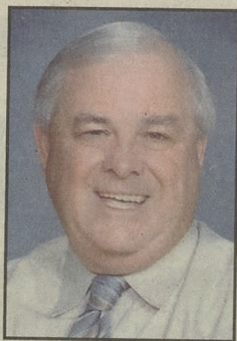




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Getting in the spirit

BASD

Board approves teachers' contract

Concessions will produce a \$1.6 million savings

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Area School Board approved an increase of average annual teachers' salaries by 1.7 percent per year through 2014. The board's vote at a special meeting Dec. 6 came only hours after the Bethlehem Education Association ratified the agreement worked out with the BASD's negotiating team.

When resident Stephen Antalics, a frequent commentator on BASD business, complained there had been no opportunity for the public to make comments on the contract, three board members agreed with Antalics' call to table the motion to approve the contract until the next meeting.

"Post it on the Internet so the public can read it," Antalics suggested.

A motion to table the contract was defeated 5-3 with Irene Follweiler, Eugene McKeon and Benjamin Tagliano voting to table the measure. McKeon had been on the negotiating team with Michael Faccinnetto.

A few minutes later a motion to approve the contract passed 5-3, with the same three board members voting in favor. See **BASD** on Page A3

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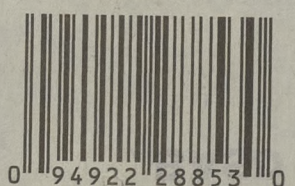
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"You need to get in the spirit of the holiday season," says a beaming Bethlehem mail carrier, Jim DeFransisco, who delivers mail to downtown addresses mostly along Main Street and Market Avenue in the historic district. Explaining the red reindeer antlers on his head and USPS cap, he said, "People like it - the comments have mostly been very positive," even though the battery which lights and provides music from his deerlike headpiece is dead. DeFransisco added that he's been a mail carrier for 29 years. He said his route includes 180 stops and that during his delivery he is often stopped by visitors to the historic downtown for directions and other related assistance.

Bethlehem shone from the many luminaries lining the streets in and around the city on Dec. 11 for the 13th annual Luminaria Night. Proceeds from the event support New Bethany Ministries on the Southside of Bethlehem. New Bethany Ministries provides both singles and families that are homeless, poor, and mentally ill with food and transitional or permanent housing. **LEFT:** Jim Biesecker lights luminaries in front of his home on Macada Road. An article on Luminaria Night appears on page A18

Breakfast with Santa marks 14th year
 Plus more holiday photos
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RIGHT: A visit to the Historic Hotel Bethlehem helps to get many in the holiday spirit as the hotel's owners and staff revel in decorating for the Christmas season. According to a fact sheet it takes 600 hours to install the 35,000 lights, 24 Christmas trees, 36 holiday wreaths, six life-size toy soldiers and hand painted nativity to make the hotel ready. Diners and guests can enjoy the hustle and bustle from the hotel's magnificent lobby, or seek a little different perspective from the more quiet mezzanine area one floor above. Weddings and other functions scheduled at the hotel during the holiday season add to the excitement for visitors. The hotel's Presidential Suite was also open to participants in the Bethlehem Historic District Association's Holiday House Tour Dec. 11.

ABOVE: A new hand painted nativity sits atop the hotel's front entrance box.

RIGHT: The Christmas City Seal glass ball featuring the 1810 Goundie House in recognition of its 200th anniversary has been released by the Citizens Christmas City Committee of the Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce as the first in an annual series featuring the Christmas City Seal. The limited edition Christmas glass ball is being sold at the Bethlehem Chamber offices at 561 Main St. Commons (Suite 200), Bethlehem Visitors Center, Hotel Bethlehem's new Gift Shop, and Christkindlmarkt. All proceeds from the net sales of the collectible ornament go toward the committee's main project - the funding of the citywide lighting and decorations of the Christmas City during the holiday season. The City Electrical Department provides the labor and expertise for decorating Bethlehem. The non-postage commemorative holiday stamps are designed to decorate Christmas mail and promote Bethlehem as the Christmas City of the U.S. and to solicit donations from the community for the citywide holiday decorations. The front side of the glass ball ornament features the seal reproduced in full color and the back side says "2010 Christmas City Seal" and also has the artists' name, Ginny Atwell, in a smaller font.



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Getting in the spirit

Wednesday, December 15

Christmas Trees From Around the World, round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. Call 610-882-9700.
Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 645 Hamilton Ave. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 610-866-8793.
Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Historic Bethlehem's Goundie House exhibit, "Bethlehem's Past Revealed," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.
Old Bethlehem 45-minute walking tour with costumed guide, lantern led, 6 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
East Hills Moravian Church Putz, 6 to 8 p.m. 1830 Butz-town Road. Call 610-868-6481.

Thursday, December 16

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Central Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz, 73 W. Church St., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 610-866-5661.
Christkindlmarkt, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lehigh, Spring and Main streets. Call 610-332-1300.
Moravian Museum of Bethlehem exhibit, "House on the Lecha (Lehigh): An Architectural History of Bethlehem's Gemeinhaus" and period decorations, noon to 5 p.m. 66 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055.
Kemmerer Museum of Bethlehem exhibit, Elizabeth Johnston Prime dollhouse collection, Victorian Christmas decorations, noon to 5 p.m. 427 N. New St. Call 610-691-6055.
Old Bethlehem 45-minute walking tour with costumed guide, 3, 4 and (lantern led) 6 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.
Pennsylvania Youth Theatre (PYT) presents "The Christmas Doll", 3 and 7 p.m. Charles A. Brown Ice House, 75 River Road. Call 610-332-1400.
Historic Bethlehem 15 minute horse-drawn carriage rides, 4 to 10 p.m. Call 610-691-6055.
Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 501 Main St.
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East Hills Moravian Church Putz, 6 to 8 p.m. 1830 Butz-town Road. Call 610-868-6481.
Christmas City Follies XI, 8 p.m. Touchstone Theater, 321 E. Fourth St. Call 610-867-1689.

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Pennsylvania Youth Theatre (PYT) presents "The Christmas Doll", 2 and 7 p.m. Charles A. Brown Ice House, 75 River Road. See HOLIDAY on Page A3



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Friends Diana Collins and Betty Davidson enjoy a glass of wine, conversation and the view of Main Street from the Hotel Bethlehem's Taproom. Visiting the Christmas City from New Jersey with their husbands they called the Hotel Bethlehem's holiday decorations "magnificent and beautiful, and comparable to New York City."



PRESS PHOTO BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH

Through numerous telephone calls and written letters, Embassy Bank Trexler-town was lucky enough to secure Santa and Mrs. Claus Dec. 7 to visit with residents of the Valley. Visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus are Betty Whitman and Joe Phillip, both of Bethlehem.

Santa breakfast marks 14th year

By PAT KESLING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Children dressed in holiday finery were wide-eyed as St. Nick surprised them as they entered the 14th annual Breakfast with St. Nick at Christkindlmarkt in downtown Bethlehem Dec. 4.

The jolly gentleman, who is really Bud Bergey of Bethlehem, led the youngsters to the party area within the large tent. He loves to do this special event but also serves as the Christkindlmarkt St. Nick, a happy task he has held for 15 years.

The excitement continued when the children were again greeted by a special guest, Ferrous, the mascot of the Iron Pigs baseball team. Lots of cheers and screams greeted him.

Prior to having individual chats with St. Nick, the young attendees and their families enjoyed a hot breakfast. Then the kids made



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Olivia Benjamin of Bethlehem with St. Nick.

crafts and were able to choose free books, many with holiday themes, from the Cops 'n Kids organization. During the big moment with St. Nick each child had his/her picture taken.

The breakfast was sold out with 180 children and adults and was also full for Dec. 11. It is an activity of the Banana Factory Special Events Committee of ArtsQuest.

"This is such a special event and so popular," said Maureen Dresen, committee chair. "Children have grown up before our eyes. They came as infants and are now preteens bringing younger siblings. Arts-Quest always has kids in mind and this is a perfect example."

Carol Shriver is breakfast chair, as she has been for many years. Long-time volunteers are Beth Boyer, Nancy Flounders, Luanna Labriola, Patty Sharp and Mary Stubbmann.

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**CITY POLICE
DUI**

Twenty-nine-year-old Coady Sell, of West Market Street, smashed a number of cars and signs during a violent drive in the 700 block of North New Street around 3 a.m. Nov. 29.

According to police, Sell was observed driving her car into parked vehicles, into road signs and down the sidewalk before leaving the area. She was found by police and arrested close to her home.

Sell is charged with DUI, accidents involving unattended vehicles and property, reckless driving, careless driving and driving on the sidewalk.

Robberies

A young man and woman were robbed within five minutes of each other in the 300 block of West Packer Avenue around 10 p.m. Dec. 2.

According to police, both victims reported they were stopped by a pair of thin males, both wearing dark hoodies. One male is described as black, clean-cut and in his early 20s. He carried a semi-automatic handgun. The second male was allegedly acting as lookout in the incidents.

Both victims lost their cellular phones, photo IDs and cash.

Uncooperative

Police made arrests in two separate incidents at the same time at Starters Riverport early morning Nov. 25.

According to police, numerous people were present, mostly in groups, and several refused to leave the 17 W. Second St. bar at 2 a.m.

Derek Weedling, 21, of Center Valley, argued with officers, shouting obscenities and saying, "You can't tell me what to do." It turns out they could, though not without his struggling.

Simultaneously, Megan Maxwell, 23, of Bethlehem Township, would not leave the premises and cursed at officers.

Weedling and Maxwell are charged respectively with disorderly conduct, fighting and obscenity.

Police said one officer used his police issue whistle to get attention in the crowd, and it is often a case at the Riverport that groups mill around long after they are asked to leave, and many times they argue with officers at the scene.



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Views on debt reduction report

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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President Barack Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform released its findings and proposals Dec. 1 but did not reach the 14 votes needed to send its wide-reaching strategy directly to Congress Dec. 3.

The president created the special commission in February to analyze means of reducing the now \$1.3 trillion federal deficit and \$13.8 trillion debt. The commission released its findings mid-November and caused a clamor from both sides of the aisle as being too little, too late, and too partisan, despite its intended neutrality. The finalized plan was released Dec. 1 with immediate, but not unopposed, support from panel members.

Local professors Dr. James West, economics and business at Moravian College, and Dr. Vasiliki Anastasakos, political science at Northampton Community College, helped break the findings down.

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform is an 18-member nonpartisan panel, made up of nine members from each party, asked by the president to identify various means of addressing the deficit issue. It is led by Sen. Alan Simpson, former Republican senator from Wyoming, and Erskine Bowles, chief of staff to President Bill Clinton.

Proposed ideas included a 15-cent tax increase on gasoline, closing corporate tax loopholes and interest deduction on mortgages.

Cut spending on defense, freezing salaries, and close one-third of overseas bases.

Cut farm subsidies by \$3 billion per year and increase the age for Social Security benefits, and overall Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid spending cuts.

Reduce healthcare costs by reducing the number of medical malpractice suits.

Reduce congressional and White House budgets by 15 percent, freeze federal salaries for three years and cut the federal workforce by 10 percent.

The proposal would also end government funding of National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting Service, begin charging fees to visitors to the Smithsonian Institution museums in Washington, D.C., raise fees at national parks and merge the Department of Commerce with the Small Business Administration.

Strengths

A serious look at clipping numerous programs that have been subsumed by a steadily-growing government over the years.

Serves as a "bold and stark" reminder the deficit is a problem that can no longer be ignored.

Weaknesses

Politics - "blistering" reviews from unions, Tea Party, and even commission members who felt the release was premature.

Premature cuts could jeopardize weak economic recovery. No mention of the inheritance tax.

What would it mean for the average person?

