found the gun inside the club's bathroom. It has been reported stolen from Jones Gun Shop in Allentown. Police continue to search for the person who hid it. The other handgun was

retrieved from underneath the hood of a car.

In addition to witness statements, Bethlehem police have retrieved surveillance video from the club. District Attorney Morganelli praised the police for their "excellent job piecing this together." He has assigned prosecution of this case to First Assistant DA Terry Houck.

According to Morganelli, it is too early in the prosecution to say whether the Commonwealth will seek the death penalty against Rene Figueroa.

Rene Figueroa has faced criminal charges before. In 1999 and 2006, he was charged with several firearms offenses, and entered pleas. In 2004, he entered a plea to drug offenses.

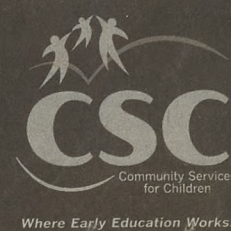
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## AREA PASSINGS

Sofia V. Divianina-Kohler  
of Bethlehem

Sofia V. Divianina-Kohler, 22, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 3, 2012, in St. Luke's Hospital. Born in Russia, Kyrgyzstan, she was a daughter of Dr. Alena Luzianina-Kohler and Dr. Reza Hakami, with whom she resided.

She graduated from Bethlehem Catholic HS and Cyber Charter Academy with an associate degree and honors. She was inducted into the National Honor Society. She was a biotechnology major at East Stroudsburg University, where she was named to the dean's list.

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

Judith Ann (Gifford) Neunzig  
phys ed teacher

Judith Ann (Gifford) Neunzig, 74, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 3, 2012. Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Kenneth and Kathleen (Priest) Gifford. She was the wife of Richard Clark Neunzig for 45 years.

She was a graduate of Springfield College. She was a physical education teacher.

She was a member of Northampton Racquet Ball Club and the Adirondack Mountain Club. She was a treasurer of the Eastern PA U.S. Tennis Club for many years.

In addition to her hus-

band, she is survived by two children, Sarah Neunzig-Sauer of Brookfield, Conn. and James Clark Neunzig of Sherman, Conn.; and four grandchildren, Chloe Ann Sauer and Elizabeth Ann, Gabrielle Kate and Nicholas Michael Neunzig.

She was predeceased by a brother, James Priest Gifford.

Contributions may be made to the Altar Guild, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 323 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Elizabeth Gallo  
of Bethlehem

Elizabeth Gallo, 91, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 1, 2012, at Moravian Village. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Alick) Lennert. She was the wife of Charles A. Gallo for 61 years.

She worked for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and for area blouse mills.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Jr. and his wife Sandra of Connecticut and Francis of Minnesota; a daughter,

Annette and her husband Gary Findon of Nazareth; four grandchildren, Ryan Gallo, Lisa and her husband Valton Canada, Abby Findon and Dallas Humphrey; and two great-grandchildren, Jaiden and Kaila Canada.

Contributions may be made to the Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, 617 Pierce St, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

## Scott R. Hess

Dream Come True recipient

Scott R. Hess, 26, formerly of Bath and a resident of Good Shepherd LTC Unit, Bethlehem, died Oct. 26, 2012, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg Campus, Bethlehem.

Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of Robert C. and Diane M. (Roth) Hess of Bath.

He was a student at Northampton Area School District Intermediate Unit. He later attended the Easton HS FOCUS Program.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bath.

He was a Dream Come True recipient.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Marissa J. of Pittsburgh; maternal grandparents, Frederick and Annabelle Roth of Bethlehem; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

Contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Rehab Center LTC Unit, 2545 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Arrangements were made by Schisler Funeral Home Inc., Northampton.

## LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE INCURRENCE OF NON-ELECTORAL DEBT

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Board of School Directors of the CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), at a meeting duly called and held on December 6, 2012, adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the School District through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2013, in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,525,000 (the "Bonds").

The proceeds of the Bonds, as well as other available funds of the School District, will be used for purposes of: (1) the current refunding of all of the School District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007; (2) financing certain capital projects of the School District, including, without limitation, additions, alterations and/or renovations to existing elementary and secondary school facilities and associated properties; and (3) the payment the costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds. The Resolution approves the sale of the Bonds at a private sale by negotiation and accepts a proposal for the purchase of the Bonds from RBC Capital Markets, at a purchase price of not less than 99.5868% of the principal amount of the Bonds net original issue premium and an underwriting discount of .825%. Pursuant to the terms of the Resolution and the purchase proposal, the Bonds will bear interest at rates ranging from 1.00% to 2.125%, mature on August 15 of each year from 2013 through 2022, inclusive, in varying maximum principal amounts ranging from \$130,000 to \$1,345,000.

A summary of the Resolution was advertised on November 28, 2012, and the proposed text of the Resolution was available for inspection at the Business Office of the School District, in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act, as codified by the Act of December 19, 1996, (P.L. 1159, No. 177) (the "Act").

During final adoption of the Resolution, the proposed Resolution previously on file at the Business Offices of the School District was completed: (i) to establish the purchase price of the Bonds at \$7,525,000, (ii) to set forth information regarding the school district's compliance with continuing disclosure requirements, and (iii) to set forth the terms of the accepted bond proposal on the terms set forth above and various details of the Bonds.

The full text of the Resolution described above may be examined by any citizen in the Business Office of the School District located at 201 North 14th Street, Catasauqua, PA, on business days during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This Notice is given in accordance with the requirements of and in compliance with Section 8003 the Act.

Sally J. Reiss, Secretary  
Catasauqua Area School District

Dec. 12



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The 2013 Bethlehem Area School Board of Directors: Michele Cann, William Burkhardt, Eugene McKeon, Aurea Ortiz, Irene Follweiler, Basillio Bonilla Jr., Mike Faccineto, Shannon Patrick and Sudantha Vidanage.

## Focus on student services

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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## BETHLEHEM AREA SD

The reorganization portion of Bethlehem Area School District's Dec. 3 meeting, in preparation for the new year, lasted all of five minutes.

Michael Faccineto and Michele Cann retain their positions as president and vice president and all committee seats remain static as well. Though Basilio Bonilla Jr. lost in a bid for Cann's seat 3-6, he will take a new position as Pennsylvania School Board Association liaison, acting as a conduit for the statewide informational and support organization.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Silva announced the upcoming budget, mostly describing it as "efficient and sustainable" over last year's "real pain." The presentation was a basic overview lacking details or numbers, which will be looked at in January.

Silva did say, however, there are plans to reform high school student services, which some seem to feel have taken a back seat to budgetary concerns for years. He said there will be curriculum reform for

better flexibility in course choices and a focus on career and college preparation. Part of that will be for school counseling to be more proactive in setting students on a definitive path after graduation.

Cann said she was glad to hear it, but described a similar situation six years ago in a very productive meeting "that went nowhere." She said there is no college process help for high school students and their families and, "I think an overhaul has been needed for a long time."

During public com-

ment Judith Dexter, a former board member, said she too was pleased to hear about increased counseling. She said high school students require guidance and attention from specialists who know how to help students apply for colleges and register for classes that are the best individual fit.

Silva also said counselors are needed to help incoming freshmen feel safe and comfortable in their new environment, which will in theory decrease the number of freshman course failures, which currently stands at more than 15 percent.

## BRIEFLY

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The City of Bethlehem's Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink is now open for public ice skating. Public skating is available from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m.

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## DUI

Police arrested Andy Pineda, 28, of South Bradford Street in Allentown, for driving while intoxicated around 1:25 a.m. Dec. 1.

According to police, Pineda drove his car through several red lights and then crashed in the 400 block Hayes Street. Officers determined he was intoxicated and he is charged with DUI.

## Intoxication

Police made several intoxication-related arrests from Nov. 23-24.

Michael Rivera, 21, of the 1000 block of Cherokee Street, was charged with public drunkenness on East Ettwein Street for unspecified events around 6:15 p.m. Nov. 23.

Paul Plawa, 34, of West Broad Street, was arrested when he made a scene with officers after falling off a chair at Bethlehem Brew Works around 11:15 p.m. Nov. 23. He is charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Adam Wires, 34, of Keep Street in Madison, N.J., caused a disturbance on the sixth floor of the Sands Hotel around 12:15 a.m. Nov. 24 and was likewise charged. He was also transported to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Phylcia Rousell, 25, of Frost Avenue in Alpha, N.J., was arrested on DUI and possession of marijuana and paraphernalia charges after being pulled over for driving without headlights just 30 minutes later.

Kylie Gearhardt, 23, of Treeline Drive in Allentown, was arrested for public drunkenness at Roosevelt on East Elizabeth Avenue around 1:10 a.m.

Savier Cintron, 34, of Vine Street in Allentown, was arrested around 2:30 a.m. on East Third Street when he drove his car out of a parking spot and almost struck a police car. He is charged with driving while under suspension, DUI and moving violations.

## NCC wants to double housing

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At Northampton Community College's sprawling campus, 12 apartments and a residence hall provide housing for about 300 students. But by the time school starts in 2015, college officials would like to double its housing component. That's what Mardi Closson, the college's dean of students, told Bethlehem Township commissioners at their Dec. 3 meeting.

Closson, along with attorney Bill Murphy and Facilities Director Mark Culp, pitched the expansion before a receptive board, arguing that this would actually reduce traf-

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fic to and from the campus. She added that there already is a long waiting list for housing, which is determined by weighing distance, grades and disciplinary problems.

The college is the only facility in the state that offers funeral service education, and one of few offering a dental hygiene program. She denied any plans to convert from a two-year to a four-year college.

