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## 'I was very lucky'

Paxos urges others to take prompt action

BY CANDICE WILLIAMS  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

This year the American Cancer Society is celebrating birthdays, all sorts of birthdays. From 5-year-olds to those nearly 90. That's because birthdays symbolize the joy of life and living.

Just ask Lehigh Valley restaurateur and cancer survivor George Paxos about birthdays and he's quick to respond.

"One should not take anything for granted," he says. "I was 45 and felt invincible until the moment that I heard I was diagnosed with cancer."

Now, four years later, Paxos celebrated his 50th birthday and hosted a black tie Halloween gala at the Blue Grill house and Wine Bar in Bethlehem Township to observe the event and help raise funds for the Lehigh Valley chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Paxos is quick to lavish praise on his wife, Tula, daughter, Sophia, and son, Dimitrios.

"Without their love and support ... My wife and kids were rocks through my treatment."

Paxos says he was always aware of cancer, but after his own personal experiences, cautions others not to procrastinate.

"If something doesn't feel right, go get it checked out," he says. "I

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**BASD**

## Much better shape

But advisor says district needs to deal with debt

By DOUGLAS GRAVES  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Area School Board members, sitting as the Finance Committee Jan. 10, heard their financial consultant tell them that they will soon have to "make some important decisions regarding its outstanding debt."

Scott Shearer, managing director of Public Financial Management Inc. of Harrisburg, said the district still has \$289.5 million in debt with \$150 million of that in the form of the troublesome "swaps." He said that terminating the last of the swaps will cost the district \$6 million.

There is \$40 million still outstanding in variable rate bonds that should be refinanced into fixed-rate bonds, according to Shearer.

These are issues that the school board will take up with its 2011-2012 budget, which is just coming under consideration by the board.

Shearer was encouraging in describing the general financial situation.

"Things have improved," Shearer said. "We're in a much better situation. Risks have been eliminated and the overall

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**BETHLEHEM**

## Council ponders new zoners' rule

By BERNIE O'HARE  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Council recently expanded its zoning hearing board from three to five members. It's now considering a new rule requiring any action taken by the board to have the approval of a majority of all members, not just those present. What this means is that if two zoners are absent, the remaining three must agree unanimously on any request for zoning relief.

Changes to the zoning ordinance require a review by the planning commission, and on Jan. 13, the planners unani-

mously recommended against a super majority requirement. Their rationale was best expressed by D. Steve Thode: "Such a Supermajority requirement, essentially that if you're absent you're counted as a 'No' vote, would force some otherwise well-meaning, public-spirited volunteers for public service, to think twice about whether they want to be placed in a position where their commitment to family or to their job, was read as some sort of denial of their civic obligations."

But City Council members, at their Jan. 18 meet-

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## B-r-r-r-r-r Cold!



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Robert Kielbasa pulls his daughter Arabella down a snow-covered alley near his home in Northeast Bethlehem despite very cold temperatures this past Saturday morning. Even though hardly anybody was outside at 9 a.m. that chilly day, Kielbasa says he likes to venture outside with his daughter, who was well protected from the elements and seemed to be enjoying the ride.

### Police log retraction

Due to a reporting error, we misidentified a victim as an arrestee in our Jan. 19 edition.

Christine Reilly, 49, of Maple Street, was arrested for retail theft for allegedly stealing from a number of Main Street businesses Jan. 6.

Dana Devito, previously identified as the suspect, was in fact a victim of the crime as general manager of the Moravian Book Shop. The initial report was made by employees of In the Mood, at 523 Main St., and Devito worked with police to identify items Reilly stole from her store and four others that day.

Mrs. Devito has our sincere apologies for the mistake and any inconvenience our error may have caused her.

## A balance between price, benefits

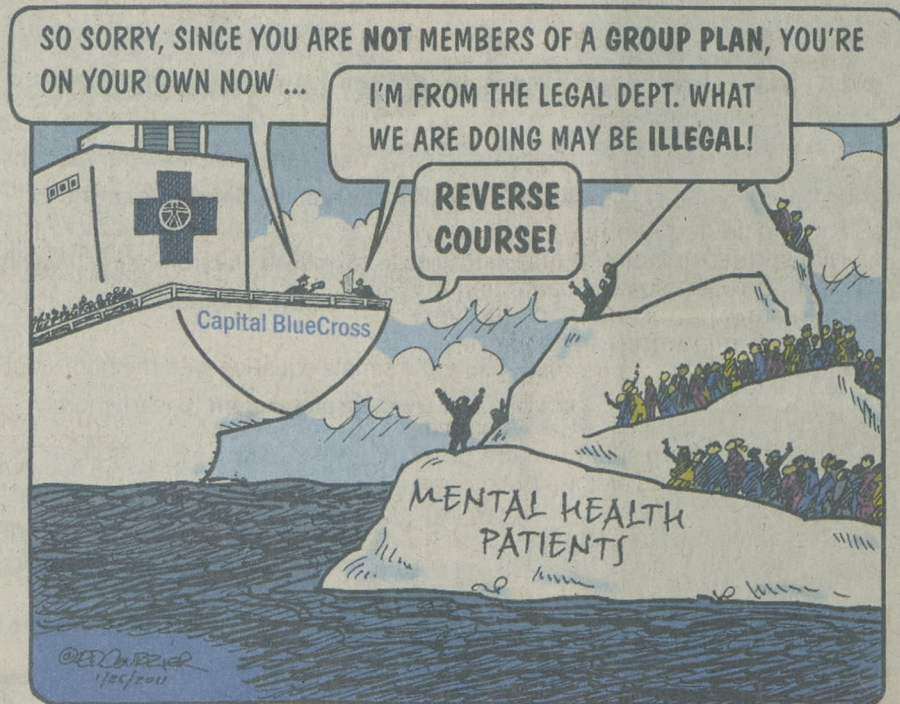
Capital BlueCross cut-off that would have affected 9,000 mental health patients

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Capital BlueCross announced late in November that it will cease providing benefits for about 9,000 mental health patients. Though the coverage was initially expected to end Jan. 1, the company may have succumbed to pressure to allow patients more time to find new providers and extended its cutoff until Feb. 28.

Then on Jan. 7 BlueCross announced its decision to withdraw the proposal entirely after additional study of the financial options regarding the 2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

Cindy Hatcher, senior



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director of individual products for Capital BlueCross, explained the initial decision to cancel mental health insurance coverage was because it appeared the cost to customers would become untenable.

"Every year we do an evaluation of our benefits, and last year we had to consider health care reform," she said.

Various interpretations from different firms indicated an increased cost of 10 percent to premiums would be doubled for mental health care to maintain parity with medical care as regulated by the Parity Act.

"We were afraid our rates would become unaf-

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**Robert J. Donchez**

City council president



**What will you remember most about 2010?**

2010 will be remembered as a year of national divisiveness and very difficult times for many families who are suffering during this deep recession.

**What do you wish for in 2011?**

Hopefully 2011 will see the country become more united and the beginnings of a strong economic recovery. In addition, I look forward to the construction and completion of a new Emergency Medical Service/Paramedic facility to serve the citizens of Bethlehem.

**John Stoffa**

Northampton County Executive



**What will you remember most about 2010?**

What I remember most about 2010 is our sluggish economy and so many people looking for work, the difficult budget process we went through, the terrific cabinet I have that has stuck with me for five years, and the numerous meetings regarding the potential sale of Gracedale. I am pleased that we were able to pass a budget without a tax increase, and I am proud of the dedicated people who work for Northampton County.

**What do you wish for in 2011?**

What I wish for in 2011 is a harmonious working relationship with County Council, that the economy improves, and that we make progress in three important areas: the West Easton treatment center; the potential sale of Gracedale; and the consolidation of county records into a single archive location.

**Jay Finnegan**

Hanover Township manager



**What will I remember most about 2010?**

I think this question needs to be answered in three parts. First, nationally. I will remember the impatience of the American public and electorate hitting an all-time high. People's desire for immediate action, satisfaction and change spilled over dramatically in the voting booths. People demanding instant change and results were unwilling for public policy to gain traction. Second, regionally. For the most part the Lehigh Valley as a whole continues to weather the economic downturn. This was evidenced by retailers parking lots being full during the holiday season and many restaurants surviving

another year. Make no mistake, there are individuals and families suffering as a result of job loss and the economy, but most have weathered another year. Finally, locally, Hanover Township continues to be on sound financial footing, allowing our residents a positive quality of life.

**What do I wish for in 2011?**

May wish is for good health and fortune for the residents, business community and employees (and their families) of Hanover Township. That those suffering from the effects of the economic downturn will find their footing stronger in 2011 and that the entire region will prosper. In the words of the author, Bob Perks, "I wish you enough." Whether that be enough wealth, enough health, enough solace, enough laughter, enough cheer or enough ...

**Dr. Ronald Swinford**

Lehigh Valley Hospital president



**What will you remember most about 2010?**

In terms of improving the health of our community, I am pleased that 2010 brought the designation of a Federally Qualified Health Center look-alike for the underserved of downtown Allentown - a collaborative effort among Lehigh Valley Health Network, St. Luke's Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital and Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital.

**What do you wish for in 2011?**

Continued improvement in the economy of the Lehigh Valley so unemployment drops below 4 percent, and further clarification of the federal health reform legislation, especially under the recently elected Congress. This would allow us to move forward in determining how health care is going to be delivered and paid for in the future so that we can continue to provide the highest quality care to our community.

**Richard A. Anderson**

St. Luke's Hospital Network President, CEO



**What will you remember most about 2010?**

I am sincerely grateful for the support and trust placed in St. Luke's by the communities we serve. Their support is evidenced by our continued growth in admissions and outpatient visits at a time when many of our nation's hospitals, including some in our region, are struggling to survive. We are expanding because we have remained focused on two basic objectives: keeping our quality high and our costs low. Our success is also See **YEAR** on Page A3

**BASD**

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debt situation is better." "Two years ago banks didn't want to talk to us," he said. "Their doors were shut."

"We are encouraged by the interest of some very large institutions," he said. "They are saying, 'We're feeling good about Bethlehem - we can offer some good rates.'"

"We are beyond the critical point," Shearer said. "The situation is a lot more manageable - we have lenders and insurance companies willing to talk to us."

The Finance Committee recommended that Bethlehem Area School District School Board reauthorize the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) at its next regular meeting.

BASD, the City of Bethlehem, the Saucon Valley School District and Lehigh and Northampton counties participate in the program, which includes a portion of the former Bethlehem Steel property near the interchange of Route 412.

BASD has 729 acres in the LERTA district or 53 percent of the total acreage under LERTA management.

Under this program, developers within the LERTA district pay a reduced portion of the real estate taxes due for a 10-year period. The percentage increases each year for 10 years until the developer is paying 100 percent of the tax. Officials hope the tax break encourages entrepreneurs to develop "brown fields" or blighted property instead of building on prime real estate.

The participating governments review the LERTA program every two years. The program encourages new construction and expansion projects for warehouses, industrial buildings and offices within the district.



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Scott Shearer, managing director of Public Financial Management Inc. of Harrisburg, tells the Bethlehem School Board members that they will soon have to make some important decisions regarding the district's outstanding debt.

There are no tax incentives for residential construction.

In other business, BASD Assistant Director of Business Affairs Ann M. Morton told the school board that the "ePayables" system implemented last year may be more trouble than it's worth.

She said the cost in man-hours to separate payments made via credit card from the more traditional payments made through checks makes her question the need or desirability to continue with the program.

Morton said that since the program started in August 2010, BASD has paid \$930,836.25 in invoices through the program and earned \$7,685.05

The invoice-paying scheme was supposed to make money for the district through getting a share or rebate of the credit card fee charged by credit card companies for processing a transaction.

Not all vendors with whom the school district does business want to participate in the voluntary program. Morton said some vendors who had agreed to participate have dropped out of the program.

She suggested training a "back-up" staffer to help run the program.

"If it's costing \$1,500 a month in staff time," said board member Irene Follweiler, "to get \$1,500 in revenue, I don't see a lot of advantage."

While Follweiler and board members William Burkhardt and Eugene McKuen expressed impatience with the system if it could not work as the scheme was proposed, board member Loretta Leeson and board President Michelle Cann advised more patience. They suggested the administration give the program more time. The Finance Committee took no action on the problem.

On a separate matter,

Morton recommended that BASD follow the example of City of Bethlehem and Northampton County and contract with Keystone Collection Services to collect Earned Income Taxes for the district. The matter will be on the agenda for the regular meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended that the district accept PenTele-Data, the lowest bidder, to provide "gigabyte ethernet transport" from Freedom High School to SPARK pre-kindergarten at \$1,800 per month starting July 1.

The committee also agreed with the administration's plan to let One Communications Company provide basic telephone service at an estimated \$22,461.60 annual fee.

The Finance Committee seconded the administration's proposal to reappoint Herman Webber and Luke Cunningham to the BASD Authority, an organization formed in March 2009 to facilitate the necessary variable interest rate debt transactions for the school district.

Other members of the BASD Authority are David Arner, Michael Albarell and Deborah Watlington.

The committee also will support the administration's nomination of Curt V. Hoyak to the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School General Authority for a five-year term.

The Finance Committee also agreed to recommend to the school board that it allow the following buildings be used as polling places May 17 for the General Primary Election: Asa Packer ES, East Hills MS, and the Education Center on Sycamore Street. Also named as polling places: Farmersville ES, Governor Wolf ES, Hanover Es, Marvins ES, Miller Heights ES, Northeast MS and Spring Garden ES.

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fordable," Hatcher explained.

Those cut free from their insurance, however, would have found little comfort, regardless of the two-month extension because other area organizations didn't know how to help them.

Janet Bandics, of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, said BlueCross misunderstood who they would be insuring. She explained the Parity law seemed to indicate maintaining parity between physical and mental health clients from individual plans and group plans would overwhelm the system as it stands.

"I was confused, too," she admitted.

But, she said, the parity regulation was not intended for anyone in an employer's group plan; it would mostly affect the self-employed.

The problem which led to BlueCross' reversal, Bandics said, was the backlash once clients real-

ized there really were few or no alternatives.

"I couldn't find any options," Bandics said of her own inquiries on behalf of local patients. "I called several other insurance companies and discovered they wouldn't help. One company wasn't going to take any new clients in need of behavioral health coverage at all, while another company issued a freeze on issuing any new policies."

Coming up empty, Bandics called the Pa. Insurance Commission and was told to contact the Department of Public Welfare.

"But I told them this was not a welfare issue," Bandics said. "These are mostly median-income people who merely need health coverage."

"I'm frankly disappointed there wasn't more of an outcry about what BlueCross did," Bandics continued. "I'm just glad they changed their mind. Let's hope this doesn't rear its ugly head again."

Lehigh County MH/MR/D&A and Early

Intervention Program Administrator Tim Boyer said BlueCross' initial announcement caught his organization by surprise.

"My first thought was, 'How can they do this?'" Boyer said because of consumer protections.

Boyer admitted there was little they could have done on the county level to help people get care had those many mental health patients lost insurance.

"At any given time we're managing a waiting list already," he said, describing a glut of new customers as problematic. "I think it's safe to say even we wouldn't know what to do with a sudden influx of customers."

Boyer said the only options would have been for customers' primary care doctors to take over treatment or for emergency rooms to do so. He added that with the numbers involved the state mental health department would likely step up in some ways, but with the budget the way it is he couldn't say what it would accomplish.

As the county generally serves the Medicaid and other populations that need financial help for medical treatment, the system would become overwhelmed by patients attempting to fill out new forms and get psychological assessments to determine eligibility.

Hatcher said lack of direction from the federal government complicated the matter for BlueCross, because none of the many interpretations of the regulations have been confirmed as accurate.

"Health and Human Services governs the reform laws and determines the future," she said. "We kept looking for another way. The latest decision means we are comfortable for the year of 2011."

"We are happy we could come to this conclusion," Hatcher said. "We always try to balance between price and benefits, and we're glad we were able to do that."

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 Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.  
 Colonial Northampton I.U. Board, 6:30 p.m. 6 Danforth Drive, Easton.  
 LEPOCO potluck and politics, 6:30 p.m. L.V. Friends Meeting House, 4116 Bath Pike. Call 610-691-8730 or visit www.lepoco.org.  
 City of Bethlehem Zoning Board, 7 p.m. 10 E. Church St.  
 Lehigh County Board of Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. public hearing room, L.C. Government Center, 17 S. Seventh Street, Allentown.

Thursday, January 27

Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road, Municipal Building.

Monday, January 31

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 and 11:15 a.m. 2344 Center St.  
 Freemansburg Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.

Tuesday, February 1

Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.  
 Freemansburg Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.

Wednesday, February 2

YWCA's Great Decisions Lecture Series, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Auditorium, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Call 610-867-4669.  
 Historic Area Review Board (HARB), 4 p.m. 10 E. Church St.

To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, gtaylor@tronline.com or fax 610-625-2126. For additional local news items not in our print edition, check out www.bethlehempres-aroundtown.blogspot.com

A wintry mix



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Careful mother DarylAnn Villard of Bethlehem swings her daughter Ada across the curbside wintry slush into their car as her husband Lucas Stangl reaches to help. The family had just visited the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Their car was parked along Church Street near City Hall after the Feb. 11 four-inch snowfall had begun to melt.

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linked to our commitment to work relentlessly to make the patient experience "easy" with no hassles or undue stress.

The core of St. Luke's success is rooted in the outstanding individuals who comprise our Network. Our physicians, employees and volunteers are focused on doing what is right for our patients. I am profoundly proud of their skills, compassion and dedication to our mission, to our patients' well being, to our organization and to each other.

There have been many memorable highlights during the past year, my 25th year at St. Luke's. I am profoundly grateful to our Board of Trustees, who marked my years of service to St. Luke's by naming our 500-acre site in Bethlehem Township in my honor. Their decision is very special to me, especially as I watch our progress in developing the site.

Construction of St. Luke's Riverside Hospital, Cancer Center and Medical Office Building is on budget and ahead of schedule. We expect to begin occupancy in October 2011. It has been exhilarating to literally watch the campus come to life as the buildings rise from their foundations. Development of this new campus is essential to the citizens of our community, as more and more people choose St. Luke's as their health care provider.

Another highlight of the past year is all we have accomplished as we move

closer to the August 2011 admission of students to the region's first medical school and it is important to note St. Luke's is developing this school with our partners at Temple University's School of Medicine.

Our nation is facing an unprecedented shortage of physicians, the result, in no small part, of long-standing dwindling physician reimbursement and a hostile medical liability environment. The establishment of this medical school in our community and concurrent dedicated efforts to recruit bright students from our area's colleges and universities will help ensure those who live and work in this region continue to enjoy access to superior health care. It is gratifying to see the school come to life — faculty selection, student recruitment and renovations to the Estes Building at our Bethlehem Campus are all in high gear.

What do you wish for in 2011?

The most basic wish I have is for everyone to find ways to achieve personal and professional contentment and savor each moment of life while coping with the frantic pace and harsh economic realities of daily living. Life is a gift. Health is a gift. Family is a gift. All of us are so busy getting through each day, some struggling to obtain life's basic necessities, we often fail to appreciate and treasure these ultimate gifts. My wish is that everyone be blessed with happiness and good health in the coming year

LUCKY

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procrastinated for almost a year. Shortly after the doctor found the first tumor, the cancer spread, and quickly went from Stage 1 to Stage 4. I found myself fighting for my life real fast. I was very lucky."

Paxos received surgical treatment at Weill Cornell Medical Center and radiation and chemotherapy administered at Beth Israel. Both hospitals are located in New York City. His medical team included doctors William Kuhel and Louis Harrison.

"Without them and the support of my wife, I do not believe I would be here sharing my story."

Today, Paxos does share his story as a local American Cancer Society spokesperson. He also donates time and effort to help raise funds for research and to help other Lehigh Valley cancer survivors.

Paxos said his cancer diagnosis began with a sore in the right side of his cheek that would not heal. When his dentist suggested he see an oral surgeon, the surgeon began treatment with a series of various mouth rinses to hopefully kill the bacteria. When they proved unsuccessful, the surgeon decided to perform a biopsy. The results were "moderate dysplasia" or precancer.

"Once I heard the word cancer, it prompted me to seek medical attention in New York," Paxos said.

In New York, Paxos received another biopsy. The results revealed cancer.

"Cancer, like any other disease,

*"I love what I do and all the people who work with me, but, as I tell all my employees, their personal life and happiness is the most important, and only then can they truly love their jobs."*

GEORGE PAXOS

does not discriminate," Paxos said. "It does not care what nationality you are, the color of your skin, or how much money you have. It can attack anyone at any time."

Although the treatments were extremely painful, the love and support of his family helped sustain him as well as words of wisdom spoken by Dr. Harrison.

Harrison said patients who go through what Paxos was about to endure could face possible relationship difficulties with people that they are close to. Relationships that are real and built on solid foundations tend to get stronger, Harrison told Paxos, but relationships that were not solid and true in the first place begin

to deteriorate.

Paxos endured 35 radiation treatments, in addition to chemotherapy. By the second week of treatment, his throat and mouth had blistered and he was on pain medication around the clock. Because his doctors were adamant about his drinking water in order to keep the muscles in his throat working, there were times he couldn't endure more than a teaspoon of water at a time. And, in addition to a patch in his chest that afforded 24-hour medication, he also received liquid perocet to help him swallow.

Paxos says by his 20th radiation session, he told his wife he couldn't do it anymore.

"She forced me, stood by my side, slept in a chair all night long while I would be receiving chemo and was with me for every appointment and still is to this day," he says.

