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**CITY**

## Council changes course

Added amendments send zoning change back to city, county planners

BY MICHELLE MEEH  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

After hearing from the public and debating options, city council members approved amendments to a proposed zoning change for the Martin Tower site Nov. 4. The amendments have the effect of sending the proposal back to the city planning commission, where the public will also have more opportunity to voice opinions on the issue.

After that, the proposal, either as amended or with other amendments from the planning commission, will go to the Northampton County Planning Commission for further review. Each entity has 30 days for review and comment. After that process, the proposed zoning change will come back to city council, where a public hearing will be held Dec. 8 before a final vote can be taken at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Marc Kaplin, an attorney representing seven city businesses and seven property owners, told council members the ordinance was in violation of city's preservation plan and put the city revitalization and improvement zone (CRIZ)-designated sites in jeopardy.

"In my opinion, passing would be voidable. Pass on passing this ordinance tonight," he said, followed by applause from the audience.

Resident and business owner Krisann Albanese suggested moving city government offices to Martin Tower.

"You can all have a window with a view," she said.

Resident Robert Romeril told council members the tower should stay.

"I was one of the first people to move into the tower as an employee. It was a great place to work," he said.

Martin Romeril also suggested using the tower.

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A huge bonfire, surrounded by Liberty students, athletes, faculty and families, leaps into the night air. A Bethlehem Fire Department firefighter sprays water on the perimeter of the bonfire as a precaution.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

## Freedom vs. Liberty

### Getting ready for the big game



Freedom HS clarinet players Hannah Beegle, Colleen Chemidlin and Megan Eltringham play for the Patriot marching band during the annual community pep rally. See our complete game coverage on page A11.

Liberty and Freedom high schools held community pep rallies with bonfires Friday night as a spirited prelude to the crosstown football game rivalry Saturday afternoon at the Bethlehem Area School District stadium. School students, faculty and officials, along with families and friends flocked to the outdoor events at each campus. The marching bands performed in honor of the traditional and competitive athletic rivalry. A rain-free mild night contributed to the memorable outdoor pep rallies at each school. For a complete coverage on the Liberty-Freedom football game, turn to the Bethlehem Press sports pages in this edition.



Two-way senior starter Livan Diaz walks past the Liberty cheerleaders with his parents, Angelica and Annerys Diaz, during the senior night recognition program Friday night.



Liberty HS students Dakota Smith, Corrine Ratel and Gabe Maligezki dance to live music near the bonfire.

**TOWNSHIP**

## Police arrest hit-run suspect

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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Royce Atkins, 22, of Kathi Drive, has been arrested for the hit-and-run death of a 9-year-old boy in Hanover Township Nov. 6.

Colonial Regional Police Chief Roy Seiple made the announcement during a press conference at the municipal building Monday night.

After four days of investigation with the help of community tips, detectives identified Atkins as a suspect and discovered his damaged

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NATE JASTRZEMSKI PHOTO  
 Colonial Regional Police Chief Roy Seiple announces the arrest of Royce Atkins in the hit-and-run death of Darius Condash.

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BY DANA GRUBB

Are there any special veterans that you would like to salute on Veterans Day?



"Pat Tillman because he made people aware of the service by giving up his football career to go into the military."  
**Cindy Strausbaugh**  
Whitehall



"All of the veterans for keeping us safe."  
**Ann Berkoski**  
Dupont



"My father who was an MP in Saigon during the Vietnam War."  
**Bill Murphy**  
Belvidere, N.J.



"My uncle, James Carr."  
**Gus Mercante**  
Wilmington, Del.



"Both of my grandfathers. One was in the Korean War and the other in World War II."  
**Justin Bartels**  
Wilmington, Del.



"My dad, who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and he was the bravest, strongest and most courageous father and grandfather. We lost him three years ago."  
**Janna Keiser**  
Nazareth

**Triplets in a triple tandem stroller**



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

**Amie Fitzpatrick of Bethlehem** with her triplets Keegan, Grant and Soren, in an unusual family triple tandem stroller on a recent sunny afternoon near the corner of East Elizabeth Avenue and Grenadier Boulevard. Fitzpatrick said the 17-month-old boys enjoy the stroller, which is not available in local stores and was purchased online by special order. Sometimes Amie's husband, Sean, takes his turn pushing the stroller. She also said the couple has been married for seven years and the triplets are their first children. "We got it all done in one shot," said Amie with a smile.

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er for city offices. The auditorium on the site "is better suited to city council meetings," he said. The site is about seven acres with the tower and outbuildings and a 46-acre section that is mostly open space. This could be seized by eminent domain and made into a park, Romeril said.

"It would be a gift of enduring value," he added.

Lehigh University student Mike Talenti said many students work at or patronize local businesses. He told council members to avoid zoning for big box stores because it would be doing a disservice to students who appreciate the character of the downtown.

"It's not what they want," he said.

Jeff Fegley, owner of the Brewworks, said the proposal "looks like a giant favor, smells like a giant favor" to the developer.

After the public comment, council member Eric Evans thanked residents for coming out, saying any type of development "fills the house."

Evans said after the last meeting, when his proposal to move the issue back to committee was voted down, he met with members of the city staff and held discussions with other council members, along

with city solicitor Jack Spirk to make sure the Sunshine Law was observed.

Evans said he wanted to come up with possible amendments to the proposed zoning to achieve consensus among council members before proceeding.

While some members of the public have asked for the developer to present a plan before the zoning change can be approved, Spirk told council members any zoning changes would need to be in place before a plan is submitted. It is not permitted to ask for a plan and then vote the zoning around the plan, he said, as this would be "contract zoning." Kaplin said he has litigated such issues and disagreed with Spirk's definition of contract zoning.

Evans then proposed five amendments to the proposed zoning change, both to correct some minor points and to "set parameters on the amount of retail. It's important to dial it back to control the character of development," Evans said.

Council President J. William Reynolds said that any amendments would require the proposal to go back to the city and county planning commissions before coming back to city council, giving the public more opportunities for discussion.

"The overall goal is to create a balance and find

a finished product that people can get behind. It won't make everybody happy," Reynolds said.

The amendment included clarifying the language in the proposal to eliminate the multi-story building obligation.

"That reduces the vision that this ought to be a third downtown," Evans said. The first amendment was approved 6-0.

Evans proposed another amendment to specify that potential development should "create connectivity between residential and commercial buildings on the overall tract."

Council member Bryan Callahan said while merchants are concerned with potential retail competition on the site, local residents are concerned about more housing.

"They are adamantly opposed to residential. It's our job to try to be fair to everybody," Callahan said.

Evans also proposed an amendment to allow a potential group home as a permitted use. This amendment was approved 5-1 with Callahan voting nay.

The third amendment was a simple correction of the word principal to principle, which was approved 6-0.

The fourth amendment was to clarify wording on intended uses of the site as in the first amendment, to be

consistent with wording in another section of the proposal. This was approved 6-0.

The fifth amendment placed limits on retail construction to a maximum of 380,000 square feet, with small tenants of 3,000 square feet or less not to exceed a total of 30,000 square feet and medium tenants of 3,001-8,000 square feet not to exceed 35,000 square feet.

Callahan proposed changing the amendment from 35,000-40,000 square feet. Council member Adam Waldron said, "I think 35 is correct. Start more conservatively." The change was voted down 4-2, with Callahan and council member Michael Recchiuti for and Evans, Reynolds, Waldron and council member Louis Stellato voting against.

Then the fifth amendment Evans proposed came up for a vote. Recchiuti said while most cities are not zoning for more retail, "I don't know if we'll get anything better than this." He said development "is a way we can grow our tax base."

The amendment was approved 5-1 with Callahan against. Stellato said the amendment is "fair and equitable compromise for all of us."

Council member Cathy Reuscher was absent due to a family emergency.

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**Free babies /toddlers story time** for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Call 610-867-3761, ext.499 or visit www.bapl.org for information.

**Kids' Storytime with Jane**, 10:30 a.m., ages two to four; sign up in children's book department; Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravianbookshop.com.

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

**Book sale**, noon to 2 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library Southside branch, 400 Webster St. Call 610-867-7852 or visit www.bapl.org for more information.

**Secrets of Linderman Library** special collections with Ilhan Citak, 7 p.m. Siedersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. Call 610- 625-8771 or visit www.lutzfranklin.com.

**Thursday, Nov. 12**

**Bethlehem Steel's Hoover Mason Trestle** tours, 10:25 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 21. 711 E. First St. Call 610-297-7200 or visit www.steelstacks.org/event/1809/hoover-mason-trestle-guided-tour/.

**Free story time**, 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, main library, 11 W. Church St. Registration required. Call 610-867-3761, ext.499 or visit www.bapl.org for information.

**We've Got the Beat**: Play simple instruments, dance program for ages 2 and up. 10:30 to 11 a.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Call 610-867-3761 or visit http://www.bapl.org/youth/ysprograms/

**Salvation Army**, seniors 50 and up, program: 10:45 a.m.; lunch, noon to 1 p.m. (cost). 521 Pembroke Road.

**Free needlecraft sessions**; bring patterns, needles or crochet hooks. 1 to 3 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Registration required; visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 224.

**The Greater Lehigh Valley Writers Group/Writers Café**, craft discussion with read and critique, 7 to 9 p.m., Palmer branch, Easton Area Public Library, 1 Weller Place, Palmer Township.

**Book sale**, 5 to 8 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library Southside branch, 400 Webster St. Call 610-867-7852 or visit www.bapl.org for more information. Teens Classic Film Night, grades six to 12, after-hours showing (arrive early-library closes at 6 p.m.) of a classic comedy; popcorn and snacks; dress in 1940s attire if desired. 6 to 8:15 p.m., main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Call 610-867-3761 or visit www.bapl.org for information.

**Friday, Nov. 13**

**Veterans services** presentation with Freddie Ramirez Jr., Northampton County veterans affairs director, and a representative for Hope for Veterans, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rep. Steve Samuelson's office, 104 E. Broad St. Call 610-867-3890.

**Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink**, Bethlehem, opens for the season. For public skating hours, lessons and other schedules, visit www.facebook.com/bethlehemicerink or call 610-865-7081. 345 Illick's Mill Road.

**Saturday, Nov.14, 2015**

**Annual run for children 5K** and fun run, 8 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. start. Benefits Southside projects. Visit www.aplaceforyou.org/5k.

**Northampton Community College** youth chess championship, ages 18 and under, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. College Center, second floor, main campus, 3835 Green Pond Road. Visit http://www.northampton.edu/chess or call 610-861-4120.

**Basket raffle, bake sale** to benefit Bethlehem's homeless, 9 a.m. to noon. Rosemont Lutheran Church, 1705 W. Broad St. Visit www.hbeh.org or email hbh@rcn.com.

**For BASD students and families only**, free flu clinic sponsored by the Bethlehem Area School District and the Bethlehem Health Bureau; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Hills MS., 2005 Chester Road. Rain date is Nov. 15.

**Cops 'n' Kids Reading Program**: Lights! Camera! Action, 10 a.m. Northampton Community College Fowler Family South Side Center, Cops n' Kids reading room, 511 E. Third St.

**Bethlehem Moravian Book Shop** open house, from 10 a.m. For list of events, visit www.moravianbookshop.com or call 610-866-5482. 428 Main St.

**The Sons of the American Revolution**, Valley Forge Chapter, annual meeting and luncheon, noon, Bravo, 950 Lehigh Lifestyle Center, Lehigh Valley Mall, Whitehall. Call 610-433-7472.

**Book sale**, noon to 3 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library Southside branch, 400 Webster St. Call 610-867-7852 or visit www.bapl.org for more information.

**Coping With Grief and Sadness** During the Holidays, presented by Wendy Littner Thomson, MEd, LPC, RYT, licensed professional counselor; sponsored by Friends of the Library. 2 to 4 p.m. main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Call 610-867-3761 or visit www.bapl.org for information.

**Sunday, Nov. 15**

**The MBS Word Slingers**, 3 p.m. Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravianbookshop.com.

**Hill to Hill Brass concert**, 3 p.m. Christ Church U. C. C., 75 E Market St. Call 610- 865-6565.

**Monday, Nov. 16**

**Trees of Many Colors** displays, decorated by Bethlehem Garden Club volunteers, and holiday putz trail; through Jan. 10. Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, 505 Main St. Visit www.historicbethlehem.org or call 800-360-8687.

**Holiday putz trail**, through Jan. 10. Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, 505 Main St. Visit www.historicbethlehem.org or call 800-360-8687.

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**

**Free family story time for all ages**, 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. See **TOWN** on Page 7



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

WFMZ's Kathy Craine passes a microphone to Boy Scout Cain Cybuck for his scripted comment.

**Boy Scouting for Food Nov. 14**

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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The Boy Scouts of America-Minsi Trails Council and Channel 69 news promoted the annual Scouting for Food campaign Thursday at the Fritz Drive Northeast Ministries. Many local businesses are participating in this year's campaign with the goal of collecting 200,000 pounds of food for donation to local food banks. Collection for the area's largest one-day food drive begins 8 a.m. Saturday, with Scouts looking for bags of non-perishable goods on front doors with a Scouting for Food doorknob tag. Public donation sites include Wegmans stores, WFMZ-TV, Ray Price Car Dealerships, Lafayette Ambassador and Team Capital banks, and Minsi Trails Council. The event averages 230 tons of donated food each year.



Tyler Seifert, in his sixth year of scouting, volunteers to speak on camera, saying, "I like helping all the people in need."

