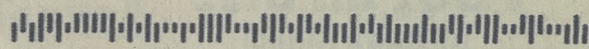




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**CITY**

## Brew rejects historic district

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

After a contentious hearing in August, Bethlehem's Zoning Hearing Board gave John Brew a green light to move his financial planning operations to The Bethlehem Inn, a historic district bed and breakfast located at 476 North New St.

This decision was appealed by eight residents, led by attorney Tim Stevens, who lives in the historic district. Rather than fight his neighbors, Brew has chosen to move.

Solicitor Mickey Thompson, in a report to zoners during their Dec. 19 meeting, advised that Brew has decided to move into West Bethlehem, which will likely end the litigation.

Thompson also updated zoners on the status of the Elias Farmer's Market expansion, which was first approved in 2009. It's currently under appeal in Commonwealth Court, with a tentative argument date set in March.

"We got out of Iraq during all this time. We had the leak in the Gulf and it was capped," lamented zoner Bill Fitzpatrick. In other business, zoners granted three appeals.

Brad Stine, represented by Jim Preston, was granted a use variance for a single-family home at 1456 Philip St. despite being located in a "steep slope" area.

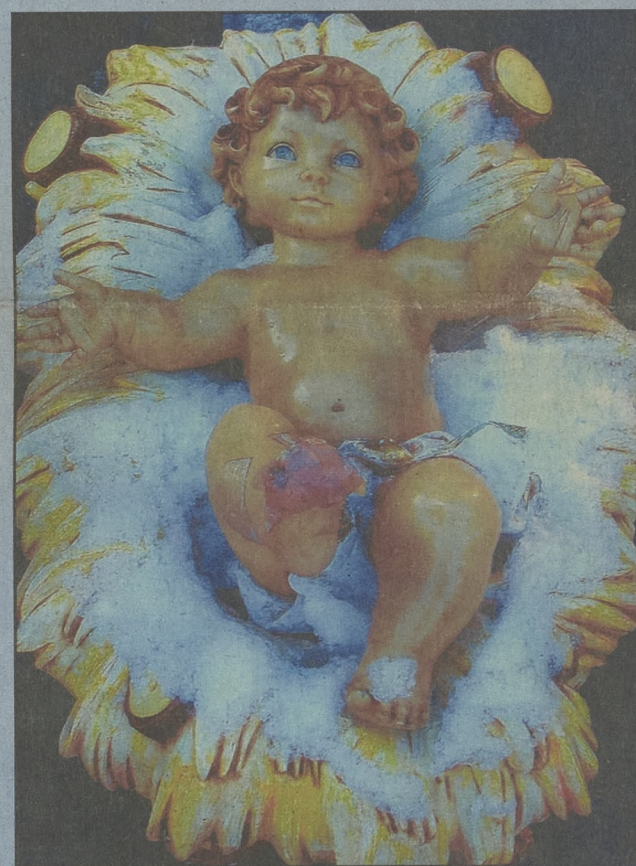
Stine, who purchased the property in 2007, told zoners the home he plans to build is no different than other homes built in that area by Habitat for

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PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ANTHONY

Beau Philips reaches in amazement for an ornament on the Christmas tree of Carl and Elizabeth Souders of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. Philips was visiting his great aunt and uncle with his parents Christopher and Stacey and his older brothers Cade and Gavin.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Lying in a snowy manger, a lifelike blue-eyed Christ child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, holds his arms open as if to welcome the world on Christmas morning at the Christmas City nativity display on City Center Payrow Plaza.

## Holiday wonders



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Moravian College 2008 graduate Katie Pulizzano and her mother Deb Pulizzano team up on a gingerbread house at the Christmas season event sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Home Club of the Alumni Association.

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP**

## Holiday present: No 2013 tax hike

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

Bethlehem Township residents will see no tax hike next year, thanks to a 2013 budget approved by commissioners at their Dec. 17 meeting. At \$16.2 million, the budget retains a 5.99 millage rate, which means a home assessed at \$75,000 will be taxed \$449.25. Michael Hudak is the sole commissioner who voted no. He declined to explain his opposition. The budget includes two new patrolmen and a captain in the police department, and Hudak has historically opposed increased spending there. In other business, commissioners approved what amounts to a 2.5 percent fee increase to its engineering firm, the Pidcock Company. Martin Zawarski is the sole commissioner who opposed the increase. Two weeks before, he had complained about a fee increase in a bad economy, but Commissioner Tom Nolan argued that Pidcock's fee requests are in line with charges by other engineering firms.

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## Freshpet, 100 jobs coming to township

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

Your pooch or kitty will be living the dream come next July. Freshpet, which cooks high-quality, non-processed food for dogs and cats, is coming to Hanover Township. Best of all, it's bringing 100 jobs.

Freshpet President Richard Thompson, standing alongside cardboard cutouts of a dog and cat, presented plans for a new facility at 176 N. Commerce Way, located in Lehigh Valley Industrial Park, to supervisors Dec. 18. An existing 60,000 square foot building will be expanded to 80,000 square feet with a \$25 million investment and will be fully operational by next July.

Thompson's company is the originator of Meow Mix, which he calls "McDonald's for cats."

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP**



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Freshpet President Richard Thompson, left, presents Fido to Township Manager Jay Finnigan.

But he sold that brand to invest in better, healthier products that use no preservatives and must be refrigerated. His business currently has \$60 million in annual sales to 9,000 stores nationwide, including Giant, WalMart and Weiss. Wegmans will start selling his beef, bison, lamb and chicken products in January. With his expansion, Thompson estimates annual sales of \$250 million.

"We're thrilled to be here," Thompson said, even though his company was offered no KOZ, NIZ, TIF or LERTA incentives.

Before leaving, Thompson made a gift of his dog and cat cardboard cutouts.

"You are a savior!" exclaimed Township Manager Jay Finnigan. "My wife wanted a dog for Christmas!"

What will you look forward to most in the New Year?



"Graduation in May. I'm a graduate student."  
**Amanda Pope**  
Dover, Del.



"Retirement from the condo board."  
**Harron Rudisill**  
Charlotte, N.C.



"Getting healthier."  
**Dawne Seifert**  
Bethlehem



"Positive change."  
**Debi Wilson**  
Easton



"I think a new grandchild and more time with my family."  
**Pete Schessler**  
Erie



"A new job which I just got. I was out of work two and one-half years. I'm very fortunate."  
**John Cope**  
Bethlehem

HEALTH NOTES

Lvh-M gets 'A'

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg was awarded an "A" Hospital Safety Score in the latest update by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits. The HSS uses 26 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from infections, injuries, and medical and medication errors. Data from LVH-M and other hospitals is available at [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org).

St. Luke's honors medical students

Sixty medical students were honored at a holiday reception Dec. 7 at Saucon Valley Country Club. The event was hosted by St. Luke's University Health Network President and CEO Richard A. Anderson and Chief Academic Officer Joel C. Rosenfeld MD. Guests included St. Luke's administrators, trustees, donors and members of the medical staff.

Local students include Anshul Agarwala and Victoria Gilbert, both of Bethlehem, Class of 2015; and Earl Pape and Eric Pletcher, both of Bethlehem, and Michael Scholl of Hellertown, all of the Class of 2016.

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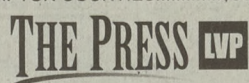
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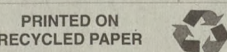
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Gift helps with horses' care



Gloria Miller grew up with horses locally, and used to ride along with her stepfather as he tilled their fields and he patrolled woodlands for the Trumbower Co. in Nazareth. The three equines-in-blue live free of rent at the historic Burnside Plantation, but are still expensive to feed and maintain. Said Miller, "I intend to keep giving."



Bethlehem Mounted police Officer Tim Brooks gratefully hands a special gift to Country Meadows resident Gloria Miller Sept. 21 in recognition of her recent \$3,000 donation to help care for the department's three horses. Dozens of Miller's neighbors were present and talked to Brooks regarding the ways the Mounted Unit helps the city.



Miller displays her personalized plaque, which comes with thanks from horses Raven, George and Pharaoh. Miller said she has a love for animals and, "When I saw these guys needed money ... what better way to spend it?"

GIFT

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Commissioners also said good-bye to Judy Todaro, who has been employed

by the township for the past 25 years. "No two days are the same," she said, explaining why she liked working for the township. As executive assistant to the township

manager, she took the minutes at every meeting. She's looking forward to being a full-time grandmother, but tears were in her eyes as she left her final meeting.

Township commissioners will meet again Jan. 7, 7 p.m., at the municipal building located at 4225 Easton Ave.

CITY

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Humanity.

"We're not doing anything out of the ordinary," he testified. But Juan Hernandez, represented by attorney Frank Trovato, disagreed. The retired steelworker told zoners he has lived in that area for 55 years, and is affected by the storm water runoff. "South Mountain is getting savaged lately," he complained. Preston

told zoners that, without some minimal zoning relief, there would be an "absolute impossibility" to develop the small, 4,008 square-foot, tract. Zoners unanimously approved Stine's appeal, and repeated that approval in a second "steep slope" case at East Ninth and Shields streets. Patrick J. Ruggiero, an architecture student, described plans for a 1,700-square-foot home on a 11,900-square-foot tract next to Shields

Street, with a commanding view of the Southside. He intends to live there. Attorney Jim Holzinger, representing Ruggiero, pointed out that the Southside is full of undersized lots. "If you don't grant variances, they end up being sterilized," he argued. After granted the appeal unanimously, ZHB member Linda Shay Gardner asked, "Can we come to the July 4 party to look at the fireworks?" In their final matter, zoners unan-

imously granted a parking variance for a hair salon at 1461 Steffko Boulevard, allowing five instead of six off-street parking places. Budd Kristofik, who has a business next door, complained that customers would park on his property. But Realtor Lucy Lennon, representing the owner, offered to put up signs. "I wouldn't do anything to hurt any neighborhood ever, especially in a merchant community," she testified.

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Thursday, January 3

**Muslims and Christians United** potluck supper and program, "The Myths and Realities of Jihad", 6:30 p.m. Wesley Church, 2540 Center St. <http://muslimschristiansunited.blogspot.com>; 610-866-1734.

**Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club**, "My American Freedom via Amateur Radio," 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org) or email KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.

Friday, January 4

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

Monday, January 7

**First Presbyterian Church** Hi Neighbors, 10 a.m. 2344 Center St.

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

Tuesday, January 8

**Civil War Roundtable**, 6:30 p.m. dinner (reservations required); 7:30 p.m. (No reservation needed) Dick Jacoby: In Their Own Words: Civil War letters. Days Inn, 3400 Airport Road, Allentown. Call 610-867-5178, 215-234-4484 or 610-882-9228 or email [jmw@ptd.net](mailto:jmw@ptd.net), [cdetweiler01@comcast.net](mailto:cdetweiler01@comcast.net), or [eoechsle@ptd.net](mailto:eoechsle@ptd.net).

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MEETING BOARD

Thursday, January 3

**Northampton Co. Council** meeting, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.

**Freemansburg Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.

Monday, January 7

**BASD facilities and curriculum** committees, 6 p.m., education center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.

**Bethlehem Twp. Board of Commissioners**, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Fountain Hill Council**, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

**Hellertown Borough Council**, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

Tuesday, January 8

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

**Hellertown Borough Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

**Bethlehem Twp. Parks and Recreation**, 6 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Thursday, January 9

**Bethlehem Township Zoning**, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Fountain Hill Council** planning session, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

**Saucon Valley School Board**, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road

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

Free speech rally



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Nearly one hundred concerned residents gathered to call for continued equality and the right to demonstrate in public areas near ArtsQuest SteelStacks Nov. 20. Protesting an agreement between the city and Sands Casino to disallow public speech that might be construed as biased

against the casino in that location on Founders Way, speakers and citizens decried the irony of such an action in a place where the fight for employees' rights was once won at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Traffic light patterns questioned

By MARK RECCEK  
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HELLERTOWN

Hellertown resident Jan Doddy is not happy with the traffic light patterns at the intersections at Main and Walnut and Main and High streets.

Doddy approached council Dec. 3 and requested council alter the timing patterns.

He said there are mornings he sits at the intersection for 60 to 70 seconds before the light changes.

"It seems to take forever," he said. "It's a waste of gas and time."

Borough Manager Cathy Kichline told Doddy and the council she contacted Single Services, the company responsible for the borough traffic lights. She reported the light at High Street failed the vehi-

cle loop. Single Services is scheduled to repair it, she said.

The light pattern at Walnut Street, Kichline pointed out, is part of the synchronization of the Main Street thoroughfare. A timing change request would have to be submitted to PennDot for Walnut Street, she explained.

"I don't think we'll be able to do anything new until the 412 construction project," commented Councilman Michael McKenna.

Council Vice President John Bate said he understands Doddy's frustration with the slow moving light patterns.

"It's causing a lot of people to run the red

light," Bate said. "Half the cars just go through. Very few wait."

Borough police Chief Robert Shupp indicated the light at the intersection was previously flashing from midnight until 6 a.m.

Bate made a motion and council unanimously approved the borough investigate if a timing pattern change is possible.

Also during the meeting, Ryshard Grzanka, of Hellertown, asked council to waive a recreation fee for a home he purchased on Main Street.

Grzanka argued the \$1,000 fee should be waived because he purchased a formerly dilapi-

dated home that he is currently rehabilitating into office space and apartments.

Borough Solicitor Michael Corriere informed members of council the borough has traditionally not waived the recreation fee.

Bate made a motion and council unanimously denied Grzanka's request.

"It's something that we've never done historically," said Council President Philip Webber. "Once you do it for one, you have to abandon the ordinance."

In other business, council voted to eliminate the contribution to the police pension fund and approve borrowing funds for the purchase of a sanitation truck.

PEOPLE

Smith 2012 Dream Maker

Scott Smith, an employee of Applebee's Bethlehem, has received the 2012 Dream Maker award from Dream Come True. The foundation, which benefits seriously, chronically and terminally ill children in the Lehigh Valley, presented him with the award for his dedication to children and for going above and beyond to assist Dream Come True in fulfilling their mission.

He has been a co-coordinator with Dream Come True for three years.

Safi MACS scholarship winner

Travis Safi of Bethlehem has been selected to receive a 2012 Mobile Air Conditioning Society (MACS) scholarship to support his studies in the Automotive Technology Program at Northampton Community College. MACS is the leading non-profit trade association for the mobile air conditioning, heating and engine cooling system segment of the automotive aftermarket.

Safi is enrolled in the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program. He will complete three internships at new car dealerships and/or service centers under the direction of a master technician, one of which will be at Scott Chevrolet, Allentown.



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Exchange Club's Students of the month



The Fountain Hill Exchange Club honored

students from Bethlehem Catholic HS at its

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
November meeting. Tyler Amey, Rachel

Mulicka and Justin Santanasto were selected by Becahi staff as the Exchange Club's Students of the Month. The students, along with their parents, were invited to a dinner for their accomplishments, each were presented a certificate of merit and a gift.

**ABOVE:** Justin Santanasto has applied to Fordham & St. John's University with a major in accounting and Rachel Mulicka is not sure where she will attend, but will major in veterinary medicine. Tyler Amey has been accepted to join the Marine Corps.

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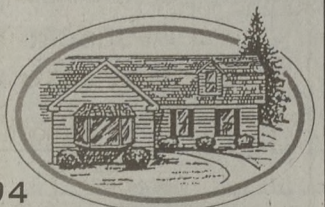
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**BRIEFLY**

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**Hours to change as of Jan. 2**

Beginning Jan. 2, the Bethlehem Area Public Library is trimming hours and reducing staff costs due to budget constraints. The library will assume an additional \$230,000 in expenses for 2013 due to the loss of subsidies by the City of Bethlehem.

The main library, 11 W. Church St., will be open weekly from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Southside Branch, 400 Webster St., which closes on Jan. 2 for renovations, will open at noon each day after the branch reopens March 2. The new bookmobile schedule begins Jan. 22. Information is available by visiting [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org).

**RADIO CLUB**

**Cuban escapee to speak Jan. 3**

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 at the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road.

The program is "My American Freedom Via Amateur Radio" by AC7HU. The speaker is a local man who escaped from Cuba on a raft a few years ago. Because of ham radio operators, he was literally able to survive until he established himself as a productive citizen.

