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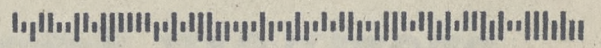
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Bailey named BAEF head

By **ELLIE MCGUIRE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Julie Bailey has been selected as the new executive director of the Bethlehem Area Education Foundation.

As a separate nonprofit organization, the foundation has worked in unison with the Bethlehem district for the past 15 years to generate funding for grants and programming.

"Since its inception, the BAEF mission has been to provide enrichment and support for programs that complement the educational journey for students of the district," said current BAEF President Mollie Santee. "We are pleased to welcome Ms. Bailey to help grow the foundation and

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PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Selected students from Calypso and Lincoln elementary schools with Bethlehem Mayor Robert Donchez. Students Spencer Sabo, Gabriella Robinson, Marksym Johnson, Trevor Martucci and Jacob Rivera were chosen to be the mayor's assistants, primarily turning on the lights during the Nov. 28 Christmas City Tree Lighting ceremony. The students are holding their hand-colored tree ornaments to be hung on the Mayor's Christmas Tree. More photos on page A2. For city tree lighting, see page A4.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Let them lead the way



Calypso ES student Grace Daja, with a Christmas headpiece, listens to Liberty HS Grenadier band members play holiday music during the Mayor's Christmas Tree decorating party.

POLICE

Homicide darkens holiday week

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

Thanksgiving week in Bethlehem started with a homicide. Shortly before 2 a.m. Nov. 24, 911 dispatchers received a call from Ebony Anniqua Jones, 31, of the 1200 block of Woodbine Street.

She allegedly said she had just thrown a knife at a male visitor.

That man, Ismael Bonets, 37, was pronounced dead less than an hour later.

The deceased and Jones were the parents of a 6-year-old girl. Jones has two other children, and all three live with her.

Police said Bonets had traveled from New York City for a parent-teacher conference.

Detective Moses Miller said there was no record of prior incidents at the Jones home, and that her three children (ages 6, 9 and 11) were being looked after by friends.

Miller said Jones admitted to the stabbing.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli called the case a real tragedy.

"The caretaker of these three children is now in custody."

He authorized the filing of a general charge of homicide, which could range from first degree murder to involuntary manslaughter.

Morganelli and Bethlehem police urge people who feel the pressure of the holidays to seek help.

"There are a lot of resources in the Lehigh Valley," Morganelli said.

The domestic violence hotline number is 1-800-799-7233, and the website is www.thehotline.org/.

Early ed leads to trained workforce

By **CAROL SMITH**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Tomorrow's science, technology, engineering and math workforce starts with early education. Sadly, there is an education gap in these areas that needs to be closed if children are to become the STEM-skilled workers that businesses need to compete globally.

The CEO of the Fred Rogers Company, a strong supporter of overcoming this education gap, knows that challenging children in the early years of their development to become good at math and science will start them on the path to success in the workforce.

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Michelle Powers, executive vice president of Human Resources for Crayola LLC, focused on the need for skilled workers in these areas. Powers, who is also a Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission member, said that as an employer, the need for a skilled workforce is a priority. When it comes to jobs that require science, technology, engineering or math, there are two jobs for each person with these skills.

Jane Ervin, president and CEO of Community Services for Children, said that while the state's budget has not decreased

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The question: What is your favorite thing about Bethlehem during the Christmas season?



"I like the ethnic Christmas trees and the way the churches decorate for the season."
Kathy Novak
Bethlehem



"Every Christmas Eve having dinner and going to Nativity Cathedral Church for the Christmas Eve service."
Victor Schmidt
Bethlehem

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING



Liberty HS Grenadier Band mellophone players provide holiday music while wearing a festive hats during the Mayor's Christmas Tree Decorating party Nov. 21 at City Hall Plaza.



Students from Calypso and Lincoln elementary schools gather for a rendition of "Feliz Navidad" in front of the 20-foot Mayor's Christmas Tree, with City Hall in the background.



"The happy spirit of everybody. They have smiles on their happy faces and you all do a great job welcoming visitors. It's the spirit."
Virginia Palmer
Walnutport



"Bethlehem reminds me of the birth of Jesus and especially with the star as a reminder of the three wise men."
Dan Bonner
Easton



Gianah Gracia of Lincoln ES hangs her Christmas ornament on the Mayor's Christmas Tree with the help of a Moravian College basketball player. The Moravian College women's basketball and soccer women's teams were on hand during the holiday event.



Free books from the Cops 'n' Kids Literacy Program have the attention of Lincoln ES student Jaelynn Twombly, who is assisted by Moravian College assistant basketball coach Sarah Steinman.



"I love how they celebrate many different traditions and still honor Jesus."
Sherri Guagliardi
Nazareth



"My favorite thing is Payrow Plaza with the Nativity scene under the tree."
Steve Caskie
Fountain Hill



Early childhood education experts offer their views on the importance of closing the education gap at the Nov. 12 Early Education STEM Summit at PBS39. Panel members include Kathleen Ott, Ed.D., director of data, grants and special programs for the Northampton Area School District; Dr. Jarret Patton, medical director for outpatient pediatrics for the Lehigh Valley Health Network; Michelle Powers, executive vice president of Human Resources for Crayola LLC; and Jane Ervin, president and CEO of Community Services for Children.

EARLY ED: Programs key to strong workforce

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in the area of early childhood education, more funding from private sources would offer a worthwhile investment in the future of children and the health of the state's economy. Ervin, who works with Lehigh Valley business leaders to promote high quality early learning programs, shared a goal of the Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission to build a permanent sustainable network of business leaders who have a vested interest in the educational development of children. A 35-year study found

that investing in high quality early childhood education programs can save taxpayers' money through reduction in crime, welfare and remedial education program costs. An \$8,000 investment at birth brings nearly an \$800,000 return over a child's life. That is a 10 percent-a-year return on investment or ROI. Education experts know that programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start offer quality early childhood education, but these programs are only serving 14 per-

cent of the eligible children in the Lehigh Valley, according to Pennsylvania Promise for Children. In the state, 750,000 children under age 5 are at-risk for school failure. Kathleen Ott, Ed.D., director of data, grants and special programs for the Northampton Area School District, stressed that money spent on early childhood education brings positive returns. In Ott's district, a Striving Readers Grant and Head Start programs helped at-risk preschool-

ers become kindergarten-ready, which greatly improved their chances to succeed in school. As a medical director for outpatient pediatrics for the Lehigh Valley Health Network, Dr. Jarret Patton shared his research and experience on the importance of providing quality educational activities at an early age. There is little doubt in these educators' minds that getting off to a good start not only insures positive results for the child but also a competitive workforce and a stronger economy.

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Bethlehem Area Public Library book sale, noon to 8 p.m. 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bestbooksale.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 259.

Bethlehem Animal Control pet food drive for the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley; dry and canned dog and cat food, dog treats, and food for smaller pets such as rabbits, hamster, guinea pigs, birds, fish, and birds may be dropped off by Dec. 16 in the breezeway boxes at Bethlehem City Hall, 10 E. Church St. entrance.

Thursday, December 4

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and over, 10:45 a.m., program, followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Employment and Health Fair open to the community. Hispanic Center L.V. Community, 10 a.m. to noon. 502 E. Fourth St. Information: mdiaz@hclv.org or mrodriguez@hclv.org.

Baby Story Time, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, main library, 11 W. Church St. For cardholders in Bethlehem, Bethlehem Twp., Hanover Twp. (Northampton Co.), and Fountain Hill. Visit www.bapl.org/youth/ysprograms/ or call 610-867-3761.

Family Story Time, 11:30 to noon. Bethlehem Area Public Library, Southside branch, 400 Webster St. Call 610-867-7852 or visit www.bapl.org/southside/ssprogr.

Homework Help, free, 4 to 6 p.m. Grades K-12 with any subject. No registration. Bethlehem Area Public Library, near teen area in main library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org/youth/ysprograms/ or call 610-867-3761.

Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International meeting; board, 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and program; secret Santa and needy family gift distribution. Cherubina Ristorante, 1001 Northampton St., Easton. Email: dperini@pescu.

Zumba, classes with Lindsay Glen, 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, South Side Branch, 400 Webster St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-7852.

Friday, Dec. 5

First Friday South Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.

Freemansburg Christmas Craft Night, 6 p.m. Borough Hall, 600 Monroe St. Call 610-866-2220.

Saturday, December 6

Music In The Park, 1 p.m. Flutations. Main Street. Bethlehem Area Public Library book sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bestbooksale.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 259.

Music in the Park, 4 p.m. L.V. Italian American Band, Main Street.

Music in the Park, 5 p.m. L.V. Italian American Band, City Center for tree lighting.

Monday, December 8

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 and 11:15 a.m. (Germany: A Trip to Remember with Bob and Madeline Brown), 2344 Center St.

Tuesday, December 9

Salvation Army, calling all bridge players, for seniors 50 and up, 10 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, December 10

Salvation Army, adult Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; Women's ministries ages 16 and up; program, 1 p.m.; 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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Wednesday, December 3

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, December 4

Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, December 8

Fountain Hill Council, planning session, 6 p.m. 941 Long St.

Bethlehem Housing Authority Board, 4:30 p.m. Community Room, Monacacy Towers, 645 Main St.

Wednesday, December 10

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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Valley task force blames wealth disparity on racism

NEWS ANALYSIS

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

Thanks in part to a \$3.4 million sustainable communities grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2011, a local "Task Force on Wealth Disparity" has found a provocative culprit: Racism.

During a Nov. 21 presentation at Northampton Community College before an audience of about 50 people, co-chairs Olga Negrón (La Ola Radio) and the Rev. Gregory Edwards (Life Church) released and read from a report titled "Justice For All." The report concludes that wealth disparity is the result of racism.

"In fact, denying that racism exists is the new racism," the report charges. Perhaps tellingly, the 12-person task force responsible for this report itself lacks a single white person.

Kevin Greene (Lehigh Valley Faces) was the task force member who led the discussion.

The data
The data definitely demonstrate that there is a huge divide between the white and other families in the Lehigh Valley. Whites have a better education, make more money and live in nicer homes.

- In 2007, only 4 percent of black students took the SAT, the standardized test



PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Olga Negrón and the Rev. Gregory Edwards take turns reading portions of the report.

- A white person's home value is 17 percent and 29 percent higher than a black or Latino person.

Greene concludes that racism not only exists, but that the "exclusion is intentional." A female task force member echoed Greene. "Wealth diversity is a function of our values," she asserted. "We value people who have white skin more than we value people who have black or brown skin."

Alan Jennings, Community Action Committee-Lehigh Valley executive director, disputed Greene. "I don't want to believe it's deliberate," he told the group.

Recommendations
The task force has recommended a minimum wage that is a "living

wage," although it does not specify an amount. It insists that all children, regardless of the family income level, should participate in pre-kindergarten. It demands an end to what it calls "educational apartheid," a "separate and unequal public education." It is calling for expanded home ownership, including a "post-home ownership counseling program marketed to persons of color." It also calls for the elimination of minimum lot sizes to enable a "more equitable distribution of wealth." It even calls for more diversity on nonprofit boards.

Dent on disparity

Lehigh Valley Congressman Charlie Dent, who appears to have been the only conservative participating in an otherwise one-sided forum, gently reminded the audience that wealth disparity is the necessary result of a free market economy.

"We've always had it," he noted. He also cautioned against changing that approach to one in which power is concentrated. Under other systems, "You will see less prosperity and a heckuva lot more cronyism," he warned, in an obvious reference to totalitarian regimes.

But he conceded that the disparity has increased in recent years.

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Agnostics and theological liberals have tried to deny the miraculous virgin birth and divinity of Jesus, yet the Bible proclaims, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). Paul declares, "God was manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16). This incarnation of divinity was foretold in Scripture, "For unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father" (Isaiah 9:6). "Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). Jesus stated, "before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58).

God became flesh in order to save us from our sin. "Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). God's perfect justice requires judgment for our sin. "Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). God loved us (John 3:16) and gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for all who believe and receive Him. "As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Will you respond to God's love? Will you believe in Him and receive Him as your Savior, now?

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Anna Evancho Hitcho

Notre Dame of Bethlehem member

Anna Evancho Hitcho, 94, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 22, 2014.



She was a daughter of the late Nicholas and Julia (Pastelak) Evancho.

She worked at Alcatell Lucent, formerly Western Electric, until she retired in 1983 after more than 30 years.

She was a member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Roman Catholic

Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary; a sister, Julia Marcincin; nieces; nephews; and friends.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Kokosky and Helen Kmetz; and a brother, John Evancho.

Contributions may be made to the church building fund, 1861 Catasaqua Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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Anne K. Bambu

102 years old

Anne K. Bambu, 102, died Nov. 23, 2014 at Holy Family Manor. She was a daughter of the late Louis and Mary C. (Karp) Karpowich. She was the wife of the late Emery Bambu.

At the age of 50, she graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing.

She was a licensed practical nurse for 15 years at St. Luke's Hospital. She was both a volunteer and employee of Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church for many years.

She is survived by a son, Richard and his wife Gail of Bethlehem; and two nieces, Michele and Sandra.

She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Karpowich; and two brothers, John and Michael Karpowich.

