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Early snow leaves many in the dark

If the snow had been later, the power transmission and distribution networks would have been much less affected.

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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In eastern Pennsylvania, one would think snow is not a big deal, yet last weekend's mushy downpour brought the Lehigh Valley to its knees.

Trees collapsed, cars slid and crashed, whole neighborhoods were darkened and cold. And worse, tens of thousands huddled in their frigid homes for up to for or five days

before power was restored.

Unlike September's toothless but fear-inducing earthquake, which was surprising and unusual, a snow storm should have been shrugged off in our heavily winterized region. What happened?

"The damage was particularly severe because the snowstorm happened at a time when most trees still had their leaves," said Kurt Blumenau, with PPL corporate communications. "That allowed more of

the heavy, wet snow to stick to the limbs, causing many more broken limbs than would have occurred if the branches had been bare. This is also a time of year when trees tend to shed dead or dying limbs anyway, which didn't help."

Blumenau said if the snow had been later, the transmission and distribution networks would have been much less affected. But the storm's arrival was not a surprise, See **DARK** on Page A3

RECOVERY Council seeks input on budget

By CAROL SMITH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In the month before passage of the 2012 Northampton County budget, county residents are given plenty of opportunity to review and comment on the proposed \$331.4 million spending plan. Recently released and available on the county's website, the budget calls for an 11.8 mill tax rate or a tax increase of 9.3 percent.

A property with an assessed value of \$50,000 would pay an additional \$50 in taxes.

At a quick and relatively quiet Nov. 3 Northampton County Council meeting, there were few public comments on the proposed budget and tax hike. Most of the financial questions revolved around Gracedale, West Easton's proposed DUI treatment center and open space funding projects.

Council members are currently holding budget hearings to review the spending plan and to see where savings may be found to reduce the tax burden on county residents.

Budget hearings are at 4 p.m., Nov. 15 and Nov. See **BUDGET** on Page A3

HALLOWEEN IN NOVEMBER



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Members of Cub Scout Pack 306 from St. Anne's Church of Bethlehem march down Main Street toward the reviewing stand during the Bethlehem Halloween Parade Nov. 6. The parade was postponed one week due to the unusual fall snowstorm that hit the Lehigh Valley the previous weekend. **ABOVE:** From left to right are: Braden Schanez as a Power Ranger, Gavin Evans Gartley as Yoda, Cubmaster Julia Varsamas, Gino Varsamas as a horror creature, Aidan Evans Gartley as a zombie, and Logan Daley as a knight. More parade photos on page A2.



Bundled up for the cool November weather, Tina Growchowski of Freemansburg and son Andrew watch the parade on Broad Street.



Just Born candy company's Halloween parade caravan includes a "Peep for President" flag-decorated toy car driven partly by Laila Amro of Bethlehem, daughter of Just Born employee Ridda Amro. The electric child car was not an official Just Born Inc. parade vehicle, according to a company spokesperson.

Halloween 5K runners on Main Street in downtown Bethlehem. The annual race acts as a prelude to the city's Halloween parade and follows the parade route. More race coverage on page A15.



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Council opposes Dewberry rehab

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Testimony continues on proposed Dewberry Ave. drug rehab center
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Citizen group thanks Bethlehem City Council
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By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Opposition to Bethlehem Township resident and developer Abraham Atiyeh's planned drug and alcohol treatment center brought several speakers to the floor Nov. 1. They all asked City Council to intervene in the case before the Zoning Hearing Board seeking a special exception to locate the treatment center on Dewberry Ave.

Former county judge William Moran of Center Street used the occasion to discuss another of Atiyeh's properties at Dewberry and Center streets, calling it a "junkyard" and asked the City Council "to instruct the mayor" to look at the site.

Atiyeh said Hope Church is currently holding Sunday services in the proposed treatment center site, the

"Let's look at what's true, not at the emotions. It's not strangers who are usually the danger."

KAREN DOLAN



former home of Calvary Baptist Church, which relocated to Bethlehem Township. Atiyeh said he has the building under contract, meaning if he gets the needed approvals to convert the facility into a treatment center, he will buy the building.

Atiyeh said his planned 70-bed drug and alcohol treatment facility will not house court-ordered felons,

but instead will be a private clinic that will treat professionals and other regular citizens seeking help. He said the prospective clients would not pose a danger to the neighborhood.

However, perceived danger is exactly the argument made by some local residents.

According to Dewberry Avenue resident Greg Zebrowski, the facility would pose "serious security issues" and would create potential threats to the students at Bethlehem Catholic HS, less than a block away at the intersection of Dewberry Street and Madison Avenue, to children at the Bernie Fritz Playground (also known as Heimpel Park) and to residents.

The Bernie Fritz Playground on Atwood Street is a block from the pro-

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What kind of impact do you think Pennsylvania's no texting while driving law will have?



"I think it will have a positive impact, especially for people who have lost family members in other accidents."

Jodi DeLeonardo
Allentown



"I think it's a great law. Texting while driving is very dangerous. It's not safe, and I'm surprised they waited so long."

Reik Foust
Bethlehem

Fall recycling

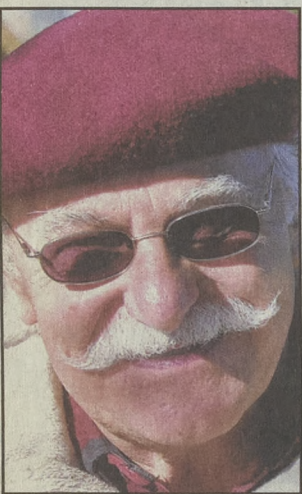


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Advanced Green Solutions employee Rafael Negrón removes a computer monitor from Easton resident Kevin Price's truck Oct. 28 during the city's electronic recycling collection event.

Bethlehem's annual fall electronics recycling event was held Oct. 28 and 29 at the Memorial Pool parking lot on Illick's Mill Road. Advanced Green Solutions collected a variety of materials such as computers, monitors, televisions, copiers, stereos, printers, microwaves, small appliances, household batteries, refrigerators, and fluorescent light bulbs. A drop-off station was also available for tires and automotive batteries. The semi-annual events are held in the spring and fall. For additional information and a more inclusive listing of the items that are collected, contact the Bureau of Recycling at 610-865-7082.

HALLOWEEN IN NOVEMBER



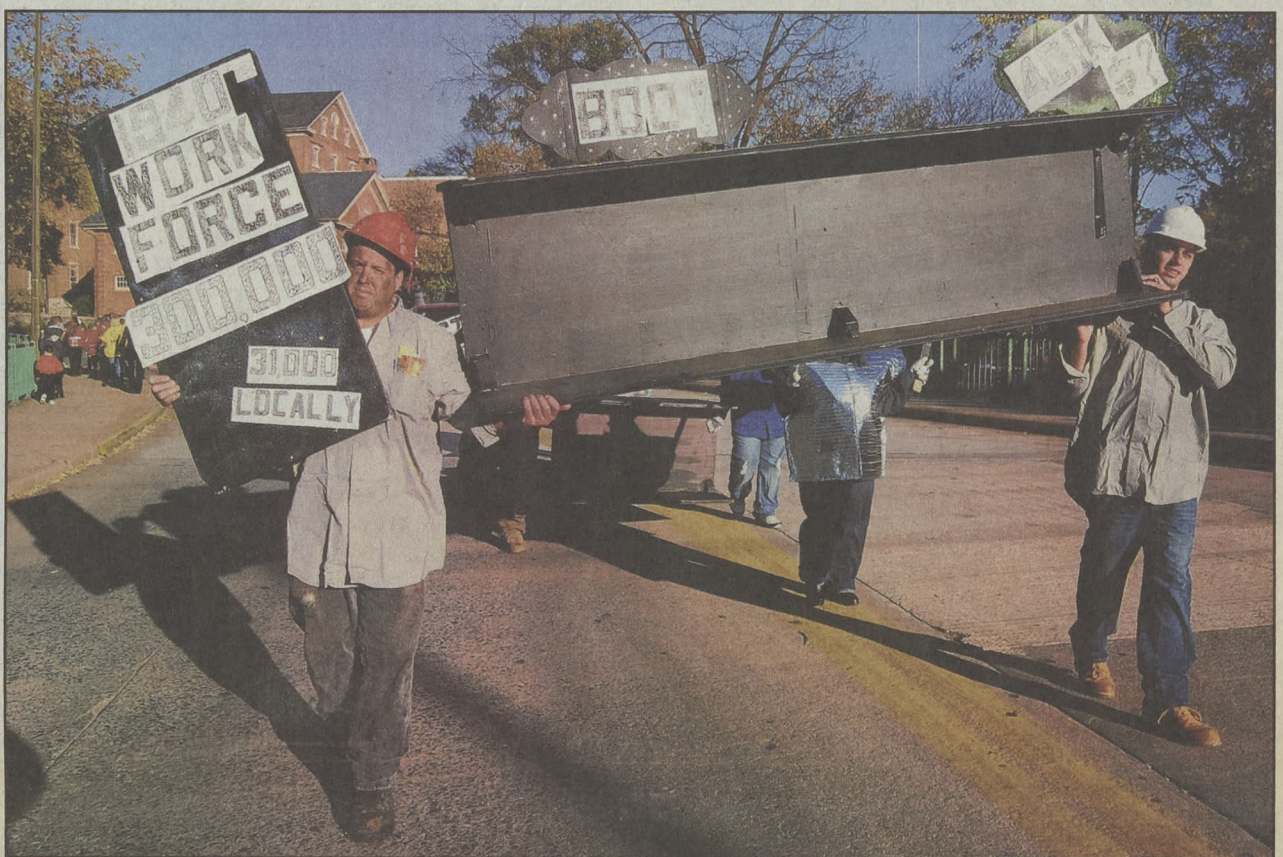
"I think it will have a positive impact. Obviously, if you're distracted as a driver, you can cause an accident."

Johann Szautner
Bethlehem



"I don't know. It's a big temptation for teenagers, I'll tell you. My hope is that they will follow it, and it will be enforced."

Catherine Rathbun
Allentown



Puerto Rican Cultural Coalition of Bethlehem celebrates their 1940 Bethlehem Steel workforce origins in the city. Carrying a wood replica of a Bethlehem Steel I-Beam are Daniel Berrios, left, and his son Dan Jr.



"It's going to have a definite impact, especially if there are harsh enough consequences, and it is enforced. It will make a difference for the better."

Dianne Timberman
Easton



"I hope that it will deter people from driving while they're distracted, and I hope it is enforced to accomplish what it is intended to do, which is make everybody safer on the road."

Rachel Brautigam
Whitehall



Diane Melnyk and Procter are a pair of aces. Melnyk is from Bethlehem Township and a member of the Northampton County Chapter of The Seeing Eye guide dog school in Morristown, N.J.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Watching for the Bethlehem Halloween Parade's first division on Main Street are Tony Halm of Bethlehem Township, with his costumed daughters, Hannah as Snow White and Jillian as a Strawberry, and their yellow Labrador retriever, China.

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Wednesday, November 9

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society free lecture with Andy deGruchy, 7 p.m. Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.

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

Thursday, November 10

Bethlehem Water Authority, 3 p.m. 10 E. Church St. **Bethlehem Planning Commission** meeting is **CANCELED**

Saturday, November 12

Holy Infancy bazaar, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. School hall, 127 E. Fourth St. Call 610-866-1121, ext. 10.

Sunday, November 13

Easton HS Chamber Singers, 3 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 474 Vine St. Call 610-867-0519.

Monday, November 14

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10. 10:50 and 11:30 a.m. 2344 Center St.

BASD Board Finance and Human Resources Committee Meetings, 6 p.m. Education Center, Dining Room, 1516 Sycamore St.

Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

United Veterans of Bethlehem and Harry F.W. Johnson Post #379 American Legion meetings, 7 p.m., D.A.R. Log Cabin in the Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and W. Union Boulevard Call 610-866-3835.

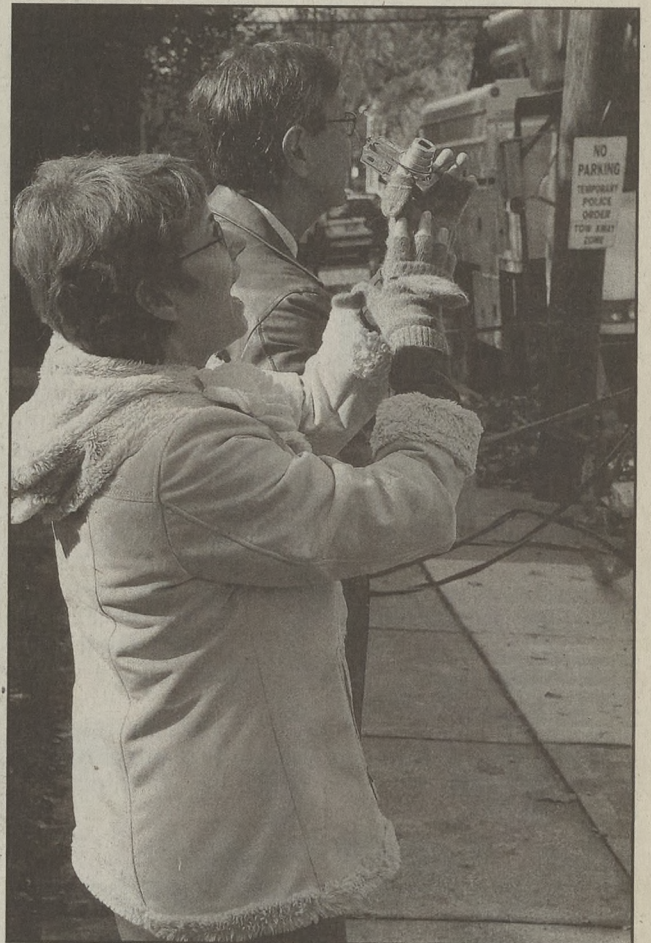
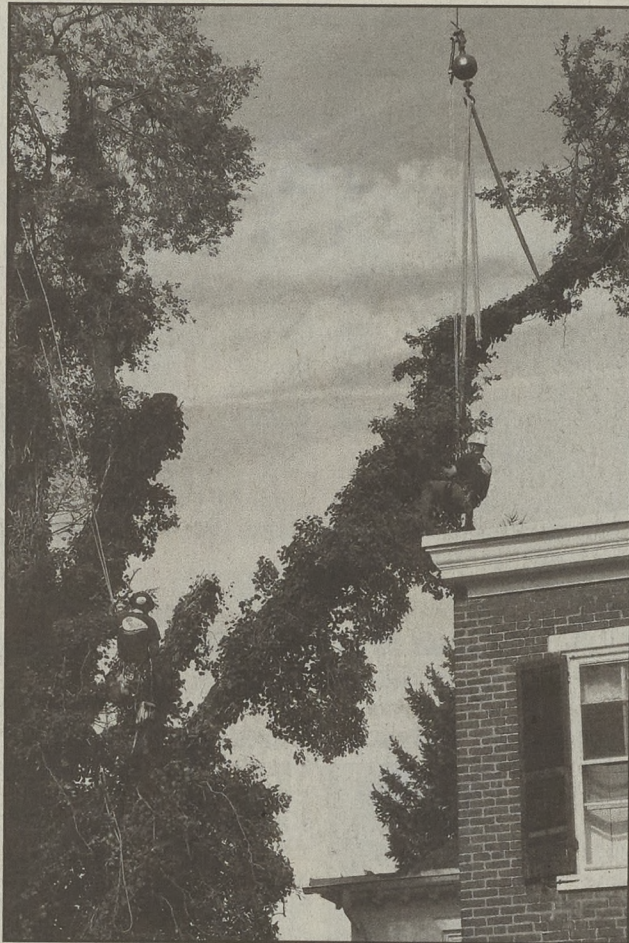
Tuesday, November 15

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Wednesday, November 16

Bethlehem Zoning Hearing, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St. Date change for this meeting only.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

When the Oct. 29 snowstorm caused a branch from a Chinese elm to come crashing onto their residence, Jim and Eileen Serratelli decided it was time to have the 120 year-old-tree removed. Five days later, contractor Joshua Tree had a crane and crew on site to slowly and delicately remove the towering tree. Next door neighbor Barbara Pearson also breathed a sigh of relief, as branches that hung over the back of her property were also removed. The Serratellis had larger

limbs cut into logs for a friend to use in their fireplace. The project had a block of East Church Street at Center Street closed to traffic. **LEFT:** A crew from Joshua Tree works on removing a branch secured by an overhead crane. **RIGHT:** Next door neighbor Barbara Pearson applauds as a branch that hung over her second floor bedroom is removed.

