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33RD LIVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Good weather, large crowds



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN Mary and the baby Jesus are smiling at the 33rd annual Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant at the Rose Garden Dec. 10. Portraying Mary, Melissa Pokala, a Whitehall native who Ilves in New York City, holds her 6month-old son Henry who portrayed the Christ Child. According to pageant officials, a large crowd of more than 700 spectators was attracted by the mostly clear skies and moderate temperatures on both days.



The Chancel Choir of Bethany United Church of Christ tells the Christmas story in song. Choir members Meghann Wright Laughman, left, and Joyce Hammer sing from the first row of the new guest choir for the 33rd annual pageant. More photos on page A2.



Stretched out on a blanket, cousins Michael, Brittany and Mikayla Rowe from Center Valley get a ground level view of the pageant.



Kira Caflin and her mother Kelly from Bethlehem touch a zebu, an ox with a hump on its back,



Young soldier in training Isaiah Kohnlein stands guard with older pageant actors at the court of King Herod. Standing to the boy's right is Gabe Adams of Bethlehem, portraying one of several Roman soldiers. Isaiah's father John, who portrays King Herod, said that his son was the baby Jesus five years

CITY Zoners nix West North St. apartment

By BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

He sat there stunned. But in a split decision, Bethlehem zoners denied George Andreadis request to convert a single family residence at 14 West North St. into two apartments. Zoners Ken Kraft and Bill Fitzpatrick voted to deny a special exception in what is a commercial business district. Chairman Gus Loupos dissented.

Andreadis' problems started at the beginning of the hearing, when he said the property had been posted for seven days as required by law.

"I didn't see a notice until today," observed Kraft, who said he drives that way every day. Andreadis told Kraft the notice had fallen, so he taped it to a window.

Then Bill Fitzpatrick, who has historically opposed converting homes into apartments. wanted to know why Andreadis couldn't rent the property as a single

"I could," answered Andreadis, but added he had paid too much for the property.

Iris Linares, a neighbor, complained about the parking issues that See CITY on Page A3

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BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student musicians support All-City Band



PHOTO BY D. GRAVES Liberty HS senior Shalome Sine asks the school board to continue the annual band concert by fifth graders districtwide.

By DOUGLAS GRAVES Special to the Bethlehem Press

Upperclassmen have sounded their battle trumpets and are coming to the rescue of the fifth grade All-City Band, which Bethlehem Area School District administrators had axed as unaffordable under the austere budget climate.

The musicians sent one of their Grenadiers to lead the attack. Liberty HS senior Shalome Sine spoke to the school board Dec. 12 in an impassioned plea for a return of the program.

"I remember that when I went to All-City [Band], it was one of the greatest factors in my deciding to continue learning music through middle school, Sine said. "From there, I ended up in the best high school band in the country. "All of the students from

the band that I am repretance of music in our education system and believe that success in music can begin at an early age," she added.

Grenadier Sine's attack seemed to catch the board and the administration by

"This is the first I have heard of this," said school board member William Burkhardt, a long serving, retired educator and administrator. He directed the comment to Assistant Superintendent for Education and Chief Academic of Freedom HS, which Officer Dr. Jack Silva.

Silva said that the program was cut because it cost too much and added to the transportation burden. Burkhardt said he couldn't believe the one-day event cost more than a thousand dollars; he asked Silva for figures.

Silva told Burkhardt he senting recognize the impor-would get back to the board with the exact numbers for the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee. He said about 180 students participate in the annual concert.

The board took no action on the issue, but it was clear that Grenadier Sine had lobbed a grenade that got everyone's attention.

Another citizen encouraged the administration to name the gymnasium at Freedom HS the "Joseph P. McIntyre Gymnasium" in honor of the first principal opened in 1967.

Mark S. Sigmon said further delay on this long-pending request would be Absolutely "Absurd. absurd." Sigmon said he is a tennis coach for the

women's team at FHS. The administration's

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students from the band that I am representing recognize the importance of music in our education system and believe that success in music can begin at an early age."

"All of the

SHALOME SINE

PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

What would you most like to find under your Christmas tree on Christmas morning?



"A dog." Cate Cyr Bethlehem



"An iPad!" **Conor Nolan** Rockaway, N.J.



"Presents for me and my brother Billy." **Anna Andrews** Yonkers, N.Y.