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CHRISTMAS CITY CELEBRATES 50TH TREE LIGHTING



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Two Bethlehem city bucket trucks steady the 2015 Christmas City Tree after its release from a giant crane.

The tree arrives ...

Christmas City tree donors John and Nellie Perez of Bethlehem Township watch their 35-foot tall Colorado spruce become the focal point of Bethlehem's holiday lighting program. "I always wanted to have our tree here," said Nellie, a Bethlehem native. RIGHT: City workers Jeff Bogard and Glenn Graver fasten and tighten support cables to one of four large ballasts which keep the 35-foot Colorado Spruce in its place at Payrow Plaza between City Hall and the Bethlehem Area Public Library.



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extend its impact on public education in our district."

The foundation's board of trustees is comprised of volunteer community members who collaborate with district administrators to provide funding opportunities that support creativity and innovation in classrooms. Last year, the foundation awarded grants to fund a collaborative Art Mosaic project, a courtyard garden at East Hills MS, and the Furry Friends reading program in the first cycle of Teacher Innovation Grants. Bailey will be announcing the recipients of the 2014-15 teacher innovation grant awards in early December.

Bailey's professional experience in sales provides her with the strategic planning and budget analysis skills that are invaluable to the foundation's fundraising goals. Moreover, Bailey has ample philanthropic experience, including holding positions as Hanover ES's PTA treasurer and Scholastic Book Fair chairperson, Cub Scout Pack 368 membership chair, and board member

for J's Run, which raises awareness for pancreatic cancer.

Bailey was recently honored as one of the top 100 fundraisers for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

"I really look forward to increasing the visibility of the foundation and its initiatives to support students and educators," Bailey said.

Following a strategic planning session of BAEF trustees, district administrators, and community leaders, the foundation set forth two significant programs including the Project Lead the Way program, which provides pre-engineering curriculum for students in high school. This program and a steelmaking history program are district-wide initiatives that qualify for state EITC funding support from approved businesses.

Bailey hopes to raise awareness of the foundation amongst local businesses and BASD alumni in order to support the mission "to enhance learning opportunities for all students of the Bethlehem Area School District."

... holiday season begins

Though not a tradition that could have existed when the city was founded in 1741, Bethlehem's annual tree lighting ceremony at city hall marked its 50th year Nov. 28. A densely-packed plaza echoed with holiday songs performed by many of the city's venerated musical groups. The Liberty, Freedom and Bethlehem Catholic high school bands played together for the first time, while the Bach Choir and Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts chorale each sang Christmas classics. Mayor Bob Donchez said the lights on the massive trees reflect the beauty, strength and diversity of this community.



Bill Guth and Mayor Bob Donchez ready their little helpers for the official light activation....



... and a minute later they press the lever, brightening the entire plaza.

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"We have to fix the policies that make it harder for people to make more money," he argued.

Part-Time recovery

One of these policies, brought about in part by corporate reaction to the Affordable Care Act, is what Dent refers to as our "part-time recovery." He pointed to data of his own, showing that 7.6 million Americans are involuntarily working part-time, either because their employers have reduced hours or because that's the best they can do. This, in turn, has resulted in a "very erratic" recovery, one that Dent warns is unstable.

Employers like Red Lobster and Olive Garden are trying to remain under the Obamacare requirement of providing health insurance to employees who work more than 30 hours per week. This hurts working families, and Dent supports expanding the 30-hour cut-off to 40 hours.

Flawed policy

Dent also argued that our monetary policy is flawed. The Federal Reserve's interest rates

on short-term loans has been near zero since late 2008, but there's been no mad rush for mortgages, and no real incentive to save. Those who do are investing in the stock market instead of depositing at their local bank.

"It drives people to the stock market," Dent observed. "The wealthy are getting wealthier." But he worries that "[w]e are creating another bubble in the stock market."

Tax code policy

A third policy change desperately needed, according to Dent, is a simplification of the 70,000-page long tax code. Calling it a "hodge podge of special income breaks", he noted that two-thirds of the population is unable to take advantage of them because they don't itemize.

One of the more nonsensical federal tax policies, he argued, is one that discourages American companies from bringing their profits back to this country. A recent report does indicate that \$2.1 trillion is held by American companies overseas.



Christmas City U.S.A.'s 50th annual public tree display is lit to ring in the community's 273rd holiday season.



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The city's three high school bands perform together under the direction of Christine Eick.

Another 'on-target' budget year

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

Hanover Township supervisors like to joke that they're "on target." Their no-tax-hike budget for next year remains on target too, and that's no joke. At their Nov. 11 meeting, supervisors authorized advertising the budget for a vote at their Dec. 16 meeting.

The last time Hanover Township had a tax increase was in 2008.

Supervisors also directed Manager Jay Finnigan to pay off a note for the Community Center a year early. That 27,000-square-foot facility first opened in 2006 with the goal of providing residents with quality educational and recreational programs. It was built with no outside support. Finnigan estimated that paying off the note a year early will save the township approximately \$20,000 in interest

HANOVER TOWNSHIP



PRESS PHOTO BY **BERNIE O'HARE**

Attorney Eric Schock explains operations at DTC Innovation, a company which tests and ships medical devices.

In other business, Director of Administration Ryan Kish warned that PPL is replacing the towers on its Siegfried Quarry Line, which traverses the township. About 10 towers will be replaced, starting in spring 2016.

Supervisors also heard from Attorney Eric Schock, representing DTC Innovation. This company, which tests and then ships medical devices, needs a larger storage room for its lab and office. It is proposing to use 20,000 square feet of its

67,000-square-foot facility for storage, but needs authorization from the Zoning Hearing Board. After hearing what is being planned, supervisors decided against sending a representative to zoners to argue either for or against the project.

Supervisor Jack Nagle also reported he attended the Library Board

meeting the previous evening. "It wasn't much of a meeting and I have nothing to report," he said, as supervisors teased him.

They were about to end the meeting when an unidentified resident in the back of the room, who lives in Bella Vista Estates, stood up to compliment Finnigan, Public Works director Vince Milite and other township employees.

Some weeks ago, a con-

fused tractor trailer truck operator was so lost that he ended up driving right into this resident's front yard. He had knocked out a telephone pole and the resident's cistern, to say nothing of trees and shrubbery.

"It's not often I get a tractor trailer in my front yard," he said, but went on to thank Finnigan and the others for their prompt response and reaction to a potentially dangerous situation.

Proposed adult daycare approved

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

An adult daycare facility is coming to Hanover Township and it's bringing 50 full-time jobs with it. North Star Construction's Jim Gentile brought sketch plans for the \$5 million project, located at 3365 High Point Blvd., for supervisors to view at their Nov. 25 meeting. A proposed 25,000 square-foot facility, located on a four-acre lot, will be able to handle up to 150 clients. Like most daycares, this will be a nonresidential center.

Gentile predicts it will be operational by this time next year.

In addition to the adult day care, Gentile is considering a 48-unit Alzheimer

Center, but is still considering several sites. He also said business is picking up. "In 2008, I had 100 properties and my phone didn't ring for four years," he said. "Now the phone is ringing off the hook."

In other business, Joseph Moeser was unanimously appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisors' Chair John Diacogiannis urged residents interested in planning or zoning issues to apply for openings on the Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board.

Supervisors also learned that Hanover Garden Center, located at 2720 Jacksonville Road, has been sold and will be replaced with a plumbing business. Though the change in use "sounds

OK" to Diacogiannis, he and the other four supervisors unanimously authorized their solicitor and engineer to attend See **HANOVER** on Page A6



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BERNIE O'HARE

Jim Gentile, who owns both North Star and Polaris, thinks the adult daycare facility can be operational this time next year.

HANOVER

Continued from page A5 the zoning hearing on the change of use, just in case. Supervisors also adopted a new noise ordinance and have authorized the advertising of a new permit fee schedule for processions and parades in the township.

Public Works Director Vince Milite, who was in the midst of preparing the township for its first winter storm of the season, was absent. Township Manager Jay Finnigan quipped, "The good news is we have salt!"

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Ted Martz remembered

Dear editor:

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our coach, mentor and friend, Mr. Ted Martz. He was a true inspiration to us during our lives.

We, as coaches, converse with the number of "kids" he coached through the years. His service to the Bethlehem Area School District is unparalleled. After retirement from the district he went on to officiate at many of our swim meets.

We have benefitted greatly by his largesse; for you see that our love

of the sport has not waned. Neither has his influence on our lives.

Rest well coach, you will not be forgotten.

John Larson, head swimming coach, Freedom HS
Reik Foust, head swimming coach, Liberty HS
Jeffrey R. Zettlemoyer, head diving coach, Freedom and Liberty high schools

AREA POLICE

Burglary

Police arrested two men after a Hillside Avenue resident reported an alleged break-in around 12:15 p.m. Nov. 12.

According to police, the Lehigh University student returned to her residence to find a man inside. The man fled and the victim called police.

City and Lehigh officers quickly coordinated a search and found the suspect and another man within a half-hour. They allegedly had a flatscreen TV and drugs between them.

Reviewing footage from newly-installed public cameras near campus, police placed both men at the residence. Further investigation connected the suspects with two other burglaries in the past several weeks.

Christopher Kratzer, 30, no address, is charged with four counts each of burglary, theft, trespassing, receiving stolen property and eight counts of criminal conspiracy.

Jonathan Garcia, 24, of East Mechanic Street, is also charged with eight counts of conspiracy and two counts of each of the other charges.

DUI

Police arrested 31-year-old Charisma Christman of Northampton after observing her suspicious driving Nov. 1.

Police allegedly observed Christman swerving in her lane and pulled her over on the Second Street ramp.

Christman was allegedly drunk and is charged with DUI, traffic violations and driving without insurance and without carrying a license.

BRIEFLY

BAPL
2014 final book sale on Dec. 3, 6

The Bethlehem Area Public Library's final book sale of the year will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Dec. 3, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6, at the Main Branch, 11 W. Church St.

Items include books, CDs and DVDs. Most debit and credit cards accepted.

Visit www.bestbook-sale.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 235.

LEHIGH VALLEY
Animal Food Bank needs help

Bethlehem Animal Control is sponsoring a pet food donation drive on behalf of the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley.

The AFBLV is in need of dry and canned dog and cat food, dog treats, and food for smaller pets such as rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, fish, and birds.

Donations may be dropped off by Dec. 16 in the breezeway boxes at Bethlehem City Hall, 10 E. Church St. entrance.

For information, visit <https://bethlempolice.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/afblk-donation-drive-flyer.doc>.

GWHS
Colonial concert set for Dec. 12

The Governor Wolf Historical Society will hold a candlelight holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Wolf Academy, 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath.

For information, visit www.gov.wolf.org.

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No tax hike budget proposed

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

Monthly report highlights

Every month, Bethlehem Township commissioners are provided with monthly reports from each department. Below are highlights from October, which were accepted at the Nov. 17 meeting.

- Police**
- Officer Pat Brehm has begun his Act 120 training at Montgomery County Police Academy.
 - All officers have completed their semi-annual firearms training and qualification.
 - Two officers have been re-certified as TASER instructors.
 - There were 71 traffic accidents involving 137 vehicles and 13 injuries.
 - 186 traffic citations and 202 warnings were issued.
 - There were 33 misdemeanor/felony arrests, 19 summary arrests and 3 DUIs.
- Public Works**
- Old mulch at Comer Park has been replaced with certified playground mulch.
 - New outdoor fitness stations are being installed at Municipal Park.
- Community Center**
- Breakfast with the Elves takes place Dec. 12 at 9:30 a.m.
 - Gingerbread Houses will be built Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.

higher and expenses lower than anticipated. So the township's actual fund balance next year may be higher than is projected.

The township's largest revenue source is Act 511 taxes, which consist of transfer taxes, earned income taxes and business mercantile taxes. These provide 31 percent of the township's funds. Real estate taxes, the second largest revenue source, bring in 27 percent of the township's income.

The biggest drain on revenue is personnel. Ten years ago, the township had 93 employees. Today, there are just 85, represented by three different unions.

Another major expense is health care. It is projected at \$2.1 million next year, which is just two percent higher than it was this year.

The township will also pay \$1 million into its pension, with the state kicking in another \$500,000.

Commissioners unanimously authorized that the budget be advertised. A copy will be available online and at the municipal building.

Compiled by Bernie O'Hare

- Thursday, December 4**
- Christkindmarkt**, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 101 Founders Way. Thursday through Sunday to Dec. 21. Visit www.artsquest.com.
- Charter Arts Instrumental Department** Festivus Concert, Black Box Theatre, 7 and 9 p.m. 675 E. Broad St. Visit www.charterarts.org.
- Friday, Dec. 5**
- First Friday** South Bethlehem, 6 to 9 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.
- Christkindmarkt**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 101 Founders Way. Visit www.artsquest.com.
- Christmas City Village (Weihnachtsmarkt)**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Main Street near Central Moravian Church and Sun Inn areas. Visit www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village.
- Bethlehem Catholic Youth Theater**, diocese elementary students present "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 7 p.m. Tickets, information: 610-866-0791 or email theateratbethlehem-catholics.org.
- NCC Holiday Chorus Concert**, 7:30 p.m. director: Rosemary Murdy-Haber. Admission is a non-perishable item for local food bank or a financial donation with a suggested minimum amount. Lipkin Theatre, Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road; visit www.northampton.edu/news-and-events/holiday-winter-concert.htm.

