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Roy asks new board for 4% millage increase

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Superintendent Joseph Roy told the newly reorganized school board that the school district needs to increase the millage rate by 4 percent in 2012-13 to close what he calls a \$7 million gap between expected revenues and the "structural" or built-in

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expenses facing the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD). The school board was in session Dec. 5 as the Finance Committee.

By structural or built-in expenses, Roy said he was talking about salaries, health care and retirement expenses already agree to in union contracts. The maximum rate of tax increase allowed by the Pa. Department of Education Act 1 index is 2.1 percent over last year's budget. Roy said with allowable exceptions, the permissible rise in taxes could go to 5.2 percent.

The larger number is permissible under current law; to exceed 5.2 percent would trigger a public referendum to get additional tax increases. Seeking a public referendum to raise taxes is unlikely.

Unlike last year, when the board strongly rejected the administration's first round See **ROY** on Page A3

TOWNSHIP Cats & canines Commissioners address stray animal problem

By BERNIE O'HARE
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Township Commissioners budgeted \$5,000 for the removal of stray cats and dogs this year. By the end of November, they had already spent \$10,250. And under a new contract with the Center for Animal Health and Welfare, unanimously approved at their Dec. 5 meeting, they could be spending as much as \$25,000 next year.

Under this new agreement, the township will pay the center \$100 for each stray dog or cat removed. Pit Bulls will cost \$150 for the first 10 dogs removed.

Although he ultimately voted to approve the contract, Commissioner Michael Hudak is concerned about the cost.

"There's gotta' be something out there," he said. "I see this escalating, spiraling way out of control." He complained that "anybody" could bring an animal to the center at township expense. He predicted that people moving out of the area could bring their dog or cat to the center and say, "Look. I found this stray pet."

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14TH ANNUAL LUMINARIA NIGHT

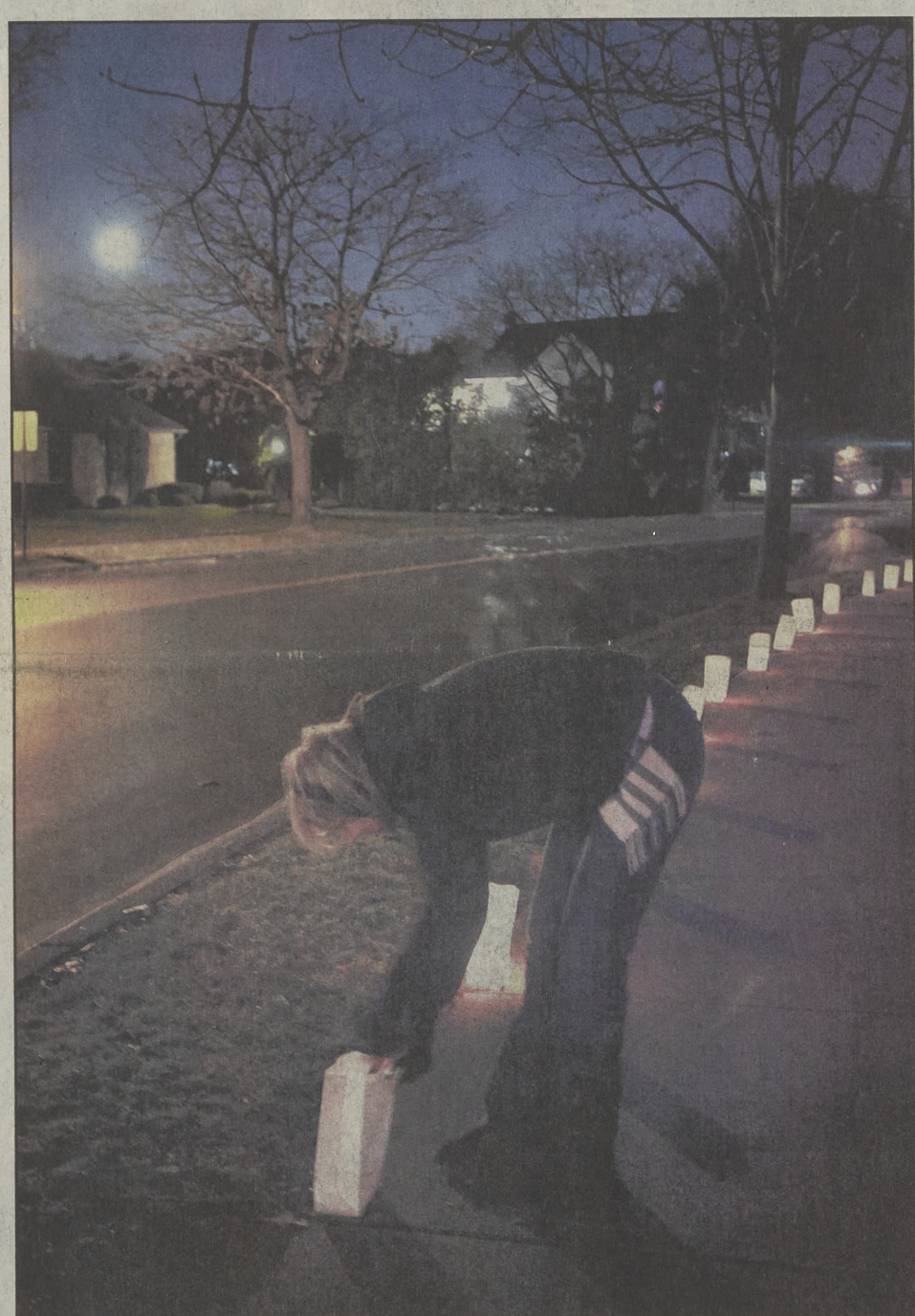
Lighting the way

The city of Bethlehem was aglow on the evening of Dec. 10 as thousands of luminary bags lit the night along with Christmas lights and a full moon. New Bethany Ministries sponsored the 14th annual Luminaria Night in many neighborhoods in and around Bethlehem. Both of Bethlehem's downtowns used luminarias to light the way from shop to shop. Proceeds from the sale of the luminarias go to New Bethany Ministries in South Bethlehem to help care for the homeless, poor and mentally ill.



Luminary bags light the path on a street off Barnsdale Road. Christmas decorations add to the overall beauty of the special evening.

Sandy Gichiengo lights the luminarias in front of her home on Barnsdale Road in celebration of New Bethany Ministries 14th annual Luminaria Night. Her son Marcus, a student at Northeast MS, offers his encouragement as she braves the cold. She has participated all 14 years, following in her parents' footsteps.



Janie Ferrigno lights the luminary bags in front of her home on Wafford Lane. She and her husband Andy lit 50 to celebrate Luminaria Night with help from the light of a full moon.

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'In giving, one receives'

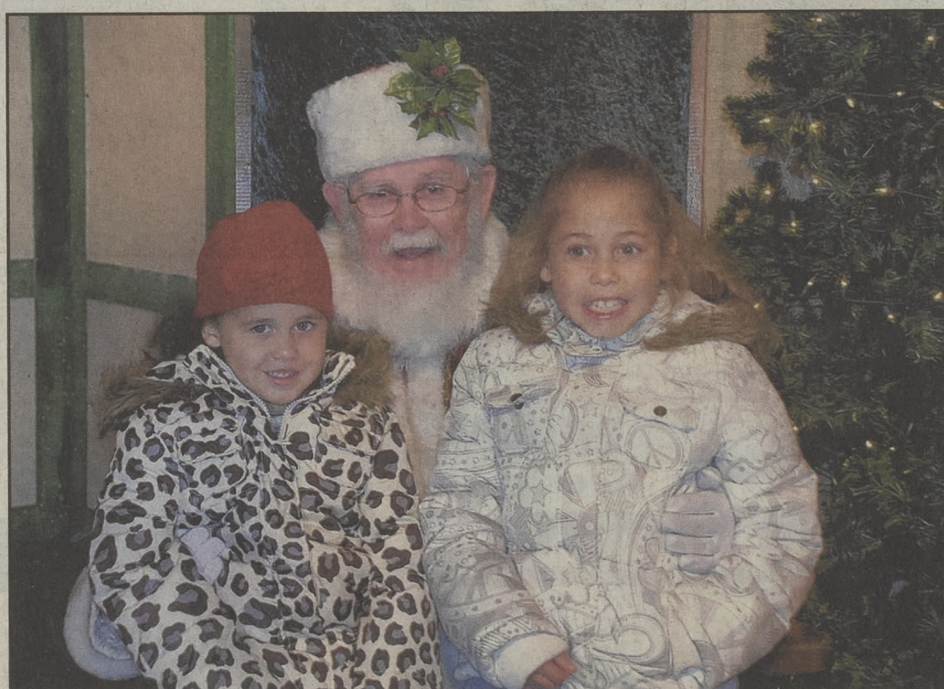
After 19 years as Christkindlmarkt's St. Nicholas, Charles Berge says kids haven't changed very much

By PAT KESLING
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

For 19 years, Charles "Bud" Berge has been famous for being the perfect St. Nicholas at Christkindlmarkt, sponsored in the Christmas City by ArtsQuest at SteelStacks.

"It is my goal to make every child feel important. They tell St. Nick their deepest secrets and I want them to go away feeling good about themselves," Berge says. "St. Nicholas had the spirit of giving and loving others and I try to convey that to every child."

He sits on a specially designed St. Nicholas chair in the back of the far tent and grins as he treats each child as if he or she is the only person he is interested in. On days of the annual



Tehya Stone and sister Chardae get some quality time with St. Nick at Christkindlmarkt. St. Nick, AKA Bud Berge, has been a regular for all 19 years of the festival. "I try to make everyone feel important and feel good about themselves," he said.

"Breakfast with St. Nicholas," he greets wide-eyed children as they enter the tent; some are shy before they actually sit on his lap.

"I have had visitors who are three days to 104 years old. No matter what age, they love to have their picture taken with me," Berge says, beaming behind a lovely white beard.

The former guidance counselor, athletic director and coach, volunteer and fundraiser, he was traveling the country for Lutheran Brotherhood and living in New Jersey when he and his wife Donna visited Bethlehem. They decided to stay.

"I love people, so I became involved in the 250th Anniversary in the 70s, chaired the Christmas City Committee and See **SANTA** on Page A3

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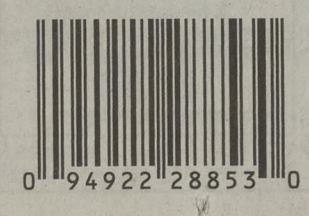
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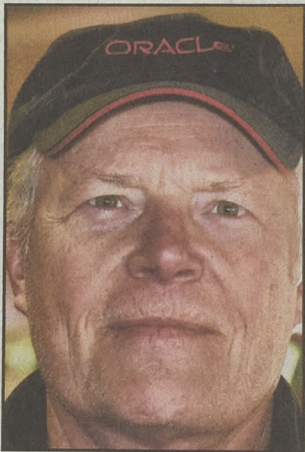
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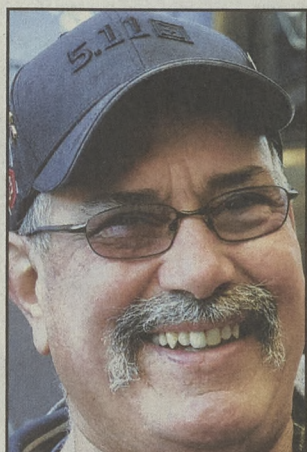


BY DANA GRUBB

What is your reaction when cities like Bethlehem and others dismantle the Occupy Movement encampments?



"My opinion is that they should let them march and occupy, but not let them sleep overnight."
Harry Cooley
Albrightsville



"I'm very proud of them for removing the encampments."
Ron Manning
Nazareth



"I think it's freedom of speech and if you don't believe something is correct you should stand up and say something about it. The Occupy Movement was a viable and non-violent attempt to do that."
Amanda Robbins-Butcher
Philadelphia



"I feel permits need to be addressed when protesting. They were given notice and the permit was never received. No permit, then you can't be in this area. So, they have to dismantle them."
Logan Novatnack
Bethlehem



"They have a right, but the cops that are paid overtime and are wearing riot gear to monitor them are costing money. In a sense communities are wasting money in contradiction to what the Occupy Movement is trying to accomplish."
Tom Cochrane
Sharpsburg, Md.



"I think it's a sound idea. I hate to see those people become stalwarts and assert themselves on everybody. They should start small and then they can grow."
Marie Myrick
Kutztown

'Where's Pearl Harbor?'

By CHRIS RICHIE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"I was 11 years old at the time, in the morning had gone to church and after church I went to the movies. It was a nice day, I came home, went in the house and here's the rest of the family around the radio ... I was then told about the attack," said Otto Ehram of Bethlehem as he recalled the events of Dec. 7 1941.

The former Marine spoke with other members of the Harry F. Johnston Post No. 379 at the Daughters of the American Revolution House in Bethlehem, as they shared their stories in remembering Pearl Harbor - on a date which lives in infamy, 70 years later.

"I had just gotten into the Navy," said Dan Deysher. "I'll be very honest with you; Pearl Harbor was a remote place as far as I was concerned. I didn't know that much about it, but I soon learned. Shortly thereafter I was assigned to the U.S.S. Pennsylvania." Deysher spent the next three years on the ship in the Pacific Theater.

Ray Huston, a lifelong friend of Deysher, was attending music school in New York City on that Sunday in 1941. He was walking into Times Square with some friends when they saw the news of the bombing.

"We decided we better get back to school right away," said Huston. Soon after, he too would find himself in the Navy, eventually aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Yorktown.

"Somebody said, 'Where's Pearl Harbor?' I said, 'I don't know.' Nobody really did unless you were a student of geography," said Leonard Ziegler. After that day, knowledge of the remote naval base in the territory of Hawaii, would be cemented into public conscience.

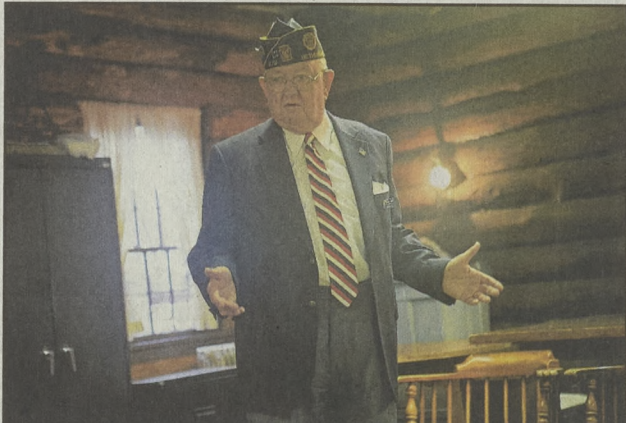
"My older brother, who was a senior in high school, quit school and went with my father down to the recruiting office and joined the Navy," remembered Ziegler.

In the cold drizzling rain outside the house, members closed the ceremony with a rifle salute. There was an added somberness to the memorial, as post commander Ralph Romano, who was initially scheduled as a speaker of the event, suffered a stroke and was recovering in the Good Shepherd unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital at Muhlenburg. Thoughts and prayers for Romano and his family were invoked throughout the event.



PRESS PHOTOS BY CHRIS RICHIE

World War II Veteran Dan Deysher plays The Navy Hymn during the Harry F. Johnston Post #379 Pearl Harbor memorial at the D.A.R. House in Bethlehem.



Leonard Ziegler speaks during the memorial.



Otto Ehram speaks with members of the Harry F. Johnston Post #379.



Veteran Ray Huston and his daughter Paula Huston.



Members of the Harry F. Johnston Post #379 fire a rifle salute.



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Leonard Ziegler shakes hands with Ray Huston before members of the Harry F. Johnston Post #379.

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Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

City of Bethlehem final budget hearing, 7 p.m. 10 W. Church St.

Saturday, December 17

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church food pantry benefit baked goods sale, 10 a.m. to noon. Call 610-865-3603.

Monday, December 19

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 and 11:15 a.m. 2344 Center St.
Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.
Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.
Fountain Hill Zoning Board, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
Hellertown Council, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Tuesday, December 20

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.
Hanover Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Wednesday, December 21

Fountain Hill Council workshop, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St. (rescheduled date)
Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown (change of date for this month only)

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CORRECTION

In our Nov. 30 story on page A1 headlined "Council reviews \$64.4 M budget" Bethlehem City Councilman David DiGiacinto was incorrectly identified as a Republican. He is a Democrat. We apologize for our error and any inconvenience it may have caused, especially for DiGiacinto's mother who was surprised to find she had a Republican in her family.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Daily

Christmas Trees From Around the World, round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. Call 610-882-9700.
Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center and Goundie House exhibit, Kill or Cure, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.
Bethlehem: The Christmas City film. Various times. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300.

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Occupy removed

PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Police and city employees put a quiet end to the months-long center city Occupy encampment early the morning of Dec. 8. Commissioner Jason Schiffer in a press release said the urban campers had been warned at least twice of city ordinance violations. Only three people were present in the camp when it was disassembled, Schiffer said, and they gathered some belongings and left the area peacefully. The Occupy Bethlehem encampment had moved to the west side of the Bethlehem Area Public Library when the city began installation of the city's holiday decorations on Payrow Plaza.

ROY

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budget numbers, the new board didn't send Roy back to sharpen his pencil. Instead, Roy said half the board advised the administration to go ahead and bring it a budget with the 2.1 index increase and the other half was agreeable to one with the 5.2 percent increase. The administration plans to split the difference and prepare a draft budget with a 4 percent or \$6.6 million increase.

Even so, Roy, in his presentation to the Finance Committee, warned that the preliminary budget "require additional personnel and program reductions."

This time, two of the most effective advocates of fiscal constraint, Loretta Leeson and Benjamin Tenaglia, are off the board, replaced by two newcomers, Sudantha K. Vidanage and Basilio A. Bonilla Jr.

Unlike last year, when school districts suffered severe cuts in state funding, Roy said he expects money from the state to be stable.

Revenues have declined in 2011-12 while employees' salaries, benefits and other operating costs have increased. Charter schools and cyber charter schools cause a further drain on revenues.

Among the most worrisome costs starting next year is the Public School Employees' Retirement System, which continues to grow.

Roy listed the priori-



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Assistant Superintendent for Education/Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Silva prepares a Powerpoint presentation on the 2012-2013 budget prior to the Finance Committee's meeting.

ties that will let the district "maintain assets and programs in support of the Roadmap to Educational Excellence" that outlines the administration's vision for success.

Some of the principal priorities include infrastructure and financial goals, such as maintaining transportation services, keeping technology current, maintaining facilities and continuing to eliminate variable rate debt.

On the human side, Roy said he wants to maintain neighborhood schools, keep class sizes reasonable, offer diverse curricula, provide for

teacher and staff professional development and provide additional support for struggling students.

Included in the presentation are "future cost avoidance" strategies that will, if successful, yield real progress in gaining control of expenses. Among these are seeking less expensive agreements with teacher and staff unions, continuing to reduce long-term interest costs and address the long-term PSERS cost.

Revenue enhancement schemes are also on the horizon. One of them should quickly get the attention of taxpayers.

Budget hearings set

A millage tax increase to 5.2 percent would yield about \$6.6 million in revenue. The school board will consider the budget at a series of public meetings.

Jan 11, 2012, 6 p.m. East Hills MS, auditorium

Feb 23, 2012, 6 p.m. Freedom HS, auditorium

Mar 28, 2012, 6 p.m. East Hills MS, auditorium

Apr 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m. East Hills MS, auditorium

Called "municipal appeals," the idea is for the school district to appeal assessments that it thinks are too low - and through appeal get the property assessed at a higher rate and bring in more tax revenue.

Collecting delinquent taxes has already been ramped up by outsourcing the problem to a commercial tax collector.

Look for additional community partnerships such as already exist with area health providers and Lehigh University.

Naming rights for buildings and facilities may bring in cash from companies or individuals who want to see their names on buildings and other facilities. The district is looking into trade marking the names and logos of various school teams and organizations to cash in on merchandise now sold in stores that have BASD-connected teams and organizations embroidered on them.

SANTA

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was involved in the early days of the DaVinci Center," he says.

"When ArtsQuest, then Musikfest, wanted a St. Nicholas, Frank Podleiszek, who was on the board, asked me if I'd be interested. I interviewed and have loved the job ever since.

"There are people, families who come back every year. They show me their collections of pictures

from over the years. It's a happy time for them and for me." Berge says. His wife has compiled many scrapbooks.

One family - Dmytri and Susan Kibrick and children Alex and Katie of Emmaus - has come for nine years. Mary Stubbmann, their aunt from Bethlehem and a volunteer for ArtsQuest, said, "They love coming with family, get all dressed up and tell St. Nick what they want for Christmas. He is so real and concerned.

They won't go anywhere else. The picture they have taken with him is always used as the family holiday card. He remembers them each year and they feel very important."

Berge said that children have not changed a whole lot over the years.

"Of course they still want Barbies and American Girls and they love to build Legos," he says, "but many ask for Peace on Earth and I have to be very comforting when they ask for the separated

moms and dads to get back together."

Through all the years, he has tried to portray the real St. Nicholas.

"My feeling is that in giving, one receives the true feeling of living. Each child is so special, and I am grateful to be here for them," he says with his trademark smile.

Christkindlmarkt runs through Dec. 18. For info on St. Nicholas, call 610-882-1300.

CATS

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Hudak suggested that the township could start using some of its own kennels, but township manager Howard Kutzler insisted that in his 11 years at the township, there have been insufficient resources to exercise that option. He indicated a state dog warden could remove dogs at no cost to the township, but does not remove cats. He added that the center has been "working well

for us."

In other business, Hudak suggested that it's time to "get something going out at Housenick," noting there were several immediate action items in the master plan for the park adopted by commissioners.

Commissioner Jerry Batcha asked about the recent repaving along Chester Street and Santee Road, and asked whether the roads would be re-lined before winter sets in. Kutzler said re-lining is planned, but is

uncertain whether the job can be finished before winter.

Commissioners also approved a "procurement card program," under which police officers and other township employees will be able to use a card to make purchases for designated small amounts, in limited categories, for predetermined periods. Kutzler explained the need, saying township officers travelling out of state to extradite defendants must pay for hotel rooms and meals out of

their own pockets.

Batcha said he worried that the program could be abused, but was assured by Kutzler and the township's finance maven, Andrew Freda, that guidelines will be prepared and presented to Commissioners before the plan is implemented.

Commissioners will meet again on Dec. 19, 7 p.m., at 4225 Easton Ave., to vote on a \$15.9 million budget that calls for no tax hike next year.

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Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum Inc. featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, 1 to 6 p.m. 705 Linden St. Call 623-810-5730 or visit www.lkvmrr.com.

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Bethlehem bus tour with costumed guide; 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

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Sunday, December 18

Christkindmarkt, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. PNC Plaza, 645 E. First St. Call 610-332-1300.

Christmas City Village (Weihnachtsmarkt), Historic Bethlehem area, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Moravian Museum of Bethlehem exhibit and period decorations, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 66 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055.

Kemmerer Museum of Bethlehem exhibit, Elizabeth Johnston Prime dollhouse collection and Victorian Christmas decorations, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 427 N. New St. Call 610-691-6055.

Central Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz, 73 W. Church St., 1 to 8 p.m. Call 610-866-5661.

Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum Inc. featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, 1 to 6 p.m. 705 Linden St. Call 623-810-5730 or visit www.lkvmrr.com.

East Hills Moravian Church Putz, 3 to 8 p.m. 1830 Butz-town Road. Call 610-868-6481.

Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 3 to 6 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.

Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 3 and 4 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Historic Bethlehem 15-minute horse-drawn carriage rides, 4 to 10 p.m. Call 610-691-6055.

Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.

Bethlehem bus tour with costumed guide; 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Monday, December 19

Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.

Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 4 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.

Tuesday, December 20

Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.

Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 4 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.

Wednesday, December 21

Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.

Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 4 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.

Public menorah lighting, 5 p.m. Payrow Plaza, city hall, 10 E. Church St.

Anna J. Mayer

Incarnation of Our Lord parishioner

Anna J. Mayer, 98, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 1, 2011 at Manor-Care, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Mayer. She worked in the housekeeping department of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and at Sure-Fit.



She was a parishioner of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem. She is survived by a sister, Irene Donchez of Bethlehem; and her nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Margaret Nest; and a brother, Charles Mayer.

Contributions may be made to the church, 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem

Richard C. Kiefer

Church of the Manger U.C.C. member

Richard C. Kiefer, 77, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 1, 2011, in St. Luke's Hospice. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Albert and Dorothy (Zimmerman) Kiefer. He was the husband of Shirley (Tran-sue) Kiefer for 58 years. He was a 1952 graduate of Liberty High School.



He was a member of Church of the Manger-United Church of Christ, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Eve and her husband Michael Lorenzini in Austria, Cathy and her husband Robert Boscia of Bel Air, Md. and Joan and her husband Todd Dickinson of Carlisle; a son, Robert Kiefer of Elizabethtown; a sister, Lillian Drebert of Lititz; and four grandchildren, Chris, Brent, Claire and Evan.

Contributions may be sent to Church of the Manger, 1401 Greenview Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Stephen F. Kovacs

OLPH parishioner

Stephen F. Kovacs, 94, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 5, 2011, at Alexandria Manor. He was the son of the late John and Caroline (Nemes) Kovacs. He was the husband of the late Rose M. (Shegina) Kovacs for 60 years.



He retired in 1971 from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation after 41 years.

He was a member of the USWA Local 2598. He was a member of the Graber and Lucas Lodge.

He is survived by nieces; nephews; and cousins.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Helen Donchez, Irene Shinko and Ethel Gregor; and three brothers, Charles, Ernest and William.

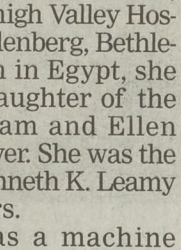
Contributions may be made to the church, 3219 Santee Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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

Gladys I. Leamy

St. Thomas U.C.C. Church member

Gladys I. Leamy, 87, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 29, 2011, at Lehigh Valley Hospital- Muhlenberg, Bethlehem. Born in Egypt, she was the daughter of the late William and Ellen (Roth) Moyer. She was the wife of Kenneth K. Leamy for 64 years.



She was a member of Bethlehem Boating Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Linda Jean and her husband James Toggart Jr. of Millsboro, Del. and Marie Ellen and her husband James Keim of Bethlehem; two grandchildren, Jennifer and Jackelyn; and a great-grandson Ryan.

She was predeceased by three sisters; and two brothers.

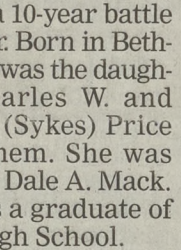
Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, c/o 902 E. Macada Road, Bethlehem, 18017.

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

Marcia L. Mack

First Presbyterian Church member

Marcia L. Mack, 57, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 28, 2011 after a 10-year battle with cancer. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of Charles W. and Shirley S. (Sykes) Price of Bethlehem. She was the wife of Dale A. Mack. She was a graduate of Liberty High School.



She was an assembler at B. Braun for 40 years.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem. She was also a member of the Rangerettes of the Tall Cedars #61.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is

survived by two sons, Doug M. and Justin D., both of Bethlehem; two brothers, Richard Price of Las Vegas, Nev. and Robert Price of Hellertown; a sister-in-law Karen; a brother-in-law, Donald; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Suite 170, Bethlehem, PA 18017 and/or First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Mary (Arner) Dottor

Edgeboro Moravian Church member

Mary (Arner) Dottor, 86, died Dec. 3, 2011, at the Village at Willow Lane, Macungie. She was the wife of the late Adelchi "Del" Dottor.



She is survived by a daughter, Linda Dottor and her husband Scott Kalner of Merion; a son, Gregory and his wife Robin of Alburtis; and four grandchildren, Lena, Rachel, Justin and Allison.

She was predeceased by a sister Margie Delp; and a brother, Franklin Arner Jr.

Contributions may be made to the church, 645 Hamilton Ave., Bethlehem, 18017 or to Sacred Heart Visiting Nurses and Hospice, 2268 S. 12th St., 4th Floor, Allentown, PA 18103.

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

Dale C. Haas

of Cedarbrook

Dale C. Haas, 65, died Dec. 5, 2011, in Cedarbrook, South Whitewall Township. He was the son of Wilbur Haas of Beth-

lehem and the late Margaret (Mumma) Haas.

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

Louise A. Iampietro

Hess's retail worker

Louise A. Iampietro, 93, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 3, 2011. Born in Lansford, she was a daughter of the late James and Louise (Wimmer) Murphy. She was the wife of Patsy M. Iampietro of Bethlehem.

She worked in retail at the former Hess's, Allentown for many years.

She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Pompeii of the Most Holy Rosary.

She was a past president of the Catholic War Veterans of America.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by

three sons, Larry and his wife Linda of Macungie, Patrick D. and his wife Lucia of Bethlehem and Robert L. of Emmaus; four grandchildren, Paul and his wife Jackie, Luke and his wife Brandie, Mary and Amelia; and a sister, Jean Heintzelman of Allentown.

She was predeceased by six siblings.

Contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 4240 Fritch Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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

Madeline E. (Lutz) Trumbauer

Heights A.A. member

Madeline E. (Lutz) Trumbauer, 88, of Bethlehem and formerly of Northampton, died Dec. 5, 2011, at her daughter's residence. Born in Northampton, she was a daughter of the late Harvey and Lizzie (Anthony) Lutz.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Company Home Association and the Heights Athletic Association (A.A.).

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra and her husband Carl Ehrhoff of Bethlehem; two sons, Gerald L. of Whitehall and Richard M. of Bath; two sisters, Dorothy Saras of Virginia and Eleanor Ernst of Bethlehem; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Richard S. Seruga Sr.

Lehigh Valley Taxi president

Richard S. Seruga Sr., 67, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 3, 2011. Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late Stephen and Geraldine Balshi Seruga. He was the husband of Margaret Mory Seruga for 28 years.

He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War.

He was employed by the Bethlehem Post Office. He was president of Lehigh Valley Taxi, Bethlehem, retiring in 2006.

He was a member of the American Legion, Citizens Club and the Eagles.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Richard Jr.; and four grandchildren, Chelsy, Stevey, Renee and Candice.

Contributions may be made to The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042.

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

Rita R. (Rubel) Wintergrass

Notre Dame Catholic Church member

Rita R. (Rubel) Wintergrass, 80, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 7, 2011, at Hospice House of the VNA of St. Luke's, Bethlehem. Born in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Rose (Gaura) Rubel. She was the wife of the late Frank G. Wintergrass for 53 years.

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

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah and her husband Peter Klotz of York and Kim and her husband Albert Kortze of Nazareth, a sister, Regina Golanoski of Nanti-

coke; and five grandchildren, Brian and his wife Jennifer Klotz, Timothy and his wife Sarah Klotz, Eric and his wife Jessica Klotz and Joshua and Aubrey Kortze; and a great-granddaughter due in January.

She was predeceased by a sister, Loretta Sledzink.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the VNA of St. Luke's, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Ste. 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

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CITY POLICE

Burglary

A 66-year-old reported a residential burglary in the 300 block of East Fourth Street around 4:40 p.m. Nov. 28.

Police did not specify how any intruders entered the building, but said a watch, \$7,600 cash and a .38 caliber revolver were stolen.

Robbery

A Ridge Street resident reported he was robbed - while at home - by people he knew around 4:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

According to police, Kelvin Norwood, 40, of Philadelphia, and an unidentified female were at the victim's house when Norwood allegedly grabbed the resident's wallet, tearing his pants pocket. Norwood and the female entered a vehicle and fled the area with the victim giving chase.

Police said the suspects were intercepted at Morton and Polk streets.