Commissioner Tom Nolan, who lives near the campus and has opposed expansion in the past, told college officials he is now sold by their good track record and history with the township.

Agreeing, Commissioner Marty Zawarski noted there are only 11 incidents per year with police. He did, however, complain that college students crossing Green Pond Road to the main campus are "wearing blinders," and don't stop for or notice traffic.

President Paul Weiss, noting that 89 percent of Northampton Community College graduates remain in the Lehigh Valley, said that the college has been a good neighbor.

After getting an informal green light, college officials will now pitch their expansion to the township's Planning Commission in January.



PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Northampton Community College's Mardi Closson denies plans to make the college a four-year institution.

## Board balks at 2.5% engineering fee increase

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Township Commissioners unanimously tabled a proposed rate increase in engineering fees at their Dec. 3 meeting. The Pidcock Company, which provides engineering services, has proposed a 2.5 percent rate increase next year,

under which the hourly rate for professional services would vary between \$48 and \$108 per hour. Its current rate schedule has been in place since January 2011.

"With the state of the economy, I can't see that the engineer raised its bills at this time," complained Commissioner Martin Zawarski. He also groused

about the mileage being charged, noting that Pidcock is located near Route 309, a 40-mile round trip from the township.

"There are very, very good engineering firms within 10 minutes of here," he observed.

Rather than outright reject the proposed rate increase, Commissioner

Michael Hudak suggested reaching out to Pidcock to ask for an explanation.

"We don't really know why a rate increase is being proposed," added Commissioner Phil Barnard.

"I'm on the fence with this," noted President Paul Weiss, who would also like to hear from Pidcock.

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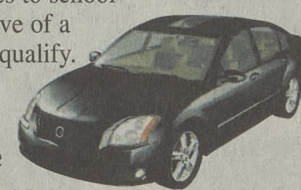


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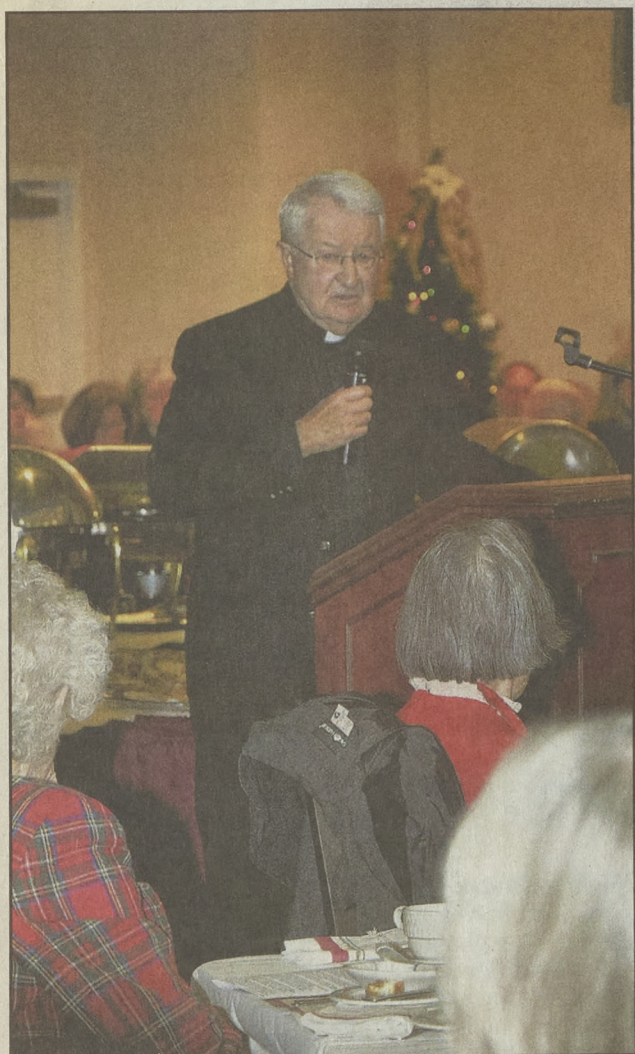
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## The season of hope



Father Daniel Gambert engages the crowd with stories evoking the beautiful meaning of the Advent season.



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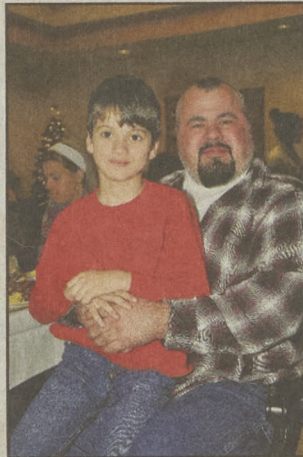
A tradition that stems from the earliest Moravian settlers, the lighting of a beeswax candle was the highlight of the 47th annual Bethlehem Community Advent Breakfast. In 1747 Bishop John deWatteville used a beeswax candle to represent the purity of Christ and red ribbon to symbolize the blood of Christ. In 1966 the Citizens Christmas City Committee incorporated the candle in the Advent Breakfast and the tradition continues. The Citizens Christmas City Committee is the nonprofit organization responsible for keeping the lights shining during the Christmas season by raising more than \$20,000 to pay for the Christmas trees that adorn many of Bethlehem's street corners, many decorations and the tree lights on Main, Broad, Third, Fourth and South New streets. The organization has three fundraisers: the Christmas City Seal; Adopt-A-Tree; and the Christmas City Cacheted Cover. **ABOVE:** Central Moravian Church Assistant Pastor Janet Rice with daughter Sophie during the lighting of the candles.



Mike Rice, winner of the 2012 Christmas City Seal Contest, signs Cacheted Covers, a collectable post-marked with the date of the Tree Lighting Ceremony marking the start of the Christmas Season. Rice's photograph of a scene in the Central Moravian Church Putz was chosen as the winner of the 2012 contest and he was awarded a \$300 cash prize and a commemorative plaque.



Anne Evans enjoys the morning with her grandson, Gavin Evans-Gartley.



Jacob Rogulski has a good seat on his father Wes' lap.



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### Hardships aside, '12 a good year

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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It was the final borough council meeting of the year Dec. 4, and members were happy to congratulate each other on a good year despite financial hardships and tough projects.

They approved the new, tax-raise-free budget, invited the community to the Dec. 13 borough

Christmas party and welcomed new part-time police officers.

New Police Chief Todd Pantusso brought the men into the meeting and announced he'd also like to hold a community day next summer. He said the National Night Out is a community-awareness event that he'd like to use to the utmost, and he's working with Parks and Recreation President Lyn Boger to lay the groundwork.

Community gadfly Charlie Derr said to Pantusso, "As far as I'm concerned you're off to a really good start because this is only the first or second time a chief as introduced his troops not only to council but to the residents."

Council President Homer "Bud" Lorrach took a moment to thank everyone for doing a great job, especially mentioning the finance

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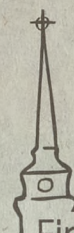
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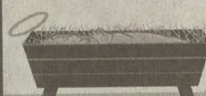
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7 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

10 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

### Christmas Day Services - Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

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Candlelight Service at 9:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service with Communion at 11:00 p.m.

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## Christmas Cantata

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committee for keeping a tight reign on things. "Everyone helped make Freemansburg a better place to live," he said.

Lorrah was also happy the Tolstoy Street project was finally finished after several lengthy meetings and completion of necessary street work. "Now

that that's done I think we can say that was the job from hell," he said, after months of bad weather washed out dig sites and inflated costs.

Councilor Jim Smith thanked Lorrah for taking point and, despite working a full-time job, attending countless hours of meetings to see that

and other projects through.

The first meeting of the new year is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 2 at 600 Monroe St.

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Although he went along with tabling the pay hike, Commissioner Tom Nolan cautioned that changing township engineers is a "monumental task." He added that most of their fees are charged to developers, not the township.

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## Library 2012 book sales end



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The 2012 book sales at the Bethlehem Area Public Library concluded with a December sale at the Southside Branch. This new venture raised \$600, which will be used in the Room to Grow campaign. More than \$52,560 was raised at the six earlier sales held at the Main Branch. Laurel Stone, who handles both volunteers and book sales for the library, expects future sales to be held at the Southside Branch once extensive renovations are completed. "It was very well received by the patrons who attended," said Stone. The next sale will be the "Winter Blahs" book sale at the Main Branch Jan. 16 and 19. Preparations are already underway for that sale. For additional information about the BAPL's book sales visit [www.bestbooksale.org](http://www.bestbooksale.org) or call 610-867-3761 ext. 235. **ABOVE:** A cadre of devoted volunteers helps make volunteer coordinator and book sale facilitator Laurel Stone's job at the Bethlehem Area Public Library much easier and more successful. Among those giving their time and talents during 2012 were Joy Hill, Alverta Serfass, Linc Coffin, Marianne Lemenager, Carol DeMets, Laurel Stone, Andrew Stone and Rita Stauffer.

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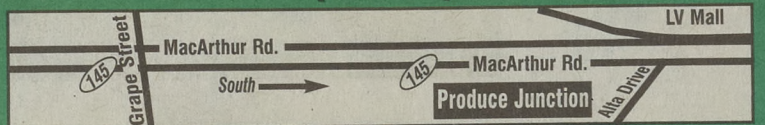
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## Dave Brown out as Liberty head football coach

By PETER CAR  
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Dave Brown was relieved of his duties last week as head coach of the football program at Liberty and now the Hurricanes are looking for their second head coach following the Tim Moncman era.

Brown, who took over for Moncman three years ago, tallied an 18-16 record during his tenure, including a 3-7 record

this past season after the team started 0-6.

After entering this season with the job of filling 19 starter positions because of graduation, Brown had mixed emotions about being let go.