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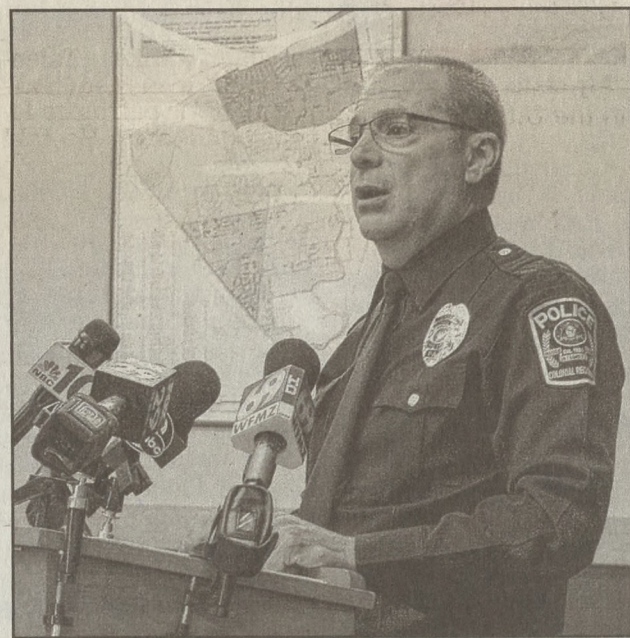
Mazda in the home garage. Atkins was found at his workplace and allegedly admitted to hitting the child.

Seiple said around 6:30 p.m. Friday, Darius Condash, 9, of Suzanne Way in the township, had just purchased candy with friends at a Scheonerville Road Wawa. Accidentally dropping a piece on the roadway, he stopped to retrieve it and was struck by Atkins' car. Atkins continued north without stopping. Condash was transported to St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill, where he was pronounced dead about an hour after being struck.

The vehicle was described by witnesses as a silver or gray four-door with bright blue Xenon headlights. The car has a spoiler and a loud exhaust.

Atkins is charged with careless driving and accidents involving injury or death - a class two felony - and was remanded to Northampton County Prison on \$50,000 bail.

Seiple said that following the accident, police received five to 10 calls a day about the car involved.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Colonial Regional Police Chief Roy Seiple thanks all the persons who "took this incident personally and offered information to assist in this investigation."

"It's a tragedy for both families," said Hanover Township Manager Jay Finnigan.

Glenn Walbert, chairman of the Colonial Regional Police Commission, said these are "trying circumstances," but it is "gratifying to see the professionalism of our police department."

Darius Condash was a fourth grade student at Sheckler ES in the

Catasauqua School District. "We are deeply saddened by the recent death of Darius Condash," read a notice on the school district's website. Grief counselors from the Lehigh Valley region have been at both Sheckler ES and Catasauqua MS throughout the week to provide support for students and staff.

"Please keep Darius' family, friends, classmates, and teachers in your



**Colonial Regional** Police found Royce Atkins at his workplace and arrested him for the hit-and-run death of 9-year-old Darius Condash.

thoughts and prayers as we struggle with the loss of one of our precious young students," the website posting continues. "Please check the Sheckler Elementary Facebook page for information on how you may assist Darius' family during this most difficult time."

Bernie O'Hare contributed to this story.



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**Kathryn Keefe**

born in Reading

Kathryn "Kay" Keefe, 86, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 28, 2015. Born in Reading, she was a daughter of the late Donald Focht and Winifred Boatwright. She was the wife of the late John "Jack" Keefe for 59 years.



She attended Immaculata University and Moravian College.

She is survived by four sons, Michael and his wife Linda; Kevin (Terri); Daniel (Clare); and John (Mary Kay) and her daughter Mary

(George Fetter); 12 grandchildren, Katie Pavolko, Patrick, Jake, TJ, Kelly Sloan, Chris, Jessie, Molly, Noah Zaun, Justin, Dominic and Joseph Fetter; and five great-granddaughters, Taylor, Morgan, Riley, Avery and Charlie.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Nick Zaun.

Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. The family requests that people do something positive in her memory. Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

**Marion M. Bray**

receptionist

Marion M. Bray, 95, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 25, 2015, at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Donald and Bessie (Schrader) McCall. She was the wife of the late William E. Bray.

She was a receptionist at Dr. Lowe's office.

She was a member of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Deborah Lick of Fogelsville; a son, William E. Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Zionsville; five grandchildren, Cliff

ford Jr. and his wife Jamie Lick, Jeremy and his wife Melissa Lick, Stacy and her husband Joshua Smith, and Erica and Trisha Bray; five great-grandchildren; and her caretaker, Virginia Jensen.

She was predeceased by a son, Stephen D. Bray; and a sister, Elizabeth Evans.

Contributions may be made to the church, 73 W. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

**Glenn S. Lerch**

truck driver

Glenn S. Lerch, 67, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 26, 2015, at St. Luke's University Hospital - Fountain Hill. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Sterling and Betsy (Ross) Lerch. He was the husband of Linda (Dodd) Conrad-Lerch for 11 years.

He was a truck driver for Bethlehem Steel Corporation until he retired in 1998.

He was a member of the Found in the 60's Car Club.

He was a member of Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, Allentown.

In addition to his

wife, he is survived by two daughters, Lisa Buisch and Paula Yeakel; three stepchildren, Michael and Christopher Velas and Kristina Weller; a brother, Gary and his wife Phyllis Lerch; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Paul Lerch.

Contributions may be made to the church, 535 W. Emmaus Ave., Allentown, 18103.

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**Joseph M. Fox**

beam yard worker

Joseph M. Fox, 90, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 23, 2015. He was the husband of Mary M. (Toth) Fox for 70 years.

He was an air gunner in the fighter plane "Dauntless Dive Bomber" from 1943 to 1945, and was in the South Pacific, in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He worked in the beam yard at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation until he retired in 1978.

In addition to his

wife, he is survived by a son, Richard; two daughters, Sharon and her husband Charles Zurek and Doreen and her husband Joseph Polak; and five grandchildren, Brandon Zurick, Haley Bedics and Megan, Ashley and Joseph Polak.

Contributions may be made to the Veterans Brotherhood, 313 Fourth St., Pottsville, PA.

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**Vito J. Villani**

superintendent

Vito "Sonny" J. Villani, 83, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 30, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospice House, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Antonio and Anna (Falco) Villani. He was the husband of Geraldine (Bednar) Villani for 62 years.

He was a 1950 graduate of Liberty HS.

He was in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was plant superintendent for Just Born Candies for 45 years until he retired in 2005.

He was a member of Advent Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

He was instrumental in establishing and had served on the board of Jay Bee Credit Union.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Carol A. Faber of Bath and Susan M. of Bethlehem; two

sons, Stephen V. and his wife Virginia of Bethlehem Township and Richard A. and his wife Laurie of Linden, Va.; six grandchildren, Randi Gerencser, Eric and his wife Tara Gerencser, Laurie Anne Bradley, Christina Villani, and Heidi and Harry Faber; three great-grandsons, Trey, Anthony and James; a sister, Terry Ruhf of Bath; and two brothers, Joseph and his wife Eileen Villani of Bethlehem and Dominic and his wife Nancy Villani of Nazareth.

He was predeceased by two siblings, Dolly DeFrancisco and Richard Villani.

Contributions may be made to the church, 3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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**Donald T. Knoblick**

salesman

Donald T. Knoblick Sr., 85, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 26, 2015. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Fred "Fritz" and Mary (Albert) Knoblick. He was the husband of the late Bernadine "Bernie" (Barth) Knoblick for 60 years.

He worked in the sales department at Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 20 years. He owned Spotless Cleaners. He worked at Barths Grille, Mowers, Suncrest and Abbotts Dairies as a milkman. He worked at Durkees and for Coordinated Health as a courier for 21 years until he retired at the age of 80.

He was a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church where he was an eucharistic minister.

He originated and was a member of the Carlton Quoit Club. He

was a life member of St. Bernard's RC Beneficial Society, a life member of the Heights Athletic Association, the Copley Saengerburd and the Pecks Lake Sportsmen Association.

He is survived by a son, Donald Jr. and his wife Margo; a daughter, Diane and her husband, Robert Snyder; four grandchildren, Bryan and his wife Sarah Snyder, Susan and her husband Scott Chambers, Donald T. III and Thomas Knoblick; two great-grandchildren, Jordyn and Austin Chambers; and three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Bedics, Barbara Barth and Rose Barth.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, Development Dept., 2100 Mack Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103.

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

**Joseph E. Laky**

maintenance worker

Joseph E. Laky, 83, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 28, 2015. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Ignatius and Ernestine (Beitler) Laky. He was the husband of Rose Ann (Rudzie) Laky for 58 years.

He was in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He worked in the maintenance department for both the PBNE Railroad and Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He worked for a short time Holy Saviour Cemetery.

He was a former financial secretary for the Steel Workers Union.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by

a son, Joseph and his wife Mary of Palmer Township; a daughter, Kathleen Ann and son Michael James Laky, both of Bethlehem; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was predeceased by a brother, Frank J. Laky; and three sisters, Anna Dustan, Pauline Hinnerschietz and Marie Rosar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 968 Postal Road, Allentown, PA 18109.

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

**Julia Gredlics**

seamstress

Julia Gredlics, 91, of Lower Macungie Township and formerly of Bethlehem, died Oct. 24, 2015. Born in Szakonyfalva, Hungary, she was a daughter of the late Stephen and Julia (Csuk) Kondor. She was the wife of the late Joseph Gredlics.

She was a seamstress for the former Fountain Hill Mills.

She was a parishio-

ner of the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Julie Hess of Allentown; a son, Joseph Stephen and his wife Rebecca of Columbia, Md.; a sister, Irene Schrei; nine grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

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

**Earl F. Herster Jr.**

stock clerk

Earl F. Herster Jr., 53, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 24, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Earl Sr. and Hilda (Vincent) Herster. He was the husband of Vicki (Bellis) Herster for 33 years.

He was a stock clerk for Weis Markets.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Rebeka; a son, Nathan; a brother, Stanley Herster; and a granddaughter, Destiny.

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

**Roland F. Lasso**

military medalist

Roland F. Lasso, 90, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 25, 2015, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Born in Freemansburg, he was a son of the late John and Irene (Nagy) Lasso. He was the husband of the late Stella A. (Stoudt) Lasso.

He was a paratrooper in the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions of the U.S. Army. He received a Combat Infantry Badge for three wars, World War II, Korea and Vietnam; the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters for valor; and was a master parachutist and expert marksman with both the carbine and rifle.

He worked in security services for 18 years, and retired from Loomis Security in 1988.

He was a member of Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church and of the prayer group.

He was a member of the Hellertown American Legion post.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara A. Zawadski of Bethlehem; a son, David R. Lasso and his wife Karen Henenberg of Chantilly, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Mary Lasso of Bethlehem; a brother, Eugene Lasso of Freemansburg; five grandchildren, Heather, Stacey, David, Kenneth and Benjamin; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha, Michael and Cole.

He was predeceased by a son, Roland F. Lasso Jr.; and several brothers and sisters.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kan. 66675.

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

**Barbara J. Guerriere**

OLPH member

Barbara J. Guerriere, 65, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 1, 2015, at home. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Bernard and Ruth (Yost) Naef. She was the wife of Robert J. Guerriere for 24 years.

She was the manager of the Hair Designers Salon at Hess's for many years. She was a financial aid officer for both of the Allentown and Stroudsburg cosmetology schools until she retired.

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

In addition to her

husband, she is survived by a son, Chad Keck and his wife Sarah of East Greenville; a daughter, Kristin Griffith of East Earl; a stepson, Robert Guerriere Jr. of Bethlehem; a stepdaughter, Alison and her husband Anthony Ciaccio of Wil-liston Park, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Grant, Matthew, Julia, Addison and Eva; and a brother, Peter Naef of Allentown.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, Lehigh Valley.

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

**Louise Washington Davis**

of Bethlehem

Louise Washington Davis, 90, died Oct. 31, 2015.

She is survived by a son, Harvey and his wife Maria Davis; a sister, Alma Dorrah; four

grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

**Karen K. (Bluder) DePriest**

beautician

Karen K. (Bluder) DePriest, 69, of Bethlehem and formerly of Hellertown, died Oct. 25, 2015, at HCR ManorCare, Bethlehem. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Thomas M. and Agnes (Hasencz) Bluder.

She was a beautician earlier in her life.

She was of the Russian Orthodox faith.

She is survived by three children: Andrea L. Wunderly, Josh P. and his wife Sylvia Pavlinsky of Freemansburg, and Ariel J. Cruz and

Tony of Allentown; and two siblings, Daria A. and her husband Wilson Pagan of Hellertown, and Thomas C. and his wife Debbie Bluder of Bethlehem; and six grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Stephen T. Pavlinsky.

Contributions may be made to the family, c/o Ariel J. Cruz, 1129 N. 22nd St., Allentown, PA 18104.

Arrangements were made by Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc., Hellertown.

**Vaughn Morgan Nattress**

of Bethlehem

Vaughn Morgan Nattress, 59, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 27, 2015, at home. Born in Tamaqua, he was a son of Vanda (Morgan) Nattress of Tamaqua and the late Robert H. Nattress Sr. He was the husband of Kathleen (Uhl) Nattress.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Penn State University in 1978.

He worked for Gardner Cryogenics before

he retired due to illness.

In addition to his mother and his wife, he is survived by a brother, Robert H. Jr. and his wife Lynn Nattress of Shavertown; a sister, Judith Johnson of Tamaqua; four nieces; two nephews; five great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

Arrangements were made by James Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem

**George Z. Heimbach, M.D.**

Central Moravian Church member

George Z. Heimbach, M.D., 84, of Bethlehem, died Oct. 23, 2015, at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem. Born in Harrisburg, he was a son of the late Eugene D. and Leontine (Zimmerman) Heimbach. He was the husband of Elizabeth (Weaver) Heimbach for 53 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree from The Citadel, and a medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. He studied at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Hospital.

He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps.

He had a family practice in Allentown for six years. He was a partner in Easton Radiology Associates, Easton Hospital, and was an instructor in radiological technology school until he retired.

He was a member of Central Moravian Church, where he was a sacristan and a safety officer.

He was a life member of the Men of Muhlenberg Medical Center, Liberty Bell Shrine, and the Guthsville Rod and Gun Club.