Today, as a longtime successful Lehigh Valley restaurateur who also owns Melt in Center Valley and the Candlelight Inn in Bethlehem Township in addition to Blue, Paxos says that while business is important, of course, it should not encompass one's life.

"I love what I do and all the people who work with me, but, as I tell all my employees, their personal life and happiness is the most important, and only then can they truly love their jobs," he says.

"As a business owner, I work hard to be understanding to personal needs of all our employees as they can only truly be happy at work if they are happy in their personal lives."

RULE

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ing, seemed skeptical. Karen Dolan, joined by Bob Donchez, indicated a zoning applicant who wanted a decision from

all five members could simply request a continuance, and added that they are bound by a super majority requirement in their own decisions.

Bethlehem resident Al Bernotas, who supports the proposed change, told

council members that there really is no excuse for an absence. "You're talking about 12 meetings a year, two or three hours a day. I don't see why that should be so difficult."

He questioned whether absentees are really inter-

ested in doing something "good for the City", or just "want another line on their resume."

Council will vote on this proposed change at its Feb. 1 meeting.

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**Melvina F. (Fortner) Snyder**

BAPL worker

Melvina F. (Fortner) Snyder, 89, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 16, 2011, at Moravian Village Skilled Care Unit, Bethlehem. Born in Easton, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Rose (Brush) Fortner. She was the wife of the late Donald A. Snyder for 57 years.

She worked at the Dixie Cup Company and at the Bethlehem Public Library. She was a member of

**Jean L. Craig**

St. Luke's housekeeping department

Jean L. Craig, 86, of Bethlehem, formerly of Freeburg, died Jan. 16, 2011. Born in Tientsin, China, she was a daughter of the late Clifford O. and Flossie L. (Tilton) Cooley. She was the wife of the late Earl Fritchman and the late Rev. Kenneth W. Craig.

She was employed in the housekeeping department of St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill, for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

She was a member of God's Missionary Church, Northampton.

She is survived by her children: Flossie and her

**Marie (Gecsek) Heckman**

of Bethlehem

Marie (Gecsek) Heckman, 78, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 15, 2011, at ManorCare Health Services I, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Donchez) Gecsek. She was the wife of the late Albert E. Heckman Sr.

She was a member of the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by two sons, Jeffrey J. Heckman, with whom she resided, and Albert E. Jr. and his

**Agnes Schaible**

Ingersoll-Rand bookkeeper

Agnes B. Schaible, 92, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 13, 2011, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Born in Easton, she was a daughter of the late Frank W. and Katherine (Schroeder) Pfeffer. She was the wife of the late Adam L. Schaible Jr.

She was valedictorian of the class of 1936, Phillipsburg Parochial High School.

She was a bookkeeper for Ingersoll-Rand. More recently, she was the bookkeeper for her son's business, Kresge Foreign Cars, from its opening to the present.

She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Beata A. of

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Dianne and her husband Robert Bradford of Bethlehem and Linda and her husband Roger Long of Macungie; a son, Scott Snyder of Arvada, Colo.; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Contributions may be made to Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2020 Worthington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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husband Stephen Burkner, Marilyn and her husband Daniel Kunsman, Rose Prutko, Betty Bowen, Benjamin and his wife Nydia Fritchman, Grace and her husband Jacob Turtschanow and Clifford and his wife Karen Fritchman; a sister, Ruth Burton; two brothers, Daniel and his wife Anna Cooley and James and his wife Carol Cooley; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, LaDette Cooley.

Contributions may be made to God's Missionary Church, 4965 North Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067.

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wife Judy of Effort; four sisters, Helen Kardos of Hellertown, Irene Skelly of Bethlehem, Margaret Rasich of Hellertown and Ethel Wilhelm of Saylorsburg; and two brothers, John "Jack" Gecsek of Hellertown and Stephen Gecsek of Bethlehem.

She was predeceased by four brothers, Joseph, Frank, Charlie and Anthony Gecsek; and two sisters, Anna Vucskics and Theresa Gecsek.

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Bethlehem and her son Adam L. III of Nazareth; three grandchildren, Amanda M. and her husband Charles Martin, Adam L. Schaible IV and Alexander M. Schaible; nieces; nephews; and brothers and sisters-in-law.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Josephine and Catherine; and a brother, Frank.

Interment is at Holy Saviour Cemetery, Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to EWTN, c/o Mother Angelica, 5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210 or Allentown Rescue Mission, 355 West Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18101.

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**Timothy J. Petko**

Becahi graduate

Timothy J. Petko, 58, of Easton, died Jan. 13, 2011. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Francis J. and Irene C. (Csaszar) Petko.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School. He attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for eight years.

He was in the U.S. Army.

He worked for Square 1 Market, Easton. Earlier he assisted at the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society.

He is survived by seven

siblings, Mary Carol Bartley, Francis J. Jr., Jayne Hartzog, Rita Petko-Sands, Regina Gottshall, Nancy Winkler and Christopher Petko; nieces and nephews, Justin, Erika, Gregory, David Jon, Ann Marie, Jesse, Leah, Zachary, Harley, Taylor, Roxy and Blaze; a great-niece, Sidney; an aunt, Anna Mae Kusinic; and an uncle, Carl Csaszar.

He was predeceased by a sister, Irene; and a brother, Richard.

Contributions may be made to Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, 342 Northampton St., Easton, PA 18042.

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

**Jack W. Merkel**

NC prison minister

Jack W. Merkel, 75, of

Allentown, died Jan. 16, 2011, in the Lehigh Valley Hospital Inpatient Hospice Unit. Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late George S. and Ruth C. (Hope) Merkel. He was the husband of Frederica R. (Brauchle) Merkel for 49 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a service technician for Macke and Gordon Thomas. He was ordained by Full Gospel Assemblies International, Coatesville. He served as a prison minister at the Northampton County Prison for 27 years.

He was the president of the Allentown Chapter of the Business Men's Fellowship. He was an instructor at Youth Challenge International Bible Institute, Sunbury.

In addition to his wife,

he is survived by two sons, Cameron R. and his wife Karen of Bethlehem and Brian T. and his wife Michele of Shoemakersville; four daughters, Bonnie J. and her husband David Gonzalez of Alburtis, Heide I. and her husband Brian Messinger of Slatington, Ellen R. Merkel of Whitehall and Georgiene S. and her husband Mark Piggott of Newport News, Va.; and 16 grandchildren, Jeshua, Emily and Mara Gonzalez, Rebecca Merkel, Elaine, Stephen, Olivia, and Abigail Messinger, Jacqueline and Samuel Keich, Autumn, Ciera and Zachary Piggott, Anthony, Tanya and Jack Merkel.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Peter Wyatt Merkel.

Contributions may be made to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, 1317 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

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**Irene Graham Williams**

St. Anne's church member

Irene Graham Williams, 82, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 17, 2011, at St. Luke's Hospital. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late John F. and Helen (Verfenstein) Graham. She was the wife of James L. Williams for 58 years.

She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Bethlehem.

She was affiliated with the Barnabite Order for 19 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, James C. and his wife Laura of Staten Island, N.Y. and John F. and his wife Richelle of Berwyn, Ill.; three daughters, Regina Marie and her husband Gerard Ollquist of Kresgeville, Margaret Anne and her husband Michael Rogers of Mahopac, N.Y., and Mary Ellen and her husband Barry Grquinovic of Bethlehem; a brother,

Charles V. Graham of Wall, N.J.; a sister, Helen Lomuscio of Northport, Long Island, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Margaret Graham of Sebastian, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Laura Ollquist, Elizabeth Walsh, Amanda Rogers, Aaron Wertman, Emily Rogers, Ellyn Wertman, Harry Rogers, Fritz Grquinovic, and Jack, Finnegan and Madaille Williams; and a step-grandchild, Ariel Grquinovic.

She was predeceased by a brother, John Matthew Graham; and two sisters, Therese Henault and Dorothy M. Cirillo.

Contributions may be made to the church, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017 and/or to Barnabite Fathers, 4301 Hecktown Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18020.

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

**Jeanne I. Stiles**

Advent Moravian Church member

Jeanne I. Stiles, 83, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 16, 2011, at the Hospice House of St. Luke's, Lower Saucon Township. Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Sara (Clark) Mustard. She was the wife of Gene L. Stiles for 54 years.

She worked for the First Pennsylvania Company for 11 years. She later worked for the Danhurst Corporation for 17 years.

She was a member of Advent Moravian Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Debra and

her husband John McIntire of Yardley and Faith and her husband Steven Jakaitis of Yardley; a son, Paul Stiles of Bethlehem; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by a brother, William Mustard.

Contributions may be made to Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 or to American Respiratory Alliance of Western Pennsylvania, 201 Smith Drive, Suite E, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

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

**Brock Travis Williams**

Trinity U.C.C. Church member

Brock Travis Williams, 30, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 13, 2011, in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of Leslie J. and Susan J. (Griffith) Williams.

He was a Liberty High School graduate.

He was an HVAC installer.

He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Bethlehem.

He played baseball and softball for North End Salty Dogs.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Michele Vanderputten of Easton and Kira Leiderman of Bethlehem; and a niece, Ashley Rivan Vanderputten.

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**Robert McClure Sr.**

retired brick mason

Robert McClure Sr., 73, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 11, 2011, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Charles Sr. and Ona (Kohler) McClure. He was the husband of Myrtle M. (Poehler) McClure for 38 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was a brick mason for 38 years, retiring in 2000.

He coached fast pitch softball in the Bethlehem league. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts in Hellertown.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Donna and her husband John Buss of Freemansburg, Estella and her husband Glenn Beard of Red Hill, Melody

and her husband Tim Birk of Bath and Stacey (Barbosa) McClure of Bethlehem; five sons, James and his wife Connie Cook-Galley of Whitehall, Robert Jr. and his wife Gail of Easton, Richard and his wife Lori Donofrio-Galley of Wyomissing, Brian of Northampton and David and his companion Kathy Ebersol of Bethlehem; a sister, Ruth and her husband Steve Kadowich of Phoenix, Ariz.; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by four brothers, Ronnie, Charles Jr., William and Thomas McClure.

Contributions may be made to a food bank of choice.

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

**Helen E. Poulos**

Professional violinist, professor

Helen E. Poulos, 78, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 11, 2011, in Country Meadows, Bethlehem Township. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Elsie (Becker) Poulos.

She was a 1950 graduate of Allentown High School. She earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in music from the Philadelphia Musical Academy. She earned a doctorate of music from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. in 1971.

She played violin in the Lehigh Valley Symphony under Herbert Fiss and in the Allentown Symphony under Donald Vorhees. She taught violin, chamber music and music history at Clarion State College and at South-

ern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. At Carbondale, she was coordinator of graduate studies in music. She was a member of the Houston Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski and Sir John Barbirolli.

After retiring, she returned to Bethlehem where she served in various church and civic volunteer groups.

She was predeceased by a brother, James Poulos.

Contributions may be made to The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042 or Bach Choir of Bethlehem, 423 Heckewelder Place, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

**Andrew J. Gycsek**

Steel rolling mills worker

Andrew J. Gycsek, 85, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 16, 2011, at the Hospice House of St. Luke's. He was a son of the late Andrew and Theresa Gycsek. He was the husband of Edith (Silvius) Gycsek for 63 years.

He served his country in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant during World War II.

He retired from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, where he worked in the rolling mills.

He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter,

Cynthia Heil of Chalfont; a son, Ronald E. and his wife Sharon of Nazareth; a sister, Helen Gycsek of Whitehall; three grandchildren, Stacey Polgar, Mallory Gycsek and Melissa Mattson; and three great-grandchildren, Kristen, Stephen and Amelia.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Joseph, Steve and Frank; and a sister, Mary.

Contributions may be made to Trinity U.C.C., 600 W. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

**Peter W. Toth**

OLPH Church member

Peter W. Toth, 64, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 13, 2011, at his residence. Born in Fountain Hill, he was the son of the late Peter and Marie (Grindl) Toth. He was the husband of Sharon (Weber) Toth for 30 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam War.

He was a professional sign painter for 35 years. He was self-employed for the last 27 years before retiring in 2004.

He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Catholic Church, Bethlehem, where he served as a sacristan and eucharistic minister.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Krystina and her husband David Town; two grandsons, Julian and Nicholas; and a sister, Rosalie Boucher.

Contributions may be made to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3219 Santee Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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A Rockland Avenue resident reported around 11 p.m. Jan. 18 he was almost robbed while shoveling his sidewalk.

The intended victim alleged a man approached him near his garage and, pistol in hand, demanded money. The victim demonstrated that, late at night, at home, shoveling snow, he had no money on him. The suspect then forced the victim into his residence.

The victim, however, shoved the suspect away from the door and called 911 as the suspect slipped on the icy steps and fell over.

Police searched for the suspect, described as a black male about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, wearing a black hoodie and jeans, and found a man matching that description at the Stefko Mini Mart less than an hour later.

Officers searched 27-year-old Jesse Williams, of Marvine Street, because he matched the description of an armed robber and allegedly reached for and adjusted his waistband several times.

Williams was not armed and denied perpetrating a robbery, but did have a crack pipe in his pants. He is charged with possession of paraphernalia.

**Theft**

Police arrested a man for stealing from automobiles around his Westside neighborhood early Jan. 18.

Michael Jimenez, 37, of 316 W. Broad St., is charged with theft from a motor vehicle. A resident allegedly observed Jimenez trying to open a number of car doors while walking down Prospect Avenue and notified police of his actions and description.

Once on the scene, officers followed footprints in the fresh snow to Jimenez' residence and saw he matched the given description. Recovered from his home were several items identified by more than a dozen victims, including digital cameras, cellular phones, loose change and cash. Police have retained some other recovered items.

Police said residents with items missing from their cars the previous few days in the area roughly from Third to Fifth avenues and Prospect to West Broad streets should contact Officer Stephanie Molnar at 610-865-7187.

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Members of Bethal Lodge No. 1284 Order of the Elks were joined by friends for their 50th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Jan. 17.

They marched from the lodge to Martin Luther King Jr. Park, singing "We Shall Overcome." At the park, they held a remembrance ceremony before returning to the lodge for refreshments.

Frankie West, who coordinated the event, also coordinated Bethlehem's first civil rights gospel dinner at the Masonic Temple Jan. 15.

"I've been involved ever since I've been in seventh grade. And I'm 50 today," West said.

He said he is encouraged by the change he sees today. He believes it is essential for diverse members of the community to work together.

"I try to keep the community together," he added. "That's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream; working together."

The ceremony opened with the Rev. Paul B. Watson, of Whitehall, asking everyone for a moment of silence. Then, several community members spoke, all remembering Dr. King's passion for civil rights and his eloquent communication of that passion.

Elizabeth Reynolds from Liberty HS asked everyone to "honor him by appreciating our right to speak out about our passions". Justin Amann, also from Liberty HS, emphasized that King gave whites who believed in equality as well as blacks a leader to help them stand up for change.

Isaiah Colon-Gainer, from East Hill MS, spoke of how Dr. King brought about changes to society that made it easier for him to get along in mixed groups like the student population at his school.

Michael Corriere, chief public defender for Northampton County, spoke of King's Nobel Peace-Prize-winning character. Pa. Rep.

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
**'Keeping the community together'**



PRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Members of Bethal Lodge 1284 Order of the Elks, led by Wayne Currie, of Bethlehem, carrying the flag and Elijah Thomas, of Allentown, carrying a wreath, march down Broadway in the 50th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Civil Rights March. The Rev. Paul B. Watson, of Whitehall and Frankie West, of Bethlehem, the event coordinator, follow.



William Alexander, exalted ruler Bethal Lodge 1284, urged young people to stay in school, get a good education and follow their dreams.

Steve Samuelson, 135th district-Lehigh and Northampton counties, spoke of King's many inspirational words and asked everyone to take time to read some of them. Mayor John Callahan spoke of Dr. King's belief in unalienable rights for all human beings.

Judy Alexander, Daughter Ruler, Lehigh Temple #930, thanked West for coordinating remembrance events and William Alexander, Exalted Ruler Bethal Lodge 1284, encouraged the youth to stay in school, get an education and fulfill Dr. King's dream.

John Baker of Bethlehem encouraged everyone to "get our youth involved in what's going on in our community."

The Rev. Paul B. Watson closed, asking everyone to "let us be in unity."



Isaiah Colon-Gauber, from East Hills MS, reminded listeners of Dr. King's efforts to promote the acceptance of diversity in American society.



John Baker, a member of the Bethal Lodge No. 1284, urged young people to get involved in their community.



Elizabeth Reynolds, from Liberty HS, spoke of the passion expressed in Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech.

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Participating restaurants are Black Forest Deli and Catering, Blue Sky Café, The BrewWorks, Cactus Blue Mexican Restaurant, Cathy's Creative Catering and Café LLC, Copperhead Grille, Goosey Gander Caterer and Deli, Granny McCarthy's Tea Room, Green Harvest Food Emporium, Hampton Winds, Hanoverville Roadhouse, Jumbars, Looper's Grille and Bar, Scotty O's To Go, Susan's Gourmet Shop and Catering, The Vineyard Restaurant and Zoup! of Easton

Celebrity judges include Denise Conlin of Lehigh Valley Style, Robert Keitch M.D. and John S. Chung M.D. of Aesthetic Surgery Associates, Glenn Koehler of The El Vee, WLEV 100.7 FM personalities Chris Line and Mark Shepherd and The Morning Call food editor Diane Stoneback.

Proceeds support B-Smart, ArtsQuest's after-school enrichment program for area middle school students. For more information, contact [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org) or call 610-332-3378.

**AAUW Scholarships forms offered**

American Association of University Women-Bethlehem is accepting applications for its scholarship program. The program is for Bethlehem Branch AAUW area residents who are returning to undergraduate studies at an accredited four-year college or university after having their education interrupted.

AAUW-Bethlehem is also accepting applications from women seniors at Freedom, Liberty and Saucon Valley high schools and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts. Applicants must be in the top 10 percent of their class and have a combined SAT (critical reading, math, and writing segment) score of at least 1650. Applications, available in the school guidance offices, are due March 9, 2011. Scholarships, which are funded by the annual AAUW Book Fair, are based on academic success and financial need.

For information, call 610-866-7462, e-mail [fbentkowski@verizon.net](mailto:fbentkowski@verizon.net), or visit [www.aauw.bethlehempa.org](http://www.aauw.bethlehempa.org).

**Y&R Casino trip set for Feb. 7**

Young and Restless travel group is sponsoring a Feb. 7 trip to Hollywood Casino, Grantville. The bus departs 9:30 a.m. from the Bethlehem Trans-Bridge terminal and at 10 a.m. from the Tobias Drive parking lot, Hellertown and returns after a five-hour stay.

The cost includes a casino rebate, taxes, gratuities and transportation. For information, call 610-838-9472.

**SAT PREP Classes to begin March 5**

The City of Bethlehem Southside Recreation Department and Northampton Community College will hold SAT Prep classes in math, English, and verbal areas. Classes begin March 5 and are held at NCC Main and Southside campuses. Students must live in South Bethlehem. Class is limited; register by Feb. 18. Call 610-997-7971 for information.

# Batting cage to stop foul balls

## BETHLEHEM AREA SD

By DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

BASD Operations Manager Ann Bethers and engineering consultant Arif Fazil of D'Huy Engineering Inc. brief the school board on progress in implementing the district's energy plan.

**MILLER-KEYSTONE**  
January is blood donor month

Miller-Keystone Blood Center, exclusive blood supplier to regional hospitals, has announced the kick-off of National Blood Donor Month 2011. Together, blood banking organizations across the country are appealing to all eligible blood donors to donate the gift of life this January - a time when blood supplies across the nation are traditionally in short supply. As part of this month-long event, the names of all individuals registering to donate at any MKBC donor center, including Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton, between Jan. 1 and 31, will be entered into a raffle for a \$500 Visa gift card. Blood donations can also be at any of the center's community blood drives held during January.

During this annual month-long observance, the blood banking community is encouraging healthy individuals to donate in January and to pledge to donate at least one more time during 2011. January is usually a difficult month for blood centers to collect blood donations due to holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and winter illnesses.

To schedule an appointment to donate, call Miller-Keystone Blood Center at 610-691-5850; or refer to the center's website for the most up-to-date listing of drives being held in the region.

**NCMSA**  
Scholarship form available online

The Northampton County Medical Society Alliance will offer scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year to eligible medical, nursing and physician assistant students.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens who reside in Northampton County and/or have a Bethlehem mailing address and must be accepted or enrolled in a fully accredited school.

The deadline for the completed application is March 15.

Visit [www.ncmsa.org](http://www.ncmsa.org) and click on the word scholarship.

Bethlehem Area School District's Facilities Committee on Jan. 10 recommended the school board authorize the administration to buy a portable batting cage to cut down on foul balls landing on Liberty HS's track and field area, endangering students and citizens. Batters hit the fouls into the track field mostly during batting practice.

The board settled on the batting cage solution after member Benjamin Tenaglia last year effectively nixed the previously approved \$45,000 safety net plan put forth by the administration.

The issue remained dormant until a resident complained that the board had taken no corrective action since a foul ball hit her in the head last year.

In other business, Skyway Towers Company instead of the Metro Phone Company will build the cell tower planned for BASD's transportation department site. The Facilities Committee recommended the school board amend the lease agreement to name the new builder in the lease.

The school board approved the cell transmission tower November 2009. Since then, the projected leasing income from the tower has gone from \$15,000 per year to \$24,000 per year.