Anastasakos says the plan will be "extremely hard" on low and middle class Americans, and that it will eventually serve to widen the income inequality gap.

West says hardships will give way to a "new normal" of less government that will invigorate the economy and reduce corruption and pandering.

LOCAL RESPONSES

ESTHER LEE

Bethlehem NAACP president Lee feels the retirement age raise will not resolve much. "Why would they want to make people suffer?" she asks. She is worried over income inequalities. "The people at the top could help balance the budget ... instead of looking at their pocketbooks. The greatest problem is that working people are not being considered as the government thinks it's making progress." She added, "Republicans trying to identify with Negroes are a long way off."

SEN. LISA BOSCOLA

Pa. Senate Representatives of Sen. Boscola said the national importance of the plan and its implications is beyond the scope of her office. Chief-of-Staff Steven DeFrank said they received no briefings or copies, and were reading about it in the news like everyone else.

CHARLIE DENT

U.S. House "I respect the work of the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, led by Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, for the completion of a very thorough and concise report. The Commission's task of indentifying ways to reduce the federal deficit was extremely challenging and many of their recommendations are understandably controversial. However, members of the Commission must be praised for their efforts to generate a necessary national dialogue involving steps the federal government must take to achieve fiscal discipline.

"Our nation's current spending habits are clearly unsustainable. In addition to accumulating an astonishing amount of debt, our lack of fiscal responsibility has slowed economic growth, contributing to today's prolonged recession.

"If we are truly committed to restoring fiscal discipline, it is important that we fully debate and consider the merits of each recommendation put forth by the deficit commission, including reducing federal spending, reforming entitlement programs, simplifying the tax code, and modifying and improving the budget process. It is also critically important that the American public be fully engaged in the development of a national strategy to attain fiscal sustainability.

"Public discourse will play a vital role in determining the composition of legislation to reduce the deficit, and I look forward to discussing these recommendations with the people I serve."

See REPORT on Page A8

CITY POLICE

Robbery

A man reported he was robbed while walking from Broad and Guetter streets toward the Sun Inn courtyard Dec. 7.

Police said the 47-year-old victim made his report from the hospital around 11 a.m.

The victim was approached by another man for a dollar for coffee and directions to New Street. When he began to withdraw his wallet, the victim was elbowed in the back. The man allegedly grabbed the victim's backpack and ran off in an unknown direction.

Police said residents should not be overly worried about walking in that neighborhood, as there "seems to be a piece missing" from the puzzle of the incident.

Theft

A Weis Supermarket employee reported the theft of her wallet while at work around 8 p.m. Dec. 7.

The 19-year-old woman, working at the 2305 Schoenersville Road store, had left her purse on a coatrack in the break room and upon returning to it discovered the wallet, and its contents - \$280 - missing, police said.

She had left the purse covered by her coat, said police, but had not used the nearby employee lockers.

Burglary

A resident reported a burglary at her East Morton Street neighbor's home around 9 a.m. Nov. 25.

Police said the reporting woman heard what sounded like people running about next door around 4 a.m. but assumed it was the residents, who are students.

Around four hours later she noticed the window was open and notified the landlord.

Police arrived and found the front door was open and the apartment had been ransacked. When the residents returned from Thanksgiving vacation they identified missing items, including a 23-inch television, sneakers, jacket, sports coat and suit.

Police assume the burglar and resident must be the same size.

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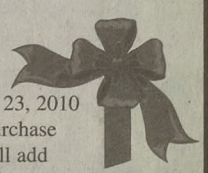
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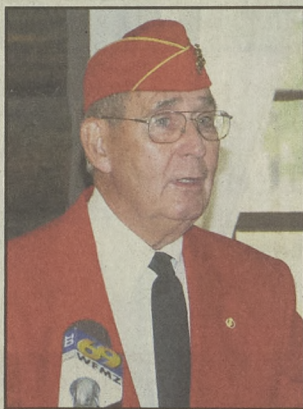
Remembering a Sunday 69 years ago

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, "A date which will live in infamy." Sadly, remembrance of the event that drew the United States into World War Two is drawing fewer people 69 years later as the generation that preserved freedom disappears from our midst.

About 25 people attended the memorial service in Bethlehem's DAR House Dec. 7, and only two in attendance, Edward Beers and Aldo Braido, were veterans of World War II.

The United Veterans of Bethlehem, Harry F. W. Johnson American Legion Post #379 and City



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

LEFT: Former Bethlehem Councilman Otto Ehrsam says it is "very important to keep our vigilance and dedication to our country." **RIGHT:** Guest speaker Nicole Watts says, "Pearl Harbor reminded us of who we truly are, the United States of America."

of Bethlehem co-sponsored the event which was conducted by Otto Ehrsam. Ehrsam recalled being 11 years old and listening to radio reports of

the attack, with his family, on that fateful Sunday. Mayor John Callahan and State Rep. Steve Samuelson each welcomed those attending.

Guest speaker Nicole Watts, a student at the Lehigh Valley High School for the Performing Arts and two-time winner in the American Legion's oratorical contest for District 30, addressed the assembly telling them, "You may think it was a heavy toll (at Pearl Harbor), but it wasn't as bad as it may sound because of the bravery of so many" that day.

Bugler Ralph Brodt III played the Navy Hymn "Eternal Father" and "Taps." Liberty HS Grenadier Pipe Major Justin Amann performed "Amazing Grace" and Chaplain Aldo Braido offered the invocation and benediction. Officer of the Day was Ralph Romano.

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ALAN JENNINGS
CACLV
Jennings is a proponent of reforming Social Security by raising the

age and increasing income tax. "The tax system needs to be fair but needs to come from those with the ability to pay," he said. He also feels the U.S. can no longer afford to be the police force of the world and that domestic programs invested in

people and infrastructure are currently inadequate.

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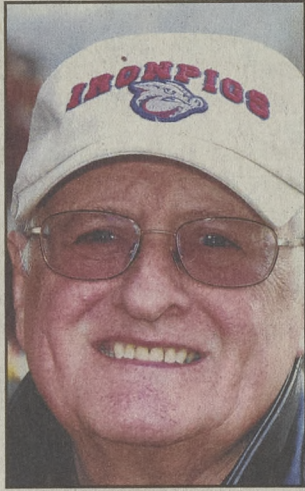
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Terry Magno
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"My husband gave me a car one year with a bow on it just like on the TV commercials, and it happened to be snowing."
Debbie Lewis
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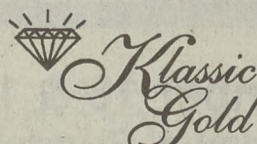


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'Nutcracker' stars

Annual ballet a showcase for guest artists, Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley students

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
 Focus Editor

You never know which "Nutcracker" you'll see. And you never know what renowned dancers will be guest artists.

The Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley (BGLV) "Nutcracker," at 2 p.m. Dec. 18 and 19 at Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, is the traditional full-length version.

It's where you'll see guest artists from the highest echelons of ballet on an area stage.

For BGLV's 42nd annual "Nutcracker," Pennsylvania Ballet Principal Dancer Riolama Lorenzo dances the Snow Queen in the "Snow" pas de deux, and Sugar Plum Fairy in the "Land of Sweets" and Pennsylvania Ballet Principal Dancer Sergio Torrado dances the Cavalier.

Last year, American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancer Sarah Lane, now on screen in the movie, "Black Swan," danced the role of Snow Queen and Sugar Plum Fairy in BGLV's "Nutcracker" on the Baker Theatre stage.

"We knew that [Lane's 'Black Swan' role] because when she did our 'Nutcracker' last year, she went back into New York to get her hair dyed to match that of Natalie Portman," says BGLV Artistic Director Karen Kroninger Knerr.

Lane is ballet double for Portman, who stars in "Black Swan."

"They [American Ballet Theatre] launched their 'Nutcracker' this year," Kroninger Knerr says. "When I asked Sarah Lane to return, she wasn't available, but then she recommended Sergio [Torrado] because she also worked with Sergio in 'Black Swan.' He plays Von Rothbart, a character in 'Swan Lake.'"

As an example of the differences in the various productions of "Nutcracker," Kroninger Knerr notes, "They [the Pennsylvania Ballet] don't have a 'Snow' pas. So, that's how different 'Nutcrackers' are."

"We do have a very traditional 'Nutcracker.' It's a full-length score. There are no cuts in it [the Tchaikovsky score]."

Kroninger Knerr says featuring nationally- and internationally-renowned guests artists as Lane, Lorenzo and Torrado, as well as Violette Verdy, Allegra Kent, Edward Villella and Patricia McBride, is "always our goal."

"Our students are pre-professional students. Even when I was a student here [at BGLV], we had the joy to perform on stage with people at the highest level of the ballet world."

"We use all our dancers. It's only our guest artists who we bring in. This is not a pickup company where we're going to collect the best dancers and put a production together."

"I firmly believe, and it's always been the mission here, that they [BGLV students] share the stage with dancers who are at the top of the field in the United States or the world."



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Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley Artistic Director Karen Kroninger Knerr, center, with BGLV "Nutcracker" dancers Ava Gilotti, left, Clara (Dec. 18), and Madeleine Brown, "Chinese" (Dec. 18) and "Candy Cane" (Dec. 19). The dancers posed at the opening of Artfully Elegant, Bethlehem.

Kroninger Knerr is in her fourth year as BGLV artistic director. She choreographs the "Nutcracker," based on the choreography of previous BGLV artistic directors Alexi Ramov, and the Brianskys, Oleg Mireille.

In addition to two public, there are four school performances of BGLV's "Nutcracker," with a cast of 70, including BGLV parents and friends in the Party Scene. This year, there are new Chinese costumes, direct from Hong Kong.

"This is our main production," Kroninger Knerr says. "Last year, we partnered with the Allentown Symphony for 'Peter and the Wolf' and 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier,' and we will be partnering with them again." The May 1, 2011, Youth Concert at Symphony Hall, Allentown, is "Magical Tales."

Auditions for the BGLV "Nutcracker" are held in mid-September, with

rehearsals beginning soon after. Younger students take once-weekly classes. Advanced student take classes four times a week. This does not include rehearsals.

"As time-consuming as it may be, I just think many can't imagine a season without the 'Nutcracker,'" Kroninger Knerr says. "I just think it's a holiday tradition."

Kroninger Knerr has danced several BGLV "Nutcracker" roles. She was Guest Artist in 1987, while a student at Juilliard, dancing the Sugar Plum Fairy.

"It's been a long-standing tradition that the Ballet Guild always hired top-notch guest artists. So, to be asked to come back is a huge honor," she says.

Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley "Nutcracker" ticket information: 610-865-0353

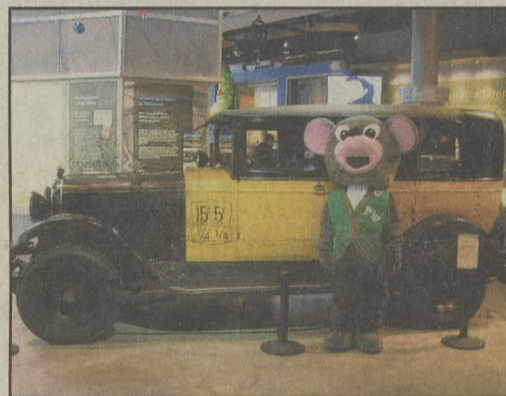
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Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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"Dutch" Christmas: Ann Wertman, above, stands next to the Christmas tree she and Joe Zeller, both of New Tripoli, decorated in the 1850's Pennsylvania German style at the Liberty Bell Museum, Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, 622 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. Also, see holiday displays, including "Winter Wonderland" and the Lehigh County Senior Center putz; events, including "Mocktinis with Max Hess Jr. in the Morning," 10 a.m. Dec. 18; and the children's show, "Pip, the Mouse Before Christmas." 610-435-4232



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A fare to remember: Speaking of Pip the Mouse, the former mainstay at Hess's Department Store, Allentown, checked out Ernie's taxi, above, from the Jimmy Stewart holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." The taxi, now owned by automobile collector Nicola Bulgari, is on display at American On Wheels, Allentown. "It's a Wonderful Life" will be shown at "Oldies but Goodies," 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 17 and 28 at the museum, with free coffee for seniors. Continuing: "The 'Train Time' Charity Holiday Exhibit" of model trains. 610-432-4200



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Beall and Marlene "Linny" Fowler with plaque honoring Linny's father, Harold Oberkotte, at America On Wheels Museum, Allentown.