He was a member of the Northampton County and Pennsylvania Medical Societies. An Eagle Scout, he was a former assistant scout-

master of the Liberty Bell Troop #40, Zion's U.C.C. Church, Allentown. He was a former trustee of Moravian Academy and he was a co-founder of The Gateway School of the Lehigh Valley. He was vice chairman of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission for many years, and was a member of several groundsow lodges.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Daniel E. of Silver Spring, Md.; and David G., with a daughter-in-law Ginette Meluso and granddaughter Vivian G. Heimbach of Malvern; a sister-in-law Sallie Weaver Cole; two nieces, Catherine Weaver Mauran and Kirsten Weaver Reali; two nephews, James Thomas Weaver and Stephan Perry Cole; three great-nieces, Meghan Mcdermott and Olivia and Hannah Reali; great-nephew, Evan Mcdermott; and a great-great-niece, Charlize Mcdermott.

Contributions may be made to the church, 73 W. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018; or to Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites, suite 260, 74 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

# Unofficial election results

**STATE**  
**Justice of the Supreme Court**  
**State total (Northampton Co.) [Lehigh Co.]**

Democrat  
David Wecht 1,067,213 (17,835) [21,496]  
Kevin M. Dougherty 1,076,700 (19,207) 22,581  
Christine Donohue 1,056,941 (19,326) 22,586  
Republican  
Judy Olsen 885,700 (16,505) [19,317]  
Mike George 794,423 (15,262) [17,671]  
Anne Covey 793,641 (14,638) [16,777]  
Independent Judicial Alliance  
Paul Panepinto 144,237 (2,224) [3,833]

**Judge of the Superior Court**  
Democrat: Alice Beck  
Dubow 1,045,878 (14,397) [19,354]  
Republican: Emil Giordano  
922,946 (22,709) [22,547]

**Judge of the Commonwealth Court**  
Democrat: Michael Wojcik  
1,047,588 (17,441) [20,799]  
Republican: Paul Lalley  
936,405 (16,561) [20,422]

**LEHIGH COUNTY Commissioner**  
Vote for 4  
Democrat  
Dan Hartzell 21,841  
Joanne Jackson 19,436  
Bob Martin 19,569  
Hillary Smith 19,354  
Republican  
Amanda Holt 20,617  
Victor Mazziotti 20,062  
Marty Notstein 22,473  
Brad Osborne 20,192

**Court of Common Pleas**  
Retention vote: Carol K. McGinley  
Yes: 32,181  
No: 7,174

**County Controller**  
Democrat:  
Thomas Slonaker 20,236  
Republican:  
Glenn Eckhart 21,582

**District Attorney**  
Democrat/Republican  
Jim Martin 39,039

**Sheriff**  
Democrat: Ed Zucal 17,002  
Republican: Joe Hanna  
26,136

**Clerk of Judicial Records**  
Democrat/Republican  
Andrea Naugle 30,180

**Coroner**  
Democrat/Republican  
Scott M. Grim 32,880

**FOUNTAIN HILL Borough Council**  
Vote for 3  
Democrat  
Annmarie Jordan 372  
Douglas D. Trotter Jr. 359  
Norman E. Blatt Jr. 365  
Republican

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Court of Common Pleas**  
Judge (vacant seat)  
Democrat: Samuel P. Murray  
19,953  
Republican: Victor Scomillio  
18,107

**Court of Common Pleas**  
Retention vote: Paula Roscioli  
Yes: 15,574 No: 5,254  
Retention vote: Anthony S. Beltrami  
Yes: 15,212  
No: 5,266

**County Council District I**  
Bethlehem, Hanover Twp., Hellertown  
Democrat: Ken Kraft 4,907  
Republican

**County Council District III**  
Freemansburg/Lower Saucon  
Democrat: Lori Vargo Heffner  
4,937  
Republican: John Cusick  
5,676

**County Controller**  
Democrat: Stephen J. Barron  
Jr. 18,148  
Republican: Hayden Phillips  
17,648

**District Attorney**  
Democrat: John M. Morganelli  
26,257  
Republican

**District Magistrates District 03-2-01**  
Democrat/Republican  
Roy Manwaring 952

**District 03-2-03**  
Democrat/Republican  
Patricia Broscius 3,023

**District 03-2-04**  
Democrat/Republican:  
David Tidd 2,424

**District 03-2-10**  
Democrat/Republican:  
Nancy Matos Gonzales 387

**BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Director-at-large Northampton Co. votes (Lehigh Co. votes)**  
Vote for 3  
Democrat/Republican  
Dean M. Donaher 11,796 (2,423)  
Thomas Thomasik III 11,422 (2,385)  
Karen Beck Pooley 7,408 (1,944)  
Republican  
Dan Treffinger 4,975 (1,097)

**Region II**  
Vote for 1  
Democrat/Republican  
Craig Neiman 3,003 (1,771)

**Region III**  
Vote for 1  
Democrat/Republican  
Eugene McKeon 5,100  
**BETHLEHEM CITY City Council**  
4-year term  
Vote for no more than 3



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Edgar "Kirt" Muhlhausen is accompanied by his daughter Carrie Kelley after voting at a Bethlehem polling place during the Tuesday general election. "I've always voted," said the 96-year-old Muhlhausen, who lives at nearby Moravian Village. His daughter, a Bethlehem resident, voted at another polling station in her neighborhood. "I'm helping out my dad," she said proudly. Muhlhausen is a Lehigh University graduate who worked for the City of Bethlehem in the engineering and public works department.

Democrat  
J. William Reynolds 3,289  
Shawn Martell 3,212  
Michael Colon 3,249  
Republican  
Write-in: 122

**City Council 2-year term**  
Democrat: Olga Negron  
3,411  
Republican

**City Treasurer**  
Democrat: Kaija Farber  
3,266  
Republican

**City Controller**  
Democrat: George Yasso  
3,494  
Republican

**Constable-W14**  
Democrat: James P. Doyle  
1,445  
Republican: Scott J. Hough  
932

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP Commissioner- at-large**  
Democrat: Malissa K. Davis  
1,867  
Republican: D. Martin Zawarski  
1,421

**Commissioner - Ward 3**  
Democrat: Kim Jenkins 400  
Republican: Phil Barnard  
393

**FREEMANSBURG Constable**  
Democrat: Frank Gergar 138  
Republican: Jose D. Garcia  
92

**Borough Council**  
Vote for 4  
Democrat  
Justin J. LaBar 160  
Homer G. Lorrach 152  
Jim Smith 150  
David Saunders 150  
Republican

**HELLERTOWN Borough Council**  
4-year term  
Vote for 3  
Democrat  
Earl Hill 404  
Philip Weber 389  
Republican/Democrat  
Herb Payung Jr. 549

**Borough Council**  
2-year term  
Vote for 1  
Democrat: Earl Hill 435  
Republican

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP Supervisor**  
Democrat  
Republican  
Michael Prendeville 1,327

**SAUCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Vote for 5  
Democrat/Republican  
Michael J. Karabin 2,085  
Susan Baxter 2,034  
Linda Leewright 1,864  
Mark W. Sivak 1,949  
Bryan Eichfeld 1,839  
Write in: 833

## deLeon: 'Hanging on by my fingernails'

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Does money buy elections? Stay tuned.

IESI, the corporation that controls the Bethlehem Landfill, wants zoning changes that will permit it to expand in Lower Saucon Township. That needs approval by township council, which has dragged its feet. So the landfill corporation has poured \$125,200 into an effort to remove landfill opponents with a more compliant council. It used "high-stakes

public strategy" firm Mercury, LLC to oppose a bi-partisan anti-landfill slate consisting of Priscilla deLeon, Dave Willard and Donna Louder.

They were running for three seats on the board against Sandra Yerger, Tom Maxfield and Gary Gorman.

This strategy may have both failed and succeeded. The landfill's most vocal opponent, Louder, was the top vote getter in last week's election, with 1,244 votes. But

Sandra Yerger, who has claimed that the loss of landfill income "would create a significant tax increase for township residents," also won a seat, with 1,176 votes.

The third seat went to incumbent Priscilla deLeon with 1,157 votes, but this unofficial tally only gives her three votes more than pro-landfill incumbent Tom Maxfield. It could easily change.

"I'm hanging on by my fingernails," deLeon said. "I should have

waited for a manicure."

Northampton County's election office began what it calls its canvassing of the vote on Friday. This is the official count, and it starts with the cities. The process takes several days. As of press time, it is still unclear whether deLeon or Maxfield has won the third seat on Lower Saucon Township Council.

But as of Monday afternoon, deLeon had gained a vote as elections officials went through their own count.

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# 'Keep it close' strategy pays off

## ELECTION ANALYSIS

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Political consultant and civil rights attorney Joe Welsh is being touted as the mastermind behind Sam Murray's election as Northampton County's newest judge last week. But Welsh is having none of it.

"It wasn't about politics, it was about Sam," he said, noting Murray had a small army of 160 election workers at the polls for him Election Day. Some were the parents of players on teams he coached, leading one of them to the doorstep of the Little League World Series. Others were clients or lifelong friends.

"They were there for Sam," Welsh explained.

Unofficial results give Murray, an Easton attorney who lives in Hanover Township, a 19,959 to 18,115 edge over Bethlehem attorney Vic Scomillio, who resides in Palmer Township. That appears to be an unassailable lead of 1,844 votes. The elections office began its own canvass of the votes on Friday, and should complete its work in about a week, after receiving what they predict will be a handful of military ballots.

Welsh's strategy was to win big in Bethlehem, Easton and traditional Democratic boroughs, and to "keep it close" in the municipalities around Bethlehem's urban core. He believed Murray would win in a very close election if at least 35,800 people voted. But with the "added benefit of 72 degree weather, 38,082 people voted in the judicial race.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Joan McEnrue of Hanover Township sits outside the Bethlehem 15th Ward 1st District polling place at Northeast MS as she waits for voters. The Sam Murray for Judge volunteer was greeting voters and handing out information. "He's great, I've known him for years. He's the only candidate for the court who has judicial experience," said McEnrue, who stayed outside Northeast MS all day.

Murray did win big in Bethlehem. He captured every precinct and 66 percent of the 5,213 votes cast, far beyond his county-wide percentage of 52 percent. Though Easton is much smaller than Bethlehem, he got 72 percent of the 2,258 votes cast in the judicial race there.

He also did well in what Welsh calls the cap communities around Bethlehem and Easton. He won in Bethlehem Township (1832-1472), a Republican township that has suddenly turned blue by electing two Democratic commissioners. Scomillio lost Palmer Township (1,543-1,483), where he

lives, and Murray won a close victory on his home turf in Hanover Township (1,130-1093). Murray even won in Williams Township (561-454), which is considered a Republican stronghold.

Murray also won in Freemansburg (139-64), Glendon (24-6), Hellertown (417-258), Lower Mount Bethel (226-162), Nazareth (427-345), Northampton (617-445), Stockertown (98-78), West Easton (117-58), and Wilson Boro (434-198).

Scomillio won in Allen (331-323) Bangor (295-247), Bath (150-115), Bushkill (640-410), Chapman (20-9), East

Allen (400-321), East Bangor (75-38), Forks (1052-973), Lehigh (826-575), Lower Nazareth (488-427), Lower Saucon (1237-922), Moore (908-662), North Catasauqua (224-204), Pen Argyl (310-204), Plainfield (652-436), Portland (48-24), Roseto (175-105), Tatamy (110-66), Upper Mount Bethel (617-395), Upper Nazareth (398-370), Walnutport (94-86), Washington (364-268) and Wind Gap (170-160).

Bethlehem gave Murray a 1,649 edge. Since he won by 1,844 votes, he clearly won this race in the Christmas City, where he once took Lehigh Little League to the World Series.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Malissa Davis will be on the other side of the dais in January.

# Bethlehem Twp. board turns blue

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In recent weeks, the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners meetings have been anti-climactic. The real show is in the weekly budget hearings. Those are usually held in a small conference room. But they have been moved into the regular meeting hall because of a public outcry over a 37.6 percent tax increase being pondered by commissioners.

On election eve, as campaign signs began to dot the municipal complex, commissioners conducted a brief meeting. Residents like Roy Roth told commissioners it is "time to cut the fat," but at the same time demanded to know when Brodhead Road would be re-paved. He told Commissioner Tom Nolan to "wash your ears out so you can hear a little better."

As soon as the meeting was over, he was taking palm cards from Malissa Davis for the election.

It was a bad sign for three incumbent commissioners seeking re-election.

The next day, according to unofficial results, two of the incumbents

were rejected by voters. Though Tom Nolan survived a write-in challenge, Marty Zawarski was handily defeated by Davis, 1,867 to 1,421. Phil Barnard lost out to Kim Jenkins by a scant eight votes, 400 to 392.

Zawarski and Barnard are Republican, while Davis and Jenkins are Democrats.

Davis flew under the "Save Green Pond" banner. A regular at commissioner meetings, she has been a vocal opponent of the Traditions of America senior housing development planned at Green Pond. She has also been an advocate for more open government.

The official tally is under way and should be completed this week. If it holds, Bethlehem Township will have a Democratic majority. Jenkins, Davis and incumbent Commissioner Michael Hudak, who was not up for election this cycle, are all Democrats. According to Hudak's Facebook page, this is the first time that Bethlehem Township has had a majority Democratic board. It is also the first time that a woman has been elected to its board.

## FALL FESTIVALS

Saturday, Nov 14

**Holiday craft fair**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arthur L. Scott Spartan Center, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. Call 610-861-5088.

**Vendor/craft fair**, 9 a.m. Bethany U.C.C., 600 W. Market St. Call 610-868-4441.

**Basket raffle/bake sale**, benefits Bethlehem's homeless. 9 a.m. Rosemont Lutheran Church, 1705 W. Broad St. Visit [www.hbeh.org](http://www.hbeh.org) or email [hbb@rcn.com](mailto:hbb@rcn.com).

**Holiday bazaar**, Sat., Nov. 14, 10 a.m. Lutheran Manor, 2085 Westgate Drive.

**Pork and sauerkraut dinner**, 4 p.m. College Hill Moravian Church, 72 W. Laurel St. Call 610-867-8291.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

**"Thanksgiving Dinner"** and clothing give away for the needy, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Emmanuel E. C. Church 75 E. Union Blvd.