If the tower operator subleases part of the tower to other users, the contract calls for the operator to pay 10 percent of the sublease to the school district.

The school district is requiring the company to have a \$50,000 bond to cover tearing the tower down if the operator abandons the tower.

BASD officials approved moving the location of the tower to the southwestern corner adjacent to the entry driveway of the Transportation Department, located at 1901 Chester Road in Bethlehem. The tower, including security fence, will occupy about 1,200 square feet.

The administration recommended selling a vacant lot at 839 Diehl Ave, in Fountain Hill. BASD owns the 30 feet by 120 feet lot on the corner of Diehl Avenue and Church Street, but according to Tagliano, it's unclear why and for how long the school district has owned the property.

Business manager Stacy Gober recommended selling the property because it's small and not useful. She suggested letting an auction company try to sell the parcel.

Board Vice President William Burkhardt objected to the idea, saying, "We ought not to sell it for a small amount." He noted that the lot was big

enough for a building.

Member Loretta Leeson recommended the administration get an assessment of the lot's value. She suggested asking the auctioneer for a "suggested sale price."

BASD's engineering consultant Arif Fazil of D'Huy Engineering Inc. briefed the board on progress in implementing the district's energy plan. He said retrofitting some electrical lighting with improved, more efficient equipment would produce a "short" payback in less than seven years. He suggested the district install some prototypes to verify the costs and give a baseline to calculate energy savings if implemented district wide.

If approved by the school board, the following test buildings would get the retrofitted lighting: East Hills Gymnasium, James Buchanan Multipurpose room and Spring Garden classrooms.

The Facilities Committee recommended that the board approve bids for removal of asbestos tile from a room at East Hills MS and replacing that tile with vinyl composition tile. Sargent Enterprises Inc. of Jim Thorpe was the lowest bidder at \$13,425.

Dual Temp Company Inc. of Allentown won a bid to replace a grease trap and associated deteriorated pipes at Nitschmann MS. The winning bid was \$13,642.87. The committee added it to the regular agenda recommending approval.

# What did council do in 2010?

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem City Council President Bob Donchez, during the Jan. 18 meeting, reported on council's accomplishments during 2010. It adopted 48 ordinances and adopted 201 resolutions.

By ordinance, it revised fees in its Uniform Construction Code; continued the Environmental

Advisory Council; prohibited the use of hand-held cell phones while driving; increased membership on the City Zoning Hearing Board from three to five members; continued the LERTA program through 2012; strengthened financial reporting requirements; and imposed a .75 mill tax increase dedicat-

ed to a new EMS facility and fire pumper.

By resolution, it expanded the Department of Community and Economic Development to consider landmarks and property of historical interest; renamed the ice rink to Earl E. Shaffer ice rink; supported new facilities at the Monocacy

Complex; increased fees for skating, swimming, pavilions, summer camp, golf, and recycling; approved a new, three-year, 911 plan; approved an inter-municipal liquor license transfer to new Woody's Pizza and Sports Bar on Easton Avenue; approved a working woodlands program; and approved changes to the ArtsQuest TIF agreement.

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**ELECTION 2011**

**Mike Recchiuti announces bid**

Lifelong Bethlehem resident and Democrat Mike Recchiuti, 34, announced his candidacy for Bethlehem City Council to fill the vacancy of departing Councilman Gordon Mowrer.



Recchiuti vacated of Councilman Gordon Mowrer.

Recchiuti says he believes that Bethlehem is a great place to live, work and raise a family, but it could be better. His campaign will focus on the most urgent needs of Bethlehem residents: fiscal responsibility in local government, promoting responsible economic development and creating middleclass jobs, building stronger neighborhoods, making Bethlehem safer and creating more transparency and accountability in local government.

"I am a middle-class homeowner in Bethlehem, and I have many of the same concerns about Bethlehem's future that everyone else does. My interest in local issues, plus my professional experience assisting municipalities like Bethlehem deal with economic redevelopment, rising property taxes, and creating safer neighborhoods makes me uniquely qualified to serve on City Council", said Recchiuti.

Recchiuti is a 1995 graduate of Freedom High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Penn State University and a Juris Doctor from Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, Mass. He currently practices law with the law firm Fox Tobey, P.C. in Hanover Township. Recchiuti focuses part of his practice in Municipal Law, where he assists local municipalities with zoning, economic development, tax collection, fiscal responsibility and budgetary matters.

Recchiuti, who resides in North Bethlehem, serves as the treasurer of the Bethlehem City Democratic Committee, volunteers as a member of the Bethlehem Parking Authority and participates actively in his neighborhood Block Watch.

For more information visit [www.mikeforcouncil.com](http://www.mikeforcouncil.com)

**DAVINCI CENTER**  
Senior workshops begin Jan. 28

The Da Vinci Science Center's spring Seniors Monday Workshops will take participants literally to the ends of the Earth and provide closer looks at science in their backyard.

The popular workshops for adults ages 62 and up are presented with a special admission price from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and chances to win prizes from Lehigh Valley businesses.

Each workshop will be presented in 75-minute sessions from 12:15-1:30 p.m. and 1:45-3 p.m.

The spring series will be highlighted by the Feb. 28 workshop titled Ends of the Earth: Journeys to the North and South Pole.

Adults interested in participating in Seniors Monday Workshops are encouraged to provide an RSVP to 484-664-1002, Ext. 112, as seating space is limited for each session.



PRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Kim Gross, co-chair Relay for Life Bethlehem, greets the attendees.

**Relay kicks off 2011 fundraiser**

Relay for Life of Bethlehem hosted its 2011 Kick-Off Event at Liberty HS recently. Relay for Life is a 24-hour walk for cancer. It will take place June 18 and 19 at Liberty.

The Hawaiian Luau themed kick-off covered the hows and whys of getting involved and starting a relay team to make a difference in the life of

someone touched by cancer.

Guest speakers included Dr. Chand Rohatgi, American Cancer Society Volunteer Board of Directors vice president and breast care surgeon, and Leeza Ohl, Voices of Hope speaker.

"My aunt and I were diagnosed two months apart," Ohl said. "She edu-

cated me to speak up and educate others."

Ohl has been relaying for two years now. "I relay for those who relayed for me," she says.

To sign up your team or learn more about Relay for Life Bethlehem visit its website at [www.relayforlife.org/pabethlehem](http://www.relayforlife.org/pabethlehem) or call 610-921-2329.



Debbie Prettie, co-chair Relay for Life Bethlehem, stacks donated toilet paper. The toilet paper will be taken to Hope Lodge in Hershey, which provides no-cost lodging for cancer patients during treatment.



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**ABOVE:** Sierra Knarr of Bethlehem sets up a tent as part of the kick-off.

**ABOVE LEFT:** Leeza Ohl, Voices of Hope speaker, sells raffle tickets to James Ward of Allentown, co-chair of the Metropolitan Community Church relay team. Helping her are Aimee Young of Stockertown and Young's daughter Emily.

**HEALTH & FITNESS**

The cold weather or going outside without a hat isn't a direct cause of colds and the flu.

**Winter Weather Doesn't Cause Colds**  
A myth still prevails that cold winter weather is the culprit behind seasonal colds and flu. However, medical research indicates that those who reside in cold climates are no more likely to suffer a cold than someone who is basking in warm temperatures. It's not wet hair or the lack of a hat that causes common illnesses; it's the flu or cold germs floating in the air that are responsible for these maladies. The colder weather may contribute, though. When breathing in cold, dry air, blood vessels can constrict in the nasal passages and dry out in the process, producing less mucous. This can make the nose a more susceptible place for viruses to infiltrate. The cold weather may also affect a person's immune system response. Some people's immune systems actually strengthen when the weather is cold, while others' systems weaken. Therefore, it's not exactly the cold weather that causes an illness, but it can play a role. Similarly, when the weather outside is frightful people spend more time indoors, where airborne germs may be present. Once more, cold weather plays a role in illness but doesn't exactly cause it. Whether it's rain or shine, cold or hot, the best way to avoid colds and the flu is to wash hands thoroughly and regularly, eat a healthy diet that keeps the body in illness-fighting form and avoid others in close quarters when they are sick.

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## One down, three to go

The Bethlehem Area Public Library kicked off its 2011 series of two-day book sales Jan. 13 and 15 by garnering \$12,859 for library programming initiatives. More than 12,000 items were available for buyers with titles targeting aspiring artists, do-it-yourself home renovations, recently published novels, classics and thrillers, and children and teen selections featured. The second sale of 2011 is scheduled March 10 and 12. Additional information is available at [www.bestbooksale.com](http://www.bestbooksale.com) or by calling 610-867-3761, extension 259.



**PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB**  
Erin Yob and Jessica Jacoby, both from Bethlehem, hold sleep-overs the night before library book sales so they can arrive early. On Jan. 15 they were looking for titles from the "Twilight" series and described themselves as "book junkies."

## 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](http://www.healthyanimalcenter.org).



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## VOLUNTEERS

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**, Bethlehem, needs volunteers and committee members. Contact Liz McCool, 610-921-2329, [liz.mccool@cancer.org](mailto:liz.mccool@cancer.org).

**MEALS ON WHEELS NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**, Bethlehem, is looking for volunteers to grocery shop for homebound seniors. Contact Emily Vadasz, 610-691-1030, [emilyv@mealsonwheelspa.org](mailto:emilyv@mealsonwheelspa.org).

**DIAKON HOSPICE ST. JOHN**, Allentown, is looking for volunteers willing to lend a hand or a hug or silently give comfort to our terminally ill patients and their families. Contact Karen Kinn, 610-391-2307, [kinnk@diakon.org](mailto:kinnk@diakon.org).

**GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION NETWORK**, Allentown, has a special need for a volunteer who is a model train enthusiast so they can help a resident with a train layout. Contact JoAnn Frey, 610-776-3125, [jfrey@gshr.org](mailto:jfrey@gshr.org) or apply online at [www.goodshepherdrehab.org](http://www.goodshepherdrehab.org).

**HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY**, Kempton, needs help to prepare for, present and wrap up the Hawk Mountain Native Plant Sale, outdoors in the garden and in the office with administrative work. Contact Susan Wolfe, 610-756-6000 x206, [wolfe@hawkmountain.org](mailto:wolfe@hawkmountain.org)

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## No tax increase for 2011-12

By MARK RECCEK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

### SAUCON VALLEY SD

Saucon Valley School District Superintendent Sandra Fellin presented school board members with the 2011-2012 proposed budget that includes a zero percent millage increase during the school board's Jan. 10 meeting. Fellin explained that the zero percent millage increase is the result of reductions in health care costs and the elimination of three teaching positions. Two elementary school teachers are scheduled to retire at the end of the school year, along with a middle school music teacher.

With respect to the two retiring elementary school teachers, Fellin said the district will improvise by reassigning current elementary school teachers elsewhere.

"We will not replace two teachers at the elementary level," she explained. "We have a

large class moving from grade 5 to grade 6. There are two teachers who can be reassigned at the lower levels to replace the two retiring teachers."

The district expects to follow the same strategy with respect to the retiring middle school music teacher.

"We have a kindergarten related arts specialist with a music degree who will be reassigned to the middle school," Fellin said. "The kindergarten teachers will need to incorporate the related arts element into their day."

Additionally, Fellin announced a change in high school Spanish teacher Kasandra Diehl's employment status from full-time to part-time, which will result in further savings to the district.

Fellin added that the change in employment status was requested by

Diehl personally. Diehl will retain full-time employment benefits pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement unless pending arbitration changes the outcome.

During the meeting, school board director Sharon Stack expressed regret over Diehl's change in employment from full-time to part-time.

"She's one of the better teachers here," Stack said. "It's going to be a loss to our district and our students."

Diehl's change in employment status was effective Jan. 21.

Regarding reductions in health care costs to the district, Fellin said the district was able to adjust health benefits by \$198,614 and that the change will not affect current district employees.

In an e-mail to The Press Jan. 18, Fellin explained the board's Act 1 Resolution not to raise

the tax rate by more than the state-mandated 1.4 percent base index.

"The board believes that we can manage our educational program and our costs effectively and efficiently and remain under the index," she said. "This will be the third year in a row with a 0 percent tax increase if the current budget presentation stands."

The board also unanimously approved to change the originally scheduled Feb. 21 school board meeting to Feb. 22 in observance of Presidents Day.

The board plan to either adopt the proposed 2011-2012 budget or adopt a resolution not to raise the rate of tax by more than the state-mandated index was to be made at the Jan. 24 board meeting.

### FOUNTAIN HILL

## New borough police officer position funded

By MATTHEW HENGVELD  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill's Borough Council held a brief special meeting Jan. 19. The meeting was followed by a closed-door workshop.

Other than council members, police representatives and Mayor Jose Rosado, there were no Fountain Hill residents in attendance.

Council President Lawrence E. Rapp joked

about the lack of attendance, wondering why meetings for zoning and planning draw in the crowds, but these special meetings do not.

The only item brought to a vote was the allocation of funds to appoint a part-time officer. The new hire will be the borough's sixth part-time officer. The position's wages are \$16.86 per hour — just about average for the Lehigh Valley.

All members voted in favor.

Discussion following the vote led to a complaint about a recent Morning Call article about part-time police officers. The article listed wages for part-time officers throughout the Valley, but failed to mention Fountain Hill.

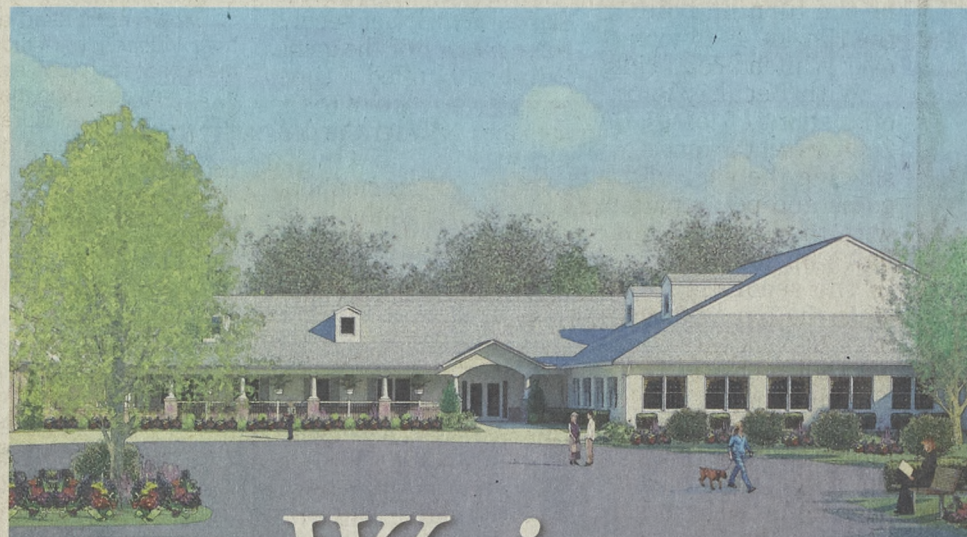
It's "an insult" said Helen Halleman.

Douglas Trotter agreed,

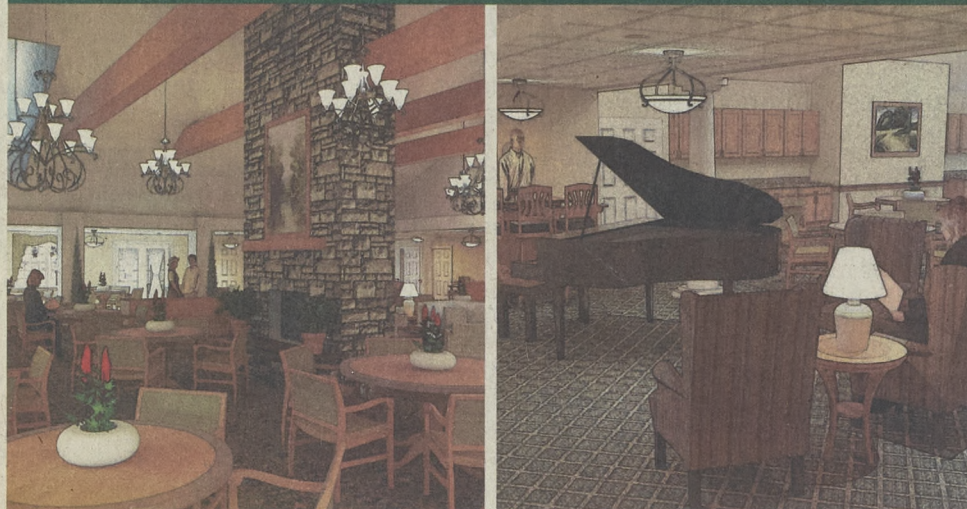
"They may have dropped the ball on this one."

Councilmember Ed Stetch briefly discussed speaking to Christine Dixon of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, a group dedicated to helping boroughs with legislative representation, research and intra-borough support.

The general council meeting will be Feb. 1.



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## Hawks against the wall 'Canes soar

By PETER CAR  
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A one-game win streak is all Al Blount wanted for his desperate Bethlehem Catholic basketball team and the Hawks got that on Monday night. Becahi knocked off Pottstown 73-61 and jolted a sense of momentum and hope into this winter's dismal stretch.

The victory on Monday was the Hawks (4-10, 0-7) first win in 26 days to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Jake Hungarter followed up his 40-point performance in last Friday's 68-62 loss to Whitehall with a team-high 29 points to hold Pottstown at bay, but the victory was long over due for a squad that still has aspirations of qualifying for districts.

"We haven't given up on the season and we won't give up," said Blount. "We just need to go on a one game win streak. We know that if we lose two more games we're pretty much out of it, but the kids have hung in there."

Most of Becahi's woes have come on the glass and on the defensive end. The Hawks penchant for giving up second chance points have killed them throughout the season and Blount knows that repetition may be the only thing that will help cultivate a more fierce attitude on the rebounding scene.

"We're giving teams two, three, even four shots," he said. "That's where we're really struggling. We're playing better against good teams, but playing down to mediocre teams. We just haven't had any real consistency out there."

"That's why I just asked the guys to pick one thing in practice to focus on that can make them better. It's about simplifying things at this point if we're going to make a run."

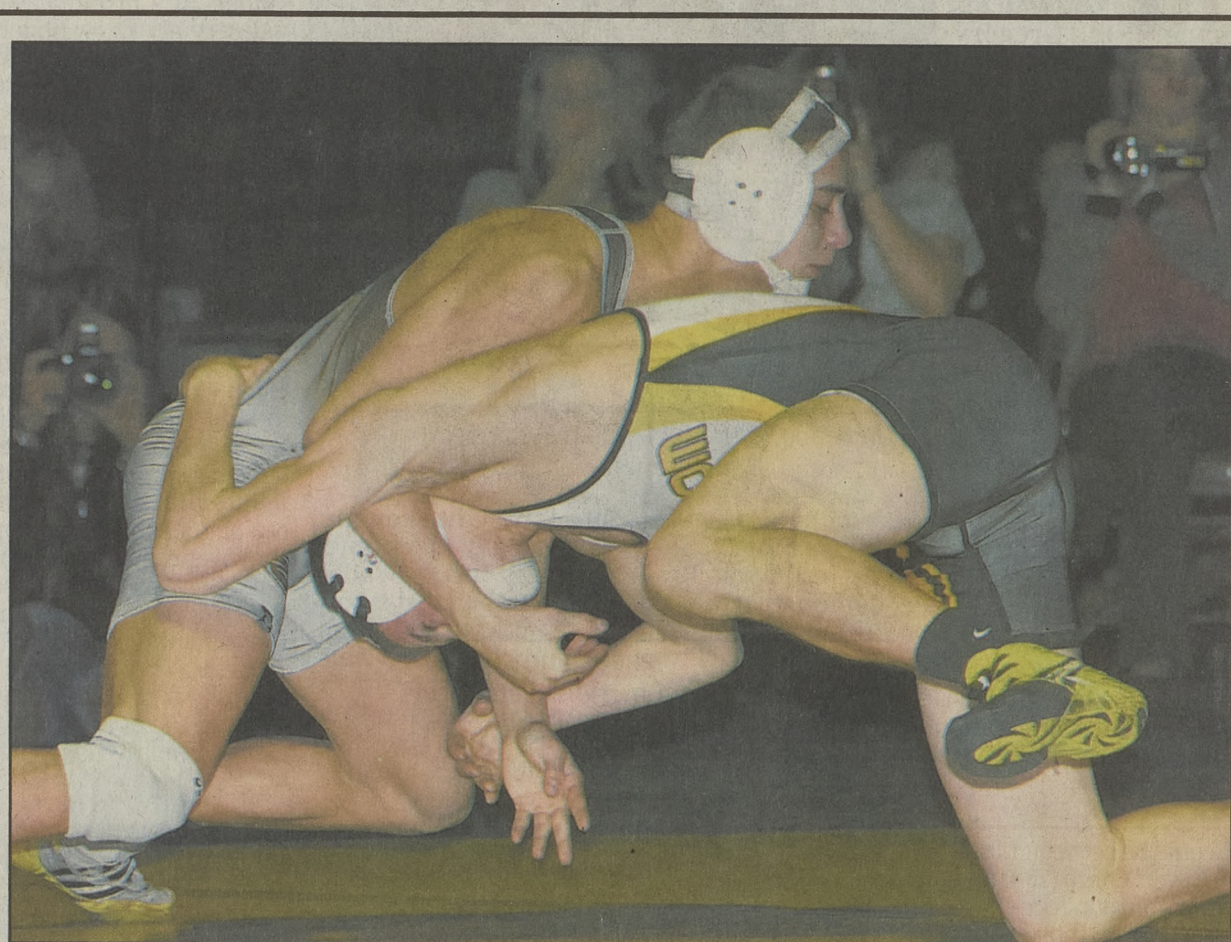
With eight games left on the docket, Becahi would need to win seven of their final eight to clinch a district berth. Certainly, a daunting task considering they still have to play another round within their division, but if there's one man that has optimism, it's Blount.