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10th Illick's Mill Fall Gala

An estimated 125 attended the Illick's Mill 10th Annual Fall Gala Nov. 28 at the Monocacy Park mill along Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem. Those attending included, from left, Rocky Bayer, Illick's Mill Project board of directors president; London Cheufler, Illick's Mill Partnership executive secretary; Karen Dolan, Illick's Mill Project executive director; and Carly Albertson, Illick's Mill Project executive secretary.

Doing 'what's good for me'

There is a stiff wind blowing.

Some might call it only a breeze and welcome its presence.

But on a bike, at least for a novice like me, that breeze adds to the resistance and difficulty.

I chug along, pushing with one foot after the other, keeping an eye on the odometer. When it hits 10 miles, I can stop.

Yes, I know. Ten miles is nothing to bike. But with my breathing problems, every mile is mild torture.

So why do I do it?

Not because I like to suffer. I do it because exercise is good for me.

When I had my last birthday and realized the days I have left are far less than those that passed, I vowed to spend every precious day I am given doing what I want – not what I have to do.

So now, I clean less and play more.

If I'm in the middle of a cleaning project and a friend calls, I abandon what I am doing and go with my friend.

On the other hand, if someone invites me to do something that doesn't sound appealing, I say no. There was a time when I would do it, just to be polite. But now, if I want to make my days count, I know I have to enjoy every hour, every day, as much as possible.

While that philosophy doesn't seem to square with suffering through exercise, it does because healthy habits hopefully will give me more of those precious days.

Mostly, I love physical activity. I do it because I get a high from most kinds of physical activity. I love to dance. Love to kayak. Love to take a nature walk, regardless of the weather.

I like biking but I don't love it. I find it hard to love something that makes me pant like a woman about to give birth.

But I put it in the category of things that are good for me as I plow on, one tedious mile after the other.

When I think about it, I do a lot of things simply because they are good for me. Some of what I do and much of what I eat is done mostly because it's beneficial to my health.

It seems like each week another study comes along that verifies how lifestyle contributes to how long we live and how well we live. We can stay healthy longer, studies prove, by eating the right things and by getting at least 30 minutes of exercise a day.

The other day at a

party we were talking about the question of how we would live life if we thought we only had a short time to live.

Some said they would travel to spend time with family. Some said they would take that exotic vacation they always longed to do.

My answer sounded flippant. I said I would eat more pasta. People laughed. They thought I was joking. But I meant it.

I love pasta in any form – linguine with homemade red sauce sends me into ecstasy. Homemade pesto sauce over pasta is another heavenly treat. Perogies smothered in butter are surely the food of the flavor gods.

But I can't trust myself to eat pasta in moderation so I don't make it at all.

Instead, I eat things that are good for me.

When I analyze my diet, it's amazing how many things I eat only because of health value.

I keep changing what I eat for breakfast, basing my choices on what I read in credible nutrition articles.

When food experts proclaimed the egg was nature's perfect food, I scrambled eggs for breakfast. When we were told to limit eggs because of cholesterol, I gave up eggs and went to a healthy high-fiber, high protein cereal topped with cup of fresh fruit.

I pick a cereal based not on taste but on the label, studying the amount of whole grain, protein and fiber. I pick the one that is best for me rather than the one I like best.

If I could eat anything I wanted without consequences, I would probably eat crullers smothered in peanut butter for breakfast, perogies with onions and butter for lunch and linguine in a tomato-pesto sauce for dinner.

Of course, then I would waddle instead of walk and I probably would have more health problems.

So, until nutritionists and scientists redefine "healthy" to include all of those high-calorie laden favorites of mine, I'll stick to healthy choices.

But if they ever tell me I'm facing a short time to live, I'm going to eat more pasta, followed by chocolate cake with peanut butter icing.

Maybe that's what that sign means when it says: Life is short. Eat dessert first.

The other day I went to lunch with nine other women. Nine ordered simple salads, not the ones loaded with extras. I ordered chipotle chicken and Asiago cheese on a pesto focaccia.

Sometimes, it simply feels good to do what I want rather than what's good for me.

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become the company's fourth chairman and chief executive officer.

Mrs. Fowler, who attended the Nov. 16 dedication with her husband, Beall Fowler, says the contribution in her father's name was made to inspire the young people who visit

America On Wheels.

The plaque showcases Oberkotter in 1925 as a messenger for Red Arrow and his official portrait as chairman and CEO of UPS from 1974 to 1980.

"We are very fortunate and grateful to receive the Fowlers' support and honored to display Harold's story, which is truly an inspiration for all of our visitors but especially for

the young people who visit America On Wheels every week," says America On Wheels Executive Director Linda Merkel.

The entry area to the South Gallery is also marked by a historic Mack fire engine. The gallery houses several full-size Mack Trucks, a recreation of an independent service station from Allentown's past and several

automobiles, race cars and bicycles.

UPS, founded in 1907 as a messenger company in the United States, has grown into a nearly \$50-billion corporation with global operations. Every day, UPS manages the flow of goods, funds and information in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

The gigs lead back to Wildflower for duo

By PETER FRITZ
Special to The Press

Trevor Exter is an accomplished cellist and vocalist, but not in the traditional sense. He's a self-proclaimed "avant-soul cello thumper," accompanied by drummer John Morgan Kimock.

The cello-drum duo performs at 8 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Wildflower Cafe and Gallery, 316 S. New St., Bethlehem.

In a recent telephone interview from Denver, Col., where the pair was playing at Cervantes, Exter talked about the upcoming performance in Bethlehem.

The duo has appeared at Wildflower approximately 30 times, or about five times annually since 2005.

So, how did Exter begin performing at Wildflower? "I did a Google search for venues in that area [Lehigh Valley]. My fam-

ily had just moved out of New York, and now in the Philadelphia area, I set my sights on something in the middle of those two towns because I can't stand big cities, being from an upstate New York town in the Ithaca area."

Exter says there's a reason the duo keeps returning to Wildflower.

"[It's] The connection with the people there, and the open-mindedness of the people to hearing something new."

For Exter and Kimock, the Wildflower is a place where the duo can shine.

"When you're a musician, it's not all about doing your own thing. It's about getting into the community."

"Like, Colorado is one big jam session, one big gig. These regular gigs such as the Wildflower Cafe and Porter's Pub [in Easton] are what sustain us and keep us afloat."

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DIAKON Session set on adoption

A free informational session on adoption and child foster care will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 16, at Diakon Adoption & Foster Care, campus of The Lutheran Home at Topton, One S. Home Avenue, Topton.

Attendees will learn about children available for adoption as well as the foster-to-adopt program. Staff will discuss Diakon Adoption & Foster Care's online forum for prospective and adoptive and foster families, found at www.diakonfamilies.org. To register or for more information: 1-888-582-2230, 610-682-1504.

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TV teen sensation, Big Time Rush, is booked for a Sept. 4, 2011, Great Allentown Fair Grandstand concert.

Fair hits the Big Time Rush

Big Time Rush, the latest teen and "tween" sensation to jump from a TV show to the concert stage, will perform on the Sunday of the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4, at the 2011 Great Allentown Fair.

While the Fairgrounds Grandstand concert coincides with back-to-school next year, tickets to see the boy band that stars in the Nickelodeon network's popular live action comedy series went on sale Dec. 11.

Since the show's debut on Nickelodeon last fall, an audience of 3 to 4 million per episode has been tuning into the escapades of Logan, Carlos, James and Kendall (Logan Henderson, Carlos Pena, James Maslow and Kendall

Schmidt), an aspiring boy band that attends a performing arts high school.

While the actual singer-actors are from all regions of the country, on the sitcom they portray four ice hockey-playing best friends from Minnesota who moved to Los Angeles after winning a tryout to become the "next great boy band."

Show creator, Scott Fellows, acknowledges that the TV show's premise is a throwback to "The Monkees," the 1960s hit series that featured the comedic adventures of a male pop-rock group trying to hit it big.

The same way that phenomenon transformed four actor-singer-musicians into recording and touring

artists, Big Time Rush is out with a self-titled album, "BTR," a new single and music video, "Til I Forget About You," and throngs of fans showing up at promotional appearances for their new releases.

In their alter egos' home state of Minnesota, more than 9,000 screaming enthusiasts turned out to see the real thing perform a mini-concert in the Mall of America last month.

BTR's headlining tour starts in the spring. The Allentown Fair is the first major date to be announced for a late summer swing. Special guests for the Fair concert are to be announced.

Ticket information: 800-745-3000

Young People's Philharmonic in 35th anniversary concert

The 35th annual "Holiday Concert" of the Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley will be held at 4 p.m. Dec. 19 in Symphony Hall, Allentown.

The Senior Orchestra, composed of students in grades 8 - 12, and the Junior Orchestra, composed of students in grades 5 - 9, will perform.

The YPP will perform Felix Mendelssohn's "Overture to Midsummer Night's Dream"; Anton Dvorak's "Symphony No.8 in G Major," Opus 88; M. Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," and Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Dance of the Buffoons."

The program will close with Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival," into which is woven a collection of secular and sacred Christmas pieces that we hear during the holiday season.

The JSP will perform the first movement of Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusic," Jeffery Bishops's "Declarations" and Elliot del Borgo's "Suite for Strings." Other pieces will include



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Young People's Philharmonic cellists Ashley Lee, left, and Anna Lu, right

Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances" and "Greensleeves," arranged by Michael Hopkins. Tickets are expected to be available at the door. Information: 610-432-7961

Christy at Christkindlmarkt

By RICHARD GENSLAK
Special to The Press

As a full-time musician since graduating from Kutztown University seven years ago, Doylestown-based Christy Jefferson's journeys have taken her to lots of places she wouldn't have seen otherwise. Next step: A tour of the Falkland Islands.

Before the Falklands tour kicks in next year, Jefferson performs twice at Christkindlmarkt, Bethlehem, including noon - 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

"A childhood friend of mind travels the world as a field biologist," Jefferson says. "She took my music to the Falkland Islands and told me they actually have scholarship programs to get international artists to play there. The day I started looking into it was the last day of the year I could apply."

Jefferson was, of course, too late for the scholarship, but her research got her in touch with the Falklands' biggest band, the Fighting Pigs. Jefferson elicited a respectful disbelieving nod over the his-



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Christy Jefferson, noon Dec. 17, Christkindlmarkt, Bethlehem

tory of the Pigs, and they became both her backing band and her sponsor for the tour.

The desire for Jefferson to go international had its genesis when as a teenager she went to France for a summer where her older sister, Shelly, went to college.

"I had not done a whole lot of performing my original music, accompanying myself, while I'm singing," remembers Christy.

"This one night in my dorm, it's midnight and I

get the itch. I had to share it with Shelly. She was wowed and came back with 10 of our closest friends.

"I'm nervous and I close my eyes and I just go into the soul and the heart. I lost myself, open my eyes, and that essence of energy just hung in the room. There was a long silence, then everyone started clapping. By then, there were 20 in the room and another 10 to 15 to 20 in the hall to come and listen. I was hooked."