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and PPL was joined in preparation by groups like the American Red Cross of the Lehigh Valley and emergency management groups through pre-existing aid contracts.

"We were lucky," said Red Cross Regional Communications Director Janice Osborne. "Not every disaster gives us a 'heads up' or lead time to prepare ourselves in our homes." She said the Red Cross is not chartered to run warming centers for those without power and for major outages such as this, its main function is to teach preparedness. But their volunteers were still on call and responded to eight Valley fires from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, helping nearly 40 displaced people with food and shelter.

"A snowstorm of this magnitude in October for our area is something we don't normally experience," Osborne said. "If there is

anything we can take away from this past weekend's storm and resulting power outages it is that we all need to be prepared in our homes - at all times. It is our duty as citizens to take the necessary precautions to be prepared to stay fully functional in our homes for at least three days."

PPL sent near-continuous media updates during much of the week, counting off the number of customers whose power had been returned and the number of crews still working. As of Nov. 4 Blumenau said, "The current tally for people affected overall is more than 400,000. We'll be going through our records in the coming week or two to weed out any duplicate entries and get an exact final number. We expect this will rank as our third-worst storm of the past 20 years in terms of customer outages."

Locally, Blumenau said, "Our records show that we restored about 168,000 customers in the combined Allentown and

Bethlehem areas and, more specifically, more than 64,250 in the Bethlehem area (which would include both the city and surrounding townships, though I don't have a specific list of which communities that includes.)"

City Director of Community and Economic Development Joe Kelly did not respond to inquiries regarding just how the city responded to the damage and outages, but press releases announced the temporary reassignment of the parking lot behind Theis/ Cornfeld Recycling Center on Illicks Mill Road for residents to dump yard waste and tree limbs Nov. 2 through 7.

The Salvation Army's Bethlehem Capt. Tim Lavenbein said they had swung into high gear by Oct. 31, setting up shop at the Moravian House and serving 300 hot dinners. They also requested a mobile canteen truck from Lebanon, which roamed throughout the city and ended its services in

Hanover Township. At the end of the day, however, he said most of the power was restored to residential neighborhoods.

Such was not the case in the Nockamixon area, where as late as Nov. 2 the Army was serving 300 meals a day at Palisades MS. "They're going to have a meeting today to decide what to do," Lavenbein said that morning. "They're still working on restoring power."

Lavenbein said he'd deployed to Sayre during the floods some months ago and while he couldn't compare the damage inflicted he didn't minimize the impact of this storm. "They're different tragedies, but without power and with the cold it's just as stressful."

"Everybody we assisted was very grateful for our help," Lavenbein said. "I had a great group of volunteers who came out at the last minute. Some of our volunteers didn't have power themselves."

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proposed treatment center. "Preserve the nature of the neighborhood," Zebrowski asked City Council. He said the plan for the treatment center is, "On its face, laughable. It will alter the flavor and character of the neighborhood." In a later interview, Zebrowski called the plan "insane."

He argued that people going to a drug and treatment center could have been involved in a felonious experience such as abusing heroin.

South Bethlehem resident and frequent com-

mentator on community affairs Stephen Antalics tried to steer the emotional issue onto a compassionate path. He said he had lived next door to a rehabilitation center and found the residents "were incredible people."

"They said 'hello,' they cleaned my sidewalk. We need to keep in mind compassion," Antalics said.

Councilman Eric Evans, discussing the motion to authorize Council Solicitor Christopher Spadoni to intervene in the case, said the proposed center is "clearly not appropriate. It's time we step in and represent the citizens."

Evans said the mayor

and the administration oppose the treatment center's planned location.

The other council members concurred with Evans - all except Councilwoman Karen Dolan, who tried to lead the council onto what she considered higher moral ground.

"Let's look at what's true," Dolan said, "not at the emotions. It's not strangers who are usually the danger."

"This is the best city I've been in or lived in," she said. "It's a spiritual city, a compassionate city."

"This industry has no record of harming children or humans," said Dolan as she urged compassion for clients of the

proposed facility. "They are us. I cannot vote to vilify this industry."

Dolan's compassion argument caused some in the audience to mutter to each other. In a later interview, Zebrowski said Dolan was "well intentioned but misguided." He said his professional experience in alternative education and "common sense" dictate that the facility would be a security risk.

Dolan's argument failed to change the minds of the majority of the council. The motion to intervene passed 6-1.

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At a 5 p.m., Nov. 17 Human Services Committee meeting, council members will hear how Gracedale Nursing Home's new management company plans to improve revenues and cut spending at the financially ailing county-owned facility in Upper Nazareth Township. Premier Healthcare Resources, which was chosen in August to manage Gracedale after a voter referendum blocked the county from selling it, will present an outline of an operating budget for Gracedale. Through Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreements \$13 million is also expected to be saved in the 2012 budget

for repairs and upgrades at Gracedale.

A 2011 budget amendment is asking for \$2.7 million to be transferred to Gracedale to cover the second half of the year's expenses. County Executive John Stoffa said that revenues are down for the year for a number of reasons and that \$2 million was cut from Gracedale's budget by not filling open positions due to the low patient census.

For 2012, the county contribution to balance the budget at Gracedale is \$7.2 million. The proposed tax increase would equal \$7.4 million.

Victoria Bastidas asked council members for their support on the Open Space Initiative. Currently the 2012 budget recommends 3.7 million for Open Space projects,

which includes \$2 million for farmland preservation, \$1 million for natural/environmentally sensitive land and \$700,000 for county parks. Bastidas said she is hoping council can help with a Bethlehem Township property designated to remain open space in the owner's will but that is in danger of being sold to a developer. The property is currently owned by Central Moravian Church, which is seeking approval from Bethlehem Township Supervisors to change zoning ordinances to allow the land to be sold for mixed-use development.

Bastidas said she hopes the land, which sits at the head waters of the Monocacy Creek and has many natural springs, can remain open for recreational use. She is concerned that more development, or more blacktop, would create more flooding problems for the Monocacy Creek.

Tricia Mezzacappa, a candidate for West Easton Borough Council, asked council for a status update on the proposed West Easton Treatment Center. The 2012 budget has \$1.7 million reserved for the center but Council President John Cusick said so far no agreement has been presented for council's approval.

Northampton County Council's next regular meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17 on the third floor of Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton. The county's website is www.northamptoncounty.org.

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Richard A. Fink

Bethlehem Steel sheet metal mechanic

Richard A. Fink, 85, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 13, 2011, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Walter and Marguerite (Repsher) Fink. He was the husband of Grace (Falcone) Fink for 61 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He received a presidential unit citation for the invasion of Leyte, Philippines.

He was a sheetmetal mechanic for Bethlehem



Steel, retiring after 31 years.

He was a member of the MORA Club and the Hellertown Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Gary and his wife Barbara Richards of Downingtown and Douglas and his wife Felicia Falcone of Alpharetta, Ga.; a sister, Dolores and her husband William Middleton of Placidia, Fla.; two brothers, Carlton Fink of Whitehall and Ned and his wife Margie Fink of Springtown; six grandchildren; and a great grandson.

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

Richard F. Cressman

Bethlehem Steel electrical engineer

Richard F. Cressman, 83, formerly of Bethlehem, died Oct. 27, 2011, in Fellowship Manor, Whitehall. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Frank and Ada (Huff) Cressman. He was the husband of Barbara (Sheetz) Cressman for 57 years.

He was a graduate of Lehigh University.

He was an electrical engineer at the Bethlehem Steel Company before retiring. After retirement, he taught at Lafayette College.

He was a member of East Hills Moravian Church, where he was a former congregational president, trustee and elder.

He was a past treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Astronomical Society. He was a member of the Allentown Hiking Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Eileen and her husband Blaine Reeder of Coplay; a son, Richard Jr. and his wife Barbara of Urbana, Ill.; and a granddaughter, Julia and her husband Chris Franke.

Contributions may be sent to East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 or Asceracare Hospice, 21 Fairlane Road, Reading, PA 19606.

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Regina "Jean" Raczowski Fitzko

Sacred Heart Catholic Church member

Regina "Jean" Raczowski Fitzko, 92, of Bethlehem Township, died Oct. 24, 2011. Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Magdalena and Joseph Raczowski. She was the wife of the late Louis Fitzko.

She worked at R.K. Laros Silk Company and Diamond Blouse for 26 years.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bethlehem Township, where she was a former member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

She was a member of the ILGWU and the Bethlehem Township Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and served as a committee member for Girl Scout Troop 44 for a number of years.

She is survived by a daughter, June Meilinger of Northampton; a daughter-in-law, Joan Fitzko of Bethlehem; five grandchildren, Michael and his wife Eleanor Meilinger, Glenn and his wife Donna Meilinger, Mark and his wife Danielle Fitzko and Jennifer and Eric Fitzko; six great-grandchildren, Amanda, Melanie, Justin, Brian, Danny and Gianna; two great-great-grandchildren, Logan and Payton; and two sisters, Helen Karp and Genevieve Lebeduik.

She was predeceased by a son, Louis J.; and three sisters.

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Rosemarie Yawney-Labukas

BASD teacher's aide

Rosemarie Yawney-Labukas, 54, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 19, 2011.

She was a daughter of Christine (Kratzer) Yawney of Bethlehem and the late Metro Yawney.

She had retired this past June after working as a teacher's assistant for the Bethlehem Area School District.

**Lisa Marie Prisque**

2008 Freedom HS graduate

Lisa Marie Prisque, 22, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 30, 2011. She was a daughter of John L. and Pearl L. (Slotcavage) Prisque.

She was a 2008 graduate of Freedom High School.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers, John and his wife Colleen and Michael and his wife Veronica, all of Bethlehem; grandmothers, Jane Presque and Judith Slotcavage Mertz; two nieces, Kaitlyn and Caleigh; two nephews, Orion and Tyler; and boyfriend, Buddy Hardinger.



She is survived by four sons and three grandchildren, John III and his wife Stephanie and their daughters Savannah and Madison, James and his wife Lara, Matthew and his wife Ashley and Anthony and his wife Paula and their son Colton; and four sisters, Kathleen, Deborah, Susan and Jacquelyn.

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Robert W. A. Smith

formerly of Bethlehem

Robert W. A. Smith, 90, formerly of Bethlehem, died Oct. 14, 2011, at Westminster Village, Allentown. He was the husband of Lucille "Sis" Smith.

He is survived by two sons, Dr. R. Timothy R.

and his partner Dr. Deborah Smith of Bellefonte and Terry Lee and his wife Carrie Janssen-Smith of Pocatello, Idaho.

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

Clarence "Blankets" E. Rappe Sr.

worked for Bethlehem Steel

Clarence "Blankets" E. Rappe Sr., 84, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 23, 2011, at ManorCare Health Services II, Bethlehem. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Emily (Reilly) and Edward Rappe. He was the husband of the late Betty Jane (Kerchner) Rappe for 63 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for the Bethlehem Steel.

He is survived by two sons, Roland and his wife Carol of Bath and Clarence Jr. and his wife Amelia of Warriors Mark; two daughters, Marylou Horning and her fiancé

Larry Kramer of Bethlehem and Shirley Ann and her husband Richie Kratzer of Quakertown; two sisters, June and her husband Eugene Holzer of Bethlehem and Sylvia and her husband Charles Roecher of Georgia; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Karl Rappe.

Contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans National Service Foundation, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, Ky. 41076.

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

Albert F. Carpency

Just Born mechanic, electrician

Albert F. Carpency, 58, of Fountain Hill, died Oct. 19, 2011, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, after a short battle with cancer. He was a son of the late Albert L. and Anna E. (Fulop) Carpency.

He was a 1970 graduate of Liberty High School. He retired from Just Born Inc. after 30 years as a maintenance mechanic and electrician.

He was a member of the Fountain Hill Fire Department. He was a member and past president of the Lehigh County Fire-Police Association.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 4754.

He is survived by a daughter Andrea and her husband Zenon Janicki and their daughters Kayla and Abigail, of Collegeville; twin sons, Robert of Exton and Timothy of Northampton; and former wife, Frieda Weeks of Northampton.

Contributions may be made to the Fountain Hill Fire Department, 950 Cherokee St., Fountain Hill, PA 18015.

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

Eleanor L. Kleppinger

Groman's Bakery worker

Eleanor L. Kleppinger, 91, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 27, 2011. Born in Luzerne, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Eva (Stasalis) Urbanovich. She was the wife of the late Victor R. Kleppinger Sr. and Michael R. Castellani.

She was a 1938 graduate of Luzerne High School.

She worked at Groman's Bakery, the dental office of Dr. Walter Pluto and Leh's Department Store.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and a past member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons: Michael and his wife Donna Castellani of Bethlehem and Martin and his wife Linda Castellani of Northampton; two daughters, Rita Mary (Castellani) and her husband Christian Kurtz of Allentown and Victoria (Kleppinger) Whitehead, with whom she resided; six grandchildren: Michael Castellani, Marcy (Castellani) Shander, Michele (Kurtz) Weintraub, Steven Kurtz, and Katelyn and Kimberly Whitehead, seven great-grandchildren: Michael, Angela, Brittain, Calla, Grayce, Chase and Charlie; and a brother, Leonard Urban of Swoyersville.

