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Project
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By REP LISÁ BOSCOLA
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

As we open the state's first CRIZ (City Revitalization and Improvement Zone) project in Bethlehem, I am proud of the role I played in bringing the CRIZ designation to Bethlehem, but even more proud that a local businesswoman is making this first project happen.

Located in the very South Bethlehem neighborhood where I was raised, this new initiative will help continue Bethlehem's evolution from a declining steel town to modern and vibrant city.

CRIZ allows for the use of future tax revenues to pay for infrastructure and development costs of local projects. Its use in Bethlehem will help enhance and accelerate the city's efforts to attract more jobs and businesses.

It is important to emphasize that CRIZ is a revenue neutral incentive. It leverages and invests revenue from new businesses, not existing ones. Instead of contributing tax dollars to the initiative, the Bethlehem Area School District and the city will benefit from the economic growth and higher property values.

All of the city's development projects are in line with its comprehensive plan, previous revitalization efforts and commitment to smart growth. Bethlehem's CRIZ program is expected to help generate 4,120 permanent jobs, stoke \$300 million in new development and plow \$83.8 million in new

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Overdose drug to be authorized

By MARK RECCEK
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Police departments in Lehigh County will soon be authorized to administer Naloxone.

Lehigh County District Attorney Jim Martin announced the new initiative at a Dec. 22, 2014, press conference at the Whitehall Township municipal complex.

Funding for the program will be provided by Capital BlueCross, which

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will allow police departments to purchase Naloxone. The drug is used to stabilize individuals who have overdosed on drugs, including heroin.

Martin stressed the necessity and utility of the drug, citing 46 overdose deaths in Lehigh County through August 2014.

Gary Tennis, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Program, said the program is a positive reflection of Cap-

ital BlueCross.

"It's an act of unprecedented compassion for those who are suffering with this disease, and I really want to thank Capital BlueCross," he said. "I think it's really extreme corporate responsibility and compassion."

Martin thanked Capital BlueCross for participating in the program.

"I really can't express enough my appreciation for Capital BlueCross for what you're doing," he said.

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By MARK RECCEK
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The Saucon Valley School Board last month unanimously approved the hiring of Susan Mowrer-Benda as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

Mowrer-Benda, a native of the Lehigh Valley, currently serves as the director of elementary education for Bensalem Township School District. She replaces outgoing former Assistant Superintendent Carl Adkinson, who resigned in the summer.

"It's really been a goal for me to come back home," she told the board.

Her tenure will begin Feb. 3, with the contract expiring June 30, 2019. The board approved her salary at \$124,000 yearly.

Previously she served as principal at Roosevelt ES in the Allentown School District and taught and served in administrative roles in the Parkland School District.

Mowrer-Benda earned a doctorate in educational administration at Widener University. She also received a supervisory certificate from Lehigh University and a

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PEEPFEST 'ROCKS' STEELSTACKS



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Peepsfest first-time visitors Chelsey and her mother Jen Genntrip of Bethlehem check out the

giant Peeps chick ice sculpture during the free family festival.

The sixth annual Peepsfest, a free two-day festival with a variety of family-friendly activities on the final two days of December, attracted visitors from around the Lehigh Valley and beyond to the SteelStacks campus in South Bethlehem. The collaboration between Bethlehem's Just Born Confections Plant with corporate offices and ArtsQuest was successful in presenting a New Year's celebra-

tion at the Levitt Pavilion. The early New Year's Eve party featured live music by We Kids Rock and the popular Peeps chick drop at dusk, followed by a fireworks show. A busy Peepsfest agenda took place inside and outside the ArtsQuest Center and the adjoining PBS Channel 39 Public Media and Education Center. Our coverage continues of page A4.

Community service fosters engagement

AROUND THE DISTRICT

By ELLIE MCGUIRE
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Class of 2014 graduates from both Freedom and Liberty high schools volunteered a total of 120,984 hours as part of the Bethlehem Area School District's community service program. Since the early 1990s, BASD high school students have been required to accumulate 60 hours of community service in order to graduate. The program's goals include encouraging career exploration, fostering community participation and responsible citizenship, and the development of life skills.

Students must complete their community service hours with school board-approved agencies, including federal, state and local level nonprofits. BASD is partnered with the majority of



PRESS FILE PHOTO

Liberty HS student volunteers Dagny Timor, Shawn Taroc, Amanda Rivera and Julia Bold are seniors fulfilling their community service requirements as luminaria kit assemblers so that 100,000 Luminaria Night kits could be assembled and distributed for Luminaria Night 2014.

Lehigh Valley nonprofits, with students choosing from more than 200 approved agencies dealing with myriad issues.

Samantha Kleinrock, Community Service and Service Learning coordinator, notes that the community service requirement promotes positive relationships between the BASD's 5,000 high school students and the larger community. Although BASD does recruit agencies for the program, most approved agencies have independently applied with ideas for how students can contribute to their organizations while also gaining valuable experience.

BASD employs a variety of different routes to connect students with opportunities that will provide meaningful experiences for both the organizations and students.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What are you looking forward to the most in 2015?



"Helping my new baby brother."
Logan Flamisch
Orefield



"Moving back to Key West, Fla."
Sharon Dickinson
Allentown



"To be honest, I look forward to every day, just waking up."
Karen Eible
Lopatcong Township, N.J.



"We've had some family losses in 2014, so we're looking forward to a healthy and happy 2015."
April Tarone
Mertztown



"Flying cars and the Dallas Cowboys winning the Super Bowl."
Aidan O'Connor
Fogelsville



"The Monocacy Creek - going to fly fishing only."
Kyle Yandrisovitz
Palmerton

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Kleinrock communicates with parents about the program, utilizes guidance counselors to learn about students' individual strengths, and works with students independently to find agencies that meet their personal interests and career goals.

Every ninth grade student meets with Kleinrock in a classroom setting to learn about the different opportunities available. Kleinrock emphasizes that while some students choose to volunteer at events like Musikfest and others commit to weekly service, there is critical value in both options and it is important for students to find the model that best suits their distinct personalities.

For example, the Moravian Historical Society provides projects that can be completed on school

grounds for students who prefer to work individually or for those who lack access to transportation. These projects include organizing artifact documents and recording the archives electronically, which also allows students to explore more of the city's local history.

Similarly, New Bethany Ministries brought part of the project for their seasonal Luminaria Night into Liberty's building, which provided service opportunities for students who depend on the BASD's bus system for transportation.

Another popular service opportunity is BASD's partnership with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. The program partners high school students as Big Brothers and Sisters with elementary students as the Little Brothers and Sisters. The "Bigs" spend an hour per week for the entire year with their "Littles" at their elementary schools and serve

as mentors for homework help. An extensive application process matches the "Bigs" and "Littles" based on personal needs. This year marks the first year that students who began the program as "Littles" are entering high school and becoming "Bigs," coming full circle in a program that pushes students to grow as leaders and role models.

BASD recognizes students who go beyond the graduation requirement by awarding students who complete 135 hours or more with a silver cord at graduation. Freedom and Liberty high schools' combined Class of 2014 included 340 students who earned the silver cord and 11 students who volunteered more than 500 hours.

Each school exceeded their required hours by at least 24,000 hours.

Looking to the future, Kleinrock hopes to expand the community service program through service



Ellie McGuire is an administrative intern from Lehigh University.

learning, a teaching strategy that couples quality service and classroom learning and would allow students to complete hours toward the graduation requirement within the classroom.

BASD hopes to maintain great partnerships with nonprofits to provide opportunities for meaningful service that will be rewarding for students and agencies alike.

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revenue into our economic development efforts.

On a personal level, this project also has special significance to me because of the building involved and the entrepreneur taking the risk. As someone who was privileged to succeed Jeanette Reibman, the first woman ever elected to the state senate, I take pride in

encouraging women to play an active role in business and local planning efforts.

Elaine Pivinski is a trailblazer. Named one of Pennsylvania's top 50 businesswomen, she is the founder and owner of Franklin Hills winery, Pennsylvania's first female-owned winery. Elaine's new project, the Social Still, is not only the state's first CRIZ project, it is Bethlehem's first-ever distillery.

Coincidentally, Ms. Pivinski is remodeling the century-old Goztonyi Savings and Trust building. Rosi Gosztonyi, who has the distinction of being the first woman president of a bank in Pennsylvania, managed that bank, which was well known back in the day for serving immigrants who worked primarily at Bethlehem Steel.

The application for the bank's designation on the National Register of His-

toric places notes that the "building stands as a representation of the contribution of this industrious woman, who used her skills and resources to improve not only the lives of her family, but the community at large." It is wonderful that almost 100 years later, another successful and industrious woman is using this same building as part of Bethlehem's resurgence.

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Aji Abraham, senior vice president of business development for Capital Blue-Cross, also spoke favorably of the program.

"At the end of the day, if one life is saved as a result of this program, then it's all been worthwhile," he said.

Tennis said a pilot pro-

gram involving Naloxone in Quincy, Mass., led to the reversal of 169 overdoses.