Great Neck: Music of healing

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
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When you talk with Anomie Fatale, the conversation inevitably, inexorably and quickly turns to a little-known birth defect that informs her songwriting, performing and life.

There's the song, "Palinopsia," which she and her band, Great Neck, will perform during a concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 in the New Hope-based group's return to Crocodile Rock, Allentown.

The song describes her first symptom, typified by fuzzy images Fatale first noticed sitting at a computer, writing lab reports in college.

There's the performance itself. Fatale (not her real name) must be supported by someone as she sings onstage at the microphone.

There's her life. Fatale has undergone several traumatic surgeries, the likes of which sound as fatal as, well, her last name.

Fatale has Ehlers-Dan-

los Syndrome (EDS), an inherited connective tissue disorders caused by a defect in the synthesis of collagen.

Fatale named her band, Great Neck, after the Long Island, N.Y., location of the clinic where she underwent several surgeries.

Great Neck is Fatale, lead vocals; Mike Penn, lead-backup guitar; Jesse Draham, lead-backup guitar; Bobby Pearson, bass; and Luke Noel, drums.

Fatale writes the songs with Penn. "Mike's definitely my other half. I do the sketch and he fills in it," she says.

The songs are about her experiences — "what I've been through and what I plan to do with it."

She is ambulatory with the assistance of a walker.

"Imagine a lollipop on a stick," she describes as the position of her neck and head. "But the other thing with it, is I have perfect posture."

"Modeling and photography is a way I can proj-

ect myself. If I get posed, it's an expression of myself. That's what I would be doing if I could run and jump and skip."

She lists EDS outcomes in extensive detail, sounding like a neurologist. She had studied biochemistry with a focus on medical research.

"I knew the physiology of things. So, I became medical research," she says, her biting self- and universal-deprecating humor ever at the ready. Fatale, 22, said her long day's journey into her medical nightmare began when she was 20 and took an antibiotic for pressure headaches. She thought she had Lyme disease. She collapsed in a Wal-Mart.

The Great Neck set list at Croc Rock includes other post-EDS revelations: "Seed," with chorus and lyrics written when she was coming out of surgery; "Measure Man," about a radiologist; and "Cyber Cabaret," written for a friend who has multiple sclerosis.

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LVIA \$7.2-million terminal renovation, expansion completed

Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority has completed Phase I of the Airport Terminal Renovations Project.

The first phase, which took approximately 16 months, cost about \$7.2 million.

The first phase of the 45,705-square-foot terminal project includes a 17,000-square-foot renovation of the Main Terminal Building and a 6,500-square-foot addition that provides more functional operating space.

As part of the airport's Green Policy, the south second level exterior glass curtain wall has been replaced and enlarged to provide a more lighted and open interior space

and improved energy efficiency.

A feature of the renovation plan is elimination of the public area baggage screening function. Baggage screening will now be performed behind the ticketing area in the Phase I space. This will allow for an open ticketing hall, with improved passenger circulation.

New flat screen LCD displays replace the existing flight information monitors. New ticket counters and fresh wall treatments compliment the glass curtain wall.

Other work included in this phase was the demolition of existing and construction of new airline ticket counters and

back offices, and construction of new concession space for news-gifts and restaurants.

The terminal building received a floor refurbishment, including installation of a new terrazzo finish.

Electrical and mechanical systems will be replaced by the completion of the project. A new terminal roof was installed in 2008.

Four prime contracts were awarded: General Construction, Lobar, Inc.; Electrical Construction, Albarell Electric, Inc.; and HVAC Construction and Plumbing and Fire Protection Construction, Dual Temp Co., Inc.



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Maryellen Iobst, Lehigh Valley International Airport events coordinator, and her assistant, Jessica Stahley

Toddler garments, teakettles listed

The following recalls were issued Dec. 5 - 9 by federal and state agencies:

CONSUMER RECALLS

Bicycles: Seattle Bike Supply is recalling Redline D640 Bicycles sold December 2007 - May 2010. The head tube can separate from the frame, causing the rider to lose control and fall. This poses a risk of serious injury. Consumers should contact a local Redline bicycle dealer to receive a free frame replacement. Consumers can also contact Redline Bicycles, www.redlinebicycles.com, 800-283-2453.

Toddler Garments: American Eagle Outfitters Inc. is recalling toddler girl pants and shorts sold at 77kids by American Eagle stores July - August 2010. The metal clasp at the waistband can detach from the garment, posing a choking hazard. Consumers

should return the garments to the nearest 77kids by American Eagle store for a full refund. Consumers can also contact American Eagle Outfitters, www.77kids.com, 888-307-3672.

Teakettle: Meyer Corporation is recalling Rachael Ray™ Brand Two Quart Teakettle sold December 2008 - October 2010. Water heated in the teakettles can spill and spray while being poured, posing a burn hazard. Consumers should contact Meyer U.S., 877-782-8242, www.meyer.com, to arrange for a replacement teakettle.

Camping Combo: Target Corp. is recalling Circo

Children's Camping Combo Pack sold at Target September 2010 - October 2010. The floor of the tent failed a flammability test and poses a fire hazard. Consumers should return the item to any Target store for a full refund or store credit. Consumers can also contact Target, www.target.com, 800-440-0680.

Candles: General Wax & Candle Company is recalling Silver Metallic Pillar Candles sold at Bed Bath & Beyond stores October - November 2010. The metallic paint on the candles can ignite, posing a risk of fire. Consumers should return the candles to any Bed Bath and Beyond store or contact General Wax and Candle, 800-543-0642, www.generalwaxandcandle.com, for a full refund.

For more information: www.recalls.org

Keenan-Nagle appoints two

Keenan-Nagle Advertising, Inc. has announced the appointment of Alissa C. Nieli as Director of Creative Services, and Kristen M. Seidel as Graphic & Interactive Designer.

Nieli's new responsibilities include integrating client marketing requirements with Keenan-Nagle creative services and multi-media delivery conduits.

Nieli previously served as Art Director at Keenan-Nagle. She has been with the agency for more than nine years.

She received an AB degree from Bradley Academy of the Visual Arts, York. Prior to joining Keenan-Nagle, she was a graphic and digital designer for Capital Blue Cross of Harrisburg.

Seidel's responsibilities will focus on e-marketing, web and social media



Alissa C. Nieli



Kristen M. Seidel

design, and client support for the agency's creative services.

Seidel previously served as Senior Print & Interactive Designer for The Boss Group, Bala Cynwyd.

She received a BA

degree from Kutztown University.

Keenan-Nagle Advertising, Inc., in continuous service since 1954, is a full-service advertising and marketing firm at 1301 S. 12th St., Allentown.

MKSD firm names marketing director

MKSD architects, a Lehigh Valley architecture firm, has hired Raelene McCarthy as the new Director of Marketing.

McCarthy comes to MKSD with seven years of experience of marketing within the architectural, engineering and construction (AEC) industries. Prior to joining MKSD, she was responsible for marketing and business development for the Pennsylvania offices

of Bohler Engineering.

She received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Psychology from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia.

McCarthy is Website Chair for SMPS Philadelphia, Membership Chair for CREW Philadelphia and a Founding Board Member of Down Goes Cancer - The Joe Mak Memorial Foundation.

When not marketing,



Raelene McCarthy

McCarthy enjoys spending time with her husband, their twins, and two labs.

Rodale Institute chooses new executive director

The Rodale Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to pioneering organic farming through research and outreach, has announced the appointment of Mark Smallwood as Executive Director.

In his new role as Executive Director, Smallwood will be responsible for leading the Rodale Institute into a new era of cutting edge research and outreach, while developing the farm into a living demonstration of organic, regenerative farming and living practices.

Smallwood succeeds Timothy J. LaSalle and interim CEO Rosalba Messina.

Previously, Smallwood served as the Mid-Atlantic Green Mission Specialist and Local Forager for Whole Foods where he was a 2010 National Award Winner being named the "Best Whole Foods Market Spokesperson." As a former organic farmer, he is uniquely suited to understand and lead the Rodale Institute.

"On behalf of the Rodale Institute, I am delighted to welcome Mark to our team and am looking forward to working with him closely to strengthen the Rodale Institute and spread the word about organic," said Maria Rodale, co-chair at the Rodale Institute. "Mark's experience in the organic and sustainability landscape is the perfect match for the Institute as we move forward with our mission of improving the health of the people and the planet."

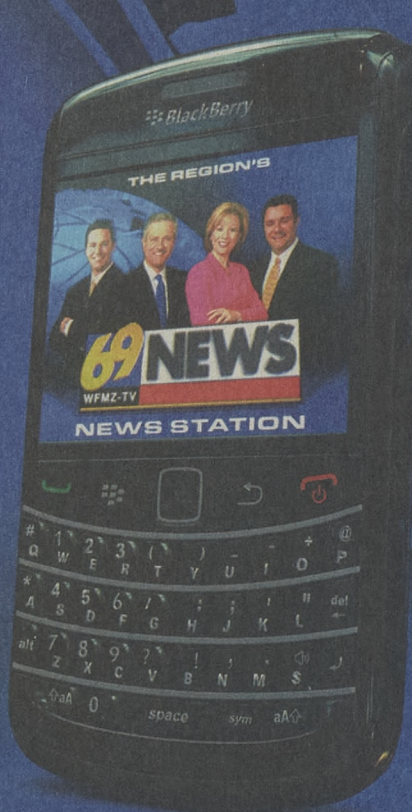

Smallwood's professional experience has been dedicated to environmental sustainability, efficiency and conservation. In his previous posts he designed and implemented the Green Mission Environmental Best Practices at Whole Foods where he employed a region-wide composting and recycling initiative resulting in an 80 percent diversion of waste from landfills, launched energy saving programs and was chosen as a mes-


senger for Al Gore's Climate Project presenting to more than 15,000 people on the effects of Global Warming.

Since being founded in 1947 by J.I. Rodale, the Rodale Institute has been committed to groundbreaking research in organic agriculture, advocating for policies that support farmers, and educating people about how organic is the safest, healthiest option for people and the planet.

The Institute is home to the Farming Systems Trial®, the longest-running side-by-side United States study comparing chemical agriculture with organic methods. Consistent results from the study have shown that organic yields match those of conventional farming and surpass them especially in years of environmental distress. New areas of study include rates of carbon sequestration in chemical versus organic plots and new techniques for weed suppression.

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See cryptogram answer on page B10 Today's Cryptquip clue: K equals R

Freedom cheerleaders take first at Stabler

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's varsity competition cheerleading squad won first place in the large varsity division at the Complete Cheer and Dance Winter Wonderland Competition on

Sunday at Stabler Arena. "You could feel the energy, and you could hear our parents and other parents cheering us on. They were standing up for us," said Freedom captain, Kaity Lipare.

In addition, the Patriots also won grand champion

for the highest school team score, and the judge's award for the being the overall favorite team of the judges.

Freedom's competition routine began with half of the squad doing standing back tucks, followed by the full squad's round-off

tucks. The routine ended with a dance.

The Patriots' music included portions of the songs, Bootylicious, Hey Soul Sister, and I Took the Night.

"We were so nervous. You never get used to it," Lipare said. "For the most

part, everyone was excited and confident."

Coach Alicia Zito was practically speechless after the Patriots' performance.

"She couldn't say anything to correct us," said Lipare. "She was just really proud."

BOYS HOOPS



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Liberty's Louie Horwath (41) puts up a shot in the win over Allen Saturday.

'Canes escape

By PETER CAR
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It wasn't the type of win that Chad Landis expected from his Liberty team during their Lehigh Valley Conference opener against Allen last Saturday night, but it was one that he certainly wasn't complaining about.