She was predeceased by a son, Victor Jr.; a grandson, Nathaniel; five brothers; Edward, Henry, Joseph, Jerome, Victor; and three sisters, Adele, Anne and Rita.

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

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Homer "Pappy" G. Lorrach Sr.

"The Boss" at notary office

Homer "Pappy" G. Lorrach Sr., 87, of Freemans-

burg, died Oct. 27, 2011 at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg.

Born in Freemansburg, he was a son of the late Homer H. and Olive (Myers) Lorrach. He was the husband of the late Tillie (Jancosko) Lorrach.

He served in the U.S. Navy, flying escort patrols near New York City during World War II.

He was a brakeman for PB&E Railroad until his retirement in 1965. He owned a service station in

California, drove delivery trucks and worked as a truck mechanic. He was known as "The Boss" at BAM Auto and Notary, Freemansburg.

He is survived by two sons, Homer G. Jr. and his fiancée Nora Woolsey of Freemansburg, and Mark B. and his wife Ana of Freemansburg; two brothers Earl S. Lorrach of Bethlehem Township and Louis Lorrach of Florida; and two grandchildren, Catarina and Brian Lorrach.

He was predeceased by a sister, Aloma Compton; and two brothers, William and Robert Lorrach.

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

Elizabeth M. James

First Baptist Church member

Elizabeth M. James, 90, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 18, 2011, in St. Luke's Hospital. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late John H. and Elizabeth A. (Simsack) Rice. She was the wife of the late Robert H. James.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Bethlehem, for 66 years. She was a former member of Saints Simon and Jude Church seniors.

She is survived by three sons, Jack of Whitehall, Gary and his wife Judith of Bethlehem and Robert and his wife Pamela of Bethlehem; six grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, David, Daniel, Rachel and Emily; and a great-grandson, Everett.

She was predeceased by a sister, June Mihulec; and brothers, Franklin and Robert.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 3235 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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Sandra "Sandy" D. (Frantz) Mast

registered nurse

Sandra "Sandy" D. (Frantz) Mast, 57, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 20, 2011, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Ethel (Pintarich) Frantz Sr. She was the wife of Steven C. Mast for 16 years.

She was a registered nurse. She worked for Telerec Inc. Prior to that, she worked for St. Luke's Hospital.

She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Gloria A. and her husband William Koch of

Bath; two brothers, Ron and his wife Pam Frantz of Bethlehem and Ervin and his wife Janice Pintarich of Nazareth; a stepson, Greg Mast of Egypt; a stepdaughter; Stefanie Majeski of Leighton; three grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Earl and Charles Frantz Jr. and Pastor Rickey Frantz.

Contributions may be made to Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609, Coopersburg, PA 18036 or to Salem Lutheran Church, 537 High St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Julia S. (Emrick) DeBellis

waitress

Julia S. (Emrick) DeBellis, 90, of Bethlehem Township, died Oct. 19, 2011, at Gracedale Nursing Home, Nazareth. Born in West Easton, she was a daughter of the late Helen and George Emrick. She was the wife of Donald DeBellis for 44 years.

She was a waitress at many restaurants in the Lehigh Valley area.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Miller Heights.

She was a member of West Easton and Safety First firehouses and the

Heights, ICC.

She is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Welch of Bethlehem Township.

She was predeceased by three brothers, George, Joseph and Peter Emrick; and three sisters, Anna Platko, Mary Schwartzmann and Helen Kustra.

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

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Theft

Colonial Regional Police arrested a woman after they responded to a reported theft by loss-prevention officers at the Lower Nazareth Township Kohls store Oct. 27.

According to police, store employees observed during the early afternoon Ashley N. Kline, of Rentzheimer Drive in Hellertown, using numerous methods to steal merchandise.

Police said Kline was seen taking unpaid-for items to the return desk for store credit and putting clothing in a bag at the bottom of the stroller she was pushing. She then tried to leave the store with her child, at which time she was stopped with more than \$440 worth of stolen items.

Kline is charged with retail theft and was released on \$15,000 unsecured bail.

CITY POLICE

Robbery

Police arrested four people Nov. 2 for robbing a store and attacking the clerk around 2:50 a.m. on East Union Boulevard.

According to police, three males and one female entered the Pantry One and argued with the clerk over the price of cigars. When they left one male took a cigar with him without paying, and the clerk went out front to document their vehicle plate number.

At that time the males attacked the clerk, police said, and took his cellular phone. The group then left in what is described as possibly a red Volkswagen.

Bethlehem detectives and Allentown police investigated and found all four suspects that night.

Madelyn Quinn Derr, 18, of South Fawn Street in Allentown; Justin Michael Stahley, 23, of Grove Road in Allentown; Xavier Serrano, 23, and Jessus Manuel Serrano, 26, both of Second Avenue in Bethlehem, are charged with theft, receiving stolen property and criminal conspiracy to commit robbery. The men are additionally charged with robbery and simple assault.

All four were committed to Northampton County Prison.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

The Bethlehem Area Public Library held a Halloween party for costumed children Oct. 25. The annual event was put on by the Teen Advisory Board of the library, a group for teenagers in seventh through 12th grade. Dressed for the occasion, Liberty HS senior Lynn Donnelly is at the face-painting station where she decorates Ruth Ferrey of Bethlehem.

Partying at the library



During the Halloween costume parade witch Catherine McCafferty, director of the BAPL Youth Services programs, who coordinated the Halloween event, presents a candy award to King Cobra Victoria Schinstine of Hellertown as Alice in Wonderland, Celeste Nunez Xzavier Pacheco of Fountain Hill watches.



Mother Yailyn Sustre of Bethlehem and her daughter Yalizah, costumed as a lioness, make a paper bag puppet owl at the craft station.



At another craft table, Tara Nieto of Fountain Hill helps her daughters Sofia, left, and Maya fasten Halloween cutouts to paper bags.



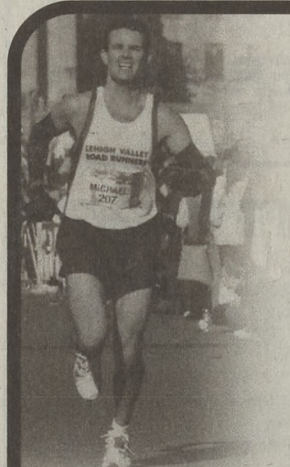
Velisa Li, a Freedom HS sophomore, paints the cheek of Jaden Matol of Bethlehem Township while his brother Devin awaits his turn.

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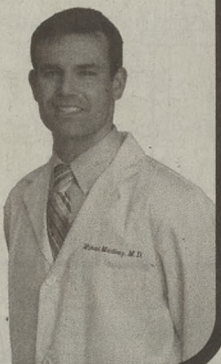
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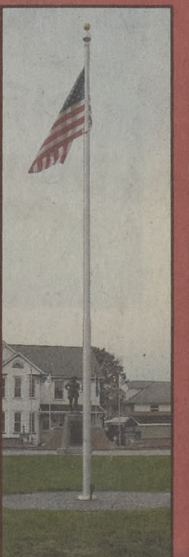
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**TOWN HALL
'Red Herring'
lecture Nov. 9**

The SSI (South Side Initiative) and the City of Bethlehem's Town Hall Lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 in City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

"The Great Red Herring: How Al-Qaeda Blinds Us to Terrorism" will be presented by Ziad Munsion of the sociology department, Lehigh University. There will be a question and answer period following the lecture.

**SWEET ADELINES
Annual show
set for Nov. 12**

The Lehigh Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines will present its annual show, "A Cappella A la Carte," 7 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Allentown Jewish Community Center's Kline Auditorium, 702 North 22nd St., Allentown.

The Lehigh Valley Chorus, an all-women a cappella chorus and affiliated chapter of Sweet Adelines International, has been entertaining the Lehigh Valley for more than 50 years. A multi-award-winning competitive chorus, it is the second oldest community chorus in the Lehigh Valley and the only Sweet Adelines chapter in the region. The group is comprised of women of all ages who are students, professionals, community volunteers, retirees and mothers raising families.

A reduced ticket price is offered for advance sales and for children 12 and under; tickets will also be available at the door. For ticket information, directions to the venue or to purchase advance tickets online, visit LVC's website www.lehighvalleychorus.com, call 908-859-5796 or send an email to tickets@lehighvalleychorus.com.



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

More than 150 local special needs students, along with their friendly school staff members, swamped the Best Western Oct. 27 for a Trick-or-Treat event. For the sixth year the Lehigh Valley Business Association-sponsored event gave these kids a morning of door-to-door candy-gathering without the complications of cold, dark neighborhood travel. After filling their bags from the 18 rooms used for candy distribution, the children gathered together for food, games and crafts.



Candy gathering without all the traveling

Amanda Ortiz belies her scary Freddy Krueger costume with a big smile and sack of candy.



Young Natalie Lazaro for the first time gets to enjoy giving rather than receiving candy, as Betty Hader (right) helps Miranda Klein investigate her spoils.



Jayne Serino, of Mercy Special Learning Center, walks with Dante "Scooby-Doo" Rosati and Julius "Batman" Ortiz. Jared McLaughlin, with Susquehanna Bank, hands out sweets and says this is his first time at the event. "This is phenomenal. It's a great day - seeing kids happy doing what they don't usually get to do. It's fantastic."

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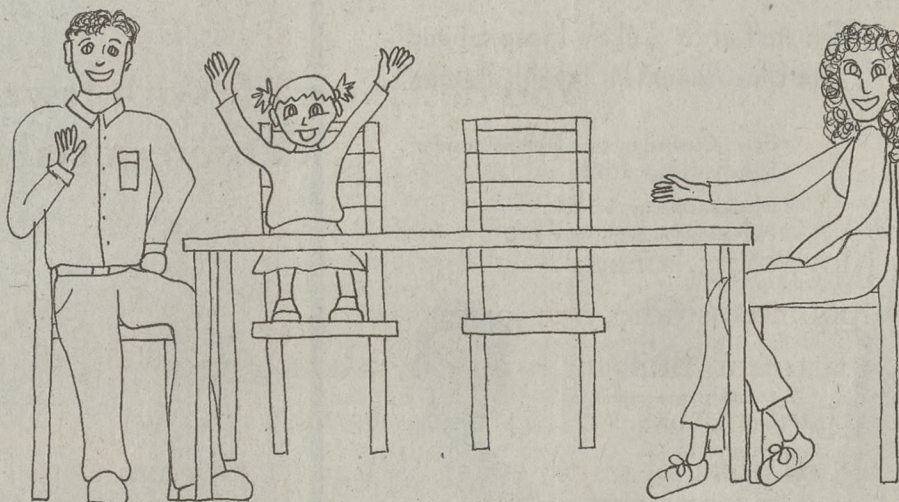
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HBP
Loyalty reception set for Nov. 9

The Historic Bethlehem Partnership will hold a member loyalty reception at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church, 617 E. Fourth St.

There will be Slovenian food samplings, a history of the Windish people and the church, with a tour of the sanctuary, and a social time. Space is limited.

Reservations are suggested. Call Susan at 610-882-0450, ext. 25 or email swise@historicbethlehem.org.

LVCH
Health Expo set for Nov. 12

The Lehigh Valley Community Health Expo 2011 will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Hyatt Place, 45 W. North St.

The event is free and open to the public.

VOLUNTEERS
Awards event set for Nov. 17

The Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley will hold the ninth annual Spirit of Volunteerism Awards from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 17. The event will be held in the Fowler Blast Furnace Room, Steel Stacks, Founders Way.

Honorary chair is Art Scott, Northampton Community College president. Honorees include Maureen Dresen, Capital Blue Cross; Sylvia Merkle, RE/MAX Real Estate; PPL LEAD and Air Products HOLA; Taminco, Inc; T-Mobile; and Wells Fargo Call Center.

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Crayola, awards sponsor, will be making a donation in the winner's name to the charity of their choice.

For reservations, visit www.volunteerlv.org by Nov. 10.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK RECCEK

Linda Salmon of Lower Saucon Township, along with her two daughters Aquinnah Silverman and Bela Silverman and their friend Abbey Grace of Hellertown, get ready for the Hellertown parade to begin. The parade was held Oct. 23 under a beautiful blue sky.

Hellertown Halloween parade



Members of the Saucon Valley HS marching band impress the crowd with their musical talent.



Hellertown Mayor Richard Fluck and Lower Saucon Township Council President Glenn Kern are rolled out in style and presented to the spectators in a pristine Chevy Camaro.



Connie Gaidula, Gabriel Vasquez, Matia Vasquez, Mia Vasquez, and their mother Brenda Vasquez, of Bethlehem Township, enjoy the parade.

BRIEFLY

VETERANS
Monthly meetings set for Nov. 14

The Harry F.W. Johnson Post #379 American Legion and the United Veterans of Bethlehem will hold their meetings at 7 p.m. and immediately following that meeting, respectively, on Nov. 14. The gatherings take place at the D.A.R. Log Cabin in the Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and W. Union Boulevard.

All veterans are welcome to attend. Veterans who are not presently Legionnaires or those wishing to transfer to a local Bethlehem post are also invited.

Call 610-866-3835 for information.

BILL OF RIGHTS
Essay contest deadline Dec. 15

High school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual Being an American Essay Contest.

The largest contest of its kind in the country, the Being an American Essay Contest explores the founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and founding principles. The 2011-12 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?" The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (first place), \$500 (second place), and \$250 (third place).

Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100. Further information, including submission criteria, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, founders and the founding principles are available at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.

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DONEGAN

Extravaganza to be held Nov. 11

Donegan ES will hold an extravaganza at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at ArtsQuest's Musikfest Cafe, Founders Way.

The fundraiser will feature live music by Mambo Caliente and The Flamin' Caucasians. There will be a Chinese auction and a 50/50 raffle. There will be standing room and cabaret seating as well as a VIP dinner with balcony seating.

For information, call 610-866-0031.

BGC

Program to be held Nov. 17

The Bethlehem Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Nov. 17 at Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road.

The topic will be "Exploring Fresh Flower Trends for the Holiday Season," presented by Kevin Hills. There is a fee for non-members.

For information, please call Dianne Howlett at 610-691-1509.

VALLEY

Beekeepers monthly meeting Nov. 17

The Lehigh Valley Beekeepers will meet Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Lehigh County Ag Center, 4184 Dorney Park Road, South Whitehall.

In lieu of the shortage of packages of honey bees available this past spring for beginner beekeepers and those wishing to expand their hobby, "Thinking of keeping bees in 2012 - now is the time to plan" will be discussed.

The public is invited to participate. For more information call 610-298-3254 or email annawertman@verizon.net.