- Saturday, December 6**
- Annual Community Advent Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m. The Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon, Mayor Bob Donchez, Broughal South-Side Singers, Moravian Trombone Choir. Tickets: BAPL, Bethlehem Dairy Store, Cantelmi's Hardware, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Comfort Suites, Moravian Book Shop, Moravian Village, Bethlehem Visitor's Center, Moravian Village, 526 Wood St. Call 610-739-1510.
- Breakfast with St. Nicholas**, 9 a.m., Christkindmarkt, 101 Founders Way. Visit www.artsquest.com to register.
- BHDA Holiday House Tour**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Historic District, North Bethlehem. Tickets: ArtsQuest box office, 101 Founders Way; the Moravian Book Shop, 423 Main St.; or the Visitors Center, 505 Main St.; online at www.christmascity.org and www.artsquest.org.
- Gov. Wolf Holiday House Tour** and campus wreath and swag sale, hearth cooking demonstration, etc. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath. Call 610-837-9015 or visit www.govwolf.org.
- Moravian Busy Workers**, annual Christmas sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Benefits church missions. Central Moravian Church Old Chapel, church green, east of Heckewelder Place. www.centralmoravianchurch.org or call 610-866-5661.
- Christkindmarkt**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 101 Founders Way. Visit www.artsquest.com.
- Christmas City Village (Weihnachtsmarkt)**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Main Street near Central Moravian Church and Sun Inn areas. Visit www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village.
- Music in the Park**, Flutations, 1 p.m., Main Street.
- Moravian Christmas Experience**, 1:30 p.m. Listen and sing along to Christmas favorites and Moravian traditional hymns; pipe organ, brass and church choir. Tickets available at the door.
- L.V. Harmonizers**, Barbershop Chorus, Christmas in Bethlehem with guests Freedom HS Concert Chorale, Nazareth Area HS Chorale, and quartets: All in Good Time, The BatBoys, ffourtissimo Young Men's Chorus. 2 p.m. Tickets at door; Foy Hall, Moravian South (Church and Main) Campus; or call 1-800-482-1548 or visit www.lvharmoziners.com.
- Music in the Park**, L.V. Italian American Band, 4 p.m., Main Street.
- Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites Holiday Dinner and Auction**, art preview, wine and cheese, 4 to 7 p.m. Kemerer Museum, 427 N. New St. 6:30 p.m. ArtsQuest, 101 Founders Way.
- Freemansburg Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 6 p.m. Rain date: Dec. 7. Heritage Park, 600 Monroe St. Call 610-866-2220.
- Bethlehem Catholic Youth Theater**, diocese elementary students present "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 7 p.m. Tickets, information: 610-866-0791 or email theateratbethlehem-catholics.org.
- Bach Choir**, C.P.E. Bach's Magnificat in D, J.S. Bach's Cantata 147 and works in praise of Mary from the 16th-21st century. 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Cedar Crest Boulevard at Tilghman Street. Visit www.bach.org.

- Sunday, December 7**
- Bach Choir Christmas Concert**, C.P.E. Bach's Magnificat in D, J.S. Bach's Cantata 147 & works in praise of Mary from the 16th-21st century. 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. See HOLIDAY on Page A8

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

For the sixth straight year, Bethlehem Township commissioners have proposed a no-tax hike budget. A taxpayer in a median market value home, worth \$177,618, can expect to see the same \$521 tax bill he or she saw in 2014. It's the lowest tax bill, too. County taxes for the same kind of home last year were \$940, while school taxes were \$4,428.

The millage rate is 5.99 mills.

According to Finance Director Andrew Freda, the most troubling aspect of next year's financial plan is that it spends \$1.6 million more than it takes in. This shortfall will be made up by taking money from the fund balance. On paper, the fund balance is projected to drop \$2 million over the next year and end at just \$1.46 million. Funds on reserve will only be 10 percent of the budget. Freda said that should really be between 12-18 percent.

Freda did explain that, in budgeting, revenues almost always come in

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Members of the Lehigh University Student Senate gather before heading out to pound the area sidewalks in neighborhoods between Pierce and Carlton streets from West Fourth Street south to the campus.

Light the night

With the blessing of the City of Bethlehem and Lehigh University law enforcement officials, the Lehigh University Student Senate undertook its annual 'Light Up Off Campus' program Oct. 22. The initiative promotes resident and student safety in neighborhoods contiguous with Lehigh's campus. Members of the Student Senate visited

homes and apartments offering energy efficient light bulbs for front and rear porch lights, encouraged turning them on after dark, and provided a refrigerator magnet with phone apps for the non-emergency numbers for both the Lehigh and City Police departments as well as the EmergenSee security system. Student Drew

Davis chaired the Senate Safety Committee and said that Lehigh students hoped to visit 400 homes. Program partners included both police departments, the Student Senate, Lehigh University's Community Relations Office and Fifth Street Capital Partners Louis Intile and James Byszewski.



Student Senate member Juliana DeMaria explains the 'Lights Up Off Campus' initiative to fellow Lehigh student Kyle Garland, a renter on Webster Street. Senate members expected to visit about 400 homes.



Lehigh University's assistant police chief Stuart Bedics expresses his appreciation for the students' initiative to help make neighborhood streets safer.

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.



Nautilus is an older gentleman and will need to go to a home with no other pets or small children, but with adults or older children.



Elmira is about 2 years old and is eager for a home again. She is spayed, microchipped, litter trained, current on shots and very social.

HOLIDAY

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hem 2344 Center St. Visit www.bach.org.

Fountain Hill Tree Lighting, 4 p.m. with Broughal MS Band. At the triangle near Broadway.

Christkindlmarkt, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 101 Founders Way. Visit www.artsquest.com.

Christmas City Village (Weihnachtsmarkt), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street near Central Moravian Church and Sun Inn areas. Visit www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village.

Bethlehem Catholic Youth Theater, diocese elementary students present "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 2 p.m. Tickets, information: 610-866-0791 or email theater@bethlehem-catholics.org.

Tuesday, December 9

Heller Homestead, 7 to 9 p.m. with Sandra Eckert Meet the Artist reception. 1890-92 Friedensville Road (Water Street), Lower Saucon Township. Visit www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org or call 610-216-0566. Inclement weather date: Dec. 10.

Thursday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 21

Christmas City Follies XV, annual holiday variety show. Thursday through Saturday 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. Special matinee 2 p.m. Dec. 20. Information, tickets: touchstone@touchstone.org or call 610-867-1689. Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St.

Daily and Multi-Day Events

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

The Doors and Windows of Bethlehem exhibit, Nov. 29 through Jan. 1. North and Southside buildings.

Christmas at SteelStacks, special events through Dec. 31, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org.

Live Advent Calendar, 5:30 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St. Dec. 1 through Dec. 23. Call 610-691-6055.

Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center and 1810 Goundie House, photographs of Caitlin Kohl and oil paintings of Ed Bolcar; call for dates and hours; through Dec. 31. 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Moravian Museum of Bethlehem / Gemeinhaus, "Trees of Christmas Past" and the Gemeinhaus Putz; call for dates and hours; through Dec. 31. 66 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055.

Historic Bethlehem Single Sisters House, "Trees of Christmas Past" and the Sisters' House Putz; call for dates and hours; through Dec. 31. 44 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055.

Historic Bethlehem Kemerer Museum, Trees of Christmas Past; call for dates and hours; through Dec. 31. 427 N. New St. Call 610-691-6055.

Bethlehem: The Christmas City film. Various times. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org. Year round.

Historic Bethlehem carriage rides, 15-minute horse-drawn carriage rides, Thursday through Sunday, every 20 minutes, 3 to 9 p.m.; Call 610-691-6055 or 1-800-TOUR. Through Dec. 31; closed Dec. 25. Buy tickets at 505 Main St/ Meets and ends outside Central Moravian Church, Main and Church streets.

Historic Bethlehem Bethlehem by Night bus tours with certified guide in period dress. Beginning Nov. 28. Thurs. through Sat.: 5, 6, and 7 p.m.; Sun.: 4, 5, and 6 p.m.; closed Dec. 25. Call 610-691-6055 or 1-800-TOUR. Buy tickets at 505 Main St.

Holiday Walking Tours; Christmas City Stroll, 4 p.m.; Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 3 to 28: 4 p.m. No tours Dec. 25. Call 610-691-6055 or 1-800-TOUR. Buy tickets at and depart from 505 Main St.

Putz Displays

Central Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz and Star and Candle Shoppe, 40 W. Church St. Call 610-867-2996. Nov. 28 through Dec. 31. Call 610-867-2996 or visit www.centralmoravianchurch.org. Shows every half hour between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; After Christmas through Dec. 31: Daily: 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgeboro Moravian Church. Christmas Community Putz and Shop, 945 Hamilton Ave. Dec. 1 to 22. Call 610-866-8793 or visit www.edgeboromoravian.org. Open to the public Thursday through Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m. Open by appointment /group tours only Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COLLEGE NOTES

Lehigh University

Simon to be next L.U. president

John D. Simon, executive vice president and provost at the University of Virginia, has been appointed as Lehigh's 14th president. He will assume the presidency on July 1, 2015.

He is an internationally renowned chemist and widely respected leader in higher education. He will replace former president Alice P. Gast, who has accepted the presidency of Imperial College London.

Isaacson named commencement speaker

Biographer, journalist and public policy thought leader Walter Isaacson, current president and CEO of The Aspen Institute, will deliver the address at Lehigh University's 147th commencement on May 18, 2015.

The former chairman and CEO of CNN and editor of TIME magazine will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the commencement ceremony.

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STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

BC season ends with loss to Somerset

By **JEFF MOELLER**
Special to the Press

Based on their comparative seasons, Becahi looked like they would likely advance to the PIAA Class 3A semifinal against high-powered Archbishop Wood this weekend. Somerset, their opponent, did enter Chambersburg High School with an overall 12-1 record, but they tangled with mostly Class A and AA teams, while Becahi also posted 12 wins and appeared primed to advance as they marched through the ever-competitive

East Penn Conference this fall. A lopsided victory could have been in the offing.

It did happen, however, Becahi was on the wrong side of the onslaught.

Somerset set the tone early in the game and never looked back as they rolled to a 30-0 rout of the Golden Hawks Saturday afternoon. Becahi finished with an overall 12-2 mark, the most wins since former head coach Bob Stem guided them to the state title in 1990. It marked their first loss since they dropped a 23-19 decision to

Stroudsburg Oct. 17.

The Golden Hawks' Freddie Simmons fumbled the opening kickoff that eventually led to a Somerset score. From there, Becahi quarterback Julian Spigner was intercepted on his team's first series, and the Golden Hawks could never get into any offensive rhythm.

Becahi also lost leading rusher Michael McDaniel with an injury early in the game that further complicated their state. McDaniel had gained over 700 yards and scored 10 touchdowns in the Golden Hawks' playoff

victories.

Somerset, which won its first state playoff game a week prior, was paced by running back Jake Heiple, who rambled through the Becahi defense for 196 yards on 19 carries. Heiple scored three touchdowns on the afternoon, a run of 13 yards helped Somerset to a 10-0 half-time lead.

On the other hand, Becahi, which had been averaging more than 400 yards of total offense, finished with just over 200 yards of total offense and committed four turnovers.

Head coach Joe Heinrich quickly realized his club would have an uphill battle.

"Michael (McDaniel) has been a big part of our offense, but we have other guys here who can be as effective," said Heinrich. "We just couldn't get going offensively and we shot ourselves in the foot too many times. We didn't stay on our blocks and we couldn't sustain anything all afternoon."

"They played with emotion and a chip on their shoulder and we didn't. They came right at us

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WINTER PREVIEWS

LHS looks to stay afloat

By **PETER CAR**
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Coming off a regular season that saw the Hurricanes gain momentum heading into the playoffs and make a run to the district semifinals, Liberty head coach Chad Landis hopes there can be more consistency this time around when the Hurricanes open their 2014-15 season.

Landis enters his seventh year at the helm of the program, coming off a 13-13 season a year ago, which saw the ninth-seeded 'Canes knock off Whitehall and top-seeded Pocono Mountain West in the first two rounds of districts, before dropping a semifinal game to Emmaus and eventually a third-place consolation game to Stroudsburg, to shut Liberty out of the PIAA tournament.

The expectations of this year's team may be tempered initially, as Liberty is low on returning varsity experience, but Landis hopes a greater team concept can push this group into a positive direction.

"This year's success will depend on how quick we can form an identity," said Landis. "After last year's disappointing season we are looking to improve both our

basketball skills and chemistry as a team. I believe this year's group of players are hungry to do things the right way and see where that takes us. We will not be as talented as we have been in the past but our work ethic should allow for growth and improvement throughout the season."

Some of the key returning players for Liberty include five seniors with Jaevan Dobbins, Ludwin Gonzalez, Trenton Bishop, Anthony Miller and Harrison Cann back in the fold.

Dobbins is the jewel of the veterans, as the 6-foot-2 swingman became a menace for the opposition down the stretch last season for Liberty. He'll be looked upon as the key force for Liberty in the paint this year. Gonzalez and Bishop are two backcourt players that Landis needs to help with the scoring punch as well.