Norwood is charged with theft, robbery, receiving stolen property, harassment, possession of paraphernalia and tampering with evidence.

Burglar captured

A day after releasing details about a man wanted in connection with numerous home break-ins, police arrested him as he tried to flee the country Dec. 7.

Police said a criminal investigation into city, Bethlehem Township and Lehigh University burglaries in November led to the issuance of a warrant for Jorge Dandrade, 40, of Hayes Street.

Dandrade was found at Newark, N.J. International Airport as he attempted to leave for Puerto Rico.

Police said discovered in Dandrade's home on a warrant were numerous stolen iPods, iPads, cameras and jewelry, as well as a large TV, all worth approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000. Dandrade is charged with 14 counts each of criminal trespass and burglary, with additional charges of theft and receiving stolen property.

Burglary

A 21-year-old resident in the 500 block of Hillside Avenue reported a burglary around 3 a.m. Dec. 6.

According to police, the victim awoke to find an unknown man claiming items for himself. When spotted, the man allegedly said, "Oops, wrong house," before fleeing westbound out the front door.

The suspect reportedly stole about \$5 in loose change and a pair of century-old Brooks Brothers cufflinks worth about \$225. The cufflinks are red and gold, bearing the image of an American Indian in profile, and inscribed "United States of America 1900). The suspect is described as a black male in his mid-20s, skinny and clean-shaven with no discernable accent. He is bald and stands just over six feet tall. At the time he wore a blue hoodie and gray sweatpants.



Saucon Valley Girl Scout Troop #882 entertains the crowd with festive Christmas carols.

Hellertown celebrates Christmas season



PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK RECCEK

Sean Jebitsch and her mother, Hilary Jebitsch of Hellertown, assist Hellertown Mayor Richard Fluck with lighting Hellertown's Christmas tree during the borough's annual tree lighting ceremony Nov. 25 in the borough square.

Hellertown held its annual tree lighting ceremony the evening of Nov. 25 in the borough square. The program included the Saucon Valley HS band playing a number of Christmas favorites and Saucon Valley Girl Scout Troop #882 entertaining the cheerful crowd with Christmas carols. After the tree lighting ceremony, Santa arrived, jolly as ever, compliments of a Dewey Fire Company fire truck, and met individually with Hellertown and Saucon Valley children who shared their Christmas wish lists with Kris Kringle.



Hellertown resident Natalie Chambers excitedly shares her Christmas list with Santa. Natalie is the daughter of Stephanie Chambers. At the conclusion of the Hellertown tree lighting ceremony, Santa visited with Hellertown and Saucon Valley children inside borough hall.



Hellertown's Christmas tree, located outside the borough municipal building, shines bright.

BRIEFLY

SERVICE

Remembrance set Dec. 14

First Presbyterian Church will hold a candlelight worship service of remembrance at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14.

The gathering will honor the memories of loved ones. All who have suffered a loss are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Call 610-867-5865 for information.

MINSI

Peace light to arrive Dec. 14

Scouts from Minsi Trails Council are participating in an international scouting program this holiday season.

A special Peace Light sharing ceremony is being held Dec. 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the Boy Scout Service Center, 991 Postal Road, Allentown.

Scouts and scout volunteers will distribute and share the Peace Light flame with their communities, families, schools, and places of worship.

At the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem (Middle East) an oil lamp has burned continuously for centuries... this is the Peace Light flame. Since 1986, a youth from Austria travels each year to Bethlehem to light a flame from the one that burns at the birthplace of Jesus.

The flame then travels to Austria, where it is distributed to delegations of scouts from across the world. The Peace Light is then taken by scouts to their home countries as a symbol of peace and unity during the holiday season.

HANUKKAH

Menorah to be lit on Dec. 21

There will be a public menorah lighting at 5 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Payrow Plaza, city hall, 10 E. Church St. There will be hot latkes, doughnuts and music. For information, visit www.chabadlehigh-valley.com or call 610-351-6511.

ARTSQUEST

Peep Fest set for Dec. 28-31

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

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

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

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

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

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Northampton County Sheriff Randy Miller.

Sheriff accredited

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Of approximately 1,600 law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania, only 76 of them are accredited. The Northampton County Sheriff's Department joined those ranks Nov. 9, when the Pa. Chiefs of Police voted unanimously to certify Northampton County as an accredited agency. Aside from Montgomery County, Northampton is the only Sheriff's Department to get a state accreditation.

This recognition follows two years of hard work, meeting 134 standards. The process was started under former Sheriff Jeff Hawbecker and was finished by Sheriff Randy Miller, who as police commissioner in Bethlehem guided his department through the accreditation process there.

Miller declined to take any credit, choosing instead to point to the hard work put in by his deputies. He also credited Executive John Stoffa, former Director of Administration John Conklin and County Council, which had to budget the money.

"I'm kind of like the orchestra leader, waving the baton," Miller said.

But Stoffa set the record straight. "They worked hard for two years and really deserve this."

Council increases spending, but also refuses to pay for it

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

For the first time since the inception of Home Rule in 1978, Northampton County Council on Dec. 8 adopted a \$326 million budget that increases spending in 2012, then refused to increase the taxes needed to pay for it.

Baffled, County Executive John Stoffa condemned council's 8-1 vote as "irresponsible," but

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it's unclear whether he intends to exercise his veto power.

Just one week earlier, council approved amendments to Stoffa's budget that would cut his proposed 9.3 percent tax hike in half, primarily by removing \$1 million in open space funding for environmentally sensitive land, as well as some

cuts that Stoffa had proposed himself. But then council, by a 5-4 vote, failed to approve the budget as amended.

When council tried again Dec. 8, controller Steve Barron recommended that they just dip into the fund balance, deriding Stoffa's financial plan as "the Chicken Little theory of budgeting," claim-

ing that the fund balance comes in at \$60 million no matter how gloomy a forecast is provided.

"If you're going to raise taxes and do that, I wouldn't swallow it very well as a taxpayer," he advised.

Under questioning from council member Bruce Gilbert, Barron conceded that the county's "net" fund balance is really only \$20 million,

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3 council members say goodbye

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Council bid adieu to three departing members with a combined 37 years of experience at their Dec. 8 meeting. Ann McHale, a Democrat who represents the Bethlehem District, is retiring after 13 years. Mike Dowd and Ron Angle, two Republicans representing Easton and the Slate Belt, respectively, were defeated in November's Election. Dowd and Angle had each served twelve years.

McHale told fellow council members her biggest accomplishment was "saving millions of dollars" in the county's



Angle



Dowd



McHale

self-insured health care program. She added it was an "honor and a privilege" to serve as council's first female president. But McHale said that what she will remember most are the friendships throughout the county's "great workforce." She wished her successor, Ken Kraft, good luck.

Dowd said his 12 years have been a "remarkable experience," and encouraged "anybody who is at all interested in government, to make the transition from sitting outside, to sitting inside." Dowd praised his successor, Bob Werner, as a "wonderful fellow. I'm really pleased to see him coming into office." Dowd is proudest

of the work done in the last few months, in which a TIF was enacted for the Route 33 interchange.

Angle claimed his greatest accomplishment was hanging a plaque containing the Ten Commandments inside council chambers.

"Sometimes it takes a SOB like me to get issues out there," he said. "Too bad there's not more debate in places like Washington, and maybe they'd make some headway."

Angle called his successor, Scott Parsons, a "genuinely nice guy who smiles 90 percent of the time. He may lose that smile once he gets here," he joked.

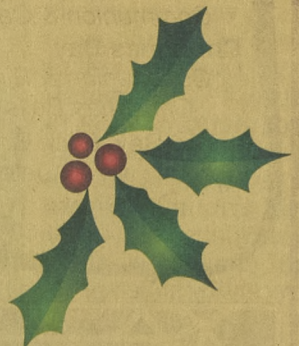
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Sat., December 24...7:30 PM

Christmas Day Service
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Gilbert disagreed, stating money has to be set aside "to protect the taxpayer."

Council member Ron Angle was a little more blunt.

"You can either believe a political nincompoop, or believe a professional," referring to Acting Fiscal Affairs Director Doran Hamann.

At the time that Stoffa's budget was initially presented, Hamann had predicted a \$10 million deficit without a 9.3 percent tax hike.

After hearing from Barron, council reconsidered its amended budget. It adopted a Tom Dietrich amendment restoring \$400,000 of the \$1 million previously cut from open space funding, over the objections of Angle, council President John Cusick and Barb Thierry. It also agreed to an amendment giving District Attorney John Morganelli \$25,000 to purchase a vehicle, over the objections of Thierry and Gilbert.

Amendments out of the way, council then voted to approve the amended budget by a 6-3 vote, with Angle, Thierry and Gilbert opposed.

Under the county's Home Rule Charter, council has no authority to increase the authorized expenditures to an

amount greater than the total of estimated funds available. Although this budget would require a 4.6 percent tax hike, council adopted a millage rate ordinance that keeps taxes the same as this year, which will force Stoffa to find the money needed in the fund balance.

Only council Vice President Peg Ferraro voted against the proposed tax hike.

"If we believe Mr. Barron, we don't have to do anything," explained Angle, sarcastically. But Cusick said Barron's comments swayed his vote.

Stoffa derided council for "spending \$3.6 million more without a source of income," warning that the county will face double digit tax increases for the next two years.

Hamann predicted, "it's going to be an interesting year, especially when we write out a check for \$24.5 million," referring to a swaption payment due in October 2012. "I think that's when the reality will set in."

If Stoffa vetoes the millage rate ordinance, six members of council can override it.

"What good would it do?" Stoffa initially asked. But a few minutes later, he began considering the possibility. He has seven days in which to make a decision. If he vetoes, and council fails to override by Dec. 16, the executive's original budget will be deemed adopted.



The five-mile Nor-Bath Trail, which runs from Bath to Northampton, is one of the county parks slated for \$700,000 in improvements next year.

PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Stoffa's \$3.75 M open space plan safe ... at least for now

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

When John Stoffa first ran for Northampton County Executive in 2006, he promised voters he'd raise their taxes a half mill to fund a pay-as-you-go open space program. "They elected me anyway," Stoffa often jokes.

Stoffa has retained that commitment. In his proposed 2012 budget, he set aside \$3.7 million for open space projects. The equivalent of a half mill of real estate taxes would pay for farmland preservation (\$2 million), environmental-

ly sensitive land (\$1 million) and county parks (\$700,000). But Council President John Cusick, noting there are no "projects in the pipeline," proposed eliminating the \$1 million set aside for wetlands. He also wants to use hotel tax money to pay for county parks.

A small army of environmentalists appeared at council's Dec. 1 meeting to protest these cuts, including the Sierra Club's David Maguire, the Wildlands Conservancy's Ken Barrett and the Nature Conservancy's Sandra Yerger, Upper

Mount Bethel Township Supervisor Judy Hinkel and educator Vicky Bastidas, who brought four of her students with her.

"Please raise our taxes," she asked.

Council member Ron Angle answered, "If it was only my money, I would vote for a tax increase." But then he held up a sheriff sale list showing 104 homes being sold the following week, and asked, "Who's speaking for those people?"

Angle added that real estate taxes and home heating bills are the "two nuts they can't crack any-

more." In a 5-4 vote, Angle, Cusick, Bruce Gilbert, Mike Dowd and Barb Thierry voted to eliminate the \$1 million set aside for environmentally sensitive land from Stoffa's \$3.7 million open space program.

But in a strange twist, the amended budget failed by a 5 to 4 vote. Unless council can pass an amended budget by Dec. 16, it appears likely that Stoffa's budget, including a fully funded open space program, will become law.

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LEFT: Christmas City Village holiday market on Main Street attracts shoppers in downtown Bethlehem. The German-style wooden huts, designed by the Downtown Bethlehem Association for the Christmas season, are located in the Sun Inn Courtyard and between the Moravian Bookshop and the Central Moravian Church. The free outdoor market remains open two more weekends, including Thursdays through Dec. 23. According to the DBA, there are some new vendors mixed into the holiday market, which opened for its first season Nov. 25. **RIGHT:** Leaded glass craftsman Octavio Pena of Bethlehem assembles a Moravian Star in his booth as one of the 100 artisans at Christkindlmarkt. Pena is a partner in Fowler & Pena Creations, which has a studio in ArtSQuest's Banana Factory in South Bethlehem.



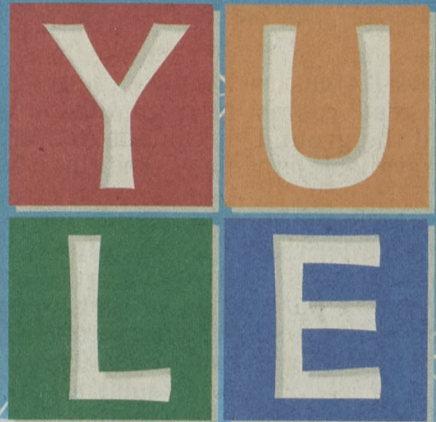
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The Property Tax and Rent Rebate program provides a rebate of up to \$650 on the combined amount of a senior's real estate property taxes for the school district, county and local municipality paid in 2010.

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

Hudak pulls park resolution

By BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Township Commissioner Michael Hudak backed away from a controversial resolution that could result in the demolition of a three-story colonial style mansion at Housenick Park.

Once home to Archibald Johnston, Bethlehem's first mayor and a Bethlehem Steel Company president, this unusual mansion is the centerpiece of a 55-acre passive recreation park located along Monocacy Creek, off Christian Spring Road.

Hudak and the rest of commissioners unanimously adopted a Master Plan for Housenick Park last month, which calls for the mansion's restoration. But as a result of ambiguous language in the resolution adopting the plan, Hudak proposed modifying it to give commissioners authority to raze the building, "if

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

Conservationist Victoria Bastidas makes a pitch for Housenick Park. Bastidas, who has spent weeks at Housenick Park with students, brought several of them with her to the podium.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

found to be necessary." He also wanted to delay plans to list the property on the National Register.

After the meeting, Hudak explained himself. "I've always been in favor of keeping the mansion, from day one," he said. His personal preference is to see the outside restored, rest rooms added, and the ground floor made available as a senior center.

Commissioner Paul Weiss, sitting next to Hudak, agreed that com-

missioners' priority is to restore the mansion, and the resolution was proposed only to give them the option if it is impossible to save the building.

Despite their intentions, Hudak's proposed resolution brought several Housenick Park defenders to the meeting. Because the resolution had been withdrawn, BOC President Arthur Murphy asked them to keep their comments under two minutes.

Township resident Andy Unger told commissioners that Housenick Park has become a "polarizing issue. Things start and then they happen, and then they don't happen. Motions get made, then motions get

recalled." Unger suggested that people need to "talk to each other in a noncritical manner."

Housenick Trustee Tim Brady, himself a former commissioner, asked why the Housenick Master Plan, which cost the Trust more than \$40,000, has never been provided to the parks and recreation board.

Conservationist Victoria Bastidas, who has spent weeks at Housenick Park with students, brought several of them with her to the podium. She told commissioners that these budding botanists, along with members of the Monocacy Creek Watershed Association, Audubon Society and Sierra Club, just spent the previous weekend fishing computer terminals, tires and bottles of oil out of nearby Monocacy Creek.

BRIEFLY

BETHLEHEM

Water meter routes redrawn

As part of an efficiency effort, the City of Bethlehem has redrawn water meter reader routes.

The change in routes may affect the billing cycles of some customers who may receive a bill of a lesser amount earlier or later in the three-month cycle. The following bill will bring accounts back into the quarterly schedule.

Bethlehem Water Department officials realized an opportunity for cost savings by redrawing routes. Geographic information system technology was used to analyze the City's entire service area and new routes were drawn based around population density and geographic distance.

Following the old routes, meter readers traveled approximately 33,000 miles and spent more than \$12,000 on gas to date. The program changes were implemented Dec. 6.

Bethlehem waters serves approximately 113,000 residential, industrial and commercial customers in the city, Fountain Hill and Freemansburg, as well as portions of Allen, Bethlehem, East Allen, Hanover (Lehigh), Hanover (Northampton), Lower Saucon, Salisbury and Upper Saucon townships.

MOVIE REVIEW Find out which films are worth seeing each week in THE PRESS LVP

Hearing on 8-bed adult mental health facility delayed

By BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

At their Nov. 30 hearing, Bethlehem Township zoners postponed consideration of a proposed eight-bedroom adult mental health facility, to be located in Lehigh Valley Industrial Park at the intersection of Brodhead Road and Fritch Drive.

NHS Human Services, a nonprofit health group seeking a special exception, asked for the delay as a result of an unavailable witness.

The facility is intended to provide transitional housing for persons re-entering the community after being hospitalized for mental illness. It is

located just a stone's throw from a controversial, 300-bed, treatment and work release center proposed by Abe Atiyeh. The township's zoning hearing board rejected Atiyeh's application, but was reversed on appeal last year by Senior Judge Michael Franciosa. The jurist later invalidated

"onerous and burdensome" conditions imposed by zoners.

Ironically, Atiyeh is one of the objectors to this facility.

This case will resume at the Bethlehem Township municipal building, located at 4225 Easton Ave., on Jan. 25, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

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Neuroscience PD STEPS: Resources available for patients & family This program will focus on resources available to help patients & family members live with Parkinson's Disease. Presented by: Kris Levine, LPN, MSCS

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**Northampton Community College
Free grant sources workshop Jan. 10**

There will be a grant source workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 10 at the main campus Mack Library for representatives from non-profit agencies. The session will include an introduction to The Foundation Center, an organization devoted to supporting and improving institutional philanthropy, an overview and demonstration of grant resources included in the Foundation Directory Online database, and an opportunity to use the database. It is suggested that participants bring a flash drive with them to save information.

Workshop is free; reservations are required. Call 610-861-5358 by Jan. 6 to register.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit www.northampton.edu.

**Moravian College
Alumni honored**

The Moravian College Alumni Association honored five alumni at the 11th annual Alumni Awards Ceremony Dec. 2.

Joseph C. L. Merola M.D., '64, of Bethlehem, received the Comenius Award for lifetime achievement. He was chairman to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Luke's Hospital, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine and DeSales University.

He has been medical director of Women's and Children's Services at St. Luke's since 1996.

Anne McCandless Rampolla '79, of Bethlehem, was honored with the Benigna Education Award for outstanding contribution to the field of education. Throughout a 32-year teaching career, she has taught various levels of Spanish at Moravian's Comenius Center and Lehigh University, as well as college-level courses in North and South Carolina.

She is a member of the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages. She is an advisory board member at the Children's Home of Easton.

Betty Adams Roach '43, of Bethlehem, received the Medallion of Merit in recognition of outstanding service to Moravian. She taught for 20 years at Montclair, N.J. High School.

She was an advisor to and representative of the Student Alumni Association, reunion committee and reunion fund chair, and a member of the women's history committee.

Joseph L. Powlette '60, of Bethlehem, received the Medallion of Merit in recognition of his outstanding service to the Moravian community. He has taught at Moravian for 48 years. He is the Louise E. Juley Professor of Science and a professor of physics at Moravian.

He was an adjunct professor at Temple University.

Four students were honored for their academic achievements and contributions to campus and community life. The 2011 Alumni Fellows are: Margaret A. DeOliveira '13, Gina M. Heintzelman '13 and Anna M. Whetstone '12 will be awarded Alumni Fellows scholarships. Melissa M. Straub '12 will receive the 2011 Honors Award scholarship.

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



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Bethlehem Area School District's new Board of Education: Sudantha Vidanage, Eugene McKeon, William Burkhardt, Aurea Ortiz, Basilio Bonilla, Michael Faccinnetto and Irene Follweiler.

Faccinnetto new board president

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The reorganized Bethlehem Area School District's school board met Dec. 5 and after swearing in re-elected Michele Cann and Eugene McKeon and two new members, Basilio Bonilla and Sudantha Vidanage, the board elected new officers.

Michael Faccinnetto is the new president of the school board and the board elected Michele Cann as vice president.

Cann won in school district number two and also as an at-large representative. She said she

decided to keep the at-large position and give up region number two.

The school board is considering three candidates to fill that seat - David Sanders, David Weikert and Shannon Patrick. Board members planned to interview the

candidates Dec. 12 at the regular board meeting and make a selection at a special school board meeting Dec. 19.

Benjamin Tenaglia, who lost his bid for election after twice serving as an appointee to the board, decided not seek a third appointment.

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

3 board members say farewell

By AMY HERZOG
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Area School Board started its Nov. 21 meeting by saying goodbye to three retiring members. Rosario Amato, 16 years of service, Loretta Leeson, 12 years of service, and Ben Tenaglia were recognized for their contributions to the board by being honored with the Honor Roll of School Board Service Award and a cupcake celebration.

Leeson, upon recognition, said, "The best thing we can give our children is an education."

In other business,



Amato



Leeson



Tenaglia

Steven Antalics and John Neveckio expressed concern over safety and transportation measures, respectively.

Antalics questioned an agenda item calling for increased safety measures. "Are students at Freemansburg elementary safe?" he asked.

The board told him they were following up on the questions he had raised about this matter at another meeting and that they had no answer at this time.

Antalics urged the board to take action, because a month had passed since he raised his

initial concern and that if the children were suffering that made him feel bad.

Neveckio spoke out against the transportation request for proposal.

"[I am] against spending money on a transportation study. Find ways to save money without spending \$25,000 on a study," said Neveckio.

While most of the measures up for vote in this meeting passed with little discussion, the big issue of the meeting was a budgetary transfer of money from the books and periodicals fund to

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A Men's Shopping Night on Dec. 17 is being offered by the Downtown Business Association of the Bethlehem Chamber of commerce.

This first-time special night out on the town will be on Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. for men to find holiday gifts for their loved ones.

Throughout the downtown historic and Southside shopping districts, local businesses will offer samples, tastings and specials for the discriminating male shopper.

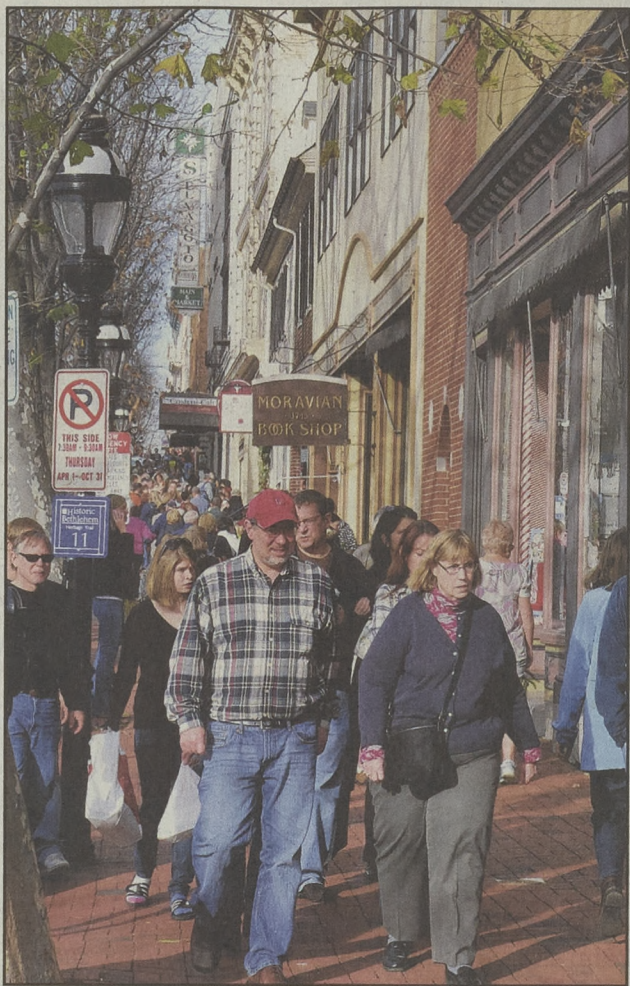
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Busy shoppers



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Despite Christkindmarkt's change of venue to SteelStacks, shoppers have continued flocking to Main Street during the holiday season.

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the middle school soccer program. Leeson was the board member most opposed to the transfer, which would involve moving \$24,000 from the curriculum fund to middle school sports.

Leeson stated she hated seeing money for academics being moved to the sports budget. She was also concerned about the number of coaches accompanying students to sports competitions. On the agenda, one competition was billed to the school district as six people attending; four adults and two students.

"[We] may be able to recoup some money from allowing one coach [to go to the competition] instead of two," said Leeson.

The board agreed after extensive discussion that four coaches don't need

to accompany two students at a competition.

Irene Fullweiler also said the district needs to have a policy on how many adults are going [to competitions and field trips]. The number of paid adults needs to be watched and the district policy reviewed.

Two other controversial matters up for vote were the issuing and use by district officials of procurement cards and a change to the school board voting process. The change states that a matter can be brought up for a re-vote if the majority of the board requests more information, if information becomes available or if a majority of members change their minds after a period of time.

"[The] vote would never be final," objected Leeson.

Board member Michele Cann agreed with the district solicitor, Donald Spry,

allowing future votes.

Procurement cards were a hot topic for discussion as the board debated the limit on the cards and who should get them, placing an amount limit on the cards per purchase and more. The administration has asked for \$4,000 to be placed aside to be added to the cards.

Amato, after talk of different limits spread across the cards and board control of who receives the cards, said, "[We] need to have faith in the administration. This is micromanagement."

Leeson disagreed. "It is the boards' responsibility to oversee funds in district," she said.

After several back and forth exchanges about micromanagement and having faith in the administrators of the district, the vote was tabled for further discussion.

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'An Instrumental Christmas'

By LINDA ANTHONY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The 2011 Living Christmas Tree Orchestra presented "An Instrumental Christmas" at the Calvary Wesleyan Church in Bethlehem Dec. 4. The church was filled with parishioners and guests who enjoyed an hour of hymns and educational videos. Pastor Dwight Mikesell welcomed the

audience to an evening that was as entertaining as it was spiritual.

Pastor Jim Staley directed the orchestra and encouraged the audience to join him in singing the hymns throughout the evening.

"An Instrumental Christmas" was the first presentation in the "An Evening in December" series at Calvary Wesleyan. Other events in the

series included "The Glory of Christmas" presented by The Living Christmas Tree Choir Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

Christmas Eve Services on Dec. 24 are at 5 and 7 p.m.

The Calvary Wesleyan Church is located at 1414 Pennsylvania Ave.

For more information email calvarywes@gmail.org or call the church office at 610-866-1388.



Mark Yozi and his daughter, Vivian, sing "Go, Tell It On the Mountain."



Rollie Krause, a member of the 2011 Living Christmas Tree Orchestra, plays his trumpet during "An Instrumental Christmas."



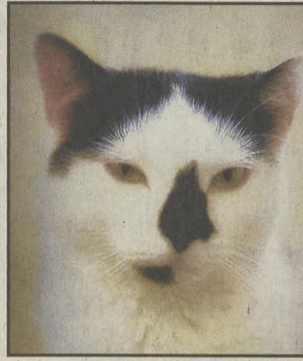
Pastor Jim Staley of Calvary Wesleyan Church leads audience members as they sing "O Come All Ye Faithful" during "An Instrumental Christmas" presentation at the church.

CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org.



Hannah, a large brown hound mix, enjoys walking and walks nicely on a leash. She still loves to smell all the flowers and investigate. She is not interested in fetching anymore, but she does love to be out and about.



Chim is a gorgeous young gal looking for a forever home. She was adopted and recently returned as her owners were moving and she could not go. She is eager for a new home and family.

VOLUNTEERS

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AMERICA ON WHEELS, Allentown, needs volunteers to serve as a counter person in the Hub Cap Café. Contact Liz Hahn, 610-432-4200, ext. 10, fund_development@americaonwheels.org.

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FAMILY CONNECTION OF EASTON, INC. Contact Jessica Dreistadt, 610-739-3802, Dreistadt@eastonsd.org.

GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA needs troop leaders throughout the Lehigh Valley. Contact Chrissy Mittura, 610-933-7555, ext. 1433, Cmittura@gsep.org.

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

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Pates hang on for win

By PETER CAR
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It was an exciting start to the basketball season for the Freedom boys, but it's one that they would probably like to do without in the future.

The Pates pulled out a buzzer beating victory on Saturday night, outlasting Northampton 49-47 thanks to Derike Chiclana's game-winner to give the Pates a euphoric opener.

Now head coach Joe Stellato hopes his team can learn from Saturday's victory, because after



PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT
Joe Lococo and the Pates had a close call vs. the Kids.

maintaining a 15-point lead midway through the third quarter, he'd prefer that his team doesn't find themselves in that position again.

"I thought we played well for two and a half quarters," said Stellato. "We just couldn't put the game away. We have to shore up some things on the defensive end because we can't allow teams to get back into games like this when we have a chance to finish things."

Jarrold Dilts and Joe Lococo led a balanced scoring effort by Freedom (1-0), as each chipped in 10 points with Lococo nailing three treys. Jordan Young had nine points and Chiclana added eight, including the game-winner off an inbounds pass along the baseline.

Northampton was led by Kyle George's 15 points, who torched the Pates with three field goals from beyond the arc. The Kids (0-2) made six second half three-pointers to get themselves back into the contest.

"Whenever a team hits that many three's in a game, they're going to be in it," said Stellato of Northampton's stellar See **FHS** on Page A15



The Games Begin

Breanna Latourette (21) puts up a shot over Northampton's Chelsea Hall during Saturday's Yasso Tournament action. See how the girls did on page A14.

PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Becahi boys fall to Eagles

By PETER CAR
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It wasn't the type of start new Bethlehem Catholic head basketball coach Mike Frew had hoped for Saturday night.

His Hawks fell to Nazareth 51-47 in their season opener in a contest that saw Becahi trail throughout most of the game.

The one thing the Hawks did not lack was toughness and a willingness to play till the end, which is something that Frew hopes will become a permanent attitude for the team this season.

"The kids played hard," he said. "We just didn't get some breaks or make some crucial shots when we needed to. We were in striking distance, but couldn't get some stops down the stretch."

Becahi trailed 26-21 at the half and pulled within 36-35 in the third quarter, led by Connor Casey's 14 point, 10 rebound performance. Matt Husek also chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds.

As a team, the defensive mentality has obviously been elevated, as Frew's troops recorded four charges on the night, which is something the first-year coach is emphasizing with his players.

"We really want to focus on being a solid team on the defensive end," said Frew. "We showed a lot of toughness against Nazareth and we're going to need that every night in the LVC."

Becahi (0-1) traveled to Pottstown on Tuesday night and host Liberty (0-1) Friday night in their official LVC opener.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT
Chevon Williams and the Hurricanes played well against the Vikings this past weekend.

Liberty hangs with Vikings

By PETER CAR
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Chad Landis knew this season would be a learning process for the Liberty boys' basketball team and he certainly gained important intelligence over the weekend.

The Hurricanes lost to Central Catholic in overtime 63-57 Saturday night, but earned some stripes along the way.

The Vikings, who are part of the upper echelon

of top teams in the Lehigh Valley Conference this season, were paced by Muhammad Ali Abdur-Rahkman's 29 points. Seth Stoudt added 22 points for the Vikes, as that duo may be the top combo in the league.

Landis knew Saturday night would be a challenge, but wasn't sure what type of challenge lied ahead.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game, but See **LHS** on Page A15

WRESTLING

Hawks 6th at Ironman, ready for Beast

By PETER CAR
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It was a good weekend for Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling program and they hope that continues into this week as well.

The Hawks came back from the Walsh Ironman Tournament at Walsh Jesuit High School with a sixth-place team finish in the toughest high school wrestling tournament in the country.