ADVENT BREAKFAST

46th annual event set for Nov. 26

The 46th annual Community Advent Breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 26 at Moravian Village, 526 Wood St. Doors will open at 8 a.m. There will be a breakfast buffet and the Moravian Trombone Choir will play. The keynote speaker will be Rob Vaughn, co-anchor of WFMZ-TV Channel 69. There will be a beeswax candle lighting and the singing of the hymn, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

The breakfast is co-hosted by the Citizens Christmas City Committee and the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The reservation deadline is Nov. 21. Call 610-841-4582.



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Called the St. Stanislaus Artist Housing Development, this project is the brainchild of MidAtlantic Housing Development Corporation (HDC), a Pennsylvania nonprofit that has existed since 1971.

Zoners approve affordable Southside housing for artists

By BERNIE O'HARE

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem's St. Stanislaus Church, located at 419-429 Hayes St., was first established by Polish Catholics in 1905. But it is one of four ethnic Southside churches closed by the Allentown Diocese in 2008. Now, thanks to a unanimous ruling by the Zoning Hearing Board Oct. 26, this historic church will not only survive but become the hub for 36 affordable apartments, targeted at artists earning 60 percent of the Lehigh Valley's median income.

Called the St. Stanislaus Artist Housing Development, this project is the brainchild of MidAtlantic Housing Development Corporation (HDC), a Pennsylvania nonprofit that has existed since 1971. It owns and manages 51 properties in 11 different counties, and specializes in adaptive reuse of downtown properties. It provides affordable housing for 4,100 people, and provides 24/7 onsite professional management and maintenance.

Of the 36 units, 17 will be one-bedroom lofts, 12 will be three-bedroom townhouses, and there will be seven ADA-accessible flats, varying from

two to three bedrooms. Average monthly rental is projected at \$650.

HDC Senior Development Officer Andre Perry said permitting this reuse would be beneficial to Bethlehem. It would eliminate blight and vacant space, put the property back on the tax rolls, provide affordable quality housing and preserve St. Stanislaus Church, identified as one of Bethlehem's historic resources.

Believe it or not, a bar is in the church's large basement.

"The Poles used to like to drink," joked Southside activist Roger Hudak. The bar will be replaced with a laundry and an administrative office, and the church nave will be used as a community meeting room and art gallery.

The one major drawback, however, is parking. The lot at St. Stanislaus only provides 11 parking places. HDC is negotiating with nearby parking lots for another 25 parking spots, which would result in a total of 36 parking spots for 36 units. That is well below the 62 parking places required by the zoning ordinance.

This shortcoming

brought Faith Moore Perry, who lives directly across the street, to the hearing. As her young son explored Town Hall, she testified that parking is already a "disaster" in her neighborhood.

When she goes away, she sometimes finds two or three cars parked in her driveway, and has to call the police to have them removed. She said "the population there is crazy," and will only get worse with an affordable housing project across the street.

HDC President Michael Carper, however, told Perry that if tenants display inappropriate behavior, they'll be evicted.

"We closely manage our properties," he said, adding that someone is on site at all times. "That is who we are and that is how we take care of our situation."

Representing the Eastern Pa. Arts Alliance, Kim Plyler told zoners her organization "absolutely" supports the project.

"We have at least 75 artists who are more than happy to move in tomorrow if this project was here," she said.

In granting the request, which Bill Fitzpatrick called a "great looking

project," zoners insisted that leases be filed with the city for each of the 36 units, as well as for each employee on site. He also urged HDC to be a good neighbor.

In other business, zoners approved a request from James Baggett for a subdivision that would separate a single-family unit from a multiple family dwelling at 530-534 High St. Both properties are located on the same lot, even though they have different uses.

Finally, zoners granted Pamela Rodweller's request to replace her 12-foot by 16-foot deck with a kitchen at 2178 Allwood Drive. In September, Rodweller's case was delayed when she failed to post her property as a result of an inadvertent error in the zoning office. After waiting a month, she presented her case in about a minute.

"We thought you'd want to take a little longer to get back at us," joked zoner Bill Fitzpatrick.

Bethlehem's Zoning Hearing Board reconvened Oct. 31 to continue testimony in Abe Atiyeh's application for a drug and alcohol rehab center on Dewberry Avenue, abutting Bethlehem Catholic HS.

BETHLEHEM

Kemerer annex plan revisited

By DOUGLAS GRAVES

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Karen Dolan, the city councilwoman who took the lead two weeks ago in torpedoing the expansion of the Kemerer Museum by saying that it was "too ugly," has changed her view. After some consultation with museum and area historical preservation officers, the planned expansion

which two weeks ago was "too ugly" became, in Dolan's eyes, "incredible, daring and beautiful."

Dolan said she spent several hours consulting with officers from the museum and the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB), and made an onsite visit.

City council Nov. 1 reversed its earlier vote 7-0 and granted the cer-

tificate of appropriateness that will allow construction of the annex to proceed. Progress is important to comply with the terms of the grant that is making up a portion of the financing.

Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, Barbara Hollenbach was gracious as she reintroduced the issue,

saying, "You didn't have all of the information which has now been conveyed to you."

When Bethlehem City Council rejected the certificate of appropriateness, it ran counter to the 6-1 vote of the HARB members recommending approval of the addition, to include use of a material for a "rain screen" to

See PLAN on Page A9

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RELAY FOR LIFE

SV meeting to be held Nov. 9

There will be a Saucon Valley Relay For Life meeting at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Saucon Valley Elementary School, LGI Room, 2087 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown.

Residents will be able to learn more about participating in and volunteering with the American Cancer Society fund-raiser. The 24-hour relay will be held May 19-20 at Dimmick Park, Hellertown.

For information on the relay or the meeting, call Kellie at 610-838-8950 or Carol at 610-838-1354. For cancer information, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org

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'You done good tonight'

Testimony continues on proposed Dewberry Ave. drug rehab center

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

At least 60 people crowded into Town Hall Oct. 31 for a second night of testimony concerning Abraham Atiyeh's proposed 70-bed voluntary inpatient substance abuse center. Most of them are opposed to its location at 111 Dewberry Ave., the site of the recently vacated Calvary Baptist Church. That property borders a Bethlehem Catholic HS baseball diamond and is only a block away from the Bernie Fritz playground on Atwood Avenue. Kirkland Village, one of the city's largest assisted living communities, is only a few hundred yards away.

During a five-hour hearing Oct. 19, Atiyeh attorney Blake Marles was only able to call four witnesses as a result of numerous concerns raised by residents.

Three City Council members — Dave DiGiacinto, Eric Evans and J Willie Reynolds — attended that Oct. 19 hearing. And after it was over, they persuaded council members Bob Donchez and Jean Belinski to notify the Zoning Hearing Board of their opposition in an Oct. 28 letter. On Oct. 31, Mayor John Callahan expressed his written displeasure too, stating, "drugs and schools don't mix."

In addition to the complaints from five City Council members and the mayor, Attorney Jay Leeson entered his appearance on behalf of Bethlehem Catholic.

Finally, a group of six Bethlehem residents calling themselves the North Bethlehem Action Committee fired off a letter to Mayor Callahan and City Council, asking the city to intervene. That group includes Judge William Moran, who helped write Northampton County's Home Rule Charter and recently stepped down from the bench. In addition to having a jurist as one of its members, North Bethlehem Action Committee has retained Easton attorney Steven N. Goudsouzian.

So when zoners met for their second night of testimony, a barristers' row of four prominent attorneys were girded for battle. The combined weight of the Catholic



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Atiyeh engineer David Harte describes rehab at Calvary Baptist Church, as Zoning Officer Christine Bartleson reviews the application.

Church, a City Council majority, the mayor and a citizens' collective was up against Atiyeh, who sat in Town Hall with his usual bag of hard candy, waiting for his lawyer.

When Attorney Marles arrived, he quickly went to work. He called City Council member Dave DiGiacinto to establish that City Council itself had not formally intervened. Marles suggested that a letter from a majority of City Council, who had yet to meet publicly, might constitute a Sunshine Act violation. More pointedly, he complained about the "ex parte communications" from the mayor and five City Council members, the very people who appoint and confirm members of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Zoners decided that, for now, those letters will not be admitted. They also assured Marles that they had received no ex parte communications from anyone trying to influence their decision.

Marles then called Bethlehem Catholic HS Principal John P. Petruzzelli, who acknowledged to sending emails and an automated

phone calls to parents, urging opposition to the rehab center. As Jay Leeson repeatedly objected that "the Catholic Church is not on trial here," Marles just as repeatedly questioned Petruzzelli about the risk to students posed by the facility, which will be operated by The Malvern Institute.

Petruzzelli said his problem with the proposed rehab is a "perception" of an unsafe neighborhood. "It will affect enrollment and our standing in the community," the principal testified. He said he had done no research to determine whether it would actually pose a danger.

David Harte, a professional engineer employed by Atiyeh, described the facility in detail. He indicated that there would be no changes to the exterior of Calvary Baptist Church, although security cameras would be installed. He added there would be a six-foot-high fence surrounding the property, as well as landscaping. Entrances will be gated. Only employees and invited guests will be admitted and there will be 24-hour security, although Harte was

unable to state how many guards would be employed.

When Harte testified that the reason for the fence was really to keep outsiders off the property, the audience began to laugh.

Although patients will be able to leave of their own free will, Harte told zoners they would be unable to leave from the courtyard inside the complex, and that only employees are provided with the access codes to open and close the gates. "They don't just let somebody walk out and wonder down the street," he said, adding that it is impossible for patients to even see the athletic fields from the building. He also

said the church is located 300 feet away from the baseball diamond.

Harte said there is a need for this kind of facility in the Lehigh Valley. The building is currently vacant, although it is rented out to another church on Sundays, and Harte said this adaptive reuse of a church is a greener use, noting that Bethlehem has several vacant churches.

Harte also stated that this new use would be "in harmony with the neighborhood," but that was challenged during intense cross-examination by Attorney Goudsouzian. Tony Marascio, who lives only two

doors away, asked whether an addict walking around the neighborhood at 3 a.m. might affect the harmony of the neighborhood.

But Marles objected to that question. "I could reach across the table and strangle [ZHB Solicitor Eric Schock], but that doesn't mean it's likely," he argued.

Kristine Borges, a Becahi mom, asked about four Health Department citations filed against Malvern this year alone, including citations for a bed bug infestation.

"I'm sorry, but there were so many [citations], I couldn't fit them all on one page. Does a bedbug infestation pose a harm to the community?" she asked.

At one point during the testimony, a relaxed Judge Moran suddenly stood up, and the entire room froze. "Excuse me, may I have a glass of water for my wife?" he asked.

After that, everyone else relaxed, too.

Marles wrapped up his case in two hours, making Zoning Hearing Board Chair Gus Loupos very happy. Loupos said he was also pleased by everyone's courtesy.

"You done good tonight," Loupos told everyone. "You still have time to go trick-or-treating."

Testimony will continue in Town Hall Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. Marles estimated he'd have two more witnesses from The Malvern Institute, but dismissed Jay Leeson's request for more detailed information.

"I don't want to try my case before being required to try my case," Marles said.

PLAN

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help control for humidity. Council ignored the recommendation two weeks ago, convinced that the 6-1 vote didn't reflect the actual opinion of the HARB.

When the City Council members took the unusual action to reject the HARB recommendation, they put progress on and funding for, the project at 425-429 New St. in jeopardy.

The annex will house, in climate and light controlled conditions, some of the 40,000 perishable artifacts owned by various members of the Historic Bethlehem Partnership.

In other business, "Occupy Bethlehem" spokesman Dominic Celestina, at the meeting with several other fellow occupiers, spoke to council and the mayor, thanking them and the police commissioner for their forbearance in allowing them to stay on Payrow

Plaza, where they are encamped in the shadow of City Hall.

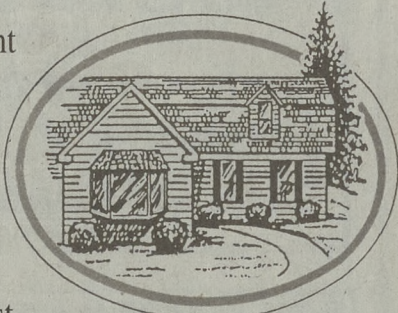
"We don't want to be a nuisance," Celestina said. "We want to help Bethlehem and the country."

"We are trying to get the public to build a community where we can talk," said Celestina, a 22-year old resident of Bethlehem. "We need to face the problems we're facing as a country and on a global level."

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Dick Lane, board member of Stonehedge Gardens, speaks in front of crowd about how small family farmers have a hard time competing in the current food system.

Area residents seek safe, affordable farming, water

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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For the second time recently, local residents and farmers gathered in a city downtown to harangue Sen. Bob Casey into actively supporting the Fair Farms Bill. They flooded the Lehigh University Square Nov. 3.

Food and Water Watch, a nonprofit dedicated to safe and affordable farming and water in America, organized the event and is becoming more strenuous in its call for Sen. Casey's support of modern Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration, or GIPSA, regulations.

Lynn Prior, director of Buy Fresh Buy Local Greater Lehigh Valley, said, "The GIPSA rules are a first step towards getting a fairer food policy in this country. Implementation of these rules will set a precedent for fairness for our family farmers, who need support in order to compete

against large agribusinesses. We are looking to Sen. Casey to provide a voice in Washington for our many family farmers to ensure that they can continue to survive." Prior was part of a group scheduled to meet with Casey's staff in Philadelphia later that day.

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UNITED WAY of the GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY, Bethlehem, is moving to a new location on Dec. 15. They need volunteers to prime and paint the Third floor walls at the old location. Contact Kelly Gooley, 610-807-5702, kellyg@unitedwayglv.org.

AMERICA ON WHEELS, Allentown, has several volunteer opportunities. Contact Liz Hahn, 610-432-4200, ext. 10, fund_development@americaonwheels.org.

250TH ANNIVERSARY, Allentown, seeks volunteers to assist with planning, communications (mailing and calling), sales, office support, fundraising, share a talent (photography, music, artistic, etc.), or volunteer to help during events that are scheduled throughout the year. Contact Tara Craig, 610-437-7530, craigt@allentowncity.org.

LIBERTY BELL SHRINE MUSEUM, Allentown, needs help with their classic "Mouse Before Christmas" puppet show featuring Pip the Mouse. Contact Bob Stevens, 610-435-2412, bobstevens@entermail.net.

SIXTH STREET SHELTER, Allentown, is in need of individuals or groups to help with bulk mailings a few times a year. Contact Lauren Schwartz, 610-435-1490, lschwartz@cacvlv.org.

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

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Freedom's Frank Bucsi hauls in a catch that eventually ends up as a touchdown as he beat a stumbling K.J. Williams of Liberty on the play.

'Canes settle for EC playoffs; Pates headed to district tourney

By PETER CAR
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Last year when Liberty qualified for the Eastern Conference playoffs, head coach Dave Brown was thrilled to have two extra weeks of practice.