The free meeting is open to the public. For information, visit [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org) or email [KE3AW@ARRL.net](mailto:KE3AW@ARRL.net) or call 610-432-8286.

**PENN STATE**

**SAT review course Jan. 12**

Penn State Lehigh Valley will offer an SAT review course that can help prepare test takers for the SAT exam Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 12-March 2, at the Center Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley.

The course offers strategies for the verbal, critical reading and writing, and math portions of the exam.

Participants can develop effective critical reading and writing strategies, review essential mathematical skills and concepts, discover proven test-taking techniques, and gain instructional help and feedback with the concepts covered.

The fee will cover the cost of materials.

For more information, or to register, contact Diane McAloon at 610-285-5066 or email [dmcaalon@psu.edu](mailto:dmcaalon@psu.edu) or go to [lv.psu.edu](http://lv.psu.edu).

**RED CROSS**

**National Blood Donor Month**

January is National Blood Donor Month. The American Red Cross recognizes the importance of regular blood and platelet donations.

January is when blood and platelet donations may drop as people are unable to make or keep donation appointments because of inclement weather and seasonal colds and flu. At the same time, the need for blood remains constant, so it is important for all eligible donors to give blood. The Red Cross encourages all donors to make a New Year's resolution to give blood regularly to help ensure a stable supply.

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**LV Cancer Support volunteers honored**

By ANDREW CASS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley honored some of its most dedicated volunteers at a luncheon and award ceremony in the event center at Blue Grillhouse earlier this fall.

Three awards were given out to six people and organizations who have worked with the Cancer Support Community over the past several years.

Heman Patel of East Penn Business Machines Inc. and Rob Vaughn of 69 News were honored with the distinguished service award.

"Heman Patel is so talented and multifaceted that we're never sure which one of his guises we're going to get," said volunteer coordinator Rebecca Morgan.

Patel has volunteered as a photographer for Wings of Hope, a butterfly release ceremony, and also serves as the printer for the organization.

"They do great work here and I just wanted to be a small part of that and fortunately I got an opportunity to help," Patel said.

Vaughn has emceed the Wings of Hope ceremony for each of the past five years.

"A lot of people say when we do the news each night we only emphasize the bad news, but there's also a lot of good we try to emphasize," Vaughn said. "We try to get there each



PRESS PHOTOS BY ANDREW CASS

Heman Patel of East Penn Business Machines Inc. receives the distinguished service award from Cancer Support Society Volunteer Director Rebecca Morgan.



69 News Anchor Rob Vaughn receives the distinguished service award for his work as the emcee of Wings of Hope butterfly release ceremony.

year for the butterflies and other good things and hopefully you see those things too, because there is a lot of good to highlight in the Lehigh Valley and the Cancer Support Community is a big one."

Heather Rodale and the Women's 5K Class were given the distinguished philanthropy award.

Rodale has been a member of the board of directors at Cancer Support Community since 2007 and chairs the nominating committee.

"Personally I don't know what I would do without Heather's help to guide us," board president Judy Savchak said.

Over the past eight years, The Women's 5K

has donated more than \$100,000 to the Cancer Support Community for support groups, educational classes and stress reduction workshops.

HighMark Blue Shield received the distinguished community partner award for sponsorship of the HighMark Walk for a Healthy Community.

Sue Manela, who is a professional assistant and adjunct professor of medical information courses at Northampton Community College, also received the distinguished community partner award. With the help of her students, Manela worked to make clinical information more easily understandable for participants in the Cancer Support Community. Manela also serves as a committee member for Wings of Hope.

"When I originally got involved in the Cancer Support Community it was through an ad I saw in the paper asking to be in angel and really everyone I've been associated with at this organization truly are angels," Manela said.

The Cancer Support Community also held a raffle that included a gift certificate to Emeril's Chop Shop, a gift certificate to Blue Grillhouse, tickets to the Chris Botti concert at the Sands Casino, handcrafted jewelry by designer Illene Wood, and a four-day, three-night stay at the Luxury Yacht Club Villa Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**BASD flu clinic**



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Bethlehem Area School District conducted its final flu vaccination clinic recently in time for the holiday season. Free influenza inoculations and FluMist nasal-spray were given to students and their families at Liberty HS. ABOVE: Kathy Miller and her son Kyle, from Governor Wolfe ES, received nasal-spray vaccinations from Freedom HS nurse Sue Dalton. Liberty HS nurse Cathy Halkins, who was coordinating the free flu clinic, reported a healthy turnout of 125 individuals which nearly exhausted the BASD influenza protection supplies. She said the Bethlehem Health Bureau offers flu vaccinations for a modest \$10 fee and can be contacted at 610-865-7087 for availability. State health officials have reported an early and widespread outbreak of flu activity in Pennsylvania and are urging residents to seek protection from the influenza virus.

**HELLERTOWN**

**2013 budget requires cuts**

By MARK RECCEK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hellertown Borough Council approved the 2013 budget during its Dec. 3 meeting. The budget will see taxes raised by 1 mill to 20.25 mills.

The tax increase would generate approximately \$129,000 in revenue. For borough property owners, the tax hike means property assessed at \$50,000 will see an increase of \$50.

The budget will also cut one police officer, one public works employee through attrition and one administrative personnel position that will be reduced to part-time. Cut-

ting one police officer will bring the borough's police force total to 11 full-time officers, in addition to the police chief. The borough also has three part-time officers on its payroll.

Borough Manager Cathy Kichline told The Press the difference between the 2012 and 2013 budget equates to an increase in expenses of \$205,732, even with budget and personnel reductions, while anticipated revenue for next year only increased by \$145,533.

Anticipated revenue for 2013 is \$3,746,187 and expenses are estimated at \$3,805,641.

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Angel is looking for a new home for her golden years. She recently had surgery to remove ear polyps and is doing well. She is just gorgeous and looking for a home.



Ruby Tuesday likes to ride in the car and be petted. She is dominant with other dogs — so should be the only pet in the home. She appears to be housebroken and is spayed.



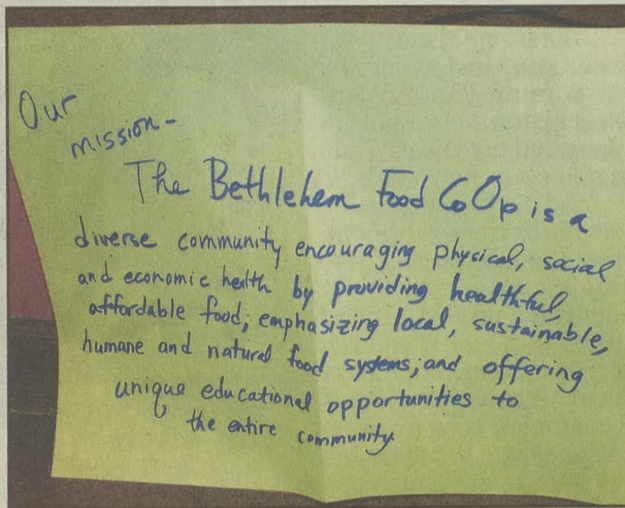
Celebrating the Co-Op's first anniversary with a birthday cake are Colleen Marsh, steering committee co-chair; Matthew Sarro, a member of the steering committee; and Will Brewer, who serves on the communications committee.

## Food co-op marks anniversary

By **DANA GRUBB**  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Food Co-Op members and supporters gathered Nov. 15 to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the organization's inception. With their invitation to the Bethlehem area community at large, the group wanted to say "thank you" to many community partners who have given support as the co-op nears its formal incorporation as a nonprofit, according to steering committee co-chair Colleen Marsh.

More than 50 people attended and received



A reminder of the Bethlehem Food Co-Op's mission is posted for all to see.

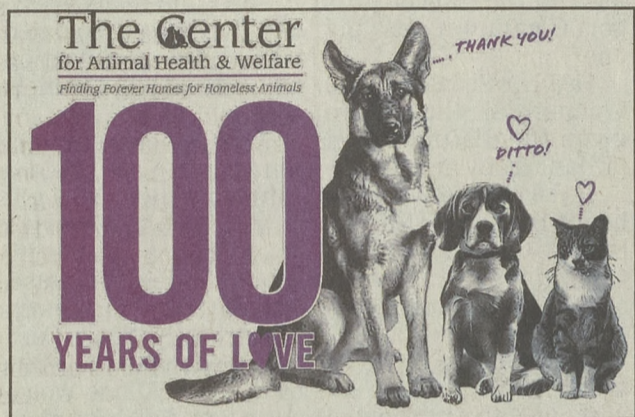
updates from Marsh and co-chair Cathy Frankenberg as the fledgling organization works to "bring fresh healthy and locally-sourced groceries to downtown Bethlehem."

A potluck covered dish dinner followed, featuring an abundance of specialties that were contributed by participants.

Incorporation papers and bylaws have been drafted, according to Marsh, who said that she anticipates incorporation to take place in early 2013, which will be followed by a membership drive and fundraising efforts. The group has targeted Earth Day in April 2014 to have the Bethlehem Food Co-Op up and running.

Additional information is available on the Co-Op web page at [www.bethlehemfood.coop](http://www.bethlehemfood.coop) or by emailing [info@bethlehemfood.coop](mailto:info@bethlehemfood.coop).

**LEFT:** A potluck dinner was held as part of the one-year anniversary celebration. A variety of vegan, gluten free and less traditional dishes and desserts were offered. Working their way along the buffet setting are Daniel Richardson, Anne Connors and Scott Fox.



## Animal center opens year of celebration

Celebrate 100 years of service to the Lehigh Valley by looking back at memorabilia, photos and the history of The Center for Animal Health and Welfare (former Northampton Co. SPCA) Jan. 5 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Connexions Gallery, 213 Northampton St., Easton.

"This is a three-fold event," says center director Wendy Benedict. "See our history, the 'Boxes exhibit' and learn about how we are helping to solve the problem of feral and unwanted pets in the lower income sections of Easton."

The center is the recipient of a \$97,310 grant for a two-year period from Pet Smart Charities for 700 pet cats and 575 pet dogs belonging to households with low income in the West Ward and South Side areas of Easton.

"Statistics have shown that 90 percent of the pets in low-income households are unaltered that is why we are focusing this grant on these neighborhoods," Benedict explains.

The exhibit is the first of many events that celebrate the center's century of serving our community. The exhibit will be up until Jan. 11. Admission is free.

### VOLUNTEERS

**LEHIGH VALLEY SCORE**, Bethlehem, seeks experienced business professionals to offer in-person and online counseling and advice to start ups and in-business owners of small businesses and non-profit organizations. Contact Mitzi Colella, 610-266-3000, [mcolella@lvscore.org](mailto:mcolella@lvscore.org).

**SHARE CARE FAITH IN ACTION**, Bethlehem, needs volunteers to assist clients in Lehigh and Northampton counties. Contact Lynn Marie Heiney, 610-867-2177, [ShareCare8@aol.com](mailto:ShareCare8@aol.com).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY**, Allentown, needs volunteers to work in its ReStore, located on Grape Street, Whitehall, scheduled to open soon. Contact Janet Kolepp, 610-776-7737, [janet@habitatlehighvalley.org](mailto:janet@habitatlehighvalley.org).

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

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#### Holding On

On a commuter flight, Henry Dempsey, the pilot, heard an unusual noise near the rear of the small aircraft. He turned the controls over to his co-pilot and went back to check it out. As he reached the tail section, the plane hit an air pocket, and Dempsey was tossed against the rear door. The door, which had not been properly latched, flew open and he was instantly sucked out of the jet! The co-pilot radioed the nearest airport requesting permission to make an emergency landing. He reported that the pilot had fallen out of the plane and requested a helicopter search of the area of the ocean.

After the plane landed, they found Dempsey—**holding onto the outdoor ladder of the aircraft!** Somehow he had caught the ladder and held on for ten minutes as the plane flew 200 MPH at an altitude of 4,000 feet! It took airport personnel several minutes to pry his fingers from the ladder.

Things in life may be turbulent, and you may not feel like holding on. But have you considered the alternative? Jesus said, "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Scriptures urge: "cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23); "be ye stedfast, unmoveable" (1 Corinthians 15:58); "stand fast in the faith" (1 Corinthians 16:13, Philippians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 3:8); "continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Colossians 1:23); "stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught" (2 Thessalonians 2:15); "Holding fast the faithful word" (Titus 1:9, 1 Timothy 1:13); "hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end" (Hebrews 3:14); "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23). Jesus said, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11).

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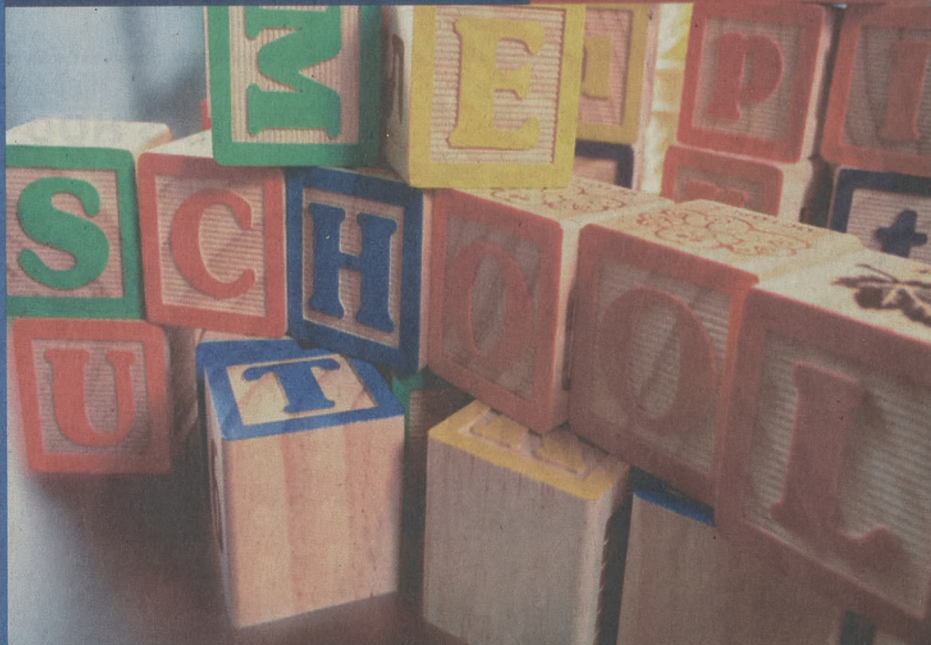
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### BRIEFLY

#### SOUTHSIDE Library needs book movers

The doors of the Southside branch of the Bethlehem Area Public Library will close Jan. 2 to prepare for privately-funded renovations to the cherished landmark that serves as the social, cultural and educational center for the Southside community.

Library services have changed significantly since the Southside branch, 400 Webster Street, was built in 1929, but the interior features most of the original shelving and furniture, even as technology and the collection have changed.

Volunteers will be needed to relocate the entire contents of the main floor to the basement. Assistant Library Director Diane Davis is hoping to enlist enough volunteers to form a human chain in order to pass boxes of books from one floor to the other.

Phone 610-867-3761 x212 to volunteer.

Follow progress on the Library's blog at [www.bapl.or](http://www.bapl.or)

For questions about the collection and services, phone the Branch at 610-867-7852.

# Holiday Wrestling

## HOLIDAY CLASSIC Seminary takes title

By MIKE HAINES  
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It wasn't long ago that most of the best teams in Bethlehem's Holiday Wrestling Classic came from District 11.

That time has passed.

This year's Classic saw District 2's Wyoming Seminary cruise to the team title while the highest-finishing District 11 team was the Colonial League's Saucon Valley in seventh place.

Freedom finished higher than any other Lehigh Valley big school team, taking 10th place. Liberty was a few places behind in 12th.

The Hurricanes had the top finisher among the two Bethlehem high schools.

Liberty senior Grimaldi Gonzalez took second place at 126, falling to Wyoming Valley West's Kyle Krasavage by an 8-3 decision.

"I wish I would have wrestled my match," said Gonzalez. "I didn't go on offense as much. I didn't work my stuff."

Gonzalez, who came into the title bout at 13-0 this season and 84-20 in his career, has taken second place in the Classic in each of his last three years. He has competed in the tournament all four years of high school.