"It's no secret that we were going to have a difficult year after losing 19 starters," Brown said. "We won three out of four to end the year and I think we got better as each week pro-

gressed. We played a lot of young kids this year and our JV program went 8-2.

"When you ask me if I was surprised about being let go - it's really a mixture of yes and no. At the end of the day, I'm just very appreciative to have had the opportunity to lead Liberty's football program."

Brown, a teacher at Liberty, expressed his fondness for the school, its kids and the foot-

ball program.

Bethlehem Area School District Athletic Director Fred Harris also noted Brown's class, but expressed the need for the program to move into another direction.

"Dave's a class act," Harris said. "He served us well, but we felt that we needed to go in another direction."

No specifics were discussed as to why Brown was let go or

what type of coach Liberty will be looking for in their newest search.

Brown's teams failed to qualify for the subregional playoffs in his first two seasons, settling for the Eastern Conference 4A playoffs in both of his first two seasons.

Liberty lost to Emmaus in the Eastern Conference final in 2010 before knocking off

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### YASSO-ROTHROCK TOURNAMENT

## Pates top Parkland

By CJ HEMERLY  
Special to the Press

The energy inside Freedom High School's gymnasium last Saturday night had the feel of a District final, but it was only game one of the season for the Freedom Patriots and the Parkland Trojans.

Freedom was fueled by the surrounding environment, and used 21 first quarter points on their way to an opening win of the season, defeating Parkland 54-47 in the finale of the Yasso Christmas City Classic.

These two teams never seem to disappoint. They met in the League and District 11 playoffs a year ago. Freedom won in LVC's, and Parkland the winner in the district quarterfinal matchup.

"They ended our season last year," Derek Chiclana said. "I wanted this one bad, and so did my teammates. It's good to come out of this one with a win."

The Stellar Tournament MVP Chiclana, and fellow senior Nyree Jackson are the leaders on this team, with the experience of starting on that team that was a win away from a conference championship a year ago.

"We just want to be

dedicated to the team, and put in hard work and push our underclassmen to succeed," noted Chiclana.

The two had their hands in 21 of the 33 first half points for the Patriots. Jackson hit three from beyond the arc, and Chiclana brought the "Freedom Family" into a frenzy with a second quarter, two-handed dunk.

"I just saw an open lane and I took it," added Chiclana. "I was pretty excited and the crowd had a lot of heart. We just played good defense from there."

The Patriots defense held Parkland to only 17 first half points, and the Trojans never found a rhythm offensively. Their top scorer, Austin Beidelman, finished with ten points on 4-14 shooting from the field.

Chiclana and David Williams (6 points, 8 rebounds) were just too big for Parkland down low. And the speed of the guard play of Nigel Long and Maceo Connor, the Patriots worked their inside-outside game to find open looks for each other.

Chiclana finished with 15 points and 9 rebounds, and was named the Player of the game. Jackson also tallied 15 points for the Patriots in the win.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Derike Chiclana and the Pates got a big win over Parkland to open the season at the Yasso-Rothrock Classic.

### WRESTLING

## Pates win Q-town duals

By PETER CAR  
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You know the expectations for Freedom's wrestling team are different when a 4-1 opening weekend record is somewhat disappointing.

Head coach Brandon Hall doesn't want to seem overly critical or negative of his troops bringing home first place honors from the Quakertown Duals over the weekend, but when 5-0 was the goal for the Patriots, Hall meant it.

"I asked our seniors if I was being too critical about our results and they said no," Hall said. "It was the first weekend of the season and you're just not where you're going to be yet."

"We wrestled five matches in one day and we saw some of our guys get tired in the last two bouts. I understand all of that and we had a lot of people in the community happy with what we did, including myself."

"But at the end of the day, we're not lowering the bar. No matter what takes place, my criticism comes from the potential I see with this team. We have higher expectations this year."

The Pates knocked off Hazleton 49-25, Stroudsburg 36-30, Quakertown 46-26 and Pittston 40-24 over the weekend.

Their lone loss came to Wyoming Valley West 36-32. It was the first time the program won the tournament during Hall's first three seasons, as they went 1-4 and 2-3 respectively in each of the last two seasons at the event.

Jake Young, Josh Young, Tyler Pearson and Evan Kauffman each went 5-0 over the weekend, while John Callahan went 4-1 for the Pates.

"They all looked strong and did their jobs getting wins and bonus points for us," said Hall. "This is going to be the core of our lineup that we're going to rely on every match."

That next match comes tonight when Freedom (4-1) looks to handle their expectations at Emmaus in both teams Lehigh Valley Conference opener.

"We got Emmaus this week and Dieruff next week in two matches we want to win," Hall said. "I think we opened some eyes last year when we beat Emmaus, but we lost to Dieruff after that. We're looking to reverse that Dieruff score and start off the LVC season on the right foot."

Liberty went 4-1 at the Boyertown Duals over the weekend to start off the season on the right foot.

The Hurricanes defeated Governor Mifflin 38-33, Bensalem 72-3,

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## Hurricane boys blow out Dieruff

By PETER CAR  
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The last time Liberty played Dieruff, it was in summer league action and the Huskies ousted the Hurricanes from the Cedar Beach league.

Last Saturday night, however, was a different story.

Liberty overcame an early first quarter deficit and went on to route Dieruff 73-39 in the Yasso-Rothrock Christmas City Classic at Memorial Gymnasium.

Nine different Hurricanes scored on the night, led by DeShawn Oyeniyi's 17 points.

Joey Torres and Greg Noack also posted double digits, as they both totaled 12 points on the night.

The balanced scoring effort is something that head coach Chad Landis expects to see from his team this season.

"We got six guys that can lead us in scoring on any given night," Landis said. "DeShawn just had the best touches around the rim. We need balanced scoring from our guys and that's what we expect too."

After Dieruff held a brief lead in the first quarter, Liberty pulled away with a 25-14 advantage to end the frame. The Canes led 43-20 at half and were

never threatened the rest of the way.

With the summer league defeat in the back of their minds, Liberty wanted their season opener to be a different story.

"We knew they could play well based on what we saw from them in the summer and we tried to do some different things defensively," said Landis. "We started to get our defense going late in the first quarter and that helped us move things in the right direction."

"We still turned it over more than I would have liked, but we have time to work on things."

The Hurricanes don't

get back to action until Friday night, when they host Bethlehem Catholic (0-1).

The Golden Hawks lost to Whitehall 63-58 at home Saturday night in what was one of the closest contests of the weekend.

Head coach Mike Frew was happy with how his team competed, but didn't undermine the value of winning.

"It's always tough when you come off the court without a win," Frew said. "We showed incredible passion and played well defensively, but we were just inconsistent at times."

"We have three guys on the roster with major

varsity experience, so we need to get better in a lot of areas."

That continues this week as the Hawks hosted Philadelphia Catholic League opponent Conwell Egan last night and host Pottstown tonight before prepping for Liberty on Friday.

With three competitive games this week, the Hawks are looking to gain home wins heading into Liberty.

"It's a very important week for us," Frew said. "We play more games in the front end of our schedule and we need to go out and take care of business."

## Becahi girls get win

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team was too hot to handle for Whitehall in the Hawks 48-31 victory over the Zephyrs at the Yasso-Rothrock Tournament on Saturday.

Although the Zephyrs took the early lead, a three-pointer by Becahi freshman, Nia Mims, sparked the Hawks offense toward the end of the first quarter.

Soon after, the Hawks pulled away when Becahi

guard, Nicole Lacherza, hit a three of her own, breaking a 12-12 tie at the beginning of the second quarter.

Mims, Lacherza, Bridget Smith, Cecelia Perez, Janelle Robinson, and Kalista Walters combined for 29 points by halftime.

Becahi's defense also kicked in, forcing Whitehall turnovers and drawing fouls.

"We knew Whitehall had a couple good players and [Madison Kelly] was a good shooter, so we tried to take her out of the game. Overall, I think

our defense was amazing," said Smith.

Kelly had 13 points for the Zephyrs, but Whitehall faced a scoring drought in the third quarter until the final minutes when Kelly hit back-to-back baskets.

Smith, who had ten points, 13 rebounds, three blocked shots, and three steals, and Kelly were named tournament MVPs for their respective teams.

Smith said, "I was really surprised. No one really stood out. We played as a team."



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

Janelle Robinson and the rest of the Hawks opened their season with a win over Whitehall.



# New FHS swimming coach has familiar name

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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There must be something in the water at the Foust household, as Freedom High School has announced that Reik Foust has been appointed the new head swim coach for the Patriots, while his father, also Reik, is entering his ninth season as head swim coach for the Liberty Hurricanes.

The younger Foust, a 2004 graduate of Liberty High School and a 2010 graduate of

Catholic University of America, has been a part of the swimming world for almost as long as he can remember.

"Since I was little, I always wanted to do what my dad did. I've been behind-the-scenes for years and years," Foust said.

Most recently, Foust helped coach at the college level at Catholic University before becoming an assistant at Southern Lehigh High School. In addition, Foust coached at

Saucon Valley Country Club for several summers with former Freedom swim coach, Kevin Remaley, and is currently a coach at Brookside Country Club, also in the summer.

Foust was also a four-year varsity swimmer at Catholic U., and he holds the Landmark Conference All-Conference Athlete 200 Yard Freestyle Relay Record. In high school, Foust swam for the Hurricanes, and in particular, was coached by his father his senior year.

ior year.

"I feel as though I'm a hybrid. My dad is a little old-fashioned, a little more stern. He doesn't talk too much, but he comes across in a genuine way and can be relatively blunt. Kevin is very energetic. He wants to be involved and keep everybody happy, and make it like a family," said Foust.