With the Hurricanes having 10 underclassmen starters a year ago running the offense, any extra time was beneficial.

Fast forward to this year and the mood has changed.

Losing to Freedom 45-42 over the weekend eliminated Liberty (6-4) from the District 11-2-4 sub regional 4A tournament and sends them to Wallenpaupack (7-3) this Friday in the opening round of the Eastern Conference 4A playoffs.

Whitehall (7-3) hosts Pocono Mountain East (5-

5) in the other Eastern Conference semifinal, but being in this position is not what Brown or any Liberty player wanted this year.

"We're extremely disappointed," said Brown about losing on Saturday, as well as being left out of the sub regional gauntlet, "but we have a great group of seniors that love to play the game of football. Being in this position isn't what any of us wanted."

"It's two years in a row now that we're in this spot. It doesn't matter how close we are or have been to getting into districts, the bottom line is that we can't let games slip away from us."

The Hurricanes committed five turnovers against Freedom last week

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Freedom's 4 U theme leads to victory

By PETER CAR
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Freedom's football team has always had different stickers plastered across the front of their helmets with different messages under head coach Jason Roeder.

The symbolic sticker the Patriots wore during Saturday's thrilling 45-42 victory over arch rival Liberty read "4 U."

After coming up on the losing end of a rivalry series every year since 2002, Roeder wanted his team to go out and play

"I wish we could have done this a lot sooner, but we got it. It's just a great feeling. This is the best win I've ever had in my coaching career."

JASON ROEDER
FREEDOM HEAD COACH

for much more on Saturday than themselves.

He wanted them to play for the Freedom community and the former players that have battled through years of disappointment and tears fol-

lowing their current string of defeats to the Hurricanes.

One game doesn't change the dynamics of the city battle for football supremacy, but Saturday's win was certainly a

step in the right direction to make people in black and yellow believe that more Saturdays like this can come.

"Losing to Liberty all those years does grind on you mentally," said Freedom senior standout Okezie Alozie. "We had alumni come in and talk to us about how it still bothers them that they couldn't beat Liberty."

"I mean Colin Neely, a guy who played at Michigan State for four years, talked to us about how he still wishes he

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Freedom's Okezie Alozie tries to get by Liberty's Anthony Orlando.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY



PRESS PHOTOS BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Liberty's Amy Darlington, left, finished 18th at the state meet while Bethlehem Catholic's Cecelia Zemanek took 76th.

Darlington medals at states

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's Amy Darlington medaled at the PIAA State Cross Country Championships on Saturday at the Parkview Cross Country Course in Hershey after placing 18th in 19:15.

"We kind of hoped for top ten, but the top 25 medal," said Liberty cross country coach, Mark Will-Weber. "She was very aggressive at the beginning, and she was actually running in third."

Darlington finished the first mile in 5:38. Her time after two miles was 11:56.

"She fought pretty hard. She was pretty tired, but she had a lot of incentive with Penn's coach there, who came out to see her," Will-Weber said.

Darlington has committed to the University of Pennsylvania, where her cross country coach will be Blake Bolton.

"She was pretty happy. She ran her best time ever on this course. I think this [Class AAA girls] was the most competitive of all the races. It capped a good, solid season for her," said Will-Weber.

Freedom senior, Nathaniel Palmer, placed 90th in the Class AAA

boys' race in 17:16.

In Class AA girls, Bethlehem Catholic's team placed 22nd of 24 teams.

Individually, Cecelia Zemanek and Olivia Zemanek placed first and second for the Hawks, respectively, and 76th and 77th overall.

Also from Bechahi, Jenny Schadt was 119th, Marina Ivakhnenko was 138th, Tori Aitken was 143rd, Lauren Reightler was 149th, and Abby Moninghoff was 153rd.

From Moravian Academy, Emily Smith finished in 99th place, and Rebecca Askins-Gast finished in 163rd.

DISTRICT 11 VOLLEYBALL

Hawks lose in final

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's volleyball team may hate the color blue at this point.

The Hawks had to witness Southern Lehigh take their third straight District 11 2A title from their hands last Thursday night at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

The Spartans held off the Hawks in five games (25-22, 23-25, 23-25, 25-19 and 12-15) to defeat them

for the third straight year, much to the disappointment of everyone sporting brown and gold last week.

"One of our big problems tonight was not being able to play Lauren Hess," said Hawks' head coach Howard Vernick. "We started out with her and then she wasn't allowed to go back in and that hurt us."

"I think it was a mental burden for our girls initially knowing that Lauren couldn't get back

in there, but I think they recovered and played well.

"Southern Lehigh just played better in game five and that one is always a toss up."

Hess was removed from the game because of a technicality stemming from a concussion and the Hawks could have used their all-star down the stretch in close losses during the second and third games.

However, the fifth See **Volley** on Page A12



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Julie Kollar, right, tries to console Kelsey Mowrey after the Hawks fell to Southern Lehigh in the district finals.

Golden Hawks will continue to develop

By PETER CAR
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Joe Henrich knows that change doesn't happen overnight and the evidence of Bethlehem Catholic's 3-7 football season indicates that there's still plenty of work to be done. But following the Hawks 55-6 regular season finale loss to Easton last Saturday, Henrich will take some time to reflect on the progress he's made on the job since March and layout the blue print to get Becahi football back

on the LVC map. And that all starts with a new focus on the weight room. "When I first got hired in March, I knew that we were a couple years behind the rest of the programs in the LVC when it comes to the weight room," he said. "Unfortunately, that really wasn't taking place before and it showed when we played this year. "It's through no fault of these kids on the team because they played hard and did everything we

asked of them, but we really were physically out-matched in a lot of our games this year." Henrich didn't have season goals when it came to wins and losses, but he did admit that as the year went on, he hoped his team would be able to sneak into the Eastern Conference 3A playoffs. The Hawks would have needed at least one more victory to get his group another week of important practice, but that didn't happen.

Instead, the plan for the future is now taking place with Henrich excited about the type of work his team will muscle through this winter. "I'm already working on off-season stuff," Henrich said. "We have three things that we really need to focus on and that's increasing our size and strength, getting mentally and physically tougher, as well as increase our football intelligence within our system. "Remember, I got hired

in March and we really didn't have much time to get up to speed with how things were going to be run. Plus, a lot of our kids were playing spring sports so we really didn't have many kids lifting. Having a full year will definitely help us see improvements next season." The Hawks lose 15 seniors from this year's squad, but return seven starters on offense and six starters on defense. Leaving his first year at the helm with three wins can be some-

what disappointing, but it's part of the growing pains when you're trying to revitalize a football program in the LVC. "A lot of our guys were first year starters and we learned a lot about what we have here at Becahi," Henrich said. "Tough years are always humbling for everyone, but I think we laid the foundation for what we want this program to be and we progressed and will continue to do so."

Nazareth No. 1 in Pete's Top 10

By PETER CAR
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It's finally the post-season and now things start to get serious. Well, actually this first week of sub regional action will mostly be a joke outside of the Freedom-Easton matchup. Easy pickings in week 11, so let's see if I'm right.

- 1. Nazareth (9-1)**
Last week's rank: #1
Blue Eagles will have no problem this week. Next week however will be a different story.
The Pick: Nazareth 59-Delaware Valley 14
- 2. Parkland (8-2)**
Last week's rank: #4
Trojans keep moving up and look to be a legit title contender.
The Pick: Parkland 35-Stroudsburg 7

- 3. Easton (8-2)**
Last week's rank: #3
Freedom gets their revenge.
The Pick: Freedom 21- Easton 14
- 4. Freedom (8-2)**
Last week's rank: #5
Another shot at redemption for the Pates?
The Pick: Freedom 21- Easton 14
- 5. Whitehall (7-3)**
Last week's rank: #2
Tough pill to swallow for Whitehall being bounced from districts.
The Pick: Whitehall 35-Pocono Mountain East 6
- 6. Central Catholic (5-5)**
Not ranked last week
Vikes jump back in just in time to defend their title.
The Pick: Central 56- East Stroudsburg North 13
- 7. Pen Argyl (10-0)**
Last week's rank: #7
Pine Grove will get manhandled this week.

- The Pick:** Pen Argyl 49- Pine Grove 0
- 8. Northern Lehigh (9-1)**
Last week's rank: #8
We just have to wait another week for the Pen Argyl rematch.
The Pick: Northern Lehigh 28- North Schuylkill 14
 - 9. Stroudsburg (8-2)**
Last week's rank: #9
Mounties take on the hottest team in the district.
The Pick: Parkland 35-Stroudsburg 7
 - 10. Liberty (6-4)**
Last week's rank: #6
Hurricanes get the gift of a road trip to Wallenpaupack. Talk about fun.
The Pick: Liberty 42- Wallenpaupack 14
- Teams that dropped:** Bangor #10
Teams that entered: Central Catholic #6
Last week's record: 6-1
Overall record: 62-18



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Liberty's Devon Jones sheds a tackle and goes all the way for an early touchdown.

City

Continued from page A11 could have won a game against Liberty. We took that to heart and wanted to make the most of our chance."

The contest was a perfect summary to a wonderful fall afternoon, which featured a patriotic halftime ceremony paying tribute to the ten year anniversary of 9/11, followed by one of the greatest Freedom-Liberty football games in the 44th edition of the series.

But the post-game jubilation that Freedom revealed in was as emotional and gratifying that any sports fan can appreciate.

The Patriots hoisted the city championship for the first time since 1987, witnessed their first victory over Liberty in nearly a decade and knocked their rivals out of the district subregional playoffs.

The perfect trifecta for a Freedom Saturday, one that Roeder, who for seven years has chased the

notion of beating Liberty, will never forget.

"We've had a lot of sad Saturday's, but we had the 4 U on the helmet and we were playing for a lot of people today [Saturday]," said Roeder. "I wish we could have done this a lot sooner, but we got it. It's just a great feeling. This is the best win I've ever had in my coaching career."

Sometimes when a rivalry series has lopsided results, it can tend to diminish the true sense of a rivalry.

Freedom's victory over Liberty just added some vinegar to the mix for a series that may have changed the winds of the city's football fortunes.

One game doesn't change everything, but it certainly gives Freedom's faithful the belief that more of these days can come.

But it also lifts the proverbial monkey off Freedom's back.

"Absolutely," said Roeder about the notion of having a monkey on the program's back. "I'm

speechless. It's been a long journey and to see all these former players back here and enjoy this is just awesome.

"A lot of these guys bought into our program when things were very bleak and they stayed with it, they cared for these kids and they cared for what we do and our motto of doing things our way."

"To see how much this means to everyone makes me as proud as I've ever been."

And while Liberty now has to deal with the sting of defeat from the hands of Freedom, the three-hour spectacle inside Frank Banko Field last week was one that would make every resident in Bethlehem proud.

This series has felt like it was Liberty's for so long that you tend to forget Freedom's chunk of the city.

The Patriots reminded everybody over the weekend that they're still here and they're not going anywhere, which is the way it should be.

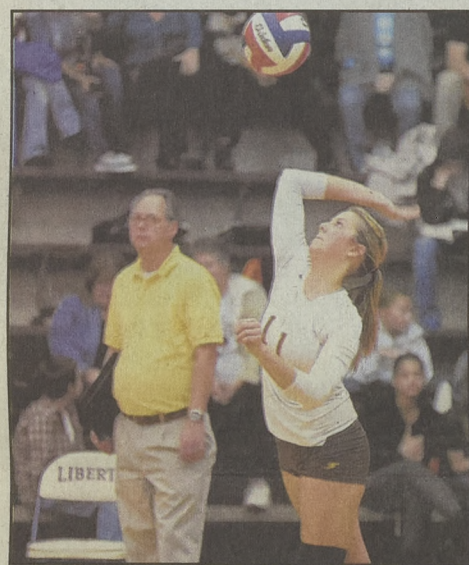


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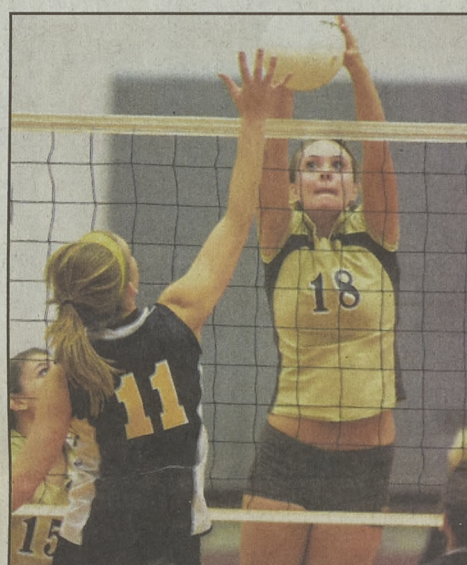


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From left to right, Abbey Haas gets set to serve in the district finals, while Taylor Bennett makes a play during the semifinals.

Volley

Continued from page A11 game proved to be the tipping point, where too many Becahi mistakes led to Solehi maintaining

control throughout the final game en route to a third straight championship.

"I thought we had a great season," Vernick said. "We were the only team to take a set from Parkland. We played Cen-

tral to five games and it really was a great season.

"We just came up a little short in this one and that's always difficult, but we'll learn from it and hopefully work our way back to this point again next year."

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Playoffs

Continued from page A11 and still had the chance to pull out the victory, but just like the week before, when they lost a 21-14 affair at Easton, close doesn't cut it.

"We had the opportunity to make some plays on both sides of the ball against Freedom and we didn't do it," said Brown. "It was a great game by both teams, but the only stat that matters is who wins and loses and we just didn't get it done the last two weeks."

Freedom (8-2) earned the sixth seed in the sub-

regional playoffs with their win over Liberty last week and travel to third seeded Easton (8-2) Friday night in a rematch that all Patriots will certainly look forward to.

The Patriots lost to Easton 21-14 in overtime three weeks ago in a contest they fell behind 14-0, thanks in part to turnovers and penalties.

The Easton loss was the most devastating defeat for the Patriots this year, since they had a chance to tie the game in overtime, operating with a second and goal from the two yard line.

Instead, three penalties would force them back to their 17 on an improb-

This Friday
Peter Car blogs live from the Freedom-Easton game.
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able fourth and goal, which became too much to overcome.

Now, the Patriots have the perfect opportunity for redemption on Easton's home turf in the toughest opening round match up of the tournament.

"There's not many times that you get a second chance in football," said Roeder about playing Easton this Friday. "We're grateful that we

get another crack at them. We've looked at the film and know what we have to do this weekend.

"Penalties hurt us in overtime, we turned the ball over and we punted seven times. We can't do that again and expect to win."

This is the second time that Freedom has reached the district tournament in Roeder's seven years.

They reached the district final back in 2008, losing to Liberty 28-14 in the process.

Coming off a weekend that they'll never forget, Roeder now has to get his team ready for a trip to Cottingham Stadium.