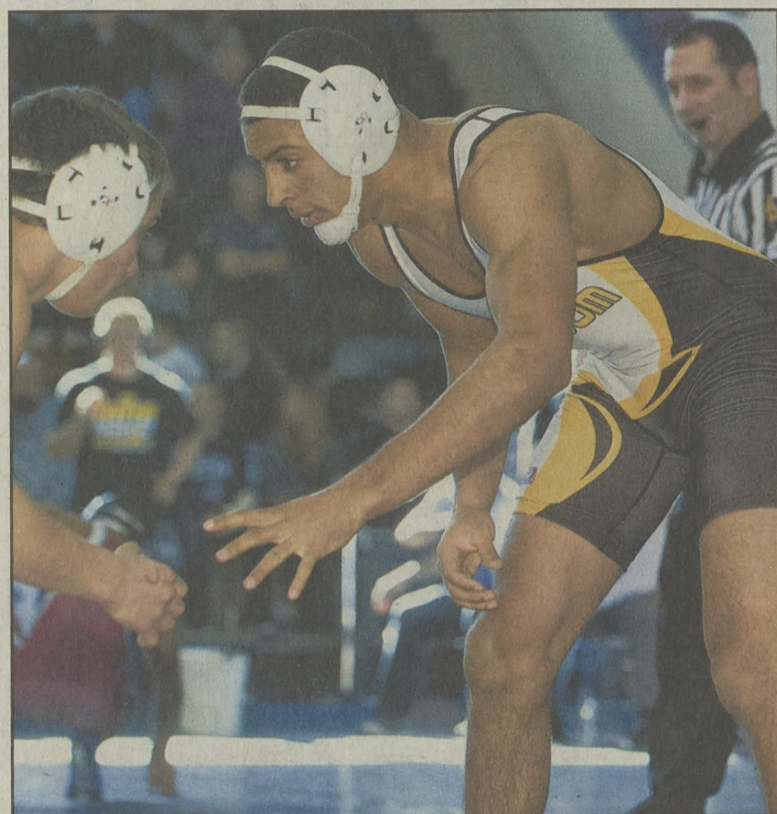
He looks forward to getting another shot at Krasavage in the postseason. Grimaldi is a defending district and regional champion who took third place at states last year. Krasavage, a sophomore, was third in last year's regional tournament.

Eight other Bethlehem area wrestlers earned spots on the medal stand Saturday afternoon.

Freedom, which placed 10th as a team with 103 points, had four top-five finishers and a pair of seventh-place grapplers.

The Patriots' Evan Kauffman (220) earned his medal by beating Liberty's Jake Gunning in the

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BOB FORD

Above, Grimaldi Gonzalez of Liberty took second over the weekend and was the Hurricane's top finisher. Left, Freedom's Josh Young took fourth at 170 for Freedom.

### CHRISTMAS CITY

## Bethlehem Catholic runs away with Christmas title

By PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic may have a lineup full of new wrestlers, but the Hawks haven't changed much from a year ago, at least when it comes to the Tony Iasiello Christmas City Tournament.

Becahi ran away with the team title for a second consecutive year, walloping the competition with 310.5 team points, while sending 12 wrestlers into the finals and crowning eight

champions.

Freshmen Luke and Cole Karam led the charge by earning their first Christmas City titles at 106 and 113 respectively until senior Darian Cruz (120) scored a 21-6 technical fall in 4:42 over Schuylkill Valley's Joshua Giorgio to win his fourth Christmas City title.

For Cruz, winning the tournament all four years was a memorable feat.

"There's a lot of things this

season that I think about and understand that this is really it," said Cruz. "These are my last tournaments, my last dual meets against teams and I'm just trying to make the most out of every opportunity."

It was also a chance for the entire team to hit the reset button after a difficult showing at the Beast of the East competition before Christmas, where Becahi finished 11th overall with no champions.

"We really needed a fresh start and this tournament gave us a great opportunity at that going into the new year," Cruz said. "It's good to come home during the holidays and just refocus."

Jose Ortiz (182) also brought home a title with a 3-2 ultimate tie breaker victory over First Colonial's Ryland O'Brien. Ortiz scored the only takedown of the match in the first period,

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### SWIMMING

## Hurricanes stay unbeaten

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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The Liberty Hurricanes remain undefeated after the boys swim team defeated Dieruff, 75-26, and the girls swim team also defeated the Huskies, 73-25.

The Hurricane boys won all events except for the 400 free relay.

Individual event winners for Liberty were Alex Fitch in the 200 free in 2:07.52, Brice Kessler in the 200 IM in 2:33.34, and John Buttillo in the 50 free in 26.50.

Bryan Rivera won the diving event with 157.5 points.

Evan Smith took first place in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.63, Jacob Jones won the 100 free in 54.50, and Fitch placed first in the 500 free in 5:41.12.

Alexis Calderon won the 100 backstroke in 1:07.05, and Stephen Wissner was first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:18.66.

Calderon, Jones, Alex Ramos, and Buttillo combined to win the 200 medley relay in 2:01.14, and Eric Ageny, Javier Baud-

eras, Ramos, and Evan Smith swam to a first place finish in the 200 free relay in 1:45.81.

Like the boys, the Hurricane girls also won all events except for the 400 free relay.

Individual event winners for Liberty were Jessie Bassett in the 200 free in 2:19.38, Grace Walters in the 200 IM in 2:30.93, and Jocelyn Baker in the 50 free in 27.15.

Kim Fetter won the diving event with 175.5 points.

Kayla Drago took first place in the 100 butterfly in 1:03.48, Chloe Kobis won the 100 free in 1:00.18, and Baker placed first in the 500 free in 5:47.03.

Shannon Hogan won the 100 backstroke in 1:10.65, and Kobis was first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.12.

Lydia Csatari, Kobis, Walters, and Mary Kate Sheplock combined to win the 200 medley relay in 2:09.71, and Amber Hennessey, Bassett, Katie Hrubark, and Sheplock swam to a first place finish in the 200 free relay in 2:08.87.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Liberty's Kali Shumock, left, and Freedom's Ashley Gordon battle for the ball during last week's showdown. The Hurricanes won 46-40.

### GIRLS HOOPS

## Canes get by Freedom

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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In the first of two meetings between archrivals Liberty and Freedom, it was the Lady Hurricanes who came out on top, 46-40, on Dec. 21, right before the Christmas break.

Relatively even after the first quarter, the Patriots picked up on defense, holding the Hurricanes to just two points in the second quarter.

Freedom guard, Kelly Rosete, said, "Our man defense kept us in the

game. [At halftime], we went over how to get open and how to get our plays in."

The problem for the Patriots was that the Hurricanes were defending just as hard.

Liberty guard, Kali Shumock, said, "It's a big rivalry game, so we [had] to come out strong, with more intensity, and with solid defense."

In the second half, the Patriots were outscored by eight points.

"In the end, we had trouble just trying to start

the play, and we had too many turnovers," said Rosete.

Shumock led the Hurricanes with 16 points, and Ashley Gordon was the top scorer for the Patriots with 10 points.

Also before the Christmas break, Bethlehem Catholic remained undefeated with a 58-30 victory over Easton.

Danielle Griffin was the top scorer for the Hawks with 16 points, leading the team with five blocked shots.

### BOYS HOOPS

## Hawks capture tourney title

By PETER CAR  
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At this point last season, Bethlehem Catholic was struggling to find wins on the basketball court. As they entered the York Catholic tournament a year ago at 0-5, they finally found some salvation with their first victory of the season during their Christmas break.

A year later, the Hawks return home with a tournament championship as they knocked off York Catholic 68-38 in last Friday's championship game.

Matt Husek led Becahi (4-4) with 17 points, while Justin Lenzer added 14, including four 3-pointers, to get the Hawks to .500 as they enter this week's action.

"I'm thrilled with the wins," said Hawks' head coach Mike Frew. "To go down there and be one of the first out of area teams to win the title in over a decade is an accomplishment for our guys."

It also gives the Hawks four wins at this point of the season, which gets them closer to their magic number of 11-wins to qualify for districts. Frew and company sat at 1-6 after the holiday tournament a year ago and he knows that clawing their way back with important road victories was an important victory both on and off the court for his team.

"It gives us a lot of confidence," he said. "We held a good Southwestern team, which I thought had two college level players, to 12 points in the first half and then we held York Catholic to 10 points in the first half the next game. I didn't expect us to go out and play as well as we did,"

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## LHS, FHS fall in tourneys

By PETER CAR  
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Liberty breezed through their first five games of the regular season, but the Hurricanes ran into some hiccups during the holiday season.

After a 5-0 start in the month of December, the 'Canes dropped their final two games before the new year, falling to Rancocas Valley 53-50 in double overtime last week, coupled by a 56-53 defeat to Arch Bishop Carroll last Saturday.

Head coach Chad Landis hopes that after his team's buzzsaw approach to the first five games of the year, the Christmas break provided a dose of reality.

"Things have gone our way the early part of the season," Landis said. "But things definitely didn't go our way the last two games. I hope it's a wake up call for our guys, but we'll see what it does to us this week in practice."

Both losses were to high quality opponents,

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PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

The finished product, waiting for a good home.

# Lehigh Valley Bat Works an area hit

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Press

From Little League through the college level, aluminum and carbon-fiber composite bats reign supreme. With names like Voodoo, Stealth and Attack, manufacturers attempt to instill some baseball magic into these metal and plastic bats.

Coaches love them. Parents, not so much.

They can cost \$450. But what about the kids?

Given the opportunity, they'll most often drop the plastic or metal for the cheaper wood bat. The ball might not travel as far. It's definitely harder to hit. But no plastic or metal bat, despite their magical names, can replace the sharp crack of a piece of lumber sending Mr. Spalding over the fence ... or through someone's window.

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So not surprisingly, wood bats are making a come back, especially in tournament play. Pennsylvania Legion baseball is returning to the wood. This is where Lehigh Valley Bat Works <http://www.lvbatworks.com>, enters the picture. A wood bat manufacturer with a new batting facility located near the diamonds at East Allen Township's beautiful Bicentennial Park, it's going gangbusters.

At a recent open house, proprietor Steve Toth demonstrated the 10-day process involved in making a wood baseball bat, from beginning to end.

First, the lumber - solid cuts of ash and maple - is weighed and care-



LV Batworks' Steve Toth has hit a home run with his wood bat business.

fully examined for defects. "Every bat we make is a pro quality at," Toth claims.

After that, the bat goes on the lathe for shaping, with a tolerance of 0.002 inches. From there, it's a sander. Finally, the bat is stained, painted and personalized for the hitter.

Just as Roy Hobbs burned "Wonderboy" and lighting bolts into his "very special" bat, so can every Little League ballplayer, who can come to Bat Works and get fitted for the kind of bat that best suits him.

The best part is the price. A youth bat can be as cheap as \$40. A heavier piece of lumber, and one that could be used in the Show, will range between \$65-85.



These maple and ash planks await their metamorphosis into baseball bats.

# Pates win two

By KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's swimmers scored two victories before the Christmas break when the Patriot girls defeated Whitehall, 100-83, and the Patriot boys also defeated the Zephyrs, 108-55.

Carly DelFranco, Helen Hsu, Brooke Munion, and Shannon Howell opened the meet with a first place finish in the 200 medley relay in 1:54.29.

Howell won the 200 free in 1:57.91 and the 100 free in 55.14. DelFranco was also a double event winner with victories in the 200 IM in 2:16.12, and the 100 backstroke in 1:02.31.

Hsu took first place in the 50 free in 25.07, and Kelly Kopko took first place in the 100 breaststroke in 1:16.88.

Kaycee Stoudt won the diving event for Freedom with 164.75 points, performing an inward one somersault instead of her usual front one with a half twist.

"It's kind of scary, but it's nice that the light's on me. There's pressure on me to go, but it's good pressure. Ever since last year, I stepped up my game. [My best dive is an]

inward dive pike, and I'm working on an inward one-and-a-half," said Stoudt.

The Patriot girls also won the last two relays. Molly Magnan, Rebecca Busby, Hope Wersinger, and Munion took first place in the 200 free relay in 1:51.73, and DelFranco, Magnan, Howell, and Hsu ended the girls meet with a first place finish in the 400 free relay in 3:44.55.

In boys events, Scott DelFranco, Eric Lawrence, Peter Conzola, and Sam Magnan won the 200 medley relay in 1:42.84.

Conzola placed first in the 200 free in 1:53.51, and the 100 butterfly in 52.81. Magnan was first in the 200 IM in 2:09.83, and DelFranco won two events: the 50 free in 22.23, and the 100 backstroke in 52.79. Lawrence also took first place in two events: the 500 free in 5:01.42, and the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.66.

DelFranco, Magnan, Lawrence, and Conzola combined to win the 200 free relay in 1:30.47, and Magnan, Cameron Bell, Shjon Watlington, and Trevor Watlington swam to a first place finish in the 400 free relay in 3:51.83.

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Both wrestlers battled their way through the consolation bracket.

Kauffman lost his second bout on Friday then wrestled back with four consolation-bracket wins.

Gunning followed the same path, losing his second bout then winning three consolation matches to reach the third-place bout.

Freedom's Joshua and Jake Young each took fourth place.

Joshua Young (160) lost his first bout of the tournament and battled back, winning five straight consolation matches before falling 8-2 to Wyoming Seminary's Chris Weiler in the third-place match.

Jake Young not only took fourth place, but was also awarded for his successes off the mat. A three-sport athlete (football, wrestling, track) who participated in all sports at the varsity level for all four years of high school, Young was presented the

John Fenstermacher Senior Scholar Athlete Award. He carried a 4.2 grade point average.

On the mat last weekend, Jake Young (170) won two bouts before falling to Big Spring's Cody Seibert. Young won a pair of consolation bouts before falling to Colton Peppelman in the third-place bout.

At 285, Freedom's Tyler Peerson won two matches before falling to Camden Catholic's Jeff Miller in a semifinal. He wrestled back to the fifth-place bout, where he beat Stroudsburg's Cody Cooper, 3-1.

Three Bethlehem area wrestlers took seventh place at the tournament. Liberty's Malik Lovell (152) and Freedom's John Callahan (182) and Dylan Brown (106) earned seventh-place medals.

Wyoming Seminary ran away with the team title, scoring 245 points. Central Dauphin was second at 163, followed by Phillipsburg (157), Big Spring (123) and Delaware Valley (119).

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but I'm happy about the results and how we're getting better."

Becahi defeated Southwestern 62-53 in the tournament opener to advance to the finals.

Now the Hawks look forward to getting their first league win of the

season this week when they take on Allen Friday night.

Sitting at 0-3 in the LVC, Becahi now needs to put some out of division victories together.

"We know Allen's going to be a tough test, but we need to keep fighting for those LVC wins," Frew said. "We had a good week during Christmas, but we need to keep it going now."

## Boys

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which should serve well as the Hurricanes move forward into 2013.

With their sights set on capturing the LVC and district titles this year, the competition the 'Canes encountered last week has hopefully taught some les-

sons.

"It's good to know we can compete with teams like this," said Landis. "The next thing we have to figure out is how we can win those type of games."

Freedom lost both of their contests during the holidays as well, falling to Coatesville 58-54 and to St. Pallotti (MD) 65-58.

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but surrendered two escapes to send the bout into overtime, where he eventually held O'Brien down to score the winning point.

For Ortiz, winning his second Christmas City title as a junior wasn't overly shocking, but he saw more benefits for the entire team.

"We have a young team with a lot of new guys that are just getting their first taste of this tournament," he said. "It's important for those young guys to win here and build confidence because that's what is going to make us a

better team down the road."

Becahi exceeded results from a year ago when they sent 10 wrestlers into the finals and crowned seven.

"This is a big confidence boost for a lot of guys," said Ortiz. "This is the type of tournament that hopefully gets us going."

Other Hawks that came away with titles were Anthony Lombardo (126), Ryan Todora (145), Connor Hedash (160) and Andrew Dunn (HWT). Hawks that took away silver medals included Lee Todora (132), Mark Maloney (152), Nick Cortopassi (170) and Josh Alpha (195).