"A new mountain bike. That would be nice." **Victoria Perity Bethlehem**



"Tools, Craftsman tools. I'm a tool hound!" Mike Seminerio Lincoln Park, N.J.

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"Maybe some delicious baked something, like cookies or banana nut bread, that I could share with everyone. And a case of Trogs Beer to go with it!" **Margy McCarty** Whitehall

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Costumed re-enactors performing the Nativity pageant fill the band shell at the Rose Garden Park in Bethlehem Dec. 10 and 11. Narrator Bill Schellhaas, left, re-tells the Christmas Story from the city park stage which houses the pageant's stable and its lighted star.



Photographers gather together at a good vantage point to record the pageant presentation. From left to right: Tom Wright, Rod Witmer, a painter from Quakertown, and videographer Mark Hargrove from Laury's Station. In the background the standing- room-only crowd of spectators and the log cabin First House of Bethlehem can be seen.



Roseann DeSilver of Bethlehem watches the pageant with her grandchildren Bryson and Brook Baker.



Portraying townspeople who came to see the Christ Child, Mary Smith of Bethlehem Township and her grandson Jacob Hauze joined the pageant's cast for the first time this year.



The zebu is not only an attraction to the crowd, but to shepherds David Mondillo of Saylorsburg and his son Mario, who are taking a break between scenes. Mondillo said his son, holding a shepherd's staff, started in the pageant as the Christ child six years ago, "We've been hooked ever since," he added.

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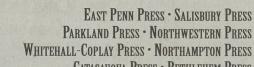
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Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown (change of date for this month only)

Thursday, December 22

Hanover Twp. Zoning Board, as needed. 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Monday, December 26

Freemansburg Parks and Recreation Commission, 6 p.m. 600 Monroe St.

Wednesday, December 28

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m. 85 W.

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday-daily

Central Moravian Church Christmas Community Putz and Star and Candle Shoppe, 73 W. Church St., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 610-866-5661.

Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum Inc. featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, 5 to 9 p.m. 705 Linden St. Call 623-810-5730 or visit www.lkvmrr.com.

Bethlehem bus tour with costumed guide; 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 3, 4 and (lantern led) 6 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-

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Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 645 Hamilton Ave. Call 610-866-8793.

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tions, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 66 W. Church St. Call 610-691-6055. Kemmerer Museum of Bethlehem exhibit, Elizabeth Johnston Prime dollhouse collection and Victorian Christmas decorations,

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 427 N. New St. Call 610-691-6055. Christmas City Village, Historic Bethlehem area, 11 a.m. to

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Christmas City Stroll walking tour with costumed guide, 4 p.m. Visitors Center, 505 Main St. Call 610-691-6055.

Public menorah lighting, 5 p.m. Payrow Plaza, city hall, 10 E.

Friday, December 23

Central Moravian Church Star and Candle Shoppe, 73 W. Church St., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 610-866-5661.

Children's Lovefeast, 1 p.m. Vigils, 5:30 and 8 p.m. Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St. Free but ticket required. Call 610-866-5661.

East Hills Moravian Church Putz, 6 to 8 p.m. 1830 Butztown Road. Call 610-868-6481.

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Christmas City Village, Historic Bethlehem area, 11 a.m. to

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BASD

Continued from page A1 ongoing review of the general issue of naming rights for buildings and facilities owned by the school district has stalled the request.

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In other business, District Business Manager Stacy Gober reported what Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy described as good news.

According to Gober, the administration has refinanced the 2001 \$5 million bond, an action that will save the school district \$402,657 over the life of the bond. She said the district is negotiating other bonds and may produce other savings over the lives of the bonds.

Steven Antalics, a frequent commentator on local government, continued his quest to get the administration to study what effect electromagnetic fields (EMF) from power lines have on the health of children near Freemansburg ES. For several months Antalics has called on the board and the administration sures in Canadian homes, to study the issue and to schools and offices present take Gaussmeter measurements to determine the strength of the electromagnetic field.

don't we know?" said this report.



Applicants for an appointment to the school board are Bethlehem resident David Sanders, and Dave Weikert and Shannon Patrick, both of Hanover Township. Patrick was appointed during a special board meeting Dec. 19. Full details in next week's Bethlehem Press.