He knows it's not an easy place to play, but playing in the type of atmosphere that Frank Banko Field produced last weekend certainly gives Freedom a good tune-up.

"What we went through on Saturday is probably the best preparation for a playoff game that I can think of," he said. "We've been in playoff mode the last three weeks, so it's nothing new. We're just excited to have this opportunity."

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Veterans Day Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Traditions of Hanover Retirement Community, 5300 Northgate Drive, with State Representative Marcia Hahn presenting proclamations to the veterans honoring them for their service. There is a cost; veterans are free. Call 610-882-0400.

Steelworkers Veterans Memorial Committee ceremony, 10 a.m., Steelworker's Memorial, Third and Fillmore streets. Guest speaker is Frank Ginther, former crew member of the U.S.S. Pueblo. Free.

Bethlehem Twp. Veterans Day celebration, 11 a.m., Municipal Park, 2900 Farmersville Road.

SCHOOL NOTES

Becahi schedule changes

There will be a Becahi calendar change for Nov. 22. The new dismissal time for that date is noon. Half days off are Nov. 16, 17, 18 and 22. There will be no school on Nov. 23, 24, 25 and 28.

Notre Dame book fair Nov. 18

Notre Dame of Bethlehem School, 1835 Catasaqua Road, will hold a book fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 17, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 18, at the school.

Becahi Veterans Day

Becahi will have a dress down day for veterans on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Swain School open house Nov. 17

The Swain School, 1100 S. 24th St., Allentown, welcomes visitors to an Open House, to encourage interested families to learn more about its college preparatory program for children in preschool (age 3) - eighth grade.

Visitors are invited to attend on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. Head of School Todd Stansbery, as well as current Swain families and staff, will be available to give tours and to provide information.

For more information or to schedule a personal tour, contact Leah Papp in the Admissions Office at 610-433-4542, ext. 119, or admissions@swain.org. Additional information is available at www.swain.org.

Freedom musical opens Nov. 9

FHS will present the musical "Little Shop of Horrors". Showtimes are 7 p.m. Nov. 9, 11 and 12, with 2 p.m. matinees on Nov. 12 and 13. For information and tickets, call 610-867-6630 or visit www.fhs theatrecompany.com. or email freedomtheatre@yahoo.com.

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

COLLEGE NOTES

Moravian College

Art exhibit reception set for Nov. 15

The H. Paty Eiffe Gallery exhibit, "Spectrum: works by photo professors from the Lehigh Valley," is being held from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Oct. 31 to Nov. 21, 2011. There is a reception, which is open to the public, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the gallery, Hauptert Union Building. A panel discussion featuring four of the artists will follow the reception.

Participating artists include Greta Brubaker, Lafayette College; Anna Chupa, Lehigh University; Dennis Danko, Northampton Community College; Joseph Elliott, Muhlenberg College; Kristine Kotsch, Moravian College; Jeff Hurwitz, Moravian College; Lydia Panas, Lehigh Carbon Community College; Karina Skvirsky, Lafayette College; and Krista Steinke, Moravian College.

This exhibition is sponsored by ArtsQuest and is part of the first annual "Invision: Month of Photography Festival" in the Lehigh Valley. The show is organized by Krista Steinke, associate professor of art.

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



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN
Southside masquerade ball costume contest judges Tina Hemmerle and Nick Merena from Bethlehem are dressed for the occasion.



Masquerade Ball visitor Sonia Reyes of Whitehall watches from behind her hand-held mask during the inaugural event put on by the DBA of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at the Comfort Suites in South Bethlehem.

Southside ball



Dancing the night away at the Southside Masquerade Ball Oct. 28 are Bethlehem residents Crystal Olah as Marie Antoinette and George Wacker in a similar period costume.



South Bethlehem residents Laura Kaplus, left, and Inger Olsen, wearing Western outfits, dance together at the first-year Halloween party.

Tech plan would provide laptops or tablet devices

By **MARK RECCEK**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A new technology plan that would provide a laptop or a tablet type, ipad-like device to district students was discussed during the Saucon Valley school board's Oct. 25 meeting.

Saucon Valley Assistant Superintendent Carl Atkinson said the district could begin the process of implementing such a plan by forming a group of educators and administrators who will discuss and investigate similar programs in other districts. The plan is still in the idea stage and is not reflected in the proposed 2012 budget.

By 2012 one-to-one devices will be implemented throughout the seventh grade. Also during the first

year, there will be an emphasis on professional development and the opportunity to correct any shortcomings that may exist within the program.

During the 2013 academic year, the technology program will be extended to eighth and sixth grade students. By the 2013-14 school year, all high school students will begin using one-to-one devices.

"We believe students need 21st century skills," Atkinson told members of the school board. "We need to harness the power of 24-hour learning and provide a level of equity of access to all students."

Atkinson said 200 laptops will have to be purchased for the 2012 school year. However, he said no

additional funds will be needed for tablet type devices. Those devices are usually about half the price of a laptop. During the second year, 500 laptops would be needed at a cost to the district. If tablet devices were used, 380 devices would be required at no cost to the district. By the third year of implementation, the district would need 600 laptops, which the district would have to pay for. If a tablet type device were used during the third year, no funds would be required for the 800 devices needed.

"There is a potential for great cost savings," Atkinson added.

Voicing opposition to the plan was school board director Edward Inghrim. While an advocate of technology, Inghrim questioned the board on requiring the taxpayers to front the bill for the devices.

"Why are we asking taxpayers to do this?" he asked. "Parents have a responsibility to make sure, if they can afford it, that kids have the tools. Technology should not be

part of the budget." Inghrim's school board colleague Lanita Lum disagreed. Lum said she did not consider the purchase of the devices as a potential burden on taxpayers. She said the district should be educating and keeping up with modern technology teaching methods.

Before moving forward on such a plan, board director Charles Bartolet asked Atkinson to provide figures on how much a program will cost to both the district and individual taxpayers.

During the citizen inquiry comments section of the meeting, Paula Steuer addressed the board concerning the bus stop at Finady Avenue that she and other concerned parents have argued is unsafe because it is near the home of a registered sex offender.

She said she did not intend to make the issue a personal one. Steuer again asked the board to change the location of the bus stop back to Moravia Street and South Benner Avenue.

"I just want my kids to be safe," she said.

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Breaking Through The Barriers 2

In the second part of my recent "Breaking Through The Barriers" sermon, I noted that God has done everything necessary to remove the barrier that separated God from man, and I asked, "So what is it that prevents man from fellowship with God today?" The question is: "What is necessary on man's part to break through the barriers to God?"

Humility: Pride with its expression of self will is the essence of sin and is the major barrier between man and God! "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble...Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:6, 10).

- **Humbly believe** in the work of Jesus Christ for our salvation and **receive Him.** "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

- **Humbly confess** your sins to God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

- **Humbly repent** of individual sin and **forsake it.** "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Prayer: Humility and prayer go together and **break through the barriers to God!**

- **Humbly pray.** "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin..." (2 Chronicles 7:14).

- **Pray in secret.** "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6).

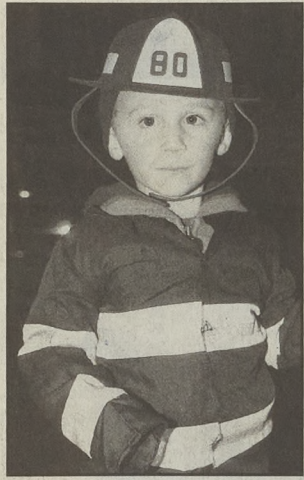
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Jayden Jauregui spent the night trick-or-treating as a fireman.



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Megan Crimi, of Nazareth, trick-or-treated with her Bethlehem friends, Faith, Summer and Charlie Carson.



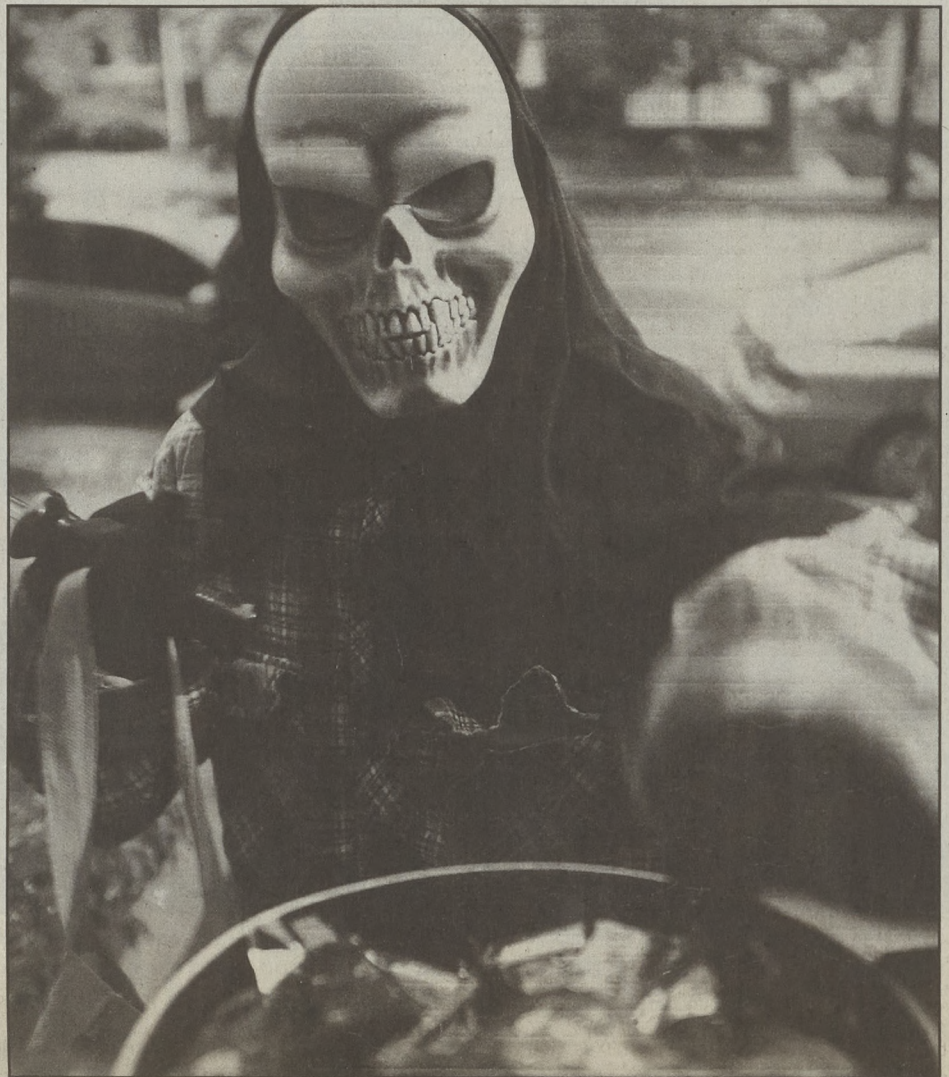
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Connor had fun deciding which candy to take.



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Hennesey Jauregui had fun spending trick-or-treating with her brother, Jayden.



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ANTHONY

Evan Marlow, who lives on Second Avenue, reaches for a treat during Bethlehem's trick-or-treat night.

Trick or Treat

PEOPLE

Area woman named BPA president

Abby Heintzelman of Hellertown recently participated in a student business organization leaders luncheon meeting with representatives of the ParenteBeard accounting firm of Wilkes-Barre. She is the president of the Misericordia University Business Professional Association.

The Misericordia University Insalaco Center for Career Development and Center for Economics and Entrepreneurship Education co-sponsored the meetings.

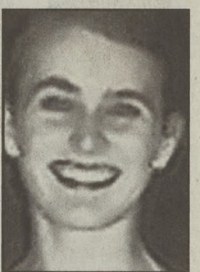
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Heintzelman

Becahi junior award winner

Jenna Edelman, a junior at Bethlehem Catholic HS, has been recognized as a 2011-12 Discus Award winner for academic, athletic and other achievements. Discus Awards is a national program that provides recognition and scholarship opportunities to all-around high school students who excel in three of 10 key attributes. Edelman is eligible for 2011-12 Discus Awards scholarships.



Edelman

Bethlehem man on Virginia Tech band

Ryan Stewart, a junior from Bethlehem, has been selected as a member of the Marching Virginians band. He is a mechanical engineering major at the school's College of Engineering.

The Marching Virginians are celebrating their 38th anniversary season. Directors David McKee and Polly Middleton will lead the performing of music of America and other selections.

Founded in 1872, Virginia Tech's main campus is in Blacksburg, Va. Other campus centers are located in northern, southern and southwestern Virginia, as well as Richmond, Hampton Roads and Roanoke.

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BRIEFLY

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Holiday pageant benefit Nov. 13

There will be a spaghetti dinner from noon to 5 p.m. on Nov. 13 at the 1758 Moravian Sun Inn, 564 Main St. Proceeds will benefit the Sun Inn Preservation Association and the Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant.

Helping Hands Medical Supply, Bethlehem, is sponsoring the event. Call 610-866-1758 for information.

TURKEY TROT
Ninth annual race to be held Nov. 26

The ninth annual Historic Turkey Trot and 5K Run and Fitness Walk will be held at 9 a.m. on Nov. 26 at the C.I.Q. (Colonial Industrial Quarter), 459 Old York Road.

Participants that register by Nov. 11 will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt.

Warm-up begins at 8:30 a.m., 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:05 a.m. rain or shine. There will be no parking available at the CIQ. For information, call 610-691-6055 or visit www.historic-bethlehem.org.

ASC
Oct. NEM rally boosts reading

Executive Women's International (EWI) Lehigh Valley Chapter hosted a reading rally on Oct. 22 at NorthEast Ministries, Bethlehem.

NEM year-round Saturday morning neighborhood children who attended made two arts and crafts for Halloween. There was a three-book reading by one of the EWI members. Supplies and books were donated by take home.

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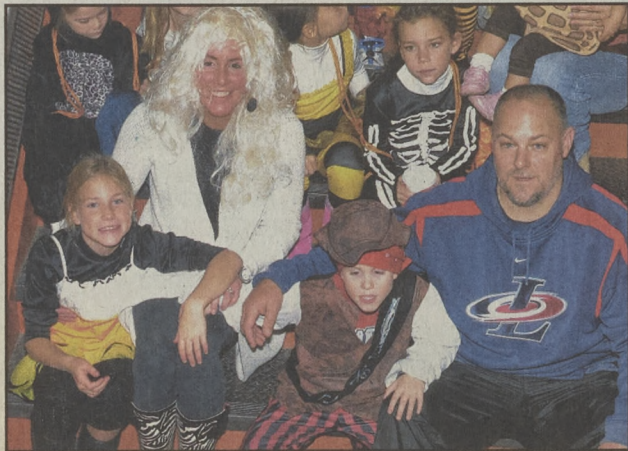
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The Moncman family hosted its AJ Moncman second annual Monster March Oct. 29 at the Bethlehem Township Community Center to raise money in the fight against all degenerative retinal diseases. The funds raised will be donated to the Foundation For Retinal Research in honor of their son, AJ Moncman, in order to help find cures and treatments for all ages affected with degenerative retinal diseases. **ABOVE:** Many Goblins were looking for somewhere to go as the season's first snowstorm hit. Still, 120 Monsters pre-registered and 150 actually turned out to march.