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• Girls hoops at Central, 7  
• Wrestling at Parkland, 7:30  
Jan. 5  
• Girls hoops vs. Perkiomen Valley, 1:30  
Jan. 7  
• Boys hoops at Pocono West, 7  
• Girls hoops at Pocono West, 7  
Jan. 8  
• Swimming vs. So. Lehigh, 4  
• Boys hoops at Allen, 7  
• Girls hoops vs. Allen, 7  
Jan. 9  
• Wrestling vs. Northampton, 7:30
- LIBERTY**  
Jan. 3  
• Swimming vs. Central, 4  
• Wrestling vs. Whitehall, 7:30  
Jan. 4  
• Boys hoops at Whitehall, 7  
• Girls hoops vs. Whitehall, 7  
Jan. 5  
• Swimming vs. So. Lehigh, 10  
• Wrestling vs. Northampton, 7:30  
Jan. 8  
• Boys hoops vs. Parkland, 7  
• Girls hoops at Parkland, 7  
Jan. 9  
• Wrestling at Easton, 7
- DARTS**
- BETHLEHEM INTER-CHURCH DART BASEBALL LEAGUE**  
First half standings through week 14
- |                |    |    |       |
|----------------|----|----|-------|
| Holy Trinity   | 26 | 13 | .667  |
| Bethany UCC    | 24 | 15 | .615  |
| College Hill   | 23 | 16 | .590  |
| St. Matthew's  | 22 | 17 | .564# |
| Fritz-Wes.     | 22 | 17 | .564# |
| Christ Luth.   | 21 | 18 | .538  |
| West Side-Ed.  | 20 | 19 | .513# |
| Trinity UCC    | 20 | 19 | .513  |
| Schoenersville | 19 | 20 | .487  |
| First UCC      | 18 | 21 | .462  |
| East Hills     | 17 | 22 | .436  |
| Christ UCC     | 16 | 23 | .410  |
| Holy Cross     | 15 | 24 | .385  |
| St. Peter's    | 10 | 29 | .256  |
- # = via tiebreaker
- RESULTS FROM 12/17/12**  
East Hills at West Side-Edgeboro 6-0, 4-6, 2-1; Schoenersville at Fritz-Wesleyan 3-6, 7-14, 1-7; Bethany at Holy Trinity 5-3, 5-10, 2-3; St. Peter's at Holy Cross 6-2, 6-7 (12), 2-0; First UCC at Trinity UCC 7-5, 4-3, 1-2
- SCHEDULE FOR 1/7/13**  
Christ UCC at Trinity UCC; West Side-Edgeboro at First UCC; Fritz-Wesleyan at College Hill; Holy Trinity at Holy Cross; Bethany at East Hills; St. Peter's at Christ Lutheran; Schoenersville at St. Matthew's
- HIGHLIGHTS FROM 12/17/12**
- 1) Bud Konschnik 5-12 for Bethany.
  - 2) Dave Rep-12 for Holy Trinity.
  - 3) Ray Walker 6-13 (including the cycle) & Joe Hixson 3-8 for Schoenersville. Lynn Peiffer had 2 home runs.
  - 4) Matt Balikian 7-15, Bryan Weller 9-14, Woody Rehm 8-14 (8 RBIs) & George Rothermel 5-13 (including the cycle) for Fritz-Wesleyan. Brian Weller, Jr. Was 3-8, including his first career home run!
  - 5) Travis Frankenfield 6-14 (3 home runs!) & Tony DeAngelis, Sr. 5-12 for St. Peter's.
  - 6) Larry Roth 6-12 for Trinity UCC.
  - 7) Michael Tietsworth 3-6 (2 home runs and a triple) & Nick Tietsworth 6-10 for First UCC.
  - 8) Harry Snyder 6-13 for East Hills.
  - 9) Jim Bucchin & Anthony Emig 5-12 for West Side-Edgeboro.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
• Holy Trinity wins first half  
• League Meeting 1/10/13 at East Hills at 7:30 p.m.

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**SOUTHSIDE**

**SteelStacks host 3 Kings Jan. 6**

El Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day), a cherished religious and cultural tradition in many Latin American countries, will be celebrated during the first Three Kings Celebration at SteelStacks Jan. 6, 3 to 7 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

During the Three Kings Celebration, guests will enjoy a variety of family-friendly fun, arts and crafts, live music and more. As part of the event, the Three Kings - Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar - will arrive and present toys, graciously donated by B. Braun employees, for all children ages 12 and under.

For more information on the Three Kings Celebration, please visit [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org).

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PRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Joseph Anidjar, of Asbury, N.J., and Corey Ridgick, of Allentown, return to the college after riding the century for the first time.

**Gap Gallop marks 37th year**

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The cold temperatures and predicted rain Oct. 7 didn't stop approximately 50 cyclists from leaving Northampton Community College on rides of 50, 68 or 103 miles. They were participating in the recent Lehigh Wheelman Association's 37th annual Gap Gallop Century.

In previous years, the ride averaged around 300 riders.

"I'm sure the weather had something to do with it," said Geoff Rogers, VP Touring for the association. He added that there are several other cycling events in the area that all ended up on the same weekend.

Cyclists followed the letters "GG" painted in white on the road with arrows. They also carried "cue sheets" with directions. A SAG (support and gear) wagon provided by volunteers from Cycle Fitters of Forks Township checked on



Char and Bob Stamets, of Palmer Township, rode the four miles from their house (adding eight miles to their ride) to the start, where they met friends to ride the Century with. This is Char's ninth year and Bob's fifth year riding the Century.

the riders and assisted them with any problems they had on the course. In addition, volunteers from the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc. monitored riders as they passed through each of three rest stops.

All riders went to the first rest stop in Danielsville. Light rain didn't dampen their spirits as they chatted while refueling before continuing.

From Danielsville, riders completing the two longer routes started the one and a-half mile climb up Blue Mountain Drive. Those completing the 50-mile route returned to the college. The drizzle didn't last long and on the other side of the mountain, cyclists enjoyed early fall foliage along a scenic route of gently rolling hills.

After they were done, everyone shared stories of their rides while eating a well-deserved pasta meal donated by Sicily Pizza & Restaurant of Nazareth.



Patrick Fellion of Mount Pocono, rode the Century for the first time.

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Jack Noe, of Bethlehem Township, checks the air in his tires before heading out.

**LEFT:** While eating the pasta dinner, Dave Yelito of Coleville, (from left) and his daughter Jennel Yelito of Orefield talk about the 50-mile ride they completed with riders who completed the 68-mile ride, Scott Segraves, Steve Deacon and Jennifer Segraves, all from Nazareth.

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Caravan comes to town



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

The Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan came to Main St. in downtown Bethlehem on the Saturday before Christmas. The first Bethlehem stop in honor of the Christmas City's 75th year anniversary attracted families from all over the Lehigh Valley and beyond for a variety of free entertainment and activities. According to a Coca-Cola spokesperson, five Coca-Cola Holiday Caravans were touring the country, a Christmas season tradition for some 25 years. **ABOVE:** Free photos with the Coca-Cola Santa put a smile on many faces, including Linda Gardner of Bethlehem with the family dog Fergus McCarthy, an Irish breed. Linda is married to Donegal Square owner Neville Gardner who wore a kilt to the Coke Holiday Caravan event in downtown Bethlehem.



Braving the cold evening air, a cluster of Bach Choir members wearing Santa hats and winter clothing sing Christmas tunes on the stage alongside the Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan trailer.

A white Christmas



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

An unusual snowfall started on Christmas Eve and continued through the night to greet Bethlehem area residents Christmas morn. The National Weather Service reported less than two inches of freshly fallen snow for the first white Christmas since 2002. Rising temperatures and some sunshine melted most of the Christmas snow by late afternoon. The picturesque snow coating did not stick too much to sidewalks and roadways, causing few problems for pedestrians and drivers. A cold front brought additional snow the next day, with colder wintry weather and some more snow forecast before New Year's and the following week. **ABOVE:** Freshly fallen snow along Church Street in Bethlehem near City Hall provides a winter wonderland for Dave Wenner to walk his Great Dane Lucy, protected from the Christmas morning snow by a plaid coat and scarf. The nearly four-year-old Great Dane Rescue canine was adopted two years ago by the Wenner family and has grown to about 140 pounds.

Wishing you and yours a  
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PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

More than 500 people are at Easton Rotary Field this fall for opening day in the Miracle League.

LOOKING BACK AT 2012

Everyone's a winner here

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It was built and they sure came. More than 500 people were on hand for opening day at Easton Rotary Field in early September. Right next to Charles Chrin Community Center on Greenwood Avenue in Palmer Township, it's a \$750,000 astroturf baseball diamond. There's a teletron in left center field, stands, and most importantly, lots of ballpark franks. But this is no ordinary ballfield. It's a miracle. You see, this ballfield was built for kids whose physical and intellectual challenges prevent them from playing in local Little League programs. On opening day, 105 of them had an opportunity to be real baseball players, thanks to the efforts of hundreds who donated their money or

services to the Northampton County Miracle League. The stadium itself is a miracle. No bonds were needed. It was built in just 133 days. Not one dime is owed to anyone. This is largely due to the efforts of Dave Colver, chair of Palmer Township's Board of Supervisors, which authorized the project in 2010, when it was little more than a dream. Then he volunteered to act as project manager. "Dave, you built a miracle," said Miracle League President Rich Agretto before the ceremonial first pitch was tossed. Colver, known in the community as "Mr. Palmer Township," credited the many local businesses and people who provided money or, just as importantly, their time. Easton Rotary kicked in the first \$100,000, and after that, it all snowballed. Charles Chrin served as site con-

tractor. No charge. Finelli Consulting Engineers did the designs. No charge. There are 250 Miracle League fields in the United States, including one in nearby Schnecksville. But Colver explained that what might seem like a short trip to many can be an ordeal for a family with special needs children. Northampton County Executive John Stoffa, who serves on the Miracle League Board, summed up the sentiments. "There are no strikeouts here," he said. "Only winners. May the miracles continue for years to come." After the dedication ceremony, there was a double header. Everybody won. Every athlete saw his or her name on the teletron. And the last batter of every half inning hit a grand slam. Everyone left with at least one ballpark frank. And a smile.



Adam Taylor, assisted by his mom Kelly, cuts the ribbon to launch Easton Rotary field.



Dave Cover, chairman of Palmer Township's Board of Supervisors.



NorCo Executive John Stoffa: "We have found the Holy Grail of Palmer Township."



Kathy McGovern signs as Hannah McGovern sings the National Anthem.



Rocky Mo Davis smacks a grand slam, sending everyone home.



Kevin Benton Jr. takes a mighty swing.



Connor Francis is escorted to first after belting out a single.

# Jenny Schadt

Bethlehem Catholic HS

Grade: 12

**Family members:** Parents, John and Lorraine Schadt; three brothers, Peter, 20, Thomas, 13, and Mark, 11

**Favorite subject:** Gym class because I love being active, and biology because it's so complex and interesting

**Activities:** National Honor Society, figure skating, cross country, track, wrestling manager, student body vice president, minihon operations team leader, peer listener, Hawk ambassador

**Next steps:** Study pre-med, specifically biochemistry, and minor in German

**Career goals:** To become a doctor

**Heroes:** My grandpa because he was so fun and caring; and Ginger Rogers because she proved that women could be elegant and funny at the same time; and my skating coaches because they inspire me every day

**Hobbies:** Turning my room walls into one large collage; dance

**Current job(s):** Babysitting  
**Volunteer/community work:** Assistant coaching various CYO sports and helping at Little Hawks cross country



aces, and helping with the Basic Skills program at municipal ice rink

**Likes:** Smiling, sleeping, music, Fred and Ginger movies, friends

**Dislikes:** College essays, spicy peppers, spiders

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** Climbing to the highest point in Germany, 2962m above sea level

**Advice for peers:** No matter how hard your day has been, always try to stay positive, and above all, laugh a little.

*Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.*



PRESS PHOTOS BY RUTH GRADY

This is just one of the boys' tables with gifts for ages 2-14

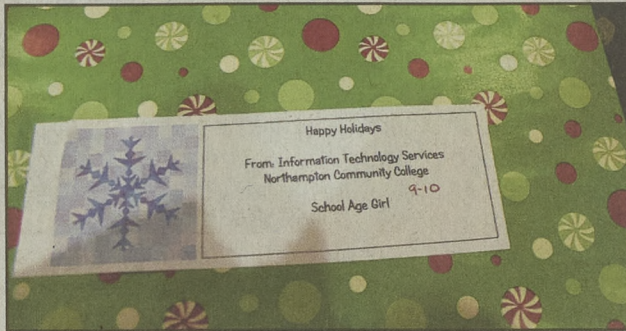
## Party spreads holiday cheer

By RUTH GRADY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Women of Excellence Bethlehem in partnership with Broughal Community MS hosted the fifth annual Children's Christmas Party Dec. 8 at the school.

Families from Broughal, Donegan ES and Fountain Hill ES were invited for a free holiday meal and gifts for the children.

The Broughal Southside Steppers, as well as the Youth Choir from St. John's AME Zion Church performed and opportunities for family photographs, provided by Christmas City Studio, were scattered



More than 400 gifts came from a variety of sources and sponsors.

throughout the evening. Each family received a free photo.

The event was larger than last year because it included at least 40 families in need from Broughal, as well as about 50 other fam-

ilies from the Southside of Bethlehem. More than 400 presents were waiting to be opened in the gym.

Rosie Perez, After-School coordinator of Broughal Community Middle School

Lehigh University-CDUEL, was in charge of the well thought-out event. Other supporters from throughout the Lehigh Valley included Lehigh University, Just Born, Christmas City Studio, Crayola, Moravian College and countless others.

Red and green stickers were handed out so that one group was able to go to the cafeteria to eat first while the other group had their photos taken.

Lasagna, meatballs, chicken, pizza and hot dogs were just a few foods that were available.

### SAUCON VALLEYNEWS

## Food drive a success

We all know that the Christmas season is a time for receiving.

Beaming children tear through wrapping paper early Christmas morning as bleary-eyed parents watch.

Cheers echo through the house as kids discover the new things stuffed under the tree. But not all are so lucky. Holidays can be a time of hardship for many, especially in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and the shooting at Sandy Hook ES. More important than receiving, the holiday season is a time for giving. And that is exactly what students at Saucon Valley HS have done.

Saucon's National Honor Society has run a food drive for the past several years in order to help those in need. Starting before Thanksgiving and ending before the holiday break, NHS collected more than \$1,100 worth of grocery store gift cards and more than 500 food items. The first block classes competed to raise the most, tempted by the prize of teacher Mr. Marcozzi's "Mar-

cozzi Feast" as well as the satisfaction of helping those who need it.

Due to less enthusiastic participation in past years, NHS President Kayli Reilly came up with a new idea to get students excited about giving. For every dollar worth of donations, two points were awarded to the class instead of just one. In this way, point totals grew faster, and students could see greater results when they donated.

The winner of this year's food drive was Mrs. Kern's period one class, who earned 548 points and the famous "Marcozzi Feast" after raising more than \$250 in gift cards plus countless cans of non-perishable food items. The proceeds of Saucon Valley's Food Drive will be donated to the New Jerusalem Church Food Bank in Leithsville.

The annual food drive is just the first community service project of the year that is run by Saucon Valley HS's National Honor Society. The Shave-to-Save event will take place Feb. 4 to raise money for the Relay of Life, an occasion partnered with the American Cancer Association. Additionally, the annual Miller-Keystone Blood Drive is scheduled for Valentines Day. Come and support us as we give back to those in need.



Arielle Reed  
Saucon Valley HS



School volunteer Dawn Caprista watches over the hot dogs.



Broughal After School Coordinator Rosie Perez announces the events and schedule for the day.

### LV ACADEMYNEWS

## Right before winter break

Lehigh Valley Academy has had several exciting events unfold over

the past few months. The seniors at LVA have been hard at work on their Extended Essays,

4,000-word papers that are required to graduate, and have just wrapped up their Theory of Knowledge (TOK) presentations, where a controversial subject is discussed using knowledge gained in the psychology/philosophy class. Some of the topics included: The morality of fairy tales; if video games are art; if God exists; and the media's effect on the perception of beauty. Other important assessments for those going for the full International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma are also in full swing, such as the TOK essay, the History Internal Assessment, and the Independent Study for film students.