"Nobody wants to lose," he said. "We have a good bunch of kids here and it saddens me to not see them have success. I hate losing and I feel for them, but at this point, every game is a must win."

Liberty (12-1, 7-0), on the other hand, hasn't lost in 41 days and continues to climb up the state rankings, as its ranked third in 4A this week.

The Hurricanes toasted Central last week 57-31 last week and take on Nazareth (11-1, 5-1) on Friday.

The 'Canes played Emmaus Tuesday, but that result was past our Press deadlines. Liberty will also play Pocono West on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Hoop Group Event at Parkland.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Jaydon Rice figures to be involved in one of the better bouts whenever the Hawks take on Liberty in wrestling.

## City showdown Becahi-Liberty meet has a lot to offer

By PETER CAR  
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The state of Liberty and Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling programs will be on display tonight at Memorial Gymnasium and 'Canes head coach Jody Karam hopes he'll be there to see it. The Liberty boss always loves the once a year encounter he gets to see his brother Jeff on the other side of the mat, but Jody's presence tonight might be on the shelf because of scheduled knee surgery he's having Wednesday.

But if there's one thing that could help Jody's cause, is Old Man Winter dumping another storm on the region for a possible delay.

Either way, Bethlehem Catholic (5-1, 5-1) enters as a heavy favorite over Liberty (7-9, 2-3) and Karam knows that the bout will be a reflection of both team's current landscape.

"He's turned Becahi from a doormat into a welcome mat," said Jody about his brother Jeff's work across town. "This match is going to be a clear indication of what's going on with the two programs."

"I didn't forget to coach in one year and Jeff didn't learn to coach in one year. It's just the way it is for both programs right now."

Becahi is enjoying one of their best years ever,

outside of the fact that last week's 33-32 loss to Northampton may still be stinging. The Hawks led 32-13 with four bouts remaining, but lost all four; two of which came by falls, to give Northampton (9-2, 4-1) a one-point edge in criteria for most six point wins.

It was a lost opportunity for the Hawks, who could have kept themselves even with Easton (13-1, 6-0) in the Lehigh Valley Conference title race. The Hawks now would need to knock off the Rovers on February 2 in their regular season finale to win the crown, assuming both teams go undefeated the rest of the way.

Jeff Karam knows that any match after the Northampton loss will be a welcome one, but also hopes his team has learned a lesson from the K-Kids.

"I had a sense before the [Northampton] match that the kids were looking ahead," Karam said. "You can't take anyone for granted, especially a team like Northampton. I'd rather have us slip up now, than down the road, but hopefully our guys learned from that loss."

But, with championship hopes on one side of tracks, progression is the theme on the other side at Liberty. Karam knew that this year would be a rough patch for Liberty after last year's stellar success, but he's taken it all in stride.

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PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Rana Plesko, shown here against Northampton, helped the Hawks to top Whitehall.

## Hawks top Zephs

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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In a game of back-to-backs, it was the back-to-back threes in the third quarter from Becahi's KC Carpenter that proved to be the turning point in the Hawks' 49-40 victory over Whitehall on Friday.

With Becahi coming off a string of losses, the Zephyrs set the tone early, slowing the pace of the game and being patient with their shots. Whitehall's biggest lead came in the second quarter, when the Zephyrs also hit back-to-back threes, and went ahead by five.

Almost impeccable foul shooting by Becahi's Rana Plesko kept the Hawks in the game amid back-to-back unforced errors. At halftime, the Zephyrs led 21-20.

Becahi captain, Caitlin Kessler, said, "[Coach Bill Lanscek] wanted us to stop Whitehall from their outside shots, and he wanted us to play harder on defense."

In the third quarter, Carpenter hit her second three pointer of the game. Whitehall called a timeout, only to return to the court for another Carpenter three.

"I haven't been shooting well. My shots were not going in, but I kept shooting and it gave momentum to everyone," said Carpenter.

Brianna Morales followed up with yet another three for Becahi, and the Hawks had a 35-24 lead.

Kessler said, "It was great. We really needed that. The whole quarter, we started hitting every-

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## SOCCER Scholar athlete banquet

The soccer scholar athlete banquet will take place on Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Fullerton Fire Co # 1 in Whitehall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the ceremonies starting promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The following are Bethlehem-area nominees:

### CHRISTOPHER O. SHAFER

#### Bethlehem Catholic

Shaffer scored six goals and added three assists last year for the Hawks. He's 16th in a class of 178 with a 3.71 GPA.

He's a two-year letter winner in both soccer and track and is a member of the Eco Club, Fact Club and a member of the National Honor Society.

Shaffer also volunteers at the St. Mary's soup kitchen and was a member of the Bethlehem Soccer Club for four years as well as a member of the Bath East Allen Youth Club for two years.

He plans on majoring in engineering however his college choice is undecided.



### LLOYD ACHEY

#### Liberty

Achey has four career goals for the Hurricanes and ranks 16th in a class of 662. He's got a 3.44 GPA.

Achey is a senator in student government while playing two years of soccer and four years of track. He's done community service with the National Honor Society and is a member of the Boy Scouts of America as well as the Bethlehem Soccer Club.

He plans to be a physician in neuroscience.



### TAYLOR BROWN

#### Moravian Academy

Brown scored 14 goals last year and has 38 for his career. He added seven assists in 2010 giving him 22 for his career. While his school doesn't rank, he has a 3.4 GPA in a class of 70.

He was a Colonial League first team member as a junior and senior and was honorable mention as a sophomore. He was his team's MVP as a junior and was a captain as a senior. Among his many activities are: Charter Partners Business Program, Model United Nations, Recycling Club President and Miracle League volunteer.

Brown completed a 50-hour independent study on the economics of local electricity as well as finding the carbon footprint of Moravian Academy. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley United F.C. for seven years and plans to study economics and business.

### DAVID PETRIK

#### Notre Dame

#### Green Pond

Petrik has two career goals and two career assists for the Crusaders. He ranks fifth in a class of 119 with a GPA of 3.8.

He's a home room representative and Key Club member and earn a varsity letter for three years of soccer, one of them as a team captain. He's also a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honors Society, Global Environment Organization Club, student council and the Boy Scouts of America. He's also been a member of the Bethlehem Township Bulldogs for six years and the LV Magic for one year.

He plans to study environmental science.



## Tough Allen team downs Patriots Monday

By PETER CAR  
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It was an overmatched battle for Freedom Monday night at Allen and the Patriots just didn't have enough ammunition to out slug one of the best teams in the state.

The Canaries, ranked fifth in 4A, dominated from start to finish to come away from Swards Gymnasi-

um with a 65-49 victory.

Brandon Harrington led all scorers with 16 points, while Jalen Cannon was a dominant force inside with 15 points to counterbalance Allen's attack.

But the Pates (4-9, 2-4), hung tough in the second half after falling behind 36-23 at halftime. Joe Lococo's impressive night helped the Pates claw their

way back into the contest at 43-34 with 1:40 left in the third quarter when he tallied his third field goal of the quarter, but Allen pulled away again.

The Canaries (10-2, 5-1) scored six straight to push the lead over 10 again and Freedom just never had enough offensive fire power nor defensive grit to truly test Allen.

Head coach Joe Stellato

knew his team had an uphill battle coming into the contest and was proud of how they competed.

"We were down by nine in the third quarter and we missed two layups that could have really made things interesting," said Stellato, "We played well though. Allen just shot the ball really well. Allen is a better basketball team than us right now and that's

OK to admit. We'll be there, but we're just not there yet."

Lococo proved to be Freedom's leader on the floor with his confidence in driving to the hole and veteran presence.

He scored 15 points, added 13 rebounds, had six steals and threw in four assists for a complete performance.

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# 'Every day in my life is Thanksgiving'

By DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Football Hall of Famer and Super Bowl champion coach Mike Ditka visited the Lehigh Valley Nov. 24, looking to inspire more than 550 guests at a luncheon sponsored by LifePath and the Pa. Institute of Certified Public Accountants at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville.

Earlier the same day Ditka, sporting sunglasses as a la his former Bears quarterback Jim McMahon, visited the Hanover Township LifePath facility, meeting LifePath consumers and staff, as well as sitting down with local media.

A western Pennsylvania native and product of the University of Pittsburgh, Ditka was a first round draft choice of the Chicago Bears in 1961, where he played as a Pro Bowl tight end for six years. He was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles in 1967, where he played two years, and then joined the Dallas Cowboys for four years, where he played in the Cowboys' Super Bowl VI victory over the Miami Dolphins.

He returned to the Bears as head coach in 1982 where his 1985-86 team won the Super Bowl and he was named NFL Coach of the Year after the 1985 and 1988 seasons. He was head coach in Chicago for 10 years, a job he described as a "lifetime dream."

Today Ditka is an ESPN analyst and an entrepreneur.

"You care, you love, you share," Ditka said as he spoke about the need for organizations like LifePath to provide services for people with developmental disabilities. Ditka shook



Football Hall of Fame tight end Mike Ditka poses with fans George and Ken, both LifePath clients.



Mike Ditka autographs a football for LifePath client Joanne.

hands, posed for photos and provided autographs as he moved through the facility, eliciting smiles from everyone.

"Every day in my life is Thanksgiving," he declared.

The straight-shooting Ditka opined on a number of subjects.

On former Liberty HS and Penn State All-Ameri-

can Mike Hartenstine, who played for Ditka in Chicago: "He's a good man. I saw him recently at a reunion of the 1985-86 Super Bowl champion Bears team."

On Michael Vick: "Right now football needs a shot in the arm. He can be the biggest role model in the world. Here's a kid who got a second chance and he's



Ditka's 1986 Super Bowl ring, which he earned when he coached the Chicago Bears to victory over the New England Patriots in Super-Bowl XX by a score of 46-10.

doing something with it." On the Pro Football Hall of Fame Ditka questioned how much statistics should determine entry. "What about contributions to the game?" he posed.

On signing autographs: "Respect the fans. Without them you have no football." His message was particularly directed at the prima donnas currently playing professional football.

On his ties to western See **DITKA** on Page A12

## Bucknell dean's list

2010 LHS grad Kathryn E. Wilsterman, the daughter of Craig Wilsterman of Orefield and Ellen Wilsterman and Fred Sechler of Bethlehem, has been named to the Bucknell University dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2010-11 academic year. Students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

## Bloomsburg dean's list

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has released its list of students named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. To qualify, a student must earn a quality point average of 3.5 or higher (based on 4.0) during the semester.

The students are Matt Barkanic, Lauren K. Belshaw, Ryan A. Brazzo, Jennifer N. Brita, Kyle N. Correll, Rachel L. Devecchio, Nicholas S. Diaz, Samuel I. Ebeling, Alyssa Falco, Michael S. Feist, Rachel L. Fosburg, Aaron J. Green, Jamie I. Green, Jennifer L. Green, Keri L. Greenawald, Matthew A. Kohler, Allison L. Kornbluth, Joey Lasko, Kellyann E. Martin, Lidia G. Marroquin, Caitlin E. McKee, Shaun C. McNamara, Matthew D. Miller, Lauren A. Moyer, Kristen A. Palermo, Jenelle L. Petresky and Emily J. Pierce, all of Bethlehem; Jennifer M. Hurlburt and Carissa A. Riegel of Hellertown; and Victor M. Rivera of Fountain Hill.

Bloomsburg University is one of 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The university serves approximately 10,000 students, offering comprehensive programs of study in the colleges of Education, Business, Liberal Arts and Science and Technology.

## Georgetown University dean's list

Emilio Mendez of Freemansburg was named to the Georgetown University dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must attain a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Georgetown University is the oldest and largest Catholic and Jesuit university in America, founded in 1789 by Archbishop John Carroll.

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**Updates in the Treatment of Breast Cancer**  
This program will include an overview of the latest treatment updates for breast cancer that were presented at the San Antonio Breast Conference in November 2010.

*Presented by: Subhash Proothi, MD and Hikaru Nakajima, MD  
St. Luke's Cancer Care Associates - Medical Oncology*

**B** Thursday, February 17  
6 - 7 pm  
Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, Lecture Room 2  
St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus

### Neuroscience

**MS First Tuesday - Make the Most of Your Doctor Visits**  
This presentation will help you prepare for your doctor visit.

*Presented by: Kris Levine, LPN, MSCS  
Program Coordinator, St. Luke's MS Center*

**B** Tuesday, February 1  
Meet and Greet - 6:15 pm  
Lecture - 7 pm  
Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, Room 113  
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**Q** February 14, 16, 21, 23  
6 - 8 pm  
Taylor B Conference Room  
St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital

**C** February 1, 3, 8, 10  
6 - 8 pm

February 15, 17, 22, 24  
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# Council OKs hirings, housing; Stoffa decides to hold funding

By CAROL SMITH  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Northampton County Councilman Ron Angle failed to convince his fellow council members to hold the line on government spending at council's Jan. 20 meeting.

Under new business and over Angle's objections, four full-time and five part-time deputy sheriff positions were approved and special outside legal counsel was hired. One-time only funds were approved for a transitional housing project for female prisoners.

County Sheriff Randall Miller told council that following standard courtroom procedures, it was required to have three deputies in a courtroom at a time.

Despite the fact that these deputy sheriff positions were fully funded as part of the 2011 budget, Angle said he viewed the hiring as growing government, which taxpayers do not need. Angle told Miller that he should be able to manage with the 53 deputies he had in 2010. Voting along with Angle was Councilwoman Barbara Thierry. The four full-time positions would have a salary range between \$40,000 and \$53,000. The part-time positions would have an hourly rate of \$19.57.

Thierry also supported Angle in not allocating \$84,000 for a one-year contract to hire Flamm Walton PC for outside legal counsel to advise and assist the county with labor and labor-related matters.

Councilwoman Ann McHale and Councilman Michael Dowd also voted "no" which resulted in a 4-4 vote and a failed motion. Council Vice President Peg Ferraro was absent.

Some compelling arguments made by Councilmen Lamont McClure and Bruce Gilbert and John Conklin, the county's director of administration, caused the vote to be reopened. On the revote, Dowd and Thierry agreed to the hiring of outside counsel.

If Gracedale is to be sold, "there is much more to lose without proper legal representation," said Gilbert. McClure agreed that, although the

county employees' collective bargaining units would be reduced to nine units from 11, there would be a greater need for legal counsel to handle personnel issues.

Angle agreed that special counsel would be a benefit but wanted to offset the contract's cost by reducing the current number of solicitors on the county's payroll.

**Citing some "real irregularities" with Butterfly project director Anne Houston's application, Councilman Ron Angle announced at a Jan. 24 news conference that County Executive John Stoffa would delay the \$25,000 payment.**

Conklin said that he was confident the \$84,000 could be found in the budget and that council would need to approve any extensions to the contract.

Under old business, council approved \$50,000 from its contingency fund to make a contribution to a transitional living center for female Northampton County prison inmates. The Butterfly House project is a 90-day program to help single women with their re-entry into the community. Located in Easton, the two brand new apartments will house six women.

McClure told a representative from the nonprofit Butterfly House project that these funds were a one-time contribution. Gilbert suggested that a two-step approach would donate 50 percent now and the other half at the end of the year.

Angle said the county shouldn't be in the welfare business, but Dowd and Thierry countered that argument.

Dowd said it is the role of county government to rehabilitate prisoners. Thierry said she viewed the program as a business investment, where the county will benefit from having these

women become productive members of society.

Citing some "real irregularities" with Butterfly project director Anne Houston's application, Councilman Ron Angle announced at a Jan. 24 news conference that County Executive John Stoffa would delay the \$25,000 payment.

Angle stated that although Houston had a certificate of occupancy it was for a residential lease, not a transitional living facility. He added that he's already been contacted by neighbors concerned about a halfway house in their neighborhood.

Expressing concerns about whether Houston could be responsible with \$25,000, Angle noted there are over \$100,000 in judgments against Houston. A subsequent review of Court-house records reveals he is correct.

In addition, he stressed that she has no nonprofit status yet and no board of directors.

Angle pointed out that that neither the Administration nor the prison recommended this project, "but the good ol' boys here simply snap out checks. Frankly, there should be no County Council contingency fund. If that's the level of responsibility, if that's how they're going to dole out taxpayer money, it's time today to do away with the fund in its entirety."

In response to Angle's claims, Houston explained that she applied for nonprofit status two weeks ago and would earn a \$40,000 salary for a facility with six residents. "That's not a lot of money for an executive director," she said, adding she was willing to forego her salary for the first few months. She denied she would need any special zoning approvals because "[w]e don't treat people. We are transitional transitional living."

She acknowledged the judgments against her. "My husband lost his job. It happens to people."

"I don't know why this has been blown out of proportion the way it has been," she said.

Bernie O'Hare contributed to this report.

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**Oct. 14:** Colin and Rebecca Foley, daughter.  
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**Nov. 21:** Carlos Ferrer and Neycha Cruz, son; Charles Gray and Deanna Mergulhao, son.  
**Nov. 23:** Michael and Jessica (Post) Zito, twins, son and daughter; Charles Canty and Jamie Gostony, son; Adam Costan and Carissa Kunsman, son.  
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**Nov. 29:** Cameron and Angie Acor, daughter; Justin and Olivia Paton, son.  
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For 2010 tax returns, new savings bond options are now available. Last year, if the taxpayer chose to receive a savings bond as part of the refund, it could only be issued in the taxpayers' name. This year, taxpayers can designate anyone to receive a savings bond and also designate the co-owner or beneficiary. Also a new section, part II, was added to Form 8888 for entering savings bond information so that taxpayers no longer need to enter a pre-specified routing number. Instead, taxpayers will enter the bond owner's name. The savings bonds will be mailed to the taxpayer or the person designated on the form.

Taxpayers who claim a tax refund on Form 1040 can use Form 8888, Allocation of Refund (Including Savings Bond Purchases) to split their refunds. Refunds can be directed into bank accounts and other financial institutions where their mutual funds or retirement accounts are managed and to purchase U.S. Series I Savings Bonds.

Taxpayers can choose to use a portion of the refund to buy up to \$5,000 in low-risk savings bonds, which earn interest and protect owners against inflation. The bonds must be purchased in \$50 increments. Direct deposit of any remaining refund amounts is no longer required. Paper checks can be requested for the balance.

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**DITKA**

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Pennsylvania: "I still follow the University of Pittsburgh and my mom still lives in Aliquippa."

On his time with the Philadelphia Eagles: "We were 2 and 12 the one year." He noted that it was the same year that Eagle fans, known for how brutally tough they can be, booed Santa Claus. "I was there when it happened," he said.

On what he's doing these days: "I'm selling everything! Wines ... I have a restaurant in Pittsburgh, a Chicago deep dish pizza and ice cream."

On his visit to LifePath: "This place is great. Care for them and love them. It's important." He praised LifePath staff saying, "You have to love what you're doing."

On his message at the luncheon: "It will be motivational, about success in life, doing the right thing and attitude. I'll tell some football stories. When you've been fired as much as me, you can come up with something."

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**"Whiter Than Snow"**

Among the torrent of profound questions God asked Job was this: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22). Scientists tell us that each snowflake is unique! Of the innumerable billions of snowflakes on earth, none are exactly alike. The same is true of the billions of people on earth—God has created all uniquely different from each other.

Interestingly, scientists have also discovered that every snowflake has a tiny piece of dust at its core. Even though every snowflake appears to be perfectly white and clean, it really has a "dirty heart." This is also true of each person in the world, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Thankfully, God has provided cleansing for that inner sin through the blood and sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. When the blood of Christ is applied to the heart of a sinner through faith, that blood cleanses him "from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Not a speck of defilement remains, for God removes every stain of sin and washes "whiter than snow" as King David understood when he prayed "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalms 51:7).

Last Sunday evening we sang the hymn, "Whiter Than Snow." I urge you to make these verses your prayer, "Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul. Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Another verse says, "Lord Jesus, let nothing unholy remain, Apply Thine own blood and extract ev'ry stain; To get this blest cleansing, I all things forego—Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Another says, "Lord Jesus, Thou seest I patiently wait, Come now, and within me a new heart create; To those who have sought Thee, Thou never saidst 'No,' Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

**BRIEFLY**

**YWCA  
Great Decisions  
set for Feb. 2**

The YWCA of Bethlehem's 36th annual Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Lecture Series begins 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 2. The series is held in the auditorium at Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Village Circle at Madison Avenue.

The eight-week program, offered each winter, educates citizens about issues of vital importance to Americans and provides them with the information to make informed decisions about the topics covered.

The first program features WFMZ-TV reporter Jacii Farris, who will be speaking on "Rebuilding Haiti." She will discuss her personal experiences when traveling to Haiti following the recent earthquake.

On Feb. 9, James Carafano, Ph.D., will speak about U.S. National Security. Other lecture dates are Feb. 16 and 23 and March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

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**Wells honored at HBP annual event**

By PAT KESLING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

One of the premiere fundraising projects for local nonprofit groups has always been the Historic Bethlehem Partnership annual event, and this year was especially remarkable as the 18th annual Holiday Dinner and Auction raised \$150,000.