Antalics. He said inaction amounts to gross negli-

In tist, said he is doing some independent research on for "Les Miserables." the subject. The website for Health

Canada reports, "Expono known health risks' from EMF. http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hlvs/iyh-vsv/environ/mag-"We should know. Why net-eng.php for more on

wrapped up its stage pro-

the LHS National Honors position. Society and Miller-Key-

She also said a student See safety committee met and will present its concerns to LHS Principal JoAnn Durante.

After the school board Authority.

Liberty HS student rep- meeting, the board reconby the school board resentative Darah Dona- vened to interview the her reported that LHS has three applicants for the wrapped up its stage pro-school board position duction of "It's a Wonder-vacated when Michele Antalics, a retired scien- ful Life" and selected the Cann resigned her Region cast and started rehearsals 2 seat. She won that seat and an at-large seat and According to Donaher, decided to keep the latter

Society and Miller-Key-stone Blood Center had a Dave Weikert and Shanblood drive in December. non Patrick, both of Hanover Township, and David Sanders, owner of Lump's Deli and currently a commissioner on the Bethlehem Housing



Continued from page A1 would be caused by another apartment building in the block. She said she already has to pay \$55 per Authority to park in the

"That's what happened in Allentown, converting all those properties that "Solve a problem that you have," he answered.

While Andreadis sat all those properties that units," she said.

Businessman Dennis Connell, who owns apartment buildings on nearby New Street, said he fears tenants would park in his month to the Parking own 10-space parking lot, which is reserved for his garage because there is own tenants. Andreadis no room on the block. She suggested Connell chain added that she thought the lot to prevent unwant-Bethlehem was trying to ed guests, but Connell was discourage more conver- unmoved.

'You're asking me to

considered Spenser Smith's application for a possible medical office at 808 Eaton Ave. in a commercial mixed use dis-

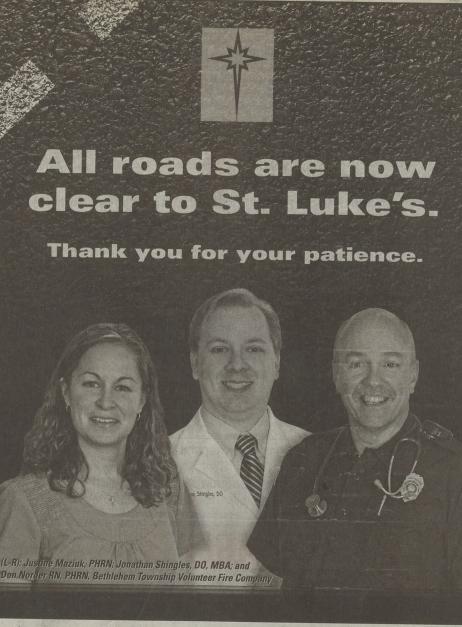
Bethlehem architect John Lee explained the property is in a commercial mixed use district and is part of a triangular lot bounded by Eaton Avenue, Eighth Avenue and Schoenersville Road. He told zoners that Smith has tried to find a tenant for the past one and onehalf years, but "hasn't even had a nibble."

In response to ques-tions from Attorney Kevin Kelleher, Lee testified that a hardship has been created by enactment of a commercial mixed use district, and that medical offices would be more in character with the existing neighborhood.



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SAUCON VALLEY

Parent continues to ask district to move bus stop

By MARK RECCEK Special to the Bethlehem Press

Paula Steuer, a Lower Saucon resident and mother of three girls who attend Saucon Valley School District, again asked members of the school board Nov. 22 to move the bus stop located at Finady Avenue. She and other parents have asserted since September the stop is unsafe due to its close proximity to a registered sex offender's

During the public comment section of the meeting, Steuer presented school board members with a list of steps a group of Saucon Valley parents will personally take to ensure their children are safe. Steps include setting up a parent group that will deliver and pick up children from the bus stop, using a camera or video camera to take pictures of suspicious persons or activities near the bus stop, composing a map of Saucon Valley bus routes and marking registered sex offenders on the map, possibly beginning a fundraiser to hire security personnel to man the area in question, and regularly attending school board meetings and presenting concerns to members of the school board.

Visibly nervous, Steuer then pleaded with the board to move the bus stop back to its original location at Moravia and South Benner Avenue.

'When are you going to move my kids from a sex offender," she asked. "Please move my children. Please answer me.'

"We're not," School Board President Lachlan Peeke replied. "It's not our business.