Yearbook has also just finished up a candy gram sale to raise money for a new camera and to lower the cost of the yearbook. The sale culminated

with a bake sale during all lunches.

Spirit Week was pushed back from October to November due to Hurricane Sandy and was a success, with the entire senior class dressing in white and putting on war paint to show solidarity during Twin Day. The senior class "white out" was organized primarily by Madison King.

Though all of these events were certainly interesting, the highlight of the past few months was the seminars held for the students of LVA about healthy living. On Dec. 13, the entire high school was segregated by gender and assigned to report to separate cafeterias. The girls were sent to the middle school cafeteria, while the boys reported to the elementary school cafeteria. Once the two groups were separated, the two different seminars commenced. For the girls, the seminar was entitled Healthy Choices, Healthy Living; for the boys, The Boys' Workshop.

Healthy Choices, Healthy Living kicked off with the viewing of the movie Cyberbully, a 2011 made-for-TV movie about a teenage girl who is teased mercilessly online until she tries to take her own life. The movie brought harsh reali-

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Erin Hock  
LV Academy



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

"I swear by Dionysus," chant the Bacchae, the women of Thebes.

## LVPA theater presentation

"The Bacchae," written by the ancient Greek writer of tragedy Euripides, was performed by the Lehigh Valley Charter School for Performing Arts theater group from Dec. 12 through 16 to sold-out audiences in the LVPA black box theater. Using Nicholas Rudall's recent translation, director and choreographer Ashley Tait's all theater majors student cast recounted the story of the god Diony-

sus taking revenge on the people and king of ancient Thebes. Tait said, "The Bacchae's" festive and celebratory content made the production a fit for the holiday season. "Our theater students learn about Greek drama each year, and this is a great chance for the students to take knowledge from their curriculum and utilize it for the stage."



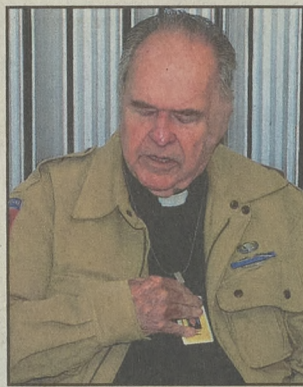
"Like a spreading fire, the threat of this god is near," cautions Maxwell Furgeson as Pentheus, the king of Thebes.

# Becahi honors those who serve

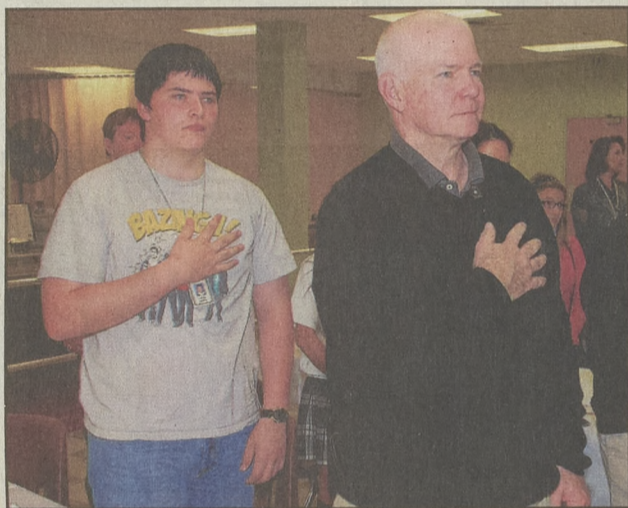


PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Bethlehem Catholic HS welcomed 30 veterans as guests to its Veterans Day breakfast recently in the school cafeteria, honoring them for their military service from as far back as World War II to present day military operations. Hosted by family members who are current students at the school, the event included a light breakfast and a patriotic program of remembrance. Principal John Petruzelli welcomed all who attended and student Marissa Brewer sang a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. Student readers commemorated the veterans' service and each veteran in attendance received a small gift from the school. **ABOVE:** Seamus and Rowan Hickey host their grandparents, Tom and Jane Hickey, at the Veterans Day breakfast. The elder Hickey served in U.S. Navy amphibious operations during World War II in the Solomon and Phillipine Islands. Hickey was 17 years old when he enlisted and spoke about the isolation he felt from what was happening in Europe while serving in the Pacific. He also mentioned listening to the Japanese radio propagandist Tokyo Rose, so that he could enjoy the popular American music that was being broadcast in an effort to make American servicemen homesick. Seamus is a junior and Rowan a freshman at Bethlehem Catholic.



His eyes closed in remembrance and hand over his heart, Monsignor James Dooley performs the invocation and benediction at the Veterans Day breakfast. Dooley served in the U.S. Army's 82 Airborne Division during the Second World War. After an honorable discharge from the army as a tech sergeant, Dooley re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Seaman First Class until the start of the Korean War. He then returned to civilian life and entered the priesthood. "War is awful, full of awe. It is to be avoided," said Dooley, who added, "Give peace to the world."



U.S. Army Major Tom Corley and his son Phillip, a junior at Bethlehem Catholic, during the performance of the National Anthem. A second son, John, a freshman, was also present to host his father. Corley commented about his military service saying he was "thankful that it was all peacetime service."



U.S. Army First Sgt. Joe Heidecker and his daughter Sara enjoy sharing breakfast with U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel Joe Blewitt and his daughter Kelly. Heidecker works in maintenance and logistics and has served in Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Blewitt pilots a KC 10 refueling plane and has served in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, as well as in operations associated with Somalia and Kosovo. Their daughters are ninth grade students at Bethlehem Catholic HS.



Sharing stories at the Veterans Day breakfast are U.S. Navy Commander Drew Karabin and U.S. Army Lt. Col. Patrick Dundon. Karabin was a naval instructor in Newport, R.I., and has been deployed to Europe. Dundon has served in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.



Bethlehem Catholic Principal John Petruzelli circulates among the tables visiting with the students and their service members in attendance.

## Notre Dame: FBLA students excel

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members attended the regional leadership conference at Lehigh Carbon Community College.

Online, home site and performance testing first place winners were Z. Hogan, Business Law; M. Capella, Computer Applications; K. Capella, Intro to Business Communication; and A. Marone, Public Speaking I;

Seconds place honorees are J. Petrakovic, Business Communication; and K. Wertz, Ms. FBL.

Thirds: J. Karam, Business Math; N. Dischinat, FBLA Principles and Procedures; C. Mulligan, Intro to Business Communication, M. Gallo, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure; L. Farrell, Personal Finance, S. Nguyen, Spreadsheet Application.

Fourth: J. Capella, Business Procedures, S. DiFiore, FBLA Principles and Procedures, K. Aquilina, Intro to Business Communication; J. Novick, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure; M. Trovato, Technology Concepts; B. Friend and R. Cornish, Business Ethics.

Fifth: M. DiFiore, Technology Concepts; L. Fabey, L. Ruane and E. Hammel, Management Decision Making.

Sixth: C. Villarreal, Business Law; C. Collina, Business Procedures; and V. Eze, Technology Concepts.

Most of these students qualified for the State Leadership Conference in Hershey this April.

FBLA Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of student members with an interest in business and the free enterprise system. FBLA helps students develop leadership abilities, and prepare for entry into, and advancement within a business or business-related occupation.

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## DEAN'S LISTS

### Bloomsburg University

Several local residents have been named to the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania dean's list for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year. To qualify for dean's list, a student must earn a quality point average of 3.5 or higher (based on 4.0) during the semester.

The students are Roger T. Boone, John D. Bordne, Jose A. Calvo, Lara K. Cesco-Cancian, Rachel L. Delvecchio, Angie E. Diaz, Evan T. Dwyer, Kristin B. Epsaro, Aaron J. Green, Jamie L. Green, Jason C. Heckler, Nicholas E. Hoffman, Alexandra M. Hoke, Rebecca L. Merkel, Bryan R. Morris, Catherine E. Noack, Dana M. Palermo, Corinne G. Patti, Emily J. Pierce, Breanna L. Romig, Gevan E. Salameh, David L. Scherer, Evelyn A. Snyder, Sara J. Stofanek, Erika P. Vasconez, Kerianne Veltre and Chelsey M. Williams, all of Bethlehem; Julie M. Stemple, Freemansburg; and Melissa J. Hurlburt and Marina A. Long of Hellertown.

## LVA

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ties about the Internet and friendship to the students, who enjoyed popcorn and Gatorade and later pizza, a snack service organized by Jennaya Gittens, Anaseyha Watson and Crismary Peña.

After the movie, the girls were ushered back to the high school, where they then filtered into workshops that they had chosen at the beginning of the week. In total, there were five workshops on healthy living to choose from: Friendships-Healthy vs. Toxic; You Are What You Eat!-Nutrition 411; Body Image Awareness and the Media's Impact; Relationship and Dating Awareness; and Positive Role Models. The workshops for the girls, made to raise self-esteem and gain awareness for healthy living, were organized by Kimberly Bachert and Quanesha Johnson, the guidance counselors at LVA. The input of other students was also vital to the day's success.

The workshops for the boys were organized by Jeff Rowohit, and occurred in the elementary school cafeteria. They included appearances by Dr. Silvestri, professor of psychology at Lafayette University, and Jason Brader, a local athlete who founded Functional Athletic Speed and Strength Training (FASST) which helps to train athletes at all levels. These workshops were also focused on understanding the choices that teenagers make and how to avoid making the wrong ones, as well as how to stay healthy.

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## Seventh annual **ABEs** salute LV stage Brave new Valley, that has such theater in it

By Paul Willistein



The variety, depth and entertainment value of Lehigh Valley regional theater never ceases to amaze, especially so when looking back at a year's worth of productions.

In 2012, there were two world premieres in the Valley, numerous Valley premieres, incredibly fun musicals and seriously dark dramas among them.

The ABEs, as in Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, now in its seventh year, lauds shows and performances on area community and professional theater stages:

The Focus section published 40 theater reviews in 2012, up from 38 theater reviews published in 2011.

Of the theater reviews, I reviewed 18 plays, Douglas Graves reviewed 11, Deb Boylan and Katrina Wehr each reviewed four, and Diane Bakos, Susan Chase and Rebekah Hawk each reviewed one.

Trending in 2012 at area theaters were challenging shows and quality productions, from the phenomenal "Sweeney Todd" at Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, to the fascinating "Grey Gardens: The Musical" at Civic Theatre of Allentown, to the extraordinary "A Resting Place" by Touchstone Theatre.

SteelStacks added stage shows, bringing in Zany Umbrella Circus and Squonk Opera for its first anniversary, and staging "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" last January in ArtsQuest Center's Musikfest Cafe (returning Jan. 31 - Feb. 10). Look for "Finnegan's Farewell," March 7-10.

Bucks County Playhouse, after a flood-induced two-year shuttering, reopened as a nonprofit after a \$5-million-plus purchase and renovation to return professional theater to the legendary 1939 New Hope landmark.

National touring shows continued at Miller Symphony Hall, State Theatre for the Arts and Zoellner Arts Center, as did college and university productions, most of which are not reviewed in Focus.

With input from other Focus reviewers, here's one theatergoer's kudos for 2012.

### Professional Theater

**Producer: Touchstone Theatre:** Jp Jordan, Touchstone Theatre Artistic Director; Lisa Jordan, Touchstone Theatre Managing Director; Christopher Shorr, Moravian College director of theater: "A Resting Place," the Alison Carey-written and Shorr-directed extravaganza, with a 100-member cast of professional actors, Moravian College students and faculty, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts students, and community actors and musicians, took to the byways (Ohio Road and Old York Road, Colonial Industrial Quarter, Bethlehem) and greenway (South Side Bethlehem Greenway), accompanied by an 18-foot-long circus wagon and nine-foot tall elephant puppet. There were five free performances of Touch-

stone's capstone "Civil War Project," marking the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. "A Resting Place" was inspired by a 1863 Bethlehem performance by circus performer Dan Rice (portrayed by Touchstone co-founder Bill George). Bethlehem shouldn't let "A Resting Place" rest. It merits annual performances.

**Original Musical: "Christmas City Follies XIII,"** Touchstone Theatre. The TTE (Touchstone Theatre Ensemble) did it again, with the best-ever CCF (Christmas City Follies XIII), with simplicity in staging, powerful performances, wonderful singing (Emma Chong, Mary Wright, "Get Happy," "Happy Days Are Here Again"), original and zany characterizations ("Kayla Kristmas Kangaroo" by Kayla Prestel), favorites (Pajama Sisters, Old Guy Bill George), new faces (Kyle Lewis, "Kwanzaa Healing"; Gary Warren, "Laughter"; Kathryn Krull, "Troll's Ancient Carol"), and NPR-worthy spoken word ("Miracle at 5 Mission Road," Mary Wright).

**Musical: "Sweeney Todd,"** Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. You must "attend the tale" of "Sweeney Todd." I did and attended three more times. If you didn't see this production, you missed "the" musical of the 2012 Valley professional theater season.

**Actress, Musical: Dee Roscioli** (Mrs. Lovett), "Sweeney Todd," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. In her return to her alma mater, DeSales University and PSF debut, the Valley native created a madcap presence for the quite-mad Mrs. Lovett. Roscioli's doll-like fragility, skipping gait and kinetic energy would've even convinced vegans to try Mrs. Lovett's meat pies. Add to Roscioli's stage presence, a crystalline voice and you're done for.

**Actor, Musical: William Michals** (Sweeney Todd), "Sweeney Todd," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Michals was back in rare form, projecting a covert charisma, studious disdain and sweet charm. "A Little Priest," his duet with Roscioli, was a show-stopper. His "Pretty Woman" duet with Christopher Councill (Judge Turpin) was exquisite.

**Ensemble, Musical: "Hairspray,"** Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre: From Bill Mutimer's surprise turn as Edna Turnblad, to Angela DeAngelo's cute Tracy Turnblad, to JoAnn Wilchek Basist's hilarious Prudy Pingleton, to Lilly Fryburg's transformation as Penny Pingleton, and Karen Dearborn's choreography, you couldn't "stop the beat" (even Scenic Designer Curtis Dretsch's Baltimore buildings bopped) in the musical spoof based on John Water's film.

**Director, Musical: Dennis Razzo,** "Sweeney Todd," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Razzo, PSF Associate Artistic Director, conveyed the off-kilter plot, melodies and lyrics, emphasizing the propulsive drive of the 15-piece orchestra conducted vividly by Music Director Vincent Trovato.

**Choreography: Dameka L. Hayes** (Ariel), "The



PRESS PHOTOS BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Once again, the circus comes to town. Touchstone Theatre's "A Resting Place" depicted a 1863 Bethlehem performance by circus performer Dan Rice. A nine-foot tall elephant puppet led an 18-foot-long circus wagon in the procession of actors in the city's Colonial Industrial Quarter.



Dan Rice's show gets underway at the circus wagon stage in Touchstone Theatre's "A Resting Place."

Tempest," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Hayes was a dazzler, a bundle of energy, with balletic grace and acrobatic athleticism, seemingly dancing on air and floating across the Schubert Theatre stage. "O brave new world that has such people in't."

**Original Play: "The Pan Show: In Pan We Trust,"** Touchstone Theatre. Jp Jordan, Touchstone Theatre Artistic Director; Christopher Shorr, Moravian College Director of Theatre. The zany, brainy, frequently bizarre musical about the big hairy guy with horns included animation, video and original songs as the Touchstone cast (Jp Jordan, Emma Chong, Zane Kanner, Kayla Prestel, Gary Warren, Kathryn Krull) took on political usual. They got my

**Play: "Much About Nothing,"** Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Director Christy's brilliant conceptualization set classic Shakespeare in post-World War II. Christy's choice of the tea party, Kahn's (Benedict) and humorous performance and Scenic Lighting Designer Weaver's bombed made something "Nothing."

**Actress, Play: or Handley** (Beatrice), "Much About Nothing," (Maggie), "Hot Tin Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Handley moved nily between the

Tennessee Williams. In either role, she gives better than she gets.

**Actor, Play: Richard B. Watson** (Caliban), "The Tempest," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Watson at once symphonically aided the ex-

ated a Caliban leotard worthy of the best Hollywood movie effects department.

**Scene Design: Steve TenEyck,** Scenic Design

vian College music department student jazz musicians and alternating casts of hundreds of PYT acting class students.