Alewdy Rivera nailed the second of three free throws with no time on the clock to propel the Hurricanes (2-0) to a 48-47 win at the seventh annual Yasso-Rothrock Christmas City Challenge.

With the game tied at 47, Rivera was fouled on a three-point attempt as the clock dwindled down and clinched the game-winner with his second free throw after missing the first.

The victory gave the Hurricanes a perfect start to the season after knocking off Colonial League favorite Saucon Valley 58-39 Friday night.

"I knew we had two tough games to start the season and to get them both is definitely a good thing for us," said Landis. "I think early season wins

don't really change much of what will happen later in the year, but it does help.

"We still have to execute better on offense and we got out-rebounded, but we competed with Allen physically and mentally and that's what I wanted to see from our guys."

The next mental step for the Hurricanes came last night with a road trip to Pocono Mountain East, who are in the preseason mix for the Mountain Valley Conference crown.

Throw in a Thursday night matchup with Bethlehem Catholic and the 'Canes have themselves quite an opening week on the schedule.

Still, with Allen being touted as the District 11 4A favorite this year over the defending champion Hurricanes, the win does say something about Liberty's moxie.

"I knew Allen was going to be physical, that's a given," Landis said. "They're such a big team and they're talented, but I wasn't sure if we were going to be able to match that."

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INSIDE SPORTS

INSIDE

HOOPS

Freedom boys fall to powerful Nazareth squad.

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SWIMMING

Freedom hoping to add more blocks to its program.



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WRESTLING

Liberty reaches a milestone.

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THEY SAID IT

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CHAD LANDIS
LHS COACH

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- BECAHI Boys**
12/16 at Liberty, 7:30 p.m.
12/21 at Freedom, 7 p.m.
- Girls**
12/16 at Liberty, 6 p.m.
12/21 at Freedom, 5:30 p.m.
- Wrestling**
12/15 at Whitehall, 7:30 p.m.
12/18 at Beast of the East, TBA
- FREEDOM Boys**
12/17 at Easton, 7 p.m.
12/18 at Pocono West, 3 p.m.
12/20 Holy Redeemer, 7 p.m.
12/21 Bethlehem Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls**
12/17 Easton, 7 p.m.
12/18 at Phillipsburg, 12:30 p.m.
12/21 Bethlehem Catholic, 6 p.m.
- Wrestling**
12/15 at Dieruff, 7:30 p.m.
- Swimming**
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Hawks off to 2-0 start

By PETER CAR
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It's not the first time that Al Blount has seen his Bethlehem Catholic squad start the season 2-0 after the first weekend, but it may be the first time that Blount had invigorated optimism about what his team can do defensively after the first two games of the season.

Becahi (2-0) knocked off Pen Argyl and Northampton last week to open their 2010 campaign unblemished, but they also kept their opposition under 50 points in each contest, which to Blount, feels just as good as getting victories.

The fact that defense has been the Hawks Achilles heel during his first two years as head

coach is a given, but the signs of defensive promise were unveiled over the weekend when they throttled Pen Argyl 59-30 and then followed that up with a gritty 54-47 win over the K-Kids.

"I think it was imperative that we started off the season this way," said Blount in reference to winning the first two games. "This team has always had confidence, despite being relatively young, and we have several guys with varsity experience, but it was imperative that we get our first two wins because of the schedule ahead.

"Playing the type of defense we did over the weekend showed that we can excel on the defensive end of the floor as well."

Tests with Wilson West

Lawn on Tuesday and then Thursday's early season exam against Liberty will give Blount a better gauge of where his team is at the moment.

Jumping out to a 28-3 first quarter lead over Pen Argyl pretty much summed up the contest from that point on, but trailing 22-16 at halftime against Northampton on Saturday may have pushed the Hawks demeanor.

They answered with a resounding 16-4 third quarter advantage, en route to holding off the Kids.

Kyle Hungarter and Kyle Cargiulo each chipped in 15 points to lead Becahi's effort, as well as tie for game-highs.

The third quarter run was a statement.

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Mark Mery and the Hawks are off to a nice start this season.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem Catholic take seventh in Ohio

By PETER CAR
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Last weekend it was the Walsh Ironman tournament in Ohio and this weekend it's the Beast of the East tournament in Delaware.

It's just another run of the mill weekend for the Bethlehem Catholic wrestling program, as the Hawks have found themselves competing in the two best high school wrestling tournaments in the country in successive weeks.

Despite the rigors of battling top teams, head

coach Jeff Karam knows that the trials and tribulations of these early season battles will certainly pay its dividends.

"This is all about getting ready for the end of the year," Karam said. "The whole key to these tournaments is to help us become mentally tougher."

"These types of tournaments bring out the best in our kids and we're looking forward to another big weekend of wrestling."

The Hawks came away from the Ironman tournament seventh overall out of nearly 90 teams.

Schools from all over the country and as far as California made the exodus to Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Sophomore 103-pounder Darian Cruz was the only Hawk to reach the finals, but he lost to Cuyahoga Valley Christian's Nathan Tomasell 2-1 in an ultimate rideout session to finish in second.

Cruz entered the tournament as the nation's top-ranked 103-pounder, while Tomasell was ranked second in the country.

Karam thought Cruz

earned an escape in the ultimate rideout to steal the win, but the officials obviously didn't see it that way.

"It was a tough match and I thought it was a questionable call," said Karam regarding Cruz's loss, "but at the end of the day, it was a great experience for Darian and all of our kids. I thought this was the toughest high school tournament I've ever witnessed."

That says a lot heading into a weekend full of Beast of the East action, but the Hawks will take plenty of confidence into

Delaware after getting their helping of tactically sound wrestling in Ohio.

Junior Randy Cruz (119) took seventh place and freshman Zeke Moisey (112), eighth place, were the only other Becahi wrestlers to place in the top eight of the tournament.

The Hawks finished with 92.5 team points to have them finish second best out of any Pennsylvania school, which included Burrell (86.5), Pittsburgh Central Catholic (84.5), Reynolds (69) and Blue Mountain (30) to

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'He thought he was safe'

Cameras help police crack Southside robbery case

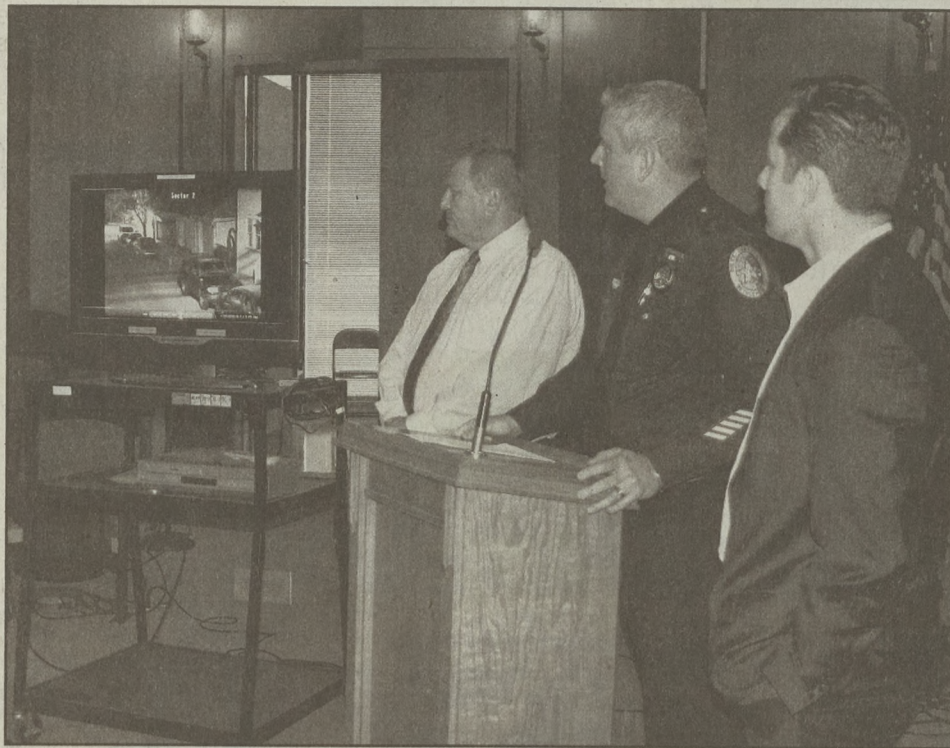
By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Police announced Dec. 10 the arrest of two young men in connection with a half-dozen robberies of Lehigh University students in the past two weeks.

Commissioner Stuart Bedics said in a press conference at City Hall an early-morning report and public video cameras led officers directly to the door of those responsible.

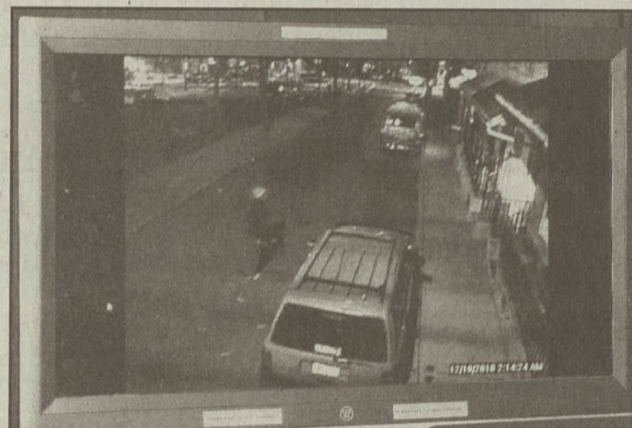
Eighteen-year-old Michael Prater and a 15-year-old male are charged with robbery, reckless endangerment, theft, simple assault, receiving stolen property and criminal conspiracy, and additional charges may be forthcoming as the investigation continues, Bedics said. Two other juveniles, male and female and both 13, are not yet charged until the nature of their involvement is determined.

Bedics said around 2 a.m. that day a 21-year-old female Lehigh student and a friend were walking home through the 600 block of Pierce Street. Once the friends parted ways the victim was approached and struck in the face by one of the suspects. He explained the suspects were watching all along and played Rock-



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Lehigh University Police Chief Ed Shupp (left), Bethlehem Police Commissioner Stuart Bedics and Mayor John Callahan watch camera footage of robbers fleeing the scene of a crime at a press conference Dec. 10. The two young men arrested are believed to be responsible for about six recent robberies. But, Bedics warned; "Just because an arrest has occurred doesn't mean you should let your guard down," when walking alone.



Public cameras, though hated by some residents, recorded robbers racing right to their front door, proving themselves a boon to the city, said Mayor John Callahan. "I think it sends a clear message to those thinking of committing crime in the city of Bethlehem to think otherwise."

Paper-Scissors for the right to take the lead in the assault.

The suspects took items from the victim's purse, including a camera, and fled the area. The victim called Lehigh security, who in turn sent officers to the location and notified Bethlehem Police.

The dispatcher in Bethlehem's communications center used the public cameras to immediately observe all four suspects running from Pierce Street to Buchanan Street, and watched as they entered a residence. The information was relayed to officers.

The video, which was played for members of the press, clearly shows four youths running through the streets in the dark and slowing to a walk when a car drove past.

Prater, in front, dashed around a parked vehicle and hid behind it, apparently unaware there was a camera - in plain view - on the opposite corner.

"He thought he was safe," Bedics said when Prater came back into view and ran across the street to the home of one of the juveniles.

Prater has no known address and stays wherever he can.

Bethlehem and Lehigh officers arrived at the residence, allegedly hearing the youths running about inside.

They even observed one of the suspects holding a camera matching the description of the stolen model. Other items matched those from previous incidents.

Bedics said the suspects were acting on behalf of the Bloods gang, trying to attain goods to avoid "a beatdown."

The Dec. 10 victim was treated for a minor injury. Prater is remanded to Northampton County Prison, and the 15-year-old is in custody at the Juvenile Detention Center in Easton.