Newcomers to the program include Josh Vilorio (Sr); Andrew Hudak (Jr, transfer from Becahi); Logan Priestas (Jr); Amir Griffin (So); Jeremy Johnson (So); Cameron Hoffman (So); Jaohne Duggan (So) and Alex Serrano (Fr). Landis anticipates Griffin, Serrano

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Jaevan Dobbins is a key returner for LHS.

GIRLS HOOPS Hawks quickly hire new coach

By **PETER CAR**
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The Megan Dellegrotti show was canceled before it even started for Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball program.

Dellegrotti, who was hired last April, abruptly resigned on Nov. 24, just twelve days before the Hawks season opener against Scranton Prep this Saturday.

The resignation was a complete shock to Becahi athletic director Chris Domyan.

"I was very surprised," said Domyan. "Megan has to make her own choices and I was hoping she wouldn't resign this way. We were really happy with what she was doing. It's really an unfortunate circumstance."

Dellegrotti came to Becahi after five seasons at the helm of Southern Lehigh, where her teams compiled a 104-28 mark. She replaced Bill Lanscek, who was 161-97 in 10 years as head coach of the Hawks. Becahi won their second straight Lehigh Valley Conference and District 11 3A championships last winter, but Lanscek was not rehired.

Dellegrotti was hired 11 days after Lanscek's departure last March and ran out of the program after one week of official practices.

Domyan declined to discuss the reasons for Dellegrotti's resignation, citing "it had nothing to do with the basketball or our relationship. It was something outside."

Sources close to the situation have indicated that there was a conflict with one of Dellegrotti's assistants being on the staff, which led her to the abrupt resignation.

Dellegrotti came out with her own statement last week below.

"On Monday, November 24th, I resigned as the head coach of the girls' basketball team at Bethlehem Catholic.

"Coaching is a tough profession and without support in all aspects of the position, it becomes impossible to achieve the goals I had hoped to accomplish.

"Anyone who knows me, knows I would never leave 12 days before the start of the season without just cause. The players and parents were supportive throughout my short time at Beca

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Freddie Simmons makes the quick turnaround from football to basketball.

Not much prep time

By **PETER CAR**
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With Bethlehem Catholic's football season coming to an end last week, the window for prepping the entire lineup into basketball shape is small heading into this weekend's season opener.

The Hawks host Parkland on Saturday night at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium, with the Trojans entering this season as the clear cut favorite to roll through the East Penn Conference.

Fortunately, for head coach Mike Frew, the Trojans are coming off a season-ending football loss last Saturday in the state quarters as well to put both teams on the same preparation schedule.

Whether that will be enough to make a splash on opening night is up for dispute, but the expectations for the Hawks this year still remains the same.

"Expectations for the year are to qualify for districts again and qualify for league playoffs again," Frew said. "We have made districts two of the last three years and one district final in that time. We won our division last

year and hope to defend that as well. The league is competitive again and will make for some exciting matchups yet again."

This year's varsity roster includes Freddie Simmons (G, 6'3 Sr.); Juwan Swan (G, 5'11 Sr.); Julian Spigner (F, 6'3 Jr.); Chance Neille (G, 6'0 Jr.); DeAndre Tillet (G, 5'7 Jr.); Salih Salaam (F, 6'2 Jr.); EJ Fineran (F, 6'5 Jr.); Andrew Posch (F, 6'3 Jr.); Nick Maff (G, 6'0 Jr.); John Stiles (G, 5'8 Jr.); Joe Smith (G, 6'2 Jr.); Tyler Muniz (G, 5'10 So.); Nick Petros (G, 5'10 So.) and Dat Lambert (G, 5'10 Fr.).

With the Hawks lacking height this year, due to the loss of Andrew Hudak (transfer to Liberty), Frew will have his work cut out for him meshing this team together, but is confident that it can be done.

"This team is young and lacks a lot of varsity minutes experience wise," Frew said. "They are coachable and get along. The group now, has been progressing daily and learning what it takes to make a competitive practice environment. We want to be a strong defensive team and look to push the ball working for the best shot possible on the offensive side of the court."

Pates are in learning form

By **PETER CAR**
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It could be fair to assume that Freedom's basketball team may be in full blown rebuilding mode heading into this season. Or you can make the case that the Patriots and head coach Joe Stellato are in learning form.

The Pates are coming off an 8-14 season last year and return a roster void of any top scorers from a year ago.

Freedom is also light on experience heading into Stellato's 15th year overall of coaching.

To say that this season may be a trial by fire episode on any given night, may not be too far fetched.

"We have some returning players, but none of them averaged over four points a game last year," said Stellato. "We're very athletic and need to play a full court game. We need to use pressure defense to get easy baskets and get into

the open floor. We need our seniors to step up and our young guys need to take a large role for us to have success."

Returning for the Patriots include seniors Jason Fraser (sr.), Jeff Toronto (sr.), KJ Pretty (sr.), Bryant Connor (sr.), Tulio Santiago (sr.) and Demond Farley (sr.). New players in the fold include Najee Cash (jr.), Nick King (so.), Daevon Quick (so.), Lewis Hargett (so.), Khory Smith (jr.) and Jose Rivera (jr.).

Fraser, Farley and King are three that Stellato targets as players to watch for this season, but it appears that the Patriots are a team that will rely on a group effort this season if they want to have a chance to succeed in the newly formed East Penn Conference.

"We are looking at improving all year and make it into the district playoffs," Stellato said. "To do this, we need to play a full court game, with pressure defense."



Jason Fraser is back for the Patriots this year.



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St. Luke's Allentown Campus Honors Attorney Sy Traub At 13th Annual Dinner By Starlight Celebration

ALLENTOWN, PA (11/13/2014) – For thirteen years, St. Luke's Allentown Campus has been recognizing and honoring individuals who make a lasting impact on the community. Past Honorees include the Women's 5K Classic, Linn Fowler, Elmer Gates, Governor Ed Rendell and State Representative Jennifer Mann, to name a few. This year, St. Luke's Allentown recognized Attorney Sy Traub for all he has done to improve the quality of health care and the quality of life for the entire community.

A resident of Allentown for over 40 years, Sy has dedicated his career and life to supporting the economic development of downtown Allentown and has been instrumental in the development of the St. Luke's Allentown Campus. His involvement at St. Luke's has been fueled by his passion to ensure that quality health care services are easily accessible to those who live in the city of Allentown.

"We are delighted to be honoring Attorney Sy Traub," said Frank Ford, President of St. Luke's Allentown Campus. "Sy is a trusted friend and leader and has supported this hospital since the beginning. He has worked tirelessly to improve the economy of our city and it is so exciting to see his work in downtown Allentown come to fruition."

Since its inception, Dinner by Starlight has raised more than \$900,000 to support programs and services of St. Luke's Allentown Campus. The monies raised from this year's event will support the St. Luke's *Adopt-A-School* initiative. This program demonstrates St. Luke's commitment to provide easy access to medical, dental and vision services to disadvantaged youth in our community. The program also supports student literacy initiatives and provides educational opportunities to learn about healthy living, including eating fresh foods and the importance of exercise.

More than 500 attendees came out to the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville to honor Sy and support St. Luke's. Event guests enjoyed bidding on silent auction items, a sit-down dinner and a formal program to recognize St. Luke's Honorary and Shining Stars.

Three additional Shining Stars were recognized for their efforts to make our community a better place to live. They include: 15-year-old Jordan Smith; Jeff, Dick and Peg Fegley of Fegley's Brew Works; and Bob Agentis from the Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation.



Sy and Sue Traub



Shining Stars



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Through their BrewWorks restaurants, the Fegleys have created a culture of philanthropy and support for non-profit organizations in the Lehigh Valley by routinely hosting fundraising events. St. Luke's is grateful for being one of the beneficiaries of the Fegley's generosity. To learn about upcoming events, visit www.thebrewworks.com.



Bob Agentis

After his wife passed at St. Luke's Hospice House, Bob began delivering meals to the house each week for the other families and staff to enjoy. Today, the Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation has over thirty restaurant partners that deliver food weekly to the hospice house; as well as provide funding and education for individuals to receive testing for pancreatic cancer. For more information visit www.jaacf.org.



Jordan Smith

From collecting food for the food bank to volunteering in her church nursery and for the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley, 15 year old Jordan Smith has always had a heart for service. By following her heart and her desire to care for others, Jordan caught her own dream for being an Emergency Medical Responder with the Cetronia Ambulance Corps.

First snowstorm not so bad



Dale Heater of Jennings Street in Northeast Bethlehem clears snow from his pickup truck after the pre-Thanksgiving snowstorm which dropped 4-6 inches on the Lehigh Valley. "I love the snow," said the long-time resident. "It brings people together, helping each other out."



A pack of canine-lovers walks along a snow-covered sidewalk on Broad Street Bridge on Thanksgiving Day. Craig Biehl with his black Australian dog brings up the rear, Kasey Leibenroth with a cattle dog mix and husband Will Leibenroth, visiting from Maine, and Jillian Eaton, who recently moved to Broad Street.



Bill Moran, a retired Northampton County judge, shovels his driveway on Thanksgiving Day morning along in Northeast Bethlehem.



A BASD jeep driven by custodian Joe Csrenko plows through fresh snow on sidewalks surrounding the Bethlehem Education Center on Walters Street. Despite harsher forecasts, the Lehigh Valley received a reported 4-6 inches of snow.

BETHLEHEM Holiday house tours Dec. 6

The 2014 Bethlehem Historic District Association Holiday House Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Historic District, North Bethlehem.

For tickets, visit the ArtsQuest box office, 101 Founders Way; the Moravian Book Shop, 423 Main St.; or the Visitors Center, 505 Main St.; or online at www.christmascity.org and www.artsquest.org. For Dec. 6 tickets, visit the BHDA box office, 7 E. Market St.

GOV. WOLF Historic house tours Dec. 6

The Governor Wolf Historical Society 34th annual Christmas House Tour of historic homes will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

The three on campus buildings will have a 15 crafters, a fresh wreath and swag sale, hearth cooking demonstration with tastings, and more. The Daily Grind will have food for purchase in the Monocacy School. Call 610-837-9015 or visit www.govwolf.org.

BARBERSHOP LVH, guests to perform Dec. 6

The Lehigh Valley Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus will present the Christmas in Bethlehem concert at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 in Foy Hall, Moravian College South (Church and Main) Campus.

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For tickets, call 1-800-482-1548 or visit www.lvharmonizers.com.

BETHLEHEM TOH toy drive ends Dec. 11

Traditions of Hanover Independent Living will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots now through Dec. 11 at the campus at 5300 Northgate Drive.

The new, unwrapped toys will be distributed as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community.

For information, call 610-882-0400.

HISPANIC CENTER Turkey Drive has begun

The Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley is holding a Turkey Drive to help feed families in need over the holidays.

Donated turkeys may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Hispanic Center L.V. office, 520 E. Fourth St., throughout the holiday season.

BOSCOLA Property rebate filing extended

Filing of the Property Tax/Rebate has been extended to Dec. 31.

The Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program provides homeowners and renters over 65 years of age, widows or widowers over 50 and permanently disabled persons over the age of 18 with financial assistance. The program's income eligibility limit for homeowners is \$35,000 and \$15,000 for renters. Rebates for homeowners range from \$250 to \$650 and renters may receive \$500 to \$650.

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Gabriella Vacaro of Bethlehem Township offers her partly eaten apple to a toy sheep during storytelling by Regina Kochmaruk of the Bethlehem Area Public Library. The new Burnside Sale and Apple Days featured a variety of activities for visitors of all ages.

Apple festival seed planted

The Burnside Sale and Apple Days festival had a successful debut the first weekend of September, according to Charlene Donchez Mowers, president of Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites. "We were very pleased with the number of people from the Lehigh Valley community who came out to enjoy our new event at Burnside Plantation, in Bethlehem. All proceeds from the admission-free festival support the nonprofit organization's educational and preservation programs. Mowers said the organization plans to repeat the festival next year in early September, but no dates have been set yet. For additional information, call 610-691-6055 or visit www.Historic Bethlehem.org.



Sisters Marina and Arianna Taddeo watch a colonial baking demonstration by Historic Bethlehem volunteer Cindy Surovi of Hellertown.



Ray Miller of Bethlehem checks out books on tables under a tent. All proceeds from the sale of vintage items supports the educational programs of Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites.



Apple bobbing Timmy Johnson gets a taste of a popular old-time game.



Festival attendees Sheryl Chapel and her son Ryan look over colorful mums being sold during Burnside Sale and Apple Days.



Historic Bethlehem docent Marion Pierson dresses Rosa Reyes in a colonial outfit for pictures in a wooden frame at the lower level of Burnside's Haas Barn.



Robert Bloch of Fountain Hill purchases fall apples from Chris Rowe of Bechdolt's Orchard from Hellertown. Bloch works for Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites in maintenance.

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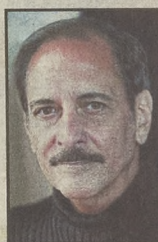
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Christmas IN South Bethlehem



Ken Ranieri
Columnist

In 1985, author Joan Campion (1940-2011), along with five like-minded friends, founded and incorporated South Bethlehem Historical Society. Over the past 29 years, the society has offered many events that have delighted its membership, supporters and friends throughout Bethlehem.