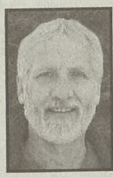
**Original Musical: "The Happy Elf,"** Pennsylvania Youth Theatre. Everything about "The Happy Elf" was larger than life: the oversized set, the huge cast and the voice of Harry Connick Jr. narrating the story about Eubie, the Happy Elf who wants to turn the youths in Bluesville from naughty to nice.

**Musical: "Gypsy,"** Civic Theatre of Allentown. Traci Ceschin (Rose) delivered the songs ("Some People," "Everything's Coming Up Roses") in the fast-paced musical directed by William Sanders, Civic Theatre Artistic Director, with fun supporting role performances, including that of Roseann Damico-Schatkowski (Miss Cratchitt).

**Actress, Musical: Kate Varley** (Edith Bouvier Beal), "Grey Gardens: The Musical," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Var-

# A mighty oak falls to Superstorm Sandy

**BUD'S VIEW**  
By Bud Cole



*Second of two parts*  
**Editor's Note:** This is the second part of a two-part column reviewing nature and weather in 2012. The first six months of 2012 were covered in the column in last week's Dec. 26 and 27 Focus section.

**July**

July was very hot. I had rotator cuff surgery in mid-June and I suffered through the July heat waves. The house where my wife, Bev, and I live does not have air conditioning. Our property's mature tree species cast their summer shade to keep us cool. That's our natural air conditioning. My surgery curtailed many of my favorite activities and restricted my ability to do yard chores. I spent more time in the house, relaxing under the ceiling fans and taking it easy rather than sweating outside.

We keep our bird feeders filled year-round. This gives us better opportunities to observe the colorful neo-tropical birds, including indigo buntings, red-breasted grosbeaks, redstarts, various warblers, orioles and eastern towhees.

The high temperature for July was 99 degrees. We had 4.02 inches of rain.

**August**

The hot days continued into August with the highest temperature hitting 93 degrees.

Our garden did very well during the hot weather. We're still eating fresh onions, acorn and butter-nut squash, parsley and herbs. Bev froze plenty of garden produce. The freezer is stocked with various colors of bell peppers, zucchini, green beans, pole beans and cucumbers. Bev has a great recipe for freezing cucumbers. There are also several pans of eggplant and tomato slices waiting to become the main ingredients for eggplant parmesan.

We have a rain barrel to gather and store rain from the roof, but very little manual watering was needed. Precipitation for August was 3.75 inches.

We spent the final three days of August and the first 12 days of September in Alaska.

**September**



PRESS PHOTO BY BUD COLE

Our dog Blue watches crane remove oak tree.

Although we live in a wooded area next to a Christmas tree farm, we have very little garden damage from rabbits, groundhogs and deer. We do not have a fence around the garden and we do not use insecticides. Bev hand-picks bugs from the plants. In this way, we have organic produce at a low cost, compared to the price of organic vegetables at markets.

It was still quite warm when we returned from Alaska in mid-September. The highest temperature for the month was 91 degrees.

The leaves started to fall with a vengeance and I was still going to rehab for my rotator-cuff surgery. Normally, I gather the leaves every few days with my tractor and Cyclone Rake mulching system, but I could not follow a similar schedule this past fall.

I worked on the leaves about once every two weeks. It took a bit longer, but it was much less work overall. I did like this new schedule and think I will continue following the new plan.

Our garden continued to produce peppers, beans, red beets and herbs. The tomatoes ripened early in the growing season, leaving very few to pick in September and none for fried green tomatoes.

The last hummingbird was observed Sept. 16.

September's precipitation total was 1.76 inches.

until Ms. Sandy the Superstorm tore through our area. Sandy's sustained winds snapped one of our black oaks in half in our backyard at about 3 p.m. Oct. 29.

The tree's upper half fell toward the house but landed short of our patio wall. We took refuge in our basement to wait out the fiercest winds. About 9:30 p.m., we heard a loud thud. The rain was still heavy and the winds were stronger. We were not sure if it was safe to go upstairs, so we remained in the basement for the night. The wind whipped through the neighborhood like a freight train.

In the morning, we saw part of a tree on the roof of our house. When we finally went outside, we discovered that our favorite tree, an 80-foot-high scarlet oak, had uprooted, fallen and crushed the chimney and poked several holes in the roof. The large oak took a white ash with it when it fell.

If the two trees had not uprooted and fallen on the chimney, they could have torn through the ceilings of the second-floor bedrooms and flattened our living room. Workers are still repairing the chimney. Roofers are to replace the roof. All in all, it was still a better outcome than for those who lost their homes or whose homes were flooded.

Precipitation for October was 0.75 inches.

My surgery was a simple rotator cuff repair. It cost \$3,000 or more.

temperature was 67 and the low was 22 degrees.

The first junco appeared Nov. 3. A red-breasted nuthatch continued to visit the suet feeders.

Our housecat, Charcole, followed our dog, Blue, out for a final tree watering around midnight Thanksgiving eve. Blue returned, but Char did not come back. By the time I put on my shoes, the cat had disappeared. Blue and I searched for about an hour and finally gave up the hunt about 1 a.m.

In the morning, I found Charcole's breakaway leash near the patio gate, but despite a two-hour search we did not find Char. Bev started the search again after she finished cooking her contribution to the Cole family dinner. She found bits of fur near where I had found the leash. I sadly surmised that a great horned owl had swooped in, grabbed Char and had flown off with him. Fortunately, Bev found Char a short time later. He was hiding in the window well. He hasn't tried another midnight caper.

Wet snow totaling 1.40 inches began falling late Nov. 26 and continued off and on throughout most of the next day. It did not last long. Warmer temperatures filled the Lehigh Valley with dense fog. The month's precipitation was 1 inch.

**December**

Mother Nature teased the local ski areas, providing perfect sub-freezing early December temperatures for snow-making. Then, she reversed direction, raising the temperatures and pelting the trails with rain. Rain and fog are the snow-makers' worst nightmare. Blue Mountain Ski Area opened on a limited basis the weekend of Dec. 8 and 9, but the warm weather and rain put a damper on the early opening.

If you purchased a real Christmas tree this year, place it in your backyard after the holidays. The recycled trees provide great shelter for birds, plus you can have fun trimming the tree again with strings of popcorn, cranberries, peanuts, peanut butter and other bird treats.

Happy New Year for a wonderful 2013!

That's the way I see it! Email comments and questions to: [bbbc@comcast.net](mailto:bbbc@comcast.net). To schedule programs, hikes and birthday parties, call 610-767-4043.

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# Wishing you the gift of peace

In this, the season of gift giving, you probably received at least one gift. Maybe you were given a lot of gifts.

But were you the recipient of the gift of peace?

The two words most synonymous with the Christmas season are joy and peace.

Perhaps you had tinges of joy. Did you find peace?

While life might always have seemed to be a bit stressful, the last few years have been the most stressful of all for many.

Economic woes keep worsening for many of us. Some lost their homes to foreclosure. Some lost jobs or had their hours cut. That means many are struggling to pay their mortgages along with the other bills.

Then, along comes Christmas with its inherent need to come up with money for gifts. Even when money is no problem, it's a stressful time of year with a time crunch for many of us.

Do I hear the word "peaceful" in here?

Yet, many Christmas cards wish us "the peace of the season."

As I wrapped the Christmas gifts I bought for my friends and loved ones, I thought about what I really wanted to give as gifts—all things that can't be gift wrapped.

And the strange thing is, I find myself thinking that if I could give any gift possible, I would give the gift of peace.

I say it's a strange thought because in the past I have discounted the importance of that gift.

In church, there is one part of the Mass where we offer each other the gift of peace. I've done that ritual so often that I think its meaning has lost its luster for me.

When my husband is at my side and it's time to offer each other the gift of peace, I always turn to him and say, "Peace and Love, David."

I throw "love" into the traditional handshake of peace, as if peace itself were not enough.

But lately, as I've been thinking about what would best help some people I care about, I think the answer is the gift of

**WARMEST REGARDS**

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peace.

One friend thought she had the gift of peace until she ran out of money in her savings account and is now struggling to get by with only her meager Social Security check.

Another friend is trying to cope with serious health issues while yet another friend is trying to cope with a major betrayal that cost him his job. With few firms hiring, he hasn't been able to get another job.

I always pray for my friends and for family members. I used to pray that God would give them the gift they most needed.

One day I realized the gift we most need is the gift of peace, a peace so deep and so real that personal circumstances can't shake it.

Few of us have that gift.

My friend Fran is probably one exception.

When you're around her, you can feel her serenity. If you didn't know her personal circumstances, you would never know she suffered one setback after another.

After she lost her home to a bank foreclosure, she stayed upbeat. When she had to go back to nursing at the age of 72, she stayed upbeat.

"Happiness is a choice for each of us," she says. "We can choose to be happy. Or, we can choose to let personal problems get the best of us. I choose to be happy."

And, she is. She has a rare gift of peace that shines from within her.

I wish I could give that gift to everyone who needs it.

But peace is not a gift anyone can give to someone else. It's something we have to find for ourselves.

My wish for all of you this Christmas season is that you find the gift of peace. I wish you the peace that surpasses all understanding.

# Bach at noon back Jan. 8 in Central

The Bach Choir of Bethlehem begins its 2013 Winter-Spring "Bach at Noon" series Jan. 8 in Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

The performance opens with Johann Sebastian Bach's arrangement for organ of Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto in D Minor," Opus 3 No. 11 (RV 565) for two violins, cello, strings, and basso continuo. Soloist is Thomas Goeman, Bach Choir organist and assistant conductor.

Artistic director and conductor Greg Funfgeld's programming for the 2012-13 Bach at Noon series has focused on the connections between Bach and Vivaldi.

The second piece on the Jan. 8 program is

Vivaldi's festive "Gloria in D major," RV 589, performed by members of The Bach Choir and Bach Festival Orchestra. Soloists are five members of The Bach Choir, including Amy Ruhf, soprano; Jessica Muniz, alto, and three of this year's Bach Choir Choral Scholars: sopranos Jessica Floray, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts, and Emma Parrish, Nazareth High School, and alto Jacqui Hamati, Emmaus High School.

Funfgeld will introduce the music with an informal talk.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. A free-will offering will be received.

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# PSF to host international Shakespeare parley at DeSales

By PAUL WILLISTEIN  
Focus Editor

## SPOTLIGHT ON

"We've been contemplating it for a number of years," said Patrick Mulcahy, Producing Artistic Director, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, of The Shakespeare Theatre Association's 22nd annual meeting, Jan. 7-12.

The highest concentration of Shakespeare theater leaders in the world will occur at the home of the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, DeSales University, Center Valley, according to Lisa Higgins, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

Pennsylvania First Lady Susan Corbett, chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), will deliver the welcoming address. Mrs. Corbett has served on the PCA for nine years, having first been appointed by Gov. Mark Schweiker in 2002, re-appointed by Gov. Ed Rendell in 2009, and again by her husband, Gov. Tom Corbett in 2011.

The theme of the conference is "What Dreams May Come: Vision into Action."

"It is a great thing for the festival [PSF], DeSales [University] and the community," Mulcahy said.

More than 100 members of The Shakespeare Theatre Association from 49 companies, 26 states and eight nations are registered, Higgins said, including those from Stratford,

Canada; Prague, Czech Republic; Spain; Argentina; Brazil; Poland; England; Utah; Oregon, and Chicago.

Two years ago, the meeting was held at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, near London, England. Next year, it's in Stratford, Canada.

"So, we feel we're in pretty good company," said Mulcahy.

While the event is not open to the public, Mulcahy said, "Having it here [at DeSales] brings distinction and national and international recognition."

Artistic directors, education directors, and executive-managing directors will share their visions for the future, discuss their best practices and pressing challenges, and explore, initiate, and invigorate trends in theater whose primary mission is to produce the works of William Shakespeare, Higgins noted in a press release.

Mulcahy said that attendees learn from each other during workshops as well as when they mingle socially at the event.

Topics range from original practices to single-gender Shakespeare to Shakespeare in prison, and plenary sessions feature leading research on cul-

tural policy, artistic and strategic planning, training the next generation of Shakespeare artists, and taking a leading role in marking the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's passing in 2016.

Mulcahy and the PSF staff have been working on the planning of the event for more than a year. "This is an all-hands-on-deck sort of event," Mulcahy said.

Since 1992, the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival has produced a summer season of Shakespeare plays and other world classics from master dramatists for more than 500,000 patrons from 50 states. Artists in recent seasons have included Broadway headliners and winners and nominees of the Tony, Emmy, Obie, Drama Desk and Barrymore awards.

A partial list of The Shakespeare Theatre Association presenters includes:

### Pre-conference presenters

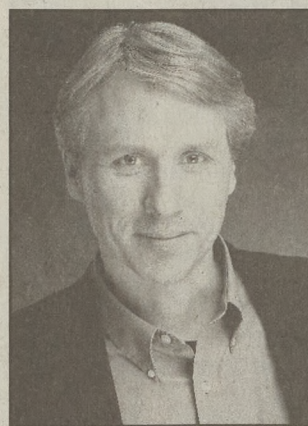
Dennis Krausnick, Director of Training, Shakespeare & Company

Terry OBrien, Founding Artistic Director, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

Curt Toffeland, Founder & Producing Director, Shakespeare Behind Bars

Lisa Wolpe, Producing Artistic Director, Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company

### Conference presenters



Patrick Mulcahy

Tom Bird, Director of the Globe to Globe Festival, Shakespeare's Globe

Ralph Cohen, Director of Misson/Co-Founder, American Shakespeare Center

Susan Corbett, Pennsylvania's First Lady  
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## Topics of the Bard

Here is a sampling of the topics to be addressed at the Shakespeare Theatre Association Conference:

Jan. 7: "Shakespeare's Geography of Thought," Lisa Wolpe, Globe International Theatre Fellow, Actor, Director, Playwright

Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company  
Jan. 8: "New World Shakespeare," Terry OBrien, Founding Artistic Director, Hudson Valley Shakespeare

Jan. 9: "Original Practices and the Actor-Audience Connection," Laura Cole, Director of Education and Training, Atlanta Shakespeare Co.

Jan. 10: "Measuring the Intrinsic Impact of Live Theatre," Patricia Miller, Theatre Bay Area; Rebecca Ennals, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

Jan. 11: "Set in Stone: Building America's New Generation of Arts Facilities, 1994-2008," Patrick Mulcahy, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival; D. Carroll Joynes, Cultural Policy Center, University of Chicago; Joanna Woronkovic, Cultural Policy Center, University of Chicago

Jan. 12: "Playing the Quartos for Actors, Directors, Dramaturgs, and Audiences"

Patrick Mulcahy, Producing Artistic Director, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival

Tina Packer, Founding Artistic Director, Shakespeare & Company

Kevin Quarmby, Assistant Professor of English, Oxford College of Emory University

Philip Sneed, Producing Artistic Director, Colorado Shakespeare Festival

Patrick Spottiswoode, Founding Director, Globe Education, Shakespeare's Globe

Lisa Tromovich, Producing Artistic Director-

Founder, Shakespeare's Associates-Livermore Shakespeare Festival, Valley Shakespeare Festival and Maine Shakespeare Festival

Jim Volz, International Arts Consultant, Prague Shakespeare Festival

Jeff Watkins, Artistic Director, Board President, The New American Shakespeare Tavern

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Joanna Woronkovic, Senior Research Office, National Endowment for the Arts

# 'Henry VIII,' 'Measure for Measure' PSF firsts for 2013

Shakespeare's "Henry VIII" and "Measure for Measure" will receive their first productions at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival in the company's summer season of 2013.

The season will also include Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," the award-winning comic-thriller, "The 39 Steps," and Rodgers and Hammerstein's legendary musical, "Oklahoma!"

The season opens May 31 and runs through Aug. 4 in the Labuda Center for the Performing Arts on the Center Valley campus of DeSales University.

"For most of our patrons, the pulse quickens a bit when the opportunity presents to attend a

Shakespeare play they haven't seen, or have seen infrequently," said Patrick Mulcahy, producing artistic director. "And we are all reminded of why the classics endure."