Bedics and Lehigh Police Chief Ed Shupp said cooperation, coordination and the usefulness of the cameras and centrally-located dispatch center combined for a great arrest.

FREEMANSBURG No tax increase in 2011 budget

Halloween parade lacks enough community support

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Borough Council decided to adopt and advertise its preliminary budget Dec. 6.

President Homer "Bud" Lorrach asked Donald Lasso, of the finance committee, to introduce the budget for discussion, declaring it was completed and "done without a tax increase."

"And no pay raises," Lasso noted. He then asked for an exception at a particular employee's request, but the idea was nearly instantly shouted down by at least two other board members.

Board Member Charles Derr had a suggestion and made a motion that would allow a 3 percent pay increase for borough employees - if council members agreed to take a pay cut.

"We're not in this for the money," Derr said, "we're in it for the community." He said each council member earning \$1,000 less would allow for the employee pay raise.

Lasso seconded the motion, but was the only one to support the idea.

Council also argued for five minutes over a line item declaring an almost \$3,000 raise for Police Chief George Brunio before agreeing it was essentially a typo.

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Fall/Winter 2010

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Presented by: Kathy Spaetti, LMSW, Social Worker, St. Luke's MS Center

B Tuesday, January 4
Meet and Greet - 6:15 pm
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Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, Room 113
St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus

Memory Disorders

Are you becoming more forgetful? Are you worried about Alzheimer's Disease? Some memory problems are serious, some are not. This presentation will focus on the difference between mild forgetfulness and more serious memory problems, when to seek medical advice and how memory disorders can be treated.

Presented by: Bushra Malik, MD, St. Luke's Neurology Associates and Medical Director, St. Luke's Memory Disorder Center

A Wednesday, January 12
7 pm
First Floor Education Center East Wing
St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus

Cancer

St. Luke's Prostate Cancer Support Group

For men living with prostate, bladder, testicular or penile cancers.

B 1st Tuesday of every month
7 - 8:30 pm
St. Luke's Cancer Center Radiation Oncology
St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus

St. Luke's Breast Cancer Support Groups

Support and understanding for women living with breast cancer.

B 2nd Tuesday of every month
7 - 9 pm
St. Luke's North
153 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem

Q 4th Tuesday of every month
7 - 9 pm
St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital
Taylor A Conference Room

Bereavement

Loss, Grief & Life Transition Support Group

8 week session beginning January 2011. Each week the discussion focuses on bereavement related topics.

Q Mondays 7 - 8:30 pm
St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital
1021 Park Avenue
Quakertown

B Tuesdays 10 - 11:30 am
First Presbyterian Church
2344 Center Street
Bethlehem

B Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm
St. Luke's Hospice House
2455 Black River Road
Bethlehem

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Loss, Grief and Books to Help You Cope

January's Book: "How to Go on Living when Someone You Love Dies" by Theresa Rando

Q The second Tuesday of the month
7 - 8:30 pm
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Center Valley

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Gentle Yoga for the Grieving Heart

Release the tension and pain you may be feeling and learn the connection between grief and how it affects your body.

B Tuesday Afternoons
1 - 2:30 pm
Ground Floor Meeting Room
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B January 3, 11 and 27
6:30 pm
January 15
11:15 am
Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, Lecture Room 1, St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

Learn the benefits of breastfeeding, how milk is produced, the techniques of breastfeeding, positions, comfort measures and potential problems and solutions. Partners, family and friends are welcome.

B Thursday, January 13
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center
Lecture Room 1
St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus

Newborn and New Mother Care Class

This informative class is filled with practical information to help you feel confident in caring for your newborn and yourself after your baby's birth. A baby bath demonstration and safety instructions are included.

B Wednesday, January 19
Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center
Lecture Room 1
St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus

Healthy Living

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A Wednesday, January 5
7 - 9 pm
Friday, January 21
1 - 3 pm
First Floor Education Cntr.
St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus

Location Key

A Allentown
B Bethlehem
Q Center Valley
Q Quakertown



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Young inventor Dino Zaharakis of Saucon Valley explains his "dzdock" to potential buyer Bari Knopf from Easton. The aluminum device, which comes in a variety of colors, can be used to dock iPads, nooks, Kindles, iPhones and most smart phones. Knopf commented, "It's incredibly inspiring that young boy came up with this." Zaharakis was promoting his dzdock in Home and Planet on First Friday. His dzdock is available on Amazon.com and at www.dzdock.com and a patent is pending.

Local holiday volunteer



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Christkindlmarkt volunteer Gloria Kern from Bethlehem examines some holiday merchandise in the Kindermarkt section of the huge indoor market tent under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge in downtown Bethlehem. Kindermarkt caters to families with young children and features special guest St. Nicholas. Like many long-term Arts Quest volunteers, Kern has been serving the community through Christkindlmarkt since 1994 and this year has been rewarded with a Christmas City sweatshirt, which is the uniform to be worn while volunteering during the holiday season.

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Most small businesses have a petty cash fund for incidentals. Many families still keep that proverbial cookie jar, too, and raid it now and then for pizza or the movies. But did you know that both Lehigh and Northampton counties have similar funds?

This is a tale of two counties, and how each legislative body manages its own petty cash fund. It became a hot issue Dec. 9, when Northampton County Council met for the last time in 2010 with \$98,000 burning holes in the pockets of some council members.

In Lehigh County, this fund is called an "operations account," and is usually funded with no more than \$35,000. It exists primarily so that commissioners can hire a lawyer for serious disputes with the county executive. It's never been used.

In Northampton County, where County Council has its own lawyer, it's called a "contingency account," has often been funded with more than \$1 million and is raided all the time. It paid for \$640,000 in renovations to council chambers just two years ago. It bought \$10,000 worth of laptops for council members. Another \$10,000 went to a YMCA located in Catasauqua, outside of Northampton County.

Ann McHale, when she was president of County Council, briefly suggested using it to help Bethlehem's Christkindlmarkt, though

Council tightens its cookie jar

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Wayne Grube remembered

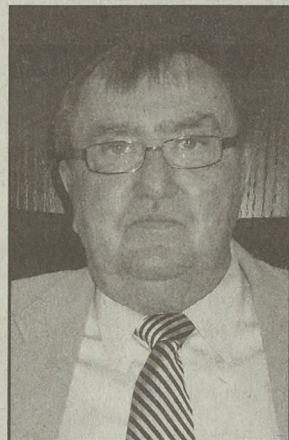
By BERNIE O'HARE
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"A good friend is hard to find, tough to lose and impossible to forget," said State Rep. Rich Grucela.

Former Northampton County Council President Wayne Grube was Grucela's colleague and friend for more than 40 years. When Grube passed on unexpectedly Nov. 11, 2008, it hit Grucela hard. Some say that had a lot to do with his decision to step down from the state house.

In February 2009, the state legislature unanimously honored Grube with a citation that Grucela proudly hung on his office wall. But now that he is retiring, he said the citation should go to Northampton County Council.

Accompanied by his wife Gina, Grucela presented the citation and



Grube

portrait Dec. 2. One of the receiving council members, Bruce Gilbert, was a captain of one of Grube's undefeated football squads from Easton HS.

For a moment, Council members forgot about party differences and laughed as they told Wayne Grube stories, remembering a fallen friend.

that's still actually in Lehigh County.

A fund established to deal with unforeseen emergencies has been increasingly used to fund other projects.

Three proposals to spend a total of \$105,000 were presented at council's final meeting of the year. Council President Ron Angle signaled a change in attitude.

"You people want to give away money we don't actually have," he warned. He argued that most of this money should be rolled right back into the general account, and expressed disdain for what he called local "earmarks."

Tom Dietrich, who happens to be a volunteer fireman and an EMT, wanted to

spend \$50,000 for five chest compression devices at Bethlehem Township's Volunteer Fire Company.

Peg Ferraro said this was "out of our realm." John Cusick added, "If we were to grant this request, it opens up the door for numerous other volunteer fire companies and ambulances to come to us and ask for funding." He also asked, "Where is Bethlehem Township on this?" Dietrich's proposal failed 6-3, with only Lamont McClure and McHale joining him.

Bruce Gilbert wanted \$50,000 for The Butterfly House, a new transitional living center in Easton for female jail inmates.

"You give them their life back," argued Gilbert, noting this would reduce recidivism and save money. But founder Anne Houston had previously stated publicly that the center would run independent of taxpayer dollars. Council voted to table this request because of Houston's remarks, zoning concerns and uncertainty about Easton's support.

McClure asked for just \$5,000 for Stephen's Place, a Bethlehem halfway house for men coming out of prison. Ferraro noted that this kind of project "has great merit, even in desperate times."

Council, including Angle, unanimously voted to support this grant.

County Council will finish 2010 with \$93,000 remaining in its cookie jar.

2011

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The preliminary budget passed unanimously.

MKSD Architects presented their latest plans for the borough hall upgrade, which will include more and separate offices, storage areas and garages. The plans also include separate public and private areas and secure doors as well as expanded police facilities. The police are to receive a secure file

room, interview room and holding cells - all of which the building currently lacks.

Open conduits will also be included in the design in consideration of future camera systems. The exact specifications and additions will not be decided until the project goes out for bid and estimates come in.

Solicitor Lawrence Fox asked MKSD Partner Kim LaBrake, "In a perfect world, what day would a spade go into the ground?"

"In a perfect world," LaBrake replied, "where the end of winter is May 15? May 16." She said most spring projects in the Lehigh Valley begin April 1. Council accepted the plans to initialize the bid process 6-0 and MKSD will return to describe its progress in January.

While those items move forward, however, the borough Parks and Recreation Committee is in complete regression. Lyn Boger, long

the champion and primary organizer of the committee said they will enter the coming year bereft of resources and many of the annual events will be canceled or altered in the name of frugality.

"Don't fall off your chairs," Boger told council, "but there will be no Halloween parade in 2011." She said she has gotten no indication of support for next year from necessary safety personnel and refuses to repeat

the debacle of this past October, which she described as "unsafe and unruly." Nobody listens to volunteers and without police and fire officers to assist in directing traffic and maintaining order and safety, the borough would be better served in taking a year to secure proper support and funding for the event, she said.

"I really can't go forward planning a Halloween parade knowing what happened this year," Boger said. "I can't

do it without some commitment from uniforms."

Lorrah appealed to her not to give up, but she was adamant it is already practically too late to start planning and the budget will not pay for officers to cover the event in any case.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at Borough Hall, 600 Monroe St.

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BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

Are 3,000 local seniors being ignored?

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

Are Bethlehem Township's 3,000 seniors being ignored? That's what Janice Whitesell thinks, and that's what she told Commissioners at their Dec. 6 meeting.

She noted that the township recently spent \$750,000 for new soccer fields while the seniors' Autumn Club gets two hours per week at the Community Center, and only during the winter.

"It seems a bit unbalanced, wouldn't you say?" she asked. She presented a petition signed by 70 elderly residents, who she called "low man on the totem pole."

"Do you have anything specific you're looking for right now?" asked President Arthur Murphy. He later told her, "You have to come and relay exactly what you're losing out on."

Actually, during their Oct. 18 meeting, Whitesell had specifically asked commissioners to establish a senior center, possibly at the Housenick estate. Commissioners were also told in a 2006 meeting that they emphasize youth and sports over

senior programs, and were asked at that time to establish a senior center. Every current commissioner, including Murphy, was on the board at that time.

Murphy told Whitesell that there are 25,000 residents in Bethlehem Township and "we try to do our best to allocate everything, but we are in a tight budget." He reminded her there will be no tax increase next year. "Everything is staying the same, and that can't be said for a lot of communities."

Commissioner Michael Hudak acknowledged there is a problem for seniors.