One particular event that many look forward to this time of the year is the annual "Christmas in Bethlehem - An Ethnic Experience," a display of Christmas trees decorated by various immigrant groups who arrived in South Bethlehem over a century ago. The American tradition of decorating evergreen trees at Christmas has far-reaching roots in time and distance.

On Christmas Eve in 1741, after the construction of their first log house, the Moravian Brethren named their church-village "Bethlehem." Of the many traditions that endure in Bethlehem today is their version of the Christmas tree - clipped evergreen branches fashioned into a pyramid and decorated with hanging apples and hand-written religious verses in ink on parchment tucked among the branches.

During the 1800s, German immigrants who arrived in America also brought their traditional Christmas tree. Prior to the Civil War, President Franklin Pierce was the first to have a Christmas tree in the White House. By 1900, one out of every five Americans had an evergreen Christmas tree upon whose branches were festooned strings of cranberries and popcorn, and decorated with paper, metal, celluloid or imported glass ornaments from Czechoslovakia and Germany.

In South Bethlehem at that time, an immigrant work force of 58 nationalities, which numbered 10,500, worked in various departments, according to Bethlehem Steel records.

The annual South Bethlehem tradition, "Christmas in Bethlehem - An Ethnic Experience" was based on a concept first seen at the Pennsylvania State Capital. The story goes like this:

In 1947, Portuguese immigrant Armindo Sousa, then 14, arrived in South Bethlehem on Christmas Eve with his mother, Teresa Pereira Sousa, and his older brother, Antonio Jr. Armindo's father, Antonio, happily greeted his family at Union Station after a storm had dumped four feet of snow.

During the Korean War, Armindo served as an interpreter in Germany from 1953-55 and once back home, attended Moravian Academy. In 1959, he married Celeste Oliveira and had two children. For a good part of his life, Armindo immersed himself in community activities that centered around Portuguese-Americans on the Southside and in 1985 became a member of South Bethlehem Historical Society board of directors.

From 1982 to 1987, he was a member of the Pennsylvania Governor's Heritage Affairs Advisory Commission. As the first Portuguese-American commissioner, he worked closely with governors Dick Thornburgh and Robert Casey. Armindo also headed the State Proclamation of the Portuguese Heritage Week in the Pennsylvania State capital.

It was on one December while in the state capital that Armindo saw a display of Christmas trees decorated by various ethnic groups represented throughout the state. At an SBHS board meeting in 1990, he suggested his idea to display Christmas trees decorated by various ethnic groups of South Bethlehem. A year later in 1991, in the Comfort Suites lobby, the first ethnic Christmas trees were decorated and displayed with descriptions of traditions, countries of origin and the churches with which each ethnic group was affiliated.

This annual event not only recognizes the rich ethnic heritage that immigrants brought to South Bethlehem, but also celebrates their toil and efforts that made South Bethlehem what it is today.

To recapture the diversity and unique traditions of the holiday season practiced within the Southside community, visit the Comfort Suites lobby for the 23rd annual "Christmas in South Bethlehem, An Ethnic Experience" sponsored by South Bethlehem Historical Society.

Scheduled the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 30, the two-hour program featured holiday musical performances and the official tree-lighting ceremony, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Ethnic Christmas traditions do continue to live on in South Bethlehem!



Lisa and Kyle Kuester of Bethlehem walk their dog past some Christmas Village huts near Central Moravian Church and Main Street. The outdoor holiday season event which features 35

wooden stalls is modeled after a traditional German holiday market which sells a variety of native wares and food.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Christmas VILLAGE returns



Local nonprofit organizations are taking advantage of the increased pedestrian traffic in downtown Bethlehem to promote their activities. Maura Mulherin and Maya Biechlin of the Pennsylvania Youth Ballet in colorful costumes from "The Nutcracker" danced recently in the windows of the Moravian Book Shop.



The largest concentration of Christmas Village booths can be found at the Sun Inn courtyard. The free German-type market opens Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. weekdays and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Entertainment is available at the Sun Inn courtyard stage.



Chinese exchange student Wendy Tang seems interested in Toto Buddies, a unique line of stuffed animals by Bethlehem artisan Pamela Hero, who has a booth in the Sun Inn courtyard during the Christmas Village.

Concerns raised over county travel, food reimbursements

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In an attempt to reduce costs, Northampton County Executive John Brown has unilaterally imposed sharp reductions in the health care programs offered to employees. He has told them to expect reductions in other benefits as well, and no increases in salaries.

Helping Brown is Deputy Director of Administration Cathy Allen, who has taken the Brown line in union negotiations. Ironically, while demanding that employees make do with less, Brown and Allen have charged taxpayers about \$1,500 for daily commutes and other questionable expenses.

Concerns about these expenses were made known last week to The Bethlehem Press, which immediately referred the matter to the Northampton County Controller Steve Barron. A Right-to-Know request has been filed with the county.

The reports obtained by Barron reveal that Brown only sought reimbursements from January through April. During this time, he charged for a four-mile round trip to the West Easton Treatment Center. He would charge for his entire trip from his residence in Bangor by making stops at diners or Gracedale. He charged for

ANOTHER VIEW

commutes when he had meetings at nearby places like the State Theatre or Gracedale. He also charged taxpayers for a visit with his publicist, a trip to a Pennsylvania Society event and the St. Patrick's Day parade in Bethlehem.

"Clearly, waving in a parade serves no county business purpose and is more about political self-promotion," said Barron, a Democrat who has sparred with Republican Brown over consultant contracts. Both have accused each other of playing politics.

Allen has submitted expense reports through at least September. She stops at Gracedale or Human Services Building on her way to the courthouse, and then bills taxpayers for her entire trip from Bangor. Though employees are strictly forbidden to charge meals to the county unless they are more than 50 miles away, she did so twice in June, and from local eateries.

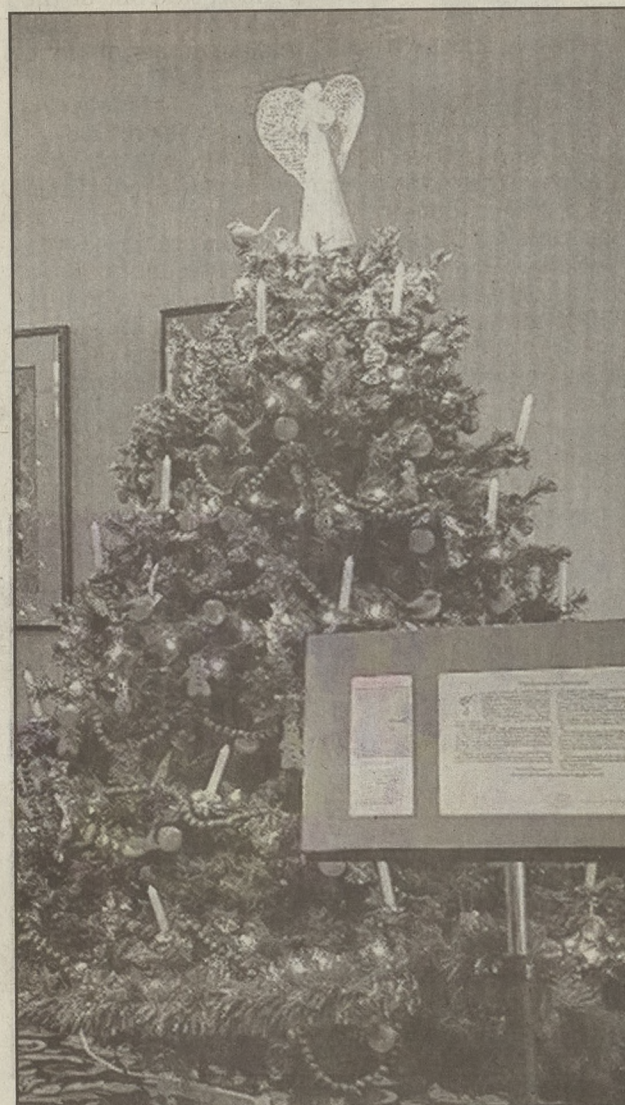
In Allegheny County, Controller Chelsea Wagner recently accused County Executive Rich Fitzgerald of abusing his mileage, just as is being done here. Fitzgerald dismissed the whole thing as "petty." But he returned his county car and repaid \$42,700.

Though \$1,500 in taxpayer money is a small item in a \$340-million government, Barron believes the issue is important. He argues that if the executive and one of his appointees seek travel expenses for their daily commutes, it won't be long before every employee starts to do so.

Former Northampton County Executive John Stoffa said he never sought reimbursement for mileage, except for the annual County Commissioners' Conference. Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli, who is often pulled from his bed at 3 a.m. to travel to homicide investigations, never charges for mileage except for the annual prosecutors' conference. He won't even allow his part-time assistants to charge mileage when they attend a preliminary hearing.

Director of Administration Luis Campos responded to these accusations with a prepared statement:

"The Administration budgets for travel and expense reimbursements. At times meetings can be held at off County Office locations. The County's policy for travel and expense reimbursement is in line with IRS and auditor's guidelines. If there is an inadvertent error, practice is to correct the expense appropriately."



A decorated Slovak tree from a previous Christmas display.

Josh Soares

Bethlehem Catholic HS

Grade: 12

Family members: Mom – Peggy Soares; Dad – David Soares; sisters – Gabrielle Soares, Gianna Soares; brothers – Lucas Soares, Benjamin Joseph Soares

Favorite subject: History: Learning about the past is very important to me, and I know it will be important for the future.

Activities: High school soccer team; Lehigh Valley United club soccer; Pro-Life Club; National Honors Society; Boy Scouts of America; Notre Dame Fiat Youth Group; Bethlehem Catholic retreat team

Next steps: I would like to attend a Catholic college and earn a degree in civil engineering or architecture, as well as a minor in theology.

Career goals: I would like to become a civil engineer or architect, and maybe one day own my own engineering/architecture business.

Heroes: My dad: He has always been a strong example of a loving father, helping me and my siblings to do what is right and grow morally stronger. Christiano Ronaldo: one of the best soccer players in the world today, he is often criticized for being selfish, yet he often donates to his community. Tim Tebow: He isn't afraid to show his faith both on and off the football field.

Hobbies: Soccer, playing with siblings, hanging out with friends, hiking running

Current job(s): Engineering intern at EcoTech Marine
Volunteer/community work: I volunteered over the summer in Pittsburgh at an



organization called Catholic Heart Work Camp. I also worked with fellow classmates on a Philadelphia service trip run by Bethlehem Catholic HS.

Likes: Soccer, food, especially seafood, The Lion King, Batman, music, Portugal, Chelsea F.C., St. Louis Cardinals

Dislikes: Heights, mangos, avocado, clowns

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Earning my Eagle Scout award or being accepted into national Honors Society

Advice for peers: My advice for my peers is to never give up on your goals; learn from the past and your past mistakes, and always trust in God no matter what you do.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LISA KOCAY

Lehigh's Dance Marathon was founded by Alex Stephanou and Katie Walters last year, making Lehigh one of the first schools to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Last year,

Dance Marathon raised close to \$40,000, and this year they hoped to raise \$50,000, and exceeded that number by more than \$4,000.

Marathon tops \$50,000

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

By LISA KOCAY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh University hosted its second annual Dance Marathon Nov. 8, raising \$54,243.37 for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dance Marathon is a nationwide cause that is hosted to raise money for a Children's Miracle Health Network that's closest to the college participating. Students and members of the Lehigh University community registered as dancers for the event, and stayed standing for the whole eight hours that the event took place.

There was a morale dance that was eight minutes long and all participants learned, and a new section of the dance was taught each hour. The dancers ask for donations that go to the cause, and attendees can also donate or purchase various items at the event and the proceeds go to the hospital. Nine hundred students registered this year.

Miracle Kids attended the event. They are children whose lives have been saved by the hospital. At the event, they participated in the dancing and activities, but they also shared their stories and spoke at each hour's "Connection to the Cause," a time each hour when attendees are reminded why they are dancing. Throughout the year, the members of Dance Marathon send videos and newsletters to the Miracle Kids and their families to keep in touch.

"The event is also all about making them feel special, and we love that they have joined us each year," said Jessica Scott, the public relations chair for Dance Marathon.



Sophomore Karen Konkoly decorates brownies at Zeta Tau Alpha's brownie decorating activity table.



Morale dancers Mikayla Cleary-Hammarstedt, '18; Sofie Coopsmith, '16; and Lauren Maida, '17, take a break from dancing.

Scott said Whitney Lai, the family relations chair, had costumes for each child so they were able to dress up as their favorite character or actress, and attendees were prepped to play along so the children felt as though they were the characters. The children were also given missions to complete throughout the night, making it an interactive experience and allowing

them to connect with Lehigh.

"My favorite thing about Dance Marathon is seeing all the children and how strong they are," said sophomore Naiya Patel. "Despite all the hardships they find a reason to smile. They're inspirations to our entire community."

Each hour was sponsored by a different Lehigh club or organization that ran various

activities during that hour, such as freeze dance or zumba. Clubs and organizations could also get involved by donating money or hosting an activity table at the event, such as brownie decorating or face painting.

At the end of the evening, members of Dance Marathon went on stage, stood in a line, and flipped over huge cards that each had one number on it. Once flipped over, the cards revealed how much money was raised overall.

