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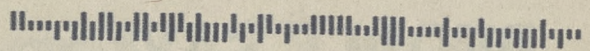
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BASD

Members end their service

New college/career options introduced

By AMY HERZOG

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Nov. 18 Bethlehem Area School District board meeting was filled with emotional goodbyes as members William Burkhardt, Irene Folweiler and Aurea Ortiz served at their last meeting. They all decided to not seek reelection to their seats.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy also announced that there is a vacant seat on the board that needs to be filled for the rest of the elected term for that seat. Burkhardt, Folweiler and Ortiz' seats have already been filled with newly elected members. Applications for the open seat were due Monday.

In other news, the board approved changes to the curriculum for the 2014-15 school year. These changes will allow high school students to focus their learning on specific program tracks to prepare for their chosen college majors or careers. The district also received a \$30,000 donation from Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp. under an employee education initiative to help fund the project, Lead the Way, which is a main component of the new curriculum.

Under this new program students need to fulfill 30 required course credits for graduation and then any credits earned after that can be tailored by the students to fit their interests. Students can also satisfy their community service requirement

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CHRISTMAS CITY



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

FIREWORKS light the sky immediately after the lighting of the Christmas tree which surpriss and delights visitors. Coverage continues on page A3.

Sparkle in their eyes

By LINDA ANTHONY

Special to the Bethlehem Press



GRACE CLEWELL of Breinigsville is ecstatic during the tree lighting ceremony. She was accompanied by her parents, Linda and Jeff.

Bethlehem's Christmas City tree lighting ceremony continues to draw huge crowds despite cold temperatures. Hats, scarves, gloves and hot chocolate were some of the accessories prevalent this year. The tree lighting and the arrival of Santa Claus is usually the highlight of the event. This year the crowd was surprised and delighted by a fireworks display which seemed to have been a well kept secret.

The Liberty HS Band, directed by Kevin Long, entertained the gathering prior to the introduction by William Guth. Mayor John B. Callahan gave the welcome speech, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Luke DiGiacinto. The Rev. Hopeton Clennon gave the invocation, which was followed by the LV Charter High School for the Arts choral presentation under the direction of David Macbeth. John Cornich invited the community to sing along to "Jesus, Call Thou to Me."

Bill Jones, winner of the Christmas City Seal contest, See **SPARKLE** on Page A3

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SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Renovated market gets OK for signage

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The new C-Town Supermarket on South Third Street in South Bethlehem got approval for its facade, signage and lights from the Historical Conservation District board at a meeting Nov. 18 at the Banana Factory.

Store Manager Kevin Luna said he expects the new store to open in mid-December. Luna said he plans a grand opening at a date he will announce.

C-Town Supermarkets, according to the corporate website, "are independently owned markets located across the northeast. Each C-Town has flexibility to offer a local mix of products to meet the neighborhood needs."

The newly renovated building housed the former Supermercado Mi See **MARKET** on Page A2



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

THE INCOMING C-TOWN will continue to cater to the community as former owner and longtime resident Alex Trujillo wished when he made the sale, said store manager Kevin Luna. "We were the perfect match for him, to continue his legacy," Luna explained. C-Town will stock, aside from typical supermarket fare, a full variety of Carrabean and tropical products imported and

trucked down from the Bronx, N.Y., each morning, as well as plantaines, green bananas, name and yuca. Additionally, Luna said, C-Town offers transportation to local residents with a full-time service van. Founded in 1975, C-Town is a chain of independently owned and operated supermarkets operating in the northeastern United States. It currently has markets in Allentown and Easton.

CITY

Struggling deli owner granted expansion

By BERNIE O'HARE

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Like many small businesses, Tomino's Deli is struggling. During his 14 years at 1037 Main St., sub shop owner Bill Tomino has been required to close by 6 p.m. nightly while other places can set their own hours. He tried to supplement his income with late-night deliveries to Moravian students, but was thwarted by a cease and desist order. Since 2010, he's been operating at a loss. Forced to sell his Bethlehem Township home, he now lives by his Main Street property.

Things have been tough, but thanks to a 3 to 1 decision by the Zoning Hearing Board at its Nov. 20 meeting, Tomino now has a fighting chance. He'll now be able to operate his deli shop from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. What's more, he will be allowed to double his shop size from its current 540 square feet so that he can offer some hot food and even provide a few tables for patrons.

"How do you support a family out of a 540-square-foot shop making hoagies?" asked Attorney Joe Piperato, representing Tomino.

According to Tomino, he compared his shop to three nearby restaurants See **CITY** on Page A2

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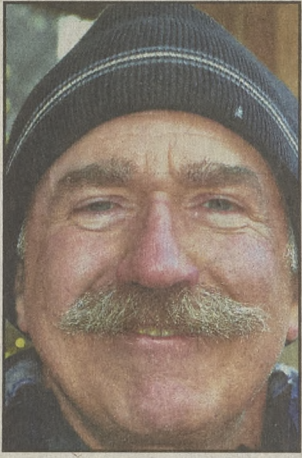
How do you feel about stores and malls holding pre Black Friday sales on Thanksgiving Day?



"I don't like it. Actually, I told them today that I didn't like them encroaching on Thanksgiving Day."
Lori Vonelli
Lower Nazareth



"It should be banned. People shouldn't have to work on Thanksgiving. They should be home with their families."
Gregory Large
Peekskill, N.Y.



"I feel it's a sign of the times. Society is progressing. It's unfortunate for the family unit. But Americans seem to be in favor of shopping on Thanksgiving."
Ed Kling
Schwenksville



"I personally think it's terrible for the people that work there. They don't get time to spend with their families. It's also very stressful for them to have to deal with the crowds."
Deb Leshar
Boyertown



"I think that it's inappropriate. Everyone deserves a holiday even if they are working in retail. Our economy can afford a day off."
Krissa Mayhew
Harleysville



"I just think a holiday should be for family."
Mary Edwards
Boyertown

MARKET

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Tierra grocery store, which closed last summer.

"The new façade is historically appropriate," said Christine Ussler, the architectural consultant to the board.

The new store expects to get a certificate of occupancy after some additional work, said Luna.

Everton Bryan and Rubyian Douett, co-owners of Annie's Beauty Supply and Clothing, got the historical review board's tentative approval for sign designs for their new store at 29 West Fourth St.



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Everton Bryan and Rubyian Douett, co-owners of Annie's Beauty Supply and Clothing, appeared at the HCD meeting seeking approval of sign designs at their new store at 29 West Fourth St.

The board asked to see a scale drawing of the new signs and told the store owners that the new signage cannot be backlit.

This is the second store that Bryan and Douett own. They have an Annie's Beauty Supply and Clothing store at 1012 Hamilton St. in Allentown.

The historical review board approved three new panel antennas to the roof top of the 153-foot building at 4 East Fourth St. Verizon Wireless will use the antennas to increase wireless service capability in the area.

CITY

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in the largely residential neighborhood. They all can set their own hours. They all serve hot food. Their customers can dine in. He likened his deli shop to a high school team trying to compete against the NFL. "If I can't compete, I won't exist," he told zoners.

But a small and very vocal army of neighbors opposed Tomino over the course of a 90-minute hearing.

Martha Popichak told zoners she owns a turn-of-the-century home with a fresh coat of paint. "This is not the kind of person you want operating a business across the street,"

she complained. Her husband Andrew predicted that property values would drop "while he blows smoke over the neighborhood from his deep fat fryers."

Tomino had previously told zoners that he would install exhaust fans for a grill and fryer, but they would be located between two of his own buildings

Grace Kelleher, who has lived in the area for 59 years, told zoners that Tomino has been a bad neighbor, and ticked off a litany of complaints. It took him four months to remove a broken tree limb after Hurricane Sandy caused electric wires to slap onto her roof shingles, breaking some of them. It also took him until June to replace the

sign torn from his property during the hurricane. "I find it to be an eyesore," she testified, as Tomino shook his head.

Under cross examination, Kelleher conceded that her abutting property is actually a garage, not a residence.

But one neighbor, and one who has been a Tomino customer for the past four years, supported the expansion request. "Everybody deserves a shot," argued Joel Dellinger. "I prefer to just be able to walk to a restaurant in my neighborhood."

"Do you rent?" shouted one of the homeowners opposed to Tomino, but an objection to that question was sustained while Dellinger told his inquisi-

tor that it was none of her business.

Piperato told zoners that Tomino has a vested constitutional right to expand his business, quoting from a Supreme Court ruling that a zoning ordinance "which would allow the housing of a baby elephant cannot evict the animal when it has grown up, since it is generally known that a baby elephant eventually becomes a big elephant."

"I don't think it's going to become a big elephant," Piperato added.

After 20 minutes of deliberation, Tomino was granted both expanded space and expanded business hours. Only Zoning Hearing Board member Michael Santanasto voted to deny relief.

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Prior to the screening, at 6 p.m. there will be fly tying demonstrations by Trout Unlimited members and to speak with fly anglers. For tickets and information, visit www.artsqquest.org or call 610-332-2278.

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Wednesday, December 4

Salvation Army, Soup and the Word, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; program, (Byers Doll Collection) 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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

Thursday, December 5

Salvation Army Women's Ministries', seniors 50 and over, 10:45 a.m. program (MORA Chorus), followed by lunch, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

The Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International's Holiday Celebration and Secret Santa meeting. Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and festivities at 6:15 p.m., Blue Grill House, 4431 Easton Ave. Email janine.rothbauer@flsmith.com.

Friday, December 6

First Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.

Gov. Wolf Historical Society Christmas house tour preview and patron reception, 6 to 10 p.m. 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath. Visit www.govwolf.org.

LEPOCO popcorn and politics film series: "No," about the ad campaign to remove dictator Pinochet. 7 p.m. Peace Center, 313 W. Fourth St. Visit www.lepoco.org or call 610-691-8730.

Saturday, December 7

48th Annual Community Advent Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Moravian Village of Bethlehem, 526 Wood St. Call 610-867-4741

Bethlehem Area Public Library, book sale, or 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.bestbooksale.org or call 610 867-3761, ext. 259.

Gov. Wolf Historical Society 33rd public Christmas house tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum open during this event. 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath. Visit www.govwolf.org.

Monday, December 9

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 (Zinzendorf and Bethlehem) and 11:15 (How Bethlehem Became the Christmas City) a.m., 2344 Center St.

Tuesday, December 10

Salvation Army, Calling All Bridge players-open to all, 10 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Gov. Wolf Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m. Monocacy Schoolhouse, 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath.

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

MEETING BOARD

Thursday, December 5

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

Monday, December 9

Northampton Co. Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority meeting, 5:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
BASD Regular Board meeting, 7 p.m., East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road. Last BASD meeting for the year.

Tuesday, December 10

Hellertown Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.
Hanover Twp. Board of Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, December 11

Lehigh Co. Board of Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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MAYOR JOHN B. CALLAHAN introduces the students from James Buchanan ES who will help flip the switch to turn on the tree.



LIBERTY HS Grenadier Band members Zoe Lennon, Owen Evans and Kelsey Rasmuson show off their decorated sousaphones.



CHILDREN and adults alike surround Santa Claus following his arrival.



THE LEHIGH Valley Charter HS for the Arts performs a holiday tune under the direction of David Macbeth.

SPARKLE

Continued from page A1 received his recognition and a check from Tim Gilman.

James Buchanan ES students Olivia Dempsey, William Rodriguez, Nathan Schlegel, Matthew Tomac, Emily Trexler and Rokia Whitehouse helped Calla-

han flip the switch to turn the lights on the tree. Fireworks lit up the night sky and added additional sparkle to the eyes of children and adults alike. A community sing followed prior to the Benediction.

And then the arrival of Santa Claus put the finishing touches on an early holiday evening.

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Robert "Bob" T. Folk

Physics faculty



Robert "Bob" T. Folk, 86, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 12, 2013, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Born in Reading, he was a son of the late George and Florence (Klopp) Folk. He was the husband of Ingeborg (Hampel) Folk for 54 years.

He graduated from Allentown HS. He earned bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and engineering physics and master's and PhD degrees in physics from Lehigh University. He was a National Science Foundation Post-Doctorate Fellowship researcher for the Institute of Theoretical Physics, Heidelberg, Germany.

He was in the Army Air Corps and was a member of a B-29 bomb group at the end of World War II.

For two summers, he worked at Bethlehem Steel Corp. He then joined the physics faculty at Princeton University and subsequently joined the physics faculty at Lehigh University. He retired in

2009 at the age of 82.

He was active in shaping Lehigh's policies, including spearheading committees to change the grading system to +/- grades as well as influencing the university to become coed in the 1970s.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Christine and her husband Marty Hawk of Frederick, Md.; a son, Thomas and his wife Sally of Bethlehem; two sisters, Marilyn and her husband Leonard Frack of Salisbury Township and Joanie and husband Kenneth Keiper of Allentown; a brother, George and his wife Dolly Folk of Macungie; and six grandchildren, Leandra, John, Kirsten, Katelin, Jessica and James.

He was predeceased by seven siblings; and a son, Dieter Folk.

Contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders USA, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030; or to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio St., Suite 304, Chicago, IL 60611.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem

Gladys E. Schnecker

district justice's secretary

Gladys E. Schnecker, 82, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 7, 2013. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Rose (Deutsch) Miller. She was the wife of Robert J. Schnecker Sr for 61 years.

She was a secretary for the former District Justice John Gombosi in South Bethlehem for 20 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children, Robert Jr. and his wife Nancy, James and his wife Debbie, Bar-

bara and her husband Douglas Alier and John; and a sister: Dorothy Emes; all of Bethlehem; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a sister, Jeanette Smith.

Contributions may be made to the American Stroke Foundation, 5916 Dearborn St., Mission, Kan. 66202.

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Eleanor Mae Springer

Christ Church U.C.C. member

Eleanor Mae Springer, 93, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 11, 2013, in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Luther and Mable M. (Wertman) Snyder. She was the wife of the late Eldridge A. Springer.

She was a member of Christ Church U.C.C., Bethlehem.

She volunteered at WLVT-TV 39, the Lung Association and the Blind Association.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia and her husband Adam Dembrosky of Allentown and Eileen E. and her husband James George of Kissimmee, Fla.; a sister, Delores Rice of Bethlehem; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Luther Snyder and Clifford Snyder.

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

Hazel Katherine (Steidel) Denzel

Central Moravian Church member

Hazel Katherine (Steidel) Denzel, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 19, 2013, at Moravian Hall Square, Nazareth. Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Koebel) Steidel. She was the wife of Henry Edward Denzel.

She attended schools in New Jersey.

She worked in New York for Great American Insurance Company.

She was a member of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem. She was a former member of Christ Church U.C.C., Bethlehem, where she was a deaconess.