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registration needed. Call 610-867-3761, ext.499 or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) for information.

**Salvation Army, Calling All Bridge Players** program for seniors 50 and up, 9:30 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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**Moravian Archives talk:** "The Secret Life of a Heretic's Coat: Jan Hus and the Modern Pilgrimage of a 'Medieval Relic'" with Thomas Fudge, research fellow at Moravian College and Theological Seminary. 7 p.m. 41 W. Locust St. Call 610-866-3255.

**AAUW-Bethlehem free panel discussion**, "See Jane Run," 7 p.m., Daughters of the American Revolution House, Rose Garden, Eight Avenue and Union Boulevard. Information: email [szaremba@moravian.edu](mailto:szaremba@moravian.edu). or visit [www.Bethlehem-pa.aauw.net](http://www.Bethlehem-pa.aauw.net).

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**

**Kids' Storytime with Jane**, 10:30 a.m., ages two to four; sign up in children's book department; Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit [www.moravianbookshop.com](http://www.moravianbookshop.com).

**Free babies /toddlers story time** for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, main library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Call 610-867-3761, ext.499 or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) for information.

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

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**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11**

**City Special Activity meeting**, special event Q&A to answer questions or address any issues about upcoming special events for the public, 2 to 4 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St. RSVP to 610-865-7079.

**Lehigh County Commissioners**, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

**Thursday, Nov. 12**

**Bethlehem Authority**, 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St. Bethlehem Planning Commission, canceled; next meeting is Dec. 10.

**Bethlehem Water Authority**, 3 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Monday, Nov. 16**

**BASD regular Board**, 7 p.m. East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

**Historic Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m. Banana Factory, 25 E. Third St.

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

**Fountain Hill Borough Zoning Hearing Board** (as warranted), 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**

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

**Freemansburg Council** (workshop; as needed), 600 Monroe St.

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**

**Fountain Hill Council** work session, as needed, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

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**DEANS LISTS**

**Widener**

Ashleigh Bothwell, of Bethlehem, a recent graduate of Widener University, was named to the spring 2015 semester president's list at Widener. The list recognizes full-time students who earned a grade point average of 4.00 in two consecutive semesters without receiving an "incomplete" or "pass" grade.

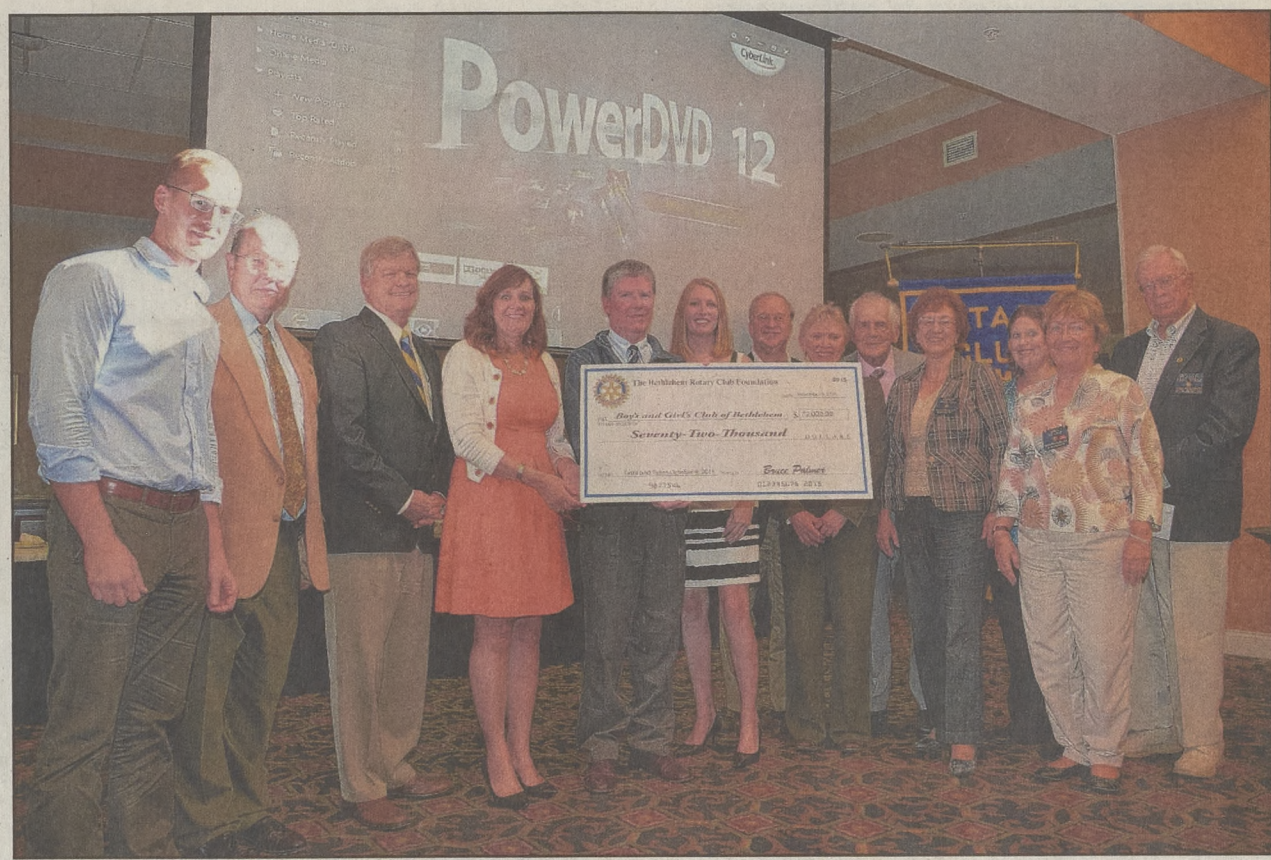
**Colgate**

Grant Haines '15, of Bethlehem, received the Colgate College dean's award for academic excellence for the spring 2015 semester. This recognition is awarded to students with a 3.30 or higher term average.

**Lehigh Carbon**

Several local residents were named to Lehigh Carbon Community College's summer 2015 dean's list. They are Jacob Austin, Michele Brazee, Jessica Edwards, Gabrielle Elchaar Jr. and Reghan O'Brien, all of Bethlehem; and Eric Werley and Evan Wescoe, of Fountain Hill. The students with an academic grade point average of at least 3.50 are named to the list.

Submit deans list items to [gtaylor@tnonline.com](mailto:gtaylor@tnonline.com), fax 610-740-0947 or mail it to College graduates, c/o Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26 St., Allentown, PA 18104.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Bethlehem Rotary President Mike McGovern is joined by "Tastes and Tunes" committee members and honaray chair Andy Scott during presentation of a \$72,000 check to Bethlehem Boys and Girls Club chief professional officer Gary Martell.

**Big bucks for Boys & Girls Club**

The Bethlehem Rotary's third annual "Tastes and Tunes," held at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem in October, set another fundraising record as this year's beneficiary, the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem, accepted a check in the amount of \$72,000 at the Rotary's meeting on Nov. 4. Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem chief professional officer Gary Martell accepted the check from Bethlehem Rotary president

Mike McGovern calling the Rotary members and event sponsors "great role models for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club." Andy and Carol Scott were honorary chairs of the 2015 event and Air Products and Just Born were presenting sponsors. Three hundred guests enjoyed the culinary treats and beverages provided by 14 area restaurants, caterers and businesses. Tunes were provided by DJ Freddy Fredericks

Jr., Mark Johnson and Evan Sigafoos on guitar, and the Liberty HS Choir. The event culminated with a live auction that included a 2015 Master Flag that was autographed by 2015 Masters winner Jordan Spieth. The Tastes and Tunes committee was chaired by Thea Phalon. The Boys and Girls Club provides programming to over 3,000 kids in the Bethlehem area.

**Borough gets new recycling contract**

BY MARK RECCEK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hellertown Borough has a new one-year recycling contract.

At council's Nov. 2 meeting, the new contract was approved for \$81,000 with J.P. Mascaro & Sons of Allentown for 2016.

Council Vice President Joe Pampanin and Councilman Herb Payung were not present.

According to borough manager Cathy Hartranft, J.P. Mascaro & Sons was the sole company to submit a bid to the borough.

J.P. Mascaro & Sons serves as the current recycling hauler for the borough.

Hartranft said the new contract will cost an additional \$842 monthly.

In other business, council voted 3-2 to reject reconsideration for a handicapped parking space on Keilman Avenue.

Last month council rejected Anne Rayan's request for the spot.

**HELLERTOWN**

Rayan, 85, told council the spot was necessary due to the weakened condition of her legs. Voting against the

reconsideration request was council President Tom Reiger and Councilman John Bate. May or Richard Fluck cast



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## VETERANS DAY EVENTS

### Wednesday, Nov. 11

Bethlehem Steelworkers memorial service, with Rep. Steve Samuelson, 10 a.m., steelworkers memorial, Third and Filmore streets.

**Bethlehem Township Veterans Day** service, with Rep. Steve Samuelson, 11 a.m., Municipal Park veterans monument, BTCC, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Hanover ES**, Veterans Day ceremony, 9:30 a.m. 3890 Jacksonville Road.

**Lincoln ES**, Veterans Day ceremony, 8:55 a.m. 1260 Gresham St.

**Long Funeral Home**, outdoor Veterans Day program, with Dino P. Cantelmi, Rep. Steve Samuelson and Lt. Col. John J. McGeehan, U.S. Army Special Forces-Green Beret Unit Delta Project, Retired; taps by the Harry F.W. Johnson Post #379. 2 p.m. 500 Linden St.

**"The Greatest Generation - Conversations with Our Veterans of World War II,"** presented by Embassy Bank, 6:30 p.m.; ArtsQuest, 101 Founders Way. Information, visit [www.steelstacks.org](http://www.steelstacks.org) or call 610-332-1300.

### Saturday, Nov. 14

**Veterans day program**, Sons of the American Revolution, Valley Forge Chapter; the Daughters of the American Revolution, Bethlehem Chapter; and the Sixth Pennsylvania Revolutionary War re-enactors, 11 a.m. memorial service, Tomb of the Unknown streets

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

**Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera** (center) responds to questions from the media. Rivera said 'Dream It Do It' is a great innovational program. Rivera said that the program gives students exposure to the skill sets that they'll need to be successful.

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**Bosch Rexroth** industrial engineer Michael Michalgyk speaks with a group of Parkland students after they toured the company's manufacturing facility on Brodhead Road. Parkland sophomore Dawson Berger said he and his fellow students were "kind of surprised at how big offices were versus the size of the assembly line" and he was impressed by the assembly area.

## 'Dream to Do It'

Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera visited the Lehigh Valley during Manufacturing Week, joining Parkland students engaged in the Dream It-Do It PA Program for a tour of Bosch Rexroth offices and manufacturing facilities. Rivera cited the importance of engaging the industrial and professional communities to involve them in exposing students at an early age to potential careers in manufacturing. Rivera called the visit a great experience and said he was impressed with the robotic technology being used. Fifty-eight students from Parkland, enrolled in an elective course called Project Lead the Way - Principles of Engineering, got to see a modern manufacturing process first hand. Dream It-Do It PA started in 2013 to raise awareness about manufacturing careers and is a partnership directed by the Manufacturers Resource Center.

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Mason is friendly, and would love a family to play with again. He is current on shots, neutered and microchipped.



Cupcake is an adult rabbit with such soft fur. Her family moved so she's looking for a new forever home.

## VOLUNTEERS

**FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY** needs volunteers for weeding, trimming of shrubs and weed-whacking in the Green Meadow Natural Burial Ground. Contact Ed Vogrins, 610-868-4840, [info@greenmeadowpa.org](mailto:info@greenmeadowpa.org).

**KIRKLAND VILLAGE**, Bethlehem, is recruiting adult volunteers to assist in the gift shop. Contact Connie Cain, 610-691-04515, [ccain@psl.org](mailto:ccain@psl.org).

**NORTHEAST MINISTRY**, Bethlehem, is seeking tutors age 18 and older to assist children during their After School Homework Club. Contact Paula Johnson, 610-691-3355, [johnsonp@northeastministry.com](mailto:johnsonp@northeastministry.com).

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**, Greater Lehigh Valley is recruiting volunteers to serve as coordinators for the Road to Recovery program. Contact Jennifer Washney, 570-562-9749, [Jennifer.washney@cancer.org](mailto:Jennifer.washney@cancer.org).

**AMERICA ON WHEELS**, Allentown, needs volunteers (age 16+) for gift shop/admissions assistant and museum tour guides to meet/greet visitors and share the museum's story. Contact Liz Hahn, 610-432-4200, ext. 10, [fund\\_development@americaonwheels.org](mailto:fund_development@americaonwheels.org).

**FAMILIES FIRST**, Pen Argyl, needs facilitators for high school students in ninth through 12th grades. Facilitators meet with a group of students once a month to encourage higher education or vocational careers. Contact Frank Jones, 610-863-3688, [jones.frank@penargylsd.org](mailto:jones.frank@penargylsd.org).

**TEACH RWANDA**, Easton, is introducing modern teaching methods to Rwandan preschools. Contact Janet Brown, 484-542-7442, [jbrown@teachrwanda.org](mailto:jbrown@teachrwanda.org).

**THE SALVATION ARMY CHILDREN'S SERVICES**, Allentown, is looking for volunteers to join the Children's Service Committee. Contact Jan Musser Geier, 610-821-7706, [Jan.mussergeier@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Jan.mussergeier@use.salvationarmy.org).

Call 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 [www.volunteerlv.org](http://www.volunteerlv.org) for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

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# State impasse forces borrowing

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Despite a record state budget impasse, Northampton County has been paying human services providers out of its own pocket. But it's running out of money fast. Council adopted an emergency ordinance by a 6 to 3 vote that will enable the county to borrow up to \$50 million to cover human services costs through next March.