While at Southern Lehigh, Foust could feel that he was a good combination of both coaching styles, which he feels

is important, if for no other reason than the enormous amount of time swimmers spend together.

"We're around each other more than other athletes. As kids are coming into school, we're already finished with our first practice of the day," he said.

Foust will be assisted by Therese Harrigan and Tea Geasasin, with their Freedom coaching debut scheduled for Dec. 13.

## Canes have returners

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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Big numbers and key returners should add up to numerous victories for the Liberty Hurricanes swim team this season.

"We're real excited with what we have going. We were just talking about how good our team looks," said Liberty coach Reik Foust.

Foust is joined by assistant Jeff Matyus for another season, and, for his first year, assistant Evan Kocon, a Liberty grad and former Hurricane swimmer will join the coaching staff.

"I'm happy with the staff and happy with the returning kids. We have a lot to look forward to this year," Foust said.

Key returners for the Hurricane boys are captain, James Shephlock, captain, Sean Vanetta, captain, Matt Buell, and Jacob Jones.

"We lost Eric Burcin [to graduation], but we have a bunch of kids filling in. The boys have a lot more [on the team], not as many front-run-



Matt Buell is one of the key returning swimmers for the Hurricanes this year.

ners, but they have more depth," said Foust.

Key returners for the Hurricane girls are captain, Katie Fitch, captain, Emma Williams, captain, Maggie Olock, Shelby Turner, Emily Cecchini, Grace Walters, Alexis Brenner, Rachel Rider, and Jessie Bassett.

"The girls have quite a few swimmers that can be front-runners in events. The girls will win events flat out," Foust said.

The Hurricanes' goal this season, and every season, is to identify the four fastest swimmers who will

make up each relay team.

"We train the kids all year, and which events they swim is up to them. Our job is to come up with the kids who are super fast, so they can qualify for states in the relays," said Foust.

This season, Foust has something extra to look forward to with the hiring of his son, Reik, as the Freedom Patriots swimming coach.

"I'm very excited for our season, and I'm excited for February 14 [when Liberty takes on Freedom]," Foust said.



Peter Conzola is a key returning swimmer for the Pates this year.

## Pates have expectations

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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It didn't take long for Freedom swim coach Reik Foust to see what the Patriots are made of.

Hired in October and coming from Southern Lehigh, which is a 2A team, Foust already has high expectations after just a few weeks of practices.

"Practices have been incredible so far. The kids have shown up and swam beyond my expectations, and I'm planning to keep pushing them. I'm excited to see what they can do," Foust said.

Key returners for the girls team are Helen Hsu, Carly DelFranco, Brooke Munion, and Molly Magnan.

"On the girls' side, we're very diverse, but I'm looking for some big things out of them," said Foust.

Key returners for the boys team are Connor Harrigan, Peter Conzola,



Carly DelFranco is another important swimmer for the Pates this year.

and Scott DelFranco.

"Peter will be looking to repeat in the 100 fly and 100 back as district champ, and Scott will be looking to compete with Pete in the 100 back. Connor will be really big to the team," Foust said.

Low on boys' numbers, some Patriots will have to swim events they have never swum before.

"The boys team will be more of a group effort. Our top swimmers will

remain top swimmers, but we'll be adding depth to win," said Foust.

The Patriots will be rostering approximately 17 girls.

"We're working on getting in better shape and figuring out events. We'll definitely have some star-studded swimmers," Foust said.

Freedom will host Northampton for their first meet of the season on Dec. 13.

## Bethlehem diving teams hope to surprise

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty and Freedom diving coach Jeff Zettlemoyer is returning most of his Hurricane divers from last year, while inaugurating new divers for the Patriots.

While Liberty will only have two male divers, Bryan Rivera and Alex Caccamo, two female divers will compete for the boys, as allowed by

PIAA rules.

Victoria Carter, Rachael Steiner, Brenna McCormack, Regan Morrison, Samantha Kincaid, and Kim Fetter are Liberty's female varsity divers.

"Their strengths are their ability to start doing upper degree of difficulty dives. That's what usually wins meets," said Zettlemoyer.

Rounding out the Hur-

ricanes' roster are Hannah Grinchuk, Richard Becaires, Corey Moffo, Halle Rampulla, Evan Williams, Rachel Finn, Delaney Davis, Sai Makrouse and Brianna Medina.

Freedom's only returning diver is Kaycee Stoudt. "I'm hoping she does well in the 11-dive meet and districts," Zettlemoyer said.

Rounding out the Patriots' roster is Sean Watlington, John McGinty, Andrew Umstead, Madison Donatelli, Megan Shupp, Missy Briggs and Rachel Giles.

"On the whole, they're quick learners. We may have some surprises there," said Zettlemoyer.

## Brown

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Whitehall in 2011 for the crown. They capped off a disappointing 2012 season with a 41-14 victory over rival Freedom.

Harris said the position is open and posted on the school district's web site. He said he hopes to have a new candidate for board recommendation by the next school board meeting on January 28.

Brown, on the other hand, wasn't too quick to jump to his future plans. "I have no idea what

I'm going to be doing next football season," he said. "I haven't thought about coaching anywhere at this point. It hurts a little bit to be let go, but I love to coach."

"I've been doing it for 30 years at all levels. I wish this season could have been different, but it was a tremendous honor to be apart of it."

## Wrestle

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Unionville 56-15 and lost to Boyertown 37-22 in pool action.

Liberty then knocked off Council Rock North

44-18 in final round action. The Canes host Central Catholic tonight to open up LVC action.

Bethlehem Catholic opens the season at Whitehall tonight after having a weekend off. The Hawks then trek to Central Mountain High School this weekend for the King of the Mountain tournament on Friday and Saturday.

"The kids are chomping at the bit to get the season going," said head coach Jeff Karam. "We're excited to get things going this week, but we also want to come out of this first week healthy. We're a little banged up already with three guys out, so I want to avoid major injuries this week."

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# Freedom's hockey team gets a victory



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Freedom's Mike Wardfield and the rest of the Pates picked up a win over Whitehall on Monday night.

By JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

Mike Mould knows his team will tackle the challenge.

A season ago, Mould's Freedom ice hockey team made a momentous late-season run in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League (LVSHL) Pure Division, a stretch that lead them into the championship against Parkland. Before their revival, Freedom appeared a long-shot at best to make the postseason.

This year with a veteran core returning and a sense of momentum to begin the season, Mould expects his team to be an entry in the LVSHL playoffs. Yet, the Patriots' next few games can have their chances of making it back to the postseason in the balance.

Freedom began the week with an overall 3-2-2 mark (9 points) but they trailed undefeated and first-place Parkland (14 points) and once-defeat-

ed and second-place Emmaus (12 points). Unlike other years, only the top two teams in each division will qualify for the LVSHL playoffs.

Despite a less-preferred position, Mould is well aware his team has some work ahead of them. In their last game, the Patriots were blanked 5-0 by Parkland.

"We had a tough game with Parkland, but it wasn't as bad as it looked," said Mould, who is in his fifth season at the helm of the Patriots' program. "They jumped on us early (3-0) and we had trouble bouncing back."

"We were in a similar situation last year, and we pulled it together. We have a big stretch coming up where we have to take care of business and see how everything else can fall into place for us."

Mould referred to games with Non-Pure Division opponents Whitehall/Salisbury and Becca/Central along with

a key showdown with Emmaus, all before the Christmas break. The first of two remaining games with Emmaus will be Dec. 21 while the latter will be the second last game of the regular season Jan. 30.

"We need to win our next three games, especially with Emmaus," stated Mould. "It will be a pivotal stretch for us. We also have to play well for the remainder of the season. In the past, the games against team in the other division were often viewed as exhibition games and didn't affect the standings."

"But this year, things are different. Every game will be crucial, but I believe we have the talent here to complete the task."

Senior Brendan Driscoll continues to be an offensive force for Freedom as he has throughout his career. Beginning the week, Driscoll led the team with nine goals and

five assists for 14 points. Fellow senior Ben Wykosky has been steady in the nets as his goals against average is 3.00. Both will be key players for the Patriots down the stretch.

"Brendan has again been solid for us," Mould said. "We have a number of guys here who have been through many situations, and they know what is at stake. Ben (Wykosky) has been solid for us all year and we know he can come up big for us."

The main sticking point for the Patriots has been three ties this season, a factor that easily could have been a victory in each occasion.

"The ties are good and bad," offered Mould. "We like the point, but we needed two (points). At this point, we can't reverse what happened, and we have to concentrate on the future."

If history does repeat itself, their future will be a bright one.

## Freedom girls fall to Parkland

By TODD KRESS  
Special to the Press

During the weekend's Yasso-Rothrock Christmas City Classic held at Freedom High School, the Patriots were dealt a tough Parkland team to tip off their regular season.

After hanging with the Trojans for the first eight minutes of play to start the game, it was a sloppy second quarter that loomed large for the Patriots as they fell 48-26 in their season opener.

The Patriots didn't have an answer for the Trojans' full court pressure, particularly in the second quarter when Parkland ultimately pulled away. The Patriots missed all nine of their field goal attempts in that quarter, and four late free throws were their only points as the

Trojans increased their lead to 23-11 at halftime.

"You get a couple turnovers here and it goes from nine to 14, and now you're forced back into man and back into pressure," said head coach Ron Garza. "I think for a couple of these girls, it was their first time under the bright lights of varsity. And the boys are coming after and it's substantial. It's a whole other world."