Now they get to do it all over again in Delaware this weekend at the Beast of the East tournament.

The back-to-back weekend gauntlet of tough competitions is just part of the grooming process for Becahi this winter.

"Just like last year, our kids know they're not going to see tougher tournaments all year," said head coach Jeff Karam. "We still need to get into wrestling shape and there isn't a better way to do it than by wrestling in these types of tournaments."

Senior Randy Cruz won the 132-pound title over the weekend, trouncing Edgar Bright of St. Edward's 5-2 in the final. Bright was the top ranked wrestler in the country at the weight and Cruz arguably won the toughest weight class in the



FILE PHOTO
Randy Cruz won the 132-pound title at the Ironman Tournament.

tournament. It surely bodes well for him moving to the Beast this weekend, where the Hawks finished fourth last year.

Cruz didn't win the title in Delaware last year, but junior Darian Cruz (106) did and will look to defend his Beast title after taking third at the Ironman last weekend.

Sophomore Zeke Moisey (113) and senior Elliot Riddick (170) joined the younger Cruz as the Hawks trio of bronze medalists at the Ironman. Junior Josh Alpha (195) also placed eighth at the Hawks.

"We did better this year at the Ironman, but we still made a lot of mistakes," Karam said. "We left some wins on the mats, but that's

why we wrestle in these tournaments, to prepare our kids to become better wrestlers."

The Hawks wrestle Whitehall on Wednesday before heading out this weekend.

Freedom and Liberty both started off their year's over the weekend at dual meet invitations and came home with mixed results.

The Hurricanes came away from the Boyertown Duals with a 3-2 mark, knocking off Ridley, Boyertown and Upper Moreland with relative ease.

Liberty lost to Big Spring 46-24 and fell to Owen J. Roberts 51-11.

Senior Devon Lotito (132) picked up where he left off last year, dominating on the mat, as he pinned four out of five opponents (his other win was an injury default) to continue to spearhead Liberty's efforts.

"Lotito is the only senior in the lineup, so we are a relatively young team," said head coach Jody Karam. "Devon is among the finest I've ever coached. We still have a bit to go to get to the point we were at last March; it's just a matter of time until we surpass that level. He has emerged into a tremendous leader that the team admires."

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Freedom is showing signs of life after a slow start.

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One local player is off to Lafayette while three others were honored by the state.

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THEY SAID IT

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JOE STELLATO
FREEDOM
BASKETBALL COACH

SCHEDULE

- BECAHI**
Dec. 14
• Wrestling vs. Whitehall, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 16
• Girls vs. Liberty, 6 p.m.
• Boys vs. Liberty, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17
• Wrestling at Beast of East
Dec. 18
• Wrestling at Beast of East
Dec. 20
• Girls vs. Freedom, 5:30 p.m.
• Boys vs. Freedom, 7 p.m.

- FREEDOM**
Dec. 14
• Wrestling vs. Dieruff, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15
• Swimming at Whitehall, 4 p.m.
• Rifle vs. Emmaus, 4 p.m.
Dec. 16
• Girls at Easton, 7 p.m.
• Boys vs. Easton, 7 p.m.
Dec. 17
• Boys at Eastburg N., 2 p.m.
Dec. 20
• Swimming vs. Dieruff, 4 p.m.
• Rifle vs. N. Pocono, 4 p.m.
• Girls at Becahi, 5:30 p.m.
• Boys at Becahi, 7 p.m.

- LIBERTY**
Dec. 14
• Wrestling vs. Allen, 7 p.m.
Dec. 15
• Swimming vs. Dieruff, 4 p.m.
• Rifle vs. N. Pocono, 4 p.m.
Dec. 16
• Wrestling at Penn Manor Tourney
• Girls at Becahi, 6 p.m.
• Boys at Becahi, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17
• Wrestling at Penn Manor Tourney
• Girls at Eastburg N., 7 p.m.
Dec. 20
• Swimming vs. Central, 4 p.m.
• Rifle vs. Stroudsburg, 4 p.m.
• Boys vs. Easton, 7 p.m.
• Girls at Easton, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

'Cane girls fall to CCHS

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Given a choice, it wasn't the opponent the Hurricanes would have preferred for its season opener in their 63-42 loss to Allentown Central Catholic on Saturday night.

The Vikettes took a 14-0 lead before Jody Chickey scored Liberty's first three points, as the Hurricanes were plagued by turnovers and blocked shots. Attempts to draw fouls were also unsuccessful.

Liberty's CJ Hilliard hit a three-pointer at the first-quarter buzzer to make the score 18-6.

In the second quarter, JJ Hilliard also hit a three-pointer and intercepted a pass, resulting in three points for Chickey.

"We tried to run our breaks. We knew we were faster than them, but we had to be patient on offense because of their

disciplined defense," said Chickey.

In the third quarter, Chickey had two three-pointers, both Hilliards scored two, and Shay Lewis also had two points.

In the fourth, Chickey scored six points, and JJ Hilliard had five. Kali Shumock had a steal, resulting in two points.

The Liberty sophomore also blocked a shot, saving a basket in the first half. Junior, Spencer, Leh came off the bench to hit a three to end the game.

Chickey, a senior, was named player of the game for the Hurricanes.

"It feels good, but not the loss," she said.

At Bethlehem Catholic, the Hawks maintained a lead over Nazareth to win their season opener, 50-41.

"We played good defense, especially Janelle Robinson and Bridget Smith," said senior, Rana Plesko. "Nazareth made

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Sydney Brown battles with the Kids Alesha Marks during Saturday's loss.

CHEERLEADING

Pates take first at competition

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School's cheerleaders participated in the Coastal Corporation Cheerleading Masters Competition on Saturday at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pa.

The only squad in their division, the Patriots technically won first place, but were more pleased with the judges' feedback.

"When we saw the scoresheets, we did really well," said Freedom captain, Gabrielle Spadaccia.

The Patriots' competition routine began with tumbling and jumps,

which is where they scored highest. The middle of the routine included stunting.

"We had one stunt that fell, so the judges wanted us to fight to keep the stunt in the air, and add some difficulty for our basket tosses," Spadaccia said.

The end of the routine showcased a pyramid and a dance.

"The judges' overall comments were that they liked the routine, they liked how it was set up, and they liked the choreography," said Spadaccia.

Freedom's next competition is scheduled for Jan. 15.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Brendan Driscoll and the Pates picked up two wins after a slow start.

ICE HOCKEY

Pates showing life

By JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

It was a memorable first month for the Freedom hockey team in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League (LVSHL).

In the midst of a transition with several newcomers in the program, Freedom began the season with five consecutive defeats. Head coach Mike Mould turned the reins over to assistant Dan Patton due to traveling commitments with his business.

Since then, however Freedom appears to be adjusting well to the transitions. They ended their five-game slide with a 4-3 LVSHL Pure Division victory over Quakertown. After two more losses, Freedom edged Pure Division leader Parkland, 2-1.

"I think we are starting to come around," said Patton. "It was really huge for the kids to get the wins over Quakertown and especially Parkland. That win (Parkland) really gave them some life.

"Our younger players are finally realizing and doing the things we need them to do. We had trouble in the third period in many of our games, but they are playing a lot bet-

ter."

Heading into Monday's game with Phillipsburg, Freedom (2-7) was three points behind Emmaus in the LVSHL Pure Division and Mould also returned to the bench.

Patton noted the play of veteran centers Kyle Yost and Tyler Rogalewicz, who have provided leadership as well as the steady play of returning goalie Ben Wykosky. Freshman Brendan Driscoll has been among the surprising newcomers to the team as he led the team in scoring with eight points (4 goals, 4 assists) beginning the week. Sean Driscoll, his older brother who graduated last year, has also been helping behind the bench. Michael Warfield has also been a stalwart on defense for the Patriots.

"Brendan (Driscoll) has been off to nice start and has made a smooth transition," Patton said. "He (Driscoll) knew he might be compared to his older brother, but he has really made a name for his own.

Both Kyle (Yost) and Tyler (Rogalewicz) have done everything we have asked of them, and both of them have even moved back to defense when we have been short of players. Michael (Warfield)

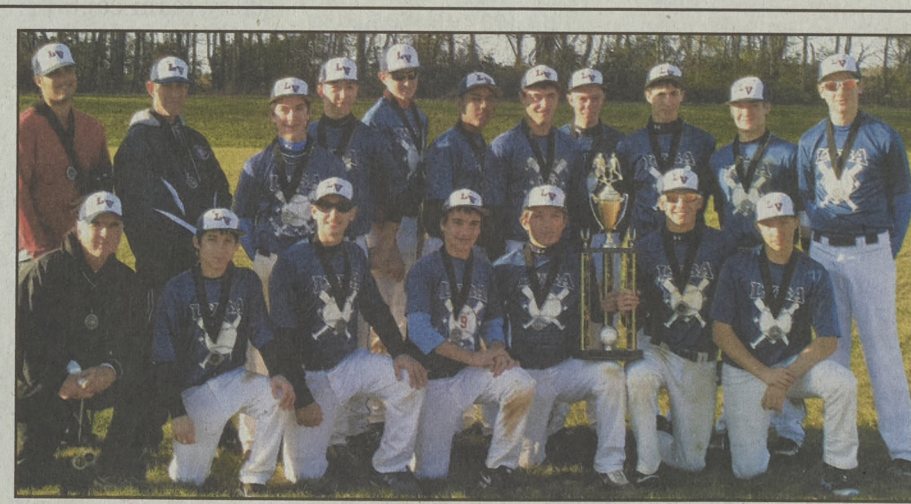
has been very strong defensively, and Ben (Wykosky) has kept us in games with his play."

Patton also commended the play of Brandon Manganiello and Alex Ramos, both of whom have been effective on a line, and Tim Lechman and Kevin Devine, two of the younger players on the team who have been steadily improving.

"Brandon (Manganiello) and Alex (Ramos) both play travel hockey, and they have a good sense of where each other is at all times," said Patton. "You can tell that they have played together before. Tim (Lechman) and Kevin (Devine) never really played competitive hockey, but they are showing signs of getting better each game."

As they head into the second half of the season, Freedom appears on the verge of making a playoff run.

"They are getting better each week, and these kids have endured a lot," said Patton. "Getting Mike (Mould) back will help because he is an excellent coach. But these kids are getting more comfortable with everything, and they should be a better team down the stretch."



LVBA team takes 2nd

The Elite Championship Tournament Baseball (ECTB) end of year 15U tournament was held at Bicentennial Park in Allen Township Nov. 5-6. Some local players are from the Northampton, Bethlehem, Parkland, Northwestern and Salisbury areas. The team took second place. Members are: front row (kneeling left to right) - coach Rich Freiler, Rocco Trupiano (#14), Anthony Rago (#5), TJ Czerwinski (#9), Ian Luberti (#15), Dan Corvino (#2), Zach Moll (#6); back row - coach Aaron Fuhrman, coach Scott Snyder, Nick Rodriguez (#13), Harley Davidson (#12), Rhett Jacoby (#17), Robert Mercado (#18), Chris Rabasco (#4), Joey Giordano (#7), Anthony Sartori (#16), Evan Kulig (#8) and Jordan Band (#3).

VOLLEYBALL

Giangiobbe heading to Lafayette

Local players earn state recognition

By PETER CAR
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Like any high school senior knows, choosing what path you're going to walk on following graduation can be a stressful task.

For Freedom's Brianne Giangioffe, making her decision to continue her volleyball career felt easy when she picked Lafayette.

With a four-year scholarship in hand, Giangioffe is happy to continue her playing days at the Division-1 level, along with being in an excellent academic environment.

"It's been my dream ever since I was nine-years-old to play college volleyball," said Giangioffe. "Lafayette felt like the best choice from the moment I was on campus.

"They have great academics, a competitive team and it's close to home."

Giangiobbe was a first-team Lehigh Valley Conference selection, a first-team all District 11 recipient and was named to the 2011 Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association 3A All-State team.

Her experience at Freedom helped develop her into a more rounded player, which she hopes can be an important factor once she laces up for the Leopards.

"When I came to Freedom, I only played one position," she said. "Once I got here, they had me playing everything and I think that helped me grow as a player."

"Lafayette recruited me as an outside hitter and I'm just looking forward to taking the next step in my life."

Three Bethlehem Catholic players also received state recognition from the PVCA by being named to the 2A all-state team.

Abbi Haas (OH), Lauren Hess (OH) and Ashley McCauley (S) each made the team. Hess is the lone Hawk from that group who is an underclassman, as she'll be a senior next season.



Brianne Giangioffe will continue her volleyball career at Lafayette.

ADULT BASEBALL

BML names HOF members, scholar athlete

The Blue Mountain League Hall of Fame is pleased to announce their selections for the induction to the BML Hall of Fame for 2011. The banquet took place on Nov. 3 the Holy Family Sick and Relief Hall in Nazareth.

The committee (O.R. Pacchioli, chairman; Bob Schuster, secretary-treasurer; John Bisco; Jack Kinney; Mike Mihalik;

George Pitsilos; Tim Schwartz; Tom Stoudt Sr.; Paul Zellner) made their selections from a slate of 48 nominations.

Tom George

If you've followed the BML over the past 30 years, you already know Tom. A dedicated player whose contributions exceeded his playing career, he was vice president of the league for over 10 years. He is a true

ambassador for the BML.

Jeff Merlet

Jeff played for the dominant Catasauqua teams of the 1990s, winning five championships (1995, 1997-2000). Always dependable, Jeff was a clutch hitter and outstanding fielder and a team leader.

Ron Miller

The BML's winningest manager, Ron's teams have amassed

a record of 926 wins against 482 losses, a winning percentage of .658. He is a six-time manager of the year. His teams have won six championships, second most in BML history. The Orioles hold the league's record for wins in a 35-game season with 30, 36-game season with 29, 38-game season with 30 and 40-game season with 35.

Andy Simock

Andy, like his fellow inductee, Jeff Merlet, played on five championship teams, two with Northampton (1992, 1994) and Catasauqua (1997, 1998, 2000). He was an outstanding defensive player as well as a productive hitter, with his batting average high in 1998 when he hit .413 with 27 RBIs.

Also honored was a team

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OUTDOORS

PA Bear harvest ranks second highest in history

By NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

Now that the bear hunting seasons are over, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has released a preliminary final total which shows it ranks as the second highest in Pennsylvania history.

Although final harvest figures won't be available until early 2012, this year's tally shows hunters harvested 3,968 bears over all the allowable seasons and in 54 of the state's 67 counties. This is topped by the 2005 season when a state record 4,164 bears were taken.

According to this almost final report, 81 bears were taken that weighed 500 pounds or more during the three-day season. The largest was shot by Joseph Colyer, of Pocono Lake who downed a bruin with an estimated live weight of 767

pounds. The bear was shot in Tobyhanna, Monroe County at 6:50 a.m. on Nov. 16 with a cross-bow during the archery-only bear season.

Here in the Southeast Region, the following counties had bears taken with last year's harvest in parenthesis: Dauphin, 46 (20); Schuylkill, 34 (27); Lebanon, 13 (7); Northampton, 4 (7); Lehigh, 3 (0); and Berks, 2 (2).

The top county was Tioga with 343 (183); followed by Potter, 327 (148); Lycoming, 291 (228); McKean, 246 (92); and Clinton, 198 (248).

Other impressive bears harvested included a 746-pound male by Jonathan Byler, in Potter County on Nov. 19; a 734-pound male by Steven Camasta, in Salem Township, Wayne Co., on Nov. 19; 733-pound male, by John Hennick, Bell Township, Clearfield Co., on Nov. 19; a 733-



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

This year's bear harvest was the second highest on record.

pound male by Robert Christian, Stroud, Monroe Co., on Nov. 30; a 792-pound male, by William Simpson, in Highland

Township, Elk Co., on Nov. 21; 714-pound by Tim Kiser, in Brady's Bend Township, Armstrong Co., on Nov. 19; a 706-pound male by Paul Hoyt, in Lehigh Township, Wayne Co., on Nov. 19; a 682-pound male by Robert Serfass, in Lehman Township, Pike Co., on Nov. 23; and a 678-pound male by Matt Romano, in Fox Township, Sullivan Co., on Nov. 19.

HB 881 WOULD ALLOW DOGS FOR TRACKING DEER

According to a report in the Times Leader in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, House Bill 881 would allow the use of dogs to track deer that were shot or wounded.

HB 881 bill reads as follows: "It shall be lawful to use a dog to pursue, chase, scatter and track wild turkeys during the fall wild turkey season or to make use of a leashed blood-track-

ing dog to track a white-tailed deer in an attempt to recover an animal which has been legally killed or wounded during any open season for white-tailed deer."

The bill still prohibits, says Times Leader, the use of a dog for hunting, pursuing, harassing, chasing, scattering or injuring big game. The amendment bill is currently before the House Game and Fisheries Committee.

State Rep Ed Stabuck, who is minority chair for the committee, says he supports the idea but has few concerns other than if the deer is found outside legal hunting hours and isn't dead, the law may have to be changed to allow dog handlers to carry a sidearm to dispatch the animal. But concedes that such a change may be difficult to accomplish.

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we weren't sure if it was going to be tough because of our ability to compete or because of mistakes," he said. "I'm glad to see that our kids competed with them throughout, but mistakes did kill us."

With the relatively inexperienced Hurricanes hosting only two players with real varsity experience, Central pressured the backcourt with man coverage. The Vikes defensive tenacity led to 18 Liberty turnovers, which is obviously an area that Liberty needs to improve upon.

One of the bright spots for the 'Canes was the play of their junior center Greg Noack. He posted 21 points to lead the team. Junior guard Joel Torres added 14 points, while sophomore forward K.J.

Williams chipped in with nine points.

Getting that type of production from Noack on the offensive end is something that Landis was hoping for.

"We hoped Greg could step in and be that type of scorer for us," said Landis. "It was a good sign and to see Joel score 14 was a positive, unfortunately when you lose, you got to work on the negatives and we just have to execute better and minimize mistakes."

Liberty (0-1) traveled to Pocono Mountain East yesterday and trek down the road to Becahi on Friday night in a big contest for both teams.

"The nice thing is that we have a lot of room for improvement," Landis said. "It's a learning process and we got ourselves a good baseline from Saturday night."

FHS

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shooting from range. "The problem was that we were doubling down in the post at times when we weren't supposed to.

"Those are mistakes that can be easily fixed and that's something we'll take away from this."

Freedom has the week off until Friday when they take on Easton (1-1) in an important divisional clash.

Girls

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runs that closed the gap, but I think we had the lead the whole time."

Plesko was named player of the game for Bec-

ahi for the second year in a row.

"I'm still surprised. We have a really good team, so it could have been any one of us," she said.

At Freedom, the Patriots lost their season opener to Northampton, 63-37.

Wrestling

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Freedom went 2-3 at the Quakertown Duals, picking up wins over Hazleton and Quakertown.

With six freshmen in the lineup and some injuries, head coach Brandon Hall thought his team did the best they could for a season opener.

"Our kids are in great condition and they showed that," Hall said. "I'm very pleased with how well our young guys wrestled and now we have a big match on Wednesday against Dieruff."

Freshman Jake Young (152/160), junior Josh Young (170) and junior heavyweight Tyler Pearson all went 5-0 over the weekend for the Pates.

Now, they want some revenge over the Huskies tonight after losing to Dieruff on the final bout last season.

"All of our guys know how important this match is," said Hall. "We want to make sure that Dieruff knows where they're at when they come into our gym."

"It's a big match for us, in terms of showing people where we are as a team right now."

LLL SIGNUPS

Lehigh Sports Association will be holding Little League registration.

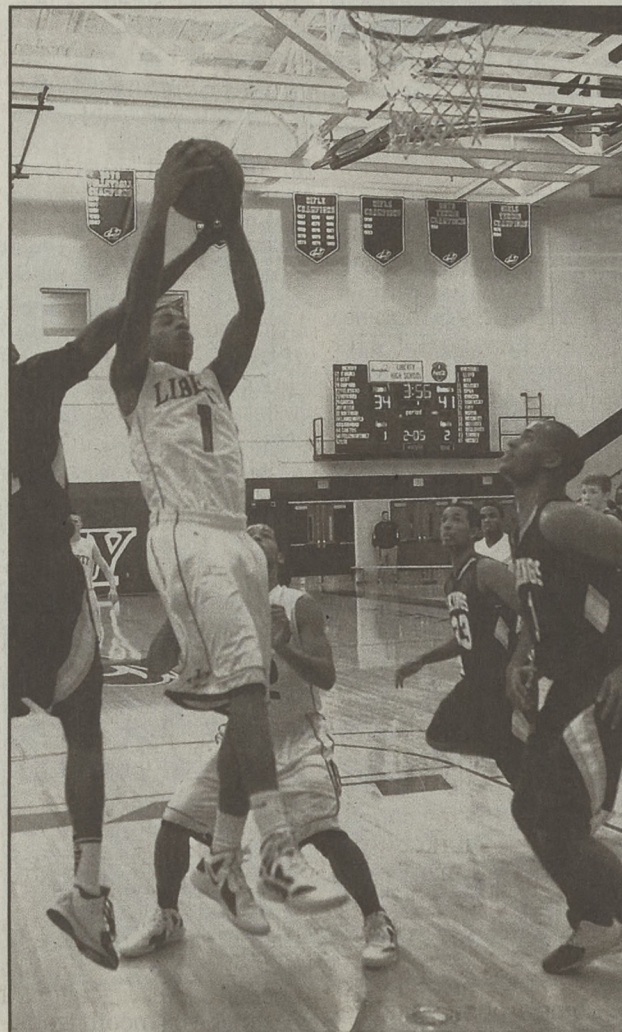
This year's registration will be held at Lehigh Sports Association Senior Field Clubhouse, Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem.

Sign ups will be held on: Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 from 9 a.m.-noon; Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 from 9 a.m.-noon.

To save time at registration, and for more information, go to www.lehighsportsassociation.org and click on the "Forms" button. Download, fill in and print out registration forms.

Male players must be 5 years of age by 4/30/2012 and female players must be 5 by 12/31/2011 to start playing Little League this

season. No exceptions. Players must reside within the boundaries of their home league.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Joel Torres helped to lead the way for Liberty against a tough Central team that the Hurricanes could have to contend with later this season.

Baseball

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from the past, 1985 Stroh's Orioles, which won 30 of 35 games and captured the championship.

*** The league was also pleased to announce their 2011 scholar athlete.

Davin Pagan, a graduate of Dieruff High School, is the hall of fame's 12th scholar athlete award recipient.

The son of David Pagan and Trinidad Serra, Davin will be attending West Chester University.

An honor roll student throughout his high

school career, Davin also took second place in the Dieruff Math League and is the recipient of the West Chester University Board of Governors Award.

He was the Dieruff Husky team captain for baseball his junior and senior years, capturing the Most Coachable Award for discipline and leadership.

This past season he was a member of the Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup team, which won the championship.

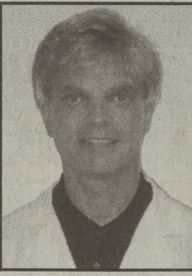
Davin was cited and awarded at \$2,000 scholarship at the banquet.

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Salem Luth	25	14	.641
Bath Luth	26	16	.619
St. Stephen's	24	18	.571
Dryland	24	18	.571
Messiah	22	20	.519
Farmersville	19	23	.452
Christ UCC	17	22	.436
Trinity Luth	18	24	.429
Emmanuel	14	25	.359
Ebenezer	15	27	.357
Salem UCC	14	28	.333

St. Paul's (4-3 10in, 6-2, 10-3) at Salem UCC

SP - Rich Kern 8-14, Zach Kern 8-15, Kevin Gross 7-14, Jason Gross 7-15, Jennifer Erking 5-10, Dave Clark 5-14.
S - Larry Bush 5-13, Fred Toncik HR.

Trinity Luth (8-6 14in, 2-0) at Salem Luth (3-2 10in)

TL - Sandy Wombold 6-14, Jeff Hoffer 6-16, Bill Hess 5-13, Barbie Ribble HR.

SL - Walt Hoffer 7-15, Scott Hoffer 7-16, Bryan Frankensfield 5-16, Dave Hoch HR.

Dryland (10-3, 4-2) at Christ UCC (4-3 13in)

D - Al Gilbert 8-15, Bernie Yurko 8-15, Jerry Butz 5-9, Len Slegfried 5-11, Jim Goldman HR.

C - Garry Hunsicker 8-14, George Gasper HR.

Bath Luth (9-3, 2-0) at Emmanuel (7-6)

BL - Matt Creyer 6-15, Don E. Miller 5-13 HR, Bacci Cavello 5-13, Delli Izello HR.

Em - Bruce Danyluk 6-12, Jeff Fritz HR.

St. Stephen's (4-2) at Messiah (3-2, 5-2)

M - Mike Daly Sr. 7-11, Mike Daly Jr. 4-11, Harry Schoenberger 4-12, Dave Casey HR.

SS - Ed Wychock 6-12, Travis Beahm 4-12, Al Beahm 4-12, Gary Buczynski 4-13.

Ebenezer (6-4) at Farmersville (5-4, 7-1)

F - Gene Grim 5-11, Ron Baron 5-12, Don Kerbaugh 5-13.
Eb - Carrol Voortman 4-12, Carl Fraley 6-12, Kevin Voort-

BETHLEHEM INTER-CHURCH DART BASEBALL LEAGUE

First half standings through week 12

Bethany UCC	22	11	.667
Holy Trinity	21	12	.636
Fritz-Wesleyan	19	14	.576
Schoenersville	19	14	.576
West Side-Edg	20	16	.556
Christ Lutheran	17	16	.515
East Hills Mor	17	16	.515
Trinity UCC	17	16	.515
St. Matthew's	16	17	.485
College Hill	15	18	.455
St. Peter's	15	18	.455
First UCC	11	22	.333
Christ UCC	7	26	.212

RESULTS FROM 12/5/11

Bethany at College Hill 7-13, 7-0, 7-3; First UCC at Schoenersville 1-2, 2-3 (11), 8-4 (11); Christ Lutheran at St. Matthew's 1-2, 3-0, 9-3; West Side-Edgeboro at Trinity UCC 3-1, 4-3 (10), 4-3 (13); East Hills at Fritz-Wesleyan 6-3, 5-7, 3-4; St. Peter's at Christ UCC 9-6, 4-1, 6-3 (13); BYE: Holy Trinity

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 12/5/11

- 1) Bud Konschnik 7-14, Karl Bittner 6-13 & Fred Ackerman 6-15 for Bethany.
- 2) Chuck Stoltz 6-9 for College Hill.
- 3) Leon Werkheiser 5-10 for First UCC.
- 4) Don Dilliard 6-14 & Lynn Peiffer 4-10, with the game-winning HR in Game 2, for Schoenersville.
- 5) Larry Roth 9-15 & Matt Fullman 5-12 for Trinity UCC.
- 6) Luther Keck & Paul Messmer each 5-14 for West Side-Edgeboro.
- 7) Bob Filaseta 7-13 & Warren Fenner 6-13 for Christ Lutheran.
- 8) Lee Dimmick 5-11 for St. Matthew's.
- 9) Connie Wirth 7-11 for St. Peter's.
- 10) Paul Scheltzer 7-15 for Christ UCC.
- 11) Wayne Gruver 5-11 for East Hills.
- 12) Herb gates 6-12 & Matt Balikian 6-11 for Fritz-Wesleyan.

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Funeral escorts could cost \$150

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem City Council, in a first reading of proposed ordinances, took the first step Dec. 6 to approve changes in the council's rules and other ordinances.

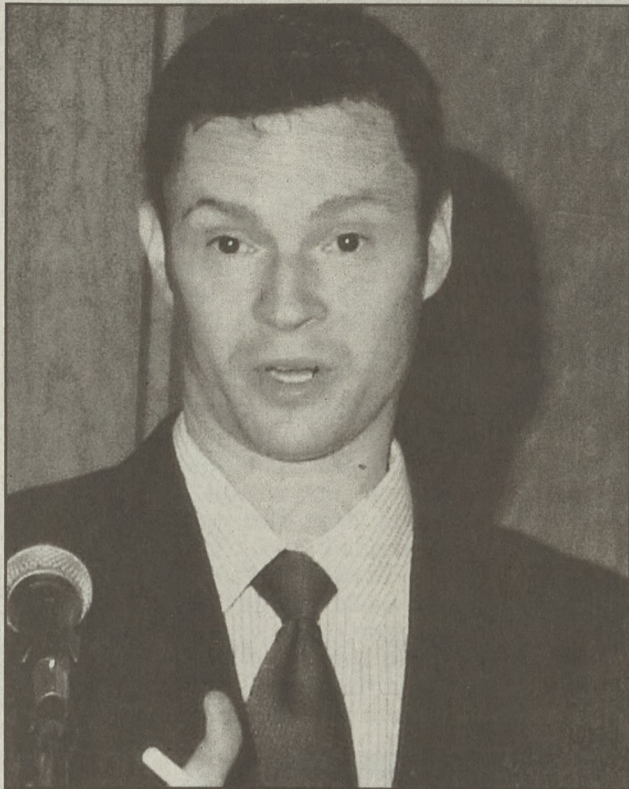
A first reading provides the public a chance to make comments on proposed legislation before the council votes it into law.

One proposed change will keep the customary invocation and Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each meeting, but the agenda will not list them as business of the board. The president will call the meeting to order after the prayer and the pledge.

Another proposal will rename the "courtesy of the floor" agenda item to a more accurate term, "public comment."

The nomination procedure for officers will be more transparent, in that under the proposed amendment, member can nominate anyone, including himself or herself, for the office of president or vice president.

Voting for the offices will now require that the clerk call on each member to name the person he or she wants to have the office under consideration. The current procedure effectively terminated the vote if the first person voted on won a majority of the votes.



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Police Commissioner Jason Schiffer tells the council that providing police escorts for funeral services is of negligible safety value.

The revised rules will also specifically require members of the public to address members of the administration and individual members of the council only through the chair of the council - not address them personally.

A plan to charge a \$150 fee for providing officers and vehicles to escort fune-

al processions brought spirited objections, mainly from Patrick Connell, the co-president of the Connell Funeral Home. He was concerned that families may opt out of requesting a police escort because of the additional cost.

"It will bring a less safe environment," Connell said. "Is it really best for the

city?" William Scheirer said the police escort is a mark of respect that the city shows toward its citizens - that charging for it would cause some to opt out of the service. "They deserve this respect regardless of the person's station in life."

Police Commissioner Jason Schiffer told the council that it costs the city about \$100,000 a year in police salaries and equipment costs to maintain the free service. He said the safety factor provided by the service is negligible.

Putting a fee on the service is part of the city's general belt-tightening measures over the past year.

According to Connell, the police department already denies about 20 to 25 percent of the requests he makes for police escort services because of the Police Department's operational priorities.

Council also gave preliminary approval to the Bethlehem Authority's decision to terminate the letter of intent with Call Mountain Wind to proceed with developing wind turbines in the city's watershed. According to the letter from Bethlehem Authority Stephen Repasch, Call Mountain Wind was unable to negotiate a lease agreement in accordance with the letter. The authority will issue a new request for proposals on the project.

Gracedale honors Lorita Musselman

The Volunteer Recruitment Committee of Gracedale, Northampton County's nursing home, has named Lorita Musselman as the volunteer of the month. Musselman was the director of volunteer services for 21 years at the home.

Since retiring in 1961, she has volunteered a total of 2,700 volunteer hours by participating in fundraisers, parades, festivals, shopping, holiday events, tree trimming, present wrapping, picnics and socials.

A resident of Bethlehem Township, she is active in her community, church and sorority.