She was a member of Saucon Valley Country Club and the Auxiliary of St. Luke's Hospital for many years. She was a volunteer at St. Luke's

Hospital and at Moravian Prep (now Moravian Academy).

She is survived by a daughter, H. Christina and her husband Mark Connor, and a son, H. Stephen and his wife Priscilla, all of Bethlehem; four grandchildren, Christina Albeck, Andrew Denzel, H. Stephen Denzel and Sarah Hawk; six great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild expected.

She was predeceased by a sister, Irene Boss.

Contributions may be made to the Auxiliary of St. Luke's Hospital, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 or to Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Michael Sanchez

food group worker

Michael Sanchez, 41, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 13, 2013.

He was the son of Lillian G. Hernandez of

Bethlehem.

He worked for Clemens Food Group.

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

Helen K. (Shoenberger) Fritz Seibert

Lutheran Manor resident

Helen K. (Shoenberger) Fritz Seibert, 92, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 20, 2013, at Holy Family Manor. Born in Parryville, she was a daughter of the late Morris and Emily (Sebring) Shoenberger. She was the wife of the late Lewis A. Fritz and the late William C. Seibert.

She was a member of the former Grace Lutheran Church. In recent years, she regularly attended the church services at Lutheran Manor, where she resided.

She was a member of the Senior Citizens' Club

of Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Goff of Bethlehem; two sons, Robert Fritz of Northampton and Richard Fritz of Spring City; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Iva Wentz of Parryville.

She was predeceased by four siblings Edna Haydt, Meta Haupt, and Mark and Elmer Shoenberger.

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

Mary R. Huyter McMurtrie

seamstress

Mary R. Huyter McMurtrie, 96, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 7, 2013. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Carmen and Concetta (DeCrosta) Sciarra. She was the wife of the late Kalman P. Huyter and the late Calvin L. McMurtrie.

She was a seamstress for local factories.

She is survived by five children, Shirley and her husband Gus Heidecker of Bethlehem, Linda and her husband Frank Gia-

sullo of Bangor; Richard J. and his wife Sheri Huyter of Riegelsville, Mary Ann Mathioudis of Bethlehem and Gloria and her husband Lloyd Sacknoff of Nazareth; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem

Wilbur J. Bogan

retired city firefighter

Wilbur J. Bogan, 84, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 13, 2013, in Manor Care. He was the husband of the late Shirley F. Bogan.

Born in Little Chute, Wisc., he was a son of the late Wilbur and Theresa (Wellhouse) Bogan.

He was a veteran of both the U.S. Army and Navy.

He was a retired City of Bethlehem firefighter.

He is survived by a daughter, Kathy Bogan-Reph of East Greenville; a son, Wilbur P. of Allentown; two grandchildren, Martin III and Derick; and five great-grandchildren, Gavin, Sylvia, Theodore, Martin IV and Shaylee.

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

Josephine D. Lebeduik

Hess' Patio worker

Josephine D. Lebeduik, 95, of Bethlehem and formerly of Hellertown, died Nov. 16, 2013. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late George and Anna (Auer) Petrovich. She was the wife of the late Fred Lebeduik for 62 years.

She retired in 1988 from the Patio Restaurant at Hess's Dept. Store after 33 years of service.

She was a parishioner of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Hellertown, and more recently was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Shirley and her husband William Benzak

of Bethlehem Township; a son, Frederick and his wife Kathleen of Oley; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Julia Kery of Bethlehem.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Kavcak and Anna Toth; and two brothers, Joseph and George.

Contributions may be made to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055 and/or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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

Francisco M. Pinho

Portugese fisherman, 106

Francisco M. Pinho, 106, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 9, 2013. Born in Murtosa, Portugal; he was a son of the late Domingos and Custodia (Ruella) Pinho. He was the husband of the late Lucinda (Campos) Pinho.

He spent the first 70 years of his life in Portugal, where he was a fisherman. He moved to the United States to be with family and he spent time in Florida and Bethlehem.

He is survived by five children, Alfredo and his

wife Lucilla, Jose and his wife Generosa, Domingos and his wife Joana, Maria and her husband Manuel Amador and Antonio and his wife Maria; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Contributions may be made to Holy Infancy Catholic Church, 312 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, 18015.

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

Ralph Springer Jr.

industrial analyst

Ralph Springer Jr., 79, of New Smithville and formerly of Bethlehem, died Nov. 15, 2013, at Whitehall Manor, where he was a guest for the past three years. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Ralph and Esther (Johnson) Springer Sr. He was the husband of the late Machie (Yoshiyama) Springer for 44 years.

He was a cryptographer in the Army Signal Corps and was stationed in Korea and Japan. He was an industrial analyst for the Industrial Engineering Department, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, for 34 years, retiring in 1986.

He was member of the U.C.C. Congregation of Ziegels Union Church, Breinigsville, where he

was a former church treasurer and member of the consistory.

He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County.

He is survived by a daughter, Amy E. and her husband Blair Hower of Kreidersville; two grandchildren, Andrew and Kelly; a sister, Jane Driscoll of Coopersburg; and nieces and nephews and their families.

He was predeceased by a brother, Eldridge Springer; and a sister, Althea Gross.

Contributions may be made to Ziegels Union Church memorial fund, 9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Arrangements were made by Gilbert Funeral Home Inc., Whitehall.

Donna M. (Heckman) Soto

born in Bethlehem

Donna M. (Heckman) Soto, 66, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 11, 2013, at ManorCare Health Center, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Vilma (Nagy) Heckman Sr.

She is survived by four children, Tina and her husband Walter Klopp,

and Lisa, David and Lori Soto; a brother, Richard Heckman; two sisters, Sharon Heckman and Sandra Stewart; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Earl Heckman Jr.

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

Anna Mae Korpics

L.U. secretary

Anna Mae Korpics, 86, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 16, 2013, in ManorCare. She was the wife of the late Louis J. Korpics Sr.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late William and Eva (Keim) Kram.

She was a 1945 graduate of Liberty HS.

She was a secretary at Lehigh University many years ago.

She was a member of Bethany U.C.C., Bethlehem, where she was on the vocal and bell choirs. She was a peanut worker and kitchen volunteer for various church func-

tions.

She is survived by a daughter, Sharon and her husband Philip Haines of Bethlehem; and five grandchildren, Jesse, Christopher, Cassandra, Courtney and Cameron.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Cheryl E. Korpics.

Contributions may be sent to Bethany U.C.C. (general fund preferred), 600 W. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Kathryne Eckert Reuter

LHS school nurse

Kathryne Eckert Reuter, 92, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 7, 2013, in Westminster Village. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late Charles W. and Bertha (Tombler) Eckert. She was the wife of the late Albert W. Reuter.

She was a 1943 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing.

She was in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

She was a nurse at the

Milton Hershey School for Boys for three years, then returned to Bethlehem where she was employed as Liberty HS nurse for 33 years before retiring.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by cousins.

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 521 E. Locust St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

STATE POLICE

DUI

Colonial Regional Police arrested 32-year-old Denise R. Manzella, of Mary Street in Bethlehem, for driving while intoxicated in Bath Borough around 1:25 a.m. Nov. 10.

According to police, Manzella cut off an officer while driving, nearly lost control of her vehicle on Walnut Street and nearly missed striking several parked cars on East Main Street.

Manzella was determined to be drunk and is charged with DUI, driving without a license and traffic violations.

CITY POLICE

Theft

Police arrested a man and woman following an attempted theft from the Easton Avenue CVS pharmacy around 6 p.m. Nov. 23.

According to police, John Stover, 55, and Connie Davis, 35, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., were confronted by a store manager over suspicious activity.

More than \$772 in diet pills and over-the-counter medications were dropped as the suspects fled to a vehicle.

Both are charged with criminal conspiracy and possessing instruments of crime, while Davis is also charged with retail theft.

Domestics

Police arrested several residents in separate incidents of domestic violence Nov. 22-24.

Police arrested 21-year-old George Leon of Hellertown Road around 5:20 a.m. Nov. 24 for allegedly striking his child's mother repeatedly. He is charged with disorderly conduct, harassment, public drunkenness and simple assault.

Linda Yanega, 51, of Garrett Circle, was charged with harassment and simple assault around 11:30 p.m. Nov. 22 for allegedly biting her husband on the face.

Police arrested Rhonda Reynolds, 44, of West Union Boulevard, around 1 a.m. Nov. 23. She allegedly beat up her husband for unspecified reasons, at some point clunking him in the back of the head with a statue. He went to the hospital for treatment while she is charged with harassment and simple assault.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 317's Chris Duh, Ryan Hill, Andrew Morales, Alec Lutz, Joshua Lutz and Shawn Ryer, ages 11 and 12, ensured that Beth-

lehem Township commissioners adhered to Roberts' Rules of Order at their Nov. 18 meeting.

PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

No tax hike expected in 2014

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Though it won't be official until commissioners adopt the 2014 budget Dec. 16, it appears that Bethlehem Township taxpayers will dodge a tax hike next year. The sewer rates will

remain the same too. Finance Director Andrew Freda has unveiled a proposed budget for next year which keeps the tax millage rate steady at 5.99 mills. Under this spending plan, the annual tax bill for a home assessed at \$85,000

will be about \$509. At their Nov. 18 meeting, commissioners unanimously agreed to advertise the budget, which will also be available for inspection at the municipal building. The \$17 million spending

plan includes funds for two entry-level police officers who were selected out of a field of 400 applicants. It also includes a \$683,000 payment on existing debt.

Bethlehem Township has gone without a tax hike since 2009.

BASD

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through these customized programs of study. If a student is considering becoming a doctor or another medical professional, she can serve her community service in a hospital. This helps students gain firsthand experience to decide if they like the profession or if the choice is not for them;

the student may find she can't stand the sight of blood.

The schematic design for the new Nitschmann MS was also approved, and now plans for the school will progress to the design phase. This approval also allows the architect to design Plan-Con A and B and present those for approval to the board. So far the school plans are ahead of schedule.

Parent Rosa Silk addressed the board about her son Brandon's extreme allergy to Axe Body Sprays. He was diagnosed in fifth grade after going into anaphylactic shock. She credited Principal Mike LaPorta as being very helpful in trying to integrate her son back into the school community. The petroleum-based chemicals in the sprays affect everyone, not just her son, said Silk.

Board President Michael Faccinnetto asked Dr. Roy to conduct research into what the district has done in order to accommodate those with allergies to body sprays and to come back to the board with that information.

Silk also left a copy of a print out from the EPA on the effects of body spray ingredients on people and how they are harmful.

CITY POLICE

DUIs

Police made at least drunken driving related arrests Nov. 22-24.

Around 2 a.m. Nov. 22 police arrested Scott Walter, 24, of South Glenwood Street in Allentown, on Millard Street.

Nov. 23 around 7:50 p.m., police arrested 44-year-old Jason Kockmaruk of Raymond Avenue following an accident. Less than four hours later they arrested an unnamed 34-year-old man on East Fourth Street.

The early morning of Nov. 24 police arrested Nicholas Maritch, 22, of Kimberly Court, and Giovanni Grella, 26, of North New Street. Both men were involved in alcohol-related vehicle accidents.

All are charged with DUI and traffic infractions.

BRIEFLY

HBRP

Golden Broom awarded to YogaMos

YogaMos yoga center was awarded the first "Golden Broom" award Nov. 29 at the business, 410 Main St., Hellertown. Mayor Richard Fluck and the Hellertown Business Revitalization Program committee presented owners, Stephanie and Christopher, with a certificate and a golden broom prior to the 6 p.m. start of the annual Light Up The Night event.

The Golden Broom Award program is HBRP's quarterly recognition of businesses that go above and beyond in maintaining an attractive, neat, and clean business exterior that is welcoming and appealing.

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BRIEFLY

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ITN will plan driving assignments and routes around the driver's schedule. The service will be via private automobiles with door through door/arm through arm service, no limit on ride purpose within the Lehigh Valley, and on demand rides. Visit www.itnlehighvalley.org or call 610-419-1645.

BETHLEHEM

Children's party
to be held Dec. 7

Women of Excellence of Bethlehem, in partnership with Broughal MS, will host the sixth annual Christmas party from 3 to 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at the school, 114 W. Morton St. Donations of new unwrapped toys and clothing for less fortunate Bethlehem children ages four to 16 will be distributed.

BETHLEHEM

Salvation Army
needs cooks

The Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road, is looking for volunteer cooks such as individuals, families, church and support groups, to cook late mornings on Sundays for groups of 50-80 people. Volunteer times available from one-time, bi-monthly, quarterly, annually or whatever fits your schedules. Food provided. Call 610-867-4681.

Hellertown welcomes holidays



JARROD RODENBACH and his brother Jacob of Hellertown excitedly introduce themselves to Santa.



HELLERTOWN residents Emma Statler and her sister Sadie share their Christmas lists with Santa.

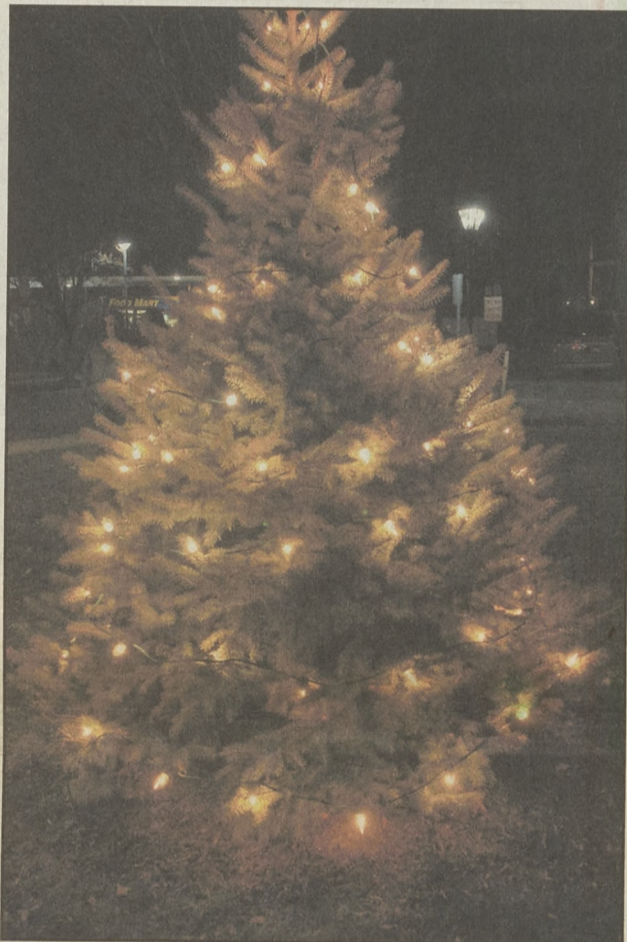


SAUCON VALLEY Girl Scouts entertain the crowd with festive Christmas carols.

PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK RECCEK



The brisk temperature did not deter people from coming out to enjoy Hellertown's annual tree lighting ceremony Nov. 29 in Detwiller Plaza. After the tree was lit, Santa was escorted to the borough municipal building compliments of a Dewey Fire Company fire truck, where he joyfully greeted children and parents. Santa then paid a visit to borough and Saucon Valley children inside the municipal building. Hot chocolate and cookies were served throughout the evening to those in attendance. **ABOVE:** Kai Weitzman, of Saucon Valley, with assistance from Hellertown Mayor Richard Fluck, lights Detwiller Plaza and the borough Christmas tree.



The Hellertown Christmas tree, located outside the borough municipal building, shines bright for all to see.

BRIEFLY

LIFE LINE
Screenings
set for Dec. 12

Life Line stroke and osteoporosis screenings will be held Dec. 12 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3771 Easton Ave.

All five screenings take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. The event is sponsored by Neurology and Sleep Medicine, P.C. There is a cost. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com for information or to schedule an appointment.

MILLER-KEYSTONE
Annual fund
appeal launched

Miller-Keystone Blood Center has launched the 2013-14 annual appeal. Donations will be used to underwrite the purchase of several items critically needed by MKBC to support the community's only blood program.

The beneficiaries will be educational programs, including "My Blood, Your Blood" for no cost local use in elementary school, middle school, high school or other community-based organizations; testing and donor collections technology to comply with Federal Government mandates; and bloodmobile drive equipment, including donor beds, storage cabinets and privacy screens.

For information, call 610-691-5850, ext. 1292, email development@hcsc.org or visit GiveAPint.org.

NCC

Grant sources
workshop in Jan.

There will be a free locating grant sources workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 8 at Northampton Community College's Mack Library, 3835 Green Pond Road. Representatives from nonprofit agencies are invited.

The session covers services provided by Foundation Directory Online and an overview of its database of more than 100,000 grant makers and an opportunity to use the database. Participants may bring a flash drive with them to save information. Reservations are required. Call 610-861-5358 by Jan. 6 to register.

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NBM
Luminaria Night set for Dec. 14

The 16th annual Luminaria Night will be held beginning at sundown and through the evening on Dec. 14 throughout different areas of Bethlehem. The event benefits New Bethany Ministries. Kits containing white bags and votive candles may be purchased by calling 610-691-5602 ext. 21 or emailing luminarianight@gmail.com.

CCCC
Cat competition set for Dec. 7, 8

The Christmas City Cat Club's 28th annual International Allbreed and Household Pet Cat Show, "Fabulous Felines, Fun and Friendships", will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8 at Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road, Easton.

Approximately 150 kittens to seasoned show veterans, representing more than 50 breeds and household cats recognized by The International Cat Association, will compete for regional and international awards. CCCC is one of the largest TICA sanctioned cat shows on the east coast. There is a cost; bring a can of cat food to donate for local feline shelters and receive a discount off admission. For information, call 484-554-6621.

SAMUELSON
Health Care Act help available

Rep. Steve Samuelson has posted links for help regarding the federal Affordable Care Act's Health Exchanges, which went into effect on Oct. 1.

The following video, <http://youtu.be/aczf82Jw>, as well as the federal government's ACA website at www.healthcare.gov, will assist District 135 residents in finding out from the experts what they need to do. Visit the office, 104 E. Broad St., or call 610-867-3890, for bilingual assistance.

EWI
Needy family gifts, meeting set

The Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International will hold its holiday celebration and Secret Santa meeting Dec. 5 at the Blue Grill House, 4431 Easton Ave. The board will meet at 5:30 p.m. followed at 6:15 p.m. by dinner and festivities. Secret Santa participants will bring wrapped gifts, with a maximum dollar value to be given out to all participants, with the ability to trade at least once.

The chapter has, through the Conference of Churches, adopted a needy family for the holiday gift giving season. This year the recipients are a needy family of six, including four children under the age of six, of which one is a special needs child. Members have selected gifts from the family's wish list. For information, including regarding membership, contact janine.rothbauer@flsmidth.com.

RED CROSS
Free mobile app available

The Red Cross has free mobile apps that provide information on what to do before, during and after emergencies including developing an emergency plan.

"People can use the 'Make a Plan' feature in the apps to create their plan and then share it with their loved ones," said Peter M. Brown, Red Cross executive CEO. The apps can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross.

STUDENT DEBT
Brochure explains many options

"You CAN Deal With Student Debt After College" is a brochure created to raise awareness among Pennsylvanians with college debt about options to reduce their monthly payments or even reduce their college debt.

In particular, the brochure highlights the new federal government's Income-Based Repayment Plan that many Pennsylvanians do not know about and that could make their monthly college debt payments more affordable.

This brochure is attainable at local legislative offices or by contacting the Legislative Publications Office at <http://lpo-orders.pahouse.net>.

PPL
Free LED for paperless signup

PPL Electric Utilities is offering customers, who sign up for paperless billing through Dec. 15, one free LED light bulb while supplies last. Customers will receive their bulb via U.S. mail within 4-6 weeks. Existing paperless billing customers are not eligible.

LEDs help reduce energy costs because they use up to 80 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and can last up to 20 times longer. The bonus bulb being sent to PPL Electric Utilities customers produces more than 800 lumens of soft white light, about the same as a 60-watt incandescent bulb. Visit www.ppl-electric.com/gopaperless for details and to sign up.

STATE
Tax/rent rebate deadline Dec.31

The deadline for older adults and residents with disabilities to apply for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended from June 30 to Dec. 31.

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MAYOR JOHN CALLAHAN with City Fire Commissioner George Barkanic and Freemansburg Mayor Gerald Yob, Council President Homer "Bud" Lorrach and Manager Judith Danko.

Freemansburg may cede fire duties

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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For 107 years the Freemansburg Volunteer Fire Company has protected the residents — friends, family and neighbors — in the tiny borough of 3,000 located just east of Bethlehem.

An invitation to meet from borough council to fire department members recently, during which they would discuss the department's dissolution in preference for allowing the city to extend its fire coverage over the borough, resulted in an emergency press conference Nov. 14.

An unknown party — some suspect to be a member of the Freemansburg Fire Department — notified the media before the scheduled Nov. 18 meeting, which sent borough leaders and Mayor John Callahan scrambling to get in front of the message.

Callahan, who was joined by city Fire Chief George Barkanic and Freemansburg Mayor Gerald Yob, Council President Homer "Bud" Lorrach and Borough Manager Judith Danko, explained the venture has been in discussion for about a year. He said the city was approached by the borough because of its fire department's longstanding financial and manpower limitations and he wanted

to help. "I felt an obligation as a neighbor," he said, and that similar volunteer department shortcomings statewide in recent years are leading to increased regionalism by larger, paid departments.

Callahan said the deal was about 95 percent finished: For \$40,000 the city would respond to the borough's fire calls, increasing in cost by 1 percent annually for the duration of a 10-year contract. They would then negotiate a five-year agreement, he said, saying the approximate 60 fire calls each year in Freemansburg required a long-term commitment.

Following Callahan and responding to incredulous

and sometimes derisive comments by two firefighters who attended, Danko said the issue is one of a tiny borough's volunteer and financial resources being stretched. She cited a recent structure fire during which the police chief and a retired fire chief had to pull hoses from a truck because only two volunteers were on hand.

Overall, the borough could save a couple thousand dollars a year, Danko said. Residents would benefit, too. As insurance variables would be based on the city department's more beneficial state rating than a volunteer company, homeowner's insurance within the borough will stay the same or even drop.

CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

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



GLORIA is a spunky little girl who loves to play with other cats. A little shy with people sometimes, she loves to sit at a window to watch the leaves falling and the birds flying by.



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VOLUNTEERS

CAMELOT FOR CHILDREN, Allentown, is in need of volunteers to help wrap gifts at the Lehigh Valley Mall. Contact Barbara Vogelgesang, 610-791-5683, barbarav@camelotforchildren.org.

LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES, Allentown, needs your help in providing food to the countless people who come through our doors who struggle to make ends meet and are not able to enjoy a holiday meal in their home. Contact Abby Goldfarb, 610-433-6421, agoldfarb@lehighchurches.org.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF EASTON is looking for volunteers to man the phones at WAEB to take calls from listeners who will be pledging to donate gifts or money for clients during Bobby Gunther Walsh's morning show. Contact Nancy Ackerman, 610-258-2831, ext. 145, nancya@thechildrenshome.org.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL, Allentown, needs volunteers for light clerical work in the cancer center. Contact Beth Fogel, 610-776-5413, bfogel@shh.org.

SIXTH STREET SHELTER, Allentown, asks you to consider hosting a collection drive this holiday season to help ensure families will have the supplies they need to live in their own apartment. Contact Lauren Praedin, 610-435-1490, lpraedin@cacvl.org.

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

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WINTER PREVIEWS: BOYS BASKETBALL

Hawks primed for playoffs

By PETER CAR
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Tasting a trip to the District 11 3A finals last season may have been all the motivation that Bethlehem Catholic needed heading into the off-season, but coming home with silver medals in that championship game certainly adds fuel to the fire as well.

The Hawks enter the 2013-2014 season with 11 players back in the fold from last year, which should give head coach Mike Frew a plethora of talent and experience to compete on a nightly basis in the Lehigh Valley Con-

ference.

It should also post the Hawks as early front-runners in the division LVC's East division, as Easton enters this season with a new head coach, while Liberty and Freedom have teams made up of mostly new players to the varsity scene.

Even still, Frew treads lightly when it comes to expectations, as talk is cheap at this point of the year.

"We began this season with a simple question, 'Are the habits you have today on par with the dreams you have for tomorrow?'" said Frew.

"This group has really responded to that question. With the large number of returning members to our team, we are expecting to challenge teams in our league on a nightly basis. We have added some Philadelphia Catholic League Schools (Arch Bishop Wood) to our schedule and will play in the Hoop Group Event on January 26th against Abington Heights, to add to our already competitive schedule. Our daily goal is to improve every day."

Improving everyday should be a problem that boasts plenty of talent

with the likes of seniors Jamal Aziz (guard, 5-10), Eddie Hudak (forward, 6-0), Darwin Saint-Cyr (guard, 6-0), and Justin Lenzer (guard, 5-11). The junior group features Freddie Simmons (guard, 6-3), David Donchez (guard, 5-8) and Mike Italiani (forward, 6-3). Sophomores Andrew Hudak (forward, 6-7), Antwon Keenan (guard, 5-11), Julian Spigner (forward, 6-3) and DeAndre Tillet (guard, 5-7) round out the returning players.

Newcomers Nick Karabin (sr., forward, 6-3) returns after missing last

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Jamal Aziz is back for the Hawks this season as the team is primed for playoff runs.



Nigel Long is a key returning player for the Pates, who will try to fill in the pieces between Long and big man Dave Williams.

FHS looks to gain experience

By PETER CAR
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Joe Stellato and Chad Landis appear to have something in common this year when it comes to their respective basketball teams this winter. As Liberty is dealing with a mostly inexperienced roster down the road, Stellato walks into similar footprints at Freedom during his 13th year as coach of the program.

Following a 17-10 finish a year ago, Freedom returns senior big man Dave Williams and point

guard Nigel Long (sr., 5-9). The good part of that makeup is that the Pates have initial inside-outside threats to work with.

Now, it's about finding the pieces around those players to hopefully make the Patriots into a playoff contender when things are all said and done.

"This team is very experienced and needs games under their belts," said Stellato. "We have two very good returning starters and we need the other players to play their roles and be aggressive and get better and better as

the year goes on. We will be competitive, but need to play consistent. If we do that we could be a good team by the end of the year."

Freedom's supporting cast this year will be Dashaun Neufville (sr., 5-10), Nicholas Sharpe (sr., 6-4), Josh Jackson (sr., 6-4), Najee Cash (Jr, 6-2), KJ Pretty (Jr, 6-0), Jason Fraser (Jr, 6-1), Jeff Toronto (Jr, 6-2) and Nick King (fr, 6-0).

Coming off an appearance in last year's LVC playoffs and a trip to the District 11 4A finals, where

the Patriots lost to Parkland 65-50, Stellato knows that his team may be taking a step backward from last year.

But he hopes that Williams and Long can hold the fort down, while he gathers the rest of the troops into varsity mode.

"We want to make the playoffs," he said. "We need to play with confidence and be aggressive. We need to continue to work hard and get better as the year goes on. Make the playoffs and try to make some noise from there."

Hurricanes bit of an unknown

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Coming off a 19-9 season a year ago and a Lehigh Valley Conference championship, the expectations for Liberty's basketball program is to always compete for some type of hardware.

The Hurricanes fell short of their district title hopes last season, still made another trek into the state tournament.

What will teams expect from this year's crop of 'Canes is yet to be seen, but head coach Chad Landis knows he returns two of the best players in the league in 6-foot-3 guard KJ Williams and 6-foot-4 forward Deshawn Oyeniyi. The bad part is that's all that really

returns from last year's core lineup.

Seniors Martin Santana (guard) and AJ Kocher (forward) round out Landis' veterans, while junior guards Ludwin Gonzalez, Trenton Bishop, Darius Jones and Izaiah Avent compliment the roster.

The mixture of known products like Williams and Oyeniyi, along with unknown varsity players will certainly make things interesting to see who can step up for Liberty this winter.

"This year we have two key returning players from last years LVC Championship team, in Deshawn and KJ," said Landis. "We will expect a lot from those guys this year. We also have a hand-

ful of juniors who are very excited to step into the roles of the five key seniors who graduated. We hope to be a better defensive team this year, and continue to look to push the ball up the floor and play up temp basketball. If our younger players can mesh with the seniors early, we hope to be competitive with the other teams in the league from the start."

And if they don't mesh from the start, Liberty might be in for an uphill battle in the always competitive LVC. Added to the mix of returning players includes newcomers Deron Seaman (sr., guard) and juniors Anthony Miller (forward) and Jaevon Dobbins (forward). For as much as Landis

expects from his two stars, he also expects Miller and Gonzalez as players to watch for Liberty this year.

Expect Williams and Oyeniyi to get their share of points each and every night, but finding replacements in the backcourt and developing a third scorer is going to be vital for the Hurricanes moving forward.

At the moment, though, Landis is just keeping expectations simple.

"We just need to get better each day, because we have two experienced guys and will surround them with guys with little to no varsity experience," he said. "Our goal is to always play in meaningful games at the end of the season."