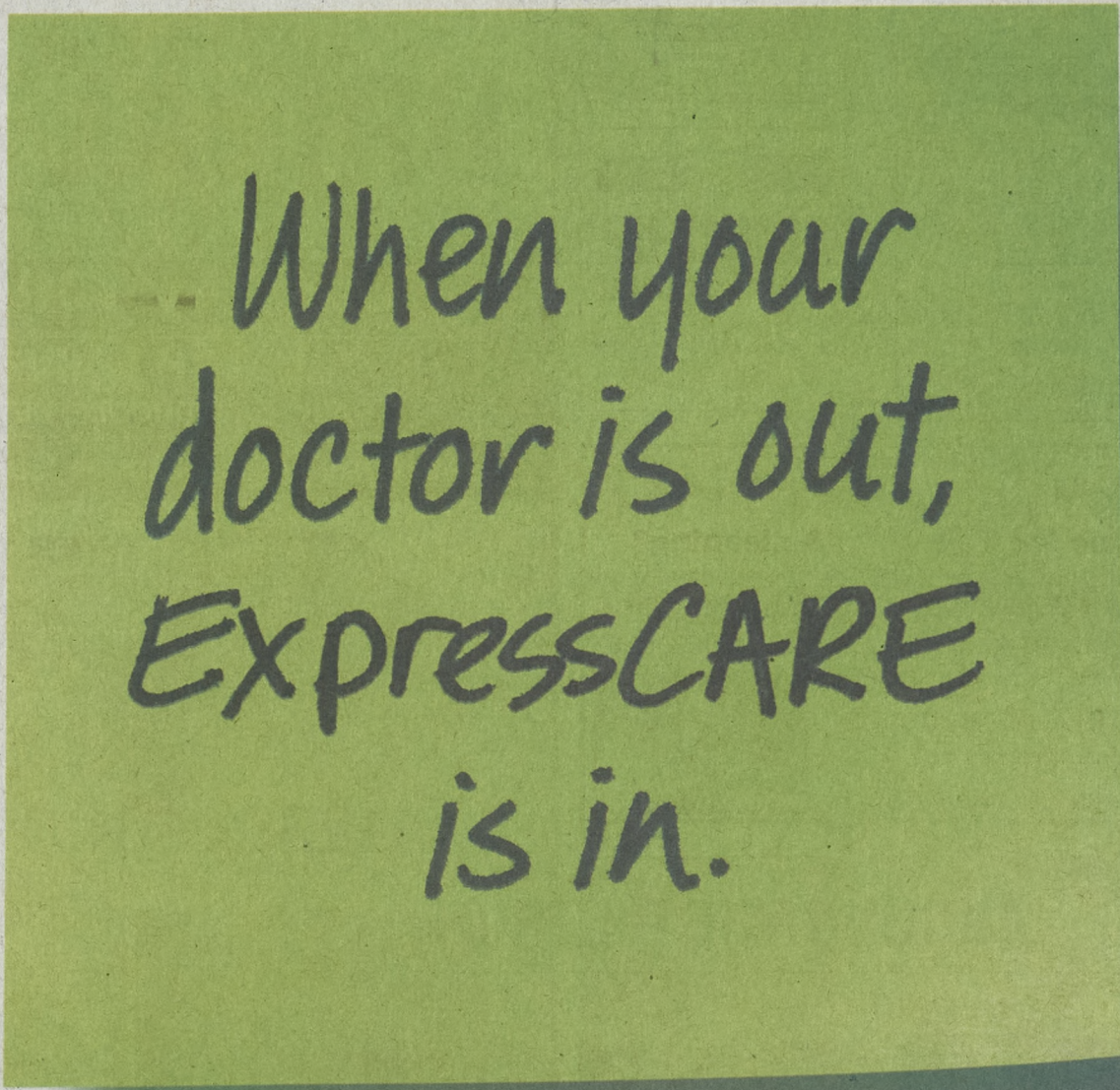
Martin said local police departments will soon receive training in the administration of the drug. The kits, Martin said, should be distributed sometime in January.

"It really is a nasal mist," he said. "It has no adverse affects and it really does work magically."

The new initiative is the result of Pennsylvania Act 139 which grants doctors the ability to prescribe Naloxone to a third party.

The law also allows police and firefighters to administer the drug without the risk of liability.

"We're certainly going to get the information out of the police departments," Martin said.



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Wednesday, January 7

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up): craft gift, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Thursday, January 8

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and over, 10:45 a.m., "No Talent" talent show, followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

EWI dinner meeting, board meets at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the general meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. Sweet Indulgence Cafe, 216 E. Broad St.

Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, open to the public, 7:30 p.m. Program: "Power Line RFI - Trials and Tribulations" by WX3K. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit www.dlarc.org or KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.

Monday, January 12

Healthy PA, 11 a.m. to noon. Free health care coverage presentation for ages 21 through 64. Register at 610-402-CARE. L.V. Hospital, 17th St.

Tuesday, January 13

Salvation Army, calling all bridge players, for seniors 50 and up, 9:30 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Bach at Noon, Bach Choir free concert, J.S. Bach: Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major BWV 552, Tom Goeman, organ soloist; and Cantata 171, Gott, wie dein Name, so ist auch dein Ruhm (God, as your name is, so also is your renown). 12:10 to 1 p.m., Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St.

Wednesday, January 14

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up): "Thank You for Being a Friend" with Major Peg Goding, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, January 7

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

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

Thursday, January 8

Bethlehem Water Authority, 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Authority Board meeting, 3:30 p.m., 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Planning Commission, 4 p.m. 10 E. Church St.

Monday, January 12, 2015

BASD Facilities and Curriculum, committees, 6 p.m., Edgeboro room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.
Bethlehem Housing Authority committees, 4:30 p.m. Monacacy Towers Community Room, Main Street and Union Boulevard.
Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Tuesday, January 13

South Bethlehem Historical Society, 7 p.m. Victory FH, 205 Webster St.
Saucon Valley School Board, (change of date for this month only), 7 p.m. Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.
Hanover Twp. Board of Supervisors (unverified), 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Wednesday, January 14

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

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Patrons at the Sands Bethlehem Event Center were able to enjoy the comedy of Chris Tucker and then ring in 2015 as part of the capacity crowd of revelers at the event center's Vision

Nightclub. ABOVE: Hats and horns help this group of New Year's partygoers celebrate the advent of another year.



Welcoming 2015



ABOVE: Ryan Wagner of Northampton and Hilary Knack from New York City share a New Year's Eve kiss as the countdown to 2015 drew nigh.

LEFT: Prianka Gomes of Allentown and Juan Barrios of Bethlehem dressed to welcome the New Year at the Vision nightclub.

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Helen A. (Sawchuk) Johnson, 85, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 29, 2014, in St. Luke's Hospital. Born in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Marut) Sawchuk.



She was a 1947 graduate of Liberty HS. She was a self-employed beautician in Bethlehem Township for more than 40 years until she retired in 1989.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem Township.

She is survived by four daughters, Carol Landis-Piece and her husband Tom, Rosanne Totzke,

Donna and her husband Doug Syp and Darlene "Cookie" and her husband John Bolig; three sons, Edward "Buddy" Gontzar, Michael Gontzar and his wife Linda, Edward "Corkey" Johnson and his wife Ricki; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and friend Ernest Seech and his extended family in West Virginia.

She was predeceased by two husbands, Edward E. Johnson and Edward A. Gontzar; a son, William "Billy" Gontzar; and two brothers, Joseph "Chuck" and Walter Sawchuk.

Contributions may be made to the church, 1817 First St., Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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

Frank J. Mankos

Notre Dame R.C. Church member

Frank J. Mankos, 84, of Hanover Township, died Dec. 29, 2014, in his home. Born in Palmerston, he was a son of the late Frank J. Sr. and Mary (Schamenek) Mankos. He was the husband of Stella M. (Csencsits) Mankos for 59 years.



He was a 1949 graduate of Central Catholic HS.

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

He worked at Robi-novitz Textile Company and Lehigh Safety Shoe. He then worked for 25 years at Stroh's Brewery and was a greeter at Walmart, Whitehall, for 10 years.

He was a member of

Notre Dame of Bethlehem R.C. Church, where he was a head usher for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Ron and his wife Deborah of Allentown, Gary of New Philadelphia and Tony of Allentown; a brother, Dennis and his wife Sandra Mankos of Allentown; five grandchildren, Andrew, Laura, Steven, Christopher and Daniel; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Mackenzie.

He was predeceased by a brother, John Mankos.

Contributions may be made to Notre Dame of Bethlehem R.C. Church, 1861 Catasaquua Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Maryann M. Newhard

St. Paul's Anglican Church member

Maryann M. Newhard, 78, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 27, 2014, in Lehigh Valley Hospice, Allentown. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Robert E. Jr. and Anna (Rabanold) Moyer. She was the wife of the late Henry T. Newhard Jr. and of Donald Dill of Westminster Village.



She graduated from Mary Washington College and from the medical technology course at Allentown Hospital.

She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Allentown, and a former member of Cathedral Church of the Nativity.