Student helps needy families

Bethlehem native Chelsea Mixon was among Misericordia University Campus Ministry students participating in the Adopt-A-Family Program which provided Thanksgiving meal for 63 families in the Dallas, Pa., area.



Mixon

Bethlehem man new MMA midshipman

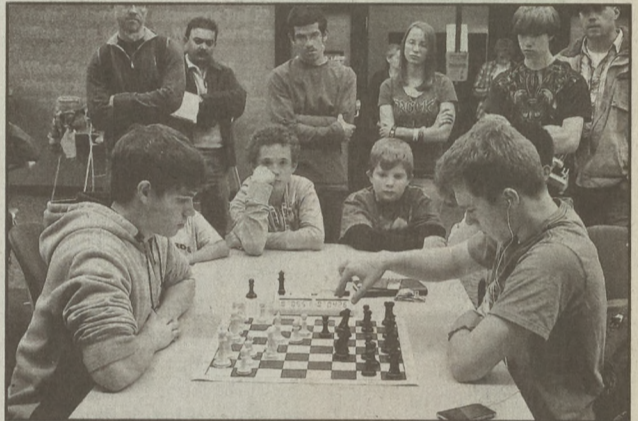
Midshipman Jonathan Steirer of Bethlehem was sworn in as a member of the Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) Regiment of Midshipmen during the college's annual family weekend. The Midshipman Oath was administered by Captain Jeff Loustaunau, Commandant of Midshipmen.

The inductees had successfully completed the six-week Regimental Preparatory Training (RPT) course. RPT emphasizes military drill, aquatic training, ship familiarization and guidance in their conduct and responsibilities as midshipmen and potential seafaring officers. The MMA Regiment of Midshipmen, a student-run management model, is comprised of students seeking a U.S. Merchant Marine license as a third mate or third assistant engineer on unlimited tonnage vessels following graduation.

Steirer, a graduate of Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, is a member of the MMA Class of 2015 and is majoring in Marine Systems Engineering Design.

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Top chess players compete



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Daniel O'Brien, 17, and Jon Pfefer, 17, compete for the championship trophy in the second of two tie-breaking rounds of speed chess at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem Township Nov. 12. Close competitors, Pfefer and O'Brien have dominated the tournament championships since 2004. Pfefer, a senior at the Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School, has won the championship trophy six times. O'Brien, a junior at Bethlehem Catholic High School, has won the championship trophy twice.



Youth chess champions

Front Row: Daniel Tartaglione, third; Nick Cardini, top rated under 1,200; Jon Pfefer, first; Daniel O'Brien, second; Evan Betzenberger, fourth; and John Sauter, top rated under 600. Back row: Josh Goldin, top rated under 1,400; Collin Vito: top rated under 1,000; Ken Grenestedt, first, unrated, age 13-14; and Bradley Shepps, top unrated. Shaun Danaher was top rated under 800 and Cody Scully top rated under 400.

SCHOOL NOTES

Senior scholarships available

College bound high school seniors in Northampton County are eligible for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) U.S. Scholarship program. There are scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each.

Applicants will be asked to submit a high school transcript, a letter of recommendation and a personal statement detailing their background and community involvement. Applications are available in high school guidance offices and must be completed and postmarked by no later than Jan. 27, 2012. Students, parents or educators can download an application or apply online at www.rmhc.org. For additional information, 215-790-4320.

Freedom HS concert Dec. 15

The FHS orchestra will present a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the high school auditorium, 3149 Chester Road.

Liberty HS concerts Dec. 16, 18

The LHS orchestra and choir will hold a winter holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 18 in the high school auditorium, 1115 Linden St.

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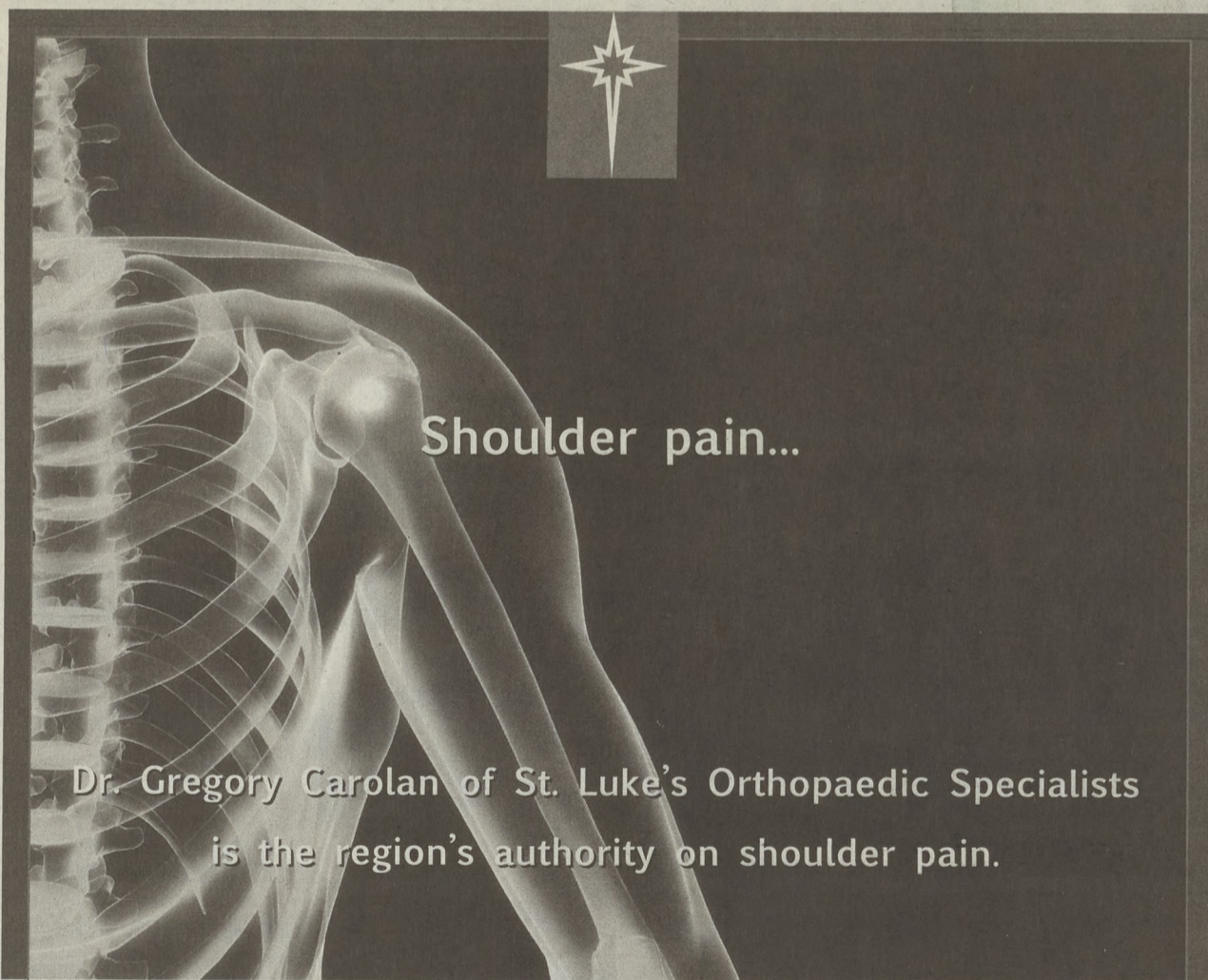
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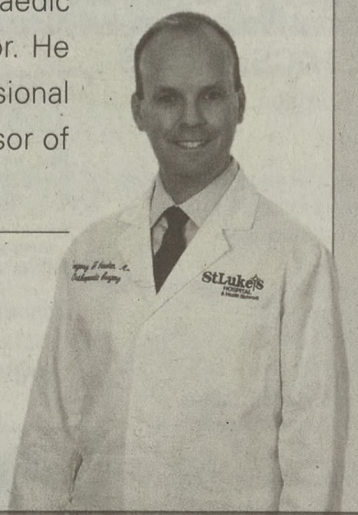


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Scouts' summer a time of growth

By DANA GRUBB

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Several Bethlehem area scouts spent the summer of 2011 undertaking a couple of Eagle Scout projects and enjoying adventures at the Philmont Scout Ranch, a 137,500-acre wilderness camp located near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Troop 318 scouts and Liberty HS seniors Ed Hart IV and Austin Swain were joined by Swain's Liberty sophomore brother Kevin for 12 days of hiking and camping in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Hart and Troop 362 scout Dan Luckenbach also completed their Eagle projects at the Victory House men's shelter and Liberty HS campus, respectively.

For Hart and the Swain brothers, who were joined by their father Jim on the Philmont trip, the experience was a character building adventure coupled with rigorous activities. They enjoyed hiking, shooting, panning for gold, spar pole, climbing and logging at Philmont from July 12 to 24.

Toting everything they needed in their backpacks, facing occasional rainstorms, rising at sunrise, hiking more than 100 miles and getting acclimated to the higher altitude challenged the three scouts.

"You get out there and you're sleep-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Austin and Kevin Swain, scouting leader Jim Swain and Edwin Hart IV take a break from hiking at the Philmont Scout Ranch with the breathtaking views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains behind them, including the highest peak on the Philmont property, Mount Baldy.

ing in a tent," said Austin Swain, "then you realize that you're really not on top and it's humbling to realize that we're just another part of nature."

Hart saw the experience for its personal growth.

"You're building leadership," he said. "Everybody kind of grows, part of it is that you're maturing, but you're also learning to work with strangers."

Hart and Dan Luckenbach also completed their Eagle Scout projects, which must be completed by a scout's 18th birthday and involve detailed paperwork, during the summer months. Luckenbach originally considered doing a different project but said passing by the existing garden on the Liberty HS campus spurred him to seek approval to undertake refurbishing it, adding more landscaping and expanding it. He said that the number of hours to do a project can vary, and that he put in more than 100 hours.

"You want to show your leadership" he said as he described putting together an Eagle project.

Hart tackled building a storage shed for the Victory House Shelter located on Fillmore Street. He cited the zoning process to get city approval for the out building as one of the more interesting aspects of his Eagle Scout project.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ed Hart IV presents the keys from his Eagle Scout project storage shed to Victory House executive director Pat DiLuzio Jr.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Dan Luckenbach (kneeling in the foreground) was aided by Will Updegrove, Zachary Lawlor, Ryan Lombardo, Nate Field, Cindy Wenrich, Peter Young, Peter Facchiano and Heidi Troxell in the construction of the Eagle Scout project garden landscaping near the entrance to Liberty HS's Charles A. Klein Classroom Center.

Above and beyond

Local scout earns award for completion of native plant garden

By JENNIFER QUINN

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill Girl Scout Mary Elizabeth Anthony has worked for the past three summers establishing a native plant garden on the grounds of Lower Saucon Town Hall. Beginning the project in 2009, she earned her Silver Award by clearing out the weeds and identifying native plants that were put in by Springtown resident Hans Reimann, a National Wildlife Federation habitat steward, who had initiated the project and acted as advisor. For her gold award, completed over the past two summers, Anthony has helped add 80 more plants, a water feature and two wooden podiums containing maps of the garden.

As a result of her work, the township's Environmental Advisory Council can apply for the garden to be a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Program manager Joan Hannahoe of Saucon Valley Service Unit 748, was impressed with Mary Elizabeth's project.

"She could easily have done just one-half of this work to get the award," Hannahoe said. The project had quite a few components to it, she said, and Mary Elizabeth went above and beyond what was needed in terms of the hours she put in.

Reimann also commented on the project.

"Mary Elizabeth was never afraid of getting into



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATHY ANTHONY

Mary Elizabeth Anthony, left, takes a break with helpful friends Laurel Kandianis of Bethlehem, Kate Stauff of Easton, and Vickie Baker of Hellertown.

the dirt," Reimann said, "as lovely and smart as she is. She was very quick to assimilate the different kinds of plants - the good and the bad." He added that perhaps her Catholic school training had given her the needed discipline for the work.

One of the more challenging parts of the project, according to Mary Elizabeth, was adding the podiums, which involved producing a map of the garden in PowerPoint and then creating the wooden structures. For this she learned woodworking skills from an acquaintance, Howard Anderson of Coopersburg.

What she most enjoyed, the Girl Scout said, was the rebuilding, especially putting in the plants and the water feature, since it involved a lot of designing. And she enjoyed the opportunity to learn from Reimann about native plants, about which she knew next to nothing, she said.

While the work was going on this year, Reimann said, they saw a monarch butterfly emerge from a cocoon on the butterfly weed that had been planted especially to attract this species.

Assisting Mary Elizabeth in the project were family and friends, including Laurel Kandianis of Bethlehem, Kate Stauff of Easton and Vickie Baker of Hellertown, all students at Notre Dame HS, and Jacob Anthony as graphic art advisor.



Native plants and a birdbath line this newly created path in Lower Saucon Town Hall's wildlife garden, recently completed as a Girl Scout Gold Award project by Mary Elizabeth Anthony.

Elves make breakfast special

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Job openings
posted online



Amaya Rogers and Eden Bender, both of Bethlehem, have their photo taken with Jingle, Cathy Shay.

Bethlehem Township hosted Breakfast with the Elves Dec. 3 and 9 at its community center. The morning started with a greeting from the elves and many children had their photos taken with the elves. Participants then enjoyed a nice breakfast. After breakfast, they made reindeer food to take home and sprinkle on their lawns Christmas Eve. They wrote letters to Santa and mailed them. Then the elves read the "Elf on the Shelf" book to them.



Brian Herbert, of Bethlehem Township, holds his plate carefully while he gets some sausage.



Jenna Petrik, of Bethlehem Township, and her mom Christine get the ingredients for reindeer food from elf Jackie Gilligan.



Brook Meister gets a lift from her mom, Lisa of Northampton, and elf Jackie Gilligan as she mails a letter to Santa.



Peyton Golden has help writing a letter to Santa from her mom, Kelly of Lower Nazareth.



Arianna Thom spoons the ingredients for reindeer food into the bag her mom, Michelle of Bethlehem Township, is holding.



Angela Truscott, of Bethlehem, watches her daughter Jillian work on a letter to Santa.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce is posting job openings for its member companies on its various social media outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and its blog.

This will help chamber members find top quality talent. It will also assist interested applicants in finding employment.

Job openings will be published once a week on the chamber's blog, and as they come in, on the chamber's LinkedIn site. Blog posts are automatically posted to Facebook as well.

Members interested in this opportunity should email Mike Schlossberg at mikes@lehighvalleychamber.org.

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The City of Bethlehem Fire Department will honor firefighters who have paid the ultimate price for their dedication to their duty with a memorial area in downtown Bethlehem.

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'A message that needs to be heard'

Moravian beeswax candles help Tamaqua celebrate its first Advent breakfast

No event is an "annual" event until the second time it is held, warned Tamaqua Fellowship Network representative George Taylor at Tamaqua first Community Advent Breakfast Dec. 3.

"It's our hope that this Advent breakfast becomes an annual event and an important part of Tamaqua's Christmas season observance," Taylor said in his welcome remarks at the ecumenical event.

Perhaps the 130 attendees from 11 area congregations would agree.

Taylor explained that the idea for an Advent breakfast came from Bethlehem, Pa., where he edits the Bethlehem Press. Residents there celebrated their 46th annual breakfast Nov. 27.

"They recognized our event today as their event's first franchise," Taylor quipped.

Tamaqua's Advent breakfast was sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association, the Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce and the Tamaqua Area Fellowship Network, a group of lay leaders from area congregations working to promote understanding and cooperation among all Tamaqua organizations doing God's work in the community.

The St. John's United Church of Christ choir, under the direction of Bobbie Coccio, opened the program with selections from the cantata it performed last holiday season.

Following Taylor's remarks, Joe Mehalko from St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church led the group in singing "People Look East" and the Rev. Jeffrey Kistler, interim pastor at Zion Lutheran, gave the invocation.

Following breakfast prepared by the Zion Lutheran culinary crew, Chamber of Commerce President Todd Miller thanked everyone associated with the newest Tamaqua holiday event.

"During this holiday season, I urge you to shop locally, get involved in some community organization," Miller said, "but most of all take some time to remember the real reason for Advent - preparing for the celebration of the Christ child."

Tamaqua Area Partnership Committee executive director Micah Gursky said that every



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town ought to have an Advent Breakfast, but such an event is particularly suited for a town like Tamaqua.

"Tamaqua is a humble, obscure and earthly place, where indeed there would be no room in the inn," he said. "In fact, we don't even have an inn."

Gursky reminded his audience that while many in Tamaqua are connected to God, to church and to family, there are many more who are hurting.

"Many are hurting spiritually without a connection to God or the very down-to-earth spiritual community in

Tamaqua," he said.

Gursky thanked everyone for celebrating Advent.

"Thank you for spreading the infectious notion that a brighter day is coming and there is hope," he said. "That's a message that needs to be heard."

The Rev. Michael Frost of



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Members of the Zion Lutheran Church culinary crew, Darlene Fetterman, Suzanne Cunningham, Deb Davies and Gwen Evans, participate in the candle ceremony during the Tamaqua Community Advent Breakfast.

Zion's Stone Church in West Penn Township delivered the Advent message.

He said that while he had experienced hope and anticipation watching the stock market recently, he urged all to remember as they celebrate the anticipation of the Advent season, that real hope is grounded in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Tim Gilman, a member of the Bethlehem citizens group that hosts that city's annual Advent breakfast, spoke about the history of the breakfast and presented four Moravian beeswax candles to Taylor. Gilman explained that the beeswax candles, the purest of all candles, represent the purity of Christ and the red trim around the candles' base represents the blood of Christ.

After Bernadette Griffith of St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church explained the importance of candlelight at Christmas, the Moravian candles were used to light attendees' candles as everyone, including the culinary crew, sang "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

The Rev. Kevin Duffy-Guy of Trinity United Church of Christ closed the event with the benediction.

Sandy Mehalko of Zion Lutheran served as accompanist for the hymns and provided season musical prior to the start of the program.

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RED CROSS
Tips for staying warm offered

Bone-chilling temperatures have gripped much of the country, and the American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley urges everyone to be safe and prepare as much as possible.

Many people are looking to cut down on expenses when temperatures drop and home-heating costs rise.

"We usually see an increase in apartment and single-family home fires in the winter because of heating equipment such as portable or fixed space heaters," said Cordelia E. Miller, Red Cross director of emergency services. "We have steps people can follow to reduce their risk of starting a fire in their home, and still cut down on their heating bills."

Heat Your Home Safely

- All heaters need space! Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, fireplaces and stoves.
- Place portable space heaters on a hard, level, nonflammable surface. Do not put space heaters on rugs or carpets, near bedding or drapes, and keep children and pets away. Look for a model that shuts off automatically if the space heater tips over. Do not use heating equipment to dry wet clothing.
- Never use the stove or oven to heat your home.
- Never leave portable heaters, wood burning stoves or fireplaces unattended. Turn them off before leaving or going to bed.
- Keep the fire in the fireplace by using a glass or metal screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs. Burn only wood—never burn paper or pine boughs.
- Have your chimney connections and flues inspected by a professional and cleaned if necessary.

Cut Down on Your Heating Bills

- Eliminate drafts. Use either insulating tape or caulking strips to surround windows and door moldings. Cover your windows with plastic sheeting. If you have storm windows or storm doors, get them up to keep the cold out.
- Make sure heat vents aren't blocked by furniture.
- Turn down the thermostat.
- Close off any rooms that aren't in use and close heat vents or turn off radi-

ators in those rooms.

- Insulate your light switch and outlet plates with foam pads. Cold air can seep into the house through them.
- Use heavy curtains to keep cold air out. Open them during the day to let the sun help warm the home and close them at night. Use fabric snakes or old carpets in front of windows and doors to help eliminate drafts.
- Turn off vent fans in the kitchen and bathroom when they are no longer needed.
- Set ceiling fans to blow air down.
- For information about local community heating assistance programs, call Valley Wide Help, an information and referral program of the Red Cross, at 610-435-7111.

Dress for the Weather

- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing. Don't forget gloves or mittens, and a hat, preferably one that covers your ears.
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep feet warm and dry and to maintain footing in ice and snow.

Don't Forget Your Neighbors and Pets

- Check on people who require special assistance such as elderly people living alone, people with disabilities and children.
- Don't forget pets — bring them indoors. If that's not possible, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they can get to unfrozen water.



Juggler and mathematician Bob Swain of Coopersburg uses a pyramid of golf balls to explain a mathematical concept to Hellertown residents Tori Schinstine and brothers Jacob and Jason Rodenbach during the Apple Festival.

Apple tasting time



PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK RECCEK

Connor and Jared Heil of Hellertown enjoy a sample of a delicious apple slice during the second annual Apple Festival held Oct. 1 on the grounds of the historic Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse in Hellertown. Visitors and patrons were treated to apple tasting, live music, juggling and children's crafts. The Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse dates back to the 1860s, said Lenny Szy, member of the Lower Saucon Historical Society Board of Directors. The building is currently maintained by the Historical Society.



Drew and Patt Smith of Lower Saucon, along with their children Eric and Emma, listen attentively as Lenny Szy vividly describes the history of the one-room schoolhouse. Szy attended the school in 1957. The school officially closed its doors in 1958.

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Steelworkers' Archives' 10th anniversary

By TIM GILMAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Steelworkers' Archives celebrated its 10th anniversary Nov. 4 with a daylong program of activities in the Northampton Community College Fowler Center in South Bethlehem.

A formal ceremony was held in the morning with former steelworkers and local dignitaries in attendance. Displays of steel relics and history, speakers, films and food continued throughout the day. There were also tours of the remaining Bethlehem Steel plant buildings.

A special birthday cake was cut and served during a dinner which was the culmination of the 10th anniversary activities.

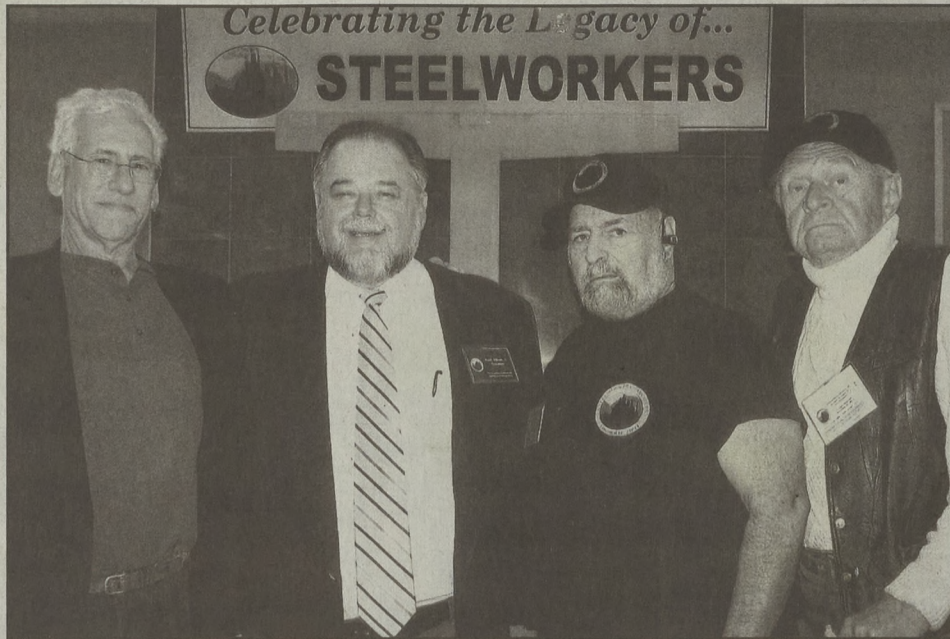
The Steelworkers' Archives Inc. was founded in 2001 to preserve Bethlehem Steel history from the perspective of its former workers.

The goal of the Steelworkers' Archives is to establish a permanent community center in South Bethlehem for the preservation of the history of the steelworkers — their rich heritage and diverse cultures, struggles and accomplishments according to the Steelworkers' Archives brochure.

The organization will continue to collect and safeguard artifacts and memorabilia that document the lives of the men and women who were part of the steel-making process.

The organization's logo, "Preservation is the Purpose," sums up its intentions to preserve the legacy of the steelworkers.

Additional information is available at info@steelworkersarchives.com or 610-861-0600.

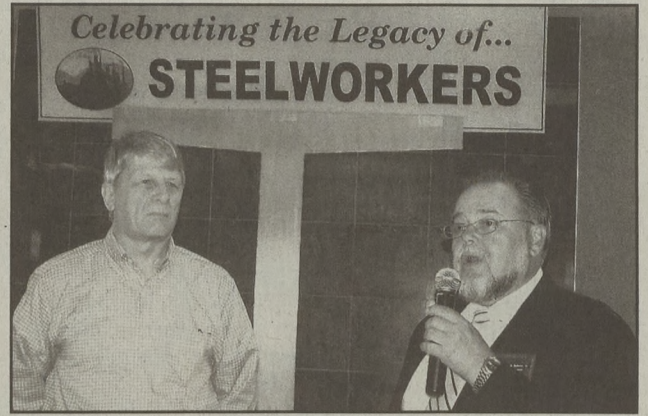


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Steelworkers' Archives 10th anniversary dignitaries gather for pictures after the milestone celebration program. From left to right: Bruce Ward, board of directors and first president, Frank A. Behum Sr., president and anniversary ceremony MC; Peter DePietro, vice president and former president; and Richard A. Check Sr., trustee and charter member. Missing from photo is Kenneth Ziegenfuss Jr., another former president who was busy leading Bethlehem Steel plant tours.



Steelworkers and 10th anniversary guests listen to one of the celebration's many speakers. Former steelworker Gerry Werkheiser, left, and Ed O'Brien are on hand for the ceremony. O'Brien, wearing a United Steelworkers Union cap and Bethlehem Steel T-shirt, said he worked for Bethlehem Steel for 39 years and was also a union representative.



Steelworkers' Archives President Frank A. Behum Sr., right, introduces Earl Kurtz, one of many speakers during the 10th anniversary program. Kurtz worked in the Bethlehem Steel home plant in the electronics department and was one of the last steelworkers on duty when the plant closed in 1997.



Steelworkers' Archives trustee and anniversary committee member Mike Pron, who worked in the beam yards for 36 years, greets former steelworker Claude Meixsell at the 10th anniversary celebration and one of its artifacts displays.

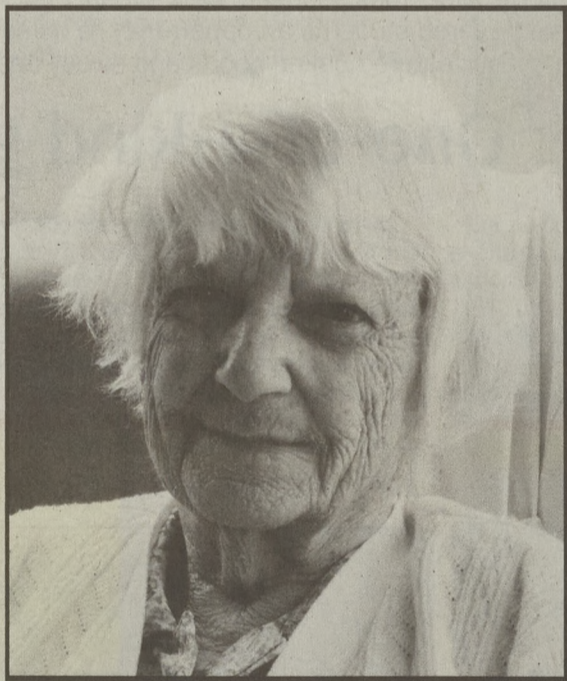
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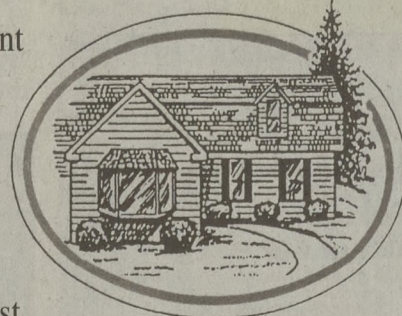


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Potts' Doggie Shop's 40th



Jason W. Rehm
Columnist

For many local residents, any mention of Potts' Doggie Shop at 114 Fairview St. in Bethlehem immediately makes the mouth water and the stomach grumble for a hot dog. And not just any hot dog – the best in the entire Lehigh Valley, according to a WFMZ contest held this past year.

But what makes Potts', which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, the best? To answer this I went straight to the owner, Jeff Potts.

"If you want to have the best hot dog," says Jeff, "you have to start with the best stuff."

Potts' buys the finest tasting hot dogs available, made by Berks, as well as all the best ketchup and mustards. The onions are bought fresh and are cut by hand. As for the sauce: "We make that chili sauce with a lot of love."

The recipe for the secret chili sauce was conjured up by Potts' mother and grandmother, and it is still made the same way today.

The origins of Potts' Doggie Shop stem back to Jeff's parents, William and Evelyn Potts.

William Potts had formerly been a car salesman at Hauser Chevrolet and Faulkner Cadillac in Bethlehem and had operated two gas stations before entering the world of food. His first venture in the restaurant business came in 1954, when he opened Potts' College Shop on Main Street in Bethlehem. This was followed in the 60s by Potts' Corner at Fairview and Monocacy. The Potts' eateries were a big hit with the local community. The store was frequented by students of Moravian College, Liberty High, and of course, by locals.

"It was a neighborhood place," recalls Jeff. "People hung out there and played pinball and stuff in the 50s."

During this time William and his wife raised their four sons in the home next-door to the shop. The rooms above Potts' Corner were rented out to college students.

William and Evelyn opened Potts' Doggie Shop in 1971. Jeff and his cousin Warren "Butch" Beahn weren't going to attend college, so the elder Potts wanted to find something for them to do. They decided to open a store, and the option came down to either an ice cream or hot dog store. Jeff knew at the time that lots of people were eating hot dogs at places like Pete's on the Southside and at Yocco's.

"So we thought, yeah, we'll make a better hot dog than them and people will come here, and it worked out pretty good."

Jeff and Butch Beahn ran the store at Fairview, doing the work for the elder Potts. Then in 1978 Beahn went to work at the newly opened Potts' Doggie Shop in Nazareth and has been there ever since.

The business expanded to Fort Myers, Fla., in 1981 when William Potts retired. Potts' opened a store there as a "pension plan" to provide retirement income. The Florida location was more like a diner, with a bigger menu and more seating. Their hot dogs were a success in Florida and were flown down by plane.

"My hot dogs were on a plane before me," laughs Jeff.

Potts' sons James and Michael joined him in Florida and soon the family began selling franchises. At one point Potts' Doggie Shops had 18 locations. Yet there is still a special fondness for the original on Fairview Street.

Says Jeff, "People come back here. I've seen kids come here and eat hot dogs, then go and get married, and now they bring their kids to get hot dogs, and now their kids are having kids. You know, it's been neat. There's a lot of nostalgia in this place."

Before Potts' Doggie Shop moved to its current location in 1974, it rented space down the street on the corner of Laurel and Main. The landlord wanted half the profits or eviction, so the Potts family chose to leave. The amazing thing is that the current building used to be a grocery store the Potts boys went to as kids. Long before that it was an A&P.

A lot of memories have been made during the 40 years Potts' Doggie Shop has been in business. An annual hot dog eating contest challenged the stamina of local eaters for many years. The record is still held by Kevin Van Why who ate 23 hot dogs in the 30 minutes allotted.

Bethlehem celebrity Daniel Roebuck, known for his roles in "Matlock," "The Fugitive," "Lost" and more, likes to eat at Potts'.