Under the county's Home Rule Charter, council has the power to adopt an ordinance the night it is introduced "[t]o meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace." But a supermajority of six votes is needed.

Fiscal Affairs Director Jim Hunter had previously reported that



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Budget Administrator Doran Hamman and Fiscal Director Jim Hunter want to borrow \$50 million so the county can provide human services during the state budget impasse.

the county has enough services are provided money to ensure that until the end of the year.

"What has changed?" asked Scott Parsons.

"Nothing has changed," replied Hunter.

"Well, then it's not an emergency," concluded Parsons, who said he would have preferred waiting until later in the year before seeking a \$50 million loan.

Hunter, Budget Administrator Doran Hamann and Executive John Brown nevertheless insisted that now would be the time to take out a loan. According to Hamann, the county's fund balance has dwindled down to \$19 million, compared to \$62 million at this time last year. Once the fund balance drops to \$5 million, the county will incur penalties for early redemption, making it cheaper and more fiscal-

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**Contentment Fosters Thankfulness**

A gentleman wished to sell a rather large estate that he owned. He had an agent write an advertisement telling about the estate. The agent took it to the owner and read it to him. "Read that again," said the owner. The agent read the description of the estate once more. "I don't think I will sell after all," said the gentleman. "I have been looking for an estate like that all of my life, and did not know that I owned it!"

In 2 Timothy 3:2, the Bible reveals "that in the last days...men shall be...covetous." The "covetous" are not content with what they have—they constantly want more. Obviously, discontentment is a huge problem today—creating financial pressures in search of more things to hopefully satisfy, or destroying marriages in search of another spouse to bring happiness! That verse also foretells that men will be "unthankful." Yes, **discontent breeds unthankfulness.** The Bible commands, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (1 Timothy 6:8). **Contentment fosters thankfulness!**

The story is told of an older Christian woman in a poorly furnished cabin eating her humble meal. She was asked by a visitor, "Is this all you have, this scanty furniture, this humble home, and this poor food?" With a bright face she replied, "I have all this and Jesus too!" Like the Apostle Paul who said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11), she had learned true values! Her remarkable expression of gratefulness and thanksgiving sprang from her contentment which obviously was rooted in her personal relationship with Jesus Christ! You have cause to be content if Jesus is with you as Hebrews 13:5 states, "Let your conversation (life style) be without covetousness (always wanting more); and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

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Community groups participate alongside members of the Sands Bethlehem team, including a group from Donegan ES with Principal Sonia Vasquez.

## Hope, hygiene in a box

BY DANA GRUBB

Special to the Bethlehem Press

On a recent Saturday, 700 volunteers, over half from the Sands Bethlehem Casino and the rest from community organizations, gathered in the shadows of the former Bethlehem Steel Machine Shop No. 2 to assemble personal hygiene kits as part of the Las Vegas Sands Corporation and Clean the World partnership to deliver much needed supplies to the needy. The local initiative aimed to assemble 25,000 of the kits for distribution to area agencies.

"We're happy to be able to contribute to the community," said Mickey Trageser, Sands Bethlehem vice president of human

resources.

Each kit contained a washcloth, razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, conditioner and body wash. Kits were packed in cartons of 50 for shipment by four shifts of volunteers, who sported event T-shirts and earned raffle prizes donated by the Sands and area businesses.

Las Vegas Sands Corporation's global hygiene partnership with social enterprise organization Clean the World is part of the Sands' global corporate citizenship program, 'Sands Cares.' The 24-hour event hoped to assemble 200,000 kits worldwide.



Sands table game dealers Sandra Forgione and Xiaomei Nalbene were charged with packing 50 kits into each carton.



In the spirit of personal hygiene and cleanliness, Sands Bethlehem risk manager Angela Simsic dresses as "scrubbing bubbles."



Victory House Executive Director Pat DiLuzio Jr. joined a group of Victory House residents to help assemble the kits. With DiLuzio are residents Julio Carreras and Melvin Ransom on the hygiene kit assembly line. Residents Raymond Gouthon and David Byrd also volunteered. Victory House was among the local agencies that received kits. Twenty cartons of the kits were also forwarded to Philadelphia in conjunction with Pope Francis' recent visit to that area, to benefit the homeless.



Each hygiene kit included a razor, washcloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, shower gel, lotion and hair conditioner. Volunteers assembled kits from bins filled with each item by placing them in a plastic bag and packing them 50 in a box.



Volunteers receive a brief orientation from Clean the World representative Whitney Majors and Sands Bethlehem community relations coordinator Susan Stachowski at the start of each shift.



Each volunteer received an event T-shirt and was eligible for raffles that included a variety of gifts donated by the Sands Bethlehem and area businesses.



Each hygiene kit also contained a personal message of love and compassion. Volunteer Miriam Matos writes, "Hope this helps. Blessings. Have a great day!"

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 ly prudent to borrow.

Hunter reported that he has been in discussions with five different banks, and can get interest rates in the vicinity of two percent. There will be no loan origination fee, Hunter assured Ken Kraft.

"The earlier we can get this approval, the easier it is," said Brown.

Lamont McClure asked whether the \$19 million fund balance reported by Hamann includes the county's \$10 million rainy day fund. Hamann said it does not. An incredulous McClure asked why on earth the rainy day fund can't be used when the county claims it is raining. Hamann answered that it would cost too much to get at the money.

Voting against the ordinance were Scott Parsons, Ken Kraft and Lamont McClure. "It doesn't support the definition of emergency," said Parsons.

## ARTS ACADEMY

Open house on Nov. 11, 12

There will be an informational open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 12 at the Innovative Arts Academy Charter School, 330 Howertown Road, Catawauqua.

The school's core subjects are digital and graphic arts, culinary arts, journalism and fashion and design. Parents will have an opportunity to learn more about the academy and how to pre-enroll their children.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

A look at how the boys state meet went this past weekend.

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**THEY SAID IT**

**"There were some rough times over the years and I'm just so proud that we stuck with it, kept our community behind us, kept our coaches together and our kids just stuck with it."**

Jason Roeder

FHS football coach

**BRIEFLY**

**CHEERING**

Registration is taking place for the Patriot Pride's Rally in the Valley Cheerleading Competition, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6 at Freedom.

The competition is open to recreational, junior high, junior varsity and varsity.

First place trophy awarded in each category, medals for runners-up, and a grand champion trophy.

National Federation spirit rules and guidelines and AACC safety guidelines will be followed. There will be a nine-panel padded mat floor and a seven-panel mat floor for warm-up.

Medical forms are required.

Discount registration of \$100 due before Nov. 13. Between Nov. 14 and Dec. 1, the registration fee \$150. Payments non-refundable.

For more information, contact Lynn Spina at Coach@FreedomCheerleading.org or 484-201-0138. Texting is preferred.

**FOOTBALL**

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BY PETER CAR  
pcar@tnonline.com

Jason Roeder has been through plenty of ups and downs over his 11 years as head coach of Freedom's football program, but last Saturday afternoon the Patriots accomplished one feat that left everyone in the black and gold invigorated.

Freedom tamed city rival Liberty 35-21 and took home a share of the East Penn Conference

South Division title, the first league championship ever for the football program.

Last weekend's win capped off a 9-1 regular season for the program, gave them back-to-back wins in the series since the 1995-96 season and left them with a wonderful feeling heading into this week's preparation for the District 2-4-11 subregional playoffs.

"There were some

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PRESS PHOTO BY CHUCK HIXSON

The Freedom defense helped to lead the Pates to victory over Liberty last weekend. Both teams now prepare for districts.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Elijah Fineran tries to shed a tackler after a long catch and run against Central.

**Becahi gets by CCHS**

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Bethlehem Catholic hasn't gotten many opportunities to play a meaningful football game for four quarters over the course of this season, but the Hawks certainly took advantage of their opportunity last Saturday night in their 'Holy War' contest against Central Catholic.

The Hawks controlled most of their contest against the Vikings, leading to a 34-21 victory at Frank Banko Field.

The win sets up Becahi (9-1) as the second seed in this week's District 11 3A playoffs, where

they'll face third seeded Saucon Valley (10-0) in the opening round of the playoffs at Frank Banko Field Saturday at 1 p.m.

Antwon Keenan turned in another big performance for the Hawks, rushing for 157 yards and four touchdowns, to lead Becahi's ground attack.

After falling behind 6-0 in the first quarter, Becahi scored 20 straight points before letting off the gas in the second quarter.

Alvin Pacheco ran 39 yards for a Central TD to cut the lead to 20-13 and Central would add a safety just before half-time to trail by five.

But Keenan broke

things open in the third quarter with a 45-yard score to make it 27-15.

The Vikings then drove inside the Becahi five-yard line, but were stuffed on 4th and 1 from the three yard line to cause a huge momentum shift in the outcome.

Keenan would punch in his final score of the night from five yards out just before the end of the third, capping off a 96 yard drive to give the Hawks a 34-15 lead.

"I'm just really proud of how we played," said Hawks' head coach Joe Henrich. "I thought our defense really kept them in check. They [Central] have been putting up

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**District playoff brackets, matchups revealed**

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The District 11 football playoffs have been set and it again is filled with question marks.

The 4A classification sub-regional format with Districts 2-4-11 features a lopsided bottom bracket with power teams, while the top bracket is noticeably softer.

Wyoming Valley West (10-0) is the top-seed and faces a hobbling Nazareth (5-5) squad in their opener, while the oth-

er pairing in the top half of the bracket features Liberty (7-3) hosting Stroudsburg (8-2) in the four-five matchup. The 'Canes have to like their road to the district championship compared to some of their counterparts.

Parkland (9-1) is the second-seed and they get seventh-seeded Delaware Valley (7-3) in their opener, while Freedom (9-1) gets the toughest opening round contest against sixth-seeded Easton (7-3).

The Patriots reward for

winning nine games, beating Liberty and grabbing a share of the EPC South Division crown is having to open against Easton and then possibly see Parkland in the semi-finals.

That's how the power ranking formula worked out this year.

In 3A, Lehigh (10-0) somehow earned the top seed over Bethlehem Catholic, as they'll open up against fourth-seeded Blue Mountain (9-1). That leaves the two teams that played in last

year's 3A final — Becahi (9-1) and Saucon Valley (10-0)—playing this weekend.

In 2A, Notre Dame Green Pond (9-1) earned the top-seed and they square off against North Schuylkill (6-4), while Northwestern (8-2) and Salisbury (7-3) have a Colonial League battle in the two-three matchup.

In 1A, top-seeded Tri-Valley (8-2) gets Williams Valley (5-5) and Mahanoy Area (6-4) and Marian Catholic (6-4) face off in the other contest.

**Kochmaruk 12th at states**

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Raisa Kochmaruk used to read about cross country state medalists, even dreaming about that possibility for herself, but on Saturday, the Liberty High School junior earned a state medal of her own after placing 12th at the PIAA Class AAA Girls' State Cross Country Championships in Hershey.

"I think I kneeled down. I couldn't believe it. My goal was just to get a medal. It was great being first from my district. I used to hear about people at states and getting a medal. Now I'm one of them," Kochmaruk said.

Liberty coach Mark Will-Weber likened Kochmaruk's race to a run where all the pieces fell into place.

"It unfolded perfectly from beginning to end for her. I was thrilled. She ran a really poised race, and she was tough-minded at the end. At the end, it's all guts," said Will-Weber. The end of the course

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is a very steep incline named Poop-Out Hill. In addition, it is located near a sewer plant.

Kochmaruk said, "The coaches tell us we're not even going to talk about that. It's whatever you've got left."

The entire course is a beast, according to Will-Weber, with four or five big hills.

"I wanted her to be in the top 30 at the mile, but didn't want her out with the leaders. She was 20th halfway, and she looked good. She was running the down hills aggressively and feeling good doing that," said Will-Weber.

Whether running up them or down them, the hills are brutal.

"The beginning [of the race] is always really fast, and it was tight going downhill. It's really gravelly, so I was just really careful. I started passing people on the first grassy stretch,"

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PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Raisa Kochmaruk of Liberty medaled at states with a 12th place finish.

# FHS' Alpaugh 34th at states

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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This past September, Freedom cross country coach Bob Thear, took Patriot runners, Will Alpaugh and Isaac Gross, on a road trip to the Parkview Cross Country Course in Hershey, the site of the PIAA State Cross Country Championships, in anticipation of the state meet in November.

This past Saturday, Alpaugh competed in the Class AAA boys race on that same course, and placed 34th among 236 other high school runners, besting his place and time from last year.

"Will fell last year," said Thear. "He finished in the seventies."

This year, however, was a whole different story, in its entirety.

"Will had a really good season. He should hold his head high. I told him he should be proud of the career he's had," Thear said.

Alpaugh was third in the conference and third in the district, only behind Easton's Kevin Lapsansky who was 14th at states and Pleasant Valley's Seth Slavin who was 29th at states,

and ahead of all Parkland runners in all three championship meets.

"Our goal for Will at states was top 50, should be top 40, and if everything fell into place, top 25," said Thear.

Alpaugh got a good start with a decent beginning position toward the left, avoiding getting boxed-in. At the quarter mile, the Patriot senior was between 60th and 70th place. At the halfway point, he was around 50th.

"He definitely ran this one better and this meet harder," Thear said.

Alpaugh's time was 16:34, consistent with his time at leagues and better than his time at districts, on a monumentally tougher course in Hershey.

Coach Thear said that the workout Alpaugh did on that road trip back in September definitely helped.

"In the last 200 yards, Alpaugh passed six or seven kids," said Thear. "He seemed pleased. I'm happy with how he did."

Also competing in the same race was Jonah George, a Liberty senior, who placed 180th with a time of 17:46.



Will Alpaugh was 34th at the state meet this past weekend.



Jonah George finished 180th at states last weekend.

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Megan Friend and Jordan Young of Becahi, and the rest of the Hawks, fell to Central in the district finals.

## Volleyball teams see seasons come to end

BY PETER CAR  
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It was a tough exit for both Bethlehem Catholic and Liberty in the District 11 volleyball postseason, as the Hawks went down to Central Catholic in four games during last week's District 11 2A championship, while Liberty was knocked off by Nazareth in the 3A semifinals.