Steuer continued to ask the board why the district refuses to move the bus stop. School board solicitor Mark Fitzgerald told Steuer the board will no longer debate or take action on the issue.

"The board has spoken on this issue early in October," Fitzgerald said. "That's the position of the board.

As Steuer continued to bluntly ask board members why they would not take action, Peeke asked school board director

Charles Bartolet to make a motion to end the meeting. Before Bartolet could formally call for an adjournment, Steuer yelled out, "meeting adjourned."

While gathering her personal belongings to depart, school board director Sandra Miller told Steuer she would like to personally speak with her, to which Steuer replied, "I don't want to talk to you."

In other business, the board was presented with a list of priority bid items on the school district's athletic fieldhouse and athletic fields totaling \$3.5

million. Andrew Alicandri of The Architectural Studio (TAS) of Allentown said the first priority item the school district should pursue is stadium structural repairs, followed by upgrades to the stadium in the form of handrails and other insurance carrier requirements. The third priority is major fieldhouse renovations, followed by various improvements to the fields and regrading of the soccer field installation of an all-weather field, and renovations to the field hockey field.

District Superintendent Sandra Fellin told board members they should revisit the bid priority items and develop a plan moving forward with renovations to the fieldhouse and athletic fields during the Decem-

ber meeting. The board approved Resolution 2012-2013 which states Saucon Philadel-Valley will not increase any school district tax for the 2012-13 school year at son a rate that exceeds the Michael index of 1.7 percent as and Kathleen (Kovjanovic) calculated by the Pa.

Department of Education. Also, Fellin recognized retiring school board member and board President Lachlan Peeke with a gift for his many years of service as an employee of the school district and sitting school board mem-

"It's been a good ride as an employee and as a board member," Peeke said humbly.

Richard D. Martin

milestones

of Active Data Exchange

in the

Cayman Islands , while attending Matthew 's Univer-Medicine.

He was a 1977 graduate of Emmaus High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from Penn State University. He gradtechnology management/doctor of science in engineering and tech-Southern California Uni-

officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He first worked in the ing for various energy companies conducting reactor operations, quality assurance and training. He and his father had a Radon testing and remediation business. He was Board from 2004-2010. a chief operating officer of a multinational subcontractor to a digital conan adjunct professor at a sister, Pam. DeSales University in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. He was a co-founder, owner and CTO of Active Data Exchange. He held methodology to dynamically place digital assets

Dr. Richard Douglas tor of IT for First Pres-Martin died on Nov. 30, byterian Church, Bethle- Miksiewicz, 81, of Bethle- of Phoenix, Az.; two sons, 2011 in a car accident hem. He founded startcaused by a drunk driver ups focused on global satellite applications for the delivery of telemedicine services to impoverished countries, and high performance network design and international N.J., she infrastructure develop-

1994-1996. He was a volunteer soccer coach for for 57 years. the Greater Bethlehem member of the CTO Club of New York, chairman uated summa cum laude of the ICE2 specification daughter, Carol M. and her with a master's degree in committee; member of the XML Protocol Working Group; member of PRISM metadata stannology management from dards group and a board member of IDEAlliance (International Digital He was a flotilla staff Enterprise Alliance). He was a member of the Information and Content Exchange (ICE) Authornuclear industry work- ing Committee. He was a corporate representative to W3C, the World Wide Web Consortium.

He was a member of the Penn State University Lehigh Valley Advisory

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children Zoe, Kayla, Jimmy tent delivery firm. He was (James), and Lauren; and

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on non-related web sites. made by Long Funeral He was interim direc- Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Dylan Kopchak

LHS student

Andrew Kopchak, 16, of Freemansburg, died Dec.13 2011 Born in phia, he

Kopchak.

He was a student at Liberty High School ,where he wrestled and played football.