K.J. Williams returns to the Hurricanes to help lead the way with Deshawn Oyeniyi this year. Like the Pates, the Canes will also need to fill in some pieces of their lineup.

WINTER PREVIEWS: GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks aim for big year

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Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team will look similar to that of last year's state finalist team, returning most players for a total of 11 on the varsity roster.

Although Kalista Walters and Janelle Robinson will be returning to the starting lineup, Nicole Lacherza is unavailable for competition at this time due to an injury.

Also returning are Gabby Reiman, Danielle Griffin, Nia Mims, Jordan Jones, and Alexa Foloweiler.

New to the Hawks are Easton transfer, Maggie Melhem, volleyball player, Jess Attieh, and freshman, Jessa Zamolyi.

"Unfortunately, I lost Brooke Rau. I really liked her," Becahi coach Bill Lanscek said.

Despite the success of the girls basketball program



Kalista Walters will return to the Hawks who rare looking for another state run.



Kali Shumock is back to help lead the Hurricanes girls basketball team.

High hopes for Liberty

By KATIE MCDONALD
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In the short time Liberty girls basketball coach Becky Soto has been with the Hurricanes, Soto has seen a very athletic team with well-educated players who follow direction well.

Although Soto was reluctant to mention names so early in the pre-season, Soto expects to have five seniors on the team, one of which is Kali

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Soto takes over LHS girls team

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty High School's girls basketball team will be led by new head coach Becky Soto, replacing Amy Yencho who has taken a coaching position at DeSales University.

Soto, who works at Northeast Middle School and coached there for five years, decided it was the right time to come to Liberty.

"It was brought to my attention,

and I weighed my options," said Soto, who also coached at Stroudsburg High School for four years.

Soto has three priorities for herself and the Hurricanes: family, school, and basketball. In fact, Soto considers her players and coaches to be one family. Soto also considers herself to be approachable and wants her players to view her as such.

"The kids need to have personal goals, and once they do, they will reach

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Pates return big part of team

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School's girls basketball team will be returning most of its players from last year, as Coach Ron Garza begins his second season with the Patriots.

Kelly Rosette, Brenna Dosedlo, Tori McCaslin, and Ashley Husser are expected to lead the Patriots as seniors and returning players.

Juniors include Taylor Garza and Gia Erie, also returners, and Allison

McCready. Tahlia Suggs is the only sophomore on the team, and freshmen, Mackenzie Herman and Jaiden Coyne, will also suit up for varsity.

"Technically, we're ahead of schedule for last year. Things are a little more normal," said Garza, who was hired in October last year.

"We're a normal-functioning high school team," he said.

The only thing plaguing the Patriots this season could be a height disadvantage.

"Our tallest girl is 5'8. We do not have a true, legitimate center," said Garza.

Last year, the Patriots could almost taste a berth in district playoffs, which they hope will come to fruition this year.

"To be in the district push with ten days left in the season ... I'm hoping," Garza said.

Garza is also hoping the Patriots will shoot the ball better, having suffered from a low shooting percentage last season.

Looking ahead, Garza said, "The tough part is that Liberty is pretty much loaded, and Beca picked up [Easton's Maggie Melhem], and they're in our division. Then there's perennially tough Central and Parkland, and Emmaus has a pretty good team that we saw over the summer."

Freedom's first game is scheduled for Dec. 7, part of the Yasso-Rothrock Tournament, when they will take on Whitehall at home.



Brenna Dosedlo is one of four key, returning seniors on this year's Freedom girls team.

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ence player. "I have high expectations [of the Hurricanes]. I'm unlimited," said Soto. Soto believes that pos-

itive reinforcement will go a long way during the 2013-2014 girls basketball season.

"They will give you a lot if you give them positive words. To coach with me, you have to have a

heart, and have an ear to listen," Soto said.

Soto especially likes the diversity of Liberty.

"Coming to practice excites me. From tryouts, to cuts, to setting goals, I do everything face-to-face so there's no confusion," said Soto.

The Hurricanes will take the upcoming season day-by-day and game-by-game.

"There are a lot of competitive teams here, and that's amazing," she said.

Soto also pointed out that there are five positions on the floor to fight for.

"They're excited and already talking about how far we can go," said Soto.

Conzola returns to lead Pates

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School's swimming team will consist of a combination of club swimmers and high school swimmers for the 2013-2014 season.

Head coach Jon Larson said, "Freedom is unique in that we have kids from all four major clubs in the Lehigh Valley. That can turn into a tug-of-war between club and high school, but I think it's a perfect balance. High school provides the best competition."

New to the Patriots, Larson is expecting an adjustment period.

"No two coaches coach the same. Training-wise, we're going through terminology, and that takes some time," he said.

Key returners for the Patriots include PIAA state champion, Peter Conzola, Sam Magnan, Connor Harrigan, Helen Hsu, Shannon Howell, and Carly DeFranco.

Larson said that although the team is pretty evenly distributed age-wise, there are not many seniors on the team.

Larson will work with the Patriots on improving their times, while keeping an eye on the competition.

"In high school, you

have to look at who else is out there. You can only try to train them to put them in the best position. Some are at a beginner's level and will be reaching just to qualify for districts. I want to train them to get a goal, and then hopefully place," said Larson.

Freedom's first dual meet is scheduled for Dec. 6 at home against Emmaus.

Larson said, "I'm looking forward to the strategy of putting together dual meet lineups. I'm a little anxious about [Dec. 6]."

Larson is also hoping to expand his swimmers' interest in other events this season.



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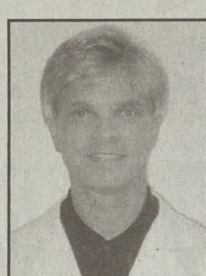
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Soto

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those goals," she said. Soto is expecting a long line of familiar faces from Northeast, recalling how she would bring her middle school team to Liberty to watch the Hurricanes play.

"Amy left a good program in good standing. We have high expectations," said Soto.

Soto will be assisted by Jackie Markle, Terry Marcincin, Dan Kennedy, and Teddy Street.

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year with a knee injury,

along with sophs Salih Salaam (forward, 6-2) and Samaj Eutsey (forward, 6-3).

Frew will have his team play a high energy brand of basketball again this season, as he features plenty of athletes that highlighted Becahi's district championship run in football.

With Aziz running the point, along with Simmons' ability to slash and Lenzer's penchant for hitting shots

from the perimeter, the Hawks have one of the most solid guard combinations in the LVC. Throw in the size of Andrew Hudak to defend the rim and the athleticism of Spigner; the Hawks don't appear to have many weaknesses heading into this season.

With Central Catholic entering this season as the favorite in the conference, Becahi still appears to be

looking up to their Catholic counterparts.

"Our expectations of ourselves remain high and to make an appearance in a second straight District 11 finals would be considered a success," Frew said. "We will obviously aim to change the outcome, but that's a long way away from now. I assure everyone that we will challenge ourselves to get there."

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gram last year; the Hawks' numbers are down, and there will be no freshman team.

On the plus side, last year's freshmen who are coming back as sophomores have been through postseason play.

"I really don't know who the starters will be. Definitely Kalista and

Janelle. Then I can use different combinations after that. Come number six or seven, they're pretty much interchangeable," said Lanscek.

Lanscek pointed out the strength of the Lehigh Valley Conference this season, using Northampton's summer league championship, Parkland's summer tournament championship, Liberty's returns, and Central

Catholic's long-term success as examples.

"We would like to win the conference this year. We didn't win last year, and that still bothers the girls," Lanscek said.

It was the Trojans who knocked the Hawks out in the league semifinals, and it will be the Trojans the Hawks will face in their season opener on Dec. 7 at Bethlehem Catholic.

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For more information, visit www.dinecollege.edu and www.navajocodetalkers.org.

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**Moravian College
Short story program Dec. 4**

Award-winning writer Stephanie Powell Watts will present a free, open to the public reading and a talk, "The State of the American Short Story," at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in the UBC room, Hauptert Union Building, north campus. She is associate professor of English at Lehigh University. She was a recipient of the Whiting Writers' Award, the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence, and was a finalist for The Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award, the Chautauqua Prize, the John Gardner Short Story Award, the Foreword Review Prize and USABookNews.com. Her work chronicles the lives of young African-Americans who come from, or live near, the "dark houses" on tangled dirt roads on the fringes of the county.

The event is sponsored by the Arts & Lectures Committee and the English Department, and hosted by the students in Dr. Joyce Hinnefeld's English 343Z (American Fiction after World War II) class.

Moravian College's main campus is located at 1200 Main St. and the Hurd Campus is located at Church and Main Sts. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.

SCHOOL NOTES

Holy Infancy: Crayola participants

Holy Infancy School is participating in the Crayola Experience "Straight A" program for grades K to 8. Crayola Experience will offer a free ticket to every student who presents a report card with straight A's for the cumulative year. The class with the most straight A students from a registered school will win a character appearance by Tip, Crayola's crayon character.

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Notre Dame: Debate team members place

The Notre Dame Speech and Debate Team competed at the Villiger Tournament at St. Joseph's University, Nov. 23 and 24. Abigail Marone won sixth place in Student Congress. Joseph Wetzel, also competing in Student Congress, earned a gavel for serving as a presiding officer during the tournament.

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**Residents, council at odds
Fire Co. deal awakens sleeping community**

FREEMANSBURG

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For the first time in memory, Freemansburg's public meeting hall was congested with concerned citizens the night of Nov. 19.

People came because borough council recently announced a plan to replace the 107-year-old No. 1 Volunteer Fire Company with services from the City of Bethlehem.

Council contends that as a matter of practicality — rising costs of support and equipment upkeep as actual volunteerism dwindles — the deal would be fiscally responsible and safer for residents.

But one thing was made clear by President Homer "Bud" Lorrach during an hour of debate, invective and shouting matches: Though the agreement may happen as early as January, nothing has been decided yet.

Though initially only a few people raised their hands when Lorrach asked who would like to speak about the fire department issue, quite a few people actually spoke their minds. Some walked to a podium while others simply called out.

Judy Lasso, wife of fire chief and board member Donald Lasso, and firefighter Lt. Nicholas Santiago each spoke powerfully in favor of retaining the department.

Others voiced disappointment or confusion, and at times the meeting got perilously close to "Parks and Recreation"-level absurdity. Board member Rudy Gallich barked at people to "shut up" when several audience members continued chattering over him while he tried to answer a question.

One woman said, "Shame on you," to the entire board and implied

they keep information about their meetings and decisions secret, seemingly unaware citizens are legally entitled to copies of meeting minutes and documents.

Residents accused the board of being unable to manage finances, and the fire company is paying the price. They said recent road repair was mismanaged and overpriced (Tolstoy Street ran overlong because of rain damage at the work site).

They said the borough shouldn't be building a fancy new police station and leaving nothing for the fire department (the police station was built entirely with grant money). They said the annual funds coming from the casino have been irresponsibly squandered — the fire company hasn't gotten any of that money. (That money is dependent on municipalities proving increased crime and infrastructure damage

that is not applicable to fire companies.)

Lorrach said people should stop making assumptions and attend meetings as he has encouraged.

Despite the theatrics, Judy Lasso did have some good questions that went largely unanswered. She worried about the city department's response times and that it won't respond to car accidents and evacuations. She also said the volunteer fire company helps pump flooded basements, removes storm debris from streets and performs traffic control duties.

"Our firefighters live here and are dedicated to this community," Lasso said.

Lorrach said, quoting City Fire Commissioner George Barkanic, all the regular firefighting responsibilities would be taken over by the city, including search and rescues and HAZMAT and bomb disposal duties. He said nothing to Lasso's other inquiries.

Salvesen wants to rewrite constitution

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

We need a Constitutional Convention.

That's what Hanover Township Supervisor Steve Salvesen thinks. In his own words, he's followed recent happenings in Washington "with a mixture of anger and frustration." He is convinced that President Obama has acted in "utter disregard" of both the Constitution and states' rights.

So he asked other

supervisors to join him in calling on the state for a Constitutional Convention. But he'll have to do it on his own. At their Nov. 12 meeting, there was little enthusiasm for the idea. "Our job is to make sure the roads are patched," argued Supervisor Jack Nagle.

Before the meeting, Salvesen sent a letter to fellow supervisors, suggesting amendments to

the Constitution that include term limits; election of U.S. Senators by the state legislatures instead of by popular vote; limits on spending and taxation; state power to veto a federal statute; and voter ID.

Mark Tanczos told Salvesen that, before signing on to the proposal, he'd want to know what residents think.

Chairman John N.

Diacogiannis was a little more blunt. "I'm not convinced this is a township-related business," he reasoned. "It's the people's business."

"What business are we in?" retorted Salvesen.

Glenn Walbert was also skeptical, telling Salvesen, "[i]f it's not appropriate for our board to take an action of that kind."

"If that's the board's desire, I'll go solo," answered the 30-year supervisor.

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Heath care advocate visits D.C.

Rose Dopsovic, a Bethlehem resident and colon cancer patient, joined more than 50 fellow patient advocates from across the country recently in Washington, D.C. to call on members of Congress to protect patient access to life-saving medical imaging and radiation therapy services. Talking with representatives, Dopsovic expressed the importance of screening before the age requirements. Dopsovic was diagnosed with stage 3B colon cancer well before the age of 50. She was only 34 years old. Dopsovic is now fighting stage 4 colon cancer and was recently told by her insurance that a PET scan was not necessary for her future cancer treatments, canceling her appointment. Dopsovic's cancer metastasized to her lungs and the PET scan would guide her doctors toward the right treatment for her individual case.



Dopsovic

Resident reads oath at opening ceremonies

Steve Kucey, of Bethlehem, was asked by Pa. Special Olympics to read the coaches' oath during opening ceremonies Nov. 1 at the Fall State Games at Villanova University. Steve used to be an athlete for many years for Bethlehem Special Olympics, but has since turned into a vital part of the Bethlehem chapter. He is a soccer coach, basketball coach, a member of the Management Team, the head of the Athlete Leadership Team for Bethlehem Special Olympics and is the Athlete Representative for Bethlehem Chapter. With Steve at the podium is his mentor, Emily Mulicka.



Calcagnetti reaches college milestone

Bethlehem resident Daniel Calcagnetti is celebrating his 20th year with Fairleigh Dickinson University. The associate professor of psychology and counseling with the College at Florham was presented with an award at a luncheon Nov. 6. The group was welcomed by Peter Wooley, college provost. Barry Sheffield, assistant director of telecommunications, was the master of ceremony.