"His mother actually used to send hot dogs out to him in California! She FedExed them out," laughs Potts.

Asked if there was any memory that stuck out as a favorite during Potts' 40 years, Jeff replied, "No. Every day is a new adventure."

Today Potts' Doggie Shop is still a family business, with both Jeff's daughter and son, Cristina and Jeremiah, respectively, operating stores in the area. There are seven locations in the Lehigh Valley dedicated to serving quality food and offering a great experience.

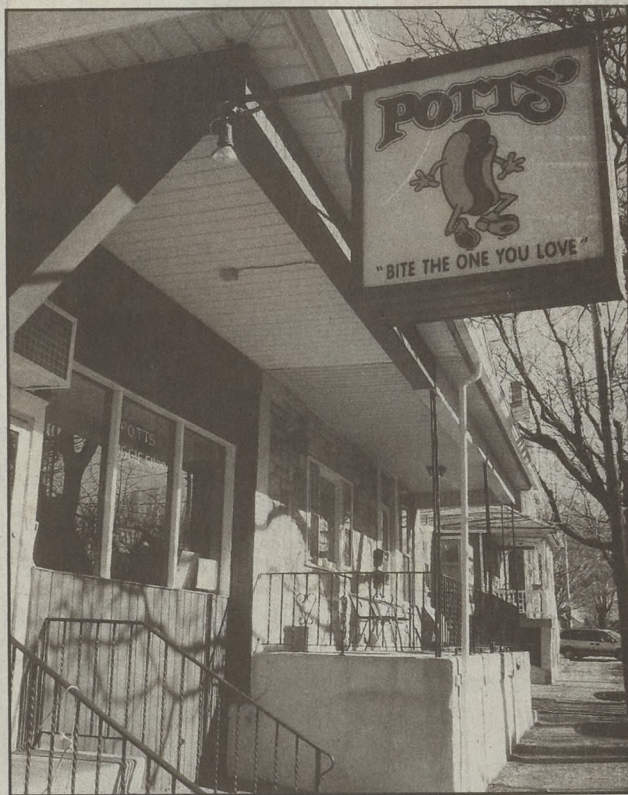
"We feed them fast, fresh and friendly. That's what we like to do. In and out," Jeff says.

As business continues to boom and relatives are running the show, it appears that Potts' is poised for another 40 years as the maker of the Lehigh Valley's favorite hot dog.

"It works out nice that way. Who knew, you know? As long as people keep eating we're going to be all right."

Please share your Potts' Doggie Shop memories by emailing me at bethlehemhistory@gmail.com.

Last week's THIS WEEK IN BETHLEHEM HISTORY column on Schwab's Riverside mansion was written by Karen M. Samuels, not Jason Rehm. We apologize for our editing error.



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Before Potts' Doggie Shop moved to its current location at 114 Fairview, Jeff Potts rented space down the street on the corner of Laurel and Main.

Advent at St. Michael's



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St. Michael the Archangel Middle School students prepared for the coming Christmas season with an Advent Service held Dec. 5. Students in grades five through eight told the story of St. Nicholas and the holy family through music and words. Top row: Eighth grade students Lindsay Beck of Quakertown, Jessica Smith of Center Valley and April Foley of Lower Saucon Township portray angels looking over the holy family. Middle row: Scott Lilly of Lower Saucon Township, Kyle March, Frankie Cochrane and Bradley Mancini, all of Coopersburg, depict a shepherd and the three kings who visited the holy family on the night of Jesus' birth. Olivia Chenault and Joseph Gimaro, both of Center Valley, portray Mary and Joseph.



PRESS PHOTOS BY JIM MARSH

A holiday boutique featuring 45 quality vendors welcomes shoppers Dec. 6 and 7 at the Swain school. Open to the public, the boutique also offered students an opportunity to do some "shhh - it's a secret" Christmas shopping. The boutique also featured baked goods and sweet treats.

Swain boutique: One-of-a-kind gifts

Swain School students, their families and others looking for unique, one-of-a-kind gift ideas had a two-day shopping opportunity at the school's 42nd annual holiday boutique last week.

Held in the school gymnasium, the boutique was alive with students browsing from vendor to vendor looking for holiday gifts. The boutique was also open to the public and the baked and Sweet Shoppe items presented an opportunity for gifting and holiday entertaining.

The boutique was part of the school's annual holiday house tour fundraiser. Held Dec. 6 and 7, the house tour began with a "snowflake Express," light supper and bus tour. The supper was served by eighth grade class students in formal attire and was followed by a bus or luxury coach tour of homes decorated for the holidays.

A self-guided option was also available. Also featured was a pick-a-prize raffle, and a children's raffle with more than 20 gift items and holiday baskets.



Swain School parent Bob Stoker, of Salisbury Township, takes time to meet his two third-grade sons, Patrick and Robert, at Swain School's holiday boutique for a bit of Christmas gift shopping. The images the three are looking at are by photographer Jacqueline Lewis, of South Whitehall Township



Hilda Lauber, left, of Salisbury Township, chats with Liz Lanzone, of Emmaus, who is tending the candy creations from Sweet Addictions, of Emmaus, for sale at the Swain School Holiday Boutique.



Sarah Moyer, of Pen Argyle, proprietor of Pickle Nose Bows, arranges her handcrafted hair accessories.



Swain School bookkeeper Kathy McGrath, left, of Upper Milford Township, enthuses over an item handcrafted by Laura Vanderschau, of Bethlehem Township.



Kayla Burgess

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Grade: 12
Family members: Parents, Sue and Bill; sister, Erin
Favorite subject: History - I love learning about past events.
Activities: Yoga, cosmetology
Next steps: Get my cosmetology license and graduate
Career Goals: Work in a salon and be successful
Heroes: My mom, because she's such a strong person
Hobbies: Urban exploration, sleep
Current job(s): Split Enz

Salon and Spa in Allentown
Volunteer/community work: I participate in autism and cancer walks.
Likes: Makeup, music, Halloween, Volkswagens, tattoos
Dislikes: Drama, close-minded people
Greatest accomplishment (so far): Making honor rolls, student of the month, being a vegetarian for more than four years
Advice for peers: Get your work done first, then have fun.
Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY

Fall Coffeeshouse a hit; 'La Mancha' spring musical

Moravian Academy students know how to put on a show! On Nov. 18 and 19, more than 100 Moravian students performed in Coffeeshouse, an annual variety show featuring dance, comedy and musical acts.

Freshman Jaycie Brown performed "Mercy" by Duffy, Indian students performed a cultural dance, the Men's Chorale group sang "Under the Boardwalk" and seniors Michaela Fallon and Zevi Greenberg danced to a mash-up of the classical ballet, Frühlingsstimmwalzer Opus 410 and the modern pop song, "You Make Me Feel."

The MA Ringers, an upper-class handbell ensemble, "Boomwhacked" an arrangement of Axel F lit only in blacklight. The show is a vibrant collage of talent and creativity, the two shows were both sold out and the audience greatly



Hannah Ruebeck Moravian Academy

enjoyed the show. With midterms looming, students continue to do their best in class and balance their many extracurricular activities. With the tantalizing knowledge that holiday break is only a few weeks away, students are working hard to finish up the semester, but looking forward to the holidays.

Outside the classroom, Moravian students are working equally arduously. The boys and girls basketball teams and the co-ed swim team are preparing for challenging seasons and hoping that the work pays off in success. With few seniors on any of the winter athletic teams, these programs are really looking for some younger leaders to step up the game.

Other students are rehearsing for this year's spring musical, "Man of La Mancha," a musical that was inspired by the tale of Don Quixote, and will be directed at Moravian by Jarrod Yuskas. Students are looking forward to the experience and hoping that their hard work will yield fantastic performances, and maybe a Freddy© or two in March.

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Gift giving season lasts all year long

With the holidays right around the corner, many of you are probably wondering what Notre Dame is doing to help the less fortunate during this time of giving. The truth is, we have been giving all year long, not only during the holidays.

Our proudest accomplishment thus far is the \$71,134 we raised for the Four Diamonds Fund for pediatric cancer research during our fourth annual MiniThon in November. For those who haven't heard of THON, it is a 24-hour dance-a-thon. This year, we had more than 300 participants standing on their feet for 24 straight hours. Coordinated by Cheryl Fenton, with the help of hundreds of additional supporters, the event was a huge success.

As for the individual clubs, it becomes hard to keep up with the many fundraisers and activities that are going on.

On Nov. 22, the National Honor Society, led by president Brittney Shupp, put together a blood drive. The event attracted many students



Mary Paige Nesfeder Notre Dame HS

and teachers willing to donate blood for those in need.

The Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club, with president Amy Kester, held a holiday gift drive. Many students brought presents for less fortunate children. Aside from the gift drive, students also made cards for a wounded Marine, Adrian Simone. Sponsored by SADD, the cards and presents will be sent to Simone for Christmas.

The Key Club, headed by president Sarah Ferguson, is coordinating a book drive to benefit the Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program. The program pairs children with new and gently used books, which would make great Christmas gifts.

The students at Notre Dame are always looking for ways to aid the less fortunate and it's always interesting to see what activities they coordinate to give back to the community.

The fall sports award ceremony wrapped up all fall sports on Nov. 20, making room for winter sports to begin.

The boys basketball team, led by coach Pat Boyle, looks like it has a promising season ahead. The team's captains are senior Connor Hughes and junior Noah Miller.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Enjoying arts and crafts by making candy canes, Notre Dame of Bethlehem first graders Caroline Guman and Veronica Stangl Guman receive guidance from Becahi junior Lauren Wells.

Christmas greetings

A total of 201 first grade students from nine area Catholic feeder schools were guests at the annual Bethlehem Catholic HS Christmas party held Dec. 6. The elementary students spent their three-hour visit doing

crafts, playing games, watching videos, making holiday greeting cards, singing carols and visiting with Santa, Mrs. Claus, elves and reindeer Prancer and Rudolph. The first graders enjoyed Christmas cookies and juice before returning to their respective schools. Schools par-

ticipating were Holy Infancy, Notre Dame of Bethlehem, Our Lady of Perpetual, Sacred Heart of Bath, St. Anne's of Bethlehem, Saint Isadore's, Saint Michael's, Saint Theresa's and Seton Academy.



Madeline Lennert from Notre Dame of Bethlehem is encouraged by Becahi sophomore Gabrielle McDyer as she tries to pin the red nose where it belongs on Rudolph.



Catherine Bostian enjoys a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. She attends Sacred Heart School of Bath.



With an air of concentration, Notre Dame of Bethlehem's Britney Peters colors a Christmas greeting card that will be sent to older residents who are shut-ins.



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St. Michael the Archangel School first grade student, William Hasselbusch of Lower Saucon Township, meets Santa Claus.

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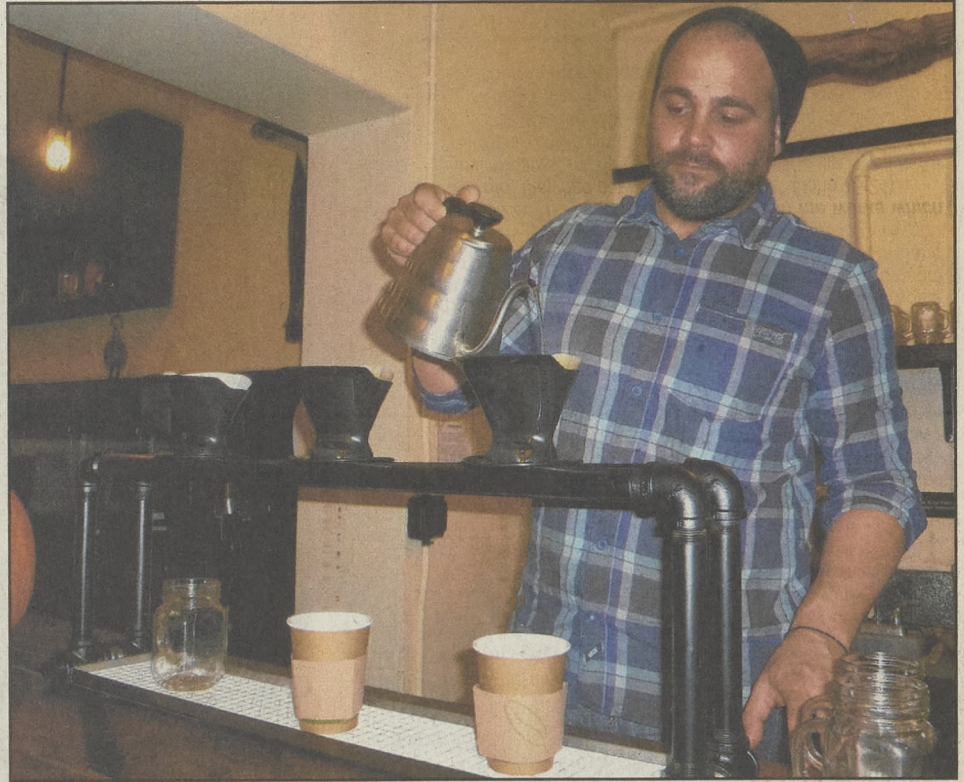
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Weather Trivia

How many raindrops are in a thunderstorm?

Answer: One inch of rain contains about three million drops.



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John Silvestrera pours coffee for customers cup by fresh-ground cup. Horns offers upscale, locally grown comfort food. "I call it home," he says.

Come on By... Horns

By John Silvestrera
As told to Jennifer Lader

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I call this place home. This is our third month here. The majority of the food we serve is locally grown, or locally baked in the case of the bread. The meat is from Lancaster, 100 percent organic beef. The chicken is all-natural.

We have two people prepping all day long; we don't use a microwave; we don't use frozen food. The food comes in fresh. Our clientele is primarily the locals and Lehigh students. It's upscale comfort food. We do a lot of sandwiches. We have a sesame-crusted tofu with soy reduction on a whole grain roll. We are 'purveyors of fine sandwiches,' and who doesn't like a good sandwich? Our burg-

ers are popular. We do a farm burger with bacon, cheddar and an egg on top. We have a grilled chicken sandwich with roasted tomatoes and provolone. We also do breakfast. Starting in December, we'll offer an exclusive Sunday brunch, taking breakfast up a notch with specialty waffles and farm fresh preserves, whatever

Swain Harvest Feast



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Students, faculty and staff at The Swain School gathered for their annual Harvest Feast Nov. 18 - an opportunity to share a meal as a community. Swain's McCann Center was set to accommodate more than 300 diners at the annual Harvest Feast. The feast was served by parents and grandparents, and everyone sat in "Birthday Groups" so they could meet and talk with others. **ABOVE:** Head of School Todd Stansbery - in his Pilgrim garb - holds the microphone for Aaron Baez of Stroudsburg, who shares what he is thankful for.

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The annual holiday taps tournament ended Dec. 9. Juniors Bobby Deutsch and Ricky Scott won the basketball game for the second year in a row. The wrestling team, working hard under new coach Quintana and led by senior Jon Blank, is preparing for success this season as well.

Coach Josh Kopp is also excited for another girls basketball season with senior captains Lindsey Spirk, Britney Shupp and Brittany Pierzga.

The Scholastic Scrimmage team tallied its first victory, triumphing over Parkland with a score of 220 to 205. The team includes seniors Erica Mascarenhas, Ian Myers and Mark Rackish, and sophomore Gabi Gryz.

And to bring some holiday cheer to the school, the chorus will be putting on its annual Christmas concert Dec. 15 and 16.

In the midst of all of the activity at Notre Dame, we still take the time to wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

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No One Like Jesus!

Jesus has no equal—no one in history even closely compares to Him! Many believed on Jesus upon hearing His gracious words and seeing His unprecedented miracles. Prejudiced Pharisees and chief priests, jealously intent on protecting their turf, sent officers to arrest Him. They returned without Jesus and were asked, "Why have ye not brought him?" The officers answered, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:45-46). They had never heard anyone speak with so much grace, power, and majesty. Never had they been so affected—so persuaded of truth! Jesus still speaks to all who are simple of heart offering salvation to all who "have ears to hear" the truth. But these officers were not the only ones amazed by His words! As a 12 year-old, the doctors of the law in the temple "were astonished at his understanding and answers" (Luke 2:47). We read repeatedly that "the people were astonished" (Matthew 7:28) at his words of truth, and Luke 4:32 says that "his word was with power." Not only has no one ever spoken like Jesus, no one did miracles like He! Christ's words and His miracles provided witness as to Who He is, and profoundly brought people to the point of accepting or rejecting Him. "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin" (John 15:22). "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now..." (John 15:24).

Jesus is "God...manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16). He is "alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:18). What is it that blinds and prevents a person from believing in Jesus in the face of such overwhelming proofs of Who Jesus is? Why could not the Pharisees and chief priests accept the report of their officers? Do you accept Jesus as the Lord of your life? If not, why not?



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Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley "Dance of the Snowflakes," above, in the "Nutcracker, 2 p.m. Dec. 17, 18, Zoellner Arts Center, is based on choreography of BGLV founder Alexi Ramov, who based it on a version by the Ballet Russe, with which he danced.

Ramov-Balanchine tradition inspires Lehigh Valley Ballet Guild 'Nutcracker'

By SUSAN CHASE
Special to The Press

When talking with Karen Knerr, Artistic Director of the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley (BGLV), the word "fortunate" crops up frequently.

Knerr, a former student of BGLV artistic director Alexi Ramov, considers herself "fortunate" to have studied at the Julliard School, to have performed with the Albany Berkshire Ballet, to have returned to the Lehigh Valley to raise her family.

Now she considers herself fortunate to be passing a wealth of ballet knowledge to the many students who will dance in BGLV's "Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18, Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University.

"This is my fifth 'Nutcracker' since becoming Artistic Director of the Ballet Guild," Knerr says. "In my first year, a big inspiration for me was Mr. Ramov's 'Nutcracker.' I found the old 'Snow' backdrop in storage and used it to restage the choreography as I remem-

bered it.

"Any alumni of the Ballet Guild will recognize the 'Snow' corps de ballet dance. It is very near and dear to our hearts."

"Mr. Ramov based the choreography of the snow scene on the old Ballet Russe version," Knerr continues. "He danced with the Ballet Russe when they toured the U.S. during 'the war' with Alexandra Danilova."

The Ramov-inspired ballet continues to grow and change each year. "In the five years that I've directed 'Nutcracker,'" Knerr says, "it has evolved based on our dancers' growing skills."

One way to encourage the growth of her young dancers is to bring in first-rate guest artists to dance the lead roles. This year, the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier will be danced by Jennie Somogyi and Ask la Cour, both featured dancers with New York City Ballet (NYCB).

"We are very fortunate to work with these dancers," Knerr says. "Peter Martins [Artistic Director of NYCB]

does not release his dancers very frequently."

Somogyi, a native of Easton, was marked for distinction at a young age. She began studying at the School of American Ballet, the official school of New York City Ballet, at age nine. By the following year, she was chosen for the coveted role of Marie in "George Balanchine's Nutcracker."

Somogyi, a principal dancer with NYCB, has danced lead roles in most of the important George Balanchine and Jerome Robbins ballets, which are the signature pieces of the NYCB repertoire.

La Cour began his career studying, and eventually performing, with the Royal Danish Ballet in Copenhagen, Denmark. He has performed featured roles in ballets as diverse as Bournonville's "Napoli" (circa 1842) and Peter Martins' 1998 ballet "River of Light."

In addition to the lead couple, two younger guest artists will perform the "Snow" pas de deux. "Claire

Davison and Lucius Kirst will dance the Snow Queen and Snow King," Knerr says. "They are both young, but they are definitely up-and-coming."

Davison and Kirst are affiliated with American Ballet Theatre (ABT) in New York City. Kirst performs with the ABT Studio Company and Davison studies at the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School of ABT.

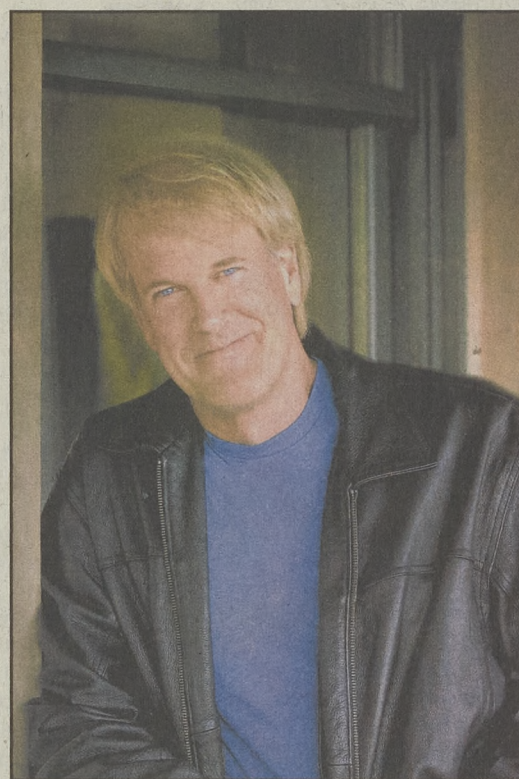
By watching these guest artists in rehearsal and performance, Knerr's students will learn to conduct themselves like professional dancers. Beyond that, they will be participating in an age-old ballet tradition.

Prior to the advent of videotape, ballet choreography was virtually unrecordable. All the great ballets were handed down from dancer to dancer. Young dancers learned the classics from the dancers who originated the roles; then they, too, handed the choreography on to the next generation.

See 'NUTCRACKER' on Page B5

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Tesh Big Band: John Tesh, above, and his Big Band Orchestra of 14 performers present a concert of classic holiday tunes and piano favorites, 8 p.m. Dec. 15, State Theatre, 453 Northampton St., Easton. After 10 years as co-host of "Entertainment Tonight," Tesh pursued a career as a fulltime musician. Three of Tesh's releases, "A Deeper Faith," "Christmas Worship" and "Power of Love," the latter nominated for a 2003 Pop Instrumental Album Grammy, made it onto Billboard's Pop and Christian Music charts. His acclaimed, family-friendly CD and DVD, "Red Rocks Platinum," was a hit national television special and his first "Live At Red Rocks" concert from 1993 was a best-selling and RIAA Gold-certified CD. 610-252-3132



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'Follies' continue: "Christmas City Follies XII" continues through Dec. 18, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. The variety show features live music, whimsical characters, seasonal sentiment and laughs for the whole family. In addition to recurring favorite characters like the Old Guy, Little Red and the Pajama Sisters, above, the cast offers new acts, with influences ranging from Laurel and Hardy to "Swan Lake," in locations from the North Pole to the heart of Bethlehem to halfway around the world in rural Kazakhstan. Touchstone Artistic Director Jp Jordan, director of the show for his fourth year running, says, "On the twelfth year of 'Follies,' Touchstone gave to me: another amazing cast with boundless creativity." 610-867-1689



PRESS PHOTO BY ALYSSA WARNER

Wagon, ho, ho, ho: "A Conestoga Christmas With Pip The Mouse," featuring Pip The Mouse in the holiday puppet show, "The Mouse Before Christmas," and introducing a one-half scale Conestoga Wagon, above, continues through Dec. 31, Liberty Bell Museum, Zion's Reformed Church, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. During the American Revolutionary War, the Liberty Bell is said to have been brought in a Conestoga from Philadelphia to Zion's Church for safe keeping. The child-sized wagon was created for the museum by Amish carpenter Isaac Lapp based on 18th century blueprints. Kathryn Schaar Burke, illustrator of "Pip The Mouse" books, painted the wagon in authentic colonial reds and blues. 610-435-4232

More 8 DAYS A WEEK: Page B3

'Feast' Christmas Eve Italian-style

Literary Scene

By MARY FRANCES FRABOTTA
Special to The Press

Behind every great cookbook lies a good story. Recipes are created out of love, traditions and heritage. And, like a good story, recipes have been passed from generation to generation, bringing families together for centuries of celebration.

And what better time of year to celebrate heritage than Christmas Eve with the new edition of Linda and Rocco Maniscalco's "Italian Christmas Eve: The Feast of Seven Fishes"?

The Maniscalcos sign copies of their book 10 a.m. - noon Dec. 17, Dan's Camera City, 1439 W. Fairmont St., Allentown, and 3-5 p.m. Dec. 17, Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St., Bethlehem.

"Feast" is not just a cookbook of recipes but a compendium of complete meals that are a delicious healthy way to "stata buon" (stay well). The charming reminiscences that precede the recipes are about an Italian-American family history spanning four generations.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY SUSAN WEAVER

Linda, above left, and Rocco Maniscalco, above right, sign copies of their cookbook, "Italian Christmas Eve: The Feast of Seven Fishes," Dec. 17, Dan's Camera City, Allentown, and Moravian Book Shop, Bethlehem.

The story begins in 1887 in the southern region of Italy around Calabria. Linda's great-grandmother, Nonna Christina Pitarra, a poor farm woman, could save only enough money to send her teenage son to America "to have a better life."

With only a steamer trunk and a portrait of his mother, Nonno Pasquale emigrated and settled in the Bangor-Roseto, Northampton County, area and had 11 children. He never saw his mother again. Her portrait became a reminder of his heritage and was passed to Linda's

mother.

As a child, Linda was enchanted by this portrait of a woman she never knew. Years later, Linda asked her mother for the portrait. When she got it home she noticed paper was peeling from the back of the frame. While trying to repair it, Linda discovered Nonna Christina's recipes and her notes.

No one really knows how or why the recipes were put on the back of a picture frame. Today, these recipes are all part of the "Feast" cookbook because even though Nonna Christina

never made it to America, her recipes did.

The collection of 86 recipes has been passed down from one family to the next to uphold a sacred tradition in preparation for the most reverent time of year.

Feasting on an array of seven fishes on the Eve of Christmas signifies Advent, a penitential season in which devout Italians abstain from rich foods, is coming to an end.

This final and grandest fast of all also prepares the Italian culture for a Christmas Eve Midnight Mass vigil which marks Jesus Christ's birth and a new beginning.

Even the number seven has meaning. The multi-course Feast of Seven Fishes symbolizes belief in the Seven Sacraments in the Catholic Church.

Some Italians believe this feast can also represent Jesus and the 12 apostles. Whatever the number, these simple, healthy recipes are whole food for the body, mind and soul.

"Feasts" is not only about traditions. This cookbook has a lot to do with the Maniscalcos being proud of their Italian heritage. "We want our children to be able to keep the heritage alive, to preserve it," Rocco says.

As one generation taught the next, these authentic Italian recipes have become a

See 'FEAST' on Page B7

The mystery of "time that flies"

For years I've pondered a mystery that plagues me more as each year passes: Why does time fly by faster when we're older?

Common sense tells us it doesn't. Everyone gets the same 24 hours in a day, regardless of age. But in reality, that doesn't appear to be true.

When I was a kid in Algebra class, the 45-minute period lasted at least a week and a half. I was sure the seconds of the clock never moved and time was frozen in place.

Back then, my dad had a different concept of time. I can remember sitting with dad in a small jon boat out in the middle of a bay as we spent the day fishing together. I loved those trips with him and valued our time to talk together.

But one time he told me something strange that I didn't believe.

"Time doesn't move the same way for you as it does for me," he said. "The older you get, the faster time flies."

If my dad said something, I thought it had to be true. But not for a minute could I believe time goes faster for some than it does for others.

Ironically, it wasn't until I retired myself that I learned the truth behind dad's theory on time. Retirement is supposed to be the season of life when we have time for all the things we couldn't do when we were working. But the cruel hoax is that someone shortens your days when you retire.

Why else would so many of us retirees have to keep saying, "I don't have time."

When I was working and heard retirees say they didn't have time for something, I thought one of two things was possible: Either that person wasted a lot of time or they had no idea how to organize a day.

Like every other working woman, I managed to work a full day, run countless errands, take care of the kids, shop, cook dinner and still have time to socialize with friends at night. Yes, I complained about "having no time for myself." But I got it all done.

So, what happened when retirement kicked in and gave me the gift of time for myself? The truth is, I soak it up like a greedy kid in a candy store, stuffing myself with one fun activity after

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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another.

While I am having this fun, I realize I am making a conscious decision for how I want to spend my time. I am also conscious of the fact that I want to turn into an old person who thinks her schedule is crammed if she has a doctor's appointment and a social engagement on the same day.

I never wanted to be a retiree who said, "I don't have time." But I found those words creeping more and more into my vocabulary.

"Why is it," I asked my husband, "I never seem to get the same amount of stuff done that I did when I was working?"

He says it's because we're slower as we age. I don't like to accept that fact. I think time flies faster now because my days are shorter.

When I was a working woman, it wasn't unusual to be washing a load of clothes at 11 o'clock at night. Nor was it unusual to be in the middle of a major cleaning project at that hour. Now, when it gets dark, I stop working. Darkness now seems to smother my motivation.

Yet, none of that explains why time flies faster with each passing year.

Writer Derek Dunn-Rankin has an interesting theory about "real time." He believes time contracts as you get older.

"The math is fairly simple," he says. "Multiply the 24-hour day by 10 and then divide by your age."

"For a five-year-old, there are 48 hours in a day. For a ten-year old, there are 24 hours. For a 60-year-old, there are just four real time hours in a day."

OK, what's your theory? Does time fly faster as we age? Or, do we somehow shrink our own day by our routine or procrastination?

Whatever the cause, I need an excuse why I'm free all day but can't seem to finish my Christmas shopping along with the handmade presents I want to give to my family.

I don't think my family will understand if I tell them there are only four hours of real time in my days.

100 honored at 13th LV Music Awards

By SHERI BAYNE
Special to The Press

"This year was our biggest year. It was so hard to pick the performers. We had 150 performance requests. We spent a lot of time listening to everyone. It was such a hard choice," said Director Gloria Domina of the 13th annual Lehigh Valley Music Awards Dec. 4, SteelStacks, Musikfest Cafe, Bethlehem. An estimated 900 attended.

"We had 4,000 nominations and 7027 votes. We couldn't do this without the help of the community," Domina said.

The big winners were Bev Conklin and Scott Marshall, who each won five awards.

Conklin won for All-around performer, Female vocalist (fan ballot), Female vocalist (industry ballot), blues vocalist, and LVMA Board of Directors Award (dedication and service to the Lehigh Valley music community).

Marshall won for Entertainer of the year, Singer-songwriter (fan ballot), Punkabilly-rockabilly (Scott Marshall and The Hillbilly Souls), Lyricist and Original song ("Everyday I Believe").

Marshall sang the song as a tribute to event guest Adam Recke, 12, who has a rare disease, Niemann-Pick type C.