She was a past director of the Lehigh Valley

Agricultural Society; board member of the Bethlehem Women's Club; and a past royal matron of Dorothy Lynn Memorial Court #110 of Amaranth and a charter member for Court 148.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, H. Thomas Newhard III of Tamaqua; a daughter, Melody A. Newhard-Kirk and her husband Brian of Wind Gap; a stepson, Edward Dill; a stepdaughter, Nancy Walck; two granddaughters, Kayla Hager-Wilson and Kaitlin Newhard; and five step-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Robert Moyer III.

Contributions may be made to the church, 2510 Livingston Street, Allentown.

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

Margaret Rose (Koomar) Reese

OLPH Church founding member

Margaret Rose (Koomar) Reese, 94, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 30, 2014, at home of age-related illness. Born in Nesquehoning, she was a daughter of the late Michael P. and Anna M. (York) Koomar. She was the wife of Albert Reese; they would have celebrated 70 years of marriage on Jan. 6.



She helped her daughter Mary and son-in-law Paul Hoffert open Jubbar's restaurant, Bethlehem.

She was a founding member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She was a chef for the late Rev. Harry Hynes.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Mary (Reese) Hoffert of Bethlehem; two sisters, Mary K. Rose of Princeton, N.J. and Helen T. Koomar of Nesquehoning; and five

brothers Edward M. of Allentown; Michael P. of Cleveland, Ohio; Vincent J. of Nesquehoning; Joseph B. of Peotone, Ill.; and James B. of Audubon.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Anne, at home; and Jeanne of Bethlehem; a son, Jim and his wife Anne Bean of Bethlehem; a daughter, Joan and her husband Jim Finnen of Hellertown; a son-in-law, Paul Hoffert of Bethlehem; three brothers, John Koomar, Francis X. Koomar and Stephen T. Koomar, all of Nesquehoning; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; five step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3221 Santee Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18020 or Notre Dame School, 1835 Catasaquua Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018.

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PEEPSFEST 'ROCKS' STEELSTACKS



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Racing their way into 2015, runners of all ages start the Peepsfest annual 5K race at Steelstacks Campus in South Bethlehem Dec. 31. The free two-day festival is presented by Just Born Inc. of Bethlehem and ArtsQuest.



Carrying her Just Born baggie treats, Stephanie Hillman of Bethlehem walks quickly along Third Street on the first leg of the annual PeepsFest 5K race in South Bethlehem, with the iconic SteelStacks behind her.



The giant illuminated Peeps chick hangs at dusk in preparation for the popular dropping ceremony, which concludes with fireworks for an early "sweet" welcome to the New Year. The 4.5-foot-tall and 85-pound fiberglass Peeps chick is a focal point of the Peepsfest New Year celebration.



Samantha Torok savors a gooey Peeps s'mores. Her mother, Patricia Torok of Bethlehem Township, said Samantha's festival highlight is eating the marshmallow candy sandwiches made with graham crackers and chocolate.



A homemade Peeps chick hat worn by Ellen Bartuska of Wilmington, Del., is an attraction during the Peepsfest 5K. "It's my favorite race and the only one I get dressed up for," said the regular runner and racer.



James Thompson of Breinigsville keeps an eye on his granddaughter Jocelyn as she toasts a yellow Peeps on a stick over a live charcoal pit. His granddaughter was bundled up for the cold weather.



Elizabeth Sukenik examines a Peepsfest diorama of an Olympic swimming pool on display in the PBS39 TV channel building. She was with her parents Jason and August Sukenik of Hanover Township, visiting Peepsfest for the first time.



Weston Greer and his mother Allyson roast a marshmallow Peeps chick on a charcoal fire pit. Allyson, a Bethlehem resident, is a Just Born employee in consumer relations.



Wearing Peeps Chick hats and bundled up for the cold are Jill Schantz of Allentown with her daughters Eva and Lilianna. "We come here every year," said the former Lower Saucon Township resident who was accompanied by Max Pyle of Orefield.



A Peeps chick stuffed animal is a favorite festival souvenir of Denny O'Brien, of Bethlehem.

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K-12 music education certificate from Moravian College. She earned her undergraduate degree in music from Moravian and a master's of music from the Eastman Music

School. During the meeting, the board also held its yearly reorganization. Michael Karabin was re-elected president and Susan Baxter was re-elected vice president by fellow board members.

County, city councils dominate headlines

ANOTHER VIEW: YEAR IN REVIEW

January

Northampton County Executive John Brown is sworn into office and declares, "I am here to serve." Later that month, he fires Sheriff Randy Miller, who supported Brown's opponent John Callahan. He also tries to appoint newly elected Judge Jennifer Sletvold's husband as chief public defender. This would make it nearly impossible for her to hear criminal cases. Brown eventually pulls this nomination after five council members make clear they will vote No. They do go along with Brown's appointment of Diane Donaher as Director of Community and Economic Development.

In Bethlehem Township, two elderly residents are threatened with citations for keeping birdfeeders.

Municipalities begin running out of road salt to deal with storms in what is proving to be a horrible winter. Seventeen local communities eventually run out.

A Northampton County Investigating Grand Jury exposes mismanagement at the National Museum of Industrial History. This includes both an overpaid CEO and board members who appear to use their positions on the nonprofit to benefit financially.

February

Bethlehem City Council conducts a six-hour meeting to select Bob Donchez' successor. Council decides on Cathy Reuscher.

John Brown fails to get county council's approval for a \$715,200 "business consultant."

Bethlehem City Council unanimously votes to fire a police officer for an off-duty DUI involving no personal injury. The officer, who was the first to arrive at the scene when Freemansburg Officer Robert Lasso was killed, was despondent that evening.

March

During his first "State of the County" address, Executive John Brown calls the NorCo worker its most valuable asset. "It's not how many speeches I give," he states, "but how the county workforce reacts with the public that matters."

Along party lines, NorCo council refuses to condemn an \$84,000 no-bid contract for a public relations consultant.

Lower Nazareth Supervisors ponder pulling out of Colonial Regional Police to form their own department. Chairman Eric Nagle concedes Colonial Regional Police are "the best in the state as far as I'm concerned," but is concerned by rising costs.

Bethlehem Planning Director Darlene Heller reveals that residential



PRESS FILE PHOTO

The Tea Party stages weekend rally in July against unaccompanied minors housed at KidsPeace in Salisbury Township.

development has plummeted from a high of 681 units in 2007 to just 46 in 2013.

Northampton County Judge Edward G. Smith is confirmed as a U.S. District Judge for the Pa. Eastern District.

April

Bethlehem City Council member Karen Dolan comes under fire when reports surface that her nonprofit status at the Illick's Mill was revoked for failure to file nonprofit tax returns for three years in a row. After Bethlehem produces 90 pages of documents detailing a \$127,000 debt owed by Dolan's nonprofit to the city, Northampton County DA John Morganelli convenes an investigating grand jury into Dolan as executive director of the nonprofit.

Executive John Brown names Cathy Allen as his Director of Administration. By a 6-3 vote, the nomination fails. In Bethlehem Township, longtime commissioner Tom Nolan is replaced as president by Marty Zaworski.

May

Bethlehem Township Commissioners are unsympathetic to a township resident who wants to walk his dog in township parks. They're still getting used to people being there.

Bethlehem City Council unanimous-

ly confirms Diana Morganelli as a nominee to the Bethlehem Parking Authority.

June

NorCo council bails out a failed golf course developer in Lower Saucon Township with open space funds.

Executive John Brown reports that eight of the county's 11 unions, which represent 75 percent of the workforce, have no contracts. Two more contracts are set to expire by year's end. The last will expire at the end of 2015.

Independent auditor reveals that the Northampton County ended 2013 with just \$11.1 million in its unrestricted reserve.

Lower Nazareth decides to stick with Colonial Regional Police coverage. They make their decision before entertaining public comment, though that appears to violate the Sunshine Act.

July

Former assistant Norco solicitor Jill Mancini, let go when John Brown became executive, sues for civil rights violations in federal court.

Brown names a sheriff (David Dalrymple), director of administration (Luis Campos) and finance director (Jim Hunter). All three are confirmed. Lehigh County Commissioners

appoint Amanda Holt to replace Scott Ott.

Tea Party stages weekend rally against unaccompanied immigrant minors housed at KidsPeace in Salisbury Township.

About 60 supporters of the Bethlehem Township Athletic Association, more commonly known as the Bulldogs, blitz a commissioners' meeting after Michael Hudak suggests they be charged to use the fields. Supporters note that they serve 1,600 people a year, but Hudak insists he represents a majority of the township, and is inundated by calls from people who agree with him.

Traditions of America, a senior living developer owned in part by NIZ developer J.B. Reilly, proposes a gated community along the Green Pond Marsh, which is designated an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society. The Save Green Pond Marsh movement is born, and more than 100 people attend a Planning Commission meeting to raise concerns about traffic, stormwater and the environment.

Developer Charles Chrin proposes an 11-screen movie theater, four-story hotel, convenience store gas station, bank and restaurant at the old V-7 driving range, next to Route 33.

Judge Joel Slomsky of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania rules that an unusual "dry" or "secondary" drowning charge against both Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) and Liberty HS P.E. teacher Carlton Rodgers will move forward. He denies motions for summary judgment to a civil rights charge filed by Mica Spady, the mother of 15-year-old Juanya Spady, a non-swimmer who died shortly after a P.E. swimming class.