FEMA Region II appointee Hatfield

Lieutenant Colonel Jerome Hatfield was appointed as the Regional Administrator of FEMA Region II on Nov. 4 by President Barack Obama. He is the son of the late Steve and Rebecca Hatfield and is the nephew of Esther M. Lee, president of the Bethlehem NAACP. He is married with two children. He is a 1977 graduate of Liberty HS and was a member of the Grenadier Band and the track team. He earned a bachelor's degree and is a graduate of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Post Graduate School, Executive Leader's Program. LTC Hatfield is a Certified Public Manager. The 27-year veteran of the New Jersey State Police was the Deputy Superintendent of Homeland Security and a member of the National Advisory Council to FEMA. He is vice chairman to the Emergency Management Accreditation Program and has led EMAP liaisons to Kenya in support of international assessments conducted in conjunction with the Department of Defense (U.S. African Command) and the Center for Disease and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine (CDHAM).

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PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

MEMBERS of Northampton County's 2013 Citizens' Academy are recognized at the Nov. 11 county council meeting. The graduates included Joe Baier, Mat Benol, Marie Daud, Joan Dean, Wandalyn Enix, Rodney Freyman, Sharon Garretson, Glenn Geissinger, Rosalind Graddy, Vincent

Jairdullo, Louise Kelchner, Wendy Leap, Kristi Malaret, Jennifer Mickolay, Matt Miles, Carole O'Connell, James Picot, Bill Stankewicz, Donna Terrio, Penny Vantassel, Maximo Vasquez and Jamie Yochum.

NorCo graduates second Academy

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A walk along the NorBath trail. Tennis at Louise Moore Park. A drive over a bridge on your way to work. A call to 911. The Route 33 Interchange exit coming to Tatamy. A district attorney's news conference about elder abuse. A call about an abused child. Ensuring that 10 gallons are really going into your gas tank. Gracedale. Mosquito control. Open space.

Though barely noticed, these are some of the many services provided by Northampton County government. Twenty-two Northampton County residents now understand what is often called the forgotten government. They were honored Nov. 21 at the county council meeting as the second graduating class of the Northampton County Citizens' Academy.

Executive John Stoffa, who called the academy a

"terrific idea," credited Bethlehem resident Tom Miller for the program.

"This is the guy who started this problem," Stoffa joked. Miller graduated from Bethlehem's Citizens' Academy in 2009 and urged the county to start one too.

This year's class went through 20 hours of lectures, listening to 37 speakers over the course of 10 weeks. Among them was County Council President John Cusick. He said that, for years, the only thing he knew about the county was that it provides the voting machines and gave him a marriage license.

"I vote and I'm still married, so I figured the county must still be working," he quipped.

Things got off to a bad start this year. Solicitor Dan Spengler was showing a centuries old patent deed embossed with William Penn's seal when suddenly, the lights went out, shrouding the entire class in darkness.

Was it one of the court-

house ghosts rumored to walk the halls nightly? The ghost of a person hung at the courthouse during the 1880s?

"We started in the dark, but now we can see," quipped Moore Township's Matt Miles, regarded as the youngest graduate.

This class also included Bethlehem's Dr. Wandalyn Enix, who just retired from Montclair State. She told council that county government is full of dedicated people, especially at the 911 Center. She mentioned that one 911 worker told her that he comes to work every day excited.

"The way he said it, you could feel it," she remarked. In addition to sharing some of the history she learned, Enix expressed sympathy for the county as it deals with increasing cuts in human services grants from the state.

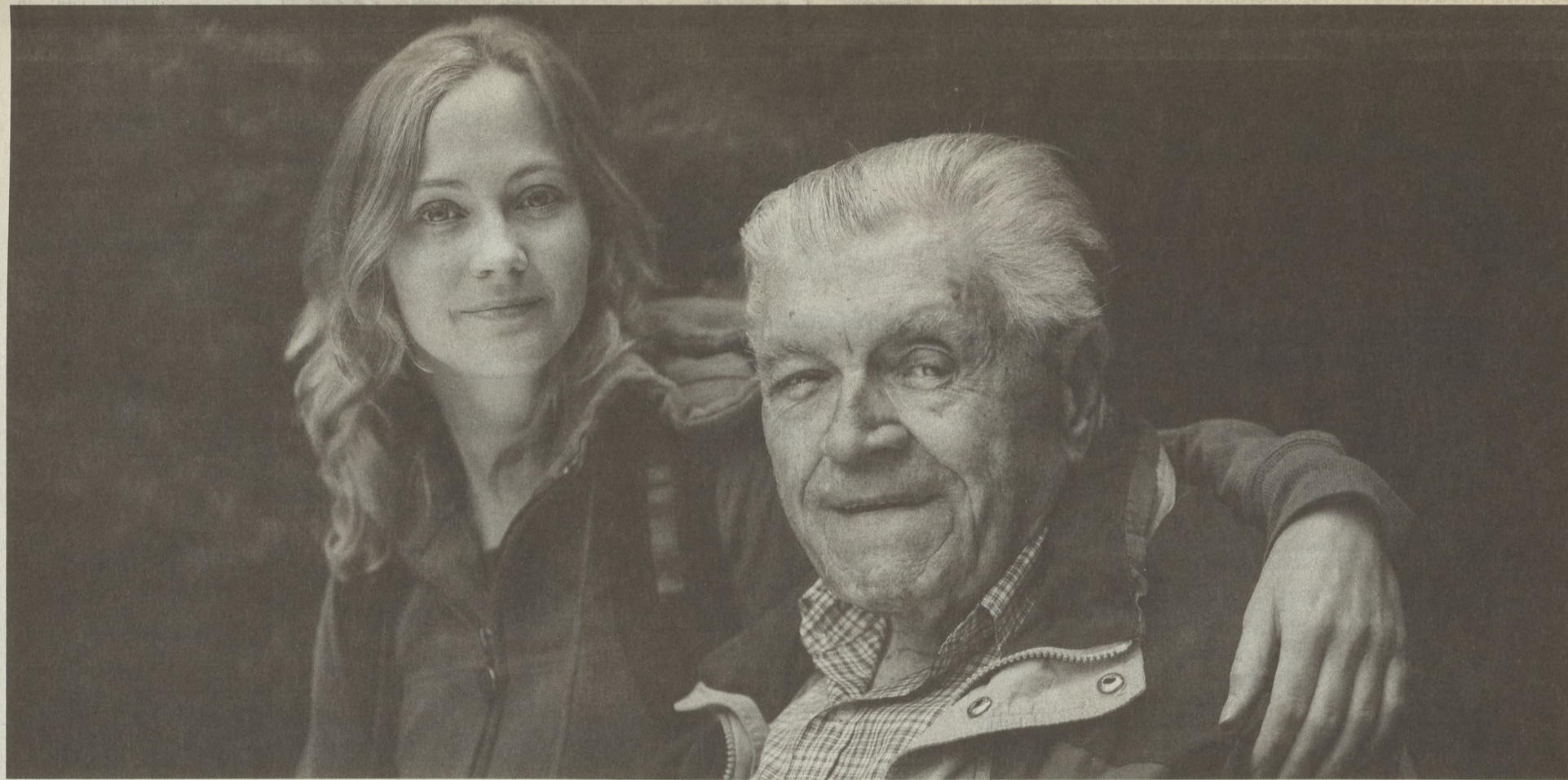
This year's graduating class also include Glenn Geissinger and Mat Benol, who were elected by the voters Nov. 5 to four-year



COUNTY EXECUTIVE

John Stoffa credits Bethlehem's Tom Miller for recommending offering a Citizen's Academy to the county. terms as county council members. It also included Joan Dean, a former president of the League of Women Voters.

But the most important student was Donna Terrio, who with her husband runs the courthouse cafeteria. She brought cake.



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DAVE AND CHARLENE Fenstermacher of Bethlehem after enjoying a dish of lobster ravioli prepared by The Inn at Pocono Manor.



LORI YANDERS, Jessica Vazquez along with her mother, Evelyn Ortiz join Damaris Torres who all work for the Hispanic Center.

BAPL
Candyland, Santa set for Dec. 7

There will be a life sized Candyland game from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St., followed by a visit from Santa Claus. The event, which is open, is for all ages. Proceeds benefit the Room to Grow capital campaign to build a new Children's Center. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761 ext. 499.

SWEET ADELINES
"Miss Manners" to host concert Dec. 7

The award-winning Lehigh Valley Sweet Adelines Chorus will hold its Holiday Harmony concert 2 p.m. Dec. 7 at : Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 730 W. Broad St.

Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 610-730-3434. The special host will be "Miss Manners". There will be a holiday boutique and a refreshment table.

BRC
Ice rink winter hours, options

The City of Bethlehem's Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink is now open. Public skating is available from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Season passes are available for residents and non-residents. Public lessons, skate rental, season passes, in-house ice hockey clinics and group sessions are available. Call 610-865-7081 or visit www.bethlehem-pa.org.

ARTSQUEST
Cupcake, Souper Bowls dates set

ArtsQuest's Cupcake Bowl will take place from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 28 and the Souper Bowl 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 25, at the Musikfest Café, 101 Founders Way. All proceeds will go to support ArtsQuest's Arts Education Programming Fund.

Tickets are available at www.artsquest.org or by calling 610-332-3378. Restaurants or business interested in participating in either event should call 610-332-1365 or email skulp@artsquest.org.

Tastes & Tunes benefit

By RUTH GRADY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Rotary Club hosted a Tastes & Tunes fundraiser recently at the Hotel Bethlehem. Proceeds from this event benefit the Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley.

Different food vendors from the region's restaurants offered delicious varieties of cuisine, as well as live and silent auctions and music by Freddy Frederick Entertainment.

The Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley offers a wide variety of programs.

The Basilio Huertas Senior Center provides breakfast and lunch meals to 40-60 senior citizens Monday through Friday, as well as providing them with case management services to help with navigating through the health care system, prescription usage, language translation and mental health referrals.

The Linny Fowler Hispanic Youth Center offers K-8 students the opportunity to

participate in organized activities designed to improve academic skills from 3 to 6 p.m. daily and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the summer.

WIC (Women, Infant & Children) provides nutritional supplements and dietary education to women, infants and children. This program serves 12,600 participants per year.

The Food Pantry, staffed mainly by volunteers since its opening in 2012, serves an average of 250 Bethlehem residents monthly.



KERRY WROBEL, president of the Bethlehem Rotary and president of Lehigh Valley Industrial Park, and Deb Geiger, a director of the Bethlehem Rotary, engage in conversation.



CONNIE MUSCHKO, co-op coordinator at Bethlehem Vo-Tech, and Gail Evans enjoy the evening.



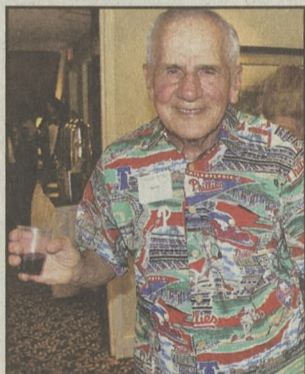
TALEAH MCNEELY and Junnie Lopez are students of the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School.



TOM PELUSO and Angela Grab of Hellertown take a moment while browsing the live auction donations.



DANIEL ORTEGA of East Stroudsburg and chef at The Inn at Pocono Manor prepares homemade lobster ravioli.



GERRY LONG, B.B.B Rotary International District Governor 2007-08, dressed in his Philadelphia Phillies shirt.



DR. AND MRS. ERIC ZEHNER of Reinholds came dressed for the occasion.



TODD PAGINI, manager of Italian Tables, and Mace Makowe, chef de cuisine of Emeril's, serve the delicious Rigatoni Bolognese.



NISALIE RIVERA, Judy Suprenant and Angel Cruz enjoy themselves.



CHRISTINA AND DONNA Holton, sisters-in-law of Bethlehem, peruse the auction items.



SHELBY HOLLOWAY and Katey Mamuzich of Allentown Beverage serve Victory Headwaters pale ale samples.

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Thursday, December 5

Bethlehem: The Christmas City, film, 30 minutes. 4 and 5 p.m. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org.

Library's holiday cookie exchange, 6:30 p.m. Southside 400 Webster St. Registration and BAPL card required. Limited to library service area residents. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-7852.

Christmas City Follies, 8 p.m. Dec. 5 through 22, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St. 610-867-1689 or visit touchstone@touchstone.org.

Friday, December 6

NCC reception and concert with the NCC College Community Chorus, 6 p.m. Lipkin Theatre (upper lobby), Kopecek Hall, Main Campus. Call 610-861-5088 or visit www.northampton.edu/special-events.

Bethlehem: The Christmas City, film, 30 minutes. 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org.

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

Hanover Township (Northampton County) tree lighting ceremony and holiday event, 6 to 8 p.m., Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road. 610-317-8701.

Freedom HS Choir/Orchestra annual winter concert, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.; tickets may be purchased at the door.

Moravian College Christmas Vespers, 8 p.m. Central Moravian Church, adjacent to the Hurd Campus. Admission is by ticket only. Call 610-861-1336.

Saturday, December 7

Community Advent Breakfast 8:30 a.m., Moravian Village of Bethlehem, main dining room, 526 Wood St.

Historic Bethlehem Partnership annual greens and crafts sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Burnside Plantation, 1461 Schoenersville Road. Call 610-691-6055.

L.V. Italian American Band, 2:10 p.m. corners of Main and Broad streets.

LEPOCO open house, Peace Center, 313 W. Fourth St. Fair trade crafts and food from around the world and more through Dec. 23. Call 610-691-8730 or visit www.lepoco.org.

Moravian College's 15th holiday luncheon for underprivileged Bethlehem, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Wyandotte St. at Route 378.

Railroad Days, two floors of continuous train operation. 2 to 5 p.m. Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers 902 E. Macada Road. Call 610-282-38012 or visit www.bdsme.org.

SteelStacks 15-minute wagonette and carriage rides Southside Bethlehem, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org.

Historic Bethlehem Partnership 21st annual holiday dinner and auction to benefit HBP museums and sites, ArtsQuest Center, Steel Stacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-691-6055.

Moravian College Christmas Vespers, 8 p.m. Central Moravian Church. Admission by ticket only. Call 610-861-1336.

Sunday, December 8

Bach Choir Christmas concert 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St. Call 610-866-4382.

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Lehigh Choral Arts Christmas Vespers, 4 and 8 p.m. Packer Memorial Church, 18 University Drive. Call 610-758-2787 or email inactix@lehigh.university.

Moravian College Christmas Vespers, 5 p.m. Central Moravian Church. Admission by ticket only. Call 610-861-1336.

Putz Displays

Central Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz and Star and Candle Shoppe, east of the church (73 W. Church St.) and Heckewelder Place, through Dec. 31. No holiday showings. Call 610-867-2996.