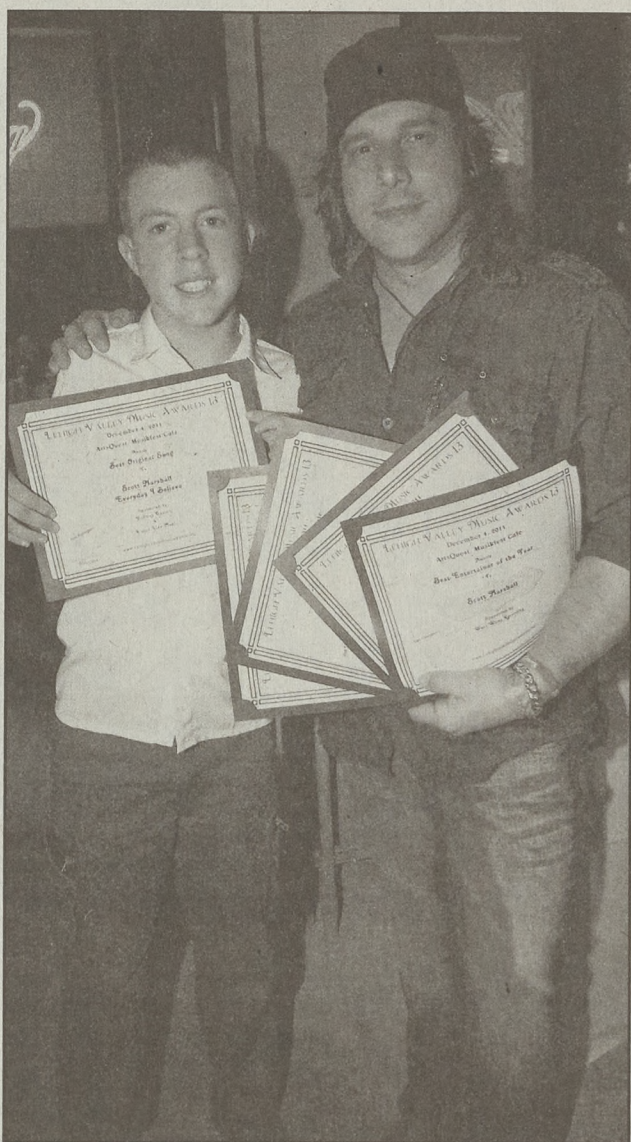
For the first time there was a Garage Band Award, given posthumously to Mark Heber Smith, lead sing and co-founder of "The Creatures of the Golden Dawn." The award was presented to his band mates.

Performers played a wide range of music. The evening opened with James Ruhf & City of Bethlehem Bagpipe Band & Drum Corps. Performers included The Ella Canta (former ACCO members), The Lesson Center Band, Whitney Peyton, Fusion Jazz Trio, Tommy Zito, Crazyheart, Hiccup Helen, Mad Dog and Blues Night Out, M80 and Steel Mill with drummer Vini Lopez, a founding member of the E Street Band.

Co-hosts were AJ Fritz of WLVR-FM and Grover Silcox of PBS39.

Among presenters were Kate A. Mack, Mrs. Pennsylvania 2011; David Ivory, Philadelphia Chapter NARAS; Mike Tarsia, Philadelphia Chapter NARAS Board of Governors; Matt Metal, WXLV-FM; Mark Shultz, Executive Director, Philadelphia Chapter NARAS; Kathy Crane, WFMZ-TV; and Tori Thomas, WZZO-FM.

There were 100 awards



SCOTT MARSHALL, right, wrote the song "Everyday I Believe" for Adam Recke, left.

- presented:
- Entertainer of the year: Scott Marshall
 - All-around performer: Bev Conklin
 - Singer-songwriter (fan ballot): Scott Marshall
 - Singer-songwriter (industry ballot): Steve Brosky
 - Female vocalist (fan ballot): Bev Conklin
 - Female vocalist (industry ballot): Bev Conklin
 - Male vocalist (fan ballot): Jarrett Rollins
 - Male vocalist (industry ballot): Ian Holmes
 - Entertaining band: Large Flowerheads
 - Entertaining duo: Bonnie and Jarrett Rollins
 - New artist: 5 Ton Jack
 - Live jazz performance: Fusion Jazz Trio
 - Teenage band or soloist (not associated with an organization or school): Groovitude
 - Youth group affiliated with an organization or school: Easton School of Rock
 - Blues performance: Craig Thatcher Band
 - Blues vocalist: Bev Conklin
 - Live rock performance: M80
 - Live punk performance: Damn Dirty Apes
 - Gospel-contemporary Christian music soloist: Ian Holmes
 - Hispanic Latin guitarist: Jesse Rivera
 - Jam band: Butterjive
 - Country band live performance: Crazyheart
 - Loud rock performance: Beyond Eden
 - Loud metal performance: Full metal racket Christian band: Holmes Family
 - Cover band: Large Flowerheads
 - Best folk solo or band: TJ Bebb
 - Live acoustic performer: Peter Scapegrace
 - Original acoustic song: Bill Buttner, "You Don't Know Nothin' About Me."
 - Live hip-hop-urban performance: Whitney Peyton
 - Original band: (tie) Psych, Groovitude
 - Garage band: Creatures of the Golden Dawn.
 - Choral-classical group or ensemble: Lehigh Charter School for the Performing Arts
 - Polka live: Jolly Joe Timmer
 - Live Americana performance: (tie) Dina Hall, Dave Fry
 - Bagpiper: James Ruhf
 - R&B: Notorious Groove
 - Spoken word: (tie) "All About Bullies ... Big and Small," Kari Holmes
 - Children's performer: Miss Amy
 - Punkabilly-rockabilly: Scott Marshall and The Hillbilly Souls
 - Reggae-reggaeton: Trouble City All-Stars
 - Marching band: Liberty High School Grenadiers

- Classical solo performance: Rick Boulay
- Drummer: (tie) Scott Williams, Maureen "Mo" Jerant
- Acoustic guitarist: Craig Thatcher
- Blues guitarist: Todd Wolfe
- Electric guitarist: Lou Franco
- Piano player: Tommy Zito
- Harmonica: James Supra
- Wind instrument: Peter Fluck
- Bass guitarist: Scott Siska
- Keyboard performance: Craig Kastelnik
- Stringed instrument: Nyke Van Wyk
- Original song: Scott Marshall, "Everyday I Believe"
- Overall CD: Groovitude, "Wildfire"
- Lyricist: Scott Marshall
- Solo or band website: Crazyheart
- Commercial radio: The Hawk 99.9 FM
- College and community radio: WLVR-FM 91.3
- College and/or radio personality: Matt Metal
- Commercial radio personality: Rick Michaels, The Hawk
- Club DJ: Cap Cee
- Supportive Lehigh Valley venue: Mezza Luna
- Volunteer: Mary Pierce
- Karaoke: DJ Ben "Jammin"
- Local nonprofit organization or local business: Martin Guitar
- Event promotional graphics: Mary Pierce
- Music photographer: Hub Willson
- Music videographer: Lisa Koza
- Live sound tech: Phil Forchelli
- Music store: Dave Phillips Music and Sound
- Recording studio: Midnight Studios
- Music producer: Damon Williams
- Music reviewer: Michael McKenna
- Music supporter: Musikfest-ArtsQuest
- Community involvement: (tie) Musikfest, School of Rock
- Open mike: Godfrey Daniels
- Open jam: Godfrey Daniels
- Lifetime achievement award (50 years): Joe Colarusso
- LVMA 20-year veteran awards: Phil Stahl, James Supra, Jackie Tice, Dave Goddess, Bonnie Jean Rollins, Kato.
- LVMA Founders Award: Steve Walker
- LVMA Board of Directors Awards: (Dedication and service to the LV music community) Bev Conklin, Kevin Mackie, Diane Richter, Janet Paleria, Val Minett, Ami Lanning, Sam Younes.

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Iodine deficiency rare in U.S.

Q. I saw a woman with what looked like a small tire around her neck. Do you know what that could be?

HEALTHY GEEZER
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It could be a goiter, which is a benign enlargement of the thyroid gland. The thyroid is a small gland made up of two halves that lie along the windpipe just below the voicebox.

When the thyroid can't produce enough hormone to meet the body's needs, the gland compensates by enlarging. Iodine, a chemical element, is needed to produce thyroid hormone. Therefore, an iodine deficiency can lead to goiter and hypothyroidism, which is deficient activity of the thyroid.

The body does not make iodine, so you have to consume it. Iodized table salt is the primary food source of iodine. The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for iodine in adults is 150 micrograms a day. A microgram is one-millionth of a gram. One tea-

spoon of iodized salt contains approximately 400 micrograms of iodine. Seafood is naturally rich in iodine. A six-ounce portion of ocean fish provides 650 micrograms of iodine. Seaweed, a seafood vegetable, is a rich source of iodine. Dairy products also contain iodine. Other good sources are plants grown in iodine-rich soil.

About half of the multivitamin formulas in the United States contain iodine, usually 150 micrograms.

Treatment of iodine deficiency by the introduction of iodized salt has almost eliminated goiter in the United States. However, about 40 percent of the world's population is at risk for iodine deficiency. Deficiency happens more often in women than

in men, and is more common in pregnant women and older children. Getting enough iodine in the diet may prevent a form of physical and mental retardation called cretinism. Cretinism is very rare in the U.S. because iodine deficiency is generally not a problem.

A goiter can cause problematic symptoms such as difficulty breathing or swallowing.

Treatment depends on the size of the goiter, symptoms and underlying cause.

The following are treatments for an enlarged thyroid:

If the goiter is small and doesn't cause problems, and the thyroid is functioning normally, your doctor may suggest waiting and observation.

Removing all or part of your thyroid gland surgically is an option if you have a large goiter that is uncomfortable or causes difficulty breathing or swallowing.

If you have hypothy-

roidism, thyroid hormone replacement will resolve the symptoms of hypothyroidism and often decrease the size of the goiter.

Radioactive iodine is used to shrink the thyroid. The radioactive iodine is taken orally and reaches your thyroid gland through your bloodstream.

Small doses of iodine solutions are often used. A goiter may disappear on its own, or may become large. Occasionally, a goiter may become toxic and produce thyroid hormone on its own. This can cause high levels of thyroid hormone, a condition known as hyperthyroidism.

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Lehigh Valley Community Foundation's Betty Kovacs, right, presents check to CMS Board President Lawrence Johnson, left.

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CMS receives LVCF grant

Community Music School (CMS) has received a Lehigh Valley Community Foundation (LVCF) \$5,000 grant for student financial aid, scholarship assistance and tuition-free outreach programs. Lehigh Valley Community Foundation marketing committee member Betty Kovacs presented CMS Board President Lawrence Johnson with the grant check at the Nov. 21 CMS Board of Directors meeting. CMS's annual student Holiday Concert is at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton St., Allentown. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. CMS, celebrating 30 years of service to the Lehigh Valley, offers instrumental and voice lessons to students of all ages by professional musicians-educators in private and group settings. Information: 610-435-7725

8 DAYS A WEEK

YOUR LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

By ALEXANDRA RACINES Special to The Press

ART EXHIBITS

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM 31 N. Fifth St., Allentown. 610-432-4333 Salvatore Grippi: Through Invented Terrains, through Jan. 15, Rodale Gallery Noble Impressions: Renaissance, Baroque Master Prints from the Permanent Collection, through Jan. 18, Payne Hurd Gallery The Art of India and Tibet from the Permanent Collection, through Jan. 15, Fowler Gallery Shared Treasure: The Legacy of Samuel H. Kress, through Jan. 15, Scheller Gallery Heaven on Earth: Textiles of the Renaissance and Baroque, through Jan. 15, Goodman Gallery Mapping the World: 18th-Century Visions, through Dec. 31, Fuller Gallery ALLENTOWN BREW WORKS 812 - 816 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-433-7777 Lisa Kappes: The Circle of Life, through Dec. 31 AMBRE STUDIO 310 W. Broad St., Bethlehem. 610-428-2484 Out of the Blue: Photographs by Local, Regional Photographers, through Feb. 3 AMERICA ON WHEELS 5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200 Sweet Surprise Day, 1 p.m. Dec. 18 The Regal and the Rusty, through Jan. 13 100th Anniversary of Chevrolet, through Jan. 8 ART SCHNECK OPTICAL COMPANY 720 Harrison St., Emmaus. 610-965-4066 Parkland Art League Exhibit: Cathy Rhoades, through Dec. 31 ARTSQUEST CENTER AT STEELSTACKS Alvin H. Butz Gallery, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem 610-330-1300 David Rehrig, Frank Smith: Allentown State Hospital - A Different View, through Jan. 29 BANANA FACTORY 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300 Theo Anderson: Cowboy, through Jan. 22 Marc Cohen: Grim Street Photos: View of Allentown State Hospital, through Jan. 16 BETHLEHEM CITY HALL ROTUNDA City Hall, 10 E. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-865-7000 Bethlehem Palette Club, through Jan. 18; Reception, 2 - 4 p.m. Jan. 18 CEDAR CREST COLLEGE Lachaise Gallery, Miller Family Building, 100 College Drive, Allentown. 800-360-1222 Neil Powell: Quiet Little Voices, through Jan. 7 FLOREANT PROJECTS ART GALLERY, STUDIO 215 Main St., Emmaus. 610-762-6602 Douglas Gayeton: The Lexicon of Sustainability: Photography, through Dec. 17 FOX OPTICAL & GALLERY 28 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-2400 Howard Zoubek: Transient Spaces: Photography, through Dec. 30 GALLERY AT ST. JOHN'S 330 Ferry St., Easton. 610-258-6110 Watkins Glen Series: Richard Begbie: Photography, through Dec. 18 GOUNDIE HOUSE 501 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055 Kill or Cure: Medicine in the 19th Century, through January HOME AND PLANET 25 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-866-7370 Metallizing in Materials: Lehigh University Product Student Design Exhibition, through Dec. 31 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571 Melissa Bryant: Watercolors, Oil Paintings, through Jan. 13 KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK 200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140 Parkland Art League Exhibit, through December KEMERER MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS 427 N. New St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055 Design in Divided America, through December LAFAYETTE COLLEGE Grossman Gallery, Williams Visual Arts Building, 243 N. Third St., Easton. 610-330-5831 Hal Buelle: Moments: Shooting the Pulitzer, through Dec. 18 Maria Martinez-Cañaz: Photographs, through Dec. 18, Williams Center for the Arts Gallery, Hamilton and High streets, Easton. 610-330-5356 Ewa Monika Zebrowski: Vendute Di Venezia, through December, Lass Gallery, Skillman Library, 710 Sullivan Road, Easton. 610-330-5151 From Quill to Keyboard: The Writing Life of the Lafayette Student, 1832 - 2011, through December, Simon Room, Skillman Library, 710 Sullivan Road, Easton. 610-330-5151 LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700 Parkland Art League Exhibit: Pat Blum, Joanne Tracey: Paintings, through Dec. 31 LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-2787 Women Photographers: Selections from the Lehigh University Art Gallery Teaching Collection, through Dec. 16 Show and Tell, through Dec. 16: Photos, works on paper by Berenice Abbott, Jasper Johns, George Platt Lynes, Robert Mapplethorpe, Maria de Mater O'Neil, Joan Snyder, Girdler Gallery, University Center, 29 Trembley Drive, Bethlehem. 610-758-4160 That Was Then, This Is Now, through Fall 2012: Paintings from the late 19th, early 20th centuries juxtaposed with contemporary photographs, video works LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS CENTER 840 Hamilton St., Suite 201, Butz Building, Allentown. 610-437-5259 Sandra Corpora: Plein Air paintings, through Jan. 1 LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074 Glory and Triumph: Trains Made America, through July 1 Railroad Exhibit: Trains in the Lehigh Valley 4 - 8 p.m. Fridays through Dec. 23; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 17; noon - 4 p.m. through Dec. 18; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 26 - 29, Jan. 3 - 7; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Dec. 30 Energy Past and Present: Creating, Consuming and Luthering, through December LUTHER CREST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall Township. 610-391-8202 Parkland Art League Exhibit: Ron Pratt, June Zimmerman: Paintings, through December MACUNGIE INSTITUTE 510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830 Parkland Art League Exhibit: Pat Ryder, through Dec. 31 MITCHELL CENTER 555 Harrison St., Emmaus. 610-965-6418 Parkland Art League Exhibit: Jane Brankner: Paintings, through December MORAVIAN ARCHIVES 41 W. Locust St., Bethlehem. 610-866-3255 Moravian Women, through Dec. 22 MORAVIAN COLLEGE Payne Gallery, Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-861-1667 Recent Acquisitions: Art of the Lehigh Valley and Surrounding Area, through Jan. 15: Works of Joseph Barrett, Walter Baum, Renzo Faggioni, Roy Nurse, Steve Tobin MORAVIAN MUSEUM OF BETHLEHEM 66 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-867-0173 Weighted Spirits: Bethlehem and Salem Moravians

in the Civil War, through April MUHLENBERG COLLEGE Martin Art Gallery, Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3100 The Fluidity of Gender: Sculpture by Linda Stein, through Dec. 17: Traveling Exhibit David Lehman: A Fine Romance - Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910 - 1965, through Dec. 16, Trexler Library, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3551 MUSEUM OF INDIAN CULTURE 2825 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown. 610-797-2121 Southwest Visions: The Photo Portraits of Carl N. Wernitz, through May Mystery Unearthed: The Extraordinary Story of Two Lenape Rock Shelters, through April George Melloy: Kachinas: Spirit Dolls of the Hopi, through March 19 NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS 30 Belvidere St., Nazareth Ruth Bishop Vargo: Jewelry, Fiber, through Dec. 28 NEW ARTS PROGRAM 173 W. Main St., Kutztown. 610-683-6440 Doug Zucco: Pressed Thoughts, through Dec. 18 NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE Communications Hall, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5300 InVision High School Photography Exhibit, through Dec. 15 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Signal Museum, 342 Northampton St., Easton. 610-263-1222 The Civil War in Northampton County, through December PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-5261 Student Photographs, through Dec. 16: Works based on "The Color of Water" by James McBride RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP 70 W. North St., Bethlehem. 610-861-2741 Artists in Recovery, 1 - 3 p.m. Third Thursdays SAUCON VALLEY CONSERVANCY HELLER HOMESTEAD ART GALLERY 1890 - 92 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township. 610-216-0566 Bethlehem Palette Club Plein Air Group Exhibit, through Jan. 29 SOFT MACHINE GALLERY 725 N. 15th St., Suite 7, Allentown. 484-838-4252 Technifying, Dec. 17 - Jan. 18; Reception, 6 - 10 p.m. Dec. 17 STATE THEATRE FOR THE ARTS Brown-Daub Gallery, 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-258-7766 Kim Robertson: Working Acrylics, through Feb. 11; Snow Date Reception, 6 - 8 p.m. Dec. 17 Ed Eckstein: Coming of Rage, through Dec. 17, Gallery Annex

CINEMA

ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY 1210 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400 "Illegal," 2 p.m. Dec. 17 ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY HALL 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715 "Rodelinda," 7 p.m. Dec. 16: The Met: Live in HD "Faust," 1 p.m. Dec. 17: The Met: Live in HD "Satyagraha," 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21: The Met: Live in HD: Encore Performance ARTSQUEST CENTER AT STEELSTACKS Frank Banko Alehouse Cinema, First Street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-1300 "Being Elmo," 3:30, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14; 1:45, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 15 "The Descendants," 1:45, 7:15 p.m. Dec. 14; 2:45, 4:45, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 "GremLins 2: The New Batch," 11:15 p.m. Dec. 16, 17 CIVIC THEATRE 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888 "Anonymous," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 15, Civic Theatre 514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY 1210 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400 Holiday Sing-Along, 7 p.m. Dec. 19 AMERICA ON WHEELS 5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200 Toys for Tots Train Time Charity Exhibit, through Dec. 29 BANANA FACTORY 25 N. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300 Make Your Own Gingerbread House, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 17 BAUM SCHOOL OF ART 510 Linden St., Allentown. 610-433-0032 Holiday Gallery, Sale, through Dec. 23; Reception, 6 - 8 p.m. Dec. 14 BROOKSIDE COUNTRY CLUB 901 Willow Lane, Lower Macungie Township. 610-739-1518 Parkland Chorale, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 21: Holiday Lunch Program CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-866-5661 Christmas Putz, through Dec. 23: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays; 1 - 8 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Dec. 26 - 30; 1 - 10:30 p.m. Dec. 31 CHRISTKINDLMARKT PNC Plaza, SteelStacks, First street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300 Pohatcong School Music Department, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 15 Mercy Tone Choir, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15 Craig Thatcher, Nyke Van Wyck, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 15 The Brandywine Christmas Minstrels, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15 Nazareth School District Chorus, 2 p.m. Dec. 16 Emmaus Chorale, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 16 Hunterdon Youth Choir, YOUiversity of Music and Arts, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 Nazareth Community Choir, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17 June Thomas Jazz Group, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17 Farmersville Elementary School, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 17 Southside Brass, 6 p.m. Dec. 17 AJ Silverberg, 11:30 a.m., 3, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18 Silver and Brass Trombone Quartet, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 18 CHRISTMAS AT STEELSTACKS First Street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300 "Bethlehem - The Christmas City," Holiday Music, Fire Sculptures, Light Show, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m., through Dec. 31 COMFORT SUITES 120 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-882-9700 Ethnic Christmas Trees from Around the World, through Jan. 1 DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM A Christmas City Stroll, 4 p.m. Mondays - Sundays; 3 p.m. Thursdays - Sundays; 6 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays, through Dec. 23 Advent Calendar, City Center, through Dec. 23 Bethlehem by Night Bus Tour, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Mondays - Fridays through Dec. 23; 5 - 8 p.m. Saturdays; 4, 5, 6 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 30 Christmas City Village, Fridays - Sundays, through Dec. 18 Holiday Carriage Ride, 4 - 10 p.m., through Dec. 23, 26 - 30. Reservation recommended Holiday Ghost Tours, 7 - 9:30 p.m., through Dec. 29 Holiday Vendor Night, 5 - 8 p.m. Dec. 15 EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem. 610-868-6481

Christmas Putz, 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays; 3 - 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, through Dec. 23, 26 - 30 EDGEBORO MORAVIAN CHURCH 645 Hamilton Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-866-8793 Christmas Putz, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays - Fridays; 6 - 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; 3 - 6 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 22 GALLERY AT ST. JOHN'S 330 Ferry St., Easton. 610-258-6110 Holiday Art Show, through Dec. 18 KEMERER MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS 427 N. New St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055 Holiday Museum Tour, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays - Sundays, through Dec. 23; Mondays - Saturdays Dec. 26 - 30 LEHIGH, KEYSTONE VALLEY MODEL MUSEUM RAILROAD 705 Linden St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7101 14th Annual Christmas Open House, 1 - 6 p.m. Dec. 17, 18; Jan. 1, 7 - 8; 1 - 5 p.m. Dec. 24, 31; 5 - 9 p.m. Dec. 26 - 30 LEE GRIBBEN'S ON MAIN 194 Main St., Emmaus. 610-965-5772 Holiday Craftacular, 6 - 8 p.m. Dec. 14 LEHIGH PARKWAY Lehigh Parkway East and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Allentown Lights in the Parkway, 5:30 - 10 p.m. through Dec. 24, 26 - Jan. 1 LIBERTY BELL SHRINE MUSEUM Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232 Pip's Winter Wonderland - A Conestoga Wagon Christmas, through Dec. 31 MORAVIAN MUSEUM OF BETHLEHEM 66 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-867-0173 Holiday Museum Tour, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursdays - Sundays through Dec. 31; Mondays - Saturdays Dec. 26 - 30 NAZARETH AREA SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS 212 Main St., Stockertown. 610-252-8082 Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers Holiday Train Show, 7 - 9 p.m. Fridays; 1 - 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays through Jan. 30 PNC PLAZA STEELSTACKS First street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300 Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 9 - 10:30 a.m. Dec. 17 SMITHY AND BLACKSMITH SHOP Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-691-6055 Christmas at 1750 Smithy and Blacksmith Shop, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 31 through Dec. 31 SOUTHSIDE BETHLEHEM Horse-drawn Carriage Guided Christmas Tours, 1 p.m. Thursdays - Sundays through Dec. 23. Registration required WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH 2540 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-865-5715 A Quiet Christmas, 7 p.m. Dec. 22

COFFEEHOUSES, NIGHTCLUBS, RESTAURANTS

ARTSQUEST CENTER, STEELSTACKS Capital BlueCross Creativity Commons, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-1300 Ben Mauer's Vintage Jazz Band, 8 p.m. Dec. 16 The Honey Badgers, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts, 2 p.m. Dec. 18 Blackbird Society Orchestra, 7 p.m. Dec. 23 GODFREY DANIELS 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390 The Kennedys, 8 p.m. Dec. 16 Open Mike, 7 p.m. Dec. 18: "Santa" Art Bransky, Host Swing Jam, 8 p.m. Dec. 20. Free Songwriters' Workshop, 8 p.m. Dec. 27. Free Blues Jam, 8 p.m. Dec. 28. Free Steve Kimock and Friends, 8 p.m. Dec. 30 Dave Fry, Dina Hall, Brittany Ann, 8 p.m. Dec. 31: "Three Generations of Homegrown Godfrey's"; Dave Fry, 7 p.m. Dec. 31: "Homegrown Godfrey's for Kids" MUSIKFEST CAFE ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378 John Pizzarelli, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 The Dan Band, The Large Flowerheads, 7 p.m. Dec. 15: Lauren's Hope, Inc. Children with Brain Injuries Benefit Sarah Ayers and Friends, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 Sean Green, Jonny Loquasto, 8 p.m. Dec. 22 Family Disco Lounge, 2 - 4 p.m. Dec. 28, 29 Jimmy and The Parrots: Jimmy Buffet tribute, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 30 Start Making Sense: Talking Heads tribute, Great White Caps, 9 p.m. Dec. 31 Mickey Hart Band, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5 Little Feat, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 Carbon Leaf, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 Chris Smith, Ellis Paul, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 Everclear, 8 p.m. Jan. 14 Bronze Radio Return, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 Peter Yarrow, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 David Sanborn Trio, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 Josh Thompson, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 Bev Conklin, 7 p.m. Feb. 14 Brother Josephus and the Love Revival Revolution Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 The Aardvarks, 8 p.m. Feb. 17 Bettye LaVette, 7 p.m. Feb. 19 Teitur, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 Trouble City Allstars, 8 p.m. Feb. 24 The Irish Comedy Tour, 7:30 p.m. March 14 Runa, 7:30 p.m. March 17 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, 7:30 p.m. April 12 PENN'S PEAK 325 Maury Road, Penn Forest Township. 1-866-605-7325 Roadies Open Mic Nights, 6 p.m. Thursdays The Fabulous Greaseband, 8 p.m. Dec. 30 Live Wire: AC-DC tribute, 9 p.m. Dec. 31 Air Supply, 8 p.m. Jan. 20 Edgar Winter, Rick Derringer, Feb. 4 Remember When, 5:30 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m., show Feb. 11: Dinner Dance Tesla, 8 p.m. Feb. 18 Blackberry Smoke, Citizen Band Radio, Cabinet, 8 p.m. Feb. 24 Bruce in the USA: Bruce Springsteen tribute, 8 p.m. Feb. 25 The Saw Doctors, 8 p.m. March 2 Peter Rowan and the Travelin' McCourys: Bill Monroe tribute, 8 p.m. April 22 Beatlemania Now: Beatles tribute, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show May 3 Branson Fever: Tim Gillis, Twitty Fever, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show May 8 - 10, Oct. 2 - 4 King Henry and the Showmen, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show May 15 - 17; Oct. 16 - 18 Harry James Orchestra, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show May 23, 24 The Diamonds, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show June 6, 7 Glenn Miller Orchestra, Gary Tole, Conductor, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show Sept. 11 - 13 Bill Haley's Comets, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show Oct. 10, 11 The Swing Dolls: The Andrews Sisters tribute, noon, lunch, 1 p.m., show Oct. 23, 24 VARGTIMMEN KING KOFFEE 506 Chestnut St., Emmaus. 610-965-3257 Open Mic Nights, 7 p.m. Wednesdays

CONCERTS

ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY HALL 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715

Chris Isaak, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 Community Music School, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18: Student Holiday Recital, Rodale Community Room. Free Young People's Philharmonic, Junior Strings Philharmonic, 4 p.m. Dec. 18: Holiday Concert: Anderson, "A Christmas Festival"; Bernard, "Divertissement"; Corelli, "Christmas Concerto"; Debussy, "Cakewalks"; Del Borgo, "Fantasia for Strings"; Dukas, "Fanfare"; Ellington, Grieg, "Funeral March"; Humperdinck, "Hansel and Gretel Overture"; Saint-Saëns, "Danse Macabre"; Tchaikovsky, "Symphony Number 5, Movement 4" "Serenade for Strings"; von Weber, "Oberon Overture" BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1208 Brookside Road, Westcoastville. 610-395-3613 Youth Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 16 CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY 321 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem. 610-865-0727 Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Choral Society, Russell Jackson, organ; Naoko Caulder, soprano; Kelly Schmidt, alto; Gregory Oaten, tenor; Donald Barnum, bass, 4 p.m. Dec. 18: Handel, "Messiah" CEDARBROOK NURSING HOME 350 S. Cedarbrook Road, Allentown. 610-395-3727 Pioneer Band, 2 p.m. Dec. 18 CHRIST CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BETHLEHEM 75 E. Market St., Bethlehem. 610-865-6665 Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays CHRIST CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOENERSVILLE 505 Airport Road, Schoenersville. 610-264-9325 Concord Chamber Singers, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18: "An Evening of Seasonal Songs" FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALLENTOWN Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman street, Allentown. 610-395-3781 Summer Harmony Men's Chorus, Local Choral Groups, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16: First Presbyterian Church Concert Series FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BETHLEHEM 2344 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-867-5865 Valley Music Together, 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays Oasis, 6 p.m. Dec. 17: Worship Service, Christmas Concert Chancel Choir, Philadelphia Brass Choir, 4 p.m. Dec. 18 LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700 Good Vibrations Chorus, Crazy Kids, Lehigh Valley Pops, Tap Dancers, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 15: Holiday Concert LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Stabler Arena, 124 Goodman Drive, Bethlehem. 610-758-6611 Wess Morgan and Friends, 5 p.m. Dec. 17: "United for His Glory" MACUNGIE INSTITUTE 510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830 Valley Music Together, 9:30, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays; 10 a.m. Saturdays MAIN STREET BETHLEHEM Flutations, 1 p.m. Dec. 17: Strolling Musicians Series MAUCH CHUMK OPERA HOUSE 14 W. Broadway, Jim Thorpe. 570-325-0249 Bach and Handel Chorale, Festival Orchestra, 3 p.m. Dec. 17: Handel, "Messiah" MORAVIAN COLLEGE Foy Concert Hall, Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-861-1640 Bethlehem Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21. Free NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS 30 Belvidere St., Nazareth Trevor Gordon Hall, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 Matt Roach, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 SELLERSVILLE THEATRE 1894 24 W. Temple Avenue, Sellersville. 215-257-5808 Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Tony Gaynor, Vocals, Narrator, 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 15: "Kings of Christmas" The Sideguys, 8 p.m. Dec. 16 Suzy Boggus, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 Annie Haslam and Friends, Jen Creed, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, 8 p.m. Dec. 21: "An Nollaig, An Irish Christmas" SHERMAN THEATRE 524 Main St., Stroudsburg. 570-420-2808 Twelve Twenty Four, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 Jam Stamped, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 Patent Pending, 6 p.m. Dec. 23. Also, Empire Theory, Goodbye Friday, Kim's Comeback, Nothing to Prove, Refuse The Conformity, Survey Says, The Soviet, Warning Level STATE THEATRE FOR THE ARTS 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-258-7766 John Tesh, 8 p.m. Dec. 15: "Big Band Christmas" Kenny Rogers, 8 p.m. Dec. 16: Christmas Concert: Also, Billy Dean, Easton Area High School Camerata, John Shilanskas, Conductor ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 32 S. Fifth St., Allentown. 610-435-1641 The Arts at St. John's, 3 p.m. Dec. 25: "Organo Noël's" ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NAZARETH 200 S. Broad St., Nazareth. 610-759-3090 Jam Session, 8 p.m. Tuesdays TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 44 E. Market St., Bethlehem. 610-867-4741 Baltimore Consort, 7 p.m. Dec. 14: "Wassail, Wassail" UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING 5671 Chestnut St., Old Zionsville. 610-966-3223 Tony Trischka Band, Zepp Family, 8 p.m. Dec. 17: Holiday Show: Listen Live Music WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH 2540 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-865-5715 Camerata Singers, Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra, Allan Birney, Conductor; Kathryn Aaron, Sara Casey, sopranos; Marshall Cold, counter tenor; Greg Oaten, tenor; Eduardo Azzi, bass, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17: Christmas Concert: Handel, "Dixit Dominus"; Vivaldi, "Gloria" DANCE FEARLESS FIRE COMPANY 1221 Front St., Allentown. 610-767-2549 Allentown Area Swing Dance Society, Hazel, Tybald Ulrich, 7 p.m. Dec. 20: Lindy East Coast Swing: Dancing, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Dec. 20: California Mix JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571 Israeli Dancing, 7:30 p.m. Mondays: Beginners; 8:30 p.m. Mondays: Experienced dancers LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700 The Blue Notes, 1 p.m. Dec. 21 LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-2787 "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 17, 18: Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley: "Nutcracker" tea party, cocktail party follows Dec. 17 performance UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH 424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-923-0997 Folk Dance, 6 p.m. Sundays

EVENTS

ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS AGRI-PLEX 302 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-7541 Star of Bethlehem Dog Show, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 17; 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 18 COLLEGE HILL MORAVIAN CHURCH 72 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem. 610-867-8291 Bethlehem Palette Club, 9 a.m. Wednesdays: Weekly meeting HAWK MOUNTAIN

Young People's Philharmonic presents 36th holiday concert

The 36th annual Holiday Concert of the Young People's Philharmonic (YPP) of the Lehigh Valley is at 4 p.m. Dec. 18 in Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown.