August

Northampton County Council adopts an ordinance requiring all cabinet officials to be county residents, but the measure is quickly vetoed by Executive John Brown.

September

Gracedale celebrates its 20th annual family fest.

NorCo Executive John Brown decides to make cuts in health care benefits provided to the 2,200-person county workforce. More than 200 county workers descend upon County Council to protest these changes. One of them, a 20-year veteran, admits she has to go to food banks. Employees also complain that staffing shortages are creating undue pressure on the employees as well as public safety concerns at places like the jail.

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Working on Christmas



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Waffle maker Anthony Boyer of Bethlehem prepares the house specialty for Christmas Day customers at the Waffle House on Airport Road in Allentown. "We are working for the people one waffle at a time," Boyer said, smiling and unconcerned about working on Christmas. The short-order cook and assistant manager said he has been working at the Waffle House for four years.

A bear-able holiday gift



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

A post Christmas purchase has 15-year-old Josselin Jimenez clutching her new fuzzy bear companion at the corner of Third and New streets in South Bethlehem. Josselin was waiting for a crossing signal so she and her mother, Martha Alvarez of Center Street in Bethlehem, could cross the busy intersection. Josselin said her mother had purchased the large "I Love U" stuffed teddy bear for her as a holiday gift.

VOLUNTEERS

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LEHIGH VALLEY SCORE, Bethlehem, seeks experienced business professionals to offer in-person and online counseling and advice to start ups and owners of small businesses and non-profit organizations. Contact Tracy Damiani, 610-266-3000, tdamiani@mindspring.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, Bethlehem, needs drivers and grocery shoppers for homebound clients in the Cherryville and Slate Belt areas. Contact Janet Soos, 610-691-1030, janets@mealsonwheelspa.org, mweaver@episcopalhouse.com.

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Crash closes Easton Avenue



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Accident clean-up personnel, including a PPL bucket truck, restore electric service to a newly replaced utility pole after a single-vehicle

accident along Easton Avenue in the early morning hours Dec. 26. The original utility pole was knocked over by a fast moving vehicle,

traveling west as it approached the 1800 block of Easton Avenue near the corner on Edgeboro Boulevard. A witness, who lives

near the site of the accident, said the violent single-car crash awakened his wife around 3:20 a.m. He said the curved area of the busy street is posted with 35 mph signs and has been the site of numerous similar accidents since the couple has resided there for 39 years. According to Bethlehem police reports, the car flipped over several times after striking the utility pole and sent two men, driver and passenger, to St. Luke's University Hospital in Fountain Hill with severe injuries. Additional information is unavailable.

REVIEW

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Under the watchful eyes of Bethlehem Township police, Traditions of America begins digging 39 holes in disputed wetlands at Green Pond Marsh. Save Green Pond requests the state DEP to investigate.

October

Norco County Executive John Brown proposes a \$330 million budget for 2015 that includes no tax hike, but includes a \$20 million line of credit that appears to be contrary to the Home Rule Charter requirement of a balanced budget.

County employees continue their protests at two more meetings in Courtroom #1. Glenn Geissinger goes on talk radio to complain that workers are being encouraged by unions to attend meetings and asks for some "support from

the taxpayer." By a 5-3-1 vote with Seth Vaughn abstaining, council adopts a resolution asking the Executive to relent in his unilateral reduction of health care benefits.

In response, Brown posts armed deputy sheriffs outside his office to keep council members away from a news conference at which he attacks them. A perturbed Council President Peg Ferraro said, "[T]o have the sheriff's deputies standing guard at the door between a council chamber and the county executive chamber, to me, is absolutely appalling and sends completely the wrong message to the elected officials that sit up here on this dais with me."

Brown blocks the controller from mass emailing employees and removes a link to a fraud

tip hotline, but changes course after being reminded that the controller is an independently elected official. He also decides to offer gap insurance, free of charge, to county employees to ease the pain of the health care cuts.

Unanimously, Northampton County Council adopts a resolution condemning the Easton commuter tax, and calls on the executive to challenge it in court. A similar tax in Scranton is struck down.

For the seventh year in a row, Hanover Township Supervisors propose a no-tax hike budget.

An investigating grand jury finds that Karen Dolan abused her position on Bethlehem City Council. It calls on her to resign her office, and refers conflict of interest findings to the State Ethics Commission for possible criminal

sanctions.

November

State school performance tests result in failing grades for high schools located in Lehigh Valley cities. Allen HS is the worst performing school, scoring only 50.8 percent. Liberty HS fails as well, achieving only a 57 percent score. Freedom is the only city-based high school with a passing grade.

An informational meeting about the proposed PennEast Pipeline draws hundreds of interested residents to the Hanover Township Community Center.

Executive John Brown proposes a budget amendment removing the \$20 million line of credit considered illegal, but now is proposing to leave the county with a rainy day fund of just \$1 million in a county that spends \$8-10 million per month. "We need a tax hike," concludes Hayden Phillips, council's most conservative member.

Northampton County refuses to produce email exchanges with the cost control consultant hired to reduce health care costs. The state Office of Open Records orders the county to produce 141 disputed emails for a review.

State DEP determines that the Green Pond Marsh wetlands are much larger than the 27,000 square feet claimed by developer Traditions of America. Nearly the entire eight acres in dispute are determined to be wetlands.

Bethlehem zoners approve 20-unit apartment building behind Roosevelts 21st, near Moravian College.

Bethlehem Township proposes a no-tax hike budget for the sixth straight year.

December

NorCo council adopts a 2015 budget that includes a one-mill tax hike. Republicans blame the tax hike on Controller Steve Barron. Brown allows the budget to go into effect, but does not sign it.

Barron concludes that Executive John Brown and Deputy Director of Administration Cathy Allen improperly claimed about \$1,500 in travel expenses.

The number of people who have retired from Northampton County jobs is around 140, almost three times the average annual retirement rate.

Northampton County sues to stop the Easton commuter tax and is joined in a separate suit filed by deputy sheriffs.

Though police and minority communities are at odds throughout the country, Bethlehem Police Chief Mark DiLuzio joins the NAACP and clergy to pray for justice.

Former Bethlehem Council member Karen Dolan moves to Vermont.

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Bethlehem Cath. set to battle with Parkland

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic only has two dual meets under their belt as they enter the first week of the New Year, but that all changes quickly as the Hawks prepare for tonight's massive East Penn Conference showdown at Parkland.

It's the first of three bouts this week for Becahi (2-0, 1-0), as they enter a stretch of four matches over the next seven calendar days that will test Jeff Karam's squad's met-

tle.

"I know we have a strong tournament team, but I don't really know what type of dual meet team we have," said Karam following his team's 59-15 demolition over Delaware's Caesar Rodney at the Easton Invitational last Saturday. "It's going to be an interesting two weeks for us because we have some tough matchups coming up that's going to really test some of our younger guys."

That starts with Park-

land (6-2, 3-0) tonight on the road, where the Trojans could give Becahi the biggest headache they'll see over their next four matches. Parkland already has a victory over Easton under their belt and should be able to steal some wins from the Hawks.

Whether they can get anywhere close to obtaining the amount of victories needed to pull off the upset will be the real question. Things don't get any easier for Becahi when the bull's-eye on their back

gets even larger Friday night when they travel to Easton's 25th Street Gymnasium for a throwback match against the Rovers (9-1, 3-1).

"It's hard to say which match is going to be tougher for us," said Karam. "You look at both matches and think about getting the eight wins you need. I can't tell you which one is tougher, but Friday's match should be special. It's where I wrestled in high school [25th Street] and it's probably the only wrestling match in the

conference that night. It's going to be a great atmosphere there."

The Hawks return home on Saturday to take on Stroudsburg (6-2, 2-1) to round out the week before hitting the road next Wednesday at Nazareth (3-1, 3-1).

Despite the difficulty of Becahi's upcoming schedule, the Hawks will find themselves as favorites in every match, as losing in dual meets really hasn't been Becahi's forte over the past couple of years.

In fact, the Hawks haven't lost a dual meet since the 2010-2011 season, when Easton handed them a 35-22 defeat at home in a match that decided the Lehigh Valley Conference championship.

It's been nearly four full years since Becahi has lost and Karam certainly doesn't want that to change.

"It's something we all know inside our locker room," Karam said, "and we want to keep it that way."

WRESTLING



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Andrew Gunning took first place at the recently-held Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic.

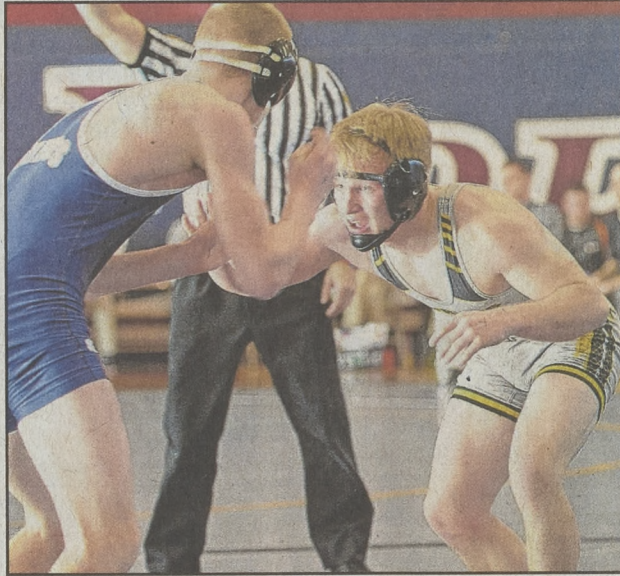
Gunning wins Classic

By PETER CAR
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Andrew Gunning was out of breathe by the time he came off the mats from the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic last week, but it was all for good reason.