Edgeboro Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz and Shop, 945 Hamilton Ave. Dec. 1 to 22. Call 610-866-8793 or visit www.edgeboromoravian.org.

Recurring Events

Daily

Christmas Trees From Around the World, round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. 610-882-9700, through Jan. 1. The Doors and Windows of Bethlehem, through Jan. 1. North and south side buildings.

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

Historic Bethlehem carriage rides, 15 minute horse-drawn carriage rides, every 20 minutes, 4 to 10 p.m., (no rides 7 to 7:20 p.m.) Call 610-691-6055 or 1-800-TOUR. Nov. 23 through Dec. 31; closed Dec. 25, 26. Thurs. through Sun: 4 to 10 p.m. every 20 minutes; meets and ends outside Central Moravian Church, Main St.

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

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

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Holiday Walking tours Christmas City Stroll, 4 p.m. through Dec. 23. 610-691-6055 or 1-800-360-TOUR.

Thursday through Saturday

Historic Bethlehem's Smithy (historic blacksmith), 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Dec. 23. 425 Main St. 610-691-6055.

Holiday Walking Tours: A Christmas City Stroll, 3, 4 and 6 p.m. Dec. 5 through Dec. 22. 610-691-6055 or 1-800-360-TOUR.

Bethlehem by Night bus tour with costumed guide; 5, 6 and 7 p.m. through Dec. 23. Visitor Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Christmas City Follies, 8 p.m. Dec. 5 through 22, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St. 610 867-1689. Visit touchstone@touchstone.org.

Thursday through Sunday

Moravian Museum, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 23. 66 W. Church St. 610-691-6055.

Kemerer Museum, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Dec. 23. 427 N. New St. 610-691-6055.

Christkindlmarkt, Artsquest, Steel Stacks, 101 Founder's Way. Call 610-332-3378 for daily hours.

Free Christmas City Trolley between the Walnut Street parking garage, Sun Inn, Moravian Book Shop, Christmas City Village, Christkindlmarkt, Sands outlet mall and stops along the Southside. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 29.

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JAMES BUCHANAN ES and Nitschmann MS students help decorate that mayor's tree at Payrow Plaza, while members of Liberty Grenadier Band plays Christmas music.

The mayor's last tree



MAYOR JOHN CALLAHAN talks to students from James Buchanan ES during the annual mayor's tree decorating at City Hall Nov. 22.

Students from three specific schools participated in decorating Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan's 10th and final Christmas tree in Payrow Plaza. Callahan leaves office at the end of the year. The annual event brought together students from Mayor Callahan's alumni schools – James Buchanan ES, Nitschmann MS, Liberty HS and Moravian College. James Buchanan students each decorated an ornament that they placed on the tree. Nitschmann students served as hosts for the elementary students

and helped serve lunch in City Hall following the outside activities. Members of the Liberty Grenadier Band played holiday tunes. Student athletes from Moravian College helped decorate the tree. Natalie Miller arranged lunch and Bethlehem Business Forms/Working Dog Press provided backpacks for the children. Just Born donated holiday treats and the Cops 'n' Kids program provided books for each child. "This lovely collaboration is what makes our community as special as it is," said Cops 'n' Kids director Beverly Bradley.



MEMBERS of the Liberty Grenadier Band tie red ribbons around the mayor's tree in Payrow Plaza.



BEVERLY BRADLEY of the Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program signs books for students from James Buchanan ES.

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Lexi Schnabel

L.V. Charter HS for the Arts

Grade: 12

Family members: Mother, father, younger brother

Favorite subject: My favorite subjects are art and art history, because it doesn't feel like working at all; it's a way to have a solid block of concentrated time to study what I love. I also love history and English, because it's an opportunity to look into and deeply analyze work, may it be a document, book or a current event. It's also great to debate and counteract others' opinions and discuss them.

Activities: President of the Art Alliance at Charter Arts, Red Ten Club at Charter Arts, Bux-Mont Macintosh Users Group, Haycock Historical Society, yoga

Next steps: Immediately attend an art school in the Philadelphia area

Career goals: I'd like to pursue art education because I'd like to leave an impression on a student, and it's a variation of my passion.

Heroes: I admire Andrea Gibson (a slam poet) because she challenges the boundaries between expressionism with words and full-on abstraction. I also admire Leonard Da Vinci because he took leaps and gladly challenged the unknown and wasn't afraid to fail a few times.

Hobbies: Painting, writing, playing with animals, hiking, reading, running, yoga, kayaking and generally any outdoor activity

Current job(s): F.P. Kolbe's, a family-owned three-generation old business in Point Pleasant

Volunteer/community work: Any logistical support



for the art department at Charter Arts, spending hours each year helping prepare, put up and take down work for art shows, among other duties. TNR Program (trap, neuter, release), working to advance progress on a colony of endangered feral cats in my neighborhood

Likes: Deep colors, organic fruit and veggies, chickens, rabbits, ducks, mornings

Dislikes: Artist's block, feeling dirty, being uncomfortable, having teeth hurt

Greatest accomplishment (so far): I've done a few ambitious paintings that advanced my painting career by far and could be considered a "greatest accomplishment," but I personally believe it was when I mentally got past blocks that had me held up for a long time.

Advice for peers: You can take charge of anything. Working hard is not a negative, it's necessary to progress and its rewards are beyond belief.

Julia Swan coordinates students profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DIANNE PELAGGI

OUR LADY of Perpetual Help School held its first Cougar Crawl Walk-a-Thon this fall. On a pre-set course on school grounds, grades 5-8 walked five miles and grades K-4 walked two miles. Students, parents, faculty and volunteers participat-

ed. Donations totaled more than \$20,000.

ABOVE: "RRolph" the Our Lady mascot kicks off the Cougar Crawl on the grounds of the Bethlehem Township K-8 school. Money raised will be put toward improvements to the school.

Our Lady fall fundraiser



GABRIELLE TRUSCOTT of Bethlehem shares a popsicle treat with sisters Jennifer Hoang and Faustina Hoang, both of Bethlehem, during picture perfect weather at the school's fundraiser.



OUR LADY PRINCIPAL Harry Reese congratulates Jacob Schaeffer of Bethlehem Township for completing the 5-mile walk. "Support from our students, sponsors and the Our Lady community has been overwhelming," says Reese of the funds raised. "First on our list is a new P.A. system to help improve internal communications throughout the building."



JULIA ZAMBO of Bethlehem Township shares a moment with her 2-year-old cousin, Sophia Wolf, of Bethlehem, who came out with family to support the students.



A GROUP OF OUR LADY students are feeling fine as they finish the last lap of five miles they walked to raise funds for their school.

District chosen for 'green' award



MARK STEIN, the director of facilities and operations for the Bethlehem Area School District (center) displays the 2013 Green School District Award presented by the Lehigh Valley branch of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) at a gala reception held at Muhlenberg College in October. With Stein is Abigail Perstein O'Brien, the chair of the DVGBC and Martin Misenhimer, from ATAS International, who announced the award.

PRESS PHOTO BY DEB GALBRAITH

LIBERTYNEWS

Fall winds down

The attitude of Liberty students has been one of much joy since the Hurricanes crushed the Patriots in football 25-7. At the end of the spirit week, where students enjoyed dressing up as many different characters, there was an upset on the annual Red and Blue day.



Josh Ledyard
Liberty HS

Due to weather, the final round of the flag football tournament was made into a mat ball game in the Memorial Gymnasium. The junior class team was able to pull off a close victory over the senior team, leaving many seniors up in arms. Junior Peyton Bates was especially excited as his athleticism was leading some juniors to call him the 'spirit week MVP.' However, the pride of the senior class was re-established when the senior team unleashed a can of hurt in the pep rally relays; they especially sought out revenge in the tug-of-war.

The whole school, though, was reunited through well-regarded Principal Harrison Bailey. This was whether they were laughing in admiration of his attempt at the pie-eating contest, or enjoying his rendition of the Liberty chant tradition (Give me an (L-I-B-E-R-T-Y What's it spell? Etc.). Principal Bailey has truly exemplified the Liberty spirit; then saying that he had never been more excited for a Liberty game.

With rumors of an appearance by Paul McCartney, no one was more excited than the esteemed Grenadier Band. Though McCartney's secretary was contacted, he did not make an appearance due to a very busy schedule. Nevertheless, the band, with solo performance by senior trombonist Tom Santee, added on to their regular show with an excellent rendition of McCartney's "Live and Let Die." The band, of

course, went out with a bang by using specialized fireworks. Fans were in awe as streaks of bright red and blue accompanied the performance.

The members of the band, who recently celebrated the 50th birthday of beloved director Kevin Long, have been working to prepare for the 2014 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Band members celebrated with a slide show, which was put together by the wonderful new Assistant Director Allen Frank, of embarrassing photos of Mr. Long.

In other news, one of the captains of the cross country team, Alex Fitch, was proud to be able to represent our school by qualifying and running in the State Championships.

Academically, the school is already past halfway through the first semester. Exams are going to be held Jan. 9 and 10.

The Liberty Chapter of The National Honor Society recently inducted one of its largest groups, as 110 students joined. At the induction, students had the remarkable pleasure of listening to retired LHS teacher Judy Smullen, who enlightened the audience with impeccable eloquence. A copy of her speech can be found on the school website. At the induction, students Nick Gaspar, West Holtermann, Kayla Mulkern, Zach Pendzick and Jane Rosa were commended for their performances on the PSATS.

The orchestra and the vocal ensembles have been known to be some of the best kept secrets at Liberty and they are preparing for a winter concert for all to come and see on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. or Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Under the new direction of Mark McKenna, Liberty Theatre will be putting on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Please check the Liberty website for date and time.

Liberty extends the warm wishes of happy holidays to all and is excited to continue its tradition of excellence through the New Year!

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YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Partly Cloudy 49 / 41 6 mph SE	Few Showers 52 / 39 5-7 mph SE	Rain Likely 44 / 32 3-7 mph S	Rain/Snow Possible 38 / 25 5-10 mph S	Partly Cloudy 34 / 24 5-7 mph SW	Snow Possible 36 / 27 5-8 mph NW	Rain/Snow Possible 40 / 32 6-9 mph NW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 71%. The record high temperature for today is 62° set in 1988. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 41°. The record low for tonight is 12° set in 1932. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 61%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 39°. Expect cloudy skies Friday with a 60% chance of rain, high temperature of 44°. Skies will become mostly cloudy Saturday with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 38°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 34°.

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TGIF draws 60 golfers

The 11th annual Teaching Girls is Fun (TGIF) YWCA Golf Tournament fundraiser, which supports the agency's Girls Golf programming, attracted more than 60 area golfers to its fall event held at The Club at Morgan Hill. YWCA Executive Director Stephanie Hnatiw said funds earned by the tournament, along with support from Women Golfers Give Back and the LPGA USGA, provides funding for disadvantaged girls aged 7 to 17 to learn the basics of the game from golf mentors. Hnatiw said the program generally draws around 60 golfers each year and has been expanded at the request of parents to provide similar opportunities for boys. Prizes were awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hole-in-one. Tournament play was followed by lunch and prizes.



GOLFERS John Hayes, Jason Wilson, Bill Bakos and Ed Kleumper had the honor of teeing off on hole number one to begin play at the tournament.



SOME OF THE 60 plus golfers register and purchase raffle tickets prior to enjoying a continental breakfast at the tournament.

GOLFER Tara Capecci selects a raffle item she'd like to win by placing her ticket in the corresponding paper bag from which the drawing will be made. Capecci lives in Nazareth.



THE LOGO on gift packs received by each golfer served as a reminder of the Girls Golf program benefiting from funds raised by the YWCA Golf Tournament.



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Black Friday, Bethlehem style

SHOPPERS flock to Bethlehem's Main Street shopping district on Black Friday, choosing the historic friendly confines of small quaint shops for their Christmas shopping.

Fall clean-up



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

CHUCK Bendas cleans up sidewalk by his home in the 1600 block of East-on Avenue recently. Bendas, who moved from Doylestown two years ago with his wife Erin, said he enjoys the change of seasons despite the extra yard work.

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A newspaper reporter asked seven people the same question: "What are your chances of going to heaven when you die?" The answers ranged from, "Pretty slim, because I can't play a harp," to "about 1 out of 12." Perhaps one man was the closest to the right answer when he said that he felt his chances were not so good because of his human limitations.

As long as one feels he will slide into heaven by accident, or by joining the church, or by the mere act of dying, he is not even close to what the Bible says is necessary for gaining entrance to that "holy city" (Revelation 21:2) or avoiding "hell" (Revelation 20:14). Eternity is too real, too long, and too full of either torment or happiness to be left to mere chance.

The Bible states that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). God sent His Son to die as a sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. He has "commanded all men everywhere to repent" of their sins (Acts 17:30) and to believe in and receive His Son, Jesus, Who is the only Way to heaven (see: www.naog.ws/theway.htm).

Going to heaven is not a matter of chance! It is your acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ that will determine your eternal destiny as we read in John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

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Back row, left to right: Joy Ondra Hirokawa, director of the Bel Canto Children's Chorus, with 11 of her singers, middle row: Jennie Gilrain, teacher, Freemansburg Elementary School; Mary Wright, reader; Touchstone Theatre; Bill George, spoken word director; Touchstone Theatre; Maya Briggs, reader, Moravian Academy; Greg Funfgeld, artistic director and conductor, The Bach Choir of Bethlehem; and Bridget George, compilation of spoken word and executive director, The Bach Choir of Bethlehem, and front row: Emma Sensale, Laila-Lis Roque, Jayda Malave, Jaida Caraballo, Shawn McDonald and Misael, poets and readers from Freemansburg Elementary School.

There will be Bach

Making a joyful noise with CD, Christmas concerts

By BATHSHEBA MONK
 Special to The Press

This season, The Bach Choir of Bethlehem, under the direction of Greg Funfgeld, is performing "What Sweeter Music," two Christmas concerts, 8 p.m. Dec. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman Street, Allentown, and 4 p.m. Dec. 8, First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem.

The program features carols from across the centuries and around the world. The choir is accompanied by Thomas Goeman, organ and piano; Christopher Hanning, percussion, and members of the brass section of the Bach Festival Orchestra and Philadelphia Brass.

The concerts celebrate the release of The Bach Choir's newest CD, "A Child's Christmas in Bethlehem," on the Analekta label. In compiling the program, Funfgeld invited choir members to vote for their favorite carols from the new CD as well as The Bach Choir's popular four-volume "Christmas in Bethlehem."

"A Child's Christmas in Bethlehem" is the choir's first Christmas CD created with young listeners in mind. The CD combines music and spoken word to create a truly magical listening experience.