The Senior Orchestra (the Young People's Philharmonic) and the Junior Orchestra (the Junior String Philharmonic) will perform a wide selection of music.

The Young People's Philharmonic is a symphony orchestra of 88 instrumentalists from grades 8 through 12 from throughout the Lehigh Valley and

beyond. The YPP concert will open with Karl von Weber's "Overture to Oberon." Next will be "Danse Macabre," written in 1874 by Camille Saint-Saens.

The fourth movement of Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5" follows. Humperdinck's "Overture to Hansel and Gretel" and Anderson's "A Christmas Festival" conclude the performance.

Also, the Woodwind Ensemble will perform Emile Bernard's "Diver-tissement" and the Brass Choir, Edvard Grieg's

"Funeral March" and Dukas' "Fanfare."

The Junior String Philharmonic (JSP), with students from grades 5 through 8, will perform Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," followed by Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings."

Other pieces the JSP will play are Elliot del Borgo's "Fantasia for Strings," Debussy's "Cakewalks," music from Harry Potter, Duke Ellington selections, as well as Christmas and Chanukah music.

Tickets are expected to be available at the door.



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Above, left to right: Jodi Thrash (Grace), Madison Cerniglia (Annie) and Bill Mutimer (Daddy Warbucks), "Annie," through Dec. 18, Pennsylvania Youth Theatre, Charles A. Brown Ice House, Bethlehem.

LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

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

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

"A Conestoga Christmas With Pip The Mouse," through Dec. 31: "The Mouse Before Christmas" puppet show; "Closing Ceremony," noon - 3 p.m. Dec. 31; "Toys and Traditions from the Conestoga Era" display, "Pip's Winter Wonderland" mechanical toys first exhibited

at Hess's and new animations from the Creagan Company, "A Pennsylvania German Christmas Tree," Liberty Bell Museum, Zion's Reformed Church, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232

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

"Christmas at The Pines," through Dec. 23, Matinees: Wednesday - Sunday, Dinner: 12:30 p.m., Show: 2 p.m.; Evenings: Friday, Saturday, Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Show: 8 p.m., The Pines Dinner Theatre,

448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333

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

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

"Searching for the King," 7 p.m. Dec. 18, 24, The Drama and Music Ministries, Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, I-78 and Cedar Crest Boulevard, 610-432-2200

Current Events Discussion Group, 2 p.m. Thursdays
LoisAnn Oakes, 10 a.m. Dec. 19: "Northwest and Pacific Northwest, Nisqually, Yurok, Kalispel, Nez Perce, Ute"; "Tales and History and Legends of Indian Tribes"

LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM
432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074
Stephen Gehring, 1 p.m. Dec. 17: "Lehigh County Bank Notes"

MORAVIAN BOOK SHOP
428 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5481

Bethlehem Writers Group, 1 - 3 p.m. Dec. 17: "A Christmas Sampler: Sweet, Funny, and Strange Holiday Tales" book signing

Linda, Rocco Maniscalco, 3 - 5 p.m. Dec. 17: "Italian Christmas Eve: The Feast of Seven Fishes" book signing, tasting

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Signal Museum, 342 Northampton St., Easton. 610-253-1222

Ed Henning, 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Fridays: "Stories about Northampton County: Lenape Lifeways - What the Rocks Tell Us." Reservation required

Carol Kuhn, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays: "Stories about Northampton County: Lenape Lifeways, Lenape-Pennsylvania German Connection." Reservation required

Don Becker, Damian Sikonik, 6 p.m. Dec. 16, book signing: 6:30 p.m., discussion: "Winemaking in Early America"

PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
South Whitehall Township Building, 4444 Walbert Avenue, Walbert. 610-398-0407

Elizabeth Bodien, 2 p.m. Dec. 17: "Endpapers" poetry reading, book signing

Submission deadline for 8 Days A Week is noon Monday, 10 days prior to the Wednesday-Thursday Focus section publication date. Email: Alexandra Racines at: racines.eightdays@gmail.com

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1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Kempton. 610-756-6961
Autumn Hawkwatch, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, through Dec. 15

KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK
200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140

Writers Guild, 9 a.m. Dec. 17: Meeting

MERCHANTS SQUARE MALL
1901 S. 12th St., Allentown. 610-797-7743

Garage Sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 17, 18, 24; noon - 5 p.m. Dec. 23

MUSSELMAN ARTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Sixth Street Gallery, 610 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-821-0345, ext. 124

Family Drum Circle, 10 a.m. Mondays: Host: Moe Jerant. Free

Kids, Family Jam Time, 11 a.m. Saturdays: Hand Drumming Sessions: Host: Moe Jerant. Free

STEELSTACKS
First street and Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-330-1300

Along the Lehigh River: The Rise and Fall of Bethlehem Steel, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. daily through Dec. 31: Historic Bethlehem Partnership: Walking Tour

LITERARY EVENTS

GODFREY DANIELS
7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390

Story Circle, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700

'KING' MUSICAL Christmas topic at Bible Church

The Drama and Music Ministries of Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, 1 - 78 and Cedar Crest Boulevard, will present the Christmas musical, "Searching for the King," at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 and 24. "Searching for the

King" is arranged and orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale, and written by Walter L. Black.

The story line follows Mordecai, one of the Magi, searching the evening sky, finding a star like no other and questioning what it could mean. Fast forward 2,000 years later when Benjamin, stationed in the midst of a present-day

Middle East war zone, stands looking to the star-filled sky, filled with questions in dealing with the death of a fellow soldier-childhood friend.

The Cedar Crest Adult and Children's Choirs will sing as part of the production.

A free-will offering will be taken.

Information: 610-432-2200

LVHM Bank notes lecture topic

Numismatist Stephen Gehring presents a lecture and PowerPoint presentation, "A History of Money," 1 p.m. Dec. 17, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. "This is a unique

opportunity to view an extremely rare collection of national bank notes from Catasauqua, Allentown, Neffs, New Tripoli and other Lehigh Valley towns. They will be on display for one day only," said Joseph Garrera, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum.

Prior to the Civil War, state-chartered banks

were allowed to print their own currency. Bank notes were issued in all sizes, shapes and designs and flooded the United States. President Abraham Lincoln convinced Congress to pass the National Banking Act in 1863, which established a national banking system for a uniform national currency.

Information: 610-435-1074

'Descendants' Oscar lineage

Screenwriter-director Alexander Payne is a master of the cinematic moment.

In his most entertaining and critically-acclaimed films, seemingly normal persons exhibit abnormal behavior, often triggered by an event, long-neglected or overlooked, unfulfilled deep-seated needs and desires, or undiagnosed and dormant phobias.

In "Sideways" (2004), Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church get into all kinds of shenanigans in their search for the perfect cabernet in California wine country.

In "About Schmidt" (2002), Jack Nicholson travels to his estranged daughter's wedding.

In "Election" (1999), Reese Witherspoon runs for class president when teacher Matthew Broderick intervenes.

In "The Descendants," Payne's latest slice-of-life mini-opus, George Clooney plays Matt King, a mega-rich Hawaiian land owner who hops from Oahu to Kauai where 25,000 acres of his family's ancestral land trust are to be sold for development.

Do you see a pattern here?

Payne, born Alexander Constantine Papadopoulos in Omaha, Neb., is making nothing less than contemporary cinematic odysseys of the heart and mind. Payne is the King of Pain.

What lifts the material in "The Descendants" above soap opera sentiments and romantic comedy cliches are Payne's carefully-wrought screenplays, filed with trenchant dialogue ("What is it that makes the women in my life destroy them; selves?"); his careful and considerate filming of scenes, allowing the actors and emotions space and depth; and his use of dramatic plot elements, bringing his characters' dilemmas and problems into sharp focus.

As a workaholic attorney, Matt King (George Clooney) is ruminative, nervous and inner-directed. His wife, Elizabeth (Patricia Hastie) is on her deathbed, following a boating accident that has put her into a coma.

King learns from his teen-age daughter, Alexandra (Shaillene Woodley, of TV's "The Secret Life of the American Teenager," "Crossing Jordan" and the "O.C."), that his wife

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was having an affair.

King has his hands full dealing with Alexandra's seething anger and sense of betrayal toward her mother, as well as his out-of-control pre-teen daughter, Scottie (Amara Miller, in her acting debut), who seems on her way to becoming a troubled teen.

Along the way, Clooney confronts his father-in-law, Scott Thorson (Robert Forster); Alexandra's teen male friend, Sid (Nick Krause); his wife's lover, Brian Speer (Matthew Lillard); Brian's wife, Julie Speer (Judy Greer); and Cousin Hugh (Beau Bridges) in his own personal Pearl Harbor.

Payne co-wrote the screenplay with actors Nat Faxon ("Zookeeper") and Jim Rash ("Community") based on the 2009 novel by actress Kauai Hart Hemmings.

The film has the off-hand, real-life sense and cool intelligence of "Sunshine Cleaning" (2008), "Juno" (2007) and "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006), albeit with a soundtrack of Hawaiian music and backdrop of picturesque Hawaii.

Of course, even in Hawaii, it's not always sunny. As we all know, that only happens in Philadelphia.

Look for an Oscar actor nomination for Clooney, supporting actress nomination for Woodley, and screenplay and director's nominations.

"The Descendants," Rated R (Restricted. Under 17 Requires Accompanying Parent Or Adult Guardian) for language including some sexual references; Genre: Comedy, Drama; Run Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes; Distributed by Fox Searchlight Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: In the final scene in "The Descendants," the voice heard is that of Morgan Freeman, narrating "The March of the Penguins" (2005), which Matt King (George Clooney) views with daughters Alexandra (Shaillene Woodley) and Scottie (Amara Miller).

Box Office, Dec. 9: "New Year's Eve" arrived early but with little to celebrate, opening at No. 1 with a weak \$13.7 million, keeping "The Sitter" sit-

ting at No. 2, opening with only \$10 million, and dropping "The Twilight Series: Breaking Dawn, Part 1" to No. 3 after three weeks at No. 1, with \$7.9 million, \$259.5 million, four weeks. "Twilight" is the year's third highest-grossing movie, behind "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" and "Transformers: Dark of the Moon."

4. "The Muppets," \$7 million, \$65.8 million, three weeks; 5. "Arthur Christmas," \$6.6 million, \$33.4 million; three weeks; 6. "Hugo," \$6.1 million, \$33.4 million, three weeks; 7. "The Descendants," \$4.8 million, \$23.6 million, four weeks; 8. "Happy Feet Two," \$3.7 million, \$56.8 million, four weeks; 9. "Jack and Jill," \$3.2 million, \$68.6 million, five weeks; 10. "The Immortals," \$2.4 million, \$79.8 million, five weeks

Still playing: Continuing at ArtsQuest Cinema is "Being Elmo" and "The Descendants." Continuing at Civic Theatre514 is "Anonymous."

Unreel, Dec. 9:

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," PG-13: Robert Downey Jr. is back as Sherlock Holmes as is Jude Law as Dr. Watson, as they try to outwit Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris). Guy Ritchie directs the action-thriller that also stars Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace.

"Carnage," R: Roman Polanski directs the comedy-drama starring Jodie Foster, John C. Reilly, Kate Winslet and Christoph Waltz as two sets of parents who meet after their sons are involved in a school playground fight.

"Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-Wrecked," G: The gang is marooned on a tropical island in the animated film comedy.

"Corman's World: Exploits of a Hollywood Rebel," R: A documentary about low-budget movie producer-director Roger Corman.

Hear Paul Willistein's movie reviews on Lehigh Valley Arts Salon, 6 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, www.wdiy.org, Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio. Read previous movie reviews at www.tnonline.com. Email Paul Willistein at: pwillistein@tnonline.com and on Facebook.

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'Tales of the Towpath' given top state social studies award

"Tales of the Towpath," a fourth-grade Social Studies-Language Arts curriculum developed by a volunteer team of teachers, curriculum coordinators and historians living in the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L), has received the 2011 Outstanding Social Studies Program Award from the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies (PCSS).

"Tales of the Towpath" introduces elementary school students to mid-19th century life along the Lehigh and Delaware canals in eastern Pennsylvania and helps students understand the canals' and the region's importance in the growth of the American Industrial Revolution.

"Tales of the Towpath" is being taught in 68 public, private, charter and parochial schools in the D&L Corridor. In addition to standardized lessons and assessments, the curriculum includes a traveling trunk filled with period artifacts; an audio book version of "Tales of the Towpath" for lower-level readers and visually impaired students; and a website that introduces students to 35 towns along the Lehigh and Delaware canals through text, narration, maps and historic photos and videos.

The standardized, interdisciplinary curriculum was developed by a volunteer team of teachers, curriculum coordinators and historians living in the D&L's five counties: Bucks, Northampton, Lehigh, Carbon and Luzerne.

The program is managed by Dennis Scholl, Outreach Coordinator for the D&L, who wrote the children's storybook that serves as the curriculum's foundation. Scholl accepted the award on behalf of the D&L at the PCSS Annual Conference Oct. 13 in Pittsburgh.

PCSS lauded "Tales of the Towpath" as a Social Studies program of outstanding quality based on a sound and professional curricular framework.

The curriculum was judged on the following criteria: articulation of creative ideas and thinking, balance of content, innovative and creative teaching techniques and materials, display of thinking skills and processes, and involvement of students, community and teachers.

"We appreciate the extensive amount of time and resources that were poured into such a cur-

riculum," said Kimberly Kochanski, Pocono Mountain School District Social Studies Department Head and Awards Chairperson for the PCSS.

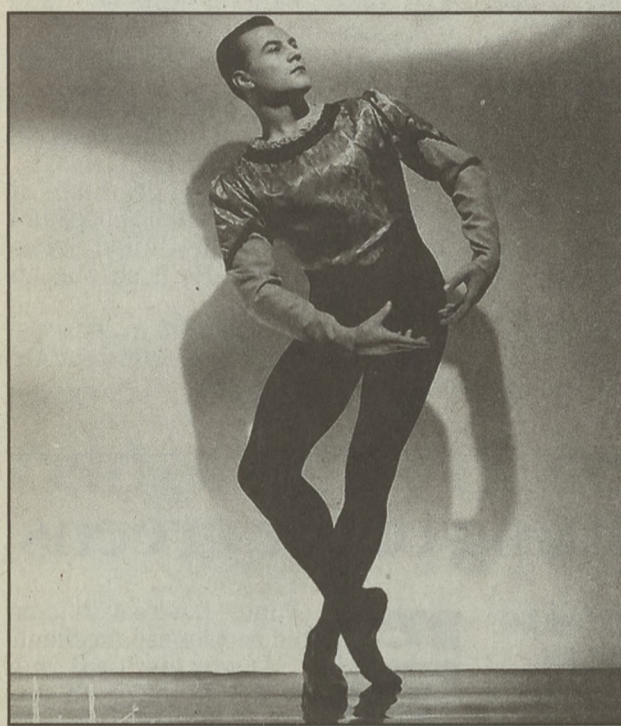
"It is encouraging that multiple school districts integrate Tales of the Towpath within their elementary schools and attest to its quality," Kochanski said. PCSS is the umbrella organization for Social Studies educators in the Commonwealth and promotes quality Social Studies education from kindergarten to higher learning.

D&L offers "Tales of the Towpath" free-of-charge. Teachers receive a day of Act 48 training prior to implementation. Schools interested in adopting "Tales of the Towpath" may contact Scholl at 610-923-3548, ext. 225.

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is a non-profit corporation that is building the D&L Trail and fostering stewardship of historical, cultural and natural resources along the historic canals and railroads that transported anthracite coal from mines to markets in eastern Pennsylvania.



Above, left to right (seated): Marjorie Berlin Fink, Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley (BGLV) founder; George Balanchine; Diana Adams, New York City Ballet dancer; James Fender, BGLV Artistic Director 1958 - '64; in BGLV third floor studio circa 1963 - '64. The dance students (standing) are unidentified. Natalie Hedrick, holding Nutcracker, right, dances Clara Dec. 18 in the BGLV "Nutcracker." Jillian Sinko, far right, dances Clara Dec. 17. Alexi Ramov, below, BGLV artistic director, danced with Ballet Russe.



'NUTCRACKER'

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eration. The Ballet Guild "Nutcracker" is filled with this rich tradition. The "Snow" choreography was set by Knerr; based on her recollection of the Ramov choreography. Ramov based his choreography on recollections of the Ballet Russe version. Here the history becomes a little confusing, because of the existence of three separate ballet companies that used the name "Ballet Russe" between 1909 and the post-

WWII period. One of the companies, The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, brought a young dancer named George Balanchine to the U.S. Balanchine went on to become the most influential 20th century ballet choreographer in the U.S. and, arguably, the world. "Not only did Mr. Ramov base his choreography on the Ballet Russe version," Knerr says, "but the original Act I backdrop that Mr. Ramov used for his first "Nutcracker," 42 years ago, was an old Ballet Russe backdrop." The possible connection

between American ballet's seminal figure and the Ballet Guild's "Nutcracker" is uncanny. "The old Act I backdrop is his [Ramov's] connection to Balanchine and New York City Ballet," notes Knerr: "The history is deep at the Ballet Guild — I'm so honored to be able to share this with everyone." For the young dancers taking the stage, the Ballet Guild's history may remain elusive. For these young dancers and for the more than 4,000 school children who will see this year's "Nutcracker," the

ballet is an eagerly-anticipated hallmark of the holiday season — a magical performance in which a young girl dreams her way to a "Kingdom of Sweets" on the arm of her Nutcracker Prince. A Tea Party & Cocktail Party follows the 2 p.m. Dec. 17 performance. Guest artists Jennie Somogyi and Ask la Cour, in costume as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, will be available for photos with cast members and guests. Ticket information: 610-865-0353.

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Annecatette Zeoli, right, of Whitehall, who owns and operates Autdemna Jewelers, is in her eighth year as one of the 100 artisans at Christkindmarkt Bethlehem. The 19th annual craft fair, named a top holiday markets in the world by Travel and Leisure magazine, continues through Dec. 18 at its new location, PNC Plaza, 645 E. First St., SteelStacks, on the city's south side. Hours: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Ticket information: art-squest.org

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Judy Collins signs books

Singer-songwriter Judy Collins will visit downtown Easton at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 for a talk about her life and career. Collins will speak next door to the Mercantile Home, 140 Northampton St. Easton, Suite C. Immediately following the 30-minute talk, Collins will sign copies of her memoir "Sweet Judy Blue Eyes," children's book "When You Wish Upon A Star," and CD "Bohemian" at the Mercantile. The event is free, but is ticketed because of limited seating. Free tickets are available at Mercantile Home. The book signing is open to the public with no ticket necessary. Information: 610-258-4046

WEDDINGS

Johns-Ohlson

Emmaus High School graduate wed

Kristi Marie Ohlson and Jeffrey Joseph Johns Jr. were married Sept. 17 at St. Thomas More Church, Allentown.

Monsignor Thomas Murphy officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Diane Ohlson of Allentown.

Her husband is the son of Jeffrey and Dolores Johns of Allentown.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The matron of honor was Elizabeth Stano of Phoenixville, Chester County.

Bridesmaids were Lindsey Steckel of Laurys Station; Bonnie Gilber of Milford, Conn.; Lauren Mullins and Kiley Mullins, both of Orange, Conn.; Kelly McDonald of Arlington, Va.; Christina Scripps of Rockville, Md.; and Jennifer Johns of Allentown.

The flower girl was Lucianna Stano, daughter of Eric and Elizabeth Stano of Phoenixville.

The best man was Adam Kaunitz of Macungie.

Ushers were Mike Kaunitz of Macungie, Dante Johns of Allentown, Kevin Ohlson of Allentown, Eddie Ohlson of Allentown and Mike Scripps of Rockville, Md.

Ring bearer was Maximus Hernandez of Allentown.

The reception was held at Brookside Country Club, Macungie.



Jeffrey and Kristi Johns

The bride is a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School. She is employed by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

The groom is a graduate of Emmaus High School and West Virginia University. He works at Financial Outsourcing Solutions.

Following a honeymoon in Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple is residing Allentown.

Scheller-Miller

Emmaus High School graduate marries

Christine Elizabeth Miller and Brian Kenneth Scheller were married Oct. 8 at Bethany United Methodist Church, Wescosville.

Pastor Jim Brashear officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Warren and Jane Miller of Macungie.

Her husband is the son of Ken and Chris Scheller of Frisco, Texas.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents Warren and Jane Miller.

The bride wore a ivory strapless princess ball gown.

She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The maid of honor was friend of the bride, Laura Pfeifer of Blackwood, N.J.

Bridesmaids were Catherine Scheller of Dallas, Texas; Caitlin Cygan of Emmaus; Hilary Lewis of Indiana, Indiana County; Erin Strang of Mechanicsville, Va.; Paris Howat of New York, N.Y.; and Katie Rummel of Pittsburgh.

The bridesmaids wore red satin, strapless semi-formal gowns with matching red shoes.

The best man was the groom's twin brother John Scheller, of Dallas, Texas.

Ushers were Danny Scheller of Dallas; Michael Miller of Macungie; Peter Miller of Macungie; Jim Ciccone of Lancaster, Calif.; Ike Nwaelele of Montgomery, Ala.; and Mike McLai of Dover, Del.

The ring bearers were Westin and Hudson Miller, of West Point, N.Y., sons of Matthew and Jody Miller.

The bride's mother was attired in a harvest gold sleeveless formal gown with a red wrap.

The groom's mother was attired in a navy blue semi-formal gown.

The reception was held in the Moun-



Christine Elizabeth Miller and Brian Kenneth Scheller

tain Ballroom, Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Emmaus High School and a 2009 graduate of Grove City College.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of North Canton Hoover High School and a 2010 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He is serving in the Air Force.

Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple is residing at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany.

Danforth-Christman

Northwestern graduate marries in Spain

Elizabeth Christman and Ken Danforth were married Nov. 11, at the Abama Ritz Carlton Resort, Isle of Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain.

Father Evans David Gliwitzki officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Millie Christman of New Tripoli and the late David K. Christman.

The groom is the son of Fred and Sheila Danforth of Aiken, S.C.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School and a 1987 graduate of Brigham Young University.

She is director of administration for the legal department of Texas Instruments, Dallas, Texas.

Her husband is a 1981 graduate of



Elizabeth and Ken Danforth

Aiken High School and a 1988 graduate of Clemson University.

He is president of and chief consultant of Danforth International.

Following a two-week honeymoon in Spain and Portugal, the couple is residing in Dallas.

Holiday cutting of the greens

If your family wants an old-fashioned holiday this year, you can get fresh greens right in your own backyard and provide long-term benefits to your plants, too. If you are not looking for fresh greens for decorations, it is still a good time to prune evergreens.

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A light pruning in early to mid-December improves a plant's symmetry and natural form, promotes better balance and healthier growth, and to some degrees, controls the height or spread of the plant. Fresh greens for decorating are a bonus.

Make the pruning cut at a joint in a branch so that the remaining leaves cover and hide the cut.

Needle and broadleaf evergreens make attractive holiday decorations. To make arrangements, you may need a few branches that are 12- to 15-inches long, but the majority of materials for both centerpieces and wreaths need to be no longer than four to six inches.

Get the larger pieces by removing unwanted branches and by severe heading back of vigorous growth. Foundation plantings, for example, should have an air space between each other and between each plant and the house. This often requires the removal or hard pruning of some branches. Doing such pruning now is a good way to get the longer greens.

Get short pieces of plant material by a type of pruning called "tipping." This, as the name suggests, is the removal of the tip of the shoot.

Done with a pair of hand shears or a pruning knife, tipping should provide all the four- to six-inch pieces of greenery needed for decorating, leaving a very natural-looking plant in the process. Tipping done with a pair of electric hedge shears may give greens, but it also produces the unnaturally-shaped plant mounds that sometimes appear in the front yards of homeowners who don't understand how to prune.

Any evergreen can be used for holiday greenery, but some kinds are better than others. Boxwood, with its dense, fine texture, is especially popular. Japanese hollies are a good substitute, and American, English and

Chinese hollies with their red berries are excellent.

Among pines, the fine, flexible, bright green needles of the white pine are best. Spruces make excellent wreaths. The Colorado spruce holds its needles much better than the Norway.

Hemlock does not hold its needles well, so confine its use to arrangements where the stems will be in water.

When pruning larger evergreens such as pine, spruce and hemlock, get the greens by removing unneeded branches. Pine and hemlock will respond to tipping, but use more care with the spruces and don't over-prune. On older trees, it's possible to remove or tip side shoots without spoiling the plant's basic symmetry.

Yews and junipers are good sources of greenery. The dark green needles of yew are especially good and the plants tolerate pruning well.

Rhododendrons can be pruned now for holiday decorations. Prune them back to force branches and leave a clean, smooth cut.

Many rhododendrons need pruning anyway to keep them in scale with their setting. Avoid removing branches with flower buds if there's concern about the number of blooms next spring.

When using greens for decorations be aware of the potential fire hazard of these materials, and remember that greens kept in water will last longer. Avoid burning candles near greens without water. Also, keep them away from heaters, electric lights, television sets and other sources of heat. The best holiday is a safe holiday.

For answers to your garden questions, call the Lehigh County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-391-9840, or Northampton County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-746-1970, and ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Volunteers staff phone lines several days a week, Monday-Friday.

Growing Green is contributed by Lehigh County Cooperative Extension Office Staff and Master Gardeners.

Peter at 'Camelot'

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Left to right: Jill Kerecz, Camelot for Children board member; Peter Noone, of Herman's Hermits; Marnell Schuler, retired Camelot director; and Elaine Vasko, Camelot board member, backstage at Symphony Hall, Allentown, after the 25th annual Camelot for Children Christmas Spectacular Concert Dec. 4.

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Ben Franklin names facility in honor of R. Chadwick Paul

Fred Beste, Chairman of the Board of Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania, has announced that the Board of Directors has dedicated the Ben Franklin TechVentures incubator-post-incubator facility in the name of R. Chadwick Paul, Jr. and his family.

Paul is President and Chief Executive Officer of Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"Chad was the singular driving force in creating this remarkable facility," said Beste. "It took great foresight and courage to put up a building in this economic climate."

"Chad's vision and tenacity catalyzed its development, and he motivated, inspired and led the team that together made it a reality."

"Ben Franklin TechVentures will pay dividends to our region in the form of the creation of countless high-quality jobs in the years to come," added Beste.

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania, which owns and manages Ben Franklin

TechVentures, received a \$6-million grant in September 2009 to expand Ben Franklin TechVentures funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act through the United States Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The grant, combined with other federal and state grants, Ben Franklin funding and private contributions, allowed Ben Franklin to proceed with the \$18-million expansion.

Ben Franklin TechVentures2, which opened Oct. 20, is a 47,000-square-foot addition to the original Ben Franklin TechVentures business technology incubator on Lehigh University's Mountaintop campus.

The new facility is projected to create as many as 200 sustainable, highly-paid technology jobs and retain 100 more jobs at new start-up companies in its first three years. It will also provide job and internship opportunities for up to 20 university students each year.

Twenty-nine early-stage firms, employing 158, are located in Ben Franklin TechVentures.

Since 1983, the Ben Franklin Business Incubator and TechVentures has graduated 52 successful companies, grossing more than \$408 million in annual revenue, and creating more than 4,700 jobs.

Ben Franklin TechVentures2 brings together entrepreneurs, Ben Franklin staff and Lehigh faculty and students to accelerate the growth of the region's technology economy.

The Ben Franklin team will continue to support TechVentures resident companies with management guidance, business planning, strategic planning, marketing counsel, connections to angel investors and venture capitalists and assistance in preparing and perfecting funding presentations.

The facility provides an entrepreneurial culture that fuels innovation, shared basic office services and access to equipment, conference and meeting rooms, high-speed Internet and other amenities.

Ben Franklin will share its new Innovation Institute meeting, learning and conference facilities space with local corpo-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

R. Chadwick Paul, Jr., President and CEO of Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania, in front of the new expansion to Ben Franklin TechVentures Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus, Bethlehem.

rate partners and programs.

Ben Franklin TechVentures2 was designed for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The facility has a photovoltaic solar array on its rooftop and the latest energy management and light-harvesting technologies manufactured by Coopersburg-based Lutron Electronics integrated throughout the building.

It includes wet labs, office-meeting space, and a new parking garage.

TechVentures won first-place national honors in the United States 2011 Energy Star Challenge with a projected reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 51 percent.

In August, Ben Franklin TechVentures was selected as one of "10 Startup Incubators You Need to Watch" by Inc.com, and was recog-

nized by portfolio.com for providing comprehensive services to start-ups and creating jobs.

In October, Ben Franklin TechVentures2 won the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association Project of the Year award.

The Ben Franklin Business Incubator was named National Business Incubator of the Year by the National Business Incubation Association in 2001.

Lehigh Valley Health Network has 2011 income of \$80 million

Ronald W. Swinford, MD, Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) president and chief executive officer, told the Board of Trustees, colleagues and members of the community that the health network turned in a strong financial performance in fiscal year 2011.

LVHN's operating income for fiscal year 2011, which is reinvested in programs, services, facilities and technology, was \$80 million, or 5.3 percent of total revenues. The health network's operating margin in fiscal year 2010 was \$41 million.

"Experts in health care say we need an operating margin of 5 percent of revenues to successfully reinvest," Swinford said.

Swinford spoke to about 400 in attendance at LVHN's community annual meeting Dec. 7 in the Kasych Family Pavilion at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township.

He gave much of the credit to LVHN employees and projects they have implemented to increase

efficiency while maintaining or improving the quality of care. As a result, the health network ended the fiscal year \$28.4 million under budget in expenses.

He said the health network's sound financial position also allowed the organization to enhance its annual community benefit.

LVHN provided a record \$215 million in community benefit during fiscal year 2011, which ended June 30. That's a 12.7 percent increase over fiscal year 2010.