He was employed by Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Dylan the Starters Riverport. In addition to his parents, he is survived by four siblings, David and his wife Tricia, Joseph and his wife Pamela, Valerie Boyle and Kimberly Kopchak; and five

cousins, Nicholas, David

Jr., Joseph Jr., Jonathan and Jillian Kopchak. Contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Parish, 1817 First St. Beth-radio operator.

lehem, 18020. made by Connell Funeral survived by his son Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Elizabeth "Betty" I. (Gosztonyi) Bonser

Globe Times employee

Elizabeth "Betty" I. Ungerer of Bethlehem

died Dec.10, 2011, at d Orchard Manor Care Health Services,

Easton. Born in Hellertown, she was a daughter of the late George and Mary (Gostony) Gosztonyi. She Margaret Ontko. was the wife of the late

George Bonser Jr. ing Company, Western Electric, Durkee's and the

daughters, Stephanie

(Gosztonyi) Bonser, 88, of and Georgia Cressman Bethlehem Township, of Palmerton; a son, George Bonser III of Wilson; a sister, Ann Trembath and her companion Tony Medei of Bethlehem Township; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by four brothers, George, William, Charles and Frank Gosztonyi; and three sisters, Julia Horwath, Mary Sersen and

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Mary Rosalie (Chickersky) Breiner

Hellertown Mfg. Co. inspector

Mary Rosalie (Chicker- years before retiring. sky) Breiner, of Bethle-

h e m died Dec. 3, 2011 in St. Luke's Hospice. Born in Philadelphia, she was the

daughter of the late Wilmer and Rose (Hudnell) Breiner. She was the wife of the

late John Chickersky. She was an inspector

She is survived by two daughters, Rosemary Frey of Bethlehem and Catherine Junod of Maryville, Tenn; two grandchildren, Erig Mendelssohn Frey and Martina Rose Junod; and a brother, James Breiner of Oxon Hill, Md.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem, PA

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Bernadette "Betty" J. Miksiewicz

OLPH Church member

Bernadette "Betty" J. husband Vincent Keenan

hem, Dec. 2011, at Moravian Village, Bethlehem. Born in Elizabeth,

daughter of the late Lau-He was head of the rence and Victoria Kraw-Solehi Soccer League from czyk. She was the wife of the late Leon J. Miksiewicz

She was a member of Soccer League. He was a Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Church, Bethlehem. She is survived by a Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Lawrence J. and his wife Jami of Allentown and Ronald L. and his fiancée Michele Timochenko of Sinking Spring; and 10 grandchildren, Tory, Emily, Jackie, Elizabeth, Tim, Dan, Colin, Katelyn, Matthew

and Jennifer. She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Schlapak.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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Lean C. Schreiber

Wegmans employee

Bethlehem, died Dec.10, 2011, in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Born in Bethle-

hem, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Theresa (Oswald) Schramel. She was the wife of the late John J. Schreiber for 44

She was employed at Wegmans for the past nine

Lean C. Schreiber, 73, of Notre Dame Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Keich of Bethlehem; a son, Michael J. and his wife Eneida in Kansas; a brother, Frank Schramel of Northampton; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

She was predeceased by four sisters; two brothers; and a great-granddaugh-

Contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Arrangements were made by pearson Funeral She was a member of Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Kevin James Peck

ham radio operator

of Quakertown, died Dec. 13. 2011. Born in Barberton, Ohio, he was a Judith and

her husband Leroy Rollison of Clinton, Ohio and Gerald Peck of Barberton, Ohio. He was the husband of Lesia (Tkachenko) Peck.

He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Akron University.

He worked for Susquehanna International Group,

Bala Cynwyd.

In addition to his wife,

Kevin James Peck, 31, Zachary; a soon-to-be-born daughter; a sister, Lynn and her husband Tom Monaco; two stepbrothers James Rollison and John and his wife Tamara Rollison; a stepsister, Jana Kirk; father-in-law and mother-in law, Vladimir and Vera Tkachenko of Bethlehem; a sister-in-law, Kristina and her husband David Small; two brothers-in-law, Igor and his wife Lisa Tkachenko and Daniel Tkachenko; grandparents, Robert and Betty Wilson of Clinton, Ohio; uncles; aunts; and cousins.

Contributions may be made to ChildFund International, 2821 Emerywood He was a licensed ham Parkway, Richmond, Va. 23294

Arrangements were Arrangements were father and mother, he is made by Long Funeral

Francis "Reds" T. Connors

Bethlehem city firefighter

nors, 90, of Bethlehem, died and Joanne Reszek, Jackie hem, he was a son of the late John E. and Ellen Jeff Bloom, Anthony and Maria (Weaver) Connors. his wife Sarah and Amy late Katiemarie (Corroda) Connors.

He served during World War II in the U.S. Army.