The deficit was cut to nine points on a number of occasions in the third quarter, however. Junior guard Brenna Dosedlo connected on a layup after getting fouled that cut it to 29-20 as the quarter was winding down. But her missed free throw kept the deficit at nine, and the Patriots could never fully recover.

"We got it down to nine

with the ball twice, and turned the ball over twice," said Garza. "For us, we only went six or seven deep today, and we're not that deep. When the time comes like that is when the athletes come out, and they got some athletes on that other team."

Parkland's pressure forced the Patriots into 24 turnovers, and they struggled to sustain any rhythm offensively. Still, Garza was pleased his team never quit despite trailing by double digits at halftime.

"I was happy with our girls, it was 23-7 and they didn't hang their heads," said Garza. "They hung tough. We didn't give up anymore. With a minute left we were down 23-7 and we got a couple of free throws there."

"I think they battled," added Garza. "What's going to be our strength is being

able to change things up. I think they did a good job when they had to go man - I think that they hung tough."

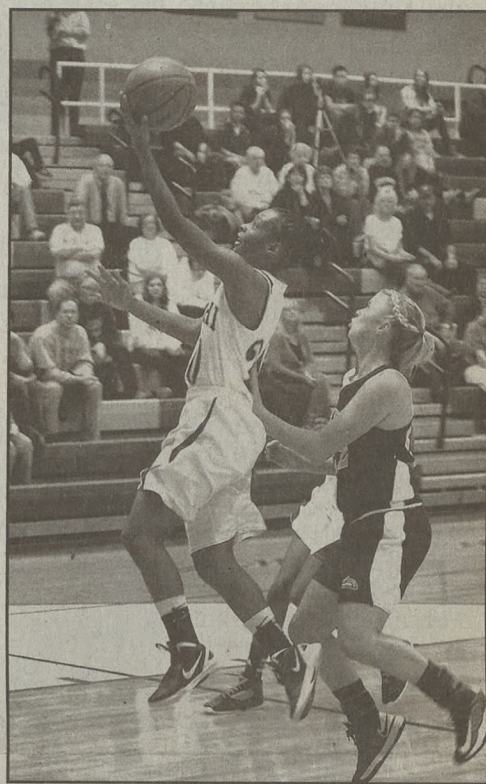
Senior forward Ashley Gordon - who had 10 points, six rebounds and two steals - was named Freedom's MVP. Junior forward/guard Victoria McCaslin had five points and five rebounds.

The Patriots will host Easton on Friday night. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. at Freedom High School. They'll follow that up with a Dec. 18 matchup against Bethlehem Catholic.

### Liberty

The Liberty girls used a big first quarter to get ahead of the Huskies and they never looked back, winning 45-33 on Saturday night at home.

Kalie Shumock and Amanda Pinter both scored 11 points in the win.



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

Allison McCready and the Freedom girls opened their season with a loss to Parkland.

### CHEERING

## FHS cheerleaders compete in Philly

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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The Freedom Patriots participated in their first competition of the season at the Cheersport Philly Grand Competition on Saturday at Villanova University.

"Overall, we did a really good job. We lost 17 seniors, so we had a lot to compensate for. Our performance was a lot better than we thought," said Freedom co-captain, Sarah

Callahan.

The Patriots' routine started with standing tumbling, a jump sequence, more standing tumbling, and stunts.

"Our jump sequence is pretty difficult this year, and our stunts are more difficult because we fly on the opposite [left] leg than everybody else," Callahan said.

The Patriots also have a running tumbling sequence, featuring some

of the younger cheerleaders.

"Christina Youkamin has a full, and she's a freshman. She's the last pass, and you usually save your best gymnast for last. Kaylin Walker, she's a junior, and she injured her back the day before, but she still pulled her full, so we were really proud of her," said Callahan.

Freshmen, Christine Olson and Melissa Yountleman, also have

fills.

The routine ended with a basket toss, a pyramid, and the dance.

"The first competition is always really rough. There's always jitters, but it went so much better than we expected. There was only a six-point difference between us and [the first-place team]. Coach Zito was really proud of us, and we'll work on what we need to fix," Callahan said.

## Cheer teams invited to compete

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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The Bethlehem Catholic Cheer Team is inviting high school, recreational, and CYO cheerleading squads to participate in its fourth annual Golden Hawk Cheer Challenge, scheduled for Jan. 12.

"This is a friendly way to get teams back onto the competition mat after the

holiday break before the larger competitions begin," said Bethlehem Catholic cheerleading coach, Brenda Michalska.

Divisions will be based on traditional age and size groupings. The event will follow all AACC guidelines, and the judging panel will consist of judges from numerous cheerleading backgrounds, such as UCA,

NCA, COA, etc.

All-Star divisions will be added if there is enough interest. There will also be a free jump off in each age category.

The deadline for registration is Jan. 9, and any team may exhibit only, if preferred.

If additional information is needed, contact Michalska at cheerleading@bethlehem-catholics.org.

On the day of the competition, tickets will be sold in the Bethlehem Catholic gymnasium lobby and seating is based on a first come basis. Doors will open to spectators 30 minutes before competition start time which is to be determined.

Programs featuring each team's roster will be sold at the door as well.

Autumn Garrity, Arcadia Hewins, Jen Lopez, Julia Madison, Marissa Merriam, Joelle Morey, Brooke Rau, Kylie Shivok, Kylie Smolock, Courtney Shupp, Maria Talpas, and Wynonna Wo.

Bethlehem Hawks Brown has made it to the semifinal game in all of the four years the league, operated by Jon Adams, has been in existence.

### DARTS

#### SUBURBAN DART LEAGUE

Standings		
St. Paul's	28	17 .718
Ebenezer	25	14 .641
St. Stephen's	21	18 .538
Dryland	20	19 .513
Salem UCC	20	19 .513
Christ UCC	19	20 .487
Salem Luth	19	20 .487
Messiah	18	21 .462
Emmanuel	18	21 .462
Trinity Luth	16	23 .410
Bath Luth	15	24 .385
Farmersville	15	24 .385

#### St. Paul's (8-2, 7-3, 10-4)

#### at Christ UCC

SP - Paul Slimmon 7-13, Rich Kern 6-15, Andy Mainhart 5-13,

Jason Gross 5-15, Jennifer Erkinger HR.

C - Garry Hunsicker, Jared Pokorny HR.

#### Salem Luth (12-6, 6-4 12in)

#### at Dryland (2-1)

SL - Bike Hoke Jr. 9-14, Bill Hoke Sr. 7-14, Scott Hoffert 5-15,

D - Jim Goldman 5-12, Paul Jacoby HR.

#### Bath Luth at St. Stephen's (3-2, 6-4, 10in, 2-1)

SS - Ed Wychock 7-11, Ryan Hoysan 4-11 HR, Travis Beahm HR.

BL - Bob Flyte 4-10, Lee Creyer HR.

#### Messiah (5-2, 5-2) at Farmersville (4-2)

M - Todd Jones 6-12, Harry Schoenberger 5-11, Jeff Hasonich 4-12 HR, Norm Schoenberger 4-14 HR, Dick Miller HR.

F - Kyle Campbell 6-12 2HR, Ron Barron 5-11, Don Kerbaugh 4-13.

#### Salem UCC (6-3 11in, 3-2) at Trinity Luth (3-2)

S - Bob Krause, Bob Gresko 4-13, HRs - Fred Tonick, Bruce Roth, Kim Bush.

TL - Judy Hoffert 6-12 HR, Sandy Wambold 4-13, Harold Wambold 4-13, Tristan Burd HR.

#### Emmanuel (4-0, 2-1 18in) at Ebenezer (3-2)

Em - Joey Hoffert 7-14, Ken Kobler 7-17, D. Mike 5-17 HR.

Eb - Jim Voortman 6-14, Eric Miller 5-15, Leroy Wilcox 5-16 HR, Vic Pacchioni HR.

#### Makeup Game St. Stephens at Ebenezer (10-8, 4-1, 4-3 11in)

Eb - Carl Fraley 8-14, Seth Miller 5-12 2HR, Jim Voortman 5-14 HR, Ross Romano HR.

SS - Ed Wychock 6-13, Travis Beahm 5-13, HRs - Josh Buczynski, John Hoysan.

#### BETHLEHEM INTER-CHURCH DART BASEBALL LEAGUE

First half standings through week 11

Holy Trinity	20	10 .667
Bethany UCC	19	11 .633
College Hill	20	13 .606
St. Matthew's	18	12 .600
Schoenersville	18	12 .600
Christ Lutheran	16	14 .533
Trinity UCC	16	14 .533
Fritz-Wesleyan	15	15 .500
West Side-Edge	14	16 .467
First UCC	13	17 .433
East Hills	12	18 .400
Christ UCC	13	20 .394
Holy Cross	11	19 .367
St. Peter's Lutheran	8	22 .267

#### RESULTS FROM 11/26/12 & 11/27/12

Holy Trinity at St. Peter's 3-4, 13-0, 14-1; St. Matthew's at First UCC 3-0, 5-0, 4-2; College Hill at Bethany 1-5, 2-5, 9-6; Christ UCC at Schoenersville 4-2, 9-1, 2-4; West Side-Edgeboro at Holy Cross 0-1, 6-2, 3-5; East Hills at Fritz-Wesleyan 4-9, 3-2 (11), 0-2; Christ Lutheran at Trinity UCC 13-1, 7-3, 5-1; College Hill at Christ UCC 6-3, 5-0, 6-3.