"Going into the night we had already fundraised so much, so it was truly about bringing Lehigh together to celebrate and have fun as a unified campus," Scott said. "Whatever numbers had been flipped during the reveal, we did our best to support Children's Hospital of Philadelphia."

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Scott said one of the Miracle Kids' parents told a member of Dance Marathon that her son was looking forward to coming back to the event this year and he was ecstatic to be invited back.

"I am overjoyed we surpassed our goal of \$50,000 but am equally as happy having seen everyone learn the morale dance and perform together as a campus," Scott said.

SCHOOLNOTES

BASD: Officers, contracts renewed

At the recent regular BASD board meeting, the board approved renewing the contracts of Mark Stein, chief facilities and operations officer, and Russell Giordano, chief human resources officer.

Nicholas Takacs has been named BASD's new chief technology officer as of Dec. 1. He is the founder of ConservaTech, LLC, information technology consulting company.

FHS: Samsung state finalist

The FHS project, using the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program to address substance abuse, has earned the school two Samsung Galaxy tabs and one of four Pennsylvania state finalist places in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest.

FHS: Applebees breakfast Dec. 13

The Freedom HS softball team and Applebee's will hold a breakfast with Santa from 8 to 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at Applebees, 3702 Easton - Nazareth Highway (Route #248).

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee and tea. Bring a camera for pictures with Santa. For tickets, call 610-762-4888; also available the door.

LHS: Bradfield to attend CFML

LHS student Jordan Bradfield was nominated to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. The program is for high school students who want to become physicians or work in medical research fields.

Charter Arts: Holiday events announced

Holiday events features Charter Arts students Charter Arts Instrumental Department Festus Concert, 7 and 9 p.m., Black Box Theatre, 675 E. Broad St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Charter Arts Theatre will present The Misanthrope by Moliere from Dec. 17 to 21 at the school's Black Box Theatre, 675 E. Broad St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Christmas City Follies at Touchstone Theatre's CA apprentice this year is Willow Reichard-Flynn. Show times are listed in the Bethlehem Press Holiday Calendar, Dec. 4 to 21; or visit www.touchstone.org.

The Charter Arts Touring Choir sang with the Bach Choir during the annual Bethlehem Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 28 at City Hall.

Charter Arts figure skating students will perform in the Dec. 14 Penguin Figure Skating Club's Holiday Ice Show. Upperclassmen are doing a rockin' version of "Joy To the World" and the underclassmen are doing a jazzy version of "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow". For information, contact the Steel Ice Center at 610-625-4774.

Nineteen Charter Arts dance majors will perform in "Nut/Cracked" on Dec. 11 at ArtsQuest. The show, produced by the New York City based Bang Group, is directed by Jeffrey Kazin. For information, visit www.ArtsQuest.org.

Charter Arts students will perform in several Nutcracker performances throughout the Lehigh Valley, including the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker Dec. 13 at the State Theatre, Easton; Repertory Dance Theatre's Nutcracker Dec. 13 and 14 at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown; and Pennsylvania Youth Ballet's Nutcracker Dec. 13 and 14 at Zoellner Arts Center.

Notre Dame: Marone in Germany tourney

Abby Marone competed as part of Team USA Blue reached the quarterfinals as one the top eight teams competing in the 2014 EurOpen November World Schools Debating Tournament in Stuttgart, Germany.

The Notre Dame HS senior, a member of the school's speech and debate team, won third place in Student Congress at the Villiger Tournament at St. Joseph's University in November. Also representing Notre Dame were Greg Bianchi in Declaration and Joseph Wetzel in Student Congress.

To get your news item in SCHOOL NOTES, send the information to George Taylor at gtaylor@tnonline.com or mail the information to SCHOOL NOTES, 308 East Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.



The morale dancers teach the attendees the first part of the morale dance. The dance is eight

minutes long and a minute of it is taught every hour.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain/Snow Possible	Scat'd Rain	Isolated Rain	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
	48 / 33 5-7 mph S	44 / 27 6-9 mph SE	40 / 34 Light winds	44 / 35 5-10 mph S	45 / 31 10-15 mph SW	49 / 28 8-11 mph S	51 / 32 5-10 mph W

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain, high temperature of 48°, humidity of 71%. South wind 5 to 7 mph. The record high temperature for today is 66° set in 1998. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°. The record low for tonight is 8° set in 1976. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 44°, humidity of 60%. Southeast wind 6 to 9 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with an overnight low of 27°. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 40°. Skies will remain mostly cloudy Saturday with a 40% chance of rain, high temperature of 44°. Mostly cloudy skies will continue Sunday with a 30% chance of rain, high temperature of 45°.

Weather Trivia

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BY BERNIE O'HARE

For the past 30 years, Bethlehem-area residents have walked in rain or sunshine to feed the hungry in our own community and worldwide. This year was no exception. Each year more than 2.5 million people participate in CROP Walks across the U.S. One quarter of the total proceeds raised benefit local food pantries and soup kitchens. The rest finances interfaith and intercultural coalitions to eradicate hunger and poverty, aid refugees, and bring relief to the victims of natural disasters in the United States and abroad.

Walking against hunger



Members of the Unitarian Church CROP team include Valerie Bar, Renee Orban, Eliana Sekkidon and Eric Lee. The 5.6 mile walk, with a shorter route for children and seniors, raised at least \$8,000. CROP Hunger Walk participants gather pledges of financial support for each mile walked. Bethlehem CROP Walks have raised \$685,000 in the past 30 years.



Hellertown Attorney Brad Wagner (center) has participated in CROP walks since they were in Hellertown. He is flanked by his granddaughter, Trinity Phetsauamha, and friend Ryan Werkheiser.

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A thriller from a Hiller

Author hopes 'Fountain Hill' stirs memories, pride

Literary Scene

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
Focus Editor

"There's a saying, 'It's a thrill to live on The Hill.'

"That's an old adage in the borough, but it still exists today," says Karol Strelecki, author of the book, "Fountain Hill." (Arcadia Publishing, \$21.99, 127 pp.)

Fountain Hill is known as "The Hill." Fountain Hill residents are referred to as "Hillers."

Strelecki, a Salisbury Township resident and Fountain Hill native, has several book-signings of "Fountain Hill" scheduled:

Noon - 2 p.m. Dec. 6, Barnes & Noble, Southmont Shopping Center, Southmont Mall, Freemansburg Avenue and Route 33, Bethlehem Township;

3 - 5 p.m. Dec. 6, Fountain Hill Hose Company, 1436 Russell Avenue, Fountain Hill;

Noon - 2 p.m. Dec. 7, Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St, Bethlehem; and

4 p.m. Dec. 7, Fountain Hill Christmas tree-lighting, Tinsley-Jeter Triangle, Lynn Street and Broadway, Fountain Hill.

Strelecki especially looks forward to the book-signing at "The Hosey," aka Fountain Hill Hose Company:

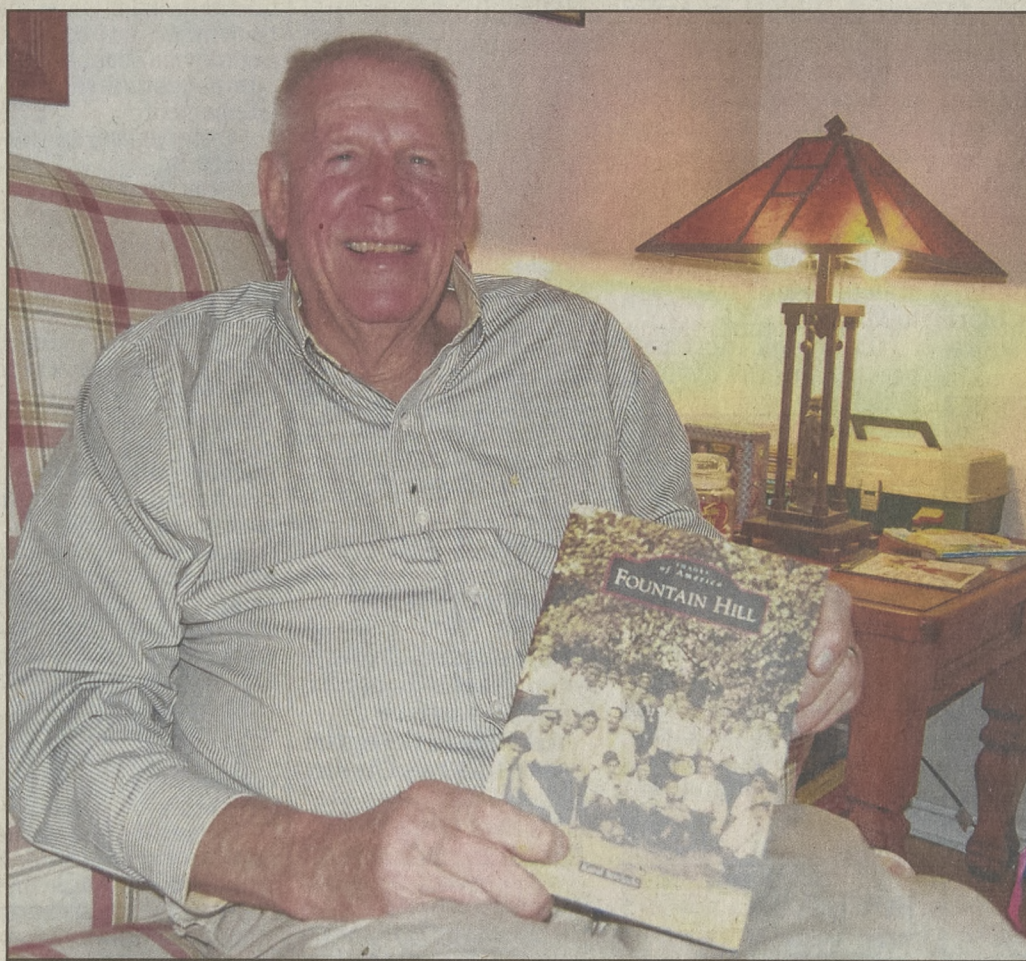
"I expect old 'Hillers' to be there and I will have some Hiller memorabilia there. At the Hose Company, I'll have time to trade stories and collect stories."

Strelecki began gathering stories and images for "Fountain Hill" in summer 2013 after getting the go-ahead from Arcadia Publishing for the book as part of its "Images Of America" series.

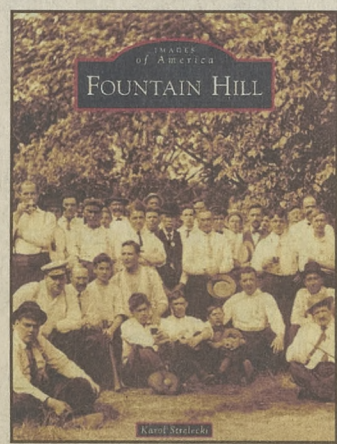
"By the time I finished the book, I had 700 images on my computer," Strelecki says. The book has 234 photographs.

"The word spread to those people who still had contact with the borough. I've gotten images from Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, California, Montana and New York."

"Fountain Hill" is more than a book of rare photographs. The captions' copious details provide a compelling narrative drive of places and faces going back



Karol Strelecki, above, has four Dec. 6 and 7 signings for his book, "Fountain Hill" (Arcadia Publishing, \$21.99, 127 pp.).



to before the borough's incorporation in 1893.

The book time travels to the past through the lens of family photos. Captions are a treasure trove of history, little-known facts and fascinating anecdotes about Fountain Hill businesses, institutions and personalities.

For instance, do you know how a portion of Fountain Hill became known as "The Bellwether District"?

Turn to Page 117: "Beginning with the 1904 presidential election, the residents of the first ward cast their votes for the winning candidate until 1968. Lehigh County Democratic Party chairman Joseph J. Spirk is seen here in 1960 calling the Hyannisport compound to indicate that the ward had cast

61 percent of its votes for

John F. Kennedy." On Page 15 is a map with the caption: "The first industry in what was to become Fountain Hill, the Shive Governor Works, was erected by John Smiley in 1873 on Wilbur Avenue, along Lechauweki Spring."

"In 1922, the Fountain Hill Athletic Association (FHAA) leased from Robert Pfeifle a property near the borough's tract west of the Wilbur Lawn Golf Course and turned it into an excellent baseball field," states a Page 106 caption below a photo of baseball players posing with a just-won trophy.

Strelecki helped bring Fountain Hill its ultimate glory in the annals of Lehigh Valley high school athletics on then Fountain Hill High School's basketball team, winning state championships in 1956 and '57 and all-state honors.

He attended Rutgers University on a scholarship where he played basketball and was on baseball and cross country teams. Strelecki received a BS in English and history from Rutgers, a master's from Temple University and education certifications at Lehigh University.

Strelecki taught English at Southern Lehigh High

School, becoming chair of the English department and introducing courses in minority literature and filmmaking. He also taught English at then Broughal Junior High School.

He was hired by Lehigh University to develop Centennial School, where he was principal and an instructor for 10 years. Following his retirement from the Pennridge School District, he taught at Lehigh University, Muhlenberg College and The Pennsylvania State University.

Strelecki was a site interpreter for six years for the Historic Bethlehem Partnership. He's a member of the South Bethlehem Historical Society.

Royalties from "Fountain Hill" book sales will be donated to the Fountain Hill Borough Council for historic preservation.

Strelecki says the book is "renewing a lot of interest in the borough."