He was a Bethlehem firefighter for 28 years, retiring as an inspector. He worked for WalMart security for 13 years. He was the supervisor of security for K-Mart, Globe Security and Laneco. He was a crossing guard.

He is survived by a daughter, Francine A. and her husband James Horvath of Walnutport; a made by Connell Funeral grandson, Brian Horvath; Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Francis "Reds" T. Con- nephews and nieces Joe Dec. 8, 2011. Born in Bethle- and Maria Connors, Beth Corroda and her husband He was the husband of the and her husband Gary Moll; and two grand-nieces; Isabelle and Sabrina Moll.

> He was predeceased by his first wife, Leona (Pcichoda) Connors; two brothers, John and James Connors; a sister, Marie Reszek; and a nephew, Brian Con-

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

Arrangements were



Francis Farris

First Valley Bank loan officer

Francis M. Farris, 91, of Bank. Bethlehem, died Dec.12, 2011, in Lehigh Valley Hospital -Muhlenberg. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Andrew and Mary (Kokosha) Farris. He was the husband of Helen C. (Oravec) Farris for 65 years.

He was a 1942 graduate of Penn State University, where he was a seven time letter winner in baseball and basketball.

He was a captain in the 505th Very Heavy Bombardment Group, 313th Wing, 20th Air Force, North Field

Tinian, during World War II. He was the manager of Household Finance, Allentown, for 30 years before 18036. retiring. He then worked as vice president of install-

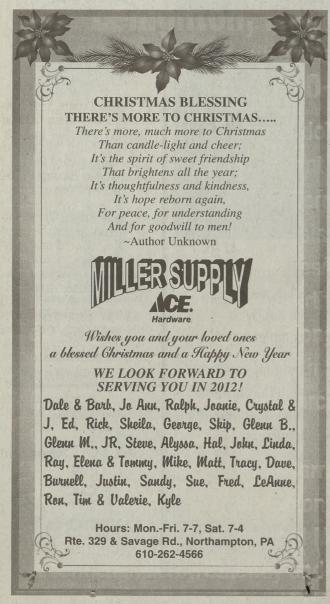
He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bethlehem. He belonged to the Allen-

town Lions Club for many

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Francis Jr., and his wife Lynn of Nazareth; a daughter, Nancy and her husband William Tucker of Ringoes, N.J.; and four grandchildren, John and Michael Farris and Leslie and Christ-

ian Tucker. Contributions may be sent to the Carmelite Nuns of Allentown, 3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg, PA

Arrangements were made by Pearson Funeral ment loans at First Valley Home inc., Bethlehem.



CITY POLICE

Robbery

Police apprehended a man shortly after he allegedly robbed the 2415 Easton Avenue Delta gas station Dec. 9.

According to police, a young black male entered the business around 11:35 p.m. and threatened the clerk with a knife. He fled with about \$500 in cash.

The suspect was recognized by an officer reviewing surveillance footage as Dwayne Williams, 21, of 1549 Fleming Street.

Officers served a warrant on Fleming's residence and he was arrested, charged with theft, receiving stolen property, robbery and simple assault. He was taken to Northampton County Prison on \$100,000 bail.

Road rage

Police are searching for two men following a traffic accident and assault on Stefko Boulevard around 5:20 p.m. Dec.

began as an unspecified confrontation at a Texaco

Shortly thereafter a man and woman, both 20, were in a vehicle and cut off by a large dark blue Dodge Dakota with a single flat black, miscolored, fender, causing them to

The Dodge driver, a large black male and his passenger, a white male, then allegedly approached the victims threateningly and assaulted them.

The attackers then quickly got back into the Dodge and drove off.

Fighting

Police arrested three men after responding to a reported fight at Roosevelt's on East Elizabeth Avenue Dec. 11.

According to police, the men were causing a scene in the bar and were asked to leave. Once out in the parking lot they began to fight and were observed by an officer in the area.

Jonathan Nunez, of both 21, are charged with disorderly conduct and

public drunkenness. Michael Fetherman, Easton, is charged with date. disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, possession of a small amount of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance - suspected cocaine.

BRIEFLY

NARFE Meeting set for Dec. 22

Lehigh Valley Chapter 1371 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet Dec. 22 in the community room of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover

Ave., Allentown. Lunch will be served at noon. Following the meal, the annual Christmas party and entertainment will take place.

A brief business session will conclude the meeting.