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 11/26/12 & 11/27/12

- 1) Paul Scheltzer 9-14 for Christ UCC vs. Schoenersville.
- 2) Dan Dilliard 5-12 for Schoenersville.
- 3) Bryan Lauderman & Anthony Emig 4-8 for West Side-Edgeboro.
- 4) Bryan Himmelwright 3-6 & Michelle Sciarra 4-7 for Holy Cross. Ed Lopez got his first career hit, which won Game 1.
- 5) Marlin Bozes 5-11, Steve Wolfe 7-13 & Bob Ackerman 4-9 for Bethany.
- 6) Tom Mosser 6-13, Tom Hartzell 5-9 & Dan Deutsch 4-9 for College Hill vs. Bethany.
- 7) Harry Snyder 5-11 for East Hills.
- 8) Blair Weller 8-14, Matt Balikian 6-13 & Woody Rehm 5-12 for Fritz-Wesleyan. In Game 2, Brian Weller hit into a triple play in the first inning. F-W also hit into a double play in the 2nd inning!
- 9) Cliff Weston 5-14 for St. Matthew's.
- 10) Bob Filaseta 7-13 for Christ Lutheran Bob Ziegenfuss and John Collins each hit for the cycle. Christ Lutheran scored 25 runs on 49 hits.
- 11) Larry Roth 4-11 for Trinity UCC.
- 12) Tom Hartzell 9-14, Jim McNeal 6-13, Andrew Hoch 6-12 & Lamont Ramos 3-8 for College Hill vs. Christ UCC.

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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Bethlehem Hawks Brown were crowned 2012 Fastpitch Softball Association Lehigh Valley High School Fall League champions after a 9-3 victory over Whitehall Maroon on Oct. 25 at Pates Park, Allentown.

The Hawks broke a 3-3 tie with two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and scored addi-

tional runs over the next three innings for the championship trophy.

Coach Rich Mazza said, "We were just happy. I don't really go in with the thought of trying to win, but I like to see some kids who don't usually play, and we have a real nice freshman class, so I got to see them. It's a nice program."

Each team played a ten-game regular season: one double-header, one night a

week. Playoffs, which began on Oct. 11, were single elimination.

In the semifinals, which were played on Oct. 24, Whitehall Maroon defeated Bethlehem Hawks Gold, 5-3, and Bethlehem Hawks Brown defeated Liberty, 10-1.

The Bethlehem Hawks teams included Megan Beaupre, Bethanne Brandstetter, Emily Brandstetter, Angelys Cotto, Elise Cuttack, Bailee Deshler,



# Green Meadows offers 'natural' burial

By DANA GRUBB

Special to the Bethlehem Press

At a brief dedication ceremony recently the Fountain Hill Cemetery dedicated a new natural burial section, Green Meadows, before a small gathering. Ed Vogrins, president of the cemetery, said that the organization had been looking at incorporating this concept into the cemetery for some time, and that a lot of plots had already been sold.

At the dedication, natural burial advocate Mark Harris spoke about the process of a green burial, saying "let's just let Mother Nature run her natural course."

The green burial concept promotes the return of one's remains to the environment as directly as possible. Metal caskets and vaults are not permitted, nor is embalming. Burial materials must be biodegradable and grave markers must be crafted from natural materials such as fieldstone.

A flower garden will also be established for cremated remains to be scattered.

Family and friends of Patrick Ytsma also attended the ceremony. Bethlehem cyclist Ytsma was struck by a car and died from his injuries in late 2011, and was the first to be interred in Green Meadows.

The quarter-acre Green Meadow will be marked by signage that has been designed by Bethlehem based Spillman Farmer Architects, Ytsma's employer at the time of his death.

For anyone interested in the green burial process, information may be obtained by contacting the Fountain Hill Cemetery at 610-868-4840.



Mark Harris and Ed Vogrins unveil Fountain Hill Cemetery's Green Meadows, a section of the cemetery that has been dedicated for natural burials.



Patrick Ytsma's fieldstone burial marker was placed among the wildflowers planted in Green Meadows.

*The green burial concept promotes the return of one's remains to the environment as directly as possible.*

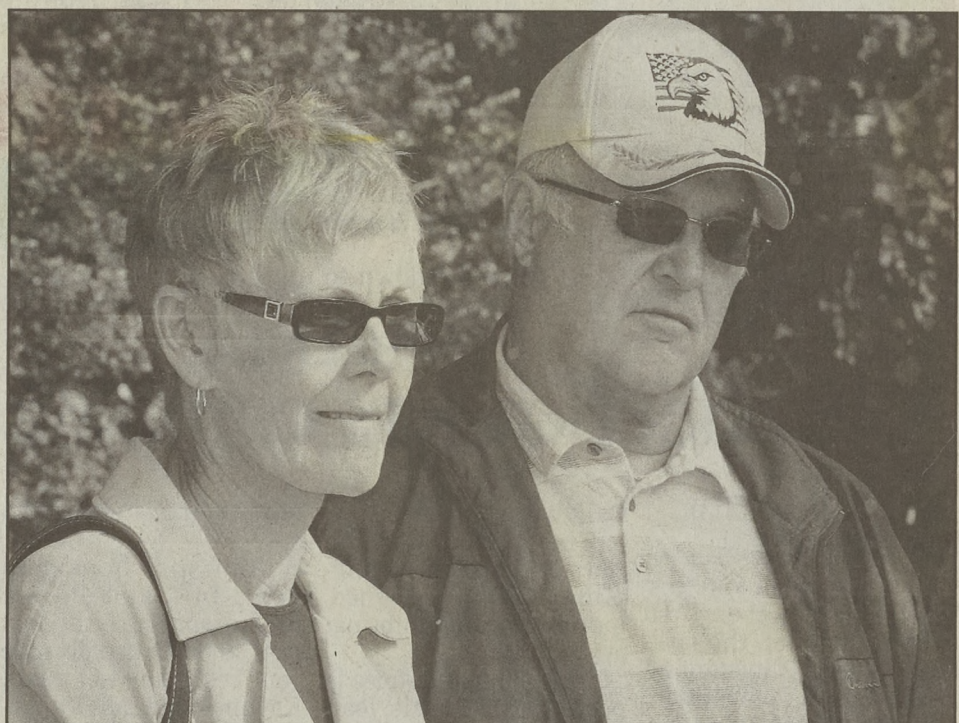
PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB



Sal Verrastro spends a quiet moment at his friend and co-worker Patrick Ytsma's graveside after the dedication of Green Meadows. Verrastro is one of the principals in Spillman Farmer Architects, who have provided design and build services for its creation inside the Fountain Hill Cemetery.



Mark Harris, a green burial advocate and expert, Judy Parr, and Fountain Hill Cemetery president Ed Vogrins place the grave marker for the initial burial in Green Meadows, Patrick Ytsma, a Bethlehem area cyclist who was fatally injured while riding across the Fahy Bridge last December is buried. Parr is Ytsma's widow.



Laverne and Veronica Schlenker, who live near Hamburg, attend the dedication. The Schlenkers have already purchased a burial plot in Green Meadows and cited their desire to locate a cemetery that allows natural burials. "We were so relieved to find this place," they said.

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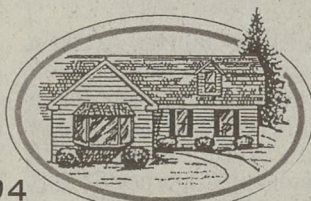
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PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch lauded the efforts of the more than 141,000 volunteers who cleaned 13, 589 miles of roads, trails and shorelines in this year's Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania, which lasted from March 1 through May 31.

"The department is very thankful for the thousands of people who turned out this year to beautify Pennsylvania," Schoch said. "Pennsylvania is fortunate to have so many people who want to keep this state beautiful and combat the actions of litterbugs out there." There were 4,421 reported cleanups statewide. Volunteers in PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program accounted for 3.6 million of the 6.7 million total pounds of trash collected during the cleanup. The 77,786 participating Adopt-A-Highway volunteers cleaned 10,961 of the total roadway miles.

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**Jesus is Superior to Angels**

God chose angels to play significant parts in the birth of His Son. Angels are awesome beings who wield terrific power. They can be fierce warriors as when one angel alone killed 185,000 enemy soldiers in 2 Kings 19:35. Or, they can be amazing rescuers as when an angel "shut the lions' mouths" to deliver Daniel in the hungry lions' den (Daniel 6:22), and when an angel delivered Peter from prison as his chains fell off and the iron gate opened (Acts 12). Yes, angels are awesome, but their significance dwindle in comparison to Jesus. The first chapter of Hebrews gives five reasons why Christ is superior to the angels.

1. **Jesus is Superior Because He is the Son.** "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, *Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?*" (v.4-5). Out of the 256 names in the Bible for Jesus, there is one name that is "a more excellent name." *Son!* No individual angel has ever been called the "Son of God." "I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" (v.5). No angel ever had such a relationship with the Father.
2. **Jesus is Superior Because He is Worthy of Worship.** "Let all the angels of God worship him" (v.6). Christ's superior rank is seen in that God commands his angels to worship His Son. They worshipped Jesus at His birth (Luke 2:13).
3. **Jesus is Superior Because He is the Anointed.** "God, hath anointed thee...above thy fellows" (v.9). It is not the angels that are anointed but the Son alone. The angels are the ministers (v.14) of the heavenly kingdom but **Jesus is the Monarch!**
4. **Jesus is Superior Because He is the Creator.** "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth" Jesus existed before the universe because He created it. He is eternal. He had no beginning. No angel can say that!
5. **Jesus is Superior Because He is the Ruler of the Universe.** "But to which of the angels said he at any time, *Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*" (v.13). None of the angels held such a position of honor in heaven. The angels are not seated they are serving. Seated in honor, Jesus remains superior!