Gunning was one of four Liberty wrestlers in the finals of the Hurricanes home tournament and he was the lone school representative to come away with a gold medal, as he scored the winning takedown over Wyoming Seminary's Harrison Nye with less than six seconds left in the 220-pound championship.

Gunning trailed 3-2 with less than 10 seconds on the clock and took a



Adam Evans of Freedom made it to the finals.

shot at the six second mark, which eventually paved the way to a BHWC

championship, the first for the Gunning family. Andrew's older brother

Jake, a redshirt freshman at the University of Buffalo, has won district and regional crowns, but never won the BHWC.

"It feels awesome," said Gunning. "I really just wanted to win. Wrestling in your tournament at home definitely helps. I wanted to win this for all the fans too and I hope that was a crowd pleaser. I know I enjoyed it."

Wyoming Seminary won the team title with 272.5 points, as Phillipsburg (198) and Nazareth (160) rounded out the top three in the team standings.

Liberty finished seventh overall with 137.5, a spot behind Freedom (148)

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HOOPS

Locals fall over holidays

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic had themselves a long talk as a team during their trek to York over the holidays. A 59-37 defeat to Danville two days before the New Year left Hawks head coach Mike Frew scratching his head about what to make of his team's defeat, as well as their rough start to the season.

It turned out that a group chat may have been the best thing for Bethlehem Catholic since their holiday trip.

The Hawks went on to defeat York Catholic 76-56 the next day, as four players posted double digits, led by Chance Neilley's 17-points to improve Becahi's overall record to 3-7 on the season.

As the Hawks sit at 2-3 in East Penn Conference action heading into this week, Frew hopes that something has clicked with his young group.

"We had a completely uninspired performance against Danville and guys just weren't working hard enough on the defensive end," said Frew. "We had a team meeting after that and guys got to say some things."

"I think we're still a young team and guys were trying to figure out their roles on the team. The fall season lasted a bit longer for some of our guys and we may have been behind other teams. It was good to hear some of the things our guys said, but now we have to be able to put it all together."

That started on the road last night against Whitehall (6-4, 2-3) and continues this Friday when the Hawks host Nazareth (7-4, 3-4).

It's a vital week for Becahi's playoff hopes, as falling behind the .500 mark any further in EPC play could spell an early elimination from postseason play.

Focusing on the defensive end is what Frew wants his team to buy into, as the Hawks have given up nearly 73 points a game in each of their losses.

"We need to be more consistent on both sides of the ball, but we need to have a different mindset on defense," said Frew. "We need guys to have a lockdown mentality on the defensive end of the court, which is something we didn't have for the most part of the season."

"Being able to find that intensity and buy into that is important for us because we're right in the mix."

Liberty (6-2, 6-0) climbed back into league play Tuesday against Nazareth, fol-

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Patriots now 11-0

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It wasn't the type of effort that Brandon Hall had hoped for from Freedom Monday night, but the Pates got the job done in their home bout against Delaware Valley.

Freedom won eight of 14 bouts with the Warriors, as falls by Jake Young (170), Cordell Cotto (HWT) and Dylan Brown (120) helped pave the way to a 36-27 victory, continuing their undefeated start at 11-0.

"It wasn't a great dual meet from top to bottom and we certainly could have wrestled better," said Hall. "I certainly think we can put a better effort throughout, but maybe we had a little hangover from not wrestling since the Bethlehem Holiday Classic. We can't use that as an excuse. This is now January and this is where the meat of the season is going to lie and we got to keep pushing ourselves."

Young, Cotto and Brown each recorded first period falls, while Jonah Zych (126) highlighted one of the better bouts of the night by scoring a takedown with 15 seconds left in the third to register a 4-3 win over Kyle Stoll to solidify the victory heading into the final bout.

John Callahan (195) suffered a 2-1 defeat to Matt Wagner in what could be a regional preview, as Wagner took third at regionals last year.

"I told John that if he wants to win a regional title, that's probably the kid he's going to have to beat," said Hall of Wagner. "That kid is one of the best in the state, so he knows what he has to do now."

Monday was Cotto's first crack at the lineup since his freshman year, as the junior came back to the team earlier this season. He got off to a quick start by pinning John McCarthy in 31 seconds and his depth and potential at heavy-weight should pay off heading into next month.

"He joined the team two weeks in and has been practicing since and we felt that he needed to get a few weeks practice time," Hall said of Cotto. "He's certainly going to be an asset to the team."

Freedom takes on Pocono Mountain East tonight and then head off to the Virginia Duals on Thursday, where they'll compete in the American Division and look to come away with their first crown at the tournament since 2001.

"Obviously, our goal is to win that and that's something we've set our eyes on since the beginning of the year," said Hall. "We can't look ahead and that starts with Pocono Mountain East on Wednesday."

SWIMMING

LHS boys get by SL

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Coming off intensive practices over the holidays, Liberty High School's boys swim team knew its meet against Southern Lehigh on Jan. 3 would be just as intense.

"It's the closest meet we've had this year," said Hurricane junior, Reid Rossi, after taking first place in the 100 butterfly.

At that point in the meet, the Liberty boys led the Spartans by nine points.

"They're challenging us on a lot of events, but our coach [Reik Foust] pushes us to be as humble as possible, so when a team comes to our pool, it's extra motivation," Rossi said.

Earlier in the meet, Liberty senior, Alex Fitch, See **Boys** on Page A8



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Reid Rossi ended up first in the butterfly.

LHS girls also win

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty High School's girls swim team took first place in nine out of 12 events in the Hurricanes victory over Southern Lehigh, 123-63, on Jan. 3.

Maggie Walters, Emily Buell, Anna Lehr, and Kayla Drago combined to win the 200 free relay for the Hurricanes in 1:46.86, and Drago, Sabrina Krotzer, Jocelyn Baker,

and Julia McCarthy won the 400 free relay in 3:53.43.

Drago, a junior, placed second in the 50 free, missing first place by .22 seconds.

"It was pretty close the whole way. It takes me awhile to get going on the first lap, and then I have to catch up. I'm slower off the blocks, so I have to work harder to make up the distance," Drago said.

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Paige McCloskey and the girls got by Solehi.

D-11 volleyball proves to be among the best

By PATRICK MATSINKO
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A glance at the six finalists in the 2014 PIAA Volleyball Championships revealed an unusual trend: All three matches featured teams from District 11 play.

Marian Catholic was the district's Class A representative, while Bethlehem Catholic took the honor in Class AA and Parkland earned the spot in the Class AAA match.

Two of the three teams, Bethlehem Catholic and Parkland, walked away with state championships, while Marian suffered a five-set defeat to Greensburg Central Catholic.

But it wasn't the first time the schools played together this season, as all three took part in the Parkland Invitational, which was held in September.

In that tournament, the Trojans defeated Bishop Shanahan for the title, while the Fillies lost to Lansdale Catholic in the third place match. The Golden Hawks took fifth.

"There were only five teams there, and all five teams made it to the state playoffs," said Marian coach John Fallabel. "And three of them made it here to the state finals. It's an incredible tournament."

The level of play throughout the area is something many credit for helping prepare the teams for the grind of postseason play.



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

The Becahi girls volleyball team was one of three teams from D-11 to make it to the state finals.

"It's pretty amazing," said Bethlehem Catholic's Jessica Attieh. "Coming from a district where three teams have a chance to win state titles, just shows you how high the level of competition is."

Entering their respective state championship matches, the three teams had a combined 72-2 regular season record. One of Bethlehem Catholic's two losses came to Parkland in its second match of the season.

"In my opinion, District 11, and Eastern Pennsylvania volleyball in general, has a number

of very, very strong volleyball programs," said Bethlehem Catholic head coach Paul Abidahr. "Across the board, we're very strong."

And that competition between the schools has forged a bond of mutual admiration between players and coaches.

"We see them a lot in tournaments and we try to schedule some scrimmages. It's a tight-knit community," said Abidahr. "Even though we're very competitive with each other, we're very supportive of one another, especially during these

times of games."

An example of that mutual admiration came when Fallabel returned a pregame visit from Parkland with a few words of motivation for the Trojans before they took on Hempfield.

But for Fallabel, the ties to Parkland, and head coach Mike Krause in particular, run deeper.

Before guiding the Trojans to their second state title, Krause was a coach for Lehigh University's volleyball program in the mid-1990s.

One of his star players dur-

ing his time there was Marian Catholic graduate Nikki Hackenberg, who was an All-Patriot League selection and won multiple awards during her four-year career with the Mountain Hawks.

Hackenberg returned to her alma mater in 1996, and with the help of Krause, launched a program that has become one of the best in the state.