"Last time I was at the Community Center, it was overflowing," he remembered.

In other business, the commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution honoring George Boksan for 30 years of service in the township police department. Boksan retired in October and is currently directing campus police at his alma mater, Moravian College.

In May, Boksan was honored by the Northampton County Police Chiefs Association with its annual Nathan Ogden award.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Pictured at the grand opening of the new businesses Oct. 14 are Nick Tranguch, branch owner of Residential Home Funding Corporation; Kerianne Geist, managing director of BSI Corporate Benefits, LLC; Anthony DaRe, agency principal of BSI Corporate Benefits, LLC; Brian Fiore, marketing director of Residential Home Funding Corporation; and Kevin Wenrich, senior mortgage advisor of Residential Home Funding Corporation.

New businesses open on Main Street

Two new businesses have recently located in Main Street's Selvaggio Commons Building on the corner of Main and West Market Streets. BSI Corporate Benefits, LLC and Residential Home Funding Corporation will employ six at their new offices. BSI

agency principal Anthony DaRe said that his company acts as a broker of employee benefits for companies, school districts and governmental entities. BSI currently operates in 17 states with over 100 clients and maintains an office in Michi-

gan. DaRe graduated from Wilkes University in 2000. Nick Tranguch, branch owner of Residential Home Funding Corporation, said that his company sets itself apart from traditional mortgage lending by offering full disclosure on all fees.

Residential Home Funding sells directly to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and is backed by investors who maintain a funding pool of \$200 million. Tranguch is a 2002 graduate of Muhlenberg College. DaRe and Tranguch are cousins.

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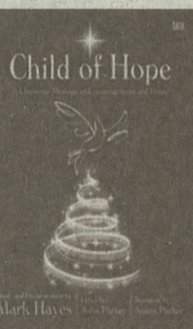
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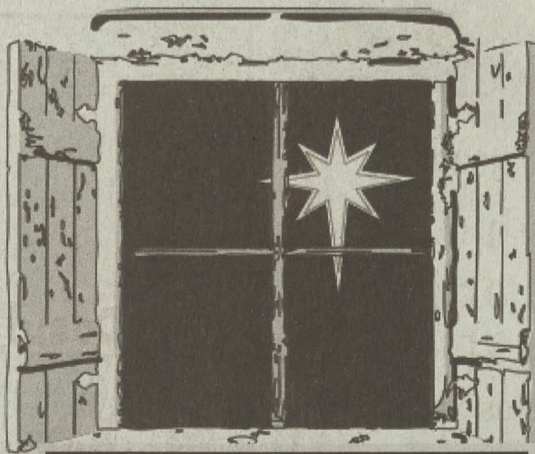
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**YWCA
Sen. Browne
named to TGIF**

The Bethlehem YWCA named State Senator Patrick Browne as the honorary chair of the Teaching Girls is Fun (TGIF) Charity Golf Classic. The date and location for the event will be announced at a later date. The annual golf outing raises funds for the YWCA's LPGA-USGA Girls Golf, Lehigh Valley and Southern Lehigh Valley programs. These projects teach girls aged 7-17 the basics and etiquette of golf. The Lehigh Valley program began in 2003 and the Southern Lehigh Valley program in 2007. Founded locally in 1927, the YWCA of Bethlehem celebrates its 83rd anniversary this year.

advice." Oneface.me includes an online pledge and informative six-minute video with Attorney General Tom Corbett; judge Kelly Banach, Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas; state trooper Paul R. Iannace, Southeast Pennsylvania Bureau of Crime Investigations computer crime unit; teacher and author John Annoni, of Camp Compass Academy; and cyber legal expert and attorney Avery Smith, a member of the Bar Association of Lehigh County. The program was funded by a \$20,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation in conjunction with the Bar Association of Lehigh County and Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. For more information, visit <http://oneface.me>. To follow on Twitter go to <http://onefacedotme>.

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Ernest F. Bleck



Karen M. Samuels
Columnist

The Bethlehem community leader, educator, councilman, and musician Ernest F. Bleck died in Bethlehem Dec. 16, 1881. He was born into a Moravian family and moved to Bethlehem when it was still a closed community. He helped to guide the transition of Bethlehem from a village to an incorporated free borough in 1845.

Ernest F. Bleck was born to Rev. Carl Gottlieb and Annia Marie (Warner) Bleck May 18, 1806, in Graceham, Md. The Moravian settlement of Grace-

ham was established in 1746. Bleck lived with his family in the parsonage, which was built in 1797 and is still standing today. His parents had arrived in the community the year he was born, from the Hebron Congregation in Pennsylvania. The family of seven moved around as their father served as pastor to several congregations.

In 1814, at age 8, Bleck had become a student at Nazareth Hall. The school, in a building also known as the Whitfield House, began as a boarding school for boys in 1759. The large stone building had served several uses for the Moravians at Nazareth since it was erected in 1755.

John G. Klemm and David Tanneberger built an organ for the Hall in 1758. In the same year Valentine Haidt painted religious scenes on the walls of the second floor. It is no wonder that Bleck received much inspiration from his education there. The Winterthur Museum holds drawings made by Bleck during his years at Nazareth Hall.

The school initially provided free education for the sons of Moravian clergy. The cost of running the school was too much for the church to bear, requiring the school closing in 1779. The school re-opened in 1785 to boys from all denominations. The list of admission requirements included, "Boys who have already been seduced into sinful practices and irregularities cannot be admitted. Instruction will be given in this school in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic; the English, German, Latin, French and Greek languages; History, Geography, Mathematics, Music and Drawing."

German was spoken on three days and English on three days. On Sundays both languages were spoken. Depending on age (range between 6-16) the cost of tuition for non-Moravians was as high as \$80 a year.

Rev. Charles F. Seidel was the principal of Nazareth Hall for most of the years that Bleck attended. Upon completing his education in 1818, Bleck stayed on to teach at the Hall and study divinity at the Theological Seminary established in the same location. He became an instructor at the Seminary from 1828 to 1831. The Theological Seminary moved to Bethlehem in 1858 and merged with the Moravian College For Women in 1954 to become Moravian College and Theological Seminary. This was the first coeducational college in the Lehigh Valley.

In 1831, Bleck served as a teacher in York, where he met his wife Christianna H. Barnitz, daughter of Judge George A. and Maria Catherine (Spangler) Barnitz. They married in 1832. Their daughter Laura was born in 1837, the same year the couple moved to Bethlehem. The Moravian educators and businessmen encouraged Bleck to open the Bethlehem Institute for Boys, also known as Bleck's Academy, in 1837. It was the first prep school in Bethlehem.

The academy began with 16 boys in the Till House at Main and Market streets. Teenage boys attended school to prepare for college or business. The curriculum included higher mathematics, Latin, Greek, French, German, surveying, double-entry bookkeeping, drafting, free-hand drawing, musical instruction, astronomy and chemistry. In 1851, Bleck sold the school to Benjamin VanKirk. Bleck also offered the lectures on these subjects for the Young Ladies Seminary and the public.

In 1851, Bleck had a lot on his mind. He had been the congregation's treasurer (1825-1831) and was well aware that Bethlehem was suffering financial problems. A flood of the Lehigh River in 1841 had damaged all the industry along its banks. Bleck was selected by the church to serve on a committee to suggest solutions to their fiscal woes. The committee proposed that Bethlehem incorporate as a borough, sell unneeded real estate, and settle their affairs with the Sustentation (the funds to support the retired ministers, and their widows and children). The liquidation of the properties would provide for these funds.

The church trustees agreed with the plan and sent Phillip H. Goepf and Ernest F. Bleck to Harrisburg, to secure the passage of the Act of Incorporation as a borough. The first Board of Trustees of the new borough elected Bleck as president (1845-49), Charles F. Beckel as secretary and Matthew Krause as treasurer. Bleck also served as burgess of the borough (1850 and 1853). All government meetings took place at the Eagle Hotel.

The Bleck family resided at 23 Market St. and, according to the 1880 census, on Moravia Avenue as well. Bleck was the organist for the Central Moravian Church and was succeeded by Theodore F. Wolle, in 1872. He was a renowned musician and music teacher, also playing the violoncello. He president of Bethlehem Philharmonic Society, involved with the Bethlehem Library Association and many other organizations.

Bleck died Dec. 16, 1881 and was buried in Nisky Hill. He was survived by his wife, Christianna, daughter, Mrs. Laura E. Claude, his two grandchildren and his sisters: Mrs. Phoebe Ann Brown and Caroline Bleck.



A Geib organ, pictured above, was played by E.F. Bleck in the Central Moravian Church.



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Jean Gresh walks up Barnsdale Road taking in the sight of all of the lit luminarias.

Luminaria cast neighborly light

By **JOAN CAMPION**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It used to be, you had to have spent some time in the American Southwest to know what Christmas luminaria are.

I qualify, having spent a year in graduate school in western Colorado. I remember how enchanting I found the rows of warm lights that lined sidewalks and driveways all around our little college town during the Nativity season. It's fitting that they have come to Bethlehem, which calls itself America's Christmas City and thus is the perfect place to showcase ways of celebrating the great festival.

Not that the luminaria are what you would call new arrivals in our city. They've been around for a while, Donna Acerra, a spokesperson for the Luminaria Night committee, reminds us. In fact, the 13th annual Luminaria Night in Bethlehem took place Dec. 11, with foul weather dates of Sunday, Dec. 12 or Saturday, Dec. 18.

The alternate dates are especially necessary because the luminaria themselves are nothing but brown paper bags with sand in the bottom and lighted candles stuck in the sand. In clear weather they cast a heartwarming glow; but with a little rain or snow they are quickly gone.



Dave Evans paces the distance between luminaries he and his wife, Patti, are placing in front of their home on Pinetop Trail.

Where could you find them? Once darkness arrived, they were easily found around Washington Avenue, Linden and Mallard streets., and adjacent neighborhoods.

"I don't think they'll ever be all over Bethlehem," Acerra said, "but more and more neighborhoods have them every year."

The event was started by

three neighbors, Acerra, Joanne Anderson and another woman who withdrew as its demands grew exponentially. Today Debbie DelGrosso is its coordinator.

It began with the original three committee members wanting to raise money to help needy families. They had the luminaria idea, publicized it, made some

luminaria kits with paper bags, candles, and sand, and sold the kits as a fundraiser. After the event the funds raised would go to a social service agency.

Today the kits sell for \$10 for the first one and \$5 for each additional one. And a great many more of them need to be made than in the early days. From a dozen or so households the event grew to involve 100, then 150, and still counting. The need for donations of bags, sand and candles also grew, as well as the need for storage and work space. (Today the geographical centerpoint is a building at the pool on Illick's Mill Road, made available by the City of Bethlehem.)

The need for volunteers also has grown, and so far seems to have been met. There are block captains and neighborhood captains. One of the founders is the chef at a Lehigh University fraternity house, and the members of that fraternity help unload the sand. All in all, it seems like a broad-based community effort.

And it continues to benefit the needy of the community. It is now a regular fundraiser of New Bethany Ministries, for which it raised \$40,000 last year.

Indeed, although luminaria may be made of humble materials, they are capable of casting a cheerful and neighborly light.

A book for 'techies' and history buffs

Ever since the end of steelmaking in Bethlehem in 1995, it has become fashionable to decry the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and question its significance. This, while the city continues to drift psychologically, even spiritually, in the wake of its loss. This raises a question: Could it be that one of the company's functions might have been to provide Bethlehem with an existential core, a center for which we have found no replacement?

This book is not a history of Bethlehem Steel; nor does it claim to assess the meaning of the firm and its achievements. But in their very brief foreword, authors Ann Bartholomew and Donald Stuart Young come breathtakingly close to that in just a few sentences. They write of the company that "... It produced armaments that saved the world from tyranny, beams that took commerce skyward, bridges that spanned some of the great waterways of North America. Its mills provided jobs to thousands."