The total includes activities, services and materials for which the not-for-profit charity receives no payments. Swinford cited providing the community 12,000 free flu shots during drive-thru sessions at Dorney Park and Coca-Cola Park in November 2010, more than 7,000 free dental procedures for children on the "Miles for Smiles" dental van, more than 600 mammograms and more than 120 pap tests for women without health insurance, and cre-

ation of the Community Health and Wellness Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital - 17th Street, where patients learn about health and manage chronic conditions.

Swinford said more patients are turning to LVHN for care. In fiscal year 2011, LVHN cared for more than 67,000 patients admitted to the hospital, a 2.4 percent increase over the previous year. Emergency department visits held steady at nearly 163,000 patients. Outpatient registrations were up 1.6 percent to more than 492,000 visits and visits to the health network-owned physicians of the Lehigh Valley Physician Group grew by 7.6 percent to almost 1.5 million.

In addition to remarks from Swinford, Board of Trustees Chairman J.B. Reilly and other board committee chairs, LVHN's clinical staff gave attendees a demonstration and the opportunity to experience firsthand how physicians are trained in laparoscopic surgery in the health network's sur-

gical simulation center, one of only 62 accredited centers in the country. They also demonstrated "Snow World," a burn pain management technology that simulates a video game during wound treatment.

Technology Training-Treating
Guests who attended the meeting had an opportunity to see and try out new technologies used to train the physicians of the future, and to provide treatment to the wounds of burn patients in a less painful way.

Community members toured the health network's surgery education center. There are only 62 hospitals in the country training surgical residents and medical students to do laparoscopic surgery according to the stringent Standards and Criteria of the American College of Surgeons' Program for Accreditation of Educational Institutions.

The center has been in operation since May 2010 at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest. Resi-

dents and medical students train and are tested progressively on skills from basic movement of simple objects to highly technical simulated surgeries where simple mistakes could be tragic in real life.

"Having to stitch two arteries together using sutures thinner than a strand of hair requires a great deal of dexterity and patience," said third-year medical resident Ramon Garza III, MD. "Practicing here allows me to improve in both those categories."

Meeting attendees also could experience pain control technology called, "Snow World." Looking through a set of virtual reality goggles, a patient views a video game-like arctic world and uses a computer mouse to throw snowballs at snowmen and other objects. Music heard through headphones heightens the experience. As caregivers change a patient's bandages, a process that can cause pain and nervousness in many patients

with burns, "Snow World" distracts patients by taking their focus elsewhere. "Our caregivers find that patients who use 'Snow World' are less anxious and need less pain medication," Swinford said.

Trustees Elected, Re-elected

The LVHN Board of Trustees elected John D. Stanley, senior vice president and general counsel, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. to the board to serve a three-year term beginning Jan. 1.

The following members were re-elected to three-year terms, effective Jan. 1: Robert M. Dickler, chief health care officer for health care affairs (retired), Association of American Medical Colleges; John F. Malloy, PhD, chairman, president and chief executive officer, Victaulic; Michael J. Pistoria, DO, president, LVHN medical staff; Maria Rodale, chair and chief executive officer, Rodale, Inc.; and Kathryn P. Taylor, vice president (retired) NBC.

Lehigh Valley home sales up 13.3 percent in November

The Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors (LVAR) released figures Dec. 9 that show an increase in November 2011 home sales, up 13.3 percent over last year at the same time.

November home sales from this year were recorded at 409 compared to 361 in November 2010. Home sales also increased 7.1 percent from October 2011 with 409 sales, as compared to 382 last month.

"November continued the positive trends we saw in October when the number of pending home sales increased by 27 percent. Residential sales continue to be significantly higher than in the fourth quarter of 2010," said Frank Renaldi, Jr., President of LVAR. "It's clear from the data that the real estate market is improving."

Homes sold more quickly in November 2011

with the average time on the market at 87 days, compared to the October 2011 average of 88 days and the November 2010 average of 89 days. The average market time for November 2011 was also lower than the local year-to-date figure at 92 days.

The average home sale price (total sales dollars divided by the number of sales) in November was \$182,000, an increase from \$181,000 last month.

In terms of median price (mid-point for the range of prices, half below and half above), November was confirmed at \$160,000, an increase of approximately 3.2 percent, compared to \$155,000 in October 2011.

Year-to date pending homes sales are recorded at 4,998, up 14.4 percent from the same time last year at 4,368.

"In the past five months, home sales per month have increased over home sales during the same months in 2010. Importantly, we're well past the volatility of the homebuyer tax credit of 2010. Comparing November 2010 to November 2011 is a true apples-to-apples comparison without the impact of the tax credit," said Ryan Conrad, CEO of LVAR. "We are hopeful that these positive trends will continue into 2012."

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

Dietrick announces new sales member

Dietrick Group, LLC has announced that the newest member of its Brokerage Division is Judy A. Williams.

Williams participates in commercial real estate transactions and represents buyers-tenants and owners-landlords.

Williams brings more than 20 years of experience to Dietrick Group in national and boutique retail sales, having worked

for luxury retailers as a Senior Store Manager and Regional Corporate Trainer.

Dietrick Group, LLC is a Lehigh Valley based full-service real estate advisory company specializing in commercial and residential sales-leasing, commercial appraisal and property management throughout the greater Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton area.



Judy A. Williams

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meaningful way of keeping their family together. "We want our three children, Adam, Katrina and Gabriella, to know this and have it be important to them, too," says Linda.

Sitting down together every day to celebrate a meal as a family is the Maniscalcos' way of teaching their children the importance of preserving this ritual. "We still do it with our own parents. And

their parents taught them." And no matter who you are, you are always welcomed to the table.

The newly-revised paperback cookbook was first published in 2010 and sold 5,000 copies at the Moravian Book Shop, Lehigh Valley stores and in New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

This year's edition has been expanded 30 pages to include more cookie and drink recipes and master mixologist and co-author Rocco Maniscalco's favorite side dish, Stuffed Arti-

chokes. "We add pepperoni into each leaf instead of just the traditional bread crumbs. It just makes it more of a meal."

Linda Maniscalco, illustrator of the cookbook, says the Cioppino is her favorite because it's an easy way to make all seven fishes at once on Christmas Eve. "I love this dish so much I make it any time of year in the Crock-Pot."

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

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Trexlerstown 610-398-3321
The Rev. Canon Michael F. Piovane,
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Sun. 8 & 10:15 a.m. Holy Euch.
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Wed. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(Healing Service: first Wed.)

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

EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL

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

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9:30 a.m. Connections Cafe opens
10 a.m. Service begins
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every morning

ST. MATTHEW'S E.C. CHURCH

Corner of N. 5th St. & Ridge St.
Emmaus - 610-965-5570
Rev. Al Giles - Senior Pastor
Rev. Nathan Kennedy - Asst. Pastor
Traditional Worship, 8:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Kids Club - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

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

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

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
13th & Hamilton Sts., 610-433-4271
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9:15 a.m. Sunday School, all ages
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Hearing Devices Available

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Christmas Eve 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
Christmas Day, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Rev. Paul E. Bartlett, Pastor
610-966-3325
www.gracemacungie.org

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

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Emmaus, Pa. 18049
610-967-2220
Rev. Richard H. Elliott, Sr. Pastor
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Rev. Marge Dean, Assoc. Pastor
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Fourth & Pine Sts., Catasauqua
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9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sun./month)

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



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

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4004 Tilghman St. - 610-395-5062
John P. Minnich, STM, Pastor
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Communion
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Saturday Worship, 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
www.nativityallentown.org

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
822 N. 19th Street
Allentown, PA 18104
610-434-1291
The Rev. Donna T. Deal
Sat. Eve. Worship, 6 p.m.
Sunday School - 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.
(Communion, all services)
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5th & Chestnut sts.
Emmaus, Pa. 18049
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Rev. Wayne A. Matthias-Long, Pastor
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Worship, 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School
for All Ages, 9:15 a.m.

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1028 Church Street,
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Pr. Andrew Carlsson, Interim Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion-1st & 3rd Sun. of Month
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417 Hometown Road
Catasaqua, PA 18032
610-264-3221
Rev. Gary L. Walbert
8 a.m. Holy Communion
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sun./month

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4331 Main St., Whitehall
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8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
Communion every Sunday, 8 a.m.
Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sun. 10:15 a.m.
8 & 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
5th Sunday of the Month

UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville
610-767-6884
Rev. Dennis Moore
Worship Service, 8 & 10:45 a.m.
Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
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WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH
7645 Weisenberg Church Rd.
New Tripoli, PA 18066
610-298-2437
Pastor Ray Hand
Worship, 9 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
Holy Communion - 1st Sunday
Wheelchair accessible

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

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

SONRise COMMUNITY CHURCH
Next Preview Worship Session:
Xmas Eve, Dec. 24
The Macungie Institute
510 E. Main Street
Rt. 100, Macungie
7 p.m.
Contact: Kate Dekker, LCL
610-965-1879

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Pastors Bill & Sue Whitney
Sunday Service - 10 a.m.
Bible Study - Tuesday - 7 P.M.

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610-756-6676
Church School, 9 a.m.
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www.fpcallentown.org

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Emmaus - 610-967-5600
Rev. Timothy Michael Dooner
10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery care provided
www.faithchurchemmaus.org
faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
2344 Center Street
610-867-5865
Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson, Sr. Pastor
Saturday Oasis, 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship:
8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
9 & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Childcare & Handicapped Accessible
www.fpc-bethlehem.org

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

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

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610-691-3411
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Web: LehighValleyQuakers.org

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3441 Devonshire Road
Allentown, PA 18103
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and the United Church of Christ
Rev. Homer E. Royer Jr., Sr. Pastor
8 a.m. Holy Communion Service, pew
9 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program
4 p.m. Christmas Caroling

UNION

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

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

UNITED CH. OF CHRIST

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

CHRIST CHURCH U.C.C.
75 East Market Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018 - 610-865-6565
Rev. William J. Kuntze, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Jeffrey V. Bauer, Assoc. Pastor
email: christ@christucc.org
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. "The Gathering Place"
Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.
135 Quarry Rd., Alburts
610-966-2991
Rev. Scott M. Sanders
9 a.m. Church School
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Pageant
All Ages

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

EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH
4129 S. Church Street
Whitehall - 610-262-4961
Pastor Larry E. Pickar, Sr.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Series: Plan to Win!
Message Outlines on Website
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Adult/Children's Sunday Sch. 9 a.m.
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GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
902 Lincoln Ave.
Northampton, Pa. 18067
610-262-7186 graceucc@rcn.com
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Handicapped accessible

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

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

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1837 Church Road, Allentown
(Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.)
jordanucc.org
610-395-2218
Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Sr. Pastor
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Christmas Eve: 2, 5, 7 & 9 p.m.

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

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

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

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

South Rt. 100 & Church Lane
Trexlerstown - 610-395-4571
Rev. Al Bastin, Co-Pastor
Rev. Carol Bastin, Co-Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery

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

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

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

TRINITY U.C.C.
Third & Copley Sts.
Coplay, PA 610-262-8933
Pastor Steve Hummel
9:30 a.m. Divine Worship
(Child Care available)
Communion, 1st Sunday/mo.

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

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

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Springhouse Rd. & Walbert Ave.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
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Open Door Community Worship, 11 a.m.
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www.asburyiv.org

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5 p.m. Children's Church
Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Friday 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sr. High Cafe, Friday's 9-11 p.m.

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Sunday Worship (Blended), 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

Confirmation

Bishop John O. Barres asks questions of confirmands during confirmation Nov. 22 at the Queenship of Mary Church.
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Red robes identify the confirmands at the Queenship of Mary Church in Northampton Nov. 22.

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12/14

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations call 610-559-3245
Wednesday, Dec. 14: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, tossed salad with 1000 Island dressing, wheat bread with margarine, lemon bar
Thursday, Dec. 15: Pasta fagioli soup, southern-style battered pangasius, au gratin potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, fruit cocktail.
Friday, Dec. 16: Chicken pot pie, sliced carrots, spinach salad with bacon dressing, biscuit with margarine, shoofly pie.
Monday, Dec. 19: Minestrone soup, tater tot casserole, green peas, wheat bread with margarine, chilled apricots.
Tuesday, Dec. 20: Black Oak ham, mashed red potatoes, green beans almondine, molded fruit salad, home baked roll with margarine, pumpkin spice cake.
Wednesday, Dec. 21- Happy Hanukkah: Chicken vegetable soup, beef brisket, potato latkes, chilled applesauce, rye bread with margarine, chocolate macron.
Thursday, Dec. 22: Breaded pork chop, cabbage and bow ties, pickled beets, wheat bread with margarine, fresh orange wedges.
Friday, Dec. 23: Baked lasagna, italian vegetables, italian bread with margarine, red seedless grapes.

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations call 610-782-3254
Wednesday, Dec. 14: Shepherd's pie, carrots, wax beans, multigrain bread, fruited yogurt.
Thursday, Dec. 15: Ham loaf, peas and pearl onions, mashed yams, wheat bread, mandarin oranges. BB:Pot roast.
Friday, Dec. 16: Baked white fish, wild rice, succatosh, wheat bread, banana.
Monday, Dec. 19: Chili con carne, rice Capri blend vegetables, corn muffin, orange.
Tuesday, Dec. 20: Rotisserie baked chicken with gravy, Harvard beets, bread stuffing, rye bread, pineapple tidbits.
Wednesday, Dec. 21: Baked ham with raisin sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, angel food cake. BB: Roast turkey.
Thursday, Dec. 22: Old fashioned meat loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat bread, banana.
Friday, Dec. 23: Closed. Happy holidays.

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4 Pastor's talk: Abbr.
7 Toreador
14 Mello (soda brand)
19 "Waltzing" (Aussie folk song)
21 Hard to get
22 Scallion, e.g.
23 Subcompact 1980s car
25 Soft palate appendage
26 Office transcriber
27 On a scale from one
28 Spelling of TV
30 Best results obtainable
32 Rectory
39 Head cook
42 See 122-Across
43 Guy concerned with corp. image
44 Like words for people, places, and things
45 Solicitor of celebs' signatures
48 Like some job training
49 "old for this!"
50 Scholastic sports org.
51 "cone (chilly treat)
52 Part of S&L: Abbr.
53 Commercial center of Venice
55 Pituitary secretion
61 Some EMT cases
62 The Little Pigs, e.g.
65 Bamboozled
66 Special ties
67 Try to get ringers
72 Negatives
74 Have to grind
75 "Hurry!"
76 Rd. intersectors
79 Hanukkah, for one
84 Get there by walking
86 Application filename extension
87 Follower of Sun.
88 Sleep cycle occurrences
91 100-buck bill
92 Novelist William
94 Golfers' hangout after a round
99 Ermines with brown coats
100 Have up one's sleeve
101 "Nope"
102 "The Sopranos" co-star Robert
103 Hiker's lodging place
105 "Ad astra per" (Kansas motto)
107 French for "fires"
108 Letter after gee
110 Make up for sins
114 Awake and out of bed
117 Belize, once
122 With 42-Across, time of cavemen

Crossword grid with numbers 1-128.

- 123 Enter the mind of
124 Jackie's "O"
125 MTV hidden-camera show
126 Serves, as at a diner
127 Plunk lead-in
128 Cheer for a 7-Across

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- 1 Baseball officials.
2 Curing stuff
3 Eye affliction
4 Yacht cousin
5 Univ. URL ending
6 Playwright Terence
7 Maestro Zubin
8 Burn balm
9 Start playing for pay
10 "Just expected"
11 Jazzman Gillespie, for short
12 Ab (from the start)
13 Monopoly payments
14 Judge's title
15 Green-eyed
16 Lucy of films
17 IM chuckle
18 Go diet
20 "Don't play me for a dummy"
24 Non-office desktop
29 Subtitle of Neil Diamond's "I Got the Feelin'"
31 Road topper

- 33 Darya (Asian river)
34 Fled or bled
35 Ill. neighbor
36 Harmony
37 "To save us all from power" (carol lyric)
38 French pupil
39 Nile capital
40 Like muggy weather
41 Jazzy Jones and James
43 Rx-filling place: Abbr.
46 Mafia's John
47 Crone
51 Old Iranian monarchs
54 Tiny morsel
56 Rowed
57 Scale stats
58 Mao -stung
59 "For jolly good ..."
60 Prefix with inform
63 Corporate raider Carl
64 Speed skater Apolo Anton
67 Frat letter
68 Linden of TV
69 Magic (Clorox stain remover)
70 Klutz
71 Period
72 Adjoining
73 "How much do I -?"
76 Pub perch

- 77 Book's name
78 Turn a car
79 "Falling Skies" actress Schram
80 Stiffed
81 Tokyo locale
82 Comical Johnson
83 "haw!" (oater cry)
85 Award for a break
89 Good guy
90 Kind of one-way fastener
93 Informer
94 "Hey Jude" syllables
95 QB's error
96 Scot's "no"
97 Doughnut alternatives
98 Hit - books
104 U-shaped yoke collar
105 Suffix with walk or sale
106 Doppler
109 "It laugh!"
112 Toe feature
113 Latin "to be"
114 Nile slitherer
115 R-V linkup
116 Whole lot
118 Zenith rival
119 Here, in Lyon
120 Boy king
121 Vane dir.

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Today's Cryptquip clue: S equals P

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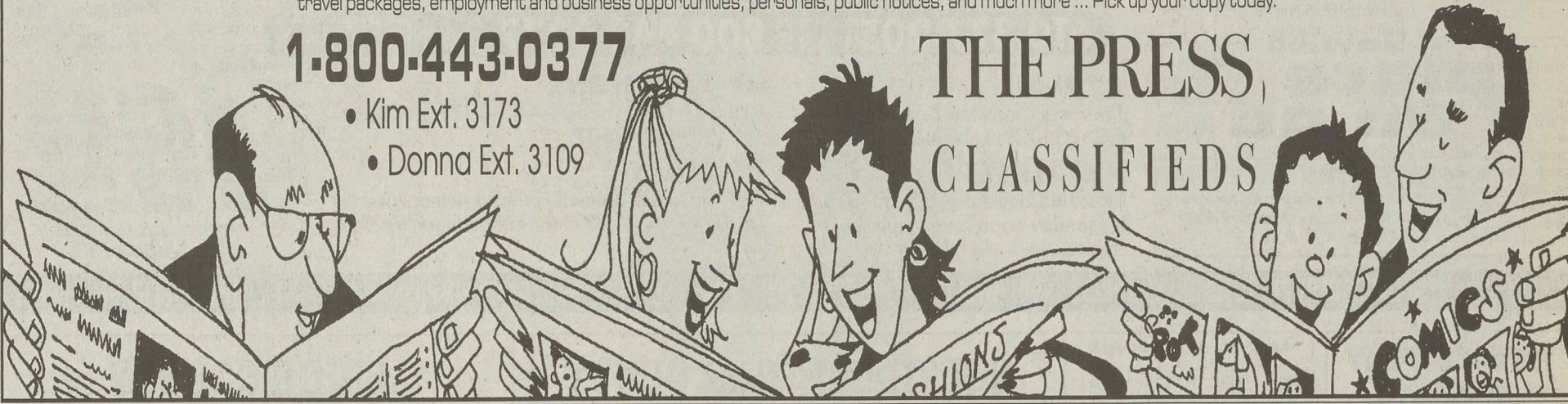
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the calendar year 2012 for the Borough of Alburis, Lehigh County, PA, is available for public inspection beginning December 14, 2011 at the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburis, Lehigh County, PA during normal business hours. Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE
The Emmaus Arts Commission's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA. The public is invited to attend. Dec. 14

Craig B. Neely
Borough Manager
Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of ELEANORE B. KUHN, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, PA, Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Rodney J. Kuhns, 588 Wynonah Drive, Auburn, PA 17299 or to his attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF DAMERIA L. DAVIS, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Peter Duggan, Co-Administrator, Roxanne Davis, Co-Administrator, c/o YOUNG & YOUNG, Donald S. Young, Esq., Rebecca M. Young, Esq., 119 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062. Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Section 917(b)(1) of the Second Class Township Code of Pennsylvania, as amended, of their intention and decision to reappoint, at their regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, commencing at 7:00 P.M., at the Hanover Township Municipal Building at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Todd J. Bushta of the firm of Gneiding, DeSanctis, Blizzard & Company, LLP, to act as the certified public accountant and to make an examination of all of the accounts of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, for the 2012 fiscal year and who shall replace the elected auditors of the Township insofar as it deals with the examination of Township accounts. Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF LAVERNE G. HERSH, Deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary, have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: JOANNE HARIU, a/k/a JOANNE DOROTHY HARIU and MAHLON HARIU, a/k/a MAHLON EDWIN HARIU, Co-Executors, Address: 636 Ridge Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or to their attorney: JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, Esquire, Address: 20 North 5th St., Suite #1, Emmaus, PA 18049-2406 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY
2012 MEETING SCHEDULE
Meetings are typically held on Mondays beginning at 12:00 p.m., except as noted below, in the LCA Office, Main Conference Room.

Table with 2 columns: Workshop Meetings, Board Meetings. Lists dates from January 9 to November 12.

ASA M. HUGHES
Chair
Dec. 14

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

ZHB-2011-24: The amended appeal of Atlantic Refining and Marketing Corp (property owner; Site Enhancement Services - agent) seeking approval to replace the existing manual gasoline pricing board portion of a variance located sign, with a new electronic LED style pricing board, pertinent to the Sunoco Gas Station and A-plus Mini-Mart, located at 3131 W. Tilghman Street. Dec. 7, 14, 21

ZHB-2011-29: The appeal of Butterflies and Rainbow Child Care seeking approval to be able to erect and maintain signage for their commercial child care use located at 4060 Broadway. Dec. 7, 14, 21

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

Any above-referenced property is located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted are available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Building Code Appeals Board of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday December 21, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
FILING OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CHECK CASHIER LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that BG MULTI-SERVICES of Bethlehem, Northampton, PA did on November 14, 2011, submit to the Department of Banking of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an application for a Check Cashier License located at: 522 W. Broad St. Bethlehem Northampton, PA 18018 Dec. 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428. Dec. 14, 21

CONTINUED from November 22, 2011 hearing is Appeal No. 11-011 of Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6528 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown PA, 18106; property owner: Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6528 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown PA, 18106; property address: 6528 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown PA 18106; Pin#:547501481138-1; zoned Commercial; requests a hearing pursuant to Lower Macungie Township Ordinance No. 1998-11, as amended, to determine a Variance of Sections 201.149; 1006; 1007; 1704.5; 2000.D, and 2001.5, and any other relief as may be required from the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance. Dec. 7, 14

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance. Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF EMMAUS
JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR EMMAUS FACILITIES
INVITATION TO BID
Sealed proposals for the Janitorial Services for various physical facilities, as detailed herein, will be received at the Borough of Emmaus Office, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 by the Emmaus Borough until Noon on December 28, 2011. Dec. 7, 14

Bidding documents can be obtained from the Borough at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, free of charge. Bidding documents are available by mail for a \$15.00 fee. Dec. 7, 14

Bids will be effective for 60 calendar days from the bid opening date and may not be withdrawn during that period. Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Salisbury will hold a public hearing and act on the following: Dec. 14

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, PART 2, ENTITLED "CABLE FRANCHISE GRANTING A CABLE FRANCHISE SERVICE TO SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV" Dec. 14

A copy of the full text of the ordinance may be examined at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dec. 14

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AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, PART 2, ENTITLED "CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE" AND GRANTING A CABLE FRANCHISE SERVICE TO RCN TELECOM SERVICES, LLC. Dec. 14

A copy of the full text of the ordinance may be examined at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dec. 14

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING AND REAFFIRMING THE RATES OF TAXATION, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2012 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. Dec. 14

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given Ordinances 2011-8 and 2011-9 shall be considered and, if appropriate, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township at its special meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:50 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania 18031. Dec. 14

Ordinance 2011-8 shall amend the Zoning Ordinance of Upper Macungie Township, adopted April 7, 1994, as amended, by amending portions of the Zoning Map by rezoning 25 acres of land located west of Route 100; south of Industrial Boulevard and north of the Route 222 Bypass from LI-Light Industrial Park District to HC-Highway Commercial District, and to further rezone 25 acres of land located west of Route 100; south of Schantz Road and east of Boulder Drive from HC-Highway Commercial District to LI-Light Industrial Park District. Dec. 14

Ordinance 2011-9 shall amend the Existing Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan-Lehigh County for Upper Macungie Township which addresses the present and future sewer needs for areas outside the public sewer service area by establishing certain standards; requirements and municipal management of on-lot subsurface sewage disposal facilities. Dec. 14

Copies of these proposed Ordinances shall be on display at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and on file at The Parkland Press, Allentown, Pennsylvania where they may be inspected. Dec. 14

Kathy A. Rader, Secretary
Upper Macungie Township
Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING HEARING BOARD AGENDA
Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeal: Dec. 7, 14

APPEAL 10413 - RODALE, INC., 400 S. 10th St., Emmaus, PA 18049 FOR 1134 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., EMMAUS, PA 18049. Dec. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Pennsylvania Statutes, Title 73, Chapter 26 § 1901 et seq., a public auction will take place on December 21, 2011, at the below-listed Public Storage facilities, for the following units, the contents of which shall be sold to satisfy the owner's lien. Dec. 7, 14

- 1. PUBLIC STORAGE located at 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052; (610) 770-0773; TIME: 11:00 AM. Dec. 7, 14

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
Notice is hereby made that the Board of School Directors of the Whitehall-Coplay School District will conduct the following 2012 meetings in the Administration Building, 2940 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA. Dec. 14

School Board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. There is no board meeting scheduled in July. Dec. 14

Committee meetings will be held as follows in the conference room: February 27, May 29, September 24, and December 17, the Operations/Transportation Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m.; Finance/Personnel Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m.; and the Education/Student Activities Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. On March 26, June 25, October 22, the Education/Student Activities Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m.; the Operations/Transportation Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. and the Finance/Personnel Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. On January 23, April 23, August 27, and November 27 the Finance/Personnel Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m.; Education/Student Activities Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. and Operations/Transportation Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING/MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport on Tuesday, December 22, 2011 at 7:00PM to hear the following appeal(s): Dec. 14

APPEAL #490, Case #11-08
A hearing of the appeal of Walter Roberts, Sr./Nancy E. Smith for a variance/special exception and/or other relief deemed necessary in order to operate a welding shop/repair for customers as well as repair of and storage of amusement business trucks, trailers, and vehicles, along with receipt of goods and supplies to business site. Dec. 14

APPEAL #492, Case #11-09
A hearing of the appeal of James & Melinda Wessner for a variance or interpretation and/or other relief deemed necessary in order to construct a four car detached garage partially within the required front yard setback and the addition of a porch to a non-conforming home. Dec. 7, 14

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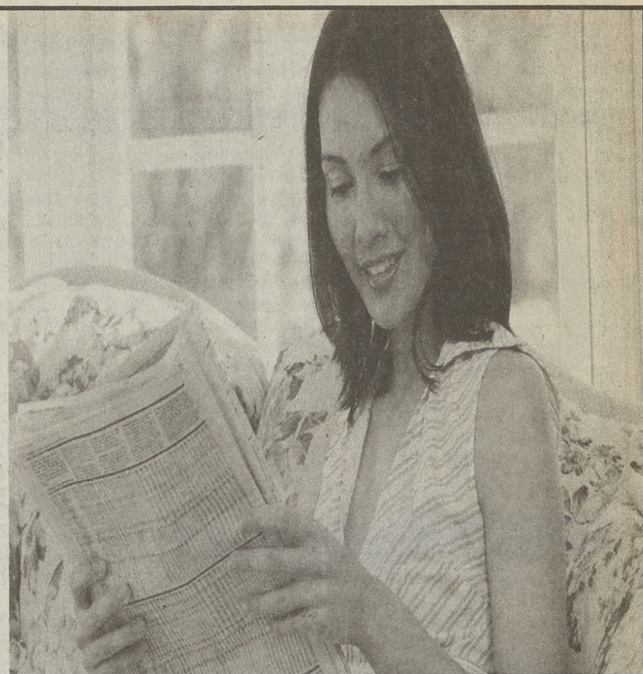
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA**

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council will be meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Bldg., 2900 S. Pike Ave. Dec. 14

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECEMBER 21, 2011 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

The Upper Macungie Township Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, one mile west of Route 100, Breinigsville, Pa., to review and make recommendations on the following:

- #2114 611-617 Grammes Lane - Lot Consolidation Plan - Located at 611-617 Grammes Road, Upper Macungie Township.
- #2115 345 Route 100 - Land Development - Proposed Office Building/Dentist Office - Located at 345 Route 100, Allentown, PA 18106.
- #2116 Krause Toyota - Land Development Plan - Located at 7702 Penn Drive, Fogelsville, PA.
- #1946 Lehigh Valley West Lot #10 - Land Development Plan - Located Schantz Road & Boulder Drive, Upper Macungie Township, (Majestic)
- #2112 151 Boulder Drive Minor Subdivision Plan - Resubmission - Located at 151 Boulder Drive - Lehigh Valley West #2, Upper Macungie Township.
- #2113 Project Pilgrim - 151 Boulder Drive - Land Development - Resubmission - Located at 151 Boulder Drive, Lehigh Valley West #2, Upper Macungie Township.

And any and all matters that may come before the Commission. Owen M. Bastian, Secretary
Work Session: Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7 P.M.
Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177), by the following corporation:
The name of the Corporation is:
WERLEY'S TRUCK SERVICE & SALES, INC.
The Articles of Incorporation were filed on November 17, 2011.

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Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township shall conduct a special meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 6:50 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and, if appropriate, adopt an Ordinance amending the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance and a separate Ordinance supplementing the existing Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan and any other matters that may come before the Board of Supervisors.

Kathy A. Rader, Secretary
Upper Macungie Township

Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Section 606(b)(6) of the Second Class Township Code of Pennsylvania, as amended, of their intention and decision to reappoint, at their regular meeting to be held on January 24, 2012, commencing at 7:00 P.M., at the Hanover Township Municipal Building at 3630 Jackson Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Beyer-Barber to act as the Township Actuary and the Approved Actuary under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, as amended, for the 2012 Fiscal year.
Dec. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF ARLENE M. STAUFFER, deceased, late of Devon House, 1930 Bedin Dr., Allentown, PA.

All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executrix or her attorney named below:

Executrix: DIANE KESHEL
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Allentown, PA 18104
Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, ESQUIRE
Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that in the estate of the decedent set forth below the Register of Wills has granted Testamentary Letters to the person named below. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay to the Executor or his attorney named below.

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Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE
FILING OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CHECK CASHIER LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that JUANITA'S MULTI-SERVICES of Bethlehem, Northampton, PA did on December 14, 2011, submit to the Department of Banking of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an application for a Check Cashier License located at:

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All interested persons may file comments in favor of, or in protest of, the application in writing with the Department of Banking, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Licensing Division, 17 N. 2nd St., Ste 1300, Pennsylvania 17101-2290. All comments to be considered must be received by the Department not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.
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Prepare
It's important to check that a vehicle is in top shape before the cold weather sets in. Pay special attention to the tires. If tires are bald or their wear is significant, that could prove hazardous on weather-slicked roads. Have tires replaced before the first snowfall. The same can be said when switching from regular performance tires to all-weather or snow tires. Be sure to change all of the tires on the car, even if it is just a front-wheel drive vehicle.
Now is the time to also get a tune-up on the vehicle. Cold weather can make it hard for a car to perform at its best, and any problems should be eliminated before they spiral out of control. Be sure to top off any fluids in the car, especially windshield washer fluid you might need to improve visibility during a storm. Check the function of wiper blades and change them if they aren't up to snuff. Consult with a mechanic to find out if it is advisable to switch motor oil viscosity during the winter to improve flow through the engine and help with cold start turnover.
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