## Fall recycling event



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

The City of Bethlehem's efforts to recycle electronic devices continued with its fall collection. Items such as televisions, refrigerators, computers, printers, fluorescent light bulbs and household batteries were collected from area residents in the Memorial Pool parking lot on Illicks Mill Road by Responsible Recycling Services LLC. Wendy Gordon Rodriguez, general manager for RRS, reported that more than 41,700 pounds of e-waste was recycled over the two-day collection event. In addition, Joe's Battery and Tire collected used tires and automotive batteries. The next recycling is set for the spring.

SWEET ADELINES  
Holiday concert  
set for Dec. 15

The Lehigh Valley Sweet Adelines Chorus will present "Christmas

Cards to the Lehigh Valley," a fun and festive holiday performance for the whole family, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the church social hall of SS. Simon and Jude, 730 W. Broad Street in Bethle-

hem.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance. Price is \$10 for adults; \$8 dollars for seniors and children under age 12.

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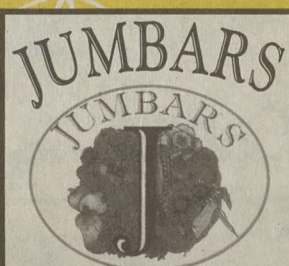
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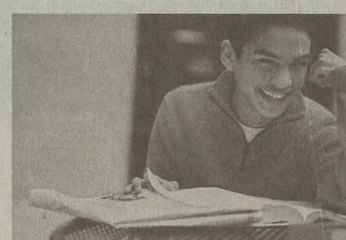
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# Notre Dame HS 'Quite a history to this little school'



PRESS PHOTOS BY ANDREW CASS

Joseph Meischeid, Elizabeth Cavanaugh and James Gallagher of the class of 1939 reunite at Green Pond Country Club. "We were always together back in school," Cavanaugh said.



Bob Merlo and Helen Gigliotti graduated together in 1949. Merlo played on the basketball team and Gigliotti was a cheerleader.

By ANDREW CASS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Alumni of Easton Catholic HS reunite once a year, but this time it was an extra special occasion, as the graduates celebrated the 100th anniversary of the school's alumni association recently at Green Pond Country Club.

The high school held its classes in a Victorian home on Sixth Street in Easton. The class sizes were small and each grade had its own classroom. The students would stay in their room all day and the teachers would move from classroom to classroom. The building did not even have its own bathroom.

"We had to go to the basement of the convent next door," Joe Hoffmeier, class of 1950, said. "Not a lot of fun when it rained or snowed."

But the small class sizes created a bond among the students that has lasted for years.

"We were very close,



Notre Dame HS cheerleaders lined the entrance of the dining room greeting Easton Catholic alumni with cheers of "Go Shamrocks."

very close," 1950 graduate Gaeton DeMartino said. "In fact many of us still meet the first Monday of every month and have breakfast together."

With the baby boomers beginning to reach high school in the mid-1950s, the Victorian house could no longer fit the increasing class sizes and in 1957 the school moved to the Green Pond area of Beth-

lehem Township and changed its name to Notre Dame HS.

"Notre Dame took us right under their wing," Bob Merlo, class of '49 said. "They even put me in their sports hall of fame."

Merlo, who played point guard, remembered his years on the basketball team fondly.

"The bigger schools hated playing us because

we always beat them," Merlo, who now lives in Pen Argyl, said. "We had a great coach who knew all of the fundamentals and we had a close group of guys and I think that helped us a lot."

More than 100 Easton Catholic HS graduates were in attendance, many of whom came with children and grandchildren who carried on the Catholic education tradition by attending Notre Dame HS. They were excited to catch up with old friends whether it was reminiscing about holding swim team practice in the river because the

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# Christmas on the Southside

Oh, it's the most wonderful time of the year!

Last week, I brought to your attention an ongoing attempt to gather memories of Christmas right here in the Christmas City. The response has been great. Keep the letters coming.



**Jason W. Rehm**  
Columnist

A piece of mail I received from James Ammend paints a spectacular picture of what Christmas was like on the Southside. Ammend was raised on Ontario Street and attended Holy Ghost School from 1948 to 1956. Here's what he had to say:

"During this period, Southside neighborhoods were clan-ish in that the area you lived in was dominated by a different nationality. This was even reflected by the churches. For example, Holy Ghost was the German church; Saints Cyril and Methodius was the Slovak church; and Saint Stanislaus was the Polish church.

That being said, the area surrounding Five Points was a true melting pot of cultures.

Most grandparents and some parents still spoke their native language and therefore carried those native traditions. However, on the Southside the countries of origin were mainly Middle European, and those countries shared very similar Christmas traditions and food.

There was one oddity concerning language. As children, we were discouraged from learning the native languages, and when older people did not want children to hear what was being said, they spoke it. I remember one of my grandmothers telling me that we should be grateful to be in this country and to speak English.

However, on Christmas Eve the national language of each church was spoken at Midnight Mass.

Holy Ghost Parish was affiliated with the Beethoven Maennerchor. The Maennerchor was located under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. This area is now the site for Musikfest and the Celtic Classic. There was a ramp from the middle of the bridge down to this area.

One tradition was that each student learned a verse of a poem or a whole poem, depending on age. That poem or verse was recited at the Maennerchor on the last Sunday of Advent. The reward for the recital was a box of various candies and an orange. After the recitals, the Holy Ghost Choir and the Maennerchor Women's Choir would sing

both religious and regular holiday songs.

The traditional foods of the holidays were ham, pigs' feet and souse, kiffles filled with lekvár, apricots and ground nuts, poppy seed and nut rolls, cutout cookies, sugar cookies and homemade breads.

I remember being invited to an Italian household for Christmas Eve night. There was the traditional food (actually it was a feast) with seven meats, seven fish and an untold variety of pastries. The meat was not allowed to be eaten before midnight. Also, before midnight there was a prayer vigil.

On Christmas Day, on the way home, it was customary to stop at friends' homes to eat and to see their trees and presents. Sometimes you were allowed to have a drink: a very small glass of beer or wine or coffee with homemade eggnog.

If your Christmas present was a sled it could be tried immediately, as some of the Southside streets were barricaded to allow sleigh riding.

Concerning the city decorations, the lights began from Five Points heading north. The lights were strung above the roadway from sidewalk to sidewalk. All the lights were multi-colored and were hung in drape-like fashion. In the center of most was a star. However, there were also bells with alternating lights, which made them appear to be ringing.

Prior to the 378 Spur, the Hill-to-Hill Bridge ended and traffic was diverted to Main Street or Second Avenue. There was a concrete circle at the end of the bridge (I do remember some sort of monument.) It was on this concrete circle that the city Christmas Tree was erected, and the tree lighting ceremony was held on the first Sunday of Advent."

For many children growing up in Bethlehem, Ammend included, walking across the bridge to see the tree was a real treat. I'm positive countless other residents can describe their own recollections of this special event.

If, at any point while reading this outstanding letter, you found yourself nodding in agreement or recalling your own Christmas memories, don't hesitate - write them down! Christmas is still two weeks away so you have plenty of time to mail them in.

Here are some additional questions for thought: Where in Bethlehem did you grow up and what was Christmas was like in your neighborhood? Were you ever part of a special holiday program at school?

Send your replies to Jason Rehm at 308 East Third Street, Bethlehem PA 18015, or email me at bethlehemhistory@gmail.com.



**PHOTO FROM THE COLLECTION OF BOB SCHUSTER**  
Christmas lights are strung above the roadway from sidewalk to sidewalk.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### BAVTS: Author visit Dec. 17

Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School will sponsor a free talk by Ali Warren from 1 to 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at the school, 3300 Chester Ave. She is the author of "Where Hope Lives," which chronicles her life as a professional firefighter. She had previously shared her story with the Protective Service students at BAVTS.

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## ANOTHER VIEW

# 'Twas the Night Before Fiscal Cliff'

'Twas the night before Fiscal Cliff, and throughout the land, Democrats, Republicans were taking a stand. Their positions unwavering, intractably firm, With donkey-like stubbornness or entrenched pachyderm.

But the public were hopeful all snug in their beds, With visions of compromise alive in their heads. "Come on!" said the people in frustrated dismay. "Abandon this meaningless partisan fray."

When Obama and Boehner finally met, Their first thoughts were not of a country in debt. And Obama, the chief, said to Boehner "Oh crap! I'd rather depart for a nice winter's nap."

"I know," sighed Boehner, "I've plenty to do, Was planning to take a vacation or two." "Never mind," said the Prez, "we'll just keep delaying, Who cares what the grumbling public are saying."

But out in the blogosphere there arose such a clatter, The people revolted, resolving

this matter: "There's only one way to deal with such fools Obama and Boehner must settle by duel."

"No way!" said Obama, "I'm renowned for my peace. "With a medal of proof on my lounge mantelpiece." "I agree" cried Boehner, not eager to battle, And caught the first plane heading out to Seattle.

"Come back," yelled the people, "we demand this by right, You've had chances to talk, now you settle this fight." But the pair, reunited, were far from impressed, As the thought of a duel made them rather depressed.

As he pondered alternative White House residents, Obama now saw why we have the vice presidents. Quick thinking, as always, to Biden he beckoned, "Get over here Joe, and I'll make you my second."

"Now Joe I expect you'll appear around dawn, To face off with Boehner on the White House's lawn." "Yeah right!" smiled old Joe, "Would love to assist, I ain't packing no pistol - what if I

missed?" And then, in a twinkling, Obama's next step, Was to call up more buddies, to be his next rep. "Now Pelosi! Now Clinton! Now Durbin and Reid! But all vanished from Washington with notable speed.