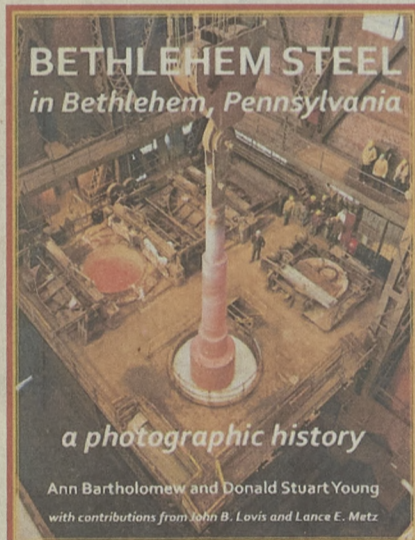
True. And not too shabby.

But, as previously noted, "Bethlehem Steel in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania" is not really about the whole of this amazing story. It is, rather, a pictorial history of the firm's home plant here in Bethlehem.

(And its authors, by the way, are singularly well qualified to produce it. Bartholomew is an award-winning writer, researcher and editor with long-time connections to Canal History and Technology Press. Young,



Joan Campion
Press columnist



Bethlehem Steel In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: a Photographic History, by Ann Bartholomew and Donald Stuart Young. Easton, Canal History and Technology Press, 2010.

historian of the steel industry and once general foreman of "Bessie's" Electric Furnace Melting Shop, is credited with knowing more about the Bethlehem plant than almost anyone else. He served as technical advisor for the project.)

As to the more than 600 photos found in the book, they go back to the company's 19th century precursor, Bethlehem Iron. Many later shots were taken by members of Bethlehem Steel's own excellent photography department, which closed in 1973. After that some of the slack was taken up by such gifted photographers as Young himself, and Dr. Joseph Elliott of Muhlenberg College.

It's a safe bet you will not have seen most of this treasure trove of pictures before.

Two enthralling stories are told in

this book. One is the straight historical narrative – the tale of how Bethlehem Steel came to be, what it accomplished and failed to accomplish, and how it met its end. The other, far less intelligible to non-techie readers like me, is the story of the technology that made it all possible. It is vital to explain this, since if the technology had not existed the characters in the book would have done very different things with their lives.

Many people who read the work will relish the technology and find reading about it a delight. I wish I were one of them – but I lack the aptitude.

But then, I found plenty of other things to like. Such as the pictures of employees recreating themselves in their Bethlehem Steel baseball or basketball uniforms; or presenting the Steel Club's annual show. And images of the beautiful structures the company helped to build: the Golden Gate and George Washington bridges and the great gates at the Bonneville Dam, to name some examples. And I loved reminiscing over the shots of giant steel moldings and castings being towed slowly through the streets of South Bethlehem on their way to distant markets. In my early days in town, I myself got to dodge a few of those.

Bethlehem Steel left an embittered city, and that is both sad and perhaps inevitable. We are, after all, still caught up in the vacuum its passing has left. But the triumphs, and the moments of justifiable pride – these should not be forgotten either, as we seek to define a new future.

(Joan Campion blogs at <http://welcometopennswoods.blogspot.com>)

Esme Molina

Bethlehem ATVS
Cosmetology/Northampton HS

Grade: 12

Family members: At home, there are four members of my family: my mother, two sisters and I.

Favorite subject: I've always loved math because it comes easy to me.

Activities: I have been involved in SkillsUSA for four years and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets for one year.

Next steps: After high school I plan on getting my cosmetology license and attending the Naval Academy.

Career goals: I plan on using cosmetology as a back-up career. I am currently applying for the U.S. Naval Academy. My long-term career goals are to join the Navy and make a very long and successful career out of it. I plan to focus on aviation, and possibly become a naval pilot.

Heroes: My Pappy is my hero because even though he doesn't show it, I know he loves me and I have a lot of respect for him.

Hobbies: I enjoy listening to music and cleaning.

Current job(s): I am a cashier at the Gulf station in Wind Gap.

Volunteer/community work: I have participated in many 5k walk/run events such as two



Autism Awareness walks, one MLD walk and one arthritis walk.

Likes: I like tacos and Spanish food. Also, I like working with the public.

Dislikes: I don't like people with nasty attitudes.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Being invited to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for a dinner honoring the CEO of Air Products

Advice for peers: Don't waste your time goofing off; use it wisely and do as much as you can before you graduate.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



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High school students attending the annual meeting of SkillsUSA and the ceremony honoring Robert Black: Jenn Doklan and Leona Deschler, Saucon Valley HS; Aaron Mohl, Easton Area HS; Charles Keenhold, Northampton Area HS; and Greg Marshall, Liberty HS.

'A leader we can follow'

SkillsUSA honors Bethlehem native Robert Black

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Robert Black received SkillsUSA's annual Leadership by Example Award Sept. 29 in a breakfast ceremony at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center. Skills USA gave Black the award to recognize his support and leadership in the vocational skills organization's program. Diane Donaher, vice president of marketing and communications for the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, introduced Black.

"Thank you for being a leader we can follow," she said to Black.

Speaking of his 20 years association with the vocational training and recognition program, Black said his company, Morris Black & Sons, has been a good fit.

"Skilled labor is truly the backbone of our business," said Black, address-



SkillsUSA honoree Robert Black and Diane Donaher of United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

ing the annual meeting of the SkillsUSA organization, which was celebrating its 25th anniversary.

"We've had great success in hiring Vo-Tech graduates over the years in wide range of positions, including welding, cabinetmaking, finish carpentry and sales.

"I am proud of the fact that this organization has not only remained relevant for such a long period of time, but has grown ... from the original small group of major Lehigh Valley employers to an impressive, widespread affiliation of companies large and small - presently numbering over 100 business members."

Local business owners and area high school students involved in the vocational skills development program attended the meeting.

"You hear so much of the negative stuff about young people," said Tim Lawrence, executive director of SkillsUSA, headquartered in Virginia. "What you hear about the Skills USA students is positive. We have a 97 percent graduation rate for students involved in our programs."

Black, a Bethlehem native, has been a member of the Board of Directors for SkillsUSA for 15 years.

Last year the Leadership by Example Award went to David M. Lobach Jr. of Embassy Bank for the Lehigh Valley.

The technical schools that participate with the SkillsUSA program include Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, Career Institute of Technology, Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Monroe Career & Technical Institute and the Upper Bucks County Technical School.

SkillsUSA's mission is to "create a world-class workforce by developing partnerships among the business community and [area] schools."

"We offer programs that make our students better prepared," Donaher said.

Sponsors of the award ceremony include: Air Products, Brown-Daub Chevrolet of Nazareth, Capital Blue Cross, Chiles & Sullivan, Inc., International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #375, King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LLC, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, Mack Trucks, Inc., Morris Black & Sons, Inc., PPS Corporation, St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network and West Side Hammer Electric.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY

Preparing for holidays

The holidays are fast approaching, and their influence is evident at Moravian Academy, where non-denominational Christmas trees stand in the lounges, friends walking to class discuss their vacation plans, and a few seniors who applied early decision are nervously awaiting college letters.



Julia Lipkis
Moravian Academy

The bitter cold outside cannot dissuade MA students from participating in school life. The entire Upper School Chorale and Bell Ringers attended the All-School Vespers service Dec. 9, for which they had practiced for months. All the rehearsing and planning worked perfectly, producing a night filled with music and meaning for students, their parents and friends.

The Snowball Winter Formal, taking place Dec. 10, required that students transform the lounges and dining hall into winter wonderlands. Delicate paper snowflakes hung from the ceiling, Christmas lights adorned the cafeteria and a frighteningly realistic

bear stood guard in front of the main office.

There have been a number of interesting assemblies in the past few months, one of which was dedicated to Operation Smile, a nonprofit organization that travels to countries around the globe, curing children and young adults of cleft lip and palate. This surgery is extremely important, as it can dramatically improve a person's daily life and overall health. Alexis Khan, a senior who traveled to Egypt with Operation Smile, shared some of her experiences over her 10-day stay.

"We would try to get up between 5 and 6:30, and then spend all day at the hospital," Alexis said, describing a typical day. Though she did not perform the actual surgeries, Alexis and the other volunteers helped prepare families for the screening process, engaged small children, and offered comfort to the patients. Everyone was dedicated to their work.

"Some didn't leave the hospital until midnight," Alex said. Operation Smile has definitely impacted Alexis's life, and she is sure that she will continue to support it and other similar organizations.

LV CHRISTIAN HS

Christmas concert Dec. 18

Girls and boys basketball teams started their seasons last week.



Molly Yandrofski
LVCHS

There are 11 girls on the team, coached by Dale Summons and assistant coach Chuck Craig. There are 19 on the boys team coached by Paul Kocher and assistant coach Kelly Reed.

There are a number of exciting holiday events coming up. Spirit Week is Dec. 16 through 23. Themes for the different dress-up days will be posted shortly by the Student Council.

Dec. 15 begins the annual Deck the Halls competition. Each class will be given a hallway of the school to decorate for the Christmas season. Students can start grading in supplies for their grade. The Cougar basketball

teams play Salem Christian Dec. 21 for homecoming day. Students will be permitted to wear jeans with red polos or cheerleading or basketball jerseys.

LVCHS's choir performed at Phillipsburg Christian Academy Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The choir will also be holding its annual Christmas concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Catsauqua on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. The concert is open to the public.

The annual Community Outreach Day was held Nov. 8, when students went all over the Valley to serve in different areas, such as Bethlehem Christian School, Lehigh Christian Academy, CareNet and the Borough of Catsauqua. Students volunteered in an array of services from packing up libraries to cleaning churches. Throughout the day, students were encouraged to remember the school's theme, "To lift up our eyes" to see people the way Christ sees them.



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Bethlehem's Live Advent Calendar

Sponsored by the Gem Shop at 518 Main St., the Dec. 11 Advent Calendar featured four Moravian College musicians from the school's Trombone Choir performing a variety of Christmas songs. Gift bags with candy and discount coupons were given to the first 100 in attendance. Three lucky recipients received a coupon for a free Star of Bethlehem necklace, according to Gem Shop owner Danielle Mulligan. Each day through Dec. 24 the front door of the Goundie House opens at 5 p.m. to reveal a holiday surprise for downtown shoppers and visitors.



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News items not in this week's print edition, www.bethlehempress-aroundtown.blogspot.com

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The Dayspring From On High

Lights are prominently used in the celebration of Christ's birth and coming into this sin-darkened world and for good reason as reflected in the following article by Irving D. Larson:

One of the figures used in the Scriptures to describe the coming of Christ into the world was used by Zacharias in Luke 1:76-79, "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the **DAYSPRING** from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The figure used is that of the rising sun. The word "dayspring" means "dawn" or "the beginning of day." It also means "the first appearance of the light" and is sometimes translated by the word "East." It is the same word used by the wise men when they said, "We have seen his star in the east," or "in the dayspring."

The blessedness of the coming of Christ into the world is frequently set forth in the Bible under the idea of the rising sun, or a light in the world. In Numbers He is the "Star of Jacob." Isaiah states that the people that have walked in darkness have seen a great light. Malachi prophesies that the Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings. In John's gospel He is the "True light," and Peter refers to Him as "the Day Star rising in our hearts." Jesus Christ referred to Himself as, "the Light of the world." The book of Revelation caps it all off by referring to Christ as "the bright and morning star" and also as "the light of the new Jerusalem."

At this Christmas season, let us think of the supreme joy and happiness that is made possible for all people because "the Dayspring from on high hath visited us!"

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