Event chair Dolly Dyer reported that the sale of 33 paintings by local artists contributed to the high numbers at the Dec. 4 party attended by 300 people at Lehigh University's Mountaintop Dining room.

"Your support empowers Historic Bethlehem Partnership to continue its mission of educating the public about Bethlehem's rich heritage," Dyer said.

The organization also took the opportunity to honor and thank Lois Wells of Bethlehem for her volunteer work over the years.

She currently co-chairs the capital campaign for HBP. She has served on the HBP board for six years and was Holiday Dinner chair for three years. Last year she received the Bethlehem YWCA's Golden Laurel Award, the organization's highest award for volunteerism.



Dan McCarthy, president of the HBP board and PPL executive, with Lois Wells.

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She has also volunteered with the Society of the Arts of the Allentown Art Museum, Northampton Community College board and the U.S. Senior and Women's golf opens, the "Boutique at the Rink" to bene-

fit cancer causes, Moravian Academy and First Presbyterian Church. Lois and Daniel Wells have two children, Laura Wells Eascalante and Jonathan M. Wells, and three grandchildren.

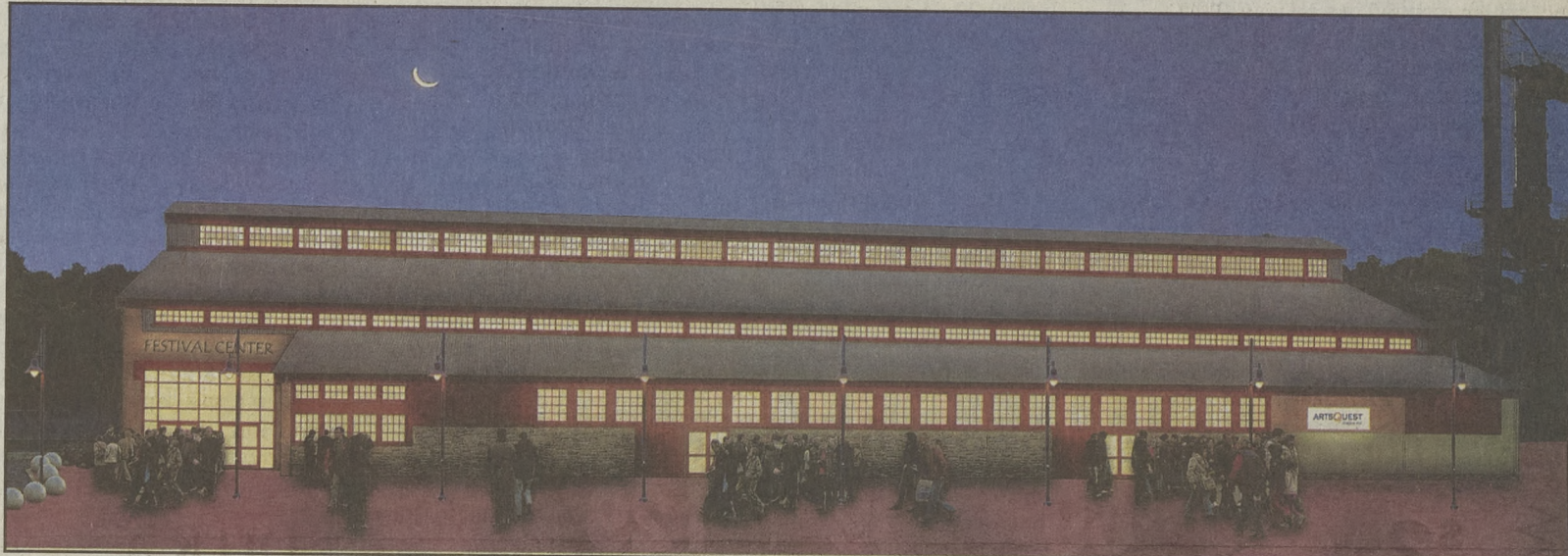
The dinner and auction committee included Lee Branagan, Peggy Baker, Sandra Corpora, Fran Kaufmann, Denise Oakey, Jennifer VanDeVoorde, Ilene Wood, Liz Woolley and Lori Ann Wukitsch, who is HBP's vice president and managing director.

Charlene Donchez Mowers, president, said, "Historic Bethlehem cares for 19 properties, including two National Landmarks, a farm, five gardens, three ruins, an orchard and tens of thousands of artifacts."

She explained that by preserving historic sites and by collecting and preserving and exhibiting historical and artistic objects, they can be used to tell stories of Bethlehem's people. HBP welcomes visitors from around the world and also offers Pennsylvania academic-based interactive programming to thousands of local school children.

Benefactors included Dr. Terry and Jean Theman, Herman and Claire Rij, Jim and Susie Haering, Peggy and Doug Brown, Hank and Joanne Barnette, Kathy Calabrese, Linny and Beall Fowler, Timothy and M. Colleen Lewis, Bob and Ilene Wood and Gary and Mary Ann Millenbruch.

**ArtsQuest launches 'Give and Get Campaign'**



ArtsQuest has announced that it has met its challenge goal to receive a \$900,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation, allowing the organization to reach its \$26.6 million campaign goal necessary to complete the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks. Thanks to the support of the community, plus new funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the

organization announced it is immediately launching the \$5 million second phase of its SteelStacks capital campaign, which will focus on adaptively reusing the former Bethlehem Steel turn and grind shop by transforming it into the Festival Center at SteelStacks. To kick off the second phase of the capital campaign, ArtsQuest is launching its "Give and Get Campaign,"

which includes opportunities for the community to receive permanent name recognition at the ArtsQuest Center. More information on how to contribute to the Give and Get Campaign can be found at [www.artsquest.org/steelstacks/giveandget.asp](http://www.artsquest.org/steelstacks/giveandget.asp). **ABOVE:** A rendering of the Festival Center at SteelStacks, courtesy of Artefact.

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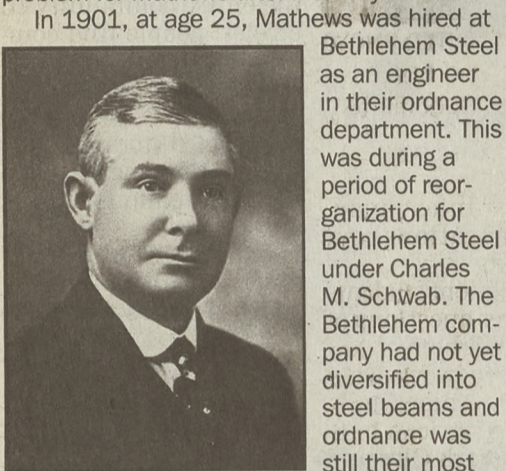
James E. Mathews Jr.

Some people have a knack for being in the right place at the beginning of something great. James E. Mathews Jr. was an essential employee in the first years of Bethlehem Steel and a councilman for the newly consolidated City of Bethlehem.



**Karen M. Samuels**  
Columnist

Mathews was born January 29, 1876, in Olney, Ill., to James E. and Martha (Antle) Mathews. He was the youngest child in a family of successful farmers. Mathews attended Illinois State University and at the age of 19 enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He served in the Navy for two years after his graduation from the academy. A Naval Academy document lists the infractions of cadet Mathews. Nothing listed was more serious than not making his bed properly. Census reports tell us that he had a live-in housekeeper for his all his years as a civilian. His lack of bed making skills did not present a problem for Mathews after his Navy service.



James E. Mathews was head of Bethlehem Steel's ordnance department during World War I and elected to Bethlehem's first city council.

contracts had slowed down and Schwab sought a larger share of the European arms market. Mathews was successful, as by 1914 Bethlehem Steel was manufacturing 848,000 tons of ordnance material per year. Large foreign ordnance orders continued to come to Bethlehem Steel until the United States entrance into World War I. At that point all ordnance orders for the U.S. were given top priority.

From 1908 to 1913, Mathews traveled frequently by ship, back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, between London and New York. He was called home for good in 1913 and made manager of ordnance in charge of all the gun, ammunition and armor-plate business of the company.

On June 6, 1905, Mathews married Caroline Amelia Myers, daughter of George H. and Callie Weiss Myers. They had three children, Martha, James E. III and Frances. The family lived in a large home on Market Street in Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews were very active in the community. They belonged to Lehigh, Northampton and Sea View country clubs. James was elected to the first city council for the years 1918-19. He was profiled in Men of Bethlehem, 1918 by Fred Shankweiler. The publication described "men prominent in the commercial professional, political and social activity of Bethlehem."

Caroline Mathews passed away during the 1920s. The 1930 federal census finds James living in a residence on Bath Pike with his second wife, Helen E., and his two sons from his first marriage, James and Frances (both in their early 20s). He described his occupation as bank president. Mathews passed away June 10, 1935. Despite Mathews' importance to the Bethlehem Steel Company and the city of Bethlehem government, he is never mentioned in any histories of Bethlehem. All that remains in remembrance of the man is a street named for him in Steel City.

By BRANDON TAYLOR  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Three years ago, the thought of moving to and working in China was just about as foreign as the country itself. I certainly had the means and interest to visit, but I really had no desire to move abroad – it wasn't part of my five-year plan at the time.

But then this thing called the financial crisis swept the globe, crashing markets and putting millions out of work. With no jobs in America, particularly in the communications field for a recent college graduate like myself, and with unemployment skyrocketing, I found myself with a sudden change of heart toward working abroad.

I considered my options. With no job prospects, I could: stay at home and live with dear old Mom and Dad; or accept an internship in China and move to a country I'd never visited before, didn't speak the language, knew little about the culture and where I had no friends or contacts.

Now, you may think it was a difficult decision to make – leaving my home and giving up everything familiar for a life abroad where I would essentially be pressing the reset button on my life – but, then again, you don't know my parents. I certainly don't want to imply that they are bad parents; they've actually been the most prominent guiding forces in my life and have helped me at every major crossroad I've faced throughout the years, but I'm just one of those people who needs a major change of scenery every now and then. And you don't get a much bigger change of scenery than moving from the hills of Pennsylvania, my home state, where there are more cows than people, to Beijing where there's a mountain, and a sea, of people. So China it was.

I've been here for almost two years now, with no major complaints or qualms.

Even before coming to China, I've tried to map out where I wanted to go with my life, usually in five-year intervals. Graduating college, working for my nationally

**BEIJING BLOGGER**

**A foreigner's five-year plan**



For the annual China International Publish Group's New Year's party, Brandon Taylor was asked to give a speech on living in China, working for CIPG and explaining his Five-Year Plan.

esteemed college newspaper, and finding a job working for a major publication were all part of my first Five-Year Plan. Seeing that the five-year plan seems to be working pretty well for China, now in its 11th Five-Year Plan, I decided to stick with this development model and formulate my second Five-Year Plan.

First of all, I want to learn Chinese. Since moving to Beijing and taking my Mandarin lessons seriously I've made major improvements – I can say a lot more than just "ni hao" (hello), "zai jian" (goodbye) and "zai lai yi ge piju" (bring one more beer) – but I want to get to a level where I can have conversations with people or solve certain problems that arise in my daily life. And grunting and pointing like a caveman when I want something or when I'm trying to communicate with people is getting kind of boring, not to mention embarrassing.

I want to be famous, or at least experience what it's like to be a celebrity. The Chinese people have been extremely helpful in allowing me to realize this goal. Whenever I go to the Great Wall or any other major tourist site, at least one Chinese person will request to have their photo taken with me. Apparently I look like a

mix between Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt. Now all I need is for someone to ask me to autograph a T-shirt or movie poster.

I want to write a book. After living in Beijing for almost two years I feel like I have enough material for a short memoir, a "What to do" book, a "What not to do" book, some poetry or maybe a nice "Where's Brandon?" picture book where you have to find me, the foreigner, in various photos full of Chinese people, like Tiananmen Square on National Day or the subway terminal at rush hour.

I want to get married, which means I'll have to find a girlfriend first. This will probably be the easiest goal in my second Five-Year Plan to accomplish since at least five girls tell me they love me every time I go to the Silk Market. This compliments the "Hey, sexy man" remark I get as I peruse the different clothing stalls, which makes me feel like a celebrity.

I want to stay in shape, something that's somewhat difficult since I spend most of my day inside and in front of a computer screen. But, despite my increased lethargy and unwillingness to take the stairs in lieu of the escalators, after using Chinese squat toi-

lets for almost two years my legs, midsection and lower body are in the best physical condition they've ever been in. And we'll just leave it at that.

And, on a more serious note, I'd like to visit Mount Everest, because it's there. And by there, I mean here, in China's backyard. From Beijing, it's still a lengthy journey, but compared with the United States it's much more convenient and accessible.

Will I accomplish all these tasks? Of course not, but it's a framework to living an interesting and somewhat coordinated life. And what I don't accomplish in the second Five-Year Plan will just have to wait for the third Five-Year Plan – and depending on how the second plan works out, I may still be in China to continue it.

Brandon Taylor is a language consultant/foreign expert for the Beijing Review, an English language weekly newsmagazine in Beijing, China. A former intern at the Bethlehem Press, Brandon is the son of Press editor George Taylor and wife, Mary Ruth. Read Brandon's blog at <http://www.btay200.blogspot.com/>. He can be reached at [btay200@gmail.com](mailto:btay200@gmail.com).

**ANOTHER VIEW**

**Trading on a tragedy**

In reaction to Tucson's tragedy, Lower Saucon resident Gloria McVeigh decided last week to organize a peaceful protest outside State Rep. Joe Brennan's office. But instead of asking



**Bernie O'Hare**  
Guest columnist

us all to be more civil and nice to each other, McVeigh took direct aim at "right wing maniacs" and "dangerous demagogues" like Fox News and Glenn Beck, attributing what had happened to their "toxic rhetoric." After her demonstration in front of Brennan's office, McVeigh decided to do an encore outside of City Hall, right before Bethlehem City Council's Jan. 18 meeting.

"Stand in support of Beth-

lehem City Council members and against right-wing disruptions of their meetings," stated a circular advertising the event.

Despite the snow and ice, McVeigh was joined by six fellow protesters before Town Hall, including Northampton County Democratic Chair Walt Garvin. He was obviously eager to trade on the deaths of six people, including a 9-year-old girl, to score a few political points.

One person quietly watching McVeigh's Musketeers was Lee Schantz, the "right-wing" disruptor from whom City Council so desperately needs protection. In November, he had been ejected from a meeting after getting very loud, though he made no threats against anyone. He was packin', but his weapon was the Constitution.

Schantz said nothing, but retired scientist Stephen See **VIEW** on Page 16

**PEOPLE SAY ... BY DANA GRUBB**

What is your favorite remedy for treating a cold?



"Usually I try over-the-counter cold medicine for three days. Then I do the whiskey treatment, mixing it with ginger ale — two drinks in one night, and then a hot shower and I go to bed."  
**Jeff Moyer**  
Bethlehem



"Honey and lime with a little bit of salt in hot water."  
**Ellen Denizard**  
Bethlehem



"Take some hot honey with lemon and just sweat it out."  
**Mel Bourne**  
Bethlehem



"A hot toddy, and if that doesn't cure it, it makes you feel better."  
**Dan Kelly**  
Bath



"I stay away from drugs. I drink a lot of fluids, especially tea. I like herbal teas, and get plenty of rest."  
**Heather Kimak**  
Slatington



"A double of Harvey's!"  
**Dan Diehl**  
Bethlehem

## Alexandra Heavilon

### Notre Dame HS

**Grade:** 12

**Family members:** I am the daughter of Anne and Fred Heavilon Jr. and the sister of Drew Heavilon, age 12.

**Favorite subject:** My favorite subjects center around life science. I find the study of the human body to be fascinating.

**Activities:** I am an active member in Student Council, Ambassadors, Key Club, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Global Environment Organization.

**Next steps:** I plan to attend a university and earn the degree of physician assistant.

**Career goals:** One day I hope to work as a physician assistant in orthopedic surgery. Also, I hope to visit a third world country and give medical care.

**Heroes:** My hero is my grandfather. He lived through the Great Depression and Pearl Harbor Day. I commend him for serving our country in the Navy during World War II. The struggles he encountered made him who he is today. He deeply cares about his family and helps everyone he can. He has always told me, "School is the best time of your life." Now that I am graduating, I am beginning to realize how true that statement really is.



**Hobbies:** In my free time I enjoy playing tennis and skiing.

**Current job(s):** I work at Rita's Italian Ice from March to September.

**Volunteer/community work:** I am a junior board member for Lauren's First and Goal, a charity that raises money for pediatric brain tumor research. I also volunteer at the Crayola Factory.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** My greatest accomplishment so far is having the honor of being student body president at Notre Dame HS. I love serving my classmates and making school the best time of their lives.

**Advice for peers:** Always remain positive. If you set goals, you can achieve them.

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

## Restoring peace and order

CSF Buxmont Academy Bethlehem students learn about Native American culture from a Kiowa Tribe member and CSF Buxmont staffer

Native American Joy Tone-Pah-Hote, a counselor with Community Service Foundation and Buxmont Academy (CSF Buxmont's) foster care program, recently presented a program on Native American culture at CSF Buxmont's Bethlehem school. (CSF Buxmont has provided education, counseling and foster care for at-risk young people and their families in eastern Pennsylvania since 1977.)

Joy, whose father was a member of the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma and whose mother was of Mayan descent, said she thought it essential to share her cultural roots with the CSF youth she works with every day.

Said Rick Pforter, director of CSF Buxmont Day Treatment, "Our goal in having Joy and her daughter come to our schools is to continue educating our students about different cultures within the diverse world community. Our hope is that this will foster understanding and tolerance for cultures that are different from theirs."

Joy's presentation, accompanied by her daughter, Rozlynn, 21, included discussion and



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Native American Joy Tone-Pah-Hote and her daughter Rozlynn in traditional dress, specific to the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma.

demonstrations of Kiowa ways: dances, music (called DRUM) and dress, and comparisons to other Native American cultures. Rozlynn modeled traditional Kiowa dress, including regalia worn at social gatherings called powwows, danced and sang. Joy translated the songs and explained their tone and purpose. Rozlynn is a champion dancer who has performed at the Smith-

sonian Institutes', inaugural celebrations and other events.

CSF Buxmont students asked many questions of Joy, who told them of her work as a beadwork artist at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian in New York City and her creative involvement with their "Dresses by Design" exhibit. Originating in Washington, D.C., now touring the U.S., the

exhibit showcases Native women's dress pre-European contact, as well as contemporary pow-wow regalia.

It was also important to Joy that CSF Buxmont students see the similarities between certain Native American traditions and the practices at CSF Buxmont. Native Americans, like many indigenous peoples, she said, have long used tribal "circles" to address important issues and solve wrongdoing. The belief, Joy explained, is that if one person in the community is harmed, it hurts the entire community. In circles, people find common ground and restore order and peace.

Circles are a core component of restorative practices, the guiding principle of CSF Buxmont schools and programs. Used frequently at CSF Buxmont, circles help students address issues and build community. "I strongly believe in leading and learning by example," said Joy. "This was a practical way to show the young people I work with every day that our concepts at CSF Buxmont have a history and validity and that they work."

## LIBERTY HS NEWS

## Semester starts Jan. 26

As the second semester commences, students at Liberty have been keeping busy with academics, sports and extracurricular activities.



**Claire Silva**  
Liberty HS

Before winter break, Liberty's chorus and orchestra performed their winter concert for students and senior citizens. The concert was also performed for community members and parents.

The Liberty Science Department has begun to award students who excel in their science classes. The Science Students of the Month demonstrate hard work and leadership in their science classes.

Due to the winter weather, Liberty students and faculty have been experiencing several snow days and two-hour delays. The snow has not only affected regular school days, but also the final exam schedule. Students began taking their first semester exams a day late, Jan. 20. The snow day Jan. 21 set finals back another day. The second semester, scheduled to begin Jan. 24 will now begin Jan. 26. The second semester will bring a new set of classes for students.

Actors and actresses involved in Liberty Theatre have been cast in the spring musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Under the leadership of new director Gayle Justice, read-throughs and rehearsals have begun.

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" is set to be performed April 14, 15 and 16 in the Liberty Auditorium.

The Liberty Grenadier Band will depart for Disney World in Florida Feb. 1. The Grenadier Band will be marching in parades in Disney World and will return from its biennial band trip Feb. 6.

Liberty winter sports are in full swing, with girls and boys basketball, swimming, wrestling and rifle all competing actively. Both girls and boys varsity and junior varsity basketball will play rival Freedom HS Feb. 11. Liberty swimming and diving will face Freedom Feb. 17.

Liberty's student run newspaper, Liberty Life, will release its fourth issue Feb. 17. Liberty Life has a staff of more than 40, including student writers, photographers, and artists.

Musicians and poets from Liberty have the opportunity to share their work at Coffeehouse. Liberty's literary magazine, Young Writer, runs Coffeehouse at Illick's Mill. Students perform songs, read their poetry and short stories, and drink coffee.

Seniors at Liberty have been applying to college and some have even received acceptance letters. Underclassmen are beginning to prepare for the college application process by taking PSATs and SATs. Juniors have been preparing to take the PSSAs in the spring.

Academics, sports and clubs are keeping students and teachers busy at Liberty HS. The spring semester promises to bring as much activity as ever.

## St. Mike's students get international experience

Saint Michael the Archangel School held its annual International Day on Nov. 1 at the Middle School. Students in third and fourth grade traveled from the Primary School, located in Coopersburg, and teamed up with their seventh and eighth grade prayer partners for the day's events.

Fifth and sixth grade students also took part in the exciting day.