"She brought me up to help run camps for her and develop some of the kids," said Krause. "But then she took it over, and obviously did a really fantastic job."

Hackenberg compiled a 160-28 record at Marian, and under her guidance, the Fillies advanced to the state quarterfinals in 1999 and 2000 and were state semi-finalists in 2001 and 2002.

Since, Fallabel has won two state championships and advanced to the finals four times, all firsts for the program.

Despite his success, Fallabel, now in his 12th year as head coach, credits what Krause did in the beginning for making much of it possible.

"He is a guy that I learned volleyball from," Fallabel said of Krause. "He set the groundwork for a lot of this."

After both schools proved to once again be among the finest teams in the state, it looks like Fallabel and Krause have programs that are certainly built on solid foundations.

SOCCER SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Lehigh Valley Soccer Scholar Athlete Banquet will be held on Jan. 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Northampton Memorial Community Center, 1601 Laubach Ave. in Northampton. There will be 76 soccer scholar athletes honored.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Ms. Amy Hough, assistant women's coach at Lehigh.

Also that evening, John Larry Endy, soccer referee, John Lojko, a key in starting the Emmaus Youth Soccer Program and Siegfried T. Mayr, a founding member of St. Thomas More Parish Soccer Program.

John F. Spirk, III - Bethlehem Catholic

Spirk is a centerback for Bethlehem Catholic with one goal and two assists this season. He has a 3.72 GPA out of a possible 4.0. In addition to being named the team's Most Valuable Player in 2013, he is a member of Theater, German Club, Scholastic Scrimmage and the Reading and Writing Club. Spirk has played club soccer for 13 years and participates in track and field. After graduation, Spirk plans to pursue a degree in Computer Science to become an electrical engineer or computer scientist.

Brianna M. Abbott - Bethlehem Catholic

Abbott is a defender on the Lady Hawks' soccer team with two goals and

five assists for her career (one goal, two assists in 2014). She has a 3.54 GPA out of a possible 4.0. She was one of the team's captains this season, and Abbott has played club soccer for Magic Soccer for the last seven seasons. She is also a member of FACT and the Key Club, while also serving on the Mini-Thon committee. Abbott has been accepted to a number of colleges—including Duquesne University, York College, Seton Hall University and Widener University—yet she is still undecided on where she wants to attend. She plans to major in Criminal Justice or Psychology.

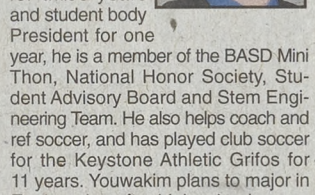


Nicholas E. Youwakim - Freedom

Youwakim, a defender for Freedom in 2014, ranks 36 out of 402 students. He holds a 3.85 GPA out of 4.0. In addition to being the class President for three years and student body President for one year, he is a member of the BASD Mini Thon, National Honor Society, Student Advisory Board and Stem Engineering Team. He also helps coach and ref soccer, and has played club soccer for the Keystone Athletic Grifos for 11 years. Youwakim plans to major in Engineering after high school.

Erica L. Barrett - Freedom

As a forward, Barrett scored 13 goals and added nine assists for the Patriots in 2014. She has 34 goals and 25 assists for her career. She ranks 24 in a class of 402. Barrett was named the team's



Erica L. Barrett - Freedom

Offensive Most Valuable Player for three seasons. She has played club soccer for 10 seasons with Lehigh Valley Magic and Bulldogs. She worked the soundboard for the choir in her time at Freedom. She plans to attend college after high school and is still undecided on her major of choice.

Michael P. Mittl - Liberty

Mittl is a centerback for the Hurricanes who ranks 36 out of 575 students with a 3.96 GPA. He scored two goals this season and has seven for his career. He is the class Senator, while also serving as a member of Faith in Active Teens (FIAT), Young Life, National Honor Society, Student Government, BASD Mini-Thon, Faith in Christian Athletes and Special Olympics. Mittl also plays baseball at Liberty, and he was recognized as an all-conference first-team selection last season. He plays club soccer for Bethlehem Soccer Club. Mittl plans to study Biomedical Engineering after graduation.

Emily F. Ledyard - Liberty

As a defender for the Hurricanes, Ledyard has one goal and three assists for her career. She ranks 34 in a class of 575 with a 3.9 GPA out of 4.0. Ledyard also runs cross country for Liberty, and she is the National Honor Society's statistician. She is a member of National Honor Society, BASD Mini-Thon and Science Olympiad, while also serving as a volunteer for Special Olympics, vacation bible school and a Sunday school teacher. She has played club soccer for the past 10 years. Ledyard plans to attend college and major in Physical Therapy with a minor in Psychology.



Emily F. Ledyard - Liberty

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Classic

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in the standings.

The Hurricanes had four finalists in the tournament, as Luke Werner (106), KJ Fenstermacher (120) and John Ritter (138) reached the finals, but all came away with silver medals.

Freedom's Adam Evans was the lone Patriot in the finals, as he lost to Council

Rock South's Dylan Schwartz 3-1 in overtime.

Council Rock's Riley Palmer scored a 15-4 major decision over Werner, while Central Dauphin's Zach Elvin trumped Ritter 7-2.

Fenstermacher fell to Jack Mueller of Wyoming Seminary 8-4 to present the Liberty sophomore his first loss of the season.

"I know I have to push my offense more," said Fenstermacher. "This is

going to motivate me a lot to get back in the room to work harder. It's not a good feeling to lose."

Liberty wrestled in their first dual meet since the BHWC last Saturday, topping Pleasant Valley 48-21 in a bout where the Bears forfeited five matches.

The Hurricanes (2-2, 1-2) host Nazareth (3-1, 3-0) tonight before setting their sights on Emmaus (2-4, 1-2) Saturday.

Boys

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outtouched Southern Lehigh's Andrew Johnson in the 200 free with a time of 1:57.21 to Johnson's time of 1:57.26, and Robert Negron won the 50 free for the Hurricanes in 22.24, less than a second under Southern Lehigh's Trevor Decastro.

In the next event, the 100 fly, Rossi's time was 56.48. Southern Lehigh's Chris Schell came in second with a time of 57.69.

Hoops

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lowed by Thursday's rescheduled home contest against Eastburg South (3-6, 0-5).

The 'Canes close the week at home against Haverford Saturday.

After a 6-0 start to the season, the Hurricanes dropped both of their holiday tournament contests against Methacton and Perkiomen Valley.

Liberty lost to Methacton 59-51, falling victim to a slow third quarter,

which saw them fall behind by eight points heading into the fourth. The third quarter proved to be their demise against Perkiomen Valley the following night, as the 'Canes were outscored by 10.

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Girls

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Later in the meet, Drago won the 100 free with a time of 56.66.

"I always like having a strategy. The advice my coaches give me is to race to the 75. The last lap is everything I have left," said Drago. "I usually try to breathe to both sides so I can see how far ahead

or behind I am. When they're closer, I try to kick more and increase my hand speed. Going in and out of turns, I go faster and breathe less."

Jocelyn Baker was a double event winner in the 200 free with a time of 2:02.23 and the 500 free with a time of 5:28.77. Julia McCarthy also won two events, the 200 IM with a time of 2:16.34 and

the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:09.86.

Grace Walters took first place in the 100 fly with a time of 1:02.78, and Paige McCloskey placed first in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:07.29.

Liberty will have faced Nazareth at home on Tuesday, past Press deadlines, and will travel to Pocono Mountain East on Thursday.

DARTS

Suburban Dart League Standings

Salem Lutheran	32	13	.711
St. Paul's	31	17	.646
Salem UCC	29	19	.604
Dryland	27	18	.600
Emmanuel	25	20	.556
Christ UCC	23	25	.479
Messiah	21	24	.467
Bath Lutheran	22	26	.458
St. Stephen's	19	26	.422
Farmersville	14	31	.311
Ebenezer	12	36	.250

St. Stephen's at Christ UCC (5-3, 8-3, 7-5)

C - Garry Hunsicker 9-14, Ron Wagner 9-15, Keith Loudenlager, Ed Yost 6-13, HRs - Greg Pokorny, George Gasper.
SS - Allan Beahm 6-12, Gary Buczynski 4-12, Evan Williams 4-12 HR, John Hoysan HR.

Salem UCC at St. Paul's (4-2, 7-2, 5-4)

SP - Dave Clark 6-11, Jennifer Erking 6-12, Fich Kern 5-12, Bret Riemel 5-12, HRs - Amber Gross, Zach Kern.
S - Kyle Taylor 4-8, Kim Bush 4-9.

Dryland (5-3) at Salem Luth. (4-0, 7-3)

S - Bill Hoeh Jr. 6-11 HR, Kyle Taylor 6-12.
D - Lou Dervarics 5-11.

Bath Luth (9-5) at Messiah (4-1, 2-1)

M - Rich Hasonich 6-11, Dan Halteman 5-12, Andy Mickelson 4-9 2HR, Eric Harper 4-12, Ethan Jones HR.

BL - Bob Meixsell 9-13, Don E. Miller 5-13, Lee Creyer 4-13, Kevin Beichy HR.