For the third consecutive season, PSF will produce two plays in repertory on its main stage: "Measure for Measure" and "The Importance of Being Earnest."

"Earnest" will be directed by long-time PSF artist Jim Helsing, who will also play the role of Lady Bracknell.

Following his powerful interpretation of "Sweeney Todd" for PSF last summer, Associate Artistic Director Dennis Razze will direct "Oklahoma!"

"'Oklahoma!' is the most produced of all of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musicals and it was their very first collaboration," Razze said. "The musical form was forever changed after 'Oklahoma!' debuted, and today it remains a rousing and inspiring tribute to the American spirit."

After garnering Tony and Olivier awards and audience raves around the country, "The 39 Steps" receives its professional Lehigh Valley premiere with the PSF production.

"Even with our proximity to New York, many in our community have yet to experience this masterful, comic whodunit," Mulcahy said. "With four actors playing 150 characters, this

play gives actors a great opportunity to showcase range and test their transformative abilities, and audiences a chance to come along for a wild and exhilarating ride."

Matt Pfeiffer, who previously directed "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)" in 2009 for PSF, returns to direct.

"Henry VIII," one of Shakespeare's final plays, loosely chronicling the opulent corrosive power struggles of the notorious king's reign, will be rehearsed similarly to the way Shakespeare's company would have and in the way PSF presented "King John" and "The Two Noble Kinsmen" in the past two seasons.

Actors will arrive with

their lines learned, rehearse on their own, wear what they can find in a costume shop "raid," and open in a matter of days. There will be no director — the position didn't exist in 1613 — and no designers. Most productions at PSF rehearse for three-plus weeks, with a director and a full complement of designers.

"With two years of experience now, we've found that the actors and patrons embrace this process, and the final production gives our audiences something akin to what we think Shakespeare's audiences experienced — the thrill of the unexpected, the creative, and the unique power of adrenaline combined with discovery," said Mul-

ahy. The 2013 season will also include two productions for children: "Beauty and the Beast" and "Shakespeare for Kids."

Here is the 2013 PSF schedule:

Main Stage Theatre  
"Oklahoma!," June 12-30

"Measure for Measure," July 18 - Aug. 4

"The Importance of Being Earnest," July 10 - Aug. 4

Schubert Theatre  
"The 39 Steps," June 19 - July 14

"Henry VIII," July 24 - Aug. 4

"Beauty and the Beast," May 31 - Aug. 3

"Shakespeare for Kids," July 24 - Aug. 3

# 'Blast Furnace' installation to open at ArtsQuest Center

The ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, Bethlehem, will be transformed into a steel plant blast furnace during the multi-dimensional photography installation, "Blast Furnace," opening Jan. 10.

The exhibit, created by Mike and Jamie Cabreza of iMiJ Shop of Easton, will include more than 50 photos, including 30-plus featured on the Cabrezas' three-dimensional iMiJ Blocks on display throughout the building.

The opening reception for "Blast Furnace" is 5-8 p.m. as part of ArtsQuest's new "Stacks in the City Ladies Night." Light refreshments and complimentary red and white wine will be available from 5-6:30 p.m.. The ArtsQuest Center Bistro will also launch its new "Dinner & a Show" menu and sit-down table dining service featuring entrées like Braised Short Ribs with Lentils and Swiss Chard; Vietnamese Curry Chicken Stew; and Mushroom Ravioli with roasted Kennett Square mushrooms and spinach in a shitake cream sauce.

As part of the evening, the Cabrezas will present a gallery talk at 6 p.m. Jan. 10.

Blast Furnace unites the Cabrezas' iMiJ Blocks,

interactive photo cubes they have designed since the mid-1990s, with molten steel, one of the most enduring symbols of the former Bethlehem Steel plant, now the home of SteelStacks.

The exhibit, which will run through April 28, is designed to give viewers a worker's perspective of what life was like in a steel mill such as the Bethlehem Steel, which produced steel for much of the Manhattan skyline, as well as national landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge and Hoover Dam.

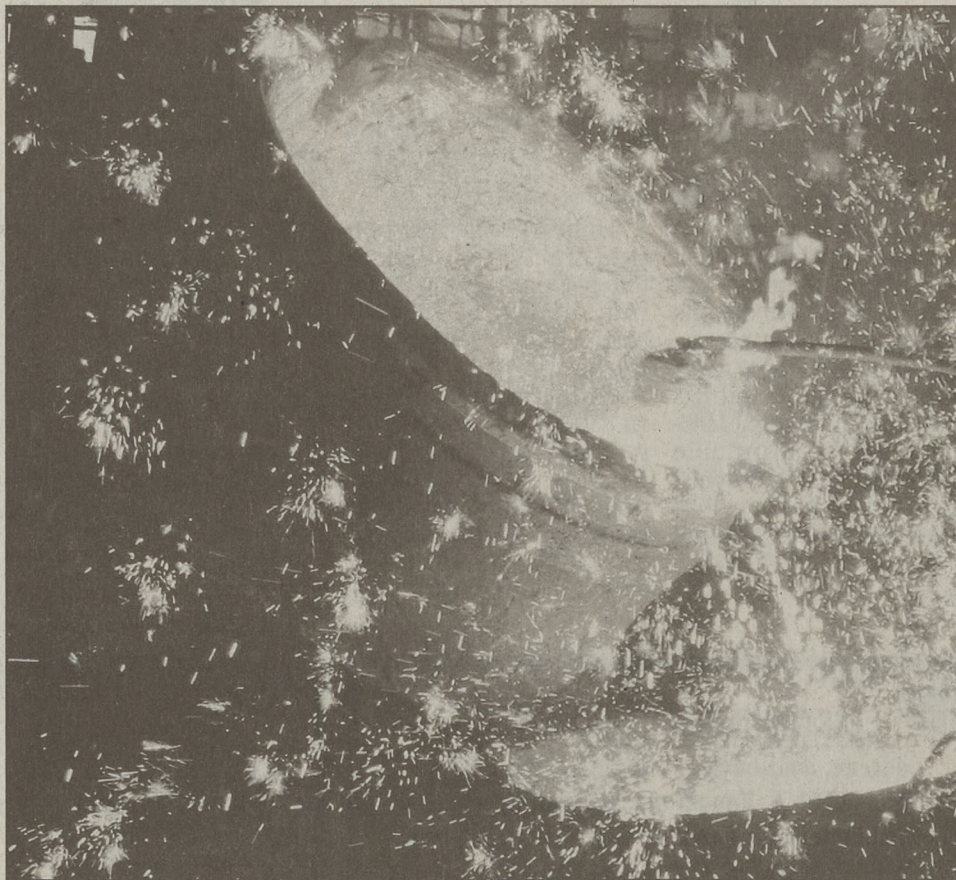
Included in the exhibit are 16 two-foot square iMiJ Blocks arranged into seating configurations throughout the ArtsQuest Center. The multi-media experience, which focuses on the intense energy and vivid colors of molten steel, will also include three large theater scrims hanging from the ceiling of the ArtsQuest Center, as well as a slide and video presentation shown on the wall of the ArtsQuest Center's Creativity Commons. Assisting the Cabrezas in research for the exhibition is the Bethlehem Steelworkers Archive, which will be part of the show's opening reception Jan. 10.

"iMiJ Blocks are a tactile way of showing photographs," said Jamie Cabreza. "We like people to interact with the imagery in a fun, child-like manner that allows for exploration. These blocks can be stacked up and rearranged to the viewer's delight."

"The large pieces we are doing for the exhibit at SteelStacks can function as room dividers, a table or even a spot to sit. We relish the opportunity to create work that is both beautiful and functional."

The iMiJ Blocks used in Blast Furnace are the largest ones created to date by the Cabrezas. Over the years, their photo cubes have been featured in exhibits at the Central Park Conservancy and Donna Karan New York in New York City, Collette in Paris and other locations. They are also collected by style-makers and designers around the globe.

Mike Cabreza, a graduate of the Southeast Center for Photographic Studies in Florida, honed his photography and design skills while at Moby C. Studio (former home of the world's largest Polaroid camera - 40 in. x 80 in.) in New York City, where worked for artist



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Photograph from "Blast Furnace," opening Jan. 10, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, Bethlehem

Gregory Colbert, who created "Ashes and Snow," the multi-media exhibit that has been seen by more than 10 million people around the world. Cabreza was also the black and white fine art printer for acclaimed photographer Roxanne Lowit, creating all the prints for her exhibitions and her 2001 book, "People."

Jamie Cabreza has travelled the world exten-

sively while photographing for clients such as L'uomo Vogue magazine and designers Louis Vuitton and Ralph Lauren. She is a 1994 graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, where she received a bachelor's degree in fine art.

In 1995 the Cabrezas moved to New York City, where they founded the East Village-based blulite studio, a photo and fur-

niture gallery with a black and white fine art lab. In 2001, they relocated to the Lehigh Valley and opened iMiJ Shop, which specializes in out-of-the-ordinary, functional photo designs for clothes, furniture, home and more.

Attached is an image of one of the photographs that will be featured in "Blast Furnace," premiering at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks Jan. 10.

ArtsQuest adds 1, drops 2 in this year's festival lineup

The 30th anniversary of Musikfest, the nation's largest, free music festival; the return of last year's SteelStacks High School Jazz Band Showcase; and the fifth anniversary of PeepsFest highlight this year's ArtsQuest festival and events lineup.

Three Kings celebration, 3-7 p.m. Jan. 6. Here's the rest of this year's ArtsQuest lineup: SteelStacks High School Jazz Band Showcase, Feb. 17 - March 17, ArtsQuest Center. RiverJazz, May 9-24, is back for its third year. Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks Opening Weekend, May 25 - 27. The lineup includes 50 free outdoor concerts through mid-September.

Sabor! Latin Festival, June 21 - 23. Independence Day Celebration, July 4, 6, 7. Musikfest, Aug. 2 - 11. More than 500 music performances, 60 food vendors, and 45 artisans. Patriot Day, Sept. 8. Oktoberfest, Oct. 4 - 6, 11 - 13. Olympus InVision Photo Festival, Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem, ArtsQuest Center. Lehigh Valley Filmmaker Festival, Nov. 1 - 3. Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem, Nov. 21 - 24, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 5 - 8, 12 - 15, 19 - 22, PNC Plaza at SteelStacks. PeepsFest, Dec. 30, 31.

Embassy appoints commercial lender

Michael B. Macy of Nazareth has been appointed Vice President, Commercial Lending at Embassy Bank for the Lehigh Valley. Macy brings more than 22 years of local banking experience to his new post with a specialty in structuring financial instruments enabling expansion and commercial real estate acquisition for Lehigh Valley-based businesses and institutions.

lor's degree in accounting and finance from Moravian College and is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association School of Commercial Lending at Bucknell University. The lifelong Nazareth area resident and active community volunteer serves on the boards of the Nazareth Lions Club, Easton Children's Home, Nazareth Ambulance Corps and Nazareth YMCA. He previously



Michael B. Macy served as chairman of the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce and president of the Nazareth Lions Club.



Dietrick Group names appraiser

Dietrick Group, LLC, Allentown, has welcomed Karen Sands as the newest member of its Appraisal Department. She will provide valuation services of income-producing and investment properties, including residential land development. Prior to joining Dietrick Group, she gained appraisal experience as a certified residential real estate appraiser and general real estate appraiser

trainee with Imperial Realty Appraisal, LLC, Whitehall. She obtained a Pennsylvania Real Estate Salesperson's license in 1999, Pennsylvania Residential Real Estate Appraiser certification in 2002 and expects to receive General Appraiser Certification in the Spring. She received a B.A. in English from Millersville University, Millersville.

Oncologist joins Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Healthcare System has announced that Tamam Habib, M.D. has joined the organization as a Hematologist-Oncologist. Dr. Habib received a medical degree from the University of Hamburg, School of Medicine, Germany. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Pinnacle Health Hospital, Harrisburg, where he served as Chief Resident in his final

year. Habib completed his fellowship through Penn State University at Hershey Medical Center. Habib worked in private practice as a Hematology Oncologist in Reading and at Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.H. He has been published in various fields of research and studies and he has presented at national and regional conferences. Habib speaks



Dr. Tamam Habib fluent Arabic and German. He enjoys the outdoors and physical fitness.

8 DAYS A WEEK

YOUR LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

By EMILY THIEL Special to The Press

ART EXHIBITS

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM 31 N. Fifth St., Allentown. 610-432-4333. Franz Kline: Coal and Steel, through Jan. 13, Scheller Gallery. Walker Evans & The American Social Landscape Photographers, through Jan. 13, Rodale Gallery. The Lerner Contemporary Glass Collection, through April 28, Fowler Gallery. Gallery talk: Diane C. Wright, 1 p.m. Jan. 13. The Paisley Pattern: Woven Shawls from Asia to Europe, through Dec. 30, Goodman Gallery. AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM 5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200. American Classics of the 1930s, through April. Works by Carl Renner, through May: 1950's GM Dream Car Creator. ARTSQUEST CENTER SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378. Stephen Perloff, through Jan. 2: "Unseen Color: Part One". BANANA FACTORY 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300. College Photography Contest Exhibition, through Jan. 6. Joyce Tenneson: A Life in Photography, through Jan. 13. Pennsylvania Photographers Competition Exhibition, through Jan. 20. CEDAR CREST COLLEGE Center for Visual Arts, Miller Family Building, 100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-606-4666. "Can of Corn Show," through Jan. 4: Charlie McGrady's study of clowns. FLOREANT PROJECTS 215 Main St., Emmaus. 610-421-8871. Marilyn Hazelton: Workshops, 9 a.m. - noon Jan. 12, Feb. 16, March 23, April 20. GOUNDIE HOUSE 505 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055. "The Steel Way of Life," ongoing. GROSSMAN GALLERY Williams Visual Arts Building, 243 N. Third St., Easton. 610-330-5361. "Histories of Now: Social Transformation, A Workshop of Ideas," Jan. 30 - March 12. JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN 702 N. 22 St., Allentown. 610-435-3571. Lehigh Valley Photography Club exhibit, through Jan. 3. KALMBACH MEMORIAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 200 Cotton St., Macungie. 610-965-1140. Christine Thatcher: Paintings, through February. LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue. 610-758-3615. Joan Mitchell, Jan. 16 - March 24. "That Was Then, This Is Now," through Summer 2013. LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074. Lehigh County Bicentennial, through Dec. 31. Toys, Games & Trains, through Jan. 13. Energy Past & Present, ongoing. LIBERTY BELL MUSEUM Zion's Reformed UCC Church, 622 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232. Replica of the Liberty Bell, ongoing. LUTHER CREST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall Township. 610-391-8202. Betty Allender: Paintings, January through February. MICHENER ART MUSEUM 138 S. Pine St., Doylestown. 215-340-9800. "Making Magic: Beauty in Word and Image," through March 31. Ted Hallman, through March 3: "Suspended Harmonies: Fiber Art". Jerry Uelsmann, Jan. 19 - April 28: "The Mind's Eye: Years of Photographs". MORAVIAN MUSEUM OF BETHLEHEM 66 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-867-0173. Weighted Spirits: Bethlehem, Salem Moravians in The Civil War, ongoing. MUHLENBERG COLLEGE Martin Art Gallery, Baker Center for the Arts, 24th and Chew streets, Allentown. 484-664-3467. Sarah Kate Burgess, Andrée-Anne Dupuis-Bourret, Collette Fu, Jacques Liu, and Lee Emma Running with Amze Emmons, Jan. 16 - Feb. 23: "Paper Architecture". MUSEUM OF INDIAN CULTURE 2825 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown. 610-797-2121. Kachinas: Spirit Dolls of the Hopi, ongoing. Mystery Unearthed: The Extraordinary Story of Two Lenape Rock Shelters, ongoing. Beadwork of the Great Plains, ongoing. NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem. 610-861-5062. Julie Miller: Photographs, Jan. 11 - Feb. 13: "Strange Vintage Fiction" Artist reception 11 a.m. Jan. 24. PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY GALLERY 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley, 610-285-5261. Thomas Mann, Jan. 28 - March 16: "Mann's Mind: Sculptural Objects," Artist reception: 5 - 7 p.m. Jan. 31. Alumni Night at the Gallery, Jan. 31. THE WHITEFIELD HOUSE 214 E. Center St., Nazareth. United by God, Divided by Man: The Moravian Struggle During the American Civil War, ongoing.