Family members provided cultural artifacts, served traditional foods for lunch, and provided global music to expand the students' knowledge of our wide world and to showcase their own ethnicity. To round out the day, an old-world storyteller performed and students presented their cultural talents from Tae Kwon Do to the Mexican Hat Dance.

A mission carnival ran concurrently with International Day providing fun games, face painting and a scavenger hunt. The carnival, prepared by the school's Direc-



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Adriana Vidal serves fifth grade students Juan Pablo Vidal of Lower Saucon Township, Daniel Glemser and Elizabeth Ofchus, both of Center Valley, and Daniel Link of Lower Saucon Township authentic Latin American cuisine.

tor of Religious Education, Christina Durback, was run by student volunteers and earned proceeds topping \$575 that

will benefit the Holy Childhood Association, a Pontifical Mission Society that helps support the needs of the

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A group of former Junior Miss Baseball participants reunited recently at the Southside Bethlehem home of Jackie Werkman Bayak. Pictured are Wanda Schriber Pietkiewicz, Rita Heimbrook Gambler, Barbara Neiswender Balent, Mary Mitchell Brunner, Myra Heimbrook Jones, Karen Miller Fattore, Nancy Stocker Koch, Joanne Johns Edleman, Judy Schreiber Peterson, Ora Harper Stanley, Jackie Werkman Bayak, Nancy Kostas, Marsha Harper Christian and Joan Raidline Wetmore. Mary Long Stralo was also in attendance and took the photo. **INSERT:** Joan Wetmore had a friend recreate the insignia that was on the original Junior Miss Baseball pins that each player received.

## Junior Miss players gather

It's been more than 50 years since Junior Miss Baseball provided young girls an opportunity to play baseball in the Bethlehem area, just like the boys did. So when former Junior Miss players get together occasionally, there is much reminiscing and catching up that takes place. Over 15 former competitors and teammates reunited recently at the home of Jackie Werkman Bayak in what has become a yearly picnic. Bayak says the group also attends an Iron Pigs baseball game, gathers near the Christmas holiday and donates canned goods to a local food bank, and gets together at

breakfast or lunch on occasion. Teams competed locally in the 1950s and represented Bethlehem's northeast, southside and westside neighborhoods, as well as the boroughs of Hellertown and Fountain Hill. Bayak says the group is looking for other participants in Junior Miss Baseball to join them. Anyone who is interested can visit the local Junior Miss Baseball website at Junior Miss Baseball <http://juniormissbaseball.shutterfly.com/> or call Bayak at 610-868-9473 or Barbara Neiswender Balent at 610-867-4298.

## Northampton Community College Nurse Aide information session

A Nurse Aide information session will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 3. and March 7 at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St. Attendance is mandatory to apply for entrance to the program.

Day classes begin March 7 and night classes begin April 5.

NCC's nurse aide program is a 128-hour course and prepares students to take the Pennsylvania State Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Those who have lived in Pennsylvania less than two years must have an FBI background check.

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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](http://www.northampton.edu).

## Moravian College Talk marks Holocaust Memorial Week

Holocaust Memorial Week will be commemorated at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 with a multimedia presentation by associate professor of art Anne Dutlinger.

The talk, to be held in the UBC Room of the Hauptert Union Building, is open to the public and is free of charge. A variety of art work will be shown.

The program will focus on art, music and education as "strategies for survival" that were used by the community of artists and educators who were imprisoned at Theresienstadt/Terezin from 1941-1945.

The interrelationship between art, activism, spirituality and community and the use of art therapy as a form of individual resistance will be explored.

In 2000, Dutlinger edited, designed and published the book, "The Arts as a Strategy for Survival: Theresienstadt 1941-45."

The book was a result of a 2000 Dutlinger organized Moravian symposium and exhibition. Participants in the symposium included Holocaust scholars, therapists and survivors of Theresienstadt.

Dutlinger was a scholar-in-residence at the Center for Advanced Study of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in August 2001.

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## VIEW

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Antalics attempted to engage McVeigh's crew in "civil discourse." Northampton County Democratic Boss Garvin smugly told the octogenarian to "tone it down, big fella."

Once the meeting started, a very civil McVeigh told council there's a "direct line" from hate messages on the airwaves to "increasingly vicious barbs"

at public officials to violent fantasies by unbalanced public employees to the shots fired in Tucson. She encouraged council to accept her five-step program for "civil" discourse.

First, any person who has been arrested or removed from a council meeting for disruptive behavior should be barred. Second, any person who addresses council members as "idiots, morons, thieves or any other pejorative term" will be gavelled down. Third, no one may

challenge the legitimacy of our government. Fourth, stop the use of score cards rating council members because it can be "cruel." Fifth, stop attacks against younger or female members of council.

McVeigh might wish to consider a sixth step for her utopia - eliminating the First Amendment.

Instead of doing that, maybe it's time to look at the real problem - a broken mental health care system, in which severe mental illness goes untreated.

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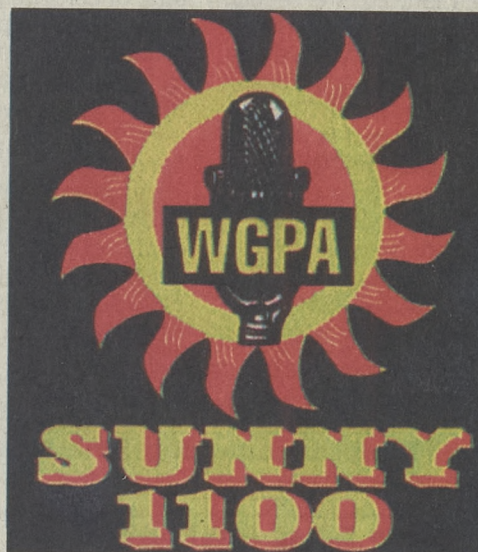
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Essence of Joy! Penn State gospel choir performs during "Lift Your Voice: A Celebration of Gospel Music."

## A gospel 'Lift'

### Penn State choir headlines 'Celebration'

"Lift Your Voice: A Celebration of Gospel Music" is being presented Jan. 27-30 by several music groups, colleges, an area religion organization and performing arts school.

Representatives of sponsoring organizations bill it as a "gospel weekend to remember" that brings together several area music organizations. The event is intended to kick off February's Black History Month.

"Lift Your Voice" is an outgrowth of "Clash of the Choirs," held for the past two years at Symphony Hall, Allentown. That event, held the last weekend in January, provided an opportunity for area choirs to share their songs and their spirit with the community.

This year, the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra is again the lead host institution for the event, which is again being held the last weekend in January. However, the gospel music celebration has been expanded to four days of concerts, classes, open rehearsals and wor-

ship services at multiple venues.

The Sinfonia is partnering with Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts, The Bel Canto Children's Chorus, Moravian College, Muhlenberg College and the Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

The event's major sponsor is the Rider Pool Foundation.

Guest artist is Dr. Anthony Leach, associate professor of music and music education at The Pennsylvania State University College of Arts and Architecture.

Leach is director and founder of Essence of Joy!, the Penn State gospel choir, which will perform two concerts during "Lift Your Voice."

Choir directors, praise-team leaders, singers and choir members will learn more about gospel singing from Leach, who will lead a workshop and several Massed Choir rehearsals.

The weekend's events include:

Noon - 2 p.m. Jan. 27: Open rehearsal, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts, Bethlehem.

6:45 - 8:45 p.m. Jan. 27: Open rehearsal with Bel Canto Children's Chorus, Community Bible Fellowship, 426 Main St., Red Hill, Montgomery County.

1 - 4 p.m. Jan. 28: Open rehearsal, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts Charter School, Bethlehem.

7:30 p.m. Jan. 28: Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts Charter School Touring and Women's Choirs, Bel Canto Children's Choir, Moravian College Choir, Massed Choir, directed by Dr. Anthony Leach, Foy Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem.

9 - 11 a.m. Jan. 29: Workshop for choir directors and worship team leaders by Dr. Anthony Leach, First Presbyterian Church, Tilghman Street and Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown.

1 - 4 p.m. Jan. 29: Massed Choir concert rehearsal for

singers, directed by Dr. Anthony Leach, First Presbyterian Church, Tilghman Street and Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown.

7:30 p.m. Jan. 29, Rejoice!, Muhlenberg College gospel choir; Bel Canto Concert Choir; Valley Women; Shiloh Music Ministry musicians; Massed Choir, directed by Dr. Anthony Leach, First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Tilghman Street and Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown.

11 a.m. Jan. 30: Essence of Joy!, The Pennsylvania State University gospel choir, sings during church service, Wesley Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem. Free

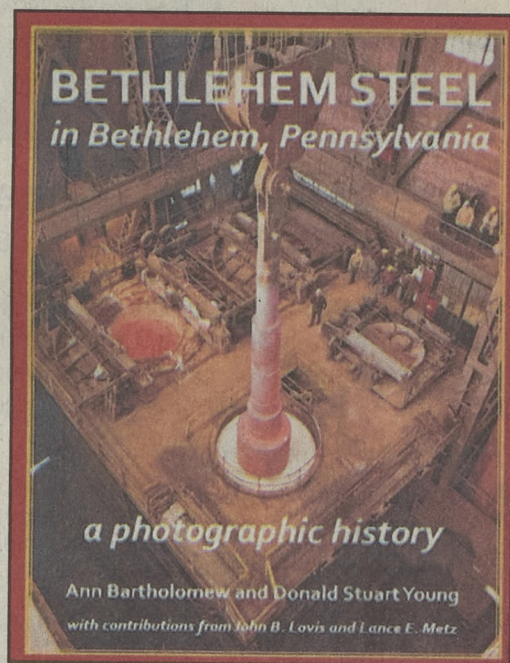
4 p.m. Jan. 30: Essence of Joy! concert, Christ Lutheran Church, 13th and Hamilton streets, Allentown. Free

5 p.m. Jan. 30: "One Voice, One Heart, One God" Lehigh County Conference of Churches Unity Service, Christ Lutheran Church, 13th and Hamilton streets, Allentown. Free

Ticket information: 610-434-7811

### 8 DAYS A WEEK

## Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**Steel photo book talk:** Ann Bartholomew and Donald Stuart Young, co-authors of "Bethlehem Steel in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: A Photographic History," will present a PowerPoint lecture and book-signing at 1 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. Bartholomew and Young compiled more than 600 rare photographic images for the book, recently published by the National Canal Museum and National Museum of Industrial History. 610-435-1074



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**"Fiddler" on the tour:** The national tour of "Fiddler On The Roof," stops at the State Theatre, 453 Northampton St., Easton, for two performances, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and 27. The musical includes the songs, "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were A Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Tradition." A free pre-show reception-mixer at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 26 in the State Theatre Gallery is sponsored by ComForcare, Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce and Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce. 610-252-3132



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**Crest ceramics reception:** "Four from Philly," an exhibition by Philadelphia ceramic artists Rebecca Chappell, Michael Fujita, Bethany Pelle and John Williams, continues through Feb. 26, Lachaise Gallery, Miller Family Building, Cedar Crest College, Allentown. A reception and talk is 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jan. 27. Casey McDonough, Cedar Crest College assistant professor of art, curated the exhibit. Said Chappell, of her work, including the above example, "I have been exploring the idea of using flower pots within a sculptural context." 610-606-4666

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## Race for a cure at Grand Prix



Here's your chance to get in a race-car and drive for those who can't.

The second annual "Racing for a Cure" will be held 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at Lehigh Valley Grand Prix, Allentown.

Proceeds benefit Beyond Labels & Limitations, a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds research to help find a cure for Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy.

"This event was created through a partnership with John Graybill, a dedicated indoor karting enthusiast who suffers from Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy," said Michael McCreary, president of Lehigh Valley Grand Prix.

"Unfortunately, the disease has prevented John from getting in a kart recently. Hopefully, through supporting Beyond Labels & Limitations, we can help find a cure and get him back on the track."

Graybill, 33, was 17 when diagnosed with Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy. Pro-



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"Racing for a Cure," Jan. 28 at Lehigh Valley Grand Prix, benefits Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy. Above, left to right: Donielle Graybill, Kathy Graybill, John Graybill, Nicole Graybill and John Graybill II.

gressive muscle weakness caused by protein deficiency is the main symptom. Once a dedicated driver at Lehigh Valley Grand Prix, he has been unable to race during the past two years.

"My buddies would lift me in and out of the kart and we would make up all these contraptions to keep

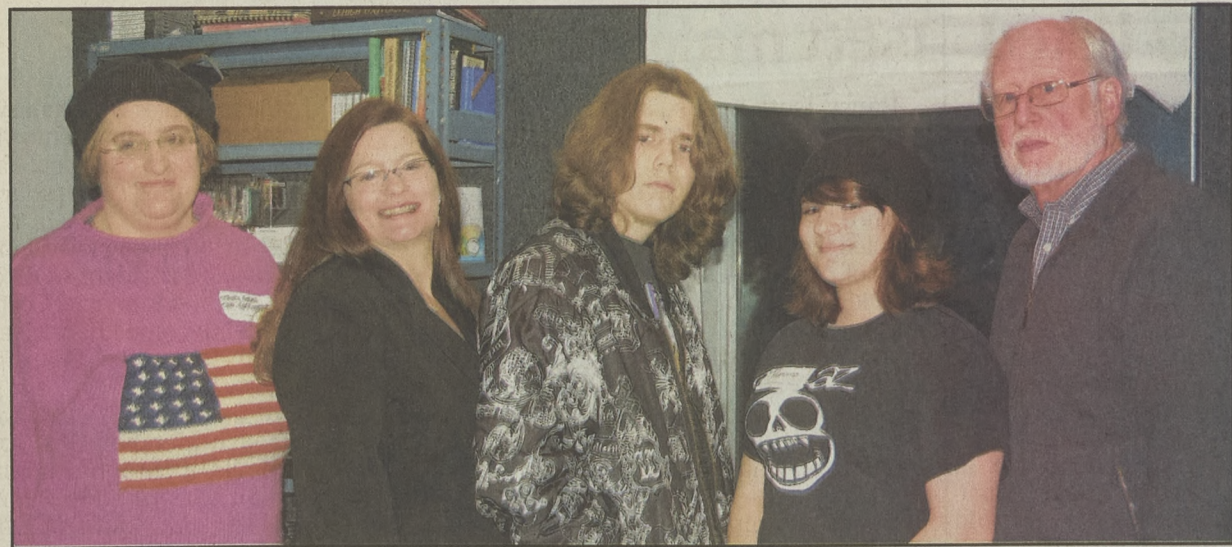
my legs on the gas and brake pads," said Graybill. "I wasn't very competitive, but I was still able to go out and race."

"As time went on, it became more and more of a hazard for me to be out there racing, so I had to give it up. But I wish I could get back on the track with my friends

and race again."

Beyond Labels & Limitations was founded in September 2007 by John Graybill II and his parents, John and Kathy Graybill. Information: [www.beyondlabelslimitations.com](http://www.beyondlabelslimitations.com)

Lehigh Valley Grand Prix, 649 S. 10th St., Allentown, See CAUSE on Page B2



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## WDIY members' concert

More than 200 stopped by the WDIY "Sweet 16" Members Annual Concert Jan. 15 in the Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio studios, Bethlehem. Those attending included, above, left to right, Stacey Siran, WDIY Community Bulletin Board-Youth Media Advisory Board; Alison DeRe, WDIY Community Relations Coordinator; Carl Mancino and Cat Mancino of South Whitehall Township, and George Van Doren, Youth Media Advisory Board. The Subtle Experience, Drew Nugent and The Midnight Society and The Large Flowerheads performed live, on-air broadcast concerts.

## CAUSE

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features a one-quarter mile indoor track and gas-powered karts that top out at 45 mph. Information: [www.lehighvalleygrandprix.com](http://www.lehighvalleygrandprix.com)

The fundraiser includes indoor kart racing, live music, beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

Ticket reservations: 610-428-2523; Darci Niszczak, [darci77@gmail.com](mailto:darci77@gmail.com)

**A "Souper" benefit:** It's a "souper" day for a great cause when 20 area restaurants serve up savory soups during "Souper Bowl II," 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Jan. 29 in ArtsQuest's Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem.

Those attending may sample homemade soups made by chefs competing for the title of "Souper Bowl II Champ."

Proceeds benefit "B-Smart," a partnership between ArtsQuest and the Bethlehem Area School District. Instruction in glassblowing, photography, painting, ceramics, graphic

design and other visual arts is annually provided more than 300 at-risk middle school students.

The panel of local celebrity judges includes Denise Conlin, Lehigh Valley Style; Robert Kevitch, MD and John S. Chung, MD, both of Aesthetic Surgery Associates; Glenn Koehler, of The El Vee; Chris Line and Mark Shepherd, both of WLEV 100.7 FM; and Diane Stoneback, The Morning Call Food Editor.

Restaurants confirmed include Black Forest Deli & Catering, Blue Sky Café, The Brew Works, Cactus Blue Mexican Restaurant, Cathy's Creative Catering & Café LLC, Copperhead Grille, Goosey Gander Caterer & Deli, Granny McCarthy's Tea Room, Green Harvest Food Emporium, Hampton Winds, Hanoverville Roadhouse, Jumbars, Looper's Grille & Bar, Scotty O's To Go, Susan's Gourmet Shop & Catering, The Vineyard Restaurant and Zoup! of Easton.

The event is presented by

Kevitch and Chung Aesthetic Surgery Associates and the ArtsQuest Special Events Committee.

The inclement weather date is 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Feb. 5.

Last year's Souper Bowl was a sell-out, with 300 people attending.

Ticket information: [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org), 610-332-3378

**Run for Camp:** Registration is open for The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley 2nd Annual Running to Live 8K Run-5K Walk and One-Half Mile Fun Run March 19 on the Ironton Rail Trail, Whitehall.

The event, which begins at Copley Parkway, Front and Keefer streets, Copley, raises funds to send local children with cancer and their families to Camp Sunshine, a family respite camp in Maine.

"We certainly superseded our initial goal last year, so we have raised the bar for ourselves for this 2nd Annual event," said Sharon Geroulo, Race Director of the event. "We

hope to raise \$25,000 and be able to send 10 local families to camp."

Prizes will be awarded for top three male and female finishers of the 8K race and top winners in age categories; top fundraising individual; and teams, including largest team, most spirited team and top fundraising team.

Many sponsorship levels and volunteer opportunities are available.

Contact: Nicole Ronco, [njronco@pcfvl.org](mailto:njronco@pcfvl.org), 610-393-9215, or Race Director Sharon Geroulo, [sgeroulo@pcfvl.org](mailto:sgeroulo@pcfvl.org)

Information and registration is available at [www.pcfvl.org](http://www.pcfvl.org)

*Good Cause is a column about fundraisers and galas for Lehigh Valley nonprofit organizations. Email press releases and event coverage requests to Paul Willistein, Focus Editor: [pwillistein@ttonline.com](mailto:pwillistein@ttonline.com).*

## ALLENTOWN FAIR Sugarland will perform Sept. 3

Multi-award winning country group, Sugarland, performs Sept. 2 at The Great Allentown Fair Grandstand.

Tickets for the duo of Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush go on sale to the public Feb. 12

Sara Bareilles, pop singer-songwriter whose sophomore album, "Kaleidoscope Heart," debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 last September, will open show.

Sugarland's fourth album, "Incredible Machine," a follow-up to the double platinum "Love on the Inside," has produced the band's third platinum single, "Stuck Like Glue," and became its second album to hit No. 1 on Billboard's Top 200 album chart.

Sugarland won a Grammy in 2009 for the "Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group" for the single, "Stay."

Big Time Rush, the boy band stars of a Nickelodeon TV series, performs Sept. 4 at the Fair

Tickets are available at the Fair Box Office, online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), over the phone at 800-745-3000 and at Ticketmaster Centers.

## Are people getting pickier?

From the conversations I've been having with my friends, I'm getting the impression we are a nation obsessed with food.

We seem to spend an inordinate amount of time thinking about what we should eat, what we shouldn't have eaten, and what we will eat.

Our social life often seems to revolve around food. Mine sure does.

When Dave and I get together with friends, it's often to go to dinner, or, we combine dinner and dancing. Seldom do we socialize without food.

When I meet girlfriends for a planned get-together, it always includes lunch. There are some friends I seldom see outside of our monthly ladies lunch bunch.

When friends stop by my house, I wouldn't dream of not offering them food. Maybe it's the Italian in me, but I was raised to offer hospitality to friends by serving them food.

My grandmother, who cooked on a coal stove, always kept a pot of homemade spaghetti sauce simmering on the stove. Whether it was family, friends or just my grandfather's business associates, no one came into the house without being offered a bowl of spaghetti.

I continue that tradition of hospitality in my own way, making sure I always have things on hand to serve anyone who pops in for a visit.

"You know, you don't have to feed us every time we come to see you," said one girlfriend when I pulled out turkey wraps to serve for lunch. I told her it's in my genes and it's something I truly enjoy. I always enjoy having small dinner parties at our house.

What I don't enjoy is figuring out a menu of what people can eat or will eat. Is it me, or are people getting pickier when it comes to eating?

Even serving beverages is getting harder. Some people will drink only diet soft drinks. Some want regular soda and won't touch anything with aspartame or a sugar substitute. And at least two of my friends won't drink anything with caffeine.

Some of my friends refuse to drink anything but Coke while at least one friend insists on Pepsi.

I remember when I was first married and people came to visit, my only question to them was: "Do you want soda or coffee to drink?" People never asked what kind of soda. They accepted what you had.

It's so complicated serving drinks now that many people I know ask guests to bring their own drinks. "I'll provide the food. You bring what you want to drink" is starting to be standard in many circles.