Moncman family front and center: (front) Taylor, AJ, Tim and Lady Gaga Mom, Kim Moncman.



Rockers in training and best friends since kindergarten, (left) Allison Altobelli and Emiliana Bowman are friends of the Moncman family and came out to have fun.



Monsters have to eat too! So AJ's dad, Tim Moncman, right, and AJ's granddad Tony Moncman, center, and their friend John Zuk cook the hot dogs under the pavilion outside in the snowstorm.

HALLOWEEN IN NOVEMBER



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

"They're off!" at the start of Bethlehem Halloween 5K race on Main Street before the city's Halloween parade. The second annual race featured costumed runners and was organized by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.



Bethlehem running pair Alexis Kovacs, as a sparkling unicorn, and her husband Rich, as a lumberjack.



Finishing the 5K race in style is safari guide Frank Simon of Bethlehem with his two children, Chris as a monkey and Grace as a mono dragon, who were both asleep in the homemade safari jeep Simon pushed along the course.



Running in her first 5K race, Grace Medei, a third grader at St. Anne's School in Bethlehem and a member of the track and cross-country teams, passes other runners as she dashes for the finish line. Grace and her mother Nicole Medei of Bethlehem were dressed as Mini-Mouses and won the award for best costumed pair in the Bethlehem Halloween 5K Race.

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Lily, an old English sheepdog owned by Historic Hotel Bethlehem managing partner Bruce Haines and his wife Jo Ann, and Jaws, a Labradoodle owned by John and Anne Denny of Bethlehem, greet guests at the hotel's main entrance Oct. 22. Lily is dressed as Raggedy Ann and Jaws as a Hotel Bethlehem doorman, and they are joined by Bruce Haines and real life Hotel Bethlehem doorman Preston Ambrosky.



Fred Fenselau, from Working Dog Press of Allentown starts the Mutt Strut Halloween Parade on Main Street, Bethlehem. Max m.call is behind Fenselau. The parade had five categories of winners and raised funds for local animal shelters.



PRESS PHOTOS BY MARY ELEN KOLLMAN

First place winner for the Spirit of Bethlehem category was a manger scene filled with seven Chihuahuas: Chloe, the angel, Butchie, Hershie, Lady Lulu, Mojito, Squirtie and the baby Emmie. Pam and Mike Bloom, of Nazareth, and Kim Fallon, of Northampton, are the owners.



Sabrina and Amanda Scianna adore 3-month-old boxer Charlie Rachel Comman is the owner.



Friskie, a 15-year-old Yorkie, displays a nurse's costume at the Halloween festivities for dogs Oct. 22. Friskie's owner is Sue Schmidli, of Bethlehem.

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RED CROSS Program targets end to measles

The American Red Cross and its Measles Initiative partners recently announced they have



helped vaccinate one billion children in more than 60 developing countries since 2001, making significant gains in the global effort to stop measles.

The child who received the history-making measles vaccination was one of 3.5 million immunized in Mozambique in May. The immunization campaign was sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Measles Initiative's four other founding partners - the United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and World Health Organization.

For less than a dollar, a child can be easily and safely vaccinated against measles. That dollar covers the cost of all necessary resources, including the vaccine, syringes, waste disposal, transportation, training of volunteers and community outreach to make sure each child has a chance to be vaccinated.

Locally, Red Cross youth volunteers have raised \$1,310 over the past 2-1/2 years for the Measles Initiative program. That dollar figure equates to 1,310 children being vaccinated.

For more information, visit: www.measlesinitiative.org

KIDSPACE Website available now for parents

From the creators of TeenCentral.Net comes a new website that helps visitors deal with the issues of parenting.

ParentCentral.Net, sponsored by KidsPeace, is a site where parents can communicate with counselors and parenting professionals and receive answers to their questions within 24 hours.

Emails are posted on the site, along with replies they receive, to help other parents or guardians with similar issues.

The site contains podcasts on important subjects like how to speak with your son or daughter, dating, peer pressure and how to have a healthy relationship with your child.

The site also features articles and discussions about punishment, suicide prevention, dating violence, self-control, preventing child abuse and parenting standards.

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'08 Subaru Forester	\$18,280	'10 Dodge Nitro SXT AWD	\$22,335
'11 Nissan Cube	\$17,995	'09 Ford Escape Limited	\$23,715
'12 Ford Focus SE Sedan		'09 Jeep Wrangler 4-Dr. Unlmt. X	\$25,595
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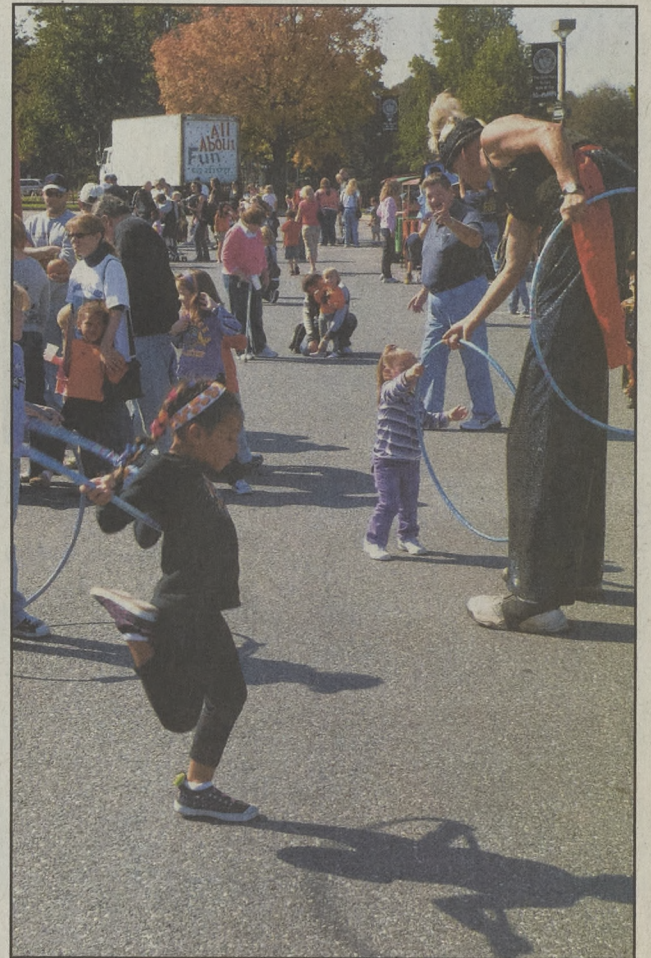
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Fun for everyone, and what a beautiful day as Hanover Township hosted its annual Fall Festival Oct. 8. Clowns, jugglers and magicians were all out to entertain those who attended and attendance was high on one of the last warm days of the season. **ABOVE:** A great turnout enjoys the festival on a beautiful day at the Hanover Township Community Center.



Jasmyan Valdez is warming up to take first place in the hoola hooping contest with Ali Baba (on stilts). She says she's been hooping at least five years.

Hanover's Fall Festival



The hayride was fun for all, but especially for Britney (left) and her caregiver Faith Moore from Aaron Health Care.



Gabriella Bishop gets her face painted as a lion while her friend the tiger, Lauren Uliana watches.



Who wouldn't want to race in the Kiddy Grand Prix? You enter the last car and race through the inside of six inflated cars with your friends to see who exits the first car first. He or she is the winner!

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BRIEFLY

OFA
 Film series continues on Nov. 12

The second in the season series of Outdoor Film Adventures will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Pennsylvania Playhouse, 390 Illick's Mill Road. "Land of The Woodland Drummer" will be presented by Tom Sterling, a trained interpretive field naturalist.

The next program will be "Italy: A Journey from Venice to Tuscany, Rome, Naples & the Amalfi Coast" with Marlin Darrah on Feb. 25.

No reservations are needed; tickets are available at the door. For more information, send a post card with name, address, phone and email to John Cornish, 1424-C Catawqua Road, 18017, or

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Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart
Baseball League

For more than 80 years, Bethlehem churchgoers have been playing the city's only unique sport - Dart Baseball.

The Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League was founded in 1931, a time when Herbert Hoover was president, Robert Pfeifle was mayor in Bethlehem, and the United States found itself in the midst of the Great Depression.

Dart baseball began as the compassionate instinct of Bethlehem engineer James A. Bell, who founded the league as a way of providing unemployed men and a Depression-era community with wholesome entertainment and free recreation.

At the start of the Depression in 1929, Bell, a member of Fritz Memorial Methodist Church, designed a dart baseball chart to be used as a form of recreation for teams representing churches, Sunday schools or Bible classes.

In 1931, Bell contacted Paul Nelson and Preston Barthol of the First Reformed Church, as well as Ed Sterner of the First Moravian Church, to form a three-church league. The league would play two games of indoor quoits and one game of dart baseball during the fall, winter and spring months.

These first three teams from Bethlehem's Southside consisted of approximately 42 players. After each match, the players would join together in prayer, hymns and a few Moravian sugar cakes, purchased by Bell at Bricker's Bakery.

The first participants marked the end of the league's first year with a "Dart Get-Together" banquet held in April 1932 at First Moravian's gymnasium. The banquet, complete with entertainment and refreshments, was attended by more than 300 people. During the program, players from the three churches performed three to four minute "stunts," or entertaining skits.

The league was so well received that the following year three additional teams were added. That year it was decided to eliminate quoits and focus solely on dart baseball. The three teams that joined that year were from First Presbyterian, Wesley Methodist and Bethany Reformed.

In 1933-34 teams were added from First Baptist, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Olivet Evangelical, Christ Reformed and Calvary Reformed. Each year more teams joined, and with so many churches interested in joining, the league eventually became too crowded, and it was decided to limit the number of teams to 14 so a workable schedule could be played. This indirectly led to the formation of the Suburban Inter-Church Dart Baseball league, formed in 1954.

Bell's cleverly designed chart, copyrighted in 1931, was professionally printed to simulate a baseball diamond. The original copy was stored in the Bethlehem Steel Plant Office's third-floor vault.

The chart's design remains the same to this day. It consists of lined off spaces designating the situations of real baseball. For example, the first and third bases are marked "Singles," and the area around second base is labeled "Double." Other areas are marked "Strike," "Ball," "Fouled Out," "Home Run," etc.

In a game of dart baseball, players compete by throwing 7-inch darts at the 4-foot by 4-foot wall diamond from 20 feet away. The darts were originally made at and sold by Weinland's Hardware on Main Street. The game lasts nine innings and is played just like real baseball, with nine players per side throwing in a specified batting order. A player throws until he gets a hit or is called out; three outs bring the inning to an end.

The City League schedule is split in two halves, with the winner of each half playing for the championship at the end of the season. Also, the two dart leagues compete both in a mid-season all-star game held the Monday before Ash Wednesday, and at an overall championship game at the end of the year. This final game is the playoff between the champions of each league for the Lehigh Valley Championship.

The Yankees of the dart league are the Holy Trinity Lutheran team, who have won the championship more than any other. Ironically, it took Fritz Memorial, the organizers of the league, 22 years to win its first championship, earned in the 1952-53 season. During the dry spell, James Bell said he'd give the team a Perseverance Trophy for trying.

More important than winning is the fellowship that a game of dart baseball offers. Many use the few hours each week to socialize with buddies, some of whom they only seen at darts.

Darts can be a true family affair; a tradition passed down from father to child. In fact, it's not uncommon to see three generations of a family playing together. The beauty of the game is that it was designed with no age limit. Over the years, players have continued to play competitively well into their 90s. Take, for example, Edwin "Pappy" Bishop of West Side Moravian, who in 1942 was still playing at age 92.

A game of darts would not be complete without some accompanying wisecracks shared among friends. While some teams are more reserved in this regard, others, such as East Hills Moravian, are known for being vocal. Like the Clown Prince of Baseball, Max Patkin, each dart team has its own jokester. For years, Fritz Memorial had Herman Ihle, known for his famous chicken joke and his "hexy pexy" jinx.

During the course of each evening, the home team provides refreshments. Many have looked forward to playing at Sacred Heart for the hot dogs they provided. Refreshments are still served today, but sadly, Moravian sugar cake is no longer a staple of darts, as it's become increasingly harder to find now that both Bricker's and Groman's bakeries have closed.

Over the years many memories have been made while playing this sport. Members of Fritz Memorial (which has since combined with Calvary Wesleyan) can still remember a time in the 1950s when the church's power went out, and the remainder of the match against First Hungarian Lutheran was played in candlelight. Then there was the time the copper tubing along the floor at Olivet Evangelical Church was punctured by an off-target dart, causing water to spill all over the floor.

Today the Inter-Church Dart Baseball League is still going strong; little has changed from its inception. As in 1931, players still join in prayer before a match, though hymns have gradually been phased out. One thing the passage of time can't change, however, is the friendly competition and great fellowship that dart baseball provides.

Please share your dart baseball memories by writing to me at bethlehemhistory@gmail.com



Jason Rehm
Press
Columnist



PRESS PHOTOS BY CHRIS RICHIE

People donned costumes and danced from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Masonic Temple in Bethlehem at the second annual Witches' Ball Oct. 28, sponsored by Ostara witchcraft shop in Bethlehem. Those who attended participated in costume contests and a raffle, with gifts from Ostara. Guests also watched fire performers from Burning Hearts Fire and Light Theater outside the hall. ABOVE: John Mod of Burning Hearts Fire and Light Theater performs during the Witches' Ball.

A witches' ball



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Anastasiois Filactou of Bethlehem as Edward Scissorhands during the Witches' Ball.



Awilda Borres, left, and her daughter Tabitha Giovanni, both of Hellertown, at the Witches' Ball.



Wayne Neveling of Bethlehem offers a toast.



Mike Savard and his wife Mary Cabot Butler, owner of Ostara, sponsor of the evening.



Leticia Gutierrez, of Allentown, left, and Kathleen Meneses of Nazareth.

LETTERS

Citizen group thanks city council

To The Editor:

On behalf of the members of the North Bethlehem Action Committee who oppose developer Abraham Atiyeh's proposal to build an open 70-bed drug rehabilitation center, we wish to thank Bethlehem City Council.

On Nov. 1, 2011, City Council decided to intervene in the current zoning dispute involving a special exception which would permit Mr. Atiyeh's development. This means that the city will join Bethlehem Catholic HS and the Diocese of Allentown and our group, in opposing this

proposal pending before the Zoning Hearing Board.