First-timers and those wanting lunch need to call Ken Zeiner at 610-837-7246 before Dec. 17.

There is a fee for the

Those attending the party and meeting only should arrive at 12:45 pm.

Both actively employed and newly retired federal workers are encouraged to

For information, call Marie Nader, membership chair, at 610-231-0237.



Christmas City Peace Pilgrimage participants sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" on the steps of Central Moravian Church as their final rest stop before completing the 10-mile walk at the Christ UCC Church on Center Street in Bethlehem for the evening meal and program. Singing Christ-Police said the incident mas carols by candlelight are Amy Creitz of Tamaqua, left, and Cathy Burgi of Bethlehem.

52nd Peace **Pilgrimage**



Warm "LEPOCO Soup" was popular with pilgrim-Jacksonville Road, and age walkers at the end of the 10-mile trek from Josel Rodriguez, of Lib- Nazareth. Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern erty Street in Allentown, members Lee and Ellen Buck received a Peace Pilgrim of the Year award for preparing and serving their soup for many years as part of the evening supper, hosted by Christ UCC Church for 25, of Camelot Drive in nearly all the 52 Christmas Peace Pilgrimages to

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LEPOCO Peace Choir member Nancy Tate takes a turn leading fellow singers in a song during the pilgrimage program at Christ UCC Church. From Left to right: Marcie Lightwood, Ursula Wuerth, Martha Christine and Barbara Wurth.



LEFT: Peace Pilgrimage guest speaker the Rev. Kelly Denton-Borhaug, chair of Religious Studies at Moravian College, talks about the continued growth of the U.S. military at home and abroad. She asked, "Where is the public awareness" of the continued growth of the U.S. military in the past 10 years an 81 percent increase in total American military expenses, according to her slide show information.



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

The 52nd annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage procession arrives in downtown Bethlehem as it heads along Main Street toward the Christ UCC Church, where the 10-mile trek ends each year. Star sign bearer Benton Schwartz of Bath heads up the procession of some 130 walkers which began in Nazareth at noon Dec. 10.



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A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a new free poetry contest sponsored by Friendly Poets, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all for amateur poets who write and win.

"Even if you have never entered a competition before, this is your opportunity to win big," says editor Michael Thomas. "Even if you have written only one poem you are proud of, it deserves to be read and appreciated by others."

To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Friendly Poets, PO Box 21, Talent, OR 97540. Or online www.friendlypoets.com.

Be sure your name and address is on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is Dec. 31. Include a stamped addressed envelope for a winners list or view online where winners will be posted at contest end.

RED CROSS Catalog of symbolic gifts offered

The American Red Cross is offering its 2011 Holiday Giving Catalog to provide ideas for a variety of symbolic gifts that support humanitarian programs.

"With so many people out of work, Americans want to both give and receive things that mean something," said Red Cross Regional Executive John R. Hughes. "The Red Cross Holiday Giving Catalog provides consumers with opportunities to make a difference and give with a purpose this holiday season.

Shoppers can choose from a variety of symbolic gift items including vaccinations for an entire village, food and shelter to a disaster victim, comfort items for platelet donors and phone cards and personal supplies for members of the U.S. Armed Forces

Greeting cards are included with each taxdeductible catalog purchase to notify loved ones of the gifts you have made in their honor. You may also opt to send an e-card version. Each gift item provides support to the mission of the Red Cross and items are available to fit any budget.

More information is available online at https://american.redcross.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=gc11_index (redcross.org/gifts).

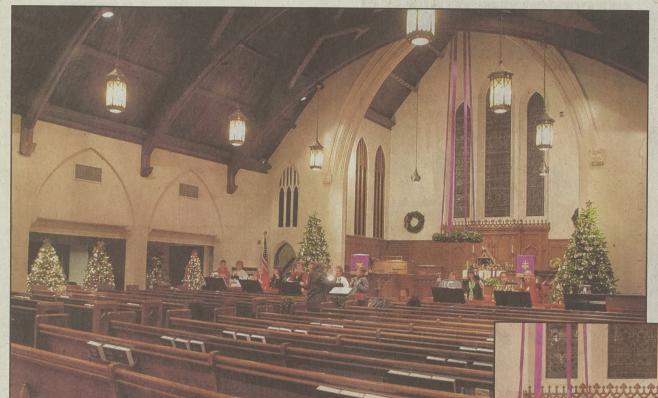
VEGAN TREATS Store vying for PETA award

Vegan Treats, 1444 Linden St., has been named one of four finalists for Libby liberation)Award for Best Local Vegan Bakery, PETA animal rights-youth divi-

The shop was nominated for making cakes and pastries that don't contain unhealthy and /or cruelly produced milk, eggs or other animalderived products. Products include triple-berry cheesecake, browniechunk cheesecake, caramel petit fours, chocolate-encased strawberry shortcake as well as wedding and Death by Chocolate cakes. There is a full line of egg- and dairy-free cookies.