Once I get beyond drinks and start planning a menu, there are more individual preferences to take into consideration. Some of my friends are on Weight Watchers. Some are on no carb diets. Some say they can't eat anything spicy. Some say they won't eat

## WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik  
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anything with garlic. One woman told me not to make anything with onions because "my husband hates onions."

At least one or two can't have anything salted. One friend can't eat pork and others are allergic to seafood. Another friend gets seriously ill if she eats green pepper.

Try planning a meal while keeping all that in mind.

I don't think it's my imagination that people are getting a lot more vocal about their food preferences. If someone is allergic to certain foods, then yes, they need to say so ahead of time. But saying, "I don't like cheese" to a hostess seems rude.

There was a time when, in the name of social graces and politeness, people would eat what they were served. If they didn't like it, they would take a small portion. But they wouldn't make a big deal out of it.

My friend Jan and I still laugh about how I unknowingly gave her husband stomach problems for more than a year by putting garlic in my spaghetti sauce.

The first time I had Franck and Jan to my house for dinner, I made homemade spaghetti and sauce. Franck complimented me profusely. Thinking he loved my Italian cooking, I made it for him time and again.

It wasn't until we went on vacation together that Jan told me her husband had stomach problems when he ate garlic.

"But I've been giving him garlic for years," I retorted.

"I know. He just didn't want to tell you," she said.

We still laugh about that. But I no longer use garlic when they are coming to dinner.

I think I'm just as particular as the next person when it comes to food. But if I'm eating what someone else cooked, I try to keep my feelings to myself about any dislikes. Sometimes, that pays dividends.

When our friends Martha and Hugh asked Dave and I to dinner, we were looking forward to it because both are gourmet cooks. But when we got there, I was a little disappointed when she said they were making salmon.

I don't really like salmon, or so I thought. I only took a little piece, and boy, was I ever sorry. It was the most delectable meal and ever since then, I can't get enough salmon.

Once, I forgot to ask about allergies when I was having six friends for dinner. I made a meal with shrimp and scallops, only to learn one man was allergic to scallops. It took some frantic shuffling to come up with something he could eat.

But all in all, I love cooking. Yes, people are pickier. But it's still fun to entertain.

## SCHOLASTIC ART Awards Jan. 30

The 2011 Regional Scholastic Art Awards ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 30 in Symphony Hall, Allentown, followed by a reception 2-4 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Baum School. Snow date is Feb. 6.

An exhibition of art work that received gold and silver awards and a selection of honorable mention entries continues through Feb. 5 at The Baum School of Art.

Carbon, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton counties students grades 7-12 were eligible to enter.

Regional art entries winning gold awards advance to national judging.

Five area students won national awards in 2009.

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# Step ladders, mugs, lamps listed Isett makes corporate moves

The following recalls were issued Jan. 16 - 20 by federal and state agencies:

**Step Ladders:** Cinmar LLC dba Frontgate is recalling Frontgate Closet Ladders sold December 2005 - July 2010. The ladders can unexpectedly break, posing a fall hazard. This recall involves Frontgate fold-away closet two- and three-step ladders. Consumers should contact Frontgate, 888-298-4651, www.regcen.com, for instructions on how to receive a merchandise credit.

**Glass Mugs:** IKEA Home Furnishings is recalling RUND clear glass mugs sold October 2009 - March 2010. The inner walls of the double-walled glasses can break during use, posing a laceration hazard. Consumers should bring the mugs back to any IKEA store for a full refund. Consumers can also contact IKEA, www.ikea-usa.com, 888-966-4532.

**Food Dehydrator:** NESCO American Harvest is recalling NESCO Amer-

## CONSUMER RECALLS

ican Harvest Gardenmaster Food Dehydrator sold July 2009 - January 2011. A defective capacitor in the electronic control module can overheat, posing a smoke and fire hazard. Consumers should contact NESCO, 800-726-4457, www.nesco.com, for instructions on how to receive a free electronic control module.

**LED Lamps:** Eco-Story is recalling LED Lamps sold primarily to restaurants December 2007 - August 2010. When used without a Class II transformer, the lamp can overheat, posing a fire hazard. Commercial locations should, contact Eco-Story, 207-774-9889, www.ecostory.com, for a free replacement lamp.

**Snowmobiles:** Arctic Cat Inc. is recalling snowmobiles sold June 2009 -

January 2011. The front lower suspension arm can crack during use which could lead to loss of control, posing a risk of severe injury or death. Consumers should contact their local Arctic Cat snowmobile dealer to schedule a free repair. Consumers can also contact Arctic Cat, www.arcticcat.com, 800-279-6851.

**Pool Vacuum Systems:** Vacless Systems Inc. is recalling Pool Safety Vacuum Release System sold July - September 2010. Improper plastic material found inside the recalled product has been attributed to vacuum release failures which create an entrapment hazard. Consumers should contact Vacless Systems Inc., 818-899-1755, www.vacless.com, to implement the Vacless SVRS repair and testing procedure and to receive a replacement unit for installation.

**For more information:** www.recalls.org

Barry Isett & Associates (BIA), a multi-disciplinary engineering firm founded in 1977 in the Lehigh Valley, is being directed by the next generation of corporate leaders in 2011, according to an announcement by company founder, Barry E. Isett, PE, PLS, FNSPE.

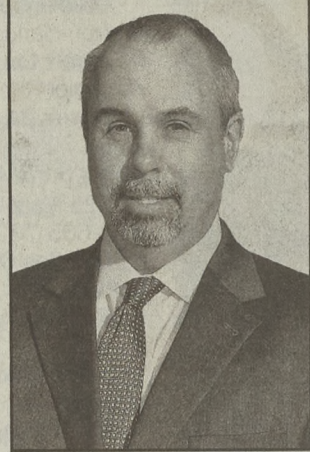
Barry Isett will assume the title of Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board.

Kevin T. Campbell, PE, LEED AP, will move from Executive Vice President, Operations, to President, Chief Operating Officer.

Jennifer Isett, who has been Secretary-Treasurer, will become Vice President, retaining her role as Manager of Business Operations and Support Services.

Robert Korp, AICP, LEED AP, Manager of Major Projects, will also assume the title and responsibilities of Secretary.

Theresa Muldowney, CPA, Accounting Manager,



John Hayes

100 associates with Pennsylvania offices in Allentown, Trexlertown, Hazleton, Valley Forge and Phillipsburg, N.J.

In a related move, John Hayes, President-COO of AFC First Financial Corp., recently joined Barry Isett and Associates' Board of Directors.

Hayes joins long-time board member Grayson McNair. Internal board members include Barry Isett; chairman of the board, Jennifer Isett, vice president, and Robert Cox, PE, PLS, a 20-year veteran of the firm elected by fellow associate-shareholders.

BIA provides civil, structural, utility, traffic, municipal, forensic, mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering, surveying services, environmental services, landscape architecture, code services, planning, construction services, grantsmanship and the development of geographic information systems.

## 8 DAYS A WEEK

### YOUR LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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#### ART EXHIBITS

**ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM COLLECTION**  
Lafayette College, Williams Center for the Arts Gallery, Hamilton and High streets, Easton. 610-330-5009

**Revisiting the Italian Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture from the Museum,** Feb. 5 - March 26; Lecture, Reception, 7 p.m. Feb. 17. Reservation required  
Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown. 610-782-3038

**Leo Krikorian, "574EV";** Jane Piper, "Blue Hydrangea"; Ben Wilson, "Airbound," through September. Walking Tour, noon Feb. 2  
Lehigh University, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-858-2787

**Harry Bertoia: Double-Branched Gongs,** through October

**AMERICA ON WHEELS**  
5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200

**Come to the Drag Strip with Us,** Feb. 1 - May 20: 1960's era drag-racing cars  
**James Duddy: Trains, Planes and Automobiles,** through Feb. 1

**British Invasion: British Cars,** through May

**Decades of Soap Box Derby,** through Jan. 31

**ANTONIO SALEMME FOUNDATION**  
542 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-434-7476

**Allentown Chen Arts Group: Walking The Edge,** through Feb. 5

**BANANA FACTORY**  
25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300

**A View Through My Eyes,** through March 20: Photographs by Marcia Jones

**GoggleWorks Artists' Exchange Exhibition,** Jan. 29 - March 27

**BAUM SCHOOL OF ART**  
510 Linden St., Allentown. 610-433-0032

**Scholastic Scholarship Exhibition,** through Feb. 5: Works by Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton counties high school students. Awards Ceremony, 1 p.m. Jan. 30, Allentown Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715. Feb. 6: Snow Date

**BETHEHEM CITY HALL ROTUNDA**  
City Hall, 10 E. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-865-7000

**James Harmon, Winifred Helton-Harmon: Winnie and Jim Nature Studies,** Feb. 1 - 28; Reception, 2 - 4 p.m. Feb. 6

**CEDAR CREST COLLEGE**  
100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-606-4666

**Four from Philly: Ceramic Art by four Pennsylvania artists,** through Feb. 26, Lachaise Gallery

**CIVIC THEATRE 514**  
514 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888

**Steven Condra: Beings I: Alternative Perception,** through Jan. 31

**DA VINCI SCIENCE CENTER**  
3145 Hamilton Boulevard Bypass, Allentown. 484-661-1002

**Oh I See,** through Feb. 6

**More Than Meets The Eye: Insect photographs by Michael Much,** through Feb. 6

**FALK'S ART GALLERY**  
1418 Main St., Hellertown. 610-838-9191

**Leonard Dimmick: Paintings,** through

March 31

**FOX OPTICAL AND GALLERY**  
28 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-2400

**Eleanor Bystrom: Drawings and Paintings,** through Feb. 28

**GALLERY AT ST. JOHN'S**  
330 Ferry St., Easton. 610-258-6119

**James DePietro: A Series of Series,** through Feb. 27; Artist's talk, 12:30 p.m. Feb. 6

**GROUND HOUSE**  
501 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055

**Hidden Treasures - Bethlehem's Past Revealed,** through March 12

**HELLER HOMESTEAD ART GALLERY**  
1890 - 92 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township. 610-216-0566

**Donna Santiago,** Feb. 5 - April 17; Reception, 7 - 9 p.m. Feb. 7. Snow date: Feb. 8

**Bernie Tyler,** through Jan. 30

**HOME AND PLANET**  
25 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-866-7370

**Edward Meneely: Figurative Male Images,** 6 - 10 p.m. Feb. 4: First Friday

**Beneath The Surface,** through Jan. 30: Underwater paintings by Josephine Coniglio, furniture by Peter Cree

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN**  
702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571

**Agnes Boyle,** Jan. 27 - March 11; Reception, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27

**Eileen Denitz,** Jan. 27 - March 11; Reception, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27

**KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**  
200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140

**Parkland Art League Exhibit: Elizabeth Kenny, Kathryn LaRose: Paintings,** through Feb. 22

**LAFAYETTE COLLEGE**  
Williams Visual Arts Building, 243 N. Third St., Easton. 610-330-5831

**Past Imperfect: Video Works from Ecuador,** through March 4

**Ryo Tokita: Sei, Life: Print and Painting Exhibition,** through Jan. 28, Williams Center for the Arts Gallery, Hamilton and High streets, Easton. 610-330-5009

**Open Studio Figure Drawing,** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**  
1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700

**King Henry Dance,** 1 p.m. Feb. 2; 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5

**Parkland Art League Exhibit: Sarah Ellsworth, Dolores Fleischmann, Lois Heffner,** through Jan. 31

**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY**  
Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-858-2787

**Walt Whitman: Leaves of Grass,** through Dec. 13, Lower Gallery

**A.W. Leh: Architect,** through May 31: Photography by John Kish IV and Robert Walch, DuBois Gallery, Maginnes Hall, Asa Packer Campus, 9 W. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3095

**Art, Architecture, Design Student Projects,** through May, Girdler Gallery, University Center, 29 Trembley Drive, Bethlehem. 610-758-3615

**Axl Leskoczek Portfolio and Patrick Heron,** through May 31: Prints from the Lehigh University Art Gallery Collection, Rauch

Business Center Gallery, 621 Taylor St., Bethlehem. 610-758-4863

**Emilio Sanchez,** Jan. 24 - April 1: Prints from the Lehigh University Art Gallery Collection, Siegel Gallery, Iacocca Hall, Mountaintop Campus, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem. 610-866-8852

**Larry Fink, William Gottlieb: The Sight of Sounds,** through March 6

**LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL**  
840 Hamilton St., Suite 201 Butz Building, Allentown. 610-437-1074

**Eileen M. Denitz: Paintings,** through March 1

**LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM**  
432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074

**Pennsylvania German Exhibit,** through July 31

**Energy Past & Present: Creating, Conserving, and Consuming,** through Jan. 31

**LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY**  
3450 Brookside Road, Lower Macungie Township. 610-966-6864

**Jill Stanley: Acrylic Paintings,** through Jan. 31

**Historic Hotels and Taverns Exhibit,** through Jan. 31

**LUTHER CREST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**  
800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall Township. 1-800-606-3424

**Parkland Art League Exhibit: Betty Kne-sevitch, Catherine Rhoades,** through February

**MACUNGIE INSTITUTE**  
510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830

**Parkland Art League Exhibit: Kathryn LaRose: Paintings,** through January

**MERCANTILE HOME**  
140 Northampton St., Easton. 610-258-4046

**Makin' Merry,** through Feb. 27

**MORAVIAN COLLEGE**  
Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-861-1667

**Emilio Dilorio: The Figure: Drawings, Paintings and Sculpture,** Jan. 27 - March 6

**MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
214 E. Center St., Nazareth. 610-759-5070

**Spring Exhibition,** Feb. 5 - June

**MUHLBERG COLLEGE**  
Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3100

**Christopher Payne: Asylum: The Closed World of State Mental Hospitals,** through Feb. 26; Reception, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Jan. 26; Artist's Talk, 7 p.m. Feb. 16, Recital Hall, Martin Art Gallery

**NEW ARTS PROGRAM**  
173 Main St., Kutztown. 610-683-6440

**Nicholas Hill: Kyoto Calligraphy Lessons,** through March 5

**NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5300

**Carol Heft, Jackie Lima: Strength and Beauty,** through Feb. 22; Reception, 11 a.m. Jan. 27

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Sigal Museum, 342 Northampton St., Easton. 610-253-1222

**Frank Wyso: The Coal Connection,** through Feb. 28

**Frank Wyso: Sculpture and Paintings,** through May 31

**PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY**  
2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-5067

**The Art Behind the Instruction: Artists Who Teach at Penn State Lehigh Valley,** through Feb. 19: Drawing, paintings, sculpture, jewelry, photography by Greta Brubaker, Ron De Long, Glen Hansen, Jeanine Hill, Kevin Kelley, Ann Lalik, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Kate Morgan, Ann Williams

**PERK ON MAIN**  
332 Main St., Emmaus. 610-966-0203

**Andrew Nuver: Drawings,** Jan. 28 - Feb. 28

**Kelly Planer: Photography,** through Jan. 31

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70 W. North St., Bethlehem. 610-861-2741

**Artists in Recovery, 1 - 3 p.m. Third Thursdays**

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Fifth and Northampton streets, Easton. 610-258-7766

**Lehigh Art Alliance Annual Spring Juried Exhibition,** Feb. 4 - March 26; Reception, 6 - 8 p.m. Feb. 4, The Gallery

**Arts Community Group in Easton Small Works,** through Jan. 28

**THE MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY**  
Masonic Building, 22 S. Third St., second floor, Easton. 908-689-0079

**Marya: Not Just Eye Candy,** through June 30

**TIMEZONES GLOBAL GOODIES AND FRAMING GALLERY**  
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**New Year = New Perceptions: Pen and ink drawings, metal and wax paintings by Steven Condra,** through February

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321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-1689

**Ken Raniere: Ink Drawings,** through Jan. 28

**CINEMA**

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

**"La Fanciulla Del West,"** 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26: The Met: Live in HD. Encore performance

**"King Lear,"** 7 p.m. Feb. 3: National Theatre: Live in HD

**CIVIC THEATRE**  
527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888

**"The King's Speech,"** 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26, 27

**LEPOCO PEACE CENTER**  
313 W. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-691-8730

**"In the King of Prussia,"** 7 p.m. Feb. 4: Popcorn and Politics Film Series

**CONCERTS**

**CLEO'S SILVERSMITH GALLERY AND STUDIO**  
21 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7200

**Dina Hall,** 6 p.m. Feb. 4: First Friday

**COMFORT SUITES**  
120 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-882-9700

**On Fire,** 9:30 p.m. Feb. 4: First Friday

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#### MUSIC CLUB Concert Jan. 29

Young musicians of the Allentown Music Club will play jazz at 2 p.m. Jan. 29 at 5530 Heather Lane, Orefield, North Whitehall Township.

An open audition will be held during the concert.

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# Tree, plant damage snow fun

Should you knock the snow off trees and shrubs or leave it?  
There are two schools of thought when it comes to cleaning heavy snow off shrubs, and both have their own merits.

One school feels you should leave things alone until weather improves, since there is a high likelihood of breaking extra branches with your attempts. Worst of all, would be cutting off some bent branches that will eventually spring back when weather improves.

The other school of thought is the sooner you get heavy snow off shrubs the better. More people are inclined to agree with this second school of thought for a couple reasons.

First, some trees and shrubs in the arborvitae family don't fare well in heavy snow storms anytime. As soon as snow starts to build-up on these fragile evergreens, branches begin bending. Once they are slightly bent, they become susceptible to even more snow build-up and breakage.

Second, would be if you have some neatly-pruned pom-pom evergreens in your yard. It is far too easy for "sticky" snow to build-up on these expensive specimens and either lay them open or bend them over. Neither situation has a good outcome.

Third would be the trees and shrubs with softwood. You know the ones. They break first in every storm. Ornamental pears come to mind first, but are usually too tall to effectively knock the snow off.

With either method, being pro-active or re-

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active to removing snow from plants, they often have excessive build-up before you are able to act. If they are bent to the ground and frozen, it is probably best to leave them. However, if it is just a few big blobs of snow holding them down, strategically removing that snow will allow many branches and trees to begin straightening.

Once spring arrives, it may be necessary to stake and/or wrap some of the plants that received the most damage. The best material for bundling multi-stemmed plants back together is that green stretchy tape sold at most garden centers. Otherwise, a decent-strength twine will do. Just be sure to check your plants periodically to see if the twine may need to be loosened.

As for the plants that had to be removed, you may want to consider replacements that handle snow storms better. Most nurseries can help guide you through the varieties they have available. Weather can humble a gardener faster than anything and snow is just one of the many ways.

How do you remove ice covering your yews and azaleas? It's really best not to remove it. Trying to remove ice that covers frozen, brittle branches will only cause more damage than the ice itself. Pouring hot water on the ice to melt it can damage

the shrubs, as can whacking them with a broom or a rake. Spraying with cold water might work, but only if the temperatures are above freezing, and then it's hardly worth the effort since thawing will occur anyway.

Letting the ice melt away naturally is the best course of action. The shrubs can then be assessed in the spring and any damaged branches pruned out.

Besides installing shrubs away from the eaves, another preventive measure is to prune the plants regularly throughout the year to take out weak branches, thus reducing potential damage from ice, snow and high winds.

Some words of caution about large trees that are snow and/or ice-covered: Stay away from them. The limbs could easily break from the tremendous weight and land on something or someone. Again, proper pruning throughout the year will be helpful in preventing winter damage.

**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.*

## ENGAGEMENT

### Millward-Lamkin

Northwestern grad plans July nuptials

Harry and Bonnie Millward, of New Tripoli, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to Ryan Lamkin, son of Robert and Mary Lamkin, of Warren, Mich.

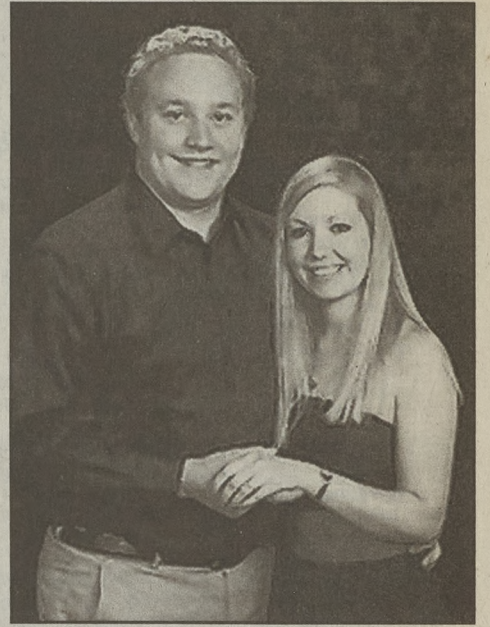
Beth is a 2004 graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School and a 2006 graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.

She is employed by the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, Phoenix, Ariz.

Ryan is a 2004 graduate of Warren Woods Tower High School and a 2007 graduate of Macomb Community College, Clinton Township, Mich.

He is a sous chef at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort.

A July 2011 wedding is planned in Phoenix.