Becahi (16-6) didn't have enough experience to hold off the Vikings during a 25-18, 14-25, 18-25, 25-27 defeat in the district title, leaving head coach Paul Abi-Daher disappointed to see his team's season come to an end.

"The big games that we played in this year, I don't think we were as hungry as the other teams," Abi-Daher said. "Central just wanted it more. I think that comes with experience and they showed that."

Liberty (20-3) was up-

set by Nazareth, losing 19-25, 25-22, 25-20, 24-26, 15-10. The loss was disheartening for the Hurricanes, who were hoping to capitalize off one of their most successful campaigns.

"The writing was on the wall for that match," said head coach Missy Lynn. "Losing to Parkland in the conference finals really took the wind out of our sails. We came into districts burned out. Nazareth has a really strong team with a bunch of seniors who just wanted it more than us. They fought for every point while we just went through the motions. I couldn't find a way to motivate them and bring them back mentally, so I blame myself for how we finished."

The team mentality is something Abi-Daher alluded to as well in the aftermath of a premature exit from the season.

"I think we relied

too much on what we achieved in the past, rather than what we needed to do in the present," he said. "We need our players coming back to be ready to go when next season starts."

For Lynn, getting Liberty back on the map was a huge accomplishment in itself and something she hopes they can build on.

"We had a really fun season and we surprised a lot of people," Lynn said. "We had a really well-rounded team. We didn't have to rely on only one player for our points or wins, which I think made it difficult for other teams."

"I am so proud of how hard my girls have worked. This is a turning point for our program. We want to reestablish a winning tradition at Liberty and this is only the beginning. I expect we'll have fewer teams underestimating us in the future."

Kochmaruk said. At the halfway point, Kochmaruk was around 20th place.

"It felt different from

## FIELD HOCKEY 'Canes run ends in loss to WHS

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Liberty's field hockey team saw their season end short with a 6-2 loss to Whitehall in the District 11 3A quarterfinals. The Hurricanes fell behind 4-1 at halftime and faced an uphill climb that was too much to overcome.

"I thought the season was successful," said head coach Mary Kathryn Omdahl after her team finished the year 14-7. "We were able to integrate the younger players quickly and I thought effectively into a new system. I expected us to get to the playoffs and maybe a little deeper into districts."

The 'Canes knocked off Freedom 2-1 in the opening round of districts to give them a consolation prize in the rivalry series, but with four graduating seniors from this year's team moving on, Omdahl has a bright future with her returning players coming back.

"We were young this year and have some nice talent coming up," she said. "The future for us looks bright. The play-off experience they did have was helpful to gain insight into what the postseason is all about. It's a second season with a new intensity and a new life of it's own."

Freedom finished the season at 9-10 overall, but getting back into the playoff picture was a plus for the program.

Bethlehem Catholic (2-14-2) struggled all season, but head coach Lucas Wilde is optimistic for things to start turning around heading into next season.

"Things look good for next year," he said. "We return one of the strongest junior classes I have seen in my six years here. They understand and embrace the challenges facing them next year to turn Bethlehem Catholic into a more competitive and successful program."

"The sophomores and freshmen of this year are hungry to expand their roles and work together to improve and progress."



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Becahi's Kassi Yocco was the highest finisher for the Hawks at states last weekend coming in 29th.

other races, and I wanted to actually reach out for something this year. I just felt better yesterday," she said.

Kochmaruk's time of 18:49 was about 35 seconds better than her last year's time, and the top 25 finishers received medals.

"I'm really happy I got to this point junior year," said Kochmaruk.

When all was said and done, it was the after that Kochmaruk enjoyed the most.

"It's the time after the race that's my favorite part, when I can just cheer the boys on," she said.

In the PIAA Class AA Girls' State race, Bethlehem Catholic's Kassi Yocco came in 29th with a time of 20:03, Rowan Pepe placed 44th with a time of 20:18, and Lauren Bunke placed 125th in 21:39.



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

Annisa Abboud and the Hurricanes lost to Whitehall in the district field hockey playoffs.

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# 'Canes finish at 17-4

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Liberty High School's boys' soccer season ended with a 17-4 record after falling to Emmaus 2-0 in the District XI Class AAA semifinal last Tuesday night at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown.

Valentine Perevalov's header that was saved by Emmaus goalkeeper Dylan Sosnow was the first threat of a Hurricane goal, but three minutes later, John Fritz scored for the Hornets to put Emmaus in the lead 1-0.

Xander Kang and Lloyd Netherlin also came close for the Hurricanes in the first half, but to no advantage.

Almost 20 minutes into the second half, Fritz scored again, and the Hornets maintained a 2-0 lead for the victory.

Sosnow had six saves for Emmaus, and Tony Silva had five saves for Liberty.

Four days earlier, Liberty knocked Stroudsburg out of district championship contention, defeating the Cavaliers 5-0, as Stroudsburg had knocked Liberty out of league contention two weeks prior.

Liberty coach Jason Horvath said, "We played to our advantage, getting to the ball in front of the goal, being tough out front, and more determined in the back."

Silva led the charge vocally.

Liberty defender, Evan Larimer, said, "They were a high-presuring team. As soon as Tony saw them, he let us know what was behind our back. [Stroudsburg] kind of took care of us

last time." Offensively, Perevalov scored four goals, and Netherlin had one.

"The header, if it wasn't for Trevor's [Koski] ball, I have to thank him for that," said Perevalov. "The other goals, it was because of my team."

Sammy Abiles also controlled the offense well for the Hurricanes.

Coach Horvath said, "That was the best he's played. He had a lot of space to be creative."

Abiles's pass to Abe Meral led to the Hurricanes' fifth goal of the game.

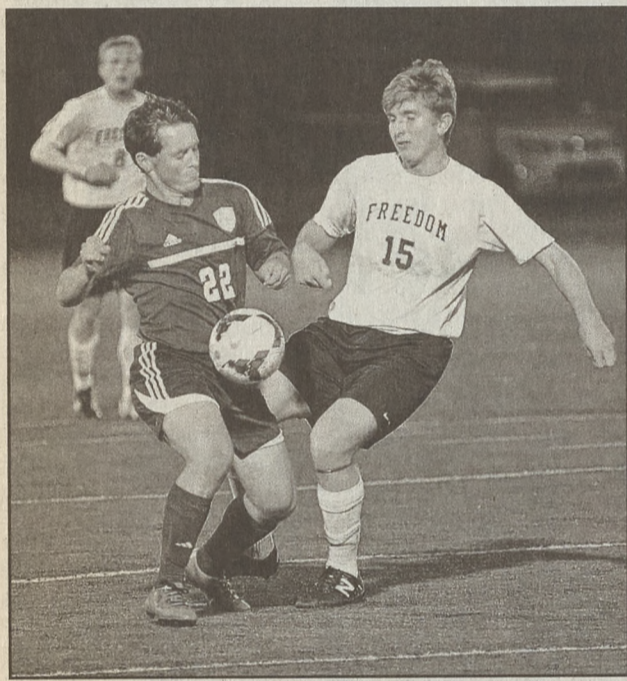
"We just passed the ball well today. No one dribbled with their heads down. We practiced hard for today. There was no slacking," Abiles said.

## SOCCER PLAYOFFS



PRESS PHOTO BY SCOTT PAGEL

Colin Muller and the Hurricanes, shown here in a district game against Stroudsburg, fell to Emmaus in the district playoffs.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Michael Silva, shown here against Bangor, scored a goal in the team's loss to Pocono Mountain East in districts.

# Pates improve in 14-7 campaign

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With the conclusion of Freedom High School's boys' soccer season came a 14-7 record and an overall improvement in the Patriots' 2015 play.

Soon after a regular-season-ending victory over Liberty, the Patriots competed in the EPC tournament and the District XI tournament, where their final victory of the year was a 4-1 win over Bangor.

After Chris Szymanski put the Patriots on the scoreboard against the Slaters, Mike Mazzella tied the game on a free kick.

Patriot defender, Judson Freidl, said,

"We were all really mad about that play, but our coach said to put that behind us, and we responded with a goal and played phenomenal."

Mezen Abdalla put the Patriots ahead with a goal in the right corner after a throw-in.

At the half, Freedom coach Michael O'Connell's message to his Patriots was urgency.

"Bangor started coming at us. They just wanted the ball more," O'Connell said. "I told them they had five minutes in the second half to get a goal, and to their credit, they kept playing. [In the first half,] we were allowing them back in the game."

With the clock at

37:04, Steven Riad put the Patriots up 3-1 on an assist by Adam Capuano.

Freedom goalkeeper John Eltringham said, "We were the better team, but they played with a lot of physicality. We limited them in the second half. Our defense did well."

Then, with approximately 7:30 left to play in the game, Patriot midfielder, RJ Judge, scored after a throw-in from Alex Thomas.

"It bounced around the box, and I was central," said Judge. "They were a good, aggressive, athletic team ... Ours is the best team we've had in years."

As reported last week,

Freedom then fell to Pocono Mountain East 4-3 in the district quarterfinal on penalty kicks.

The scoring was as follows.

Michael Silva scored on an assist by Riad, and Riad scored twice, unassisted, to put the Patriots ahead 3-0. Marvin Roca, Christian Barth, and Trey Bonaficio all scored for Pocono Mountain East to tie the game 3-3. Doug Goita put the Cardinals ahead 4-3, but Riad tied the game 4-4.

On penalty kicks, Bonaficio, Goita, Brian Baker, and Roca made theirs for the Cardinals, while Riad, Szymanski, and Will Tichy made theirs for the Patriots.

# Gunning wins Super-32 title

BY PETER CAR  
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Two Bethlehem wrestlers reached the finals of the Super 32 wrestling tournament in North Carolina recently.

Liberty's Andrew Gunning and Bethlehem Catholic's Luke Karam each made it to the finals of the prestigious event, but Gunning was the area's lone champion from the event.

Gunning won the

heavyweight title with a 5-1 decision over Jacob Lill of Georgia. Gunning finished last year 32-12 as a junior and took fifth at the PIAA 3A championships in March.

Karam lost his 126-pound title by a 5-1 score to Bergen Catholic's (NJ) Nick Suriano.

Suriano is a three-time defending state champion, while Karam has won two state titles in Pennsylvania.

At the 2015 NCAA

Division I Wrestling Championships, 10 of the finalists were wrestlers that competed in the Super 32 Challenge during their high school career.

Bethlehem Catholic's Mike Labriola also reached the 160-pound semifinals but was pinned by Punxsutawney Kaleb Young in 40 seconds. Labriola ended up taking third in the tournament.

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rough times over the years and I'm just so proud that we stuck with it, kept our community behind us, kept our coaches together and our kids just stuck with it," said Roeder. "It's a lot of hard work from kids and coaches over the years. It feels good right now."

It felt good for the Patriots for most of the afternoon, as they led 15-0 at halftime before a 2-yard TD run by Liberty's Gunner Anglovich cut the lead to 15-7 in the third quarter.

But just like all afternoon, Freedom answered the call with an 8-yard TD run by quarterback Joe Young just

before the end of the third.

Young would throw a 6-yard TD to Brennan Reinert late in the fourth quarter before Andres Santos plunged his way from 5-yards out for a score to cap off the scoring on the day.

For Young, getting able to play in this contest and experience the joy of winning a share of the league title was something that drove him this season after his junior year ended prematurely with a season-ending injury.

"I call this season unfinished business and right now we're on the right track," said Young. "Whenever you play Liberty it's a big game. To come out and win like we did today and get a piece of the

league title, I'm really at a loss for words."

And for all the joy that Freedom enjoyed on Saturday, the award for their memorable season is a first round playoff matchup at home Friday night against Easton (7-3).

The Pates claimed the third-seed with the win last week and Easton was left with the sixth-seed. The two teams battled to a gritty overtime affair on October 30 with the Pates winning by a 19-13 score.

"There's two goals on the table for us all this time," said Roeder. "We wanted to pursue a league title and pursue a district title. This is a new season now and we need to be ready for Easton."

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some points as of late and I thought we did a really good job on D."

Hawks defensive end Brandon Blobe knew the fourth down stop on the Vikes was a huge momentum swing in the contest.

"That was a big shift in the emotional energy and that was huge for us," said Blobe. "We preach it all the time that defense wins games

and we know our offense can make plays, but it's big for us to shut down other teams and make stops."

The Hawks will look for that defensive effort this week against Saucun Valley, the same team they had little trouble dispatching in last year's district championship.

Playing in a pressure contest against Central last week was the best preparation. Henrich and company could hope for heading into this

week.

"We played them last year and I know they're big, physical and they have a great running back," said Henrich of the Panthers. "They're going to be a very stiff challenge. That's why beating Central was really a great test for us."

"As much as the rivalry was important against Central, this game was more about us and making sure we're on the right track heading into the playoffs."

## DARTS

### SUBURBAN DART LEAGUE

Standings		
Bath Luth	16	8 667
St. Paul's	14	7 667
Dryland	15	9 625
Salem Luth	12	9 571
Emmanuel	15	12 556
Christ UCC	11	13 458
Messiah	10	14 417
St. Stephen's	10	14 417
Salem UCC	11	16 407
Ebenezer	9	15 375
Farmersville	9	15 375

### Salem Lutheran (5-1) at Messiah (4-3, 10-0)

M - Norm Schoenberger 5-10 HR, Andy Mickelson 4-12, Ryan Jones 4-13, HRs - Todd Jones, Ethan Jones, Dan Halteman.

SL - Jason Biggs 6-13, Scott Hoffer 5-12, Kyle Taylor, Bill Hoke Sr., Bryan Frankentfield 4-13.

### St. Stephen's (3-2, 3-1, 2-0) at Ebenezer

SS - Geo Amato 5-11 2HRs, Travis Beahm 6-14, Allan Antry 5-12, John Hoysan HR.

Eb - Dave Zettel 4-11, Jim Voortman HR.