"Tis the night before Christmas and all through the world people gather to share stories, poems and music of this wondrous night," begins Funfgeld, the narrator of "A Child's Christmas in Bethlehem."

The invitation draws us into a recording that includes carols spanning seven centuries and five languages as well as poems and stories that take us from Bethlehem in the Holy Land, where we are present at the birth of Jesus as seen through a child's eyes, to the diverse Christmas traditions of the Lehigh Valley's own Bethlehem in the present day.

If there is a prettier or more moving musical interpretation of the Christmas story, I don't know what it is.

The music for "A Child's Christmas in Bethlehem" was chosen by Funfgeld. The choir is joined by The Bel

Canto Children's Chorus, directed by Joy Ondra Hirokawa. Additional color is provided by handbells, violins, guitar, and percussion.

The spoken word was compiled by Bridget George, Bach Choir's executive director, who says that the vision was to "create a recording for families to treasure in the belief that it is never too early - or too late - to instill the love of great music and literature and lift our spirits with this beautiful meditation on the meaning of Christmas. We wanted it to be pure delight for the ears and heart."

The voices of adults and children, directed by Touchstone Theatre's Bill George, bring us poems from Robert Herrick, William Blake, G.K. Chesterton, Anne Porter, and student poets from Freemansburg Elementary School, Bethlehem Area School District.

Jennie Gilrain, a fourth grade teacher at Freemansburg, received a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for a teacher-artist partnership, the "Homer to

Hip Hop poetry project." George asked Gilrain if she could encourage her students to write poems about Christmas and subsequently chose four poems for the CD. One of the poems, Carla Victoria Lugo's "Puerto Rico's Christmas in Bethlehem," received first-place, elementary school division, in the 8th annual Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

Stories include excerpts from "The Christmas Mystery" by Jostein Gaarder; "Snow Over Bethlehem" by Katherine Mihous, based on the early history of the Bethlehem Moravians, and "The Night We Almost Saw The Three Kings" by Zaida Padilla.

One of the highlights of the new CD is the first recording of "Sleep Well, Thou Child of God," with words and music by Bach Choir member David Umla. This moving carol, written in 2001 by Umla following the tragic events of 9/11, is performed in the Christmas concert.

Ticket information: bach.org, 610-866-4382, ext. 15 or 10

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Jingle Babes rock: The Jingle Babes, above, "Deck the Halls with Songs and Folly," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton. The Jingle Babes is the holiday edition of The Four Bitchin' Babes, which has been dazzling audiences on stage for more than 20 years, including nine recordings and a concert DVD. The Babes (Sally Fingerett, Debi Smith, Deirdre Flint, Marcy Marxer), who accompanying themselves on guitar, mandolin, ukulele, bass, piano and the Irish Bodhran, sing and perform an evening of carols and comedy in four-part harmony. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132



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Going Dutch for Christmas: Experience Christmas Eve 1842 with a Pennsylvania-German family at the historic 1756 Pennsylvania German Troxell-Steckel Farmhouse, 4229 Reliance St., Egypt, Whitehall Township, with hour-long holiday tours, noon - 5:15 p.m. Dec. 7. "Our goal is to let the public relive early Pennsylvania German Christmas customs, many of which have become national holiday traditions," said Joseph Garrera, executive director of the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, which hosts the event. The Pennsylvania German Belsnickel, also known as "St. Nicholas in furs," hands out treats. Visitors can decorate the Christmas tree with nuts, apples, pretzels and cookies — Christmas tree ornaments of yore. Information: 610-435-1074

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Christmas lights up the stage at Lehigh Valley theaters

Lehigh Valley theater groups are "keeping Christmas well," to paraphrase from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with traditional, off-beat and holiday shows representing the spirit of the season. Yes, Christmas is alive and well at area theaters once again as Christmas lights up the stage.

Here's an overview of offerings to help make your season bright.

"A Christmas Carol," 7 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20; 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 14, 15, Civic Theatre of Allentown, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. CivicTheatre.com, 610-432-8943

"A Christmas Carol," 8 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21; 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 15, 22, Crowded Kitchen Players, McCool's Arts & Events Place, 10 S. Main St., Quakertown. ckplayers@rcn.com, ckplayers.com, 610-395-7176

"A Christmas Carol: The Musical," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12, Nebraska Theatre Caravan, State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton, statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

"Almost, Maine," 8 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21; 3 p.m. Dec. 8, 15, 22, The Pennsylvania Playhouse, Illicks Mill Road,



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From left: Makenna Masenheimer (Mrs. Barry), Colleen Prince (Rachel Lynde), Laura Fodale (Marilla) and Joy Mills (Anne) rehearse "Anne of Green Gables," Dec. 5 - 7, 12 - 14, Players of the Stage, Living Hope Church, Lower Macungie Township.

Bethlehem. paplayhouse.org, 610-865-6665

"Anne of Green Gables," 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14; 2 p.m. Dec. 7, 14, Players of the Stage, Living Hope Church building, 330 Schantz Road, Lower Macungie Township. Free, or with donation. Benefits Allentown Rescue Mission. Reservation required. potstickers@gmail.com, 610-310-7604

"Christmas 1954," 12:15 p.m., lunch; 1:30 p.m.,

show, Dec. 5 - 7, 12 - 15, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. artsquest.org, 610-332-3378.

"Christmas City Follies XIV," Dec. 5 - 22: 8 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays; 2 p.m. Dec. 21, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. touchstone.org, 610-867-1689

"Shrek the Musical," through Dec. 15: 7 p.m. Fridays, 1, 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, Pennsylvania Youth Theatre, Charles A.

Brown Ice House, Sand Island, Bethlehem. 123pyt.org, 610-332-1400

"The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge," Dec. 4 - 15: 8 p.m. Wednesdays - Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays; 2 p.m. Dec. 7; 9:45 a.m. Dec. 10; talk back with the director; cast after 2 p.m. Dec. 8 performance, Main Stage theater, Act 1 DeSales University Theatre, Main Stage, Labunda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, Center Valley. 610-282-



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Tom Mazur (Shrek) and Camille Armstrong (Donkey), in rehearsal, "Shrek the Musical," through Dec. 15, Pennsylvania Youth Theatre, Charles A. Brown Ice House, Bethlehem.

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"Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland," through Dec. 29, The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333

Deadline for Lehigh Valley Stage is 10 days prior to the Wednesday publication date. Email: Paul Willistein at: pwillistein@tnonline.com

FOCUS ON THE WEB
'Wizards,' 'Shrek'

See the Lehigh Valley Press web site for these Focus-Plus features:
"The Wizards of Winter: A Trans Siberian Experience," State Theater, Easton, concert preview by Camille Capriglione; and Pennsylvania Youth Theatre "Shrek The Musical" theater review by Douglas Graves

NCC
Winter concert

Northampton Community College's community chorus, Bel Canto Dalle Stelle, sings holiday favorites at its annual winter concert, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6, Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township.
Admission is by donation or a non-perishable food item for a local food bank.
Information: 610-861-5300.

WEDDING

Walsh-Gawlas
Central Catholic grad married in Wilkes-Barre

Stephanie Marie Gawlas and Colin James Walsh were married in a double-ring ceremony July 6 at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre.
The bride's great-uncle, Msgr. Joseph Rausher, officiated at the wedding.
The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Nancy Gawlas of Hanover Township, Luzerne County.
She was given in marriage by her father.
Maid of honor was Alyssa Gawlas, sister of the bride.
Bridesmaids were Catie Kresge, sister of the groom; and Kelly Rose, Alicia Sebastian, Therese Stemple and Katie Jones, friends of the bride.
The groom is the son of Charles and Cynthia Walsh of Northampton.
His best man was Zachary Leonard, friend of the groom.
Ushers were Adam Walsh, cousin of the groom; Robert Gawlas, cousin of the bride; and Richard Warmkessel, Chad Hoffman and Thomas Gallager, friends of the groom.
The ring bearer was Ava Walsh, the



Stephanie and Colin Walsh

couple's German shepherd.
The reception was held at The Woodlands, Wilkes-Barre.
The bride is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and King's College. She is a first-grade teacher in Loudon County, Va.
The groom is a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School and King's College.
He is a federal closeout analyst for Deloitte, Tyson's Corner, Va.
Following a wedding trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple will reside in Reston, Va.

Last of the lucky generation?

For decades, reaching for any part of the American dream almost guaranteed a better living standard than the previous generation.

For those willing to work hard and gain the needed education or training, the reward was usually having more than your parents did.

Those days might be over.
At least by anecdotal evidence, many kids today are having a hard time matching what their parents had.

A job that would last? Not as easy to come by as in previous generations.

A guaranteed pension plan? Gone with the wind.
Most firms today don't offer company funded pension plans.

Instead, many have 401K plans where the worker is expected to save for retirement. Didn't do it? Too bad. Hope you can live on Social Security, if you're lucky enough to get it.

"Forget pension plans and retirement. I can't even get a full-time job, much less benefits like my parents enjoyed," said Stephen, a 38-year-old man still waiting to get started.

Despite a college degree from a pricey college, he's working part time for a big box grocery store while he's looking for something in his field.

Meanwhile, he's living with his parents worrying about how he's going to pay off \$60,000 in student loans.

What surprises me is that in my relatively small circle of friends, five say their adult children had to move back home because they can't afford their own place.

The biggest reason: No job. Unemployed or underemployed is a hard reality for many, including some in my own family.

The stories I hear from others all echo each other:

There's Marion who worked hard to get her MBA from Wharton School of Business. She had a six-figure job and thought she was set in life until she got laid off 18 months ago. With her savings gone, she still can't find another job and doesn't know how much longer she can hang on.

I didn't think about all this in any cohesive way until I interviewed a 48-year-old man who is operating a nonprofit thrift store solely to help the homeless.

I figured anyone that young who was devoting himself to helping the homeless must have an interesting story to tell. I was right.

Mark said he lost everything. And in the process, he found himself, as well as a more meaningful life.

At one time Mark was a realtor and real estate investor, making money hand over fist.

"I had a fabulous five-bedroom house, three nifty cars in the garage and a big boat. I loved to throw parties and often had 60 people there," he says.

Then the bottom fell out of the real estate market. With no money coming in, Mark couldn't afford to keep his house.

"I lost everything - the bank took my house and the cars. I went from having everything to being

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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homeless," he says.

When he couldn't get a job, he moved several states away to live with his father.

For many, it's a familiar story.

"We're all one pay check away from disaster," he says.

In the middle of the interview, he paused and said to me: "You know, you are probably part of the last lucky generation - the generation that achieved a better life than their parents did."

His father, he said, is a mechanic in Chicago. "I always assumed I would use my college degree to reach a higher standard of living than he had," Mark said.

Now, he believes his generation will never have any economic certainty.

"We're all finding it's tough to climb out of the hole," he says. "We can't even afford rent, much less buying a home like our parents did."

Unfortunately, Mark is probably right. Many of those of his generation don't have the economic comforts their parents had.

Decades ago, we easily could stay all our working lives with the same employer. That's fairly hard to do today. Lay offs, downsizing and company cutbacks preclude staying with the same employer for decades.

And Mark is right, too, when he says we might very well be the last generation to have the security of a company pension. But something else sticks in my mind as a result of that interview with him.

He admits before the real estate market crashed he bought three cars.

Those of his parents' generation would never buy three cars for one driver. Nor would they spend lavishly by hosting parties for 60 people.

Instead, when they had money coming in, they would sock some of it away, knowing good times don't always last.

Remember, salaries were much lower "back then" but so were expectations. We didn't crave a lavish lifestyle as much as we craved a little financial security. And if that meant only saving \$10 a month, at least it wasn't spending money that wasn't there.

Did I mention credit cards? To me, that's the major difference between generations. Before plastic became the payment of choice, we never bought what we couldn't pay for.

And when we bought a home, it didn't have to be grand. It just had to be securely ours, not something the bank could yank away from us. We tried to be careful in taking on debt.

Are we the last of the "lucky generation?"

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The concert finale is an original holiday medley composed by one of CMS' long-time students. Michael G. Michael directs the piece performed by student musicians.

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Yuletide Revels

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The duo, Flute and Lute, which is musicians Mindy Rosenfeld and

Ronn McFarlane, perform seasonal early music. The concert concludes with a Boar's Head Procession featuring "Dancing Bear."
A reception of Yuletide goodies, including wassail, nog and flaming Christmas pudding follows.
Information: 610-867-4741

McConaughey Oscar-worthy

"Dallas Buyers Club" provides an alternative view of the Texas metropolis.

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



While the film's title might sound like the name of a club those on Bravo's "Real Housewives of Dallas" (set for a 2014 telecast start) might belong to, or a QVC telemarketing spinoff, "Dallas Buyers Club" is about a company organized to provide what was purported to be H.I.V.-positive anti-dotes soon after the virus was identified.

"Dallas Buyers Club," said to be based on a true story, stars Matthew McConaughey as Ron Woodroof, founder of the club, in what should be an Oscar actor-nominated performance.

homophobic and H.I.V. was diagnosed in the gay community in the United States.

Woodroof travels to Mexico, where a former medical doctor, Dr. Vass (Griffin Dunne), has developed a "cocktail" of medicines and supplements said to be an effective H.I.V. antidote.

Since the antidotes weren't approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and Woodroof isn't a medical doctor, prescriptions and sales are illegal. Those who request the concoction pay a \$400 to join the Dallas Buyers Club and obtain the "antidote" for free.

Woodroof, given 30 days to live, is told "to put your affairs in order" by Dr. Sevard (Denis O'Hare). The film's closing titles state that Woodroof lived for seven years after his diagnosis.

The screenplay by Melissa Wallack (screen stories for "Mirror, Mirror," 2012; "Meet Bill," 2007) and Craig Borten depicts the life of Ron Woodroof in all its seedy glory.

Canadian director

Jean-Marc Vallée ("The Young Victoria," 2009) uses lots of close-ups, casual camera angles and quick edits to tell the story in a fast-paced, sometimes shocking, often humorous and always intriguing style.

At the center of "Dallas Buyers Club" are three fine performances. Jennifer Garner creates empathy as a doctor who sympathizes with Woodroof's plight. Jared Leto ("Lord of War," 2005; "Fight Club," 1999) is incredible as a young transvestite who brings out the humanity in Woodroof.

Matthew McConaughey ("Mud," "Magic Mike," both 2012) is all jangly and rough edges with an angularity to his performance that makes his cowboy hat seem to be perched precariously atop his cowboy-boot gaunt frame. McConaughey is almost unrecognizable as he burrows into the role with a furtive intensity that has to be seen to be appreciated.

Effective in a supporting role as a policeman is Steve Zahn.