Ryan Lamkin and Beth Millward

## 8 DAYS

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3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5300

**"Believe and Achieve the Dream,"** 7 p.m. Jan. 27: Northampton Community College Dance and Theatre Company performance in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-923-0997  
**Folk Dance**, 6 p.m. Sundays  
**Contra Dance**, 7 p.m. Jan. 29, 610-868-7432

### EVENTS

**ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS AGRI-PLEX**  
302 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-7541

**Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Canine Learning Experience**, 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Jan. 29; 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 30

**Market-Pro Computer Show**, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 29, 30

**District 11 SkillsUSA Championships**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 2

**BANANA FACTORY**  
25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300  
**ArtsQuest 2011 Souper Bowl**, 11:30 a.m. Jan. 29

**DESALES HERITAGE WEEK**  
DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley. 610-282-1100

**Rev. Dr. Ian Ker**, 6 p.m. Jan. 26: "Newman's Idea of a University - Some Misunderstandings:" R. Wayne Kraft Memorial Lecture, White Pavilion, DeSales University Center

**Marnie Schulenburg**, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27: "From Lubada to Emmy ... An alumna's Journey into Daytime Drama," White Pavilion

**DOWNTOWN, SOUTHSIDE BETHLEHEM Bethlehem Restaurant Week**, Jan. 30 - Feb. 5

**LEHIGH COUNTRY CLUB**  
2319 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown. 610-437-1451

**Allentown Symphony Ball**, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 5

**NANCY RUN FIRE COMPANY HALL**  
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-691-2021

**Jeff Welsh**, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3: "Computers in the Radio Shack:" Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

**SOUTHSIDE BETHLEHEM First Friday**, 6 - 10 p.m. Feb. 4

**STATE THEATRE**  
Fifth and Northampton streets, Easton. 610-258-7766

**The Italian Laugh Pack**, 8 p.m. Feb. 4

**FESTIVALS EMMAUS SNOWBLAST WINTER FESTIVAL**  
Downtown Emmaus

**Opening Ceremony**, 5 p.m. Feb. 4, Emmaus Triangle, Main St., Emmaus

**Sculpted Ice Demonstration**, 5 p.m. Feb. 4, Emmaus Triangle

**Snowblast Ice Princess**, 5 p.m. Feb. 4, Emmaus Triangle

**Emmaus Main Street Program Icebar**, 5 - 9 p.m. Feb. 4, Emmaus Triangle

**Firepit Warning Stations**, 5 - 9 p.m. Feb. 4, Emmaus Triangle; 11 a.m. Feb. 5, Emmaus Public Library, 11 E. Main St., Emmaus. 610-965-9284

**Music by WesleyWorks Entertainment**, 5 - 9 p.m. Feb. 4, Emmaus Triangle

**Winter Wonderland Party**, 5 - 9 p.m. Feb. 4, Cotage, 397 Main St., Emmaus. 610-965-8720

**Emmaus Singing Society Band**, 6 p.m. Feb. 4, Perk on Main, 332 Main St., Emmaus. 610-966-0203

**Snowblast Winter Festival Art Show**, 6 p.m. Feb. 4, West Valley Presbyterian Church, 326 Main St., Emmaus. 610-421-8066

**Joe Scholz**, 6:15 p.m. Feb. 4: Juggler, Emmaus Triangle

## Questions from the e-mail bag

**Q. What are the most common symptoms that you're having a stroke?**

The most common stroke symptoms include: sudden numbness, weakness, or paralysis of the face, arm or leg - usually on one side of the body; trouble talking or understanding; sudden blurred, double or decreased vision; dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; a sudden headache with a stiff neck, facial pain, pain between the eyes, vomiting or altered consciousness; confusion, or problems with memory, spatial orientation or perception.

During a stroke, brain cells are deprived of oxygen and nutrients. They begin to die. The earlier a stroke is treated, the better the results.

In the United States, stroke is the third-leading cause of death behind heart disease and cancer. It is the leading cause of adult disability.

Your doctor has many diagnostic tools for stroke. Among these are: physical exam, blood tests, carotid ultrasonography to check the carotid arteries in your neck, arteriography to view arteries in your brain, a computerized tomography (CT) scan of the neck and brain, a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain, among others.

**Q. How bad does it have to be before you can say you're constipated?**

The clinical definition of constipation is any two of the following symptoms for at least 12 weeks (not necessarily consecutive) in the previous year: strain-

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ing during bowel movements, lumpy or hard stool, sensation of obstruction or incomplete evacuation, fewer than three bowel movements per week.

Those reporting constipation most often are women and adults age 65 and over. Constipation is one of the most common gastrointestinal complaints in the United States.

Common causes of constipation include: insufficient intake of fiber and liquids, lack of exercise, medications, older age and abuse of laxatives.

Many seniors eat a low-fiber diet that causes constipation. Some lose interest in eating and choose convenience foods low in fiber. Others have difficulties chewing or swallowing; this leads them to eat soft processed foods low in fiber. Aging may affect bowel regularity because a slower metabolism results in less intestinal activity and muscle tone.

Some medications can cause constipation. They include: pain medications (especially narcotics), antacids that contain aluminum and calcium, blood pressure medications (calcium channel blockers), anti-Parkinson drugs, antispasmodics, antidepressants, iron supplements, diuretics and anticonvulsants.

**Q. Are there telltale signs that an older person is being abused?**

If you're concerned an

older adult might need help, these are symptoms to look for:

Physical injury such as a bruise, cut, burn, rope mark, sprain or broken bone;

Refusal of the caregiver to allow you to visit the older person alone;

Indications of dehydration, malnourishment, weight loss and poor hygiene;

Negative behavior such as agitation, withdrawal, expressions of fear or apathy; or

Unexplained changes in finances.

Recently, the U.S. Administration on Aging found that more than 500,000 over age 60 are abused or neglected each year. About 90 percent of the abusers are related to the victims.

What is elder abuse? It can take a variety of forms: physical, sexual, emotional and financial. Neglect of an older person also is within the umbrella of elder abuse.

All 50 states have elder-abuse prevention laws and have set up reporting systems. Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies investigate reports of suspected elder abuse.

To report elder abuse, contact your APS office. You can find the telephone numbers at the website operated by The National Adult Protective Services Association, www.apsnetwork.org.

*Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezers.com*

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### CEDAR CREST Reading expert to give lecture

Timothy Rasinski, Ph.D., one of the United States' foremost experts on reading education, will deliver a lecture 6 - 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in Samuels Theatre, Tompkins College

Center, Cedar Crest College.

The event is free and open to the public.

Rasinski is author of the best-selling book, "The Fluent Reader," published by Scholastic and now in its second edition.

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A winter tradition

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Enjoying a meal of pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut and applesauce are church members John and Susan Marakovitz.

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

NOTHING IN BETWEEN ACROSS

- 1 Examine by touching, as for medical diagnosis
8 Florida resort port
13 Assemble again
20 New York Indians
21 Like a vine-covered wall
22 Top celeb
23 What an ivory tickler's hands are on
25 Kind of onion
26 — Reader (bimonthly digest)
27 Blokes
28 Jolly Roger
30 Bamboo-eating cutie
34 Domination, in slang
35 Hi—
36 Gene-splicing need
37 Army meal buddy
43 Siren-sounding vehicle
50 Politico Ross
51 Shows at the Met
52 Actor Mickey
53 "Dallas" wife
54 Flax fabric
55 FedEx or fax
56 World Cup bouncer
59 Cookout pest
60 Query
62 In the past
64 Actor Ethan
65 With 40-Down, highway snooze site
67 Orca
71 Talks to a beat
75 Port near Nazareth
77 Connection
78 "For" vote
80 Prohibition
81 Chaplin movie, e.g.
86 Cato's 559
88 — Magli (shoe brand)
90 Inflammation of the ear
91 Stella — (lager brand)
93 Liquor lover
94 —'s razor ("keep it simple" maxim)
95 Cryptogram alternative
98 Synonym books
100 Scale notes
101 Charged bit
102 Rouse
104 Pet that looks like it's wearing a mask
110 Often-twisted treat
115 Author Rand
116 City in Colombia
117 Breakwater embankment
118 Descriptive of 10 answers in this puzzle
123 Vienna-born photographer Model
124 "— you!" (cry of challenge)
125 Longing person

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-128 indicating starting points for clues.

- 126 Marital state
127 Campfire residue
128 Professions

DOWN

- 1 High fly ball
2 Baker of soul
3 "Blue" singer Rimes
4 Longed
5 Kerfuffle
6 "And we'll — a cup o' kindness yet ...": Burns
7 WNW opposite
8 Italian river
9 Bard of —
10 Hamm with a 56-Across
11 Suspects' humiliating escorts
12 Include as a bonus
13 Devastating damage doer
14 High classes
15 — one's time
16 Flyboys' org.
17 "— never fly"
18 Twin of Luke Skywalker
19 Lag behind
24 Sumac from Peru
29 "— Lama Ding Dong"
31 Secret things
32 They sting
33 Psychic "gift"

- 34 — about (close to)
36 Hard laborer
38 Kindle
39 Person in the club
40 See 65-Across
41 Parkway fee
42 And the like: Abbr.
43 Arctic
44 Offer views
45 Pre-Easter times
46 State of rage
47 "Right you —!"
48 Concerning musical pitch
49 Corp. kingpin
53 Fly-catching bird
55 Light boat
57 Third of a dance move
58 Flower part made up of sepals
61 Comedy bits
63 Meal crumb
66 Letters before iotas
68 Chou En—
69 Surviving wives
70 Sun: Prefix
72 Activity-filled
73 Comic strip segment
74 Sleep loudly
76 Life principle
79 Teem (with)

- 81 Flue buildup
82 Have a yen
83 Pet pests
84 China's — -tzu
85 Famous Amos rival
87 Loc. of 75-Across
89 Peri's role on "Frasier"
92 Bygone ruler
93 Fraternal lodge org.
95 Some Louisianans
96 Jeopardy
97 Ten, in Dijon
99 Letter-shaped fasteners
103 Leg bone
104 Small kids
105 A, in Spain
106 Earthy hue, to a Brit
107 "Alfie" star Michael
108 Adjust
109 Theater rows
110 Norwegian capital
111 Bridle part
112 Soothe
113 Actor Wilson
114 Oscar winner Blanchett
115 Four roods
119 Jacuzzi sigh
120 TriBeCa site
121 Nares' agcy.
122 Do battle

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See crossword answer on page B8

CRYPTOGRAM

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GHKDQ XGYS SDGQW ZH KQSCYI KZ UQCYI RZJY
KLD UGYR ZH BZJGQRAS BQCXYGAW, KLD HCYGA
HDAZY'W HGAADY.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals O

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Answer to puzzle

3x3 grid with numbers: 3 5 9 6 8, 4 7 6 3 9, 2 8 1 5 4, 5 1 8 7 3, 9 6 3 8 2, 7 2 4 9 1, 6 4 2 1 7, 8 3 5 2 6, 1 9 7 4 5

Difficulty Level ★★★

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 grid with numbers and letters: 5 6 3 2 4 1 8, 2 8 5 3 4, 9 5 7 6, 1 2 6 7, 7 8 5 4, 3 6, 7 3, 1 5 2

Difficulty Level ★★★

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SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Jan. 26 Eugene L. Goldfeder, Borough Manager

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WHEREAS, the Municipal Claims Act provides that a municipality may impose a lien against property for tax claims or municipal claims by way of lien which would include all charges, expenses and fees incurred in the collection of the same, including reasonable attorney's fees; and

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Municipal Claims Act, the Borough of Catasauqua hereby adopts the following schedule of attorney's fees in connection with the collection of municipal claims including both tax liens and municipal liens as follows:

- A. Tax Liens: (1) For payments made after a claim is turned over to counsel but prior to the issuance of the collection letter, the sum of \$25.00 for each payment received; (2) For payments made after the issuance of the 30 day certified mail collection letter, the sum of \$100.00 for each payment received; (3) For preparation and filing of the tax lien, the sum of \$500.00; (4) For preparation and filing of the Praecepte and Writ of Scire Facias, the sum of \$500.00; (5) For any additional work required on a contested tax lien, an hourly rate of \$250.00; (6) For a Sheriff's Sale proceeding, the sum of \$500.00 minimum for work and document preparation on each lien plus an hourly rate of \$250.00 for any additional work required; (7) For any additional work required, the sum of \$250.00 per hour; (8) All above sums shall be additive.

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA

The Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board will hear the following appeal on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032.

Approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting. Re-organization of the Board.

APPEAL #1-11: The appeal of Eric & Marita Augello, 274 E. Main Street, Bath, PA for a special exception permit. Specifically, the applicants are requesting to convert an existing four unit structure into a five unit residential structure at 107 S. Front Street, Catasauqua, PA. The property is located in an R-2 Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF NONPROFIT INCORPORATION Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation - Non Profit have been filed on January 13, 2011 with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of incorporating a non profit corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177, Section 103, as amended).

The name of the corporation is: FRIENDS OF UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION, INC. The purpose for which this corporation has been organized is as follows: To provide financial and non-financial support in order to assure the perpetual existence and maintenance of parks, recreation and open space in Upper Macungie Township; to accept grants, bequests, donations and similar payments related to ensure the ongoing existence of parks, recreation and open space in Upper Macungie Township and to manage and distribute donations received in order to support parks, recreation and open space in Upper Macungie Township.

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Jan. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lehigh Township Zoning Hearing Board will convene on Thursday, FEBRUARY 10, 2011, at six (6) p.m. to hear the appeal of ACCESS SERVICES. The hearing will be held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building located at 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, PA 18088.

The Applicant requests to establish a Group Home for property leased from the owner, Elvin Kleppinger, at the location of 3795 Sycamore Drive, Northampton, PA 18067. The parcel is located in the Agriculture/Rural Residential zoning district. The parcel I.D. No. is J3-13-16B-0516. The Applicant/Lessee is Access Services of 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem, PA 18017, which hereby appeals a Cease and Desist placed on the property on November 4, 2010 and the decision of the Zoning Officer, alleging that said official has failed to follow prescribed procedures or has misinterpreted or misapplied any provision of a valid ordinance or map or any valid rule or regulation governing the action of the zoning officer; and hereby applies for a Special Exception (a Special Exception is applied for in the alternative to relief requested in 4a and 4d.); and, hereby applies for: (other), listed as, (i) an interpretation that the use in question constitutes single family use of a residence and is not a group home as defined by the Ordinance; and (ii), a determination that the use is permissible regardless of the provisions of the Ordinance as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities under applicable federal law, including without limitation, the Fair Housing Act, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. In accordance with section 180-16.C.8., A/R zoning district, a Group Home is a Special Exception use and may be permitted by Special Exception in any district in which residential uses are permitted as a form of single-family dwelling, where the use thereof is in compliance with the definition of "family" and "group home." Where a Group Home is permitted, the criteria of 180-77 shall apply and the Special Exception request is subject to review procedures listed in section 180-118.C, which are reviewed by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to be heard. Laura M. Harrier, Lehigh Township Zoning Officer Jan. 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF ANNA M. LAGLER, deceased,

late of Zionsville, 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: William Lagler, Jr., Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to his Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Jan. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF FANNIE SCHLOSSER a/k/a Frances Schlosser, deceased,

late of Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary 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: Eric L. Schlosser 1025 Main Street Slatington, PA 18080 Karen L. Dias 1458 Shirley Street Plainfield, NJ 07062 Executors, or to their attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles A. Waters, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., in the Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. The purpose of this hearing is to review and receive comment on the new proposed Upper Macungie Township Park and Recreation Plan. Members of the public are welcome. Kathy A. Rader, Secretary Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors Jan. 26, Feb. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Township of Salisbury and the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, PA are requesting services associated with the preparation and update of their respective Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. Proposals are to be submitted no later than February 23, 2011 at 1 p.m. to: Randy Soriano, Township Manager, Salisbury Township, 2900 S. Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. A copy of the RFP is available by contacting Salisbury Township at 610-797-4000 or at www.salisburytownship.org. Randy Soriano, Township Manager Jan. 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Weisenberg Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, starting at 7:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building at 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA. The Zoning Hearing Board will consider the following Appeal:

Case No. 2011-1, Appeal No. 279. A hearing in the Appeal of Ruhmel Properties, LLC, with an address of 9905 Old 22, Breinigsville, PA 18031, seeking as outlined in the Application the following:

I. Interpretation(s) by Applicant for the following as a result of an Appeal from the Zoning Officer's December 3, 2010 building permit(s) correspondence.

A. Regarding signage, exceeding the permitted size of 144 square feet per Section 1218.02m;

B. Alternate interpretation to Section 1218.02m which identifies that the masonry wall is not part of the sign, but an accessory use and therefore, the size limitation of 144 square feet as set forth at Section 1218.01, is not applicable to the open lettered sign, but that the area of limitation set forth in Section 1218.02m is applicable and that the requisite of limitation has been met in the instant case (see Application);

C. The number of signs on the property in which Applicant requests that the new proposed sign is only the second sign rather than as outlined by the Zoning Officer as a third sign in violation of Section 1218.02f outlining no more than two (2) signs on the property (i.e., Applicant interprets the existing sign rather than a two-sided sign as two (2) separate signs but as the two-sided existing sign being one (1) sign);

D. To the extent determined by the Zoning Hearing Board as an open lettered sign, Applicant acknowledges that the 20 ft. width limitation as set forth in Section 1218.02m will need a variance;

II. The Applicant has requested alternate relief in additionally requesting variances to the following:

A. Section 1218.02, to the extent that the Zoning Hearing Board determines it is an open lettered sign, the width of the sign does not in fact exceed the 20 ft. width limitation (i.e., approximately 41 ft.);

B. Variance for two (2) signs to advertise the business based on that Interstate 78 is a limited access highway. There is no direct access from Interstate 78. The requisite requested sign is necessary to provide adequate site distance for motorist proceeding on Interstate 78;

All of the aforementioned Sections of variances as outlined as alternate relief that being: 1218.01, 1218.02, 1218.02f, 1218.02g, 1218.02m (and Variance(s) related to any denial re: Applicant's interpretation which would be denied in accordance with Application).

The parcel identified for the Owners as property located at 9905 Old 22, Breinigsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania 18031 (identified in the Application as, to the south of Interstate 78 and to the north of Old Route 22 having frontage on both roads) identified as Pin #543680502121 1 (Document ID: 7264651). The Applicant seeks the afore-referenced zoning approval via interpretation(s) or in the alternate variance as outlined above and in the Application.

The above-referenced property is located in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of the Appeal Application, plans and supporting documents filed with the Appeal Application, are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during regular business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

NEIL D. ETTINGER, SOLICITOR WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD Jan. 26, Feb. 2

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.

ESTATE OF: JOHN POTTER. DATE OF DEATH: November 16, 2010 Late of the Township of Hellertown, County of Northampton EXECUTOR: James Martin Connell, Esquire 251 E. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018 ATTORNEY: James Martin Connell, Esquire 251 East Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018 Jan. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals for the Broad Street Improvement Project will be received at the Borough of Emmaus Office, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, by the Emmaus Borough until 10:00 a.m. prevailing time on February 18, 2011. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The Work will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, providing all labor, materials, equipment, and appurtenances for the installation of a proposed water main and the reconstruction of Broad Street, including grading, paving, medians, and other work as described in the contract documents, in accordance with PENNDOT Publication 408.

Contract documents can be obtained from the Borough at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, for a \$50.00 non-refundable payment. Contract documents are available by mail for an additional \$15.00. Bidders must acquire contract documents to be considered a qualified bidder.

Bidders shall attend a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2011, Emmaus Borough Council Chambers, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA. 18049.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in the amount of 10 percent of the bid amount. Bids will be effective for 60 calendar days from the bid opening date and may not be withdrawn during this period. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price. The successful bidder shall complete the project within 120 calendar days of receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The Borough of Emmaus reserves the right to accept or reject any of all bids that may be in the best interest of the Borough. Craig B. Neely, Borough Manager Jan. 26, Feb. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Township Community Center, 3450 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

Appeal No. 10-017 of Thomas Streck and Darlene Adonizio, h/w, Gerald Kronk and Karen Kronk, h/w, Peter H. Kells, Ronald Moyer and Constance Moyer, h/w, Joseph Castagna and Kimberly Castagna, h/w, have petitioned the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township, in a Substantive Challenge to the Validity of the Adoption and Enactment on July 1, 2010 by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Macungie Township, of Ordinance Number 2010-06, amending the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance of 1998 and its related Lower Macungie Township Zoning Map, by creating four new zoning districts and related zoning criteria and provisions, within the area previously defined in the Zoning Ordinance as the "Agricultural Protection District", located generally west of Route 100 and request that the Zoning Hearing Board find and declare that those Zoning Ordinance amendments are invalid, null and void on substantive grounds.

Anyone interested in reviewing the petition, along with Ordinance Number 2010-06 and its related Zoning Map, can examine these items at the Offices of Lower Macungie Township, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie Pennsylvania, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 6:30 p.m. The Lower Macungie Township Community Center is accessible to the physically handicapped.

Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance. James F. Lancsek, Zoning Officer Jan. 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF JEAN-ETTE L. BONSTEIN

deceased, late of 1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the person named below, 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:

Janet R. Lovell 10371 Old Route 22 Kutztown, PA 19530 Executor, or her attorney, Lee A. Conrad, Esq. 3 North Main Street Topton, PA 19562 Jan. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF JO ANN GRAEFE,

deceased, late of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary 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:

Kevin A. Graefe 2713 Limestone Street Coplay, PA 18037 Executor, or to his attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles A. Waters, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF LOWELL T. SCHERER,

deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary 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:

J. Scott Scherer 2842 Pine Cone Drive Whitehall, PA 18052 or to his attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE AUDITOR'S REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Northwestern Lehigh School District from the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010, was filed on January 12, 2011, in the office of the Prothonotary, Lehigh County Court House, Clerk of Judicial Court, Civil Department, 455 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1614, and will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof. The report is available for public inspection at the business office of the School District during normal business hours. Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

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