### Bath Luth (3-1, 5-0) at Farmersville (5-2)

BL - Wendy Yacone 6-12, Matt Creyer 6-13, Candi Miller 5-11 HR.

F - Gene Grim 4-12, Kyle Campbell, Dave Campbell 3 hits, Tom George HR.

### Dryland (3-2) at St. Paul's (3-1, 10-6)

SP - Rich Kern 6-11, Jennifer Erking 5-13, Kevin Gross, Dave Clark 4-11.

D - Shawn Sigley 6-13, Bernie Yurko 6-13, Rich Dern 5-12, Larry Golick 5-13.

### Salem UCC (5-3, 4-1) at Emmanuel (2-1)

S - Ed Taylor 5-13, Nick Krauss 4-11, Chris Wentzel HR.

Em - Jim Hill 5-11 HR, Judy Hoffert, Bruce Danyluk 4-12.

Bye - Christ UCC

### BETHLEHEM INTER-CHURCH DART BASEBALL LEAGUE

Standings Week 1-8

Schoenersville	15	9 625
Christ Lutheran	14	10 583
Holy Trinity Lutheran	14	10 583
East Hills Moravian	14	10 583
Fritz-Wesleyan	13	11 542
Christ UCC	12	12 500
St. Peter's Lutheran	12	12 500
First UCC	11	13 458
Holy Cross Lutheran	11	13 458
Trinity UCC	11	13 458
West Side-Edgeboro	11	13 458
Bethany UCC	10	14 417
College Hill Moravian	10	14 417
St. Matthew's Lutheran	10	14 417

### RESULTS

11/2: East Hills at Holy Trinity 4-2, 4-5, 12-3; First UCC at St. Peter's 1-0, 2-3, 0-1; Holy Cross at St. Matthew's 6-2, 5-1, 6-7; Bethany at Schoenersville 0-2, 8-1, 4-5; Trinity UCC at Fritz-Wesleyan 1-6, 2-6, 1-2

West Side-Edgeboro at College Hill 0-2, 3-1, 2-5; Christ UCC at Christ Lutheran 3-1, 2-1, 2-3

### SCHEDULE 11/16

East Hills at Schoenersville; St. Matthew's at College Hill; Christ UCC at First UCC; Fritz-Wesleyan at Christ Lutheran; Holy Trinity at Trinity UCC; St. Peter's at Bethany; West Side-Edgeboro at Holy Cross

### HIGHLIGHTS 11/2

- Byron Bachman 9-15, including the cycle, & Joe Hegedus III 6-13 for East Hills.
- Jeff Cole 6-12 & Dale Mack 5-13 for Holy Cross.
- Michelle Sciarra 7-13 & Lisa Wechsler 8-12 (TWO cycles, 8 RBIs) for Holy Cross.
- Floyd Muschiltz, Jr. & Cliff Weston each 5-13 for St. Matthew's.
- Luther Keck 5-12 (THREE home runs) for West Side-Edgeboro.
- Jim McNeal 6-12 for College Hill.
- Karl Bittner 9-14 for Bethany.
- Harry Knecht & Caz Matuczinski each 6-10 for Schoenersville.
- Bob Schuster 4-12 for Christ UCC.
- John Buss 8-12 & Norm Hein 4-10 for Christ Lutheran.
- Dick Hacker 6-12 for First UCC.
- Matt Balkian 5-12 & Woody Rehm 3-5 for Fritz-Wesleyan.
- Bruce Laudenslager 8-13 for Trinity UCC.

## TRAP SHOOTING

Here are the results from Sunday's 11/08/15 shoot:

Blue Ridge 125, 25's: Dave Barlip, Dave Brader, Will Hale, Tom Mahalick, Dave Schwartz.

Copechan 124, 25's: Kyle Hartzell, Freeman Kliene, Stephan MacNeal, Roy Bruce Rex, 24's: Bill Arner,

Kelley Huber, Larry Huber, Tom Lonczyaski, Jeff Natysym, Linda Rex, John Soloe.

East Bath 122, 25's: Kurt Kutzer, John Manning, 24's: Jim Clause, Floyd Kullman, Rich Longley, Joyce Marsh, Roger Muschiltz.

Ranger Lake 120, 24's: Ray Garrison, Frank Hanzl, Charlie Herman, Roy Knipe, Gary Linder, Chris

Mills.

Grouse Hall 116, 25: Stu Printz, 24: Travis Foose, 23's: Jason Bok, Tom Gavigan, 21: Bob Foose.

Team Standings:

Copechan	740
Blue Ridge	738
East Bath	737
Ranger Lake	731
Grouse Hall	597

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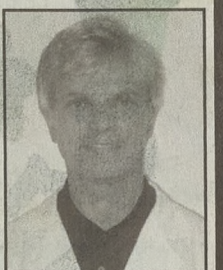
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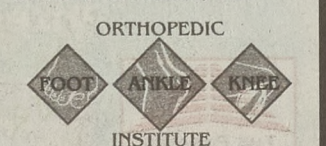
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# Good Tastes, Tunes bring Rotarians together for a very good cause

BY MICHELLE MEEH  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Good tastes with food from local restaurants, good tunes with DJ Freddie Frederick Jr. and local musical artists combined at the Bethlehem Rotary Club's third annual Tastes and Tunes event, held at Hotel Bethlehem Oct. 4. The event, which benefitted the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem, combined food and music with live and silent auctions.

Paula Fabon, a Spanish exchange student attending her junior year at Liberty HS, attended the event. She said, "I made lots of friends. Everybody is so nice to me." She enjoyed attending the event and "learning culture."

Maggie Mowrer, a senior at Liberty, said her father George is a Rotarian. "He thought it was good for us to come, meet and talk with other Rotarians."

Chris Eline of the Boys and Girls Club said, "It's a great event. This is the third year and every year it's got-



Judith Worsley, left, Paula Fabon, Maggie Mowrer and Jack Worsley enjoy meeting at the Tastes and Tunes event.

ten better and better." The club is very grateful for the fundraising event, he said. "We're doing our best to stay afloat. Fundraising is difficult for any non-profit."

That the Boys and

Girls Club was chosen for this year's Rotary Club fundraiser "says a lot about the needs of the Boys and Girls Club," Eline said. He knows first-hand how important the Boys and Girls Club can be, since

he was a recipient of the club activities. "I grew up here," Eline said. "Having those after-school programs available makes all the difference in the world."

Marty Coleman, a

Boys and Girls Club, said "The most important thing is involvement on any level - time, financial - the most important thing is that people are involved."

The event is "a celebration of what the Boys

and Girls Club is all about: community, helping one another, building relationships that will serve them in youth and as adults."

Andy and Carol Scott served as honorary co-chairs of the event. Andy said he had been a Rotarian in the past and while not an active member now, one of his employees who is a Rotarian urged him to be involved with the event.

"It's a great cause," Andy Scott said. "There is no greater cause in our society these days than working with youth from disadvantaged families and helping them toward success. It's tough enough raising kids with intact families." The Boys and Girls Club was chosen to be the beneficiary of this year's Rotary Club fundraiser because of its mission to help children. Scott added, "They have children in a structured environment after school and give them the discipline to help them to succeed. They do a really good job of that."

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Marty Coleman with wife Loren Coleman, second from left, Adrin Eline, and Chris Eline, right.



Chris Eline looks at some of the silent auction items at Tastes and Tunes with Loren Coleman.



Andy and Carol Scott, honorary co-chairs of the Rotary Club Tastes and Tunes event, held Oct. 4 to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem

## BETHLEHEM BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

# Chris Eline: Not your typical board member

Contributed story

For local firefighter Chris Eline, his life has literally come full circle. It took over 30 years but he and Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem are together again. This is the club which helped raise him from the ages of 6 to 16, the same club that continues to mentor underprivileged youth in our city through positive role models and core programs geared to kids of all ages.

Today Chris is a volunteer and a member of the board of directors, the only beneficiary of the club to ever be on the board. Gary Martell, Director, was a recent college graduate and working at the club when Chris was a youth.

Chris remembers Gary being firm yet caring. Gary remembers Chris being an energetic and curious young boy.

Today they share a deep commitment to the club and a treasured bond that goes back to the 1970s!

Chris is not your typical board member. He is not a corporate guy who dons a suit and he did not attend college. He served in the Navy from 1988 -1992 and soon after joined the City of Bethlehem Fire Department, where he is now in his 22nd year and for over 15 years, has served as the librarian and historian. His rotating schedule does not allow for much consistency but he has found ways to donate



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Chris and Adrin Eline share a profound desire to give back to their community and understand that even small things make a difference.

his time in unique and meaningful ways.

In fact, Chris climbed Mt. Rainier in honor of the death of another B&G Club member, Sergeant Mark Renninger, who was shot near Seattle in 2010. His climb raised over \$17,000.

Chris's wife Adrin lived in Seattle for over 20 years and he yearned to summit after doing a training hike with her to Camp Muir, the 10,000' basecamp, a week after they were married. After the tragic death of Renninger, Chris decid-

ed to dedicate his climb to the Club and to honor Mark's service to his community.

In 2011, Chris and Adrin spearheaded a Live Band Benefit at the Northeast Club which raised over \$4,000. This September they organized a second Live Band Benefit hosted by The Clubhouse Grille at The Bethlehem Golf Club Sept. 13. It showcases three local cover bands, The Groove Crew, featuring oldies, soul and Motown, The Dark Matters, a rock band featuring Chris on the bass guitar, and Call Your Mama, featuring 50s to 80s soul, rock and pop music.

The goal of the event

was to raise funds for a 12 passenger van to transport the kids safely to the pool during the summer and to their many events and activities throughout the year. Currently the NE kids are walking along Stefko Boulevard and forced to cross two busy, dangerous intersections to get to their pool. A safe, weather-friendly van is greatly needed and long overdue.

The goal of the event

Chris's wife Adrin has taken an active role by sharing what she loves, teaching health and wellness through movement. She teaches a 30 minute Yoga-based class at the Southside Club once a month, usually on Fridays. The kids have grown fond of the class and are always excited to get on their mats. Ironically, Adrin interned at The Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue, Wash., near Seattle, while she was in college studying public relations. Her past volunteerism includes tutoring first graders and transporting dogs from the south to the Northeast.

Chris and Adrin share a profound desire to give back to their community and understand that even small things make a difference. They have learned that if they focus on what they are good at and what they enjoy, it is easily shared and gratefully received.

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**Mom Mary Kate** and sister Mary watch Rose Frank paint a pumpkin to take home. The Frank family lives in Allentown, but often comes to Bethlehem to visit grandmother Colette Hogan and do family-friendly activities.

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The popular family-friendly Peas and Q's free programs are held Saturday mornings at 11:30 in the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks in South Bethlehem. The November activities include Lou Gallo - Nov. 14; DaVinci Science Center - Nov. 21; and Miss Maggie Sings - Nov. 28. December features Two of a Kind - Dec. 5; Bethlehem Public Library - Dec. 12; Ernie and Neal - Dec. 19; and Dave Fry - Dec. 26. No reservations are needed for these free programs. **Above:** Diana Diaz helps her daughter, Sophia Tamayo, color a pumpkin to take home after the Saturday Oct. 31 Peas and Qs Halloween Day party at the ArtsQuest Center. Northampton Borough resident Diaz said she likes the family-friendly activities. "We come here frequently for the free programs," she said.

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**Rose Frank** concentrates on painting a pumpkin to take home.

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# Pumpkin painting



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Lucia Cimquino engages in pumpkin painting at the Harvest Festival in downtown Bethlehem. She was with her father, Louis Cimquino of Bethlehem. "She likes art. She loves painting and does it on her own," said her proud father. The annual fall event, held Oct. 10 this year, is organized by the Downtown Bethlehem Association, associated with the Bethlehem office of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. The popular daylong autumn event also features a full program of activities for adults, such as wine, beer and soup sampling, along with artisan displays and musical entertainment.

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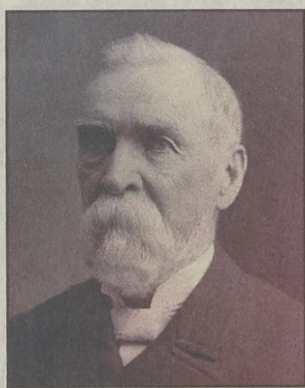
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# John Fritz

## South Bethlehem's Iron Man



John Fritz (1822-1913)

BY KAREN M. SAMUELS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On Oct. 31, 1902, over 500 people attended a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City to honor the 80th birthday of the great Bethlehem engineer John Fritz. At the dinner he was presented with many gifts, the most interesting one being the establishment of the John Fritz Medal. The medal is awarded each year for scientific or industrial achievement in any field of pure or applied science. Recipients of the John Fritz Medal have been such innovators as Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, George Westinghouse and Orville Wright.

John Fritz was born Aug. 21, 1822, in Londonderry Township, Chester County. He was the oldest of the seven children born to George and Mary Meharg Fritz. Fritz's father was a farmer, millwright and machinist. Fritz had little formal education. He attended an old log schoolhouse, run by Quakers, six months each year. From an early age, watching his father fix the machinery in the local mills fascinated Fritz. He worked on his parent's farm and attended school until he was 16. He then left the farm to work as an apprentice in a blacksmith and machinist shop.

In 1844, Fritz decided that he wanted to learn everything about the production of iron. He approached the iron mill owners, Moore and Hooven, for a job. They were about to erect the Norristown Iron Mill, when they hired him as a machinist. Fritz could fix any machine and succeeded in educating himself about the iron production process. Moore and Hooven soon made Fritz the superintendent of the mill.

Fritz had a knack for maintaining good relations with the employees as well as the owners of the mills he supervised. He was so well respected that he was able to secure the financial backing for a new idea in the construction of a mill. Fritz proposed a mill with three 2-foot rollers stacked vertically. By taking advantage of both sides of the middle roller, his new mill for the Cambria Iron Company, in Johnstown, Pa., produced high quality iron rails at reasonable costs. Fritz's design was soon copied throughout the United States.