"Oh dear," mused Obama, "now what shall I do?" So he phoned up Boehner for a quick rendezvous. "My friend, we are beaten, let's abandon aggression." "Agreed," said the Speaker, "it's time for concession."

So they sprang into action, both recommending, Adding some taxes and cutting some spending. Then I heard them exclaim, "We've reached a consensus! Good-bye Fiscal Cliff, we've come to our senses."

**By Nick Thomas**

Thomas' features and columns have appeared in more than 250 magazines and newspapers, including the Washington Post, LA Times, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, and Christian Science Monitor. He can be reached at [alongtheselines@yahoo.com](mailto:alongtheselines@yahoo.com).

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

# Thoughts on giving puppies

How about a sweet little puppy under the tree for the kids this year? Not so fast - better

check that list and check it twice about puppies as Christmas presents. With the holiday season fast approaching, people are getting into the gift giving spirit and the number one pick on the Christmas Wish List of many youngsters is a puppy. Advertisements abound with deals on dog accessories and signs loom over pet stores, "puppies ready for a new home this Christmas."

Puppies marketed as Christmas presents are often bred to bring the breeders extra cash for the holidays. Unfortunately, by one estimate, almost 99 percent of these animals come from abusive "puppy mills." The puppies bred in these often filthy mills are frequently genetically and physically deficient animals. Many are malnourished and they live in unsanitary conditions. The puppies are crowded into small cages and receive little or no veterinary care.

If you are determined to get a dog, it may be worth your while to look for your new dog from a well-managed animal shelter - not a pet shop. According to the Humane Society of the United States, between 2 to 4 million dogs bred in puppy mills are sold each year. Many of these come from puppy mills in Pennsylvania. There is already an overpopulation of dogs in the United States by between 2 and 3 million. These puppy mills infringe on the innocent animal's right to a healthy life. There is something troubling about a business that allows puppies to stand in their own excrement for 24 hours a day. It is wrong to allow them to die from starvation. It is wrong to allow them to injure their paws from the metal caging stacked four feet high. It is wrong to raise them in an environment where they are likely



to develop physical and behavioral problems that may afflict them for the rest of their lives. This Christmas, we should feel a collective moral obligation to stop supporting this ongoing business. Puppy mills will continue to exist as long as people continue to buy their puppies. Do not purchase your puppy from a pet store and do not purchase your puppy over the Internet. It's simply a question of supply and demand. If there is no demand for these dogs, these puppy factories will likely be reduced in number.

Recently as a major winter storm gathered on the East Coast, animal rescue groups rushed to save thousands of pets left behind in the storm-ravaged neighborhoods devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Many shelters did not have

the room for the animals affected. As a result, thousands of frantic, terrified dogs have gone missing in the storm-damaged areas - yet another example of the need for people to be more sensitive to the needs of these innocent animals. This same phenomenon of abandonment often follows with the Christmas puppies, once the unsuspecting family learns of the true health condition or behavioral issues presented by their "Christmas present."

Don't let animals suffer in the upcoming Christmas season. Many shelters are desperately trying to help rescue and find homes for many of man's best friends. Local shelters try to care for the animals, but often there is not enough room and more often - there are not enough families willing to adopt a dog from the shelters. Those dogs that are not adopted are sometimes put down. The need is great for adopting families.

'Tis the season to be a lifesaver. Open your home and rescue a loving dog - but avoid the pet stores. Instead, look to your local animal shelter.

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# Alec Talsania

Moravian Academy

Grade: 12

**Family members:** Father, Jay Talsania; mother, Diana Talsania; sister, Brooke Talsania

**Favorite subject:** Physics because I love to solve problems which include math while looking at those problems and scenarios in real life situations

**Activities:** Soccer, running, weightlifting, golf, skiing, travel

**Next steps:** College, medical school

**Career goals:** Orthopedic surgeon

**Heroes:** Hugo Suarez is a hero to me because he puts the welfare of poorer families in Guatemala before his own. I met him on my first Guatemala Healing Hands mission trip, and an example of his generosity is when Volcano Pacaya had erupted and put many villagers in danger, he risked his own life to make multiple trips up and down the volcano to bring families to safety.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy playing any and every sport. I also love spending time with my family and my dogs.

**Current job(s):** Summer maintenance work at the Swain School

**Volunteer/community**



**work:** Guatemala Healing Hands Foundation

**Likes:** Family, sports, friends, dogs, movies, exercise, music

**Dislikes:** Reading, eating, sleeping

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** Leading my small private school to an AA District 11 championship

**Advice for peers:** Work hard for what you want to achieve in life and your efforts will pay off. Do not measure success off of material possessions and live life to its fullest by being nothing but happy.

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

## MORAVIANNEWS

### An early holiday gift

All around Moravian Academy the anticipation is building, as visions of sugarplums (or dreidels) dance in our heads and many seniors anxiously await their Early Decision results. Yes, December has finally come, and snow has even made an appearance on campus. The battle to stay focused in school, while difficult, is being fought and won daily. In order to make up for the week lost due to the hurricane, the administration decided to cancel midterms. So for the student body it's as if Christmas has already come early this year.

And in spite of a lost week of practice, Moravian Academy's Coffeehouse Variety Show went off without a hitch. Indian, Irish, Jewish, and Greek groups showed us their passion for dancing. The String Ensemble did a Coldplay mash-up, our headmaster reminding us once again that he's an amazing sax player in a combined student and faculty jazz group, and a capella group CodaRed took us back to the seventies with a rendition of Three Dog Night's "Shambala." There were some talented solo dancers and singers, some duets, and even a performance of Dueling Banjos. The men and women of Chorale each did a song, with the men rocking "Hooked on a Feeling" and the women swaying and clapping to "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." Con-

cluded with rousing two-song set by Moravian Academy's own band Tonight Only (The Decemberists' "Down by the Water" and Elvis Costello's "What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding," the show was an all around success.

The boys and girls basketball teams, the co-ed swim team and winter fit club are getting started, the spring musical "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" has been successfully cast, and school life goes on as normal, even as many students realize how quickly the year flies by.

The beginning of December also marks a perennial Moravian celebration – the Vespers service. Each year, Moravian Academy's Middle and Upper schools come together to share their myriad musical talents in celebration of a long-practiced Moravian tradition. The service begins with a song from each of the Middle and Upper schools' many bell choirs, the warm and harmonious sounds carrying throughout the spacious Central Moravian Church. The Upper School Chorale and Chamber Singers supply songs, as does the Middle School Chorus, and there are even some combined pieces. Carols are mixed in as well, and it seems like most of the Moravian Academy community has come to sing along.

Four featured fifth graders, sing solos and are joined by the entire congregation. As Vespers is a festival of light, traditional Moravian beeswax candles wrapped in thin red ribbons are held aloft as the lights dim and the singing continues. It's a night sure to warm anyone's heart.



Josh Aurand  
Moravian Academy



PRESS PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN BYRNES

Members of Broughal Middle School's Student Ensemble perform for the packed ballroom.

## 18 ethnic trees on display

By KATHLEEN BYRNES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The South Bethlehem Historical Society's 21st annual lighting of ethnic Christmas Trees was held Nov. 25 at the Comfort Suites in South Bethlehem. This year's display contains 18 beautiful Christmas trees, each decorated to represent the culture and customs of the diverse ethnic groups that are Bethlehem's founding heritage.

A capacity crowd enjoyed an afternoon of holiday music performed by Broughal MS's Student Ensemble, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Choir and The Four Leaf Clovers. In addition to the music, event-goers participated in the annual Christmas Carol sing-along and tree lighting lead by Frank Podleiszek.



The Four Leaf Clovers had the crowd clapping along to traditional Irish carols.

Refreshments were provided by the South Bethlehem Historical Society.

The ethnic Christmas Trees will be on display through Jan 5, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily at the Comfort Suites, 120 West Third St., Bethlehem.



Voices were full and spirits high during the carol sing-a-long directed by Frank Podleiszek.



ABOVE: Ian, Elaine and Leah Luzung stop for a rest in front of the Great Britain Christmas Tree.

LEFT TOP: Shayann Bullock looks with delight at the beautiful trees.

LEFT BOTTOM: John and Kathy Pavlovcak admire a Christmas Tree.



Members of the Ukrainian Society of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church gather in front of the tree they decorated.

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# Christmas City Village expands



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Holiday shoppers and Bethlehem visitors walk through the newly expanded Christmas City Village on the north side of the Sun Inn on Main Street. In its second season, the German-style outdoor holiday market of wooden huts with artisans, holiday gifts, treats and unique food has increased from 20 to 30 stands in the courtyard of the Sun Inn and outside Central Moravian Church.



Shoppers Connie and Ron Manning of Nazareth stop at the Girlfriends Boutique booth in the newly expanded Christmas City Village area on the North Green of the historic Sun Inn on Main Street in downtown Bethlehem. The admission-free Weihnachtsmarkt, open-air Christmas market, is open Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and closes at 6 p.m. on Sunday through Christmas Eve, when it closes at 4 p.m. Extended hours this year include a post-Christmas schedule of Dec. 26 to 31 with 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and noon to 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The Christmas market is hosted by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and its Downtown Bethlehem Association. More information at [www.christmascityvillage.com](http://www.christmascityvillage.com).

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 school didn't have a pool or remembering old teachers.

Alumni from as far away as Florida, Texas and California returned to celebrate the occasion.

"It's not a problem, you just get on a plane," said James Gallagher, a class of '39 graduate who now lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

At dinner, Notre Dame cheerleaders lined the hallway as the alumni

made their way into the dining room, cheering them on as though they were a football team headed on to the field before a rivalry game.

"Quite a history to this little school," Merlo said.

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