"That's the thing that really fascinated me. Once people got the sense of what was really going on, they all wanted to be a part of it."

"I think what I've discovered is that most of the basics of what the borough is all about still exists."

It's still "a thrill to live on the Hill."

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Singing "Women": Act 1's production of "Little Women: The Musical," Dec. 3 - 14, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, Center Valley, is based on Louisa May Alcott's novel. DeSales theater professor Anne Lewis directs the student cast, including Emilie Gubler (Marmee), above center, and, clockwise from left, Ally Borgstrom (Jo), Alexandra Séman (Beth), Amy Johnson (Meg) and Corina Connelly (Amy). The Hollywood Reporter describes "Little Women" as "a Broadway musical designed for the whole family." The book is by Allan Knee. The lyrics are by Mindi Dickstein. The music by Jason Howland. The show follows the lives of Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March as they come of age in Civil War America. Jo, an aspiring writer, finds inspiration in the memories of the lives, loves and tragedies that she and her sisters experience while their father is off at war. Tickets: desales.edu/act1 610-282-3192



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Christmas in Vienna: The Hollywood Concert Orchestra, above, brings "A Viennese Christmas" to the State Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4. "A Viennese Christmas," conducted by Steve Charpie, celebrates the spirit of the season with such traditional Christmas songs and waltzes as "Musical Sleigh Ride," "Oh Holy Night," "Have Yourself A Merry Christmas," "Vienna" and "Silver Bells." The Hollywood Concert Orchestra was founded in 1999 by John R. Giattino and Judith M. Giattino. The orchestra is best-known for its arrangements of movie themes. During the last decade the orchestra has performed at numerous festivals and concert halls across the United States and abroad. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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We all need a little 'Christmas Follies' at Touchstone Theatre

SPOTLIGHT ON

By LISA KOCAY
Special to The Press

In the heart of "Christmas City USA," comes a show that embraces the spirit of the Christmas season: "Christmas City Follies XV," Dec. 4 - 21, 8 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays (and Dec. 20), Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem.

The high-spirited, homegrown, vaudevillian variety show promises hilarity, sentiment, quirky characters, sketches and songs.

According to "Follies" director JP Jordan, who is Touchstone artistic director, the show changes each year. At the first rehearsal, the cast meets to discuss what ideas they have been thinking of since last year's performance,

and they brainstorm new ideas.

Although the ensemble doesn't use the same script, they will build on previous characters and ideas for the latest show. This is Jordan's 10th year with the production and his seventh time as the director.

Jordan says the 15th annual production has an overarching theme of people feeling displaced and lonely during the holiday season, but within that people can come together and encourage one another to realize nobody is truly alone because we are all connected.

Even though the show is titled "Christmas City Follies," it is about more than just Christmas. The title is a frame of reference to Bethlehem as the Christmas City, but the show is about the holidays as a whole and deals with multiple holidays during the Christmas season. It plays on the theme of what it means to be an American and alive in

this present time during the Christmas season.

"We look to have the whole emotional range of what goes on in the holidays," Jordan says.

Although it is never the same show twice, previous cast members are expected to reprise memorable characters such as Kwanzaa Panther, Christmas Mouse, Christmas Pirates and Justine.

There's also Touchstone founder Bill George's gloomy, cantankerous Old Guy; Mary Wright's silent, innocent literalist Little Red, and the doe-eyed musical Pajama Sisters.

The show also features carols (traditional and otherwise), personal stories, a featured spot for local community guests, a toy box full of holiday creatures and the "Shopping Cart Ballet."

Dave Fry, Lehigh Valley singer-songwriter, provides holiday-content entertainment, 7 - 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Touchstone Café.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left: Emma Chong, Mallory deForest, Joshua Neth and Mary Wright as Elves in last year's Touchstone Theatre "Christmas City Follies."

Jordan believes that with the Christmas season, many people experience a sense of warmth from being with friends and family.

"I think that warmth is

in a way a sort of dream, an ideal, that children can experience much easier than adults," says Jordan.

"Sometimes we need to walk through a process and see a show, or experi-

ence something that allows us to feel and revel in those emotions again."

Ticket information: touchstone.org, 610 867-1689

Still pros, cons to use of marijuana

HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti
fred@healthygeezer.com



Q. I heard that marijuana helps glaucoma. I'd like to try it, but won't I get in trouble?

Marijuana can help your glaucoma and it could get you in trouble because there are legal restrictions upon its use. If you are interested in trying medical marijuana for your glaucoma, discuss this treatment with your doctor.

Marijuana refers to the

parts of the Cannabis sativa plant, which has been used for medicinal purposes for more than 4,800 years. Doctors in ancient China, Greece and Persia used it as a pain reliever and for gastrointestinal disorders and insomnia.

Cannabis as a medicine was common throughout most of the world in the 1800s. It was used as the primary pain reliever until the invention of aspirin.

Marijuana contains at least 60 chemicals called cannabinoids. THC is the main component responsible for marijuana's mind-altering effect. Marinol (dronabinol), a pre-

scription drug taken by oral capsule, is a man-made version of THC.

One of THC's medical uses is for the treatment of nausea. It can improve mild to moderate nausea caused by cancer chemotherapy and help reduce nausea and weight loss in people with AIDS.

Older people, especially those with no marijuana experience, may not tolerate THC's mind-altering side effects as well as young people. Doctors generally prescribe several kinds of newer anti-nausea drugs with fewer side effects before resorting to Marinol.

Glaucoma increases pressure in the eyeball, which can lead to vision loss. Smoking marijuana reduces pressure in the eyes. Your doctor can prescribe other medications to treat glaucoma, but these can lose their effectiveness over time.

Researchers are trying to develop new medications based on cannabis to treat pain. THC may work as well in treating cancer pain as codeine. A recent study found that

cannabinoids significantly reduced pain in people with multiple sclerosis, a disease of the nervous system.

Along with the legal implications of smoking marijuana are the health problems such as memory impairment, loss of coordination and the potential for withdrawal symptoms and hallucinations. And, inhaling marijuana smoke exposes you to substances that may cause cancer.

One study has indicated that the risk of heart attack more than quadruples in the first hour after smoking marijuana. The researchers suggest that a heart attack might be caused by marijuana's effects on blood pressure, heart rate and the capacity of blood to carry oxygen.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezer.com
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Mindful or mindless moments

The other day when I was browsing in our library I found what looked like a fascinating book.

"The Sacredness of the Present Moment" has a beautifully written introduction and I thought the book might have some sage advice about keeping our thoughts on the present moment.

It's not as easy as you think it is.

For at least the past year or two, I have been making a conscious effort to "stay in the moment" rather than letting my mind drift.

Staying in the moment, we're told, allows us to be more aware of how we spend our days. It helps us graduate from too many mindless moments to mindfully guarding each moment of our days.

Have you ever had the experience of driving along a road to a routine destination, only to realize once you get there that you saw nothing along the way because you were lost in your own thoughts?

I think that's a more common experience than we realize.

Or, have you ever gotten to the end of another day and wondered where the day went? It just seems to slip by and before we know it, another day disappears.

The older I get, the more my days seem to slip by. One moment melts into another, the day blends into a week and the week disappears into a month—all of it happening in a blur of time.

I could swear I just flipped the calendar to October. Yet here I am with November soon over.

I read that "being aware of each moment" is a way to better control the passage of time. Sure, time may pass just as quickly, but we will be much more mindful of how we live those moments.

My very favorite book, "The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything," talks about a practice at the end of each day that certainly makes us more mindful of how we pass our time.

Jesuit James Martin suggests right before we fall asleep we review in our minds everything that happened that day—like a motion picture of our life.

While the purpose of that practice is increasing spirituality, it also seems to give me more control over my time by making me more aware how I am spending my days.

My late husband Andy wasn't one who often shared his innermost thoughts. But based on the wedding present he gave me, I think he must have been aware of living mindfully. He gave me a watch with a Latin inscription that translates into: Time Flies. Be aware of the moment.

Most guys would simply have had the watch engraved to say, Love Andy. At 25, the age he was when we married, he must have already given

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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thought to the fleeting passage of time and the need to be aware of how we spend that time.

When I took out that library book on the sacredness of the moment, I thought it might offer suggestions for how to live each day more mindfully. Unfortunately, it was filled with thoughts of 15th century philosophers and was too deep for me to gain much meaning from it.

But I do try everything I can to be more aware of each moment, keeping my mind centered on the present.

I can only do it for a short period of time before I find myself drifting to thinking about what's ahead of me instead of concentrating only on the present.

For example, as I drove to church, I stayed in the moment, noticing the way the water sparkled when sunlight hit it. I noticed the beauty of children at play and saw the beauty of everyday life.

But a short while later I found my mind was drifting as I thought about what I needed to buy at the store to make dinner.

Others tell me they think it's impossible to "stay in the moment" without that drifting away.

It's hard, yes, but I think if I work at it maybe I'll get better at it.

Why stay in the moment?

Experts tell us it increases our overall well-being, reduces everyday stress and makes us happier by making us more grateful for all the small things in life.

We can't be grateful for things we don't see. And if we rush mindlessly through a day, we miss a lot for which we should be grateful.

The more I take time to really see all those around me, the more delight I find in people and in all of God's creation.

Experts also tell us we can be happier by leaving the past behind and concentrating only on the present. I can see where it is highly beneficial to leave behind all thoughts of a painful past.

If we wallow in thinking about troubles and pain from the past, we miss the chance to find the joy of the present moment.

But I must admit I also find joy when I think of the past and of the incredible people who have been a part of my life. Although I might not have seen them for years and may never see them again, it warms my heart to think about good people from my past.

Perhaps that's what "living the moment" is all about.

It's just another way of trying not to miss any of life's joy.

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- "A Viennese Christmas," Dec 4. State Theater Center for the Arts, Easton; and

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'The Theory Of Everything' may include Oscar nominations

"The Theory Of Everything" has everything going for it: amazing story, fine acting and superb film-making.

If that's not enough for Oscar consideration, the film also tugs at the heart-strings. "The Theory Of Everything" represents a triumph of the spirit, of mind over matter and, yes, of faith versus fate.

You may be familiar with the story of theoretical physicist Dr. Stephen Hawking (portrayed by the amazing Eddie Redmayne), given two years to live circa 1963 while a student at Cambridge University when diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a motor neuron disease also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. To paraphrase, "Does it affect the brain?" he asks the physician.

Hawking, now 72, authored "A Brief History of Time: From The Big Bang To Black Holes" (1988), with more than 8 million copies sold. Hawking continues to study the "space-time singularity at the center of black holes."

"The Theory Of Everything" is more than a scientific treatise or biography of Hawking, well-profiled on film ("A Brief History of Time," 1991), television and in TV series he's helped create. The film is about the equation of marriage rather than math equations. It's a story of love triumphing over adversity. Jane Wilde Hawking (the superb Felicity Jones) is presented as fiercely defending not only her husband's needs, but his dreams.

"The Theory Of Everything" is sensitively directed by James Marsh (2008

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



"Man On Wire" documentary about World Trade Center wire walker Philippe Petit). Marsh even makes Hawking's numerical chalk scrawls on the blackboard compelling.

Screenwriter Anthony McCarten ("Death Of A Superhero," 2011) adapted Jane Wilde Hawking's book, "Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen."

Hawking's malady happened in an era of technological advancements, which the film dutifully depicts: self-controlled motorized wheelchair, computer-screen communication, and voice synthesizer (Hawking's electronic voice is used).

The film evokes metaphors: Darwinism versus Creationism, atheist (Stephen Hawking) versus Christian believer (Jane Hawking). The film implies that Jane's faith provides a big tent. "Cosmology is religion for the intelligent," according to Stephen Hawking, who disputes "the celestial dictatorship premise." While God may be the most "endangered species," he apparently enjoys having Stephen Hawking on Planet Earth.

Whereas one of this year's other Oscar contenders, "Interstellar," which depicts human colonization of other planets (which Hawking advocates), is ostensibly outward-bound, "The Theory Of Everything" in an inward journey of the spirit and no less harrow-

ing. The visual symbolism of the circle informs the cosmology of "The Theory Of Everything": black holes, bicycle wheels, wheelchair wheels, a spiral staircase. The color palette moves from honey gold to dispassionate blue. The lighting is sometimes gauzy. Grainy scenes replicate home movies of the Hawkings' wedding and three children. The editing is contemplative, in keeping with the subject matter. The score by Jóhann Jóhannsson ("Prisoners," 2013) exhorts the characters' emotions.

Redmayne, best-known as Marius opposite Cosette (Amanda Seyfried) in "Les Misérables" (2012), deserves an Oscar actor nomination. He's a favorite based on the "My Left Foot" (1989) principle whereby Oscar voters prefer actors portraying persons with physical or emotional challenges.

Redmayne disappears into the role. He scrunches up his body, with even his fingers twisted, evokes a pained, lips frozen facial expression, with dancing eyes ever-ready to express Hawking's impish sense of humor. Redmayne is thoroughly convincing.

Jones ("The Amazing Spider-Man 2," 2014) should garner an Oscar actress nomination. Hers is the less showy role. She provides the courageous calm in the midst of her husband's stormy malady. It's a remarkably believable performance.