Farmersville at Ebenezer (3-1, 14-5, 9-5)

Eb - Carol Voortman 7-13, Carl Fralley 6-12, Leroy Wilcox 6-12 HR, Jim Voortman 6-14, Kim Zettel HR.
F - Sue Grim 5-12 HR, Kyle Campbell 4-12 HR, Tom George 4-12.

BYE - Emmanuel

Week 16

Christ UCC (5-4) at Emmanuel (3-2, 5-4)

C - Greg Pokorny 8-15, George Gasper 5-12, Jarod Pokorny 4-13
Em - Judy Hoffer 6-12, Jeff Hoffer 6-12 HR, Mike Graf 4-11, Bob Bast HR

St. Paul's (4-2, 7-0, 6-2) at Farmersville

SP - Rich Kern 7-13, Kevin Gross 6-13, Zach Kern 5-13, Amber Gross (HR)
F - Tom George 5-12, Kyle Campbell 4-12 (HR), Ben Kerbaugh (HR)

Messiah at Salem UCC (6-0, 5-2, 8-4)

M - Dan Halteman 5-12, Chris Krauss 4-12
S - Fred Tonick 7-12, Jack Troxel 7-12, Kierstin Saeger 5-9 (HR), Rachael Krause (HR)

Ebenezer at St. Stephen's (4-0, 2-1, 1-0)

Eb - Vic Pacchioni & Charles Brooks with 3 hits apiece
SS - Ed Wychock 6-11, Gary Buczynski 5-12

Salem Lutheran (8-2, 5-1) at Bath Lutheran (12-5)

SL - Kyle Taylor 11-14, Jason Biggs 6-15, Tyler Frankenfield 4-9

BL - Bob Meixsell 5-13, Bob Flyte 5-13

BYE - Dryland

Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League

Week 1-13

Congratulations to Holy Trinity on winning the first half

Holy Trinity	26	13	.667
Fritz-Wesleyan	25	14	.641
#St. Peter's	22	17	.564
#St. Matthew's	22	17	.564
#Christ Lutheran	21	18	.538
#East Hills	21	18	.538
Trinity UCC	20	19	.513
Schoenersville	19	20	.487
#West Side-Edge	17	22	.436
#Holy Cross	17	22	.436
College Hill	16	23	.410
Bethany UCC	16	23	.410
First UCC	16	23	.410
Christ UCC	15	24	.385

= via tiebreaker

RESULTS

12/8: West Side-Edgeboro at Holy Cross 7-3, 4-0, 6-1

12/15: College Hill at Holy Trinity 4-2, 8-4, 2-0

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 12/8 & 12/15/2014

- 1) Bryan Himmelwright 6-12 & Lisa Wechsler 5-12 for Holy Cross.
- 2) Steve Kish, Chris Giesler & Luther Keck each 5-13 & Barry Miller 6-12 for West Side-Edgeboro.
- 3) Rick Rivera 5-10 & Dan Deutsch 5-9 for College Hill.
- 4) Dave Repnyek 6-11 for Holy Trinity.

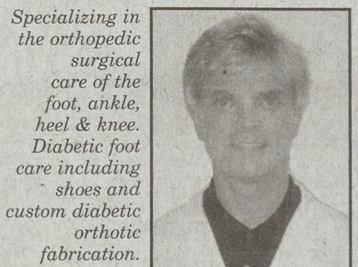
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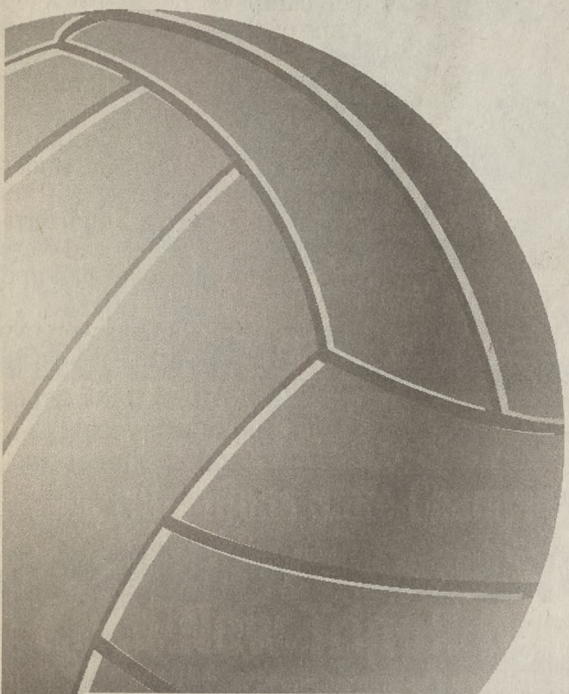
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Stephanie Koontz

Moravian Academy

Grade: 12

Family members: Parents Kevin and Linda Koontz and sister Danielle, who is a sophomore at Elon University

Favorite subject: My favorite subjects are English, because I like to read and write and I enjoy the discussion-based curriculum of these classes, and economics, because I am extremely interested in business and finance and hope to dedicate my life to pursuing a successful career in that field.

Activities: I have been riding horses since the age of five. I compete in Hunter/Jumper and Dressage shows and currently lease an off-track thoroughbred named Elton. In addition, I play the guitar and enjoy listening to music, drawing, painting, reading and participating in school clubs including Model UN, debate and DECA.

Next steps: After I graduate high school, I will be going off to college, although I am not certain where yet. I hope to attend a school with a distinguished undergraduate business program and spend my time in college pursuing internship, research and study abroad opportunities.

Career goals: Ideally, I would like to work with an investment group on Wall Street and eventually become CFO or CEO of a major company one day. I have big dreams and believe I will be able to accomplish all of them.

Heroes: My biggest heroes include my favorite musician, Christofer Drew, because he has had a major positive influence on my life and the person I have become, and my favorite author, Jane Austen, because she didn't let her illness or the fact that she was a woman in a society that highly undervalued females stop her from achieving great success and doing what was important to her.

Volunteer/community work: Over the summer I



spent a week at Fox Den Farm in Chadds Ford assisting accomplished dressage rider, trainer and judge Peter Hansen by doing volunteer work such as cleaning, barn maintenance and caring for the horses.

Likes: Other than horseback riding, some of my absolute favorite things in life include pigs, vegan food, NASCAR, weird music, black clothing, Sylvester Stallone, hair dye and Star Wars.

Dislikes: I hate the color orange, grape leaves, romance movies, pop music, close-minded people and geometry.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishments so far have been getting an SAT score and grades that I am very proud of myself for, because I never dreamed that I would have been able to achieve all I did.

Advice for peers: If I could give one piece of advice to my peers, it would be to work your butt off. Because even if you struggle with certain subjects in school, or even every subject, hard work pays off and really is the only thing that will get you anywhere in life, both inside and outside of school.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

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



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

This team of Broughal MS students, comprised of Cristian Matos, Corey Williams, Jaryam Ortiz and Axel Vega, plan to install a cistern, water bar-

rel and a green roof comprised of white icing to reflect heat and bite-sized shredded wheat solar panels to generate electricity.

'Green' gingerbread houses

By DANA GRUBB

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Under the guidance of Diana Ortiz of The Stone House Group, Broughal MS seventh and eighth grade students recently learned about LEED, green building strategies and building features used at their own LEED Gold certified school, to design and build gingerbread houses by applying construction strategies that achieve LEED building credits. Ortiz is chair of the Lehigh Valley Green School Committee.

Students were placed in teams that each assembled a gingerbread house, and then, using carefully measured materials such as icing, candy, marshmallows, pretzels and coconut flakes, added LEED designs that

accumulated a score for their finished product.

Applications in curriculum subject areas included math, reading, social studies and science and encouraged student participants to calculate their material needs, write a report on their design, distinguishing between renewable versus non-renewable resources and energy conservation measures.

Ortiz explained that students earned points for LEEDS design implementation, yet could have deductions for excessive trips to the supply table or not using all building materials provided.

Winning designs were placed on exhibit at the Arts Quest Center.

MORAVIAN ACADEMYNOTES

Theater dept. to offer 'Hello Dolly!' this spring

After the exciting start to the school year, the energetic pace of Moravian Academy has slowed to a steady stride. The rich, warm colors of the fall have disappeared, replaced by frosty grass and barren trees, and students curl up behind piles of books in the library to stay out of the cold. Still, that's not to say that the campus is lacking in action, as new activities come in just as swiftly and gracefully as the fall ones end.

The unprecedented fall sports season, which culminated in a boys soccer state championship, has filled up the trophy cases and gone down as one of the most successful in Moravian Academy history.

However, there is certainly much to expect from the winter sports season. Swimmers began practicing midway through October and are preparing to have another great year, with many fall athletes joining the team for the first time. And with the basketball season beginning, the girls and boys teams are both enjoying the brand new courts of the Athletic and Wellness Center as full members of the Colonial League.

The Moravian Academy community also mourns the loss of boys basketball coach Coach Donmoyer, who passed away in August and would've coached his 18th season at Moravian this winter.

Students can also find plenty of excitement in the theater, and as the season of the cold descends upon us, so does the season of the arts. Moravian Academy's annual and much-loved variety show, Coffee-house, took place the week-end before Thanksgiving. The two shows were sold out and showcased the singing, dancing and acting talent of the student body and even some faculty members.