CINEMA

ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY 1210 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400. "King of Devil's Island," 2 p.m. Jan. 19. Free. AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM 5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200. "The Big Wheel," 1 p.m. Jan. 6. "Crazy Car Comedies," 1 p.m. Jan. 13. "Packard: American Classic Car," 1 p.m. Jan. 20. "Speed Devils," 1 p.m. Jan. 27. ARTSQUEST CENTER, STEELSTACKS Frank Banko Alehouse Cinema, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-1300. "Silver Linings Playbook," 7:15 p.m. Jan. 2; 4:15, 8:55 p.m. Jan. 3. "Anna Karenina," 4:30 p.m. Jan. 3. "Hitchcock," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2; 6:45 p.m. Jan. 3. CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888. "Hitchcock," 5, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2, 3. "Chasing Ice," 5, 7 p.m. Jan. 2, 3, Theatre514.

LEHIGH-POCONO COMMITTEE OF CONCERN 313 W. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-691-8730. "American Autumn," 7 p.m. Jan. 4. "Freedom Riders," 7 p.m. Feb. 1. "Into the Abyss," 7 p.m. March 1. NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS 30 Belvidere St., Nazareth. 610-365-8249. "Living with the Tiger," 7 p.m. Jan. 18.

CONCERTS

CROCODILE ROCK CAFE 520 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-434-4600. Chris Webby, doors open 7 p.m. Jan. 16, Main Stage. Four Nights Gone, doors open 6 p.m. Jan. 19. Blaze, doors open 6 p.m. Jan. 30, Main Stage. Never Lose Hope Tour, doors open 3 p.m. Feb. 2, Main Stage. Sevendust, Lacuna Coil, Avatar, doors open 7 p.m. Feb. 8. Road to the Sphinx, doors open 5:30 p.m. Feb. 14; doors open 5 p.m. Feb. 16, Main Stage. Action Item, Outsight, Paradise Fears, doors open 5 p.m. Feb. 15, Main Stage. Hatebreed, Shadow Fall, Dying Fetus, The Contortionist, doors open 6 p.m. Feb. 15, Main Stage. Black Veil Brides, doors 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17. GODFREY DANIELS 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390. January Irish Seisiún, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2. Real West, 7 p.m. Jan. 4. Children's Storytelling Series, 2 p.m. Jan. 6: Larry Scurman, host. Open Mike, 7 p.m. Jan. 6: Phil Perhamus, host. Bluegrass Jam, 7 p.m. Jan. 8. January Story Circle, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9: Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild, host. Sultans of String, 8 p.m. Jan. 10. Jim Weider and Project Perculator, 8 p.m. Jan. 11. David Massengill, 8 p.m. Jan. 12. Swing Jam, 8 p.m. Jan. 15: Jeff Biro, host. Improv Comedy Jam, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16: The Flighty Ducks. Blues Jam, 8 p.m. Jan. 22: Dana Gaynor and Friends, host. Dave Fry Trio, 8 p.m. Jan. 25. The Tood Wolfe Band, The Spuds, 8 p.m. Jan. 18. Brittany Ann, Anthony Da Costa, The Vulcans, 8 p.m. Jan. 19. Children's Storytelling Series, 2 p.m. Jan. 20: Kathy Long, host. Open Mike, 7 p.m. Jan. 20: Not for Coltrane, host. Beppe Gambetta & Peter Ostroushko, 8 p.m. Jan. 24. Eighteenth Hour, Miska Pauley, 8 p.m. Jan. 26. HOTEL BETHLEHEM 427 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-625-2226. Steel, Ghosts and Murder, Feb. 8 - 10. Ghostbreakers Paranormal Weekend, April 12 - 14. LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3615. "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Jan. 12. Helen Beedle, Sam and Denise Miller, 3 p.m. Jan. 20. Mountain Heart, 8 p.m. Feb. 1. NY Jazz Repertory Orchestra, 8 p.m. Feb. 2: "The Music of Jimi Hendrix". Motionhouse Scattered, 7 p.m. Feb. 10. LU Philharmonic, 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16: "Concerto Marathon Worlds of Fire". LU Jazz Faculty, 3 p.m. Feb. 17. East Winds Quintet, 3 p.m. Feb. 24: "All-American". MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE 14 W. Broadway, Jim Thorpe. 570-325-0249. Dancin' Machine, 8 p.m. Jan. 12. Billy Cobham, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 18. Savoy Brown, 8 p.m. Jan. 19. The Eilen Jewell Band, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 25. Fred Eaglesmith Travelling Steam Show, 8 p.m. Jan. 26. Tony Sands: Frank Sinatra tribute, 5 p.m. Jan. 27. Vagabond Opera, 8 p.m. Feb. 8. MILLER SYMPHONY HALL 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715. Berlioz's "Les Troyens," noon Jan. 5. "The Phantom of the Opera": HD telecast, 7 p.m. Jan. 8. "Love Never Dies": HD telecast, 7 p.m. Jan. 9. "Barrimore," 7 p.m. Jan. 10. Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera," noon Jan. 12, encore. Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day, 7 p.m. Jan. 15. Verdi's "Aida," 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16: encore. "The Magistrate," 7 p.m. Jan. 17. Dave and Lydia Liebman Play Jobim, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18: Jazz upstairs, Rodale Community Room. Donizetti's "Maria Sturarda," 1 p.m. Jan. 19. Rolling Stones: "Charlie is My Darling," 7 p.m. Jan. 22. Berlioz's "Les Troyens," 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23, encore. Benefit Recital featuring Josh Klein, Jan. 27: Rodale Room. Alfie Boe, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Birdland Big Band, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. "Angelina Ballerina," 1 p.m. Feb. 2, family show. Allentown Symphony Orchestra, David Singer, Principal Clarinet, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra; Diane Wittry, conductor, 8 p.m. Feb. 9; 3 p.m. Feb. 10: "Modern Romance," Estancia, Op. 8a (Suite from the ballet), Ginastera; Concerto for Clarinet, Aldridge; Fanfare from "La Peri," Dukas; "Pavane," Faure; "Daphnis and Chloe" Suite No. 2, Ravel. MUSIKFEST CAFE ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 610-332-3378. Hector Rosado y su Orchestra, Alberto Santiago, 10 p.m. Jan. 4. Craig Thatcher Band: Jimi Hendrix tribute, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5. She Said Sunday, 8 p.m. Jan. 11. The Waiters, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18. The Fabulous Greaseband, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19. Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 7 p.m. Jan. 27. Bev Conklin, The BC Combo, The Girls, Friar's Point, Tower Suite, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14. The Aardvarks, 8 p.m. Feb. 22. The Irish Rovers, 7:30 p.m. March 12. Julie Fowlis, 7 p.m. April 14. PENN'S PEAK 325 Maury Road, Penn Forest Township. 1-866-605-7325. Dickey Betts and Great Southern, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12. Little River Band with Fran Cosmo, 8 p.m. Feb. 1. The Pink Floyd Experience, 8 p.m. Feb. 15. Bruce in the USA: Bruce Springsteen tribute, 8 p.m. Feb. 23. Queensryche, 8 p.m. March 9. Bobby Vinton, 8 p.m. March 23.

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# Chefs dish 'Souper Bowl IV'

Talented chefs from throughout the region will compete for soup supremacy during "Souper Bowl IV," a fund-raiser benefiting ArtsQuest's Arts Education Programming Fund, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jan. 26, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

During the Souper Bowl local restaurants will showcase a variety of homemade soups to contend for the title of "Souper Bowl Champ." A panel of celebrity judges will issue awards in six categories: Best Vegetarian, Ethnic, Chowder, Cream-Based, Meat-Based and Most Original. Attendees will cast their votes to determine the People's Choice Award winners.

Restaurants confirmed for the 2013 Souper Bowl include Cab Frye's Tavern & Catering, Cathy's Creative Catering & Café, Copperhead Grille, Curious Goods at the Bake Oven Inn, DiMaio's Restaurant & Pizzeria, Gander Room, Hampton Winds at NCC, Hops Fogelsville Hotel & Hops at the Paddock, Iron Lakes Country Club, Leaf Restaurant Cigar Bar and Lounge, Molly's Irish Grille, Rodale Catering & Events, Fegley's BrewWorks, Thyme Restaurant & Bar at the Architect's Golf Club, Vintage Restaurant & Bar and the Club at Morgan Hill.

Tickets, which sold out the first three years it was held: artsquest.org, 610-332-3378.

**Bistro time:** Third Street Alliance for Women and Children will host its annual Bistro, the nonprofit organization's marquee fundraising event, 5-8 p.m. Feb. 10, Simon Mansion, 41 N. Third St., Easton, home to Alliance programs in downtown Easton.

The 2013 event marks the Bistro's 17th year, and will add dancing to the venue with music provided by "celebrity DJ" Easton Mayor Sal Panto.

The Bistro is noted for the culinary creations of local chef Elizabeth Mulrine who founded the event in 1996 and continues to volunteer her time and talent each year.

The evening includes a silent auction, desserts from area bakers, wine and Weyerbacher beer, and a coffee bar by Terra Café.

Ticket information: Paula Ream, Third Street Alliance for Women and Children Director of Development and Marketing, pream@thirdstreetalliance.org, 610-258-6271.

**Sovereign Sandy relief:** Sovereign Bank, a wholly-



owned subsidiary of Banco Santander, presented a \$150,000 check to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. As the official bank of the Philadelphia Eagles, Sovereign-Santander presented the check at the Eagles' home game Dec. 13, 2012, against the Cincinnati Bengals, of which Sovereign-Santander was the presenting sponsor.

Jorge Moran, President and CEO of Sovereign Bank and Santander US Country head, presented the \$150,000 check to the American Red Cross during the game. Accepting the donation was Judge Renee Cardwell Hughes, CEO of the Southeastern Pennsylvania American Red Cross. This donation adds to previous efforts by Sovereign-Santander to bring relief to the victims of Hurricane Sandy, including additional donations to the American Red Cross and to other regions of the bank's footprint impacted by the storm.

In November, Sovereign-Santander presented a \$250,000 check to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Sovereign-Santander is also matching up to \$500,000 for donations made in its branches by team members and clients of the bank.

**Good Shepherd grant:** The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter, has awarded a \$45,000 Community Impact Grant to the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Wellness Program. The program consists of biweekly meetings designed to promote and maintain the health and well-being of those living with MS. It includes education, exercise, art therapy and other activities.

"Our wellness program supports various MS Society strategic initiatives, such as supporting people who have progressive MS and increasing access to MS programs for underserved communities," said Jerry Werner, COTA/L, BBA, MSCS, director of the Good Shepherd MS Wellness Program. "The grant helps us meet the needs of people in the Lehigh Valley living with MS. We are extremely

grateful to the MS Society for awarding us this grant for the 12th consecutive year."

The MS Wellness Program is part of a full continuum of services available at Good Shepherd for MS patients, including inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient neurorehabilitation, assistive technology, medical management, long-term care and Optimal Fitness (a fully-equipped gym that is accessible to people with disabilities). The National MS Society has designated Good Shepherd and partner Lehigh Neurology as a Comprehensive Care Center for the treatment of MS.

**National Penn for Habitat:** National Penn Bancshares, Inc. donated \$5,000 to benefit the Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. The contribution will assist in the construction of new homes, renovation of blighted properties and support several community initiatives.

"National Penn has been extremely supportive of who we are and what we do, and this speaks volumes about their mission and community focus," said Debrah Cummins, Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley executive director. "They have been a tremendously generous benefactor to us for years, and their support is much appreciated."

The donation will support the full range of Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley activities including several new initiatives, including ReStore, 1053 Grape St., Whitehall, which accepts donated building materials, appliances and home furnishings, which are subsequently sold at discounted prices; Women Build, a volunteer program in which women learn construction skills and assist in building homes in their community; and the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, designed to transform neighborhoods through the improvement of blighted properties.

National Penn is a sponsor of the annual Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley wine-tasting event, which takes place in February and raises money to benefit the organization.

*Good Cause is a column about fundraisers and galas for Lehigh Valley nonprofit organizations. Email press releases and event coverage requests to Paul Willistein, Focus Editor: pwillistein@tnonline.com.*

## ENGAGEMENT



Jeremy Matula and Tiffany Kulp

### Kulp-Matula Northampton grad plans October nuptials

Mike and Darlene Kulp of Perkasio announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany, to Jeremy Matula, son of Michael and Susan Matula of Bath.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Penridge High School. She received a Bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Elizabethtown College, Lancaster County.

She is a biochemist for Lancaster Laboratories, Inc.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Northampton Area High School. He received Bachelors' degrees in political philosophy and legal studies, and philosophy and professional ethics from Elizabethtown College.

He is an admissions counselor for Elizabethtown College, where he is an assistant coach in the cross country and track and field programs.

The couple lives in Lancaster and is planning a wedding for Oct. 19.



The cast of Touchstone Theatre's "A Resting Place" after performance in Bethlehem's Colonial Industrial Quarter. PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

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town. Sanders' direction expanded on and deepened the "Grey Gardens" 1975 documentary film. What a production it was.

**Choreography:** William Sanders, Director-Choreography, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Sanders, with Co-Choreographer Gwen Swanson-Vigorito, got the cast to "sell it" convincingly.

**Original Play:** Not given for 2012.

**Play: "33 Variations,"** Civic Theatre of Allentown. Williams Sanders directed "33 Variations," which explores Ludwig van Beethoven's 33 variations on a "beer-hall waltz," with the fluid flow of cinema, and great insight into the human condition.

**Actress, Play: Kathy Patterson** (Sister Aloysius), "Doubt: A Parable," Pennsylvania Playhouse. She was a force to be reckoned with as an uncompromising, hard-nosed believer with nary a doubt.

**Actor, Play: Tim Brown**, "Doubt: A Parable," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Brown created a steady, direct and in-the-moment presence. His

world view is not black and white.

**Ensemble, Play: "Why We Have A Body,"** Civic Theatre of Allentown. Director Will Morris, Technical Director, Civic Theatre, elicited fine performances in the four-women show by Claire Chafee in its Lehigh Valley debut. Raw, in-depth and believable performances by Casey Hansen Conan (Lili), Aubrie Therrien (Mary), Patricia Welle (Eleanor, Lili's and Mary's mother) and Jillian Lovejoy (Renee) made the often off-the-wall play work.

**Director, Play: Ralph Montessano**, "Doubt: A Parable," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Montessano directed the Lehigh Valley premiere of the John Patrick Shanley 2005 Pulitzer Prize for drama and Tony Award winner with skill, sensitivity and understanding.

**Costume Design: Terry Macripo**, Elizabeth Marsh-Gilkeson, "Kiss Me Kate," Notre Dame Summer Theatre. Marsh-Gilkeson was costume coordinator-designer. Macripo was co-designer and construction supervisor. This team again designed and made costumes among the best of any in Valley shows.

**Scenic Design: Will Morris, Marilyn Loose,**

Scott Snyder, "33 Variations," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Sheet music symbolized the emotional wall between a mother, composer Dr. Katherine Brandt (Becky Engborg), and her estranged daughter, Clara (Alexandra Griffin), in the Lehigh Valley debut of the Moises Kaufman drama.

**Lighting Design: Will Morris**, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Morris put the spotlight on and lighting effects in all the right places.

**Sound Design: Helena Confer**, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Allentown. With a 13-piece orchestra, including strings, winds, brass, amplified instruments and percussion, plus singers with microphones — and dancing — and a huge cast, it's not easy. Confer made it sound easy.

**Tim Roche Memorial "Meanwhile" Award: "Fruitcakes,"** Pennsylvania Playhouse. Was it Robert Callan Adams' impish direction or the impish actors on stage? Either way, during one scene, I never laughed louder or longer at any play in 2012. This "Fruitcakes" was a welcome holiday gift.



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The Miller Symphony Hall 2012 season opened with "Wicked Divas," which featured Dee Roscioli, above left; and Alli Mauzey, second from right. With them after the concert is Sheila Evans, Allentown Symphony Association Executive Director, second from left; and Jessica Kroope, Catasauqua Borough Councilperson, right.

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