When John Fritz arrived in Bethlehem, with his wife Ellen and daughter Gertrude, he was 38 years old. Robert H. Sayre, the general superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, actively campaigned to hire Fritz by visiting and writing to him. The Lehigh Valley Railroad purchased its rails from British companies, which were expensive, or from the Lackawanna Iron Co., which were poor in quality. Sayre wanted Fritz and his new mill design for the local production of high quality iron rails.

Fritz arrived July 5, 1860, to serve as the general supervisor and chief engineer for the newly organized Bethlehem Iron Co. Under his supervision, the company would become a successful producer of iron rails and eventually the more lucrative steel rails.

During his 30 years of work with the Bethlehem Iron Co., Fritz introduced open-hearth furnaces; improvements in automatic handling in the rolling mills; the adoption of the Whitworth forging press; the manufacture of armor plate, the application of the Bessemer process in steel making; and the erection of a 125-ton steam-hammer. In 1893, Bethlehem Iron Co. made a full size model of the steam hammer for an exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

After his retirement from the Bethlehem Iron Co., Fritz continued to receive honorary academic degrees, awards and board positions. He was named as one of the original board of trustees of Lehigh University in 1866. In 1909, Fritz donated the costs of an engineering laboratory for Lehigh University. He designed the building, selected the testing equipment and supervised the construction of the building, which was completed in 1910. The laboratory was the largest and best-equipped university structural laboratory in the United States at the time. Studies done at the lab led to the development of skyscrapers and other major structures. The total cost of the laboratory exceeded \$50,000, to which Fritz subsequently added another \$150,000 to serve as an endowment for continuing maintenance of the facility.

## ANOTHER VIEW

# Attorney general situation is a mess

BY JOHN MORGANELLI  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A few weeks ago, I was contacted by a high ranking person in the Office of the Attorney General and asked if I would consider bringing a Quo Warranto action to remove AG Kathleen Kane from office. Under Pennsylvania law, generally, only a district attorney or the attorney general has the legal standing to bring such an action that seeks to remove a public official from office who no longer has the legal qualifications to hold such office. I found it alarming that high ranking OAG people thought things were so bad that they openly were looking to have a coup regarding their boss. (I am NOT filing a Quo Warranto against Kathleen Kane. I was just noting that I was asked to by a high ranking OAG official.)

Since then, however, the situation has gotten worse. In my 24 years as district attorney, and my 35 years as a lawyer, I have never seen anything like this. We have accusations of criminal conduct against the AG. Counter charges by the AG of criminal conduct against judges and internal revolt by top OAG officials against their boss. There have been calls for a federal investigation and calls for independent prosecutors to try to find out what is actually going on.

The OAG is dysfunctional at this point. It is a mess, and damage is being done to the foundation of Pennsylvania. See MESS on Page 20

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"What we've got here is a failure to communicate" is a refrain we all remember from "Cool Hand Luke." It could easily describe what is happening as Bethlehem City Council considers controversial zoning changes at the 53-acre Martin Tower Development. Though Council President Willie Reynolds claims he is really listening to concerns raised by Historic Downtown and Southside merchants, he and other council members have certainly given them every reason to believe they are being ignored.

Store owners have openly suggested that Reynolds and others on council are getting their marching orders from Martin Tower owners and developers Lewis Ronca and Norton Herrick, who have yet to appear at a meeting. Reynolds and Bryan Callahan have even attempted to embarrass merchants into silence, causing citizens to respond with over 100 write-in votes for "Martin Tower" in last week's election.

Last week, city council was supposed to have its final vote on zoning changes that would permit as much as 1.3 million square feet of retail and a third downtown at Martin Tower. Reynolds vowed that council would later change the law, but had to adopt it first so that the developers would be free to demolish a historic landmark. They had to pass the ordinance so they could change it.

The final vote never happened. Bethlehem Planning Chair Jim Fiorentino, zoning attorney Marc Kaplin and The Bethlehem Press were all quick to recognize the folly of this move. If that occurred, Martin Tower developers would be free to present a plan creating not one, but several publicly subsidized Promenades that would be the death knell for Bethlehem businesses already struggling to compete against restaurants and retail inside Allentown's publicly subsidized Neighborhood Improvement Zone (NIZ).

### Tower part of CRIZ

You see, the Martin Tower development is part of Bethlehem's Community Revitalization Investment Zone (CRIZ), modeled after Allentown's NIZ. This gives a closed club of five developers, including Martin Tower, the right to use state sales and income taxes to subsidize new development, including hotels, destination retail and restaurants. They were anointed behind closed doors, free of public input or scrutiny, in a glaring demonstration that "what we've got here is a failure to communicate."

A developer outside this closed club has little reason to invest in Bethlehem.

According to the Keystone Research Center, a left of center think tank, this creates an uneven playing field in which state tax revenues are diverted to the few at the expense of the many. When those few are campaign contributors who fund large portions of the campaign warchests of city council members and the mayor, as is the case here, questions of crony capitalism and pay-to-play arise. This and other media sources have raised these questions, as well as members of the public. They have gone unanswered.

The Keystone Research Center also questions whether tax incentives like the NIZ and the CRIZ help create a state budget deficit. Hotel Bethlehem Managing Partner Bruce Haines has stated that, even if retail at Martin Tower is scaled back to 400,000 square feet from the original 1.3 million,

## MARTIN TOWER ZONING

# An ongoing failure to communicate

## NEWS ANALYSIS/OPINION



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that will still cost the state \$6 million per year in lost sales, income and payroll taxes.

This CRIZ designation makes little sense at Martin Tower, which is more of a sprawling suburb than a struggling downtown. Yet in the CRIZ application submitted to the state, the former Bethlehem Steel headquarters was touted as "ideally situated" and "readily marketable" under its existing zoning for office and residential use, with a very limited neighborhood retail component. The iconic 23-story building is identified as the "cornerstone" of the Bethlehem CRIZ, "another example of Bethlehem's efforts to create its future from the vestiges of Bethlehem Steel's past."

Now the city wants to demolish the tower. This is in stark contrast to the approach it has taken to redeveloping the Southside, where the old blast furnaces are lit up by multi-colored spotlights and the former steel company stock house has been converted into a Visitor Center.

Lehigh University Political Science Professor Al Wurth questions whether Bethlehem has become "a 'steel' city that denies its steel heritage, and the work and dreams of its forbears, in favor of 'incentives' - sweet deals for the new owners who control our future and our past, though they never did or will live here."

Why not just take the CRIZ designation away from Martin Tower, and open the card game up to another developer who might actually bring a new business into Bethlehem? Can't do it, says Department of Community and Economic Development (CED) Director Alicia Karner. Under the state's interpretation of the CRIZ legislation, an interpretation that was surely fueled by the lobbyist hired by the closed club of CRIZ developers, any transfer of the CRIZ requires the agreement of the affected developer. The city would have to pay Ronca and Herrick to move the tax incentive to an area in the city where it might actually make sense.

### Failure to communicate at 'public' hearing

Against this backdrop, where all the hallmarks

of political favoritism are present, and merchants are concerned about their very survival, transparency and open communication between government officials and the public are extremely important. But the city has dropped the ball there too.

This was evident at the very first "public" hearing conducted on this zoning proposal Oct. 6. Before a single member of the public could say a word, Planning Director Darlene Heller gave a Powerpoint presentation that lasted for two hours and 15 minutes. This was about twice the length of her presentation concerning a completely new zoning ordinance, adopted in 2012. She went on at great length discussing rear and side yard setbacks in what appeared to be an effort to lull over 100 people to sleep.

When she finally had finished, and before the public could say a word, council members who had already publicly announced their support for these zoning changes used Heller and CED Director Karner as props to justify the zoning changes. Bryan Callahan actually stated, "no one will be happy with this" so he therefore supports it.

When it was finally time for the public to speak, four who had signed on had already left. But 28 of them remained, and except for Bethlehem Democratic Committee Treasurer Clyde Thomas, all were opposed to the zoning changes.

### Failure to communicate continues

This failure to communicate continued during city council meetings Oct. 20 and again Nov. 4, where council refused to engage in any dialogue with 48 speakers who addressed them during a portion of the meeting called "courtesy of the floor."

This is no courtesy. It is a right under Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act. Speakers are limited to five minutes, and are answered with stony silence, even when mild attempts at humor are made.

Council members have explained that they are silent because they have no desire to interfere with the public's statutory right to speak. But this lack of dialogue, which is rare in local meetings elsewhere in the

Lehigh Valley, contributes to a growing perception that the public is nothing more than a third wheel on the government bicycle heading over a cliff. In an effort to be more inclusive, city council is unwittingly closing the door on real discussion.

This lack of dialogue frustrated Marc Kaplin, a zoning attorney hired by the merchants to protect their interests. When council refused to answer his questions, he reminded them, "it is also your duty to justify or respond or tell me I'm wrong."

### Council intimidation

Instead of meaningful dialogue, two council members have used their positions to intimidate members of the public. Council President Willie Reynolds has threatened to stop anyone who raises the question of political favoritism as a result of campaign contributions made to him or others by Martin Tower developers. The Appollo Grill's Rod Holt and Bethlehem Brew Works Jeff Fegley have ignored this threat.

But that pales in comparison to what Bryan Callahan has done. After various merchants have spoken and are unable to rebut him, Callahan has ticked off concessions that have been made to them, often erroneously.

At the end of the Nov. 4 meeting, Callahan actually accused one critical merchant who won't be named here of paying all of his Bethlehem employees from an Allentown-based business to be able to take advantage of Allentown tax incentives.

In addition to being untrue, how employees are paid and taxed is confidential information protected by the Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Disclosure of that information is unlawful. According to Callahan, he obtained this information from the city's taxing authority, The Keystone Collections Group. He then used this confidential information to intimidate one of the merchants who has been critical of the Martin Tower rezoning.

### What's next?

This lack of communication continues as council member Eric Evans has introduced a series of five amendments, introduced just prior to the Nov. 4 meeting, designed to reduce the amount of destination retail and prevent a third downtown. Evans was the only council member to oppose the rezoning of Martin Tower. He is concerned about merchants as well as West Bethlehem residents who have no desire to see a large residential community.

No copies of these zoning amendments were available for public inspection. Evans' own explanation of them was tortured and disjointed, prompting Hotel Bethlehem's Bruce Haines to suggest that the whole proposal be scrapped.

"It is one thing to be blind-sided by Allentown, but to be blind-sided by our own administration is beyond my wildest imagination," Evans argued.

Because these amendments must be reviewed by both the city and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, council is unable to vote on the ordinance as amended. Reynolds said the matter would be reviewed by the Bethlehem Planning Commission and returned to council for a final vote Dec. 15.

But the city planning commission has already canceled its November meeting, so it's unclear whether the final vote will occur this year.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Brothers Deven and Dakota Rebin visit the tent of horrors outside the home of Richard Thomas in northeast Bethlehem. The boys are with their small cousin Jennifer of Bethlehem.



This spooky Halloween lawn display by Niko and Cathy Malitsis on Washington Avenue has the attention of their daughter Nicole and friend Juliana Grisafi, visiting from Northampton for trick or treat night in Bethlehem. Paolo Bryster Jr. of Northampton sits at front of the display.

## Sweet treats, no tricks



Ninja Turtle Byron Najera accompanies his children Aliyah (zombie) and Brandon (Mario Bros.) along Hamilton Street.



Rebecca McCauley has candy for trick or treat visitors at her Linden Street home. "I dress up every year. It's my favorite holiday," said the costumed witch. Tita Rivera's sons, Damian and Angel, eye the witch lady cautiously.



Scott Yerger pulls a homemade cardboard John Deere tractor with his son Brennan on board during trick or treat in northeast Bethlehem. Yerger's wife Kyra made the cardboard tractor on a pull wagon for their son.



Cynthia Froehlich of Bethlehem Township and her daughter Ariana pose for a selfie during a trick or treat walk along East Washington Avenue. Cynthia Froehlich was in Bethlehem visiting her mother Anica Quinose on nearby Madison Avenue.



Sarah Burk gives out candy to young Riley Vasquez, who is with her father Joe Vasquez of Folgersville. They were visiting family members in Bethlehem, an annual custom for Riley and her father.



At Edgeboro Moravian Church's Halloween Open House during Bethlehem's Friday trick or treat night, neighborhood visitors Shawnah Drey feeds her young daughter Monroe (Snow White) with a little help from older daughter Symarah Drey (Evil Queen).



David Jones on the front steps of his Washington Avenue home in Bethlehem hands out candy to his nephew Zayden Dunhan. Jones' wife Shari helps out with trick or treat duties. Zayden's parents Kevin (skeleton costume) and Gwendolyn Dunhan of Bethlehem sit at the top of the steps.



Lucia and Patrick Iampietro hand out candy at their Cloverleaf Street home as their grandson Nicholas experiences his first Halloween. The trick or treaters are nephews Dylan Clark (Mario Bros.) and Anthony DiFrancesco (football player) with Anthony's mother, Anne.

**YOUR LOCAL WEATHER**

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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**SPOT**

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 venders... the venders were beautiful!" Hallerman said.

Mayor Jose Rosado, though disappointed, would still like to organize more festivals in the future. "I don't want this particular experi-

ence to sour us from participating. I want these sorts of venues again." Council members agreed.

Apart from the disappointing festival, council hired its new health officer/ food inspector, Lynn Zakos. An IUP graduate and registered dietitian, Zakos said

she revels in serving her community to keep food chain sanitation updated while working close to home in Bethlehem. It was at Gifford's request that she attend the night's meeting to be introduced in person before receiving the position.

**MESS**

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 sylvania's criminal justice system. Public confidence in the OAG as well as in our judges and courts are being eroded. I never

imagined it could get so bad. Although Ms. Kane continues to have the right of due process relative to the charges against her, it is imperative that this matter come to a conclusion as quickly as possible.

John Morganelli is

Pennsylvania's current, most senior district attorney. He is past president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association and was the Democratic candidate for attorney general in 2008.

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