Musical auditions were held almost immediately afterward at the beginning of December, and the Moravian Academy theater department looks to take home a third straight Freddy Award for Outstanding Overall Production by a Smaller School with "Hello, Dolly!" The cast and crew will work tirelessly for weeks to prepare for four performances, which will begin at the end of February.

Bethlehem is the Christmas city, and Moravian Academy celebrates the holiday with the annual Vespers service, which took place on Dec. 11 and featured the Upper and Middle School vocal and handbell ensembles. Filled with candles and wonderful music, Vespers is a beautiful and treasured tradition, one that honors the Moravians who founded our school and truly brings us together as a community.

Winter brings exams and the start of a new semester, but in the midst of the stress of midterms, there is also plenty of fun to be had. In the junior and senior lounge stands a Christmas tree decorated with old photos of teachers and the freshman pictures of the members of the senior class, many of whom have been accepted into college recently.

Heavy coats and knitted hats might indicate otherwise, but the winter at Moravian is anything but cold. Rather, it's during this time that Moravian Academy changes from a new school into a home.



Kara Chyung
Moravian Academy



Carlos Alvarado and Jeremis Tejada assemble their gingerbread house using icing as the bonding agent. Wegmans donated the gingerbread house kits.



Using pretzel sticks and icing, Juliza Marquez adds a bike rack to her team's design.

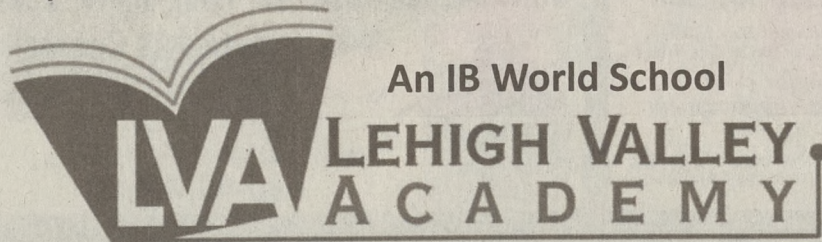


A variety of materials were provided to construct and incorporate into environmentally sound designs to meet LEED standards. Just Born donated candy materials for the project. Some students used Mike and Ike candy to add LED lighting to their gingerbread houses. All materials provided to each team were weighed prior to use and any unused supplies re-weighed to demonstrate wasted materials, which subtracted points from a team's score.



Isabel Lucas and Yarieshlee Miranda work at creating a green roof that will both reflect heat and gather it on their Twizzler solar panels to produce electricity.

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Stripping Twizzler candy down to individual strands, Angel Morales plans to use them as rain gutters on his team's gingerbread house, so that rainwater could be collected and reused.

BRIEFLY

BAPL

New events to start Jan. 9

Several new programs will be offered at the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

A Family Place Play Group, for toddlers ages one to three, will be held 11 to noon Jan. 9, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20. Story time classes begin at 10:30 a.m. the week of Jan. 27. Registration is required for the Babies and Toddler sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays; on Tuesdays all ages may attend without registration. Sessions are at the main library, 11 W Church St. To register, or for information, visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

The Southside branch, 400 Webster St., will have a family story time for all ages at 11:15 a.m. Thursdays or 1 p.m. Saturdays beginning the week of Jan. 15. There will also be a Kidz Art Zone at 1 p.m. Jan. 10 for children, ages six to 12, with textile designer and artist Tess Donahue Blum. Registration is required for all events; call 610-867-7852 or visit www.bapl.org.

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MASONS

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Lodge members meet 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

For information, call Robert Hoffman at 610-398-2274.



PRESS PHOTOS BY RUTH GRADY

The active adult community of Traditions of Bridle Path participated for the first time to light up the night as part of Bethlehem's annual "Luminaria Night" Dec. 13. Homeowners had ordered more than 1,200 kits. After the lighting of

the luminaries, a potluck dinner provided the community the opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. **ABOVE:** Community members of Traditions of Bridle Path chat before the potluck dinner.

The company of friends



Kathy Ballek, right, converses with Tammy Oltrogge and Beth Kelly.



Community members of Traditions of Bridle Path dig in to the mouth-watering dishes.



Frank Lulewitz "lights" up the party while socializing with Bill Jolley.



Community members of Traditions of Bridle Path line up in the salad line.



Peter and Madeline Zdenek enjoy the sense of community at the gathering.



Shirin Nabati, Maria Giordano and Phyllis Hughes engrossed in conversation.



Desserts line the kitchen table.

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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 23°, humidity of 45%. The record high temperature for today is 61° set in 1972. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 2°. The record low for tonight is -9° set in 1917. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 17°, humidity of 53%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with an overnight low of 12°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high temperature of 27°. Skies will become mostly sunny Saturday with a high temperature of 29°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 33°.

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Members of Lehigh Valley Community Benefit, St. Luke's University Hospital employees and

Tucker Stuart's family gather for a group photo before taking toys collected into the pediatric unit.

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Tucker's Toy Run delivers

Lehigh Valley Community Benefit conducted its fourth annual Tucker's Toy Run Nov. 1 delivering more than 100 toys to St. Luke's University Hospital's main campus via a motorcycle convoy of about 50 riders. Event organizer Rick Nauman estimates that more than \$10,000 worth of toys

have been donated to the St. Luke's pediatric unit since the event began four years ago, after fellow biker Tucker Stuart was killed riding his motorcycle. Riders began the 2014 run in Bath, winding their way through numerous communities with public safety escorts. Two hospital cribs were filled with the gifts, which are distributed to children who spend time in the St. Luke's pediatric unit and at the hospital's Kids Care clinics, according to Pat Gubich, patient care manager of St. Luke's peds unit and NICU.



Ski Bishof of Allentown dons a Santa cap in the spirit of giving for Tucker's Toy Run. Two hospital cribs were filled with more than 100 toys.



Daniel Emerling, one of several pediatric patients in St. Luke's, admires one of the motorcycles used by Lehigh Valley Community Benefit riders on Tucker's Toy Run.

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Time Enough?

A man dreamed he saw Satan on his throne with his evil spirits gathered around him. Suddenly the question was asked by their master, "Who will go forth to ruin souls on earth?" Readily one responded, "I will. I'll tell them there is no God."

"That will not do," Satan returned gloomily. "Men know there is a God. Sometimes they deny it to their fellowmen; but deep in their hearts they know they must face Him some day. They may try to stifle the thought, but when sickness or death comes, it isn't easy to do so. That story will not ruin them!" Again he repeated, "Who will go forth to ruin souls?"

"I will," a second spirit replied. "I'll tell them that there is a God, but that He is a just and a holy God, and they are too bad to come to Him." "That won't do," repeated Satan. "Their very need will drive them to Him. Besides, they have only to read the Bible and see how God invites sinners to come to Him and receive everlasting life. I want something more clever!"

Once more the dreamer heard the terrible question ring through the courts of darkness. "Who will go forth to ruin souls?" "I will," a third spirit responded. "I'll tell them there is a God! I will let them hear the Gospel as often as they like. I will not hinder them!" "But how will that ruin them?" Satan asked impatiently. "I'll tell them that is all true, but," he added, with a look of fiendish malice, "I'll tell them there is time enough to accept God's offer." A murmur of applause passed through the caverns of despair. "Go forth," said the Prince of Darkness, "you will be successful!" So he went forth and has deluded thousands who have passed unexpectedly into eternity were unprepared because they believed they had time enough!

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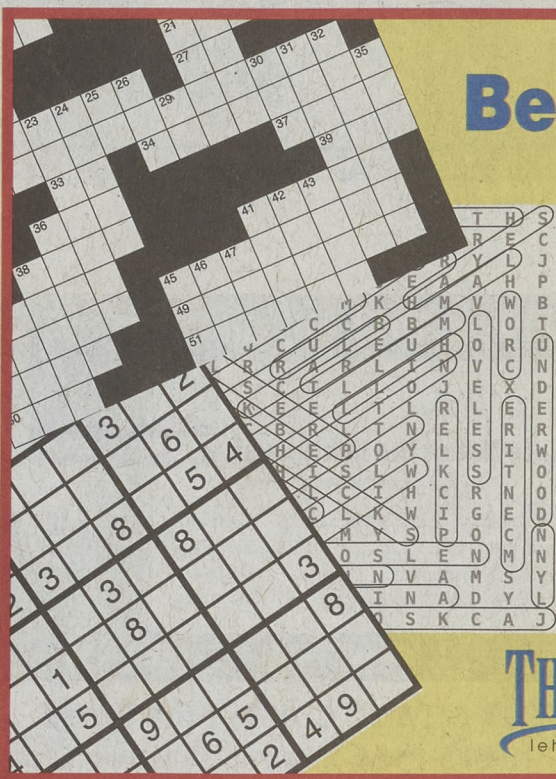
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Holding her "My sweet Baby" toy, pediatric patient Genesis Roldan from Bethlehem met three of Tucker Stuart's four sisters, Barbara, Anne and Virginia. A fourth sister, Joan, was unable to attend the event.



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