None of the parties joining in opposition to Mr. Atiyeh's project are opposed to either residential or out-patient drug rehabilitation programs in the city. In fact, I believe all of the parties in opposition are united in a hope that these much needed programs will be provided to people seeking help to overcome substance abuse. We simply oppose the building of such a facility immediately adjacent to a large high school, close to a neighborhood children's park, and near a

large senior care center, Kirkland Village.

Our committee promises to work with the city and others interested in locating such facilities within the city. We have a strong sense that drug rehabilitation is one of the important ways to combat the scourge of substance abuse.

We wish to thank the members of Bethlehem City Council for their leadership on this issue. Specifically, we wish to thank the following members of City Council: President of Council Robert Donchez, Jean Belinski, David DiGiacinto,

Eric Evans, Gordon Mowrer, and J. William Reynolds.

They took a stand for the students at Bethlehem Catholic, our neighborhood, and the people of Bethlehem.

A special thanks to Robert Donchez for his leadership as the president of city council.

Respectfully,

William F. Moran
for the members
of North Bethlehem
Action Committee

Gabrielle Lacherza

Bethlehem Catholic HS

Grade: 12

Family members: Parents, George and Dianne; sister, Nicole

Favorite subject:

Throughout all the years I've attended school I always enjoyed math the most out of all the subjects, but this year I am taking sociology/psychology and that is currently my favorite class. It is interesting to me to learn about the way people think and how we interact with the world around us.

Activities: Since I was

younger I've participated in a variety of sports, but the two I stuck with were basketball and volleyball. Due to a knee injury I can't play competitively anymore, so I manage those teams now to stay involved. Being active is a big part of my life so I still continue to go to the gym and take fun aerobics classes such as Zumba and Piloxing. In school I am the student body vice president and love being very involved and helping out in any way I can.

Next steps: I plan to attend college to become a physical therapist and would love to help coach young kids in the future.

Career goals: I plan on becoming a physical therapist.

Heroes: The first person that comes to mind when I think about my hero is my Nana. She passed away two years ago, but the impact she had on my life will be with me forever. We were extremely close and she was always the person I looked up to the most. I admired what a strong woman she was, but more importantly her kind heart.

Hobbies: Reading and writing in a journal have always been a hobby, and recently I started to learn how to cook different foods with my mom.



Volunteer/community work:

For the past four years I've been a volunteer at Musikfest, representing the Beca basketball team, and in the winter I like helping out at the soup kitchen.

Likes: Sports, documentaries, music, "One Tree Hill," Los Angeles Lakers, New York City, spending time with family and friends, bike rides, "The Titanic" and the beach.

Dislikes: People who ignore recycling, pancakes, disrespecting others, ignorance and the cold weather.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Playing varsity volleyball and basketball, student government, and gaining trust from my teachers and bosses

Advice for peers: "Don't count the days, make the days count" is a quote from Muhammad Ali that has stuck with me since I first heard it. It is so important to make the most of your time and stay focused on what really matters. Procrastination has been my biggest challenge, so if you can get time management skills in place it will be a huge advantage. Once last thing is to always be yourself and celebrate the person you are.

Julia Swan coordinate students profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ESTIZER SMITH

Sharing the design of the exterior Athletic and Wellness Center are Headmaster George King Jr. and co-chairs of the campaign committee Karen Pearce Sonier and Dr. Brian Loftus. The new center will feature space for trainers, modern locker

rooms for Moravian Academy teams, visiting teams and referees, as well as dedicated office space for coaches and physical education teachers. The facility will also include classrooms for health and driver education programs.

Capital campaign highlights fair

By ESTIZER SMITH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Moravian Academy hosted its 43rd annual Country Fair and the Alumni Reunion, an annual celebration that brings approximately 800 members of the community together on the Merle Smith Campus on Green Pond Road. The fair included games, rides and activities for all ages.

During the Oct. 1 event, Headmaster

George N. King Jr. announced the launch of the public phase of its capital campaign, Honoring Our Heritage, Building Our Future - The Campaign for Moravian Academy. The campaign has a goal of \$15 million to support three areas: 1) construct a new athletic and wellness center for the Middle and Upper schools; 2) enhance endowment for faculty salaries; and 3) increase endowment for financial aid.

Once constructed, the new athletic and wellness center will be a 40,000-square-foot facility that will provide dedicated space for both Upper School and Middle School athletic and physical education programs. The facility will contain a fitness center that will provide expanded fitness/weight training space for lifetime physical education offerings and training that will be utilized by the entire Mora-

vian Academy community. It will also feature a competition court and a multipurpose gym space with a rubber composite floor that will have direct access to the fitness center.

This campaign will advance the academy's goal of enhancing faculty salaries and the school as well as increasing endowment funds for financial assistance.

BECAHI NEWS

'Mini-thon' Feb. 24

As Becahi ends its first quarter of the school year, students continue to work hard as proud Golden Hawks. Students begin wearing the winter dress code Nov. 7.



Gabriella Ciaccio
Bethlehem Catholic HS

Student body presidents Jake Criscuolo and Gabby Lacherza have created some fantastic new activities. Students are especially excited about "mini-THON," an all-night dance-a-thon that raises money for the Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey. Becahi's "Mini-THON" will take place Feb. 24 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., and Becahi sponsors hope the event can raise about \$10,000.

Students have already begun forming committees and preparing for the exciting day. Leslie Tintle, Kelsey Bruzgo, Brianna Morales, Jenna Edelman, Julia Atiyeh, Lauren Miller, Brieana Baughman, Mary Cottuto, Alyssa Disante, and Ryan Kuna are the members of the fundraising committee. Paige Gurski, Tom McLoughlin, Rudy Geosits, Marc Blanchard, Connor Casey, Jovani Rodriguez, Lauren Visconti, Erin Brill, Abby Guman, Carolyn Brooks, Mackenzie Bento, Antonio Boscia and Kaitlyn Lazicky are the members of the entertainment committee.

Billy Dwyre and Cecilia Zemanek are the members of the finance committee, Marianne Brooks, Kelsey Corrado, William Tighe, Rachel Dibenedetto, Haley Burke, Kristen Glagola, Olivia Zemanek, Danielle Barattini, Sarah Kraft, Seamus Hickey, Victoria Aitken and Kayla Stokes are the members of the hospitality committee.

Abbi Haas, Lizzie Zurek,

Nicholas Acampora, Emily Ripper, Jamie Deisher, Lauren Wells, Meashan Roszyk and Raquel Jouvin are the members of the public relations committee, and Chris Blaszka, Kayla Peterson, Kevin Wood, Jenny Schadt, Tyler Horton, Lia Marciello, Marisa Iannelli, Amanda Haag, Allison Thomas, Brian Brader and Michaela Love are the members of the operations committee.

Dancers in "mini-THON" who have pledged to raise \$100 each are Lydia Shields, Michael Leddy, Steph Enright, Rachel Stockl, Matthew Hlavinka, Courtney Esposito, Madeline Lopez, Abby Moninghoff, Courtney DuPont, Kyla Lash, Bridget Smith, Emily Brandstetter, Allison Bucci, Jackie Kanaskie, Laura Nguyen, Caitlyn Corrado, Stef Recchio, Grace Mulicka, Erin Oravec, Rachel McGinty, Julie Kollar, Katie Niccum, Nicole Lacherza, Annemarie Toolan, Stephen Stoddard, Caitlyn Shuster, Kristen Fritz, Amanda Borges, Amelia Colon, Stephen Rossi, Katie Brodde, Julianna Duckett, Chris Mathur, Anthony Santili, Kelly Angelucci, Jaimes

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The best part of the Country Fair is just hanging out with friends. LEFT: Alexis Burgess, Noah Belman, Sara Durrani, Natasha Deb, Craig Appel, Jessica Morrissey and Maddie Sutton.



Ava Petruska and Lauren Reid are having so much fun together nothing else seems to matter.

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63 / 49	59 / 37	51 / 35	52 / 35	57 / 38	58 / 41	54 / 40	
5-8 mph SE	10-15 mph SE	9-11 mph ENE	5-10 mph NE	5-7 mph NE	6-9 mph N	8-11 mph E	

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 63°, humidity of 77%. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1950. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of rain, overnight low of 49°. The record low for tonight is 24° set in 1923. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 59°, humidity of 77%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 37°. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high temperature of 51°. Skies will remain mostly sunny Saturday with a high temperature of 52°. Mostly sunny skies will continue Sunday with a high temperature of 57°.

Weather Trivia

What causes wind shear?

Answer: A sudden change in wind speed and/or direction.



Halloween open house



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

On trick-or-treat night in Bethlehem, many visitors flocked to Edgeboro Moravian Church's annual Halloween open house for candy, food, games and arts and crafts. Wearing a Happy Halloween sweatshirt, church member Marcia Horning of Bethlehem helps a costumed Jerrah Eldridge, daughter of Gerald and Gaye Eldridge, color a Halloween decoration.

NEWS

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Borges, Katelyn Martini, Autumn Garatty, Gabrielle McDyer, Chris Toth, Nicholas Kanaskie, Luke Mesko, Lena DeLorenzo, Lindsey Kraft, Krista Capra, Sam Neupauer, Todd Yildiran, Kim Hoang, Leslie Meyers, Ali Wildman, Alex Seibert, Destiny Devlin, Gina Kokosky, Tara Wood, Annie Fecanin, Roger Tobias, Matt Jester, Chris Landolfi, Sean Frasca, Rebecca Nixson, Bronwyn Foran, Anne Willner, Colleen Brida, Sarah Mousa, Gabriella Diodoardo, Mary Kate Henry, Shelly Petro, Jessica Weiss, Marta Boraganli, Olivia Zemanek, Joseph Duda, Francesca D'Annibale, Emily Smith, Kylie Dunne, Chris Bianco, Lauren Posch, Ciarra Walsh, Kelsey Mowrey, Taylor Bennett, Lauren Maff, Samantha Kaeser, Samantha Chanitz, Erin Schmidt, Maggie Dwyre, Jasmine Singh, Danielle Trotter, Patricia Livengood, Lauren Spence, Gian Turco, Gabriella Suarez, Lauren Reightler, Marissa Merriam, Alecia Caballero, Natasha Tax, Judy Lim, Samantha Sarli, Mara Blanchard, Maria Spirk, Haley Turnbach, Anthony Lombardo, Trevor Kleckner, Matt Toolan, Kiran Singh, Margaret Zemanek, Marissa McHale, Shannon Thomas, Cara Hackett, Sophia Sewell, Rana Plesko, Maria Piger, Kate Yanders, Anthony Trapani, Joe Ruggiero, Bryan Brown, Joshua Risper, Marco Blasco, Bianca Cantelmi, Jose Ortiz, Mark Hlavinka, Andrew Kolowitz, Ryan Kokolus, Ryan Johnson, Tucker Gordan, Michael Italiani, Marini Madawela, Zach Blair, John Valkovec, Gabriella Ciaccio, Andrew Russo, Anna Borges, Jessica Szilagyi, Matt Husek, Megan Toolan, Megan Tucker, Caitlyn Verzino, Meghan McGovern, Victoria Tesone, Eva Benner, Lau-

ren Biege, Allie Haas, Sydnee Karam, Kelsey Gimaro, Jocelyn Vanic, Caitlin Moroney, Cali Baskin, Abby Caracio, Morgan Halal, Megan Strucko, David Bright, Amber Zigmont, Brigid Michels, Alex Madison, Gabriella Liberatore, Anli Dietrich, Annie Wightman, Gianna Stettner, Katie Altpeter, Gianna Caballero, Olivia DeBellis, Hannah Cummings, Bronte Reidinger, Stephen Long, Matthew Hoenig, Kevin Gallagher, AJ Sona, Hannah Szulborski, Mallory Hoenig, Allison Barczynski, Victoria Madison, Emily Russo, Sarah Horwath, Colleen Reed, Kira Franekic, Morgan Kornfeind, Martina Calluori, Maddie Henry, Myra Lieb, Marina Ivakhnenko, Taylor Tannotal, Tyler Trapani, Lauren Vargas, Shauna Carty, Ashley McCauley, Mason Westwood, Elliot Riddick, Nathan Rosa, Emily Sweeney, Liz Weiss, Ally Setcavage, Evan Blair, Jess Gunning, Malik Goss, Josean Perez, Jasmine Garcia, Tonya Mitschele, Jaylen Risper, Kaitlyn Overby, Rachel Broniec, Taylor Treadwell, Hannah Matthews, Julia Nemeck, Brandon Rodriguez, Freddie Taylor, Christian Brill, Ryan McGinley and Tucker Allison.

The initiative to promote the club in early October by wearing green shirts with their uniform skirts and pants and making announcements about recycling during lunch periods. Students seemed responsive toward the "going green" theme, and it was helpful to have a reminder to recycle every day.

In 2009, freshman Kasey Roman died tragically from an undetermined allergy. Becahi students continue to commemorate her memory by creating Kasey Roman T-shirts. Students Erin Brill and Julia Atiyeh sold the shirts during lunch periods, and the proceeds will go to the Kasey Roman Scholarship Fund.

On Oct. 27, students Mara Blanchard, Alecia Caballero, Marta Boraganli, Kelsey Bruzgo, Courtney Dupont, Jenna Edelman, Jacob Criscuolo, Gabriella Diodoardo, Cortney Esposito, Alexander Ferencin, Paige Gurski, Liam Hickey, Matthew Hlavinka, Jessica Jandres, Kim Hoang, Matthew Hoenig, Kayla Lash, Hyun Jeong Lim, Patricia Livengood, Amelia Llanos, Madeline Lopez, Abigail Moninghoff, Adrian Llanos, Stephen Long, Lauren Reightler, Meaghan Roszyk, Michaela Love, Samuel Neupauer, Samantha Sarli, Jennifer Schadt, Nathan Rosa, Lydia Shields, Bridget Smith, Amanda J. Sona, Caitlyn Shuster, Jasmine Singh, Maria Spirk, Natasha Tax, Gian Turco, Elizabeth Waldt, Haley Turnbach, Lauren Wells and Todd Yildiran were inducted into the Sursum Corda chapter of the National Honor Society.

Dancers will compete against each other throughout the night through dancing and other activities. With so many students involved, there is a high expectation for "mini-THON," and Becahi students are looking forward to the excitement.

Eco Club is quickly becoming one of Becahi's most popular clubs. This is only the second year of its existence, but at every meeting, more and more students are present. Teachers Ms. Demarco and Mr. Maxfield have great ideas for "going green," but they still give students the freedom to come up with ideas as well.

Eco Club members took

Seniors Joey Schmidt, Sonny Beltrami, Dave Cafrey, Gian Turco, Grady Barth, Will Tighe and Jasmine Singh led the Becahi golf team in one of its best seasons. This year, they finished 14-1, only losing to Parkland.

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