"Dallas Buyers Club" might not be the kind of film that all movie-goers will want to see. However, it's worth viewing as yet another reality-based feature that merits Oscar consideration.

"Dallas Buyers Club": MPAA rated R (Restricted. Children Under 17 Require Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian.) for pervasive

language, some strong sexual content, nudity and drug use; Genre: Biography, Drama, History; Run time: 1 hr. 57 min.; Distributed by Focus Features.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Although "Dallas Buyers Club" is set in Dallas, Texas, it was filmed in New Orleans, La.

Box Office, Nov. 29: "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" lit up the top spot two weeks in a row, No. 1 with \$74.5 million, \$296.5 million, two weeks, freezing out "Frozen," with a hot \$66.7 million, \$93.3 million, two weeks;

3. "Thor: The Dark World," \$11.1 million, \$186.7 million, four weeks; 4. "The Best Man Holiday," \$8.4 million, \$63.4 million, three weeks; 5. "Homefront," \$6.9 million, weekend, \$9.7 million, since Nov. 27 opening; 6. "Delivery Man," \$6.9 million, \$19.4 million, two weeks; 7. "The Book Thief," \$4.8 million, \$7.8 million, four weeks; 8. "Black Nativity," \$3.8 million, weekend; \$5 million, since Nov. 27 opening; 9. "Philomena," \$3.7 million, \$4.7 million, two weeks; 10. "Last Vegas," \$2.7 million, \$58.7 million, five weeks

Box Office, Nov. 22: "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" lived up to its hype, opening at No. 1 with \$158 million, best opening ever in November, sixth-biggest opening ever, third all-time for 2D-only movies, and more

than the \$152-million opening last March of the first in the series.

"Thor: The Dark World" got hammered to No. 2 after two straight weeks at No. 1, \$14.1 million, \$167.9 million, three weeks.

3. "The Best Man Holiday," \$12.4 million, \$50.3 million, two weeks; 4. "Delivery Man," \$7.9 million, opening; 5. "Free Birds," \$5.3 million, \$48.6 million, four weeks; 6. "Last Vegas," \$4.3 million, \$53.8 million, four weeks; 7. "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa," \$3.4 million, \$95.4 million, five weeks; 8. "Gravity," \$3.2 million, \$245.4 million, eight weeks; 9. "12 Years A Slave," \$2.8 million, \$29.4 million, six weeks; 10. "Dallas Buyers Club," \$2.6 million, \$6.3 million, four weeks

Unreel, Dec. 6: "Out of the Furnace," R; Christian Bale, Casey Affleck, Zoe Saldana and Woody Harrelson star in the crime thriller about a vigilante.

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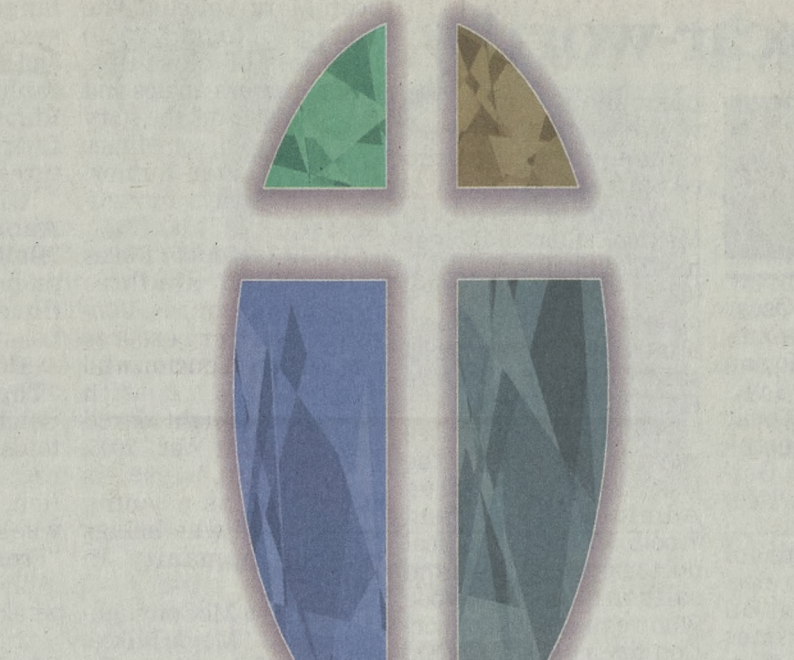
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Friday, Dec. 13: Chicken pot pie, seasoned carrots, tossed salad with French dressing, wheat roll with margarine, fresh Clementines.

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

Answer to previous puzzle grid with numbers 1-9.

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See cryptogram answer on page B6

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals C

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

OPENING NOTES

- ACROSS: 1 Person bearing witness, 9 Hip-hop buddies, 14 De-chalk, 19 Basic notion, 21 Arctic, e.g., 22 Attach, as a corsage, 23 King's goal for his realm?, 25 "That's impossible for me", 26 Piano technique improver, 27 Dodge truck, 28 Smells awful, 30 Ontario's capital, on sports tickers, 31 Not a thing, 32 Recall the contents of an address book?, 38 Head, in Caen, 40 Upper limit, 41 - Tunes (old cartoon series), 42 Kingly Norse name, 43 Butcher's cut, 45 Make - stop, 47 High-speed Net provider, 49 Competitive greyhound trainer who's been duped?, 55 " - which will live in infamy", 56 Garments, 57 Prefix with colonialism, 58 Major crime, 61 God of war, 62 Going without food as drones do?, 68 Cooked in the style of, 69 Pal of René, 71 Pericles' "H", 72 Cousin of -ette, 73 X - , 74 Pattern in which seeds are planted?, 80 Pen at a zoo, 81 Sea nymph, 82 Hyperlinked address, 83 Supermarket chain, 85 Make dim, as overstrained eyes, 88 Toiled so much that you cried?, 92 Go back to square one, 95 Past spouses, 96 Took way too many meds, 97 Opposing, 98 Delphic diviner, 101 Student-focused gp., 102 Some jazz improv, 106 Two things seen in the toros' tavern after a grueling corrida?, 111 Sign of a fire, 112 Orange pekoe, e.g., 113 Part of many a concerto, 114 Clever sort, 115 Actress Gibbs, 117 " - We Trust", 119 Gift from mosque clerics?, 124 Rub to clean, 125 "Hasta -!", 126 Piece of magnetite, 127 Skating great Sonja, 128 Attempt, 129 Go Daddy and Network Solutions, e.g., 17 Like L or R, in phonetics, 18 Charge for admission, 20 In - (stuck), 24 Diplomats' hdqrs., 29 Piano's 88, 33 Skip over, as a vowel, 34 Look after, 35 Filmmaker Kazan, 36 Campus military gp., 37 "Shoulda listened to me!", 39 Novelist Bret Easton - , 44 Not 'neath, 45 A long time, 46 President - (acting head), 49 Papas' partners, 50 Fascist aviator Balbo, 51 Soda insert, 52 Put - show, 53 D-H link, 54 Family fig., 59 Legal claim, 60 Says yes to, 62 Little flute, 63 "Give - try", 64 Essence, 65 "Elysium" actress Alice, 66 Like beavers, 67 Ogling ones, 69 The end of - , 70 Co. VIP, 75 How some games end, 76 OPEC stuff, 77 Nutrition fig., 78 Angers, 79 Obsolete, 80 College girls, quaintly, 83 Film maker, 84 Bus driver's path: Abbr., 85 Like badly behaved kids, 86 Clemency, 87 He waited for Godot, 89 Lugosi of "Dracula", 90 Yak pack, 91 Two - sloth, 93 Cop or call preceder, 94 Roll along on wheels, 99 Novelist Huxley, 100 Lookalikes, 101 "Maybe later", 103 Musician Santana, 104 Tilting, 105 British river, 107 Discoverer of Eminem, 108 Hwy. offense, 109 Cello's kin, 110 Some of the Plain People, 116 In re, 118 Yes, to Gigi, 120 - Khan, 121 Tot's diverter, 122 Lyric poem, 123 Jan.-Mar. link

Crossword grid with numbers 1-129.

- 19 B O C E A N, 20 A O C E A N, 21 O C E A N, 22, 23 N A L L, 24 R C T, 25, 26 N O N S E, 27 U, 28 P E E K S, 29, 30, 31 N I L E, 32 T, 33 T, 34, 35 E, 36, 37, 38 T E T E, 39, 40, 41 L O O N E Y, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 M A, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 M I O S, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129

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See crossword answer on page B8

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET ADOPTION

A public hearing on the proposed 2014-15 General Fund and Academic Center Budgets of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is scheduled for December 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Whitehall, Bureau of Planning, Zoning & Development and the Plumbing Inspector, to all Master and Journeyman Plumbers licensed by the Township that, according to Section P-112.5 of the Whitehall Township Plumbing Code, all said licenses MUST be renewed on or before January 31, 2014 or all rights to same shall be relinquished, thus losing the ability to perform services within the Township.

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PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Coplay Borough Council will be considering the following Ordinances and Resolution and any other general purpose business at the Special Borough Council Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Coplay Borough Hall, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037, at which time formal action and adoption may take place.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on December 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA NOTICE OF BUDGET AVAILABILITY, PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING

The proposed 2014 budget for the Borough of Catasauqua is available for public review at the Municipal Complex, 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF NORTH CATASAUQUA SPECIAL MEETING

The Council of the Borough of North Catasauqua will hold a Special Meeting, Executive Session on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 4th and Arch Streets, North Catasauqua, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE BOROUGH MANAGER FOR THE YEAR 2014. BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1: That Section 50-4 of the Code of the Borough of Catasauqua be amended to read: "Compensation of the Borough Manager effective January 1, 2014, and until further notice of the Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, shall be paid bi-weekly during his term of service, at the rate of \$74,999 per annum."

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18th day of December 2013 at a special, year-end Council meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A petition has been filed asking the court to put an end to all rights Matthew Llewellyn Stein has to child Carter Matthew Phillip Stein. The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held at 1100 N. Prescott Lakes Pkwy, Prescott AZ 86301 on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 10:00AM.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF NORTH CATASAUQUA

The Anticipated 2014 General Fund Budget and the Anticipated 2014 Sewer Fund Budget for the Borough of North Catasauqua was adopted at the Regular Council Meeting on November 26, 2013. The Budgets will be posted in the Municipal Building for public inspection and review.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS LAWN MOWING AND TRIMMING OF CERTAIN BOROUGH AND NON-BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA, will receive sealed bids for lawn mowing and trimming services. Bids shall be made upon Bidder's Forms supplied by Emmaus Borough and must be in accordance with the Bid Specifications.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE ZONING HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Borough of Macungie Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 7:30 PM in Borough Council Chambers, 21 Locust Street, Macungie PA on the following appeals:

PUBLIC NOTICE The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold interviews for individuals who applied for a position on the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority on Monday, December 9nd, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to their regular public meeting, at the Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of HARRY P. WAGNER aka HARRY PAUL WAGNER, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of DOREEN MAE SALASKY, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Robert Salasky, Jr. a/k/a Robert Salasky c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of EVELYN C. FEGLEY deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Diane M. Gery, Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of John F. McKiernan, Deceased, late of Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Debra R. Stevens Marcia A. Kennet John E. McKiernan Estate of John F. McKiernan c/o Maxwell E. Davison, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. 1146 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 300 Allentown, PA 18103

PUBLIC NOTICE AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014.

BE IT OBTAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real estate within said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for fiscal year 2014 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes: the sum of five and sixteen hundredths (5.16) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation:

SECTION 2: That any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18th day of December 2013 at a special, year-end Council meeting.

Eugene L. Goldfeder Borough Manager Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December, 2013, at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance providing for the adoption of the Bethlehem Township Employees' Defined Contribution Plan.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building located at 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES' DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem desire to create and establish the Bethlehem Township Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, a defined contribution plan, to provide retirement benefits for full-time Teamsters and Non-Uniformed employees of the Township of Bethlehem employed by the Township of Bethlehem on or after July 13, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Pennsylvania, that the attached Plan Document for the Bethlehem Township Defined Contribution Plan is enacted effective January 1, 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE The Emmaus Borough Council's Community Relations, Planning & Development Committee's scheduled meeting for Thursday, December 26, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA. The public is invited to attend.

Shane M. Pepe, Emmaus Borough Manager Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 1311 of the Borough Code, that the proposed 2014 Budget for the Borough of Emmaus will be available for public inspection beginning on December 4, 2013 in the office of the Borough Manager, Borough Hall, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Shane M. Pepe, Emmaus Borough Manager Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE For the month of December, the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners will conduct Township business on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting and workshop will take place at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103 and are open to the public. The December 12th and December 26th Board of Commissioner meetings are cancelled.

Randy Soriano Township Manager/Secretary Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Marjean Greger a/k/a Marjean K. Greger, deceased, late of Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Tonya Michelle Capizzi, Executrix c/o Paul Johnston, Esquire 207 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of DONNA M. HENNING, deceased, late of 7361 Camp Meeting Road, New Tripoli, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Executrix: BRETT M. HENNING Address: 7361 Camp Meeting Road New Tripoli, Pennsylvania 18066 or to his Attorney: Joshua D. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN & SHABBICK 1935 Center Street Northampton, PA 18067 Dec. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of KATHLEEN L. MAHONEY, Deceased, late of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Kristina M. Hoeller, Administratrix Estate of Kathleen L. Mahoney c/o Daniel K. McCarthy, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. 1146 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 300 Allentown, PA 18103 or to her attorneys at the above address. Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of THOMAS J. KNOX, also known as THOMAS J. KNOX, JR., Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Mary Frances Fisher, Executrix Estate of Thomas J. Knox, also known as Thomas J. Knox, Jr., Deceased c/o Andrew V. Schantz, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. 1146 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 300 Allentown, PA 18103 or to their attorneys at the above address. Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation of a proposed domestic non-profit corporation to be organized under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation Law of 1988, approved December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No. 177, as amended, 15 Pa.C.S.A. §5306, et seq.

The name of the corporation is: The Catholic Foundation of Allentown, Inc. LEESON, LEESON & LEESON Attorneys at Law 70 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426 (610) 691-3320 Dec. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that in the estate of the decedent set forth below the Register of Wills has granted Testamentary Letters to the person named below. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay to the Executor or his attorney named below.

ESTATE OF: AGNES R. SEK DATE OF DEATH: October 24, 2013 Late of City of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh EXECUTOR: STANLEY R. SEK 2032 Huntington Street Bethlehem, PA 18017 ATTORNEY: James Martin Connell, Esquire 251 East Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018 Dec. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of RUTH W. WARMKESSEL a/k/a RUTH WARMKESSEL, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Robert H. Beidleman, Co-Executrix David W. Raedler, Co-Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11

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