Supporting performances are good, including Charlie Sox as a helpful minister, David Thewlis as Hawking's college professor, Emily Watson as Wilde's mother and

Simon McBurney as Hawking's father

"The Theory Of Everything" is at times difficult to watch. It's "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" (2007) meets "A Beautiful Mind" (2001). It's a heart-breaker. It's inspirational. Be prepared to salt your popcorn with your tears.

Stephen Hawking is still looking for "The Theory Of Everything," that space and time conundrum. You may discover "the God Particle" in this film.

"The Theory Of Everything," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13.) for some thematic elements and suggestive material; Genre: Biography, Drama Romance; Run time: 2hrs., 3 min.; Distributed by Focus Features.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "The Theory Of Everything" was filmed in Cambridge, other United Kingdom locations and Ealing Studios, London.

Box Office, Nov. 28: Movie-goers were hungry for more "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1" with the sequel piling up another \$56.8 million, and \$225.6 million, two weeks in a row at No. 1, keeping "Penguins Of Madagascar" opening at

No. 2, \$25.8 million, weekend; \$36 million, since Nov. 26;

3. "Big Hero 6," \$18.7 million, \$162.7 million, four weeks; 4. "Interstellar," \$15.8 million, \$147 million, four weeks; 5. "Horrible Bosses 2," \$15.7 million, weekend; \$23 million, opening Nov. 26; 6. "Dumb and Dumber To," \$8.2 million, \$72.2 million, three weeks; 7. "The Theory Of Everything," \$5 million, \$9.6 million, four weeks; 8. "Gone Girl," \$2.4 million, \$160.7 million, nine weeks; 9. "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance)," \$1.8 million, \$17.2 million, seven weeks; 10. "St. Vincent," \$1.7 million, \$39.3 million, eight weeks;

Box Office, Nov. 21: "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1" notched the year's biggest opening, \$121.8 million, at No. 1. "Big Hero 6" held at No. 2, with \$20.1 million, \$135.7 million, three weeks. "Interstellar" held at No. 3, with \$15.3 million, \$120.9 million, three weeks. "Dumb and Dumber To" dropped from No. 1 to No. 4, with \$14 million, \$57.7 million, two weeks. "Gone Girl" continued at No. 5, with \$2.8 million, \$156.8 million, eight weeks;

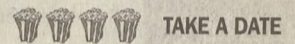
6. "Beyond The Lights," \$2.6 million, \$10.1 million, two weeks; 7. "St. Vincent," \$2.2 million, \$36.5 million, seven weeks; 8.

"Fury," \$1.9 million, \$79.1 million, six weeks; 9. "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance)," \$1.8 million, \$14.4 million, six weeks; 10. "The Theory Of Everything," \$1.5 million, \$2.8 million, three weeks

Unreel, Dec. 5: "Wild," R: A woman undertakes a 1,100-mile hike alone. Reese Witherspoon is a likely Oscar actress nominee as the star of the biography drama. Laura Dern costars. Jean-Marc Vallée ("Dallas Buyers Club") directs.

"Comet," R: Justin Long and Emmy Rossum star as star-crossed lovers, comet-crossed lovers, to be precise, in the science fiction comedy drama.

Read Paul Willistein's movie reviews at the Lehigh Valley Press web site, thelehighvalleypress.com; the Times-News web site, tnonline.com; and hear them on "Lehigh Valley Art Salon," 6 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, and wdiy.org, where they're archived. Email Paul Willistein: pwillistein@tnonline.com. You can follow Paul Willistein on Twitter and friend Paul Willistein on facebook.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December, 2014, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance regarding Assemblages and Processions on local streets and roads and amending and repealing certain portions of the Uniform Traffic Regulations which were adopted by the Township in Ordinance No. 99-9 (Section 172-7 of the Code of Ordinances). Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGARDING ASSEMBLAGES AND PROCESSIONS ON LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS AND AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP IN ORDINANCE NO. 99-9 (SECTION 172-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES)

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania ("Township"), and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same and pursuant to the authority granted and allotted by the Second Class Township Code, as amended, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the requirements to obtain a permit for Processions and Assemblages, on local roads and streets in the Township and to maintain peace, safety and protect the welfare of the Township. It is the desire of the Township to amend and repeal portions of Section 172-7. Use of highways by Processions and Assemblages of the Code of Ordinances in order to provide for safe travel in compliance with constitutional requirements.

SECTION 2. REPEALED AND AMENDED REGULATIONS

Section 172-7 of the Code of Ordinances is repealed in its entirety and is replaced by the following:

"172-7 Use of Highways by Processions and Assemblages

A. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance the following words shall have the following definitions:

ASSEMBLAGE - gathering of people without vehicles, which interferes with the normal movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on any street or road, or in any way restricts pedestrian or vehicular access to private property;

PROCESSION - a group of individuals, vehicles, animals and/or objects moving along a street or road in a way that interferes with the normal movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or in any way restricts pedestrian or vehicular access to private property.

B. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLAGE OR PROCESSION

It shall be unlawful for any person to participate in or organize an Assemblage or Procession unless the person organizing the Assemblage or Procession has obtained a permit in compliance with this Ordinance.

C. PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application.** A person seeking a permit as required by this Ordinance shall obtain an application from the Township at the Township Municipal Building Office or on line and submit it to the Township Manager.
- Filing Period.** An application for a permit as required by this Ordinance shall be filed at least two weeks before the Assemblage or Procession event.
- Content.** The application for a permit required under this Ordinance shall be on a form provided by the Township which shall include but not be limited to:
 - The name, address, telephone number, fax number, cell phone number and email address of the person seeking to conduct the Assemblage or Procession.
 - If the Assemblage or Procession is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization or group, the name, address, telephone number, fax number, cell phone number and email address of the headquarters of the organization or group and of the authorized and responsible heads of such organization.
 - If the Assemblage or Procession is designed to be held by and on behalf of or for, any person other than the applicant for such permit shall file with the Township Manager a communication in writing from the person proposing to hold the Assemblage or Procession, authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on his behalf.
 - The name, address, telephone number, fax number, cell phone number and email address of the person who will be the responsible for the conduct of the Assemblage or Procession.
 - The date when the Assemblage or Procession event is to be conducted.
 - If a Procession event, the route to be traveled, as well as the starting and termination points; if an Assemblage event, the specific location.
 - The approximate number of persons who, and animals and vehicles which will constitute such Assemblage or Procession event; the type of animals and description of vehicles.
 - The hours when the Assemblage or Procession event will start and terminate.
 - A statement as to whether the Assemblage or Procession event will occupy all or only a portion of the width of the streets, sidewalks, or other public rights of way proposed to be traversed by pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
 - The location by streets of any assembly areas for such Assemblage or Procession event.
 - The time at which units of the Assemblage or Procession will begin to assemble at any such assembly area or areas.
 - The set-up, tear down and clean up dates and times.
 - A Certificate of Insurance for comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from an insurance company licensed to do business in Pennsylvania and with a Best Rating of not less than A-, and naming Hanover Township as an additional insured.
- Fees.** No fee will be charged for the issuance of a permit under this Ordinance.
- Use of Township and/or Police Department Personnel and Devices.** The Township Manager, after consultation with the Colonial Regional Police Department and other Township personnel will determine the number of traffic control devices and personnel needed to provide services for the event based on the nature, location and number of expected attendees. Extra employees, beyond those regularly scheduled to work during the hours of the Assemblage or Procession event may have to be scheduled as to not significantly interfere with regular Township operations. The expenses for the additional personnel shall be at the current Township and/or Colonial Regional Police Department hourly rate for the requisite personnel and adherence to the conditions set forth in any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

- Reimbursement for Expenses.** The issuance of an Assemblage or Procession permit will be conditioned on receiving a signed agreement from the permittee in which the permittee agrees to reimburse the Township for its expenses, if any, as follows:
 - Extra personnel - hourly rate paid for the extra services;
 - Unreturned Township traffic cones - \$25.00;
 - Unreturned Type I barricade - \$125.00;
 - Unreturned road closed barricade - \$150.00;
 - Any issues concerning the amount and costs of personnel needed to provide a clean and safe event will be heard and decided by the Township Manager.
- Standards for Issuance of Permits.** The Township Manager shall issue a permit when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may be otherwise obtained, it is found that:
 - The conduct of the event will not unduly interfere with the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route. Nor shall it have any unmitigated adverse impact upon residential or business access and traffic circulation in the same general venue.
 - The conduct of the event will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers to properly police the line of movement and the areas contiguous thereto as to prevent normal police protection to the Township.
 - The concentration of persons, animal and vehicles at assembly points of the Assemblage or Procession will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection or, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to such assembly areas.
 - The conduct of the Assemblage or Procession will not interfere with the movement of fire-fighting equipment en route to a fire.
 - The Procession is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delay en route.
 - The Assemblage or Procession event is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising any produce, goods or event, and is not designed to be held purely for private profit. Provided, however, the prohibition against advertising any products, goods or event shall not apply to charitable events and to signs identifying organizations or sponsors furnishing or sponsoring floats or transportation for the event.
 - The Assemblage or Procession event will not substantially interfere with any other Assemblage or Procession for which a Permit has been issued, nor shall it substantially interfere with the provision of Township services in support of other scheduled events or unscheduled government functions.
 - All sponsor(s), participants, and attendees at Assemblage or Procession events are subject to all laws, ordinance, and regulations not specifically excepted by the permit, including but not limited to noise volume, disorderly conduct, and intoxication. Police officers may order the shutdown of an event that becomes disorderly or hazardous.
 - The Township Manager shall deny any permit application that is incomplete or contains any false information.
- Notice of Decision.** The Township Manager shall notify the applicant for an Assemblage or Procession permit of approval or rejection of the application within ten (10) days following submission of the application. If the application is rejected, the notice shall be in writing setting for the basis therefore. Should the application be approved, a permit shall be issued as set forth above.
- Notice to Township and Other Officials.** Upon the issuance of an Assemblage or Procession permit, the Township Manager shall send a copy thereof to the following:
 - The Chief of Police; and
 - The Fire Chief.
- Contents of the Permit.** Each permit shall state the following information:
 - Date of the event.
 - Starting time and termination of the event.
 - The portions of the streets to be traversed or blocked that may be occupied by the event.
 - The number of persons, animals and motor vehicles that will be in the event.
 - Statement agreeing to reimburse the Township for any expenses in accordance with Section F of this Ordinance.
 - Such other information as the Township Manager shall find necessary to the enforcement of this Ordinance.
 - Signature of Assemblage or Procession organizer and applicant.
- Unlawful Conduct.**
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or participate in an Assemblage or Procession without first having obtained a permit as herein provided or to otherwise violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance.
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with all directions and conditions of the permit.
- Penalties.** Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice, shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$1000.00 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof, shall be committed to the Northampton County Prison for a period of not more than ninety (90) days. Each day or portion thereof during which such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense and punishable as such.
- Exception.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall restrict constitutional rights to free speech or to freely assemble as long as the exercise of those rights does not interfere with the normal movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a street or road, or in any way restricts pedestrian or vehicular access to private property. This Ordinance shall not restrict funeral processions; a government agency acting within the scope of its authority and functions; conduct governed by a different Township issued permit."

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of its adoption.

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December 31, 2013

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 3,539,004
Account receivable	\$ 799,231	
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	46,729	
Accounts receivable, net		752,502
Materials and supplies inventory		3,003
Prepaid expense		50,087
Total current assets		4,344,596
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Investments, escrow accounts		67,553
Total restricted assets		67,553
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Less accumulated depreciation	40,258,013	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	15,496,554	24,761,459
Total assets		29,173,608
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		993,245
Note payable, bank		923,537
Payroll taxes and deductions payable		2,729
Other current liabilities		13,969
Total current liabilities		1,933,480
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Deposits, developers		67,553
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets		67,553
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Compensated absences		12,783
Long-term debt		8,827,954
Total noncurrent liabilities		8,840,737
Total liabilities		10,841,770
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets net of related debt	15,009,968	
Unrestricted	3,321,870	
Total net position		\$ 18,331,838
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION		
Year Ended December 31, 2013		
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sewer rentals		\$ 3,235,953
Other		175,218
Total operating revenues		3,411,171
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Operating expense - sewer	2,186,495	
Depreciation expense	611,422	
Operating expense - administrative	747,523	
Total operating expenses	3,545,440	
Operating income		(134,269)
NONOPERATING REVENUE		
Interest on investments	3,703	
Sale of fixed asset	10,000	
Tapping fees	43,950	
Total nonoperating revenue	57,653	
INCREASE IN NET POSITION		(76,616)
NET POSITION, January 1, 2013		18,408,454
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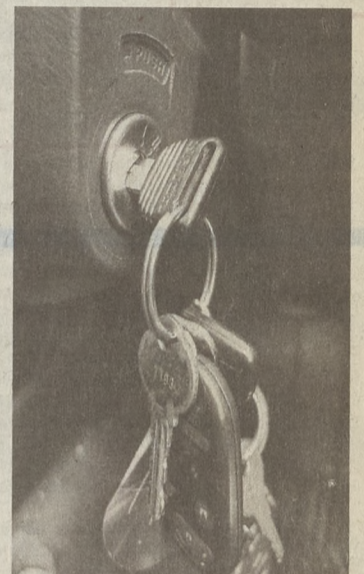
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