For information and vote, peta2.com/Libbys.

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Bethany ready for Christmas

PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Amid the Christmas decorations in the church's sanctuary, the Bethany U.C.C. Church bell-ringers rehearse for the upcoming Christmas Eve service. They are led by director of music Susan Wright.

The handbell choir. brass choir, organ, flute, piano, bagpipes, vocal solos, percussion and vocal choir will participate in the 8 p.m. service. This year, there will be six new trees for a total of eight in the sanctuary, symbolizing the star. bell, candle, nature, angel and Nativity. respectively.

Advent & Christmas Services

Messiah Lutheran Church



2020 Worthington Ave. Bethlehem 18017 corner of Easton Ave.. & Worthington)

Advent Mid-week Vesper Services Wednesdays: Noon & 7 pm

Weekend Worship Services

Saturdays: 6:30 pm Sundays: 8 & 11 am

Christmas Eve: Children's Worship: 4 pm

Family Candlelight Service: 6 pm

Candlelight & Choral Service: 10 pm Christmas Day Communion Service 9 am



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Asbury United Methodist Church Springhouse Rd. & Walbert Ave. Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-2577 www.asburylv.org

Carols & Candlelight at 1:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service at 3:00 p.m. Open Door Service in Wesley Center at 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion at 11:00 p.m.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE at 7:30 PM TRADITIONAL SERVICES: Family Service at 4 PM Children are invited to bring

a gift for the baby Jesus. Lessons & Carols at 6:30, 9 &-11 PM Communion served at 11 PM.

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Central Moravian Church* www.centralmoravianchurch.org West Church & Main Streets 610-866-5661

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Christmas Day - 11:00 am

West Side Moravian Church www.westsidemoravian.org 402 Third Ave. 610-865-0256

> Christmas Eve - 7:00 pm Candlelight Service Christmas Day - 10:00 am

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72 West Laurel Street 610-867-8291

> Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm Children's Lovefeast and Candlelight Service Christmas Eve - 8:00 pm Candlelight Service Christmas Day - 10:00 am

East Hills Moravian Church

www.easthillsmc.org 1830 Butztown Road 610-868-6481 Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm

Family Lovefeast and Candlelight Service Christmas Eve - 7:30 pm + 9:30 pm Lovefeast and Candlelight Service Christmas Day - 11:00 am

All services are FREE * where indicated tickets are required to insure seating



Historic Bethlehem Partnership volunteers
Joanne Feigl, left, and Ann Novajovsky re-stock
the craft table at Burnside Plantation during their
Wreaths, Crafts and Treats sale on the first weekend of December. The annual fundraiser supports
the programs at the 18th century restored farm
operated by HBP. The crafters said their sales of
handmade fresh greens for holiday season decorating exceeded their expectations and they

made another batch for the second day on Sunday. Farmed by James Burnside of Bethlehem, the 1748 plantation, which has been reduced from its original size of 500 to 6.5 acres, is part of the Lehigh County Parks System and is the only farm in the Lehigh Valley within city limits. Burnside was a Moravian who was the first elected representative to the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly in Philadelphia.

Wreaths, crafts and treats



Holiday bowmaker Linda Galitis of Bethlehem hangs one of the fresh wreaths made by the Burnside crafters and displayed in the restored bank barn. Galitis, an HBP volunteer, specializes in making the bows for the various fresh greens such as swags, wreaths and garland available at the annual Burnside Plantation holiday season sale.

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the Reverend William J. Kuntze-Senior Pastor the Reverend Jeffrey V. Bauer-Associate Pastor

BRIEFLY

SYLVAN New website for children

Sylvan Learning, Allentown, recently launched "Fit 4 Algebra: Take the Algebra Fitness Challenge," a free interactive online "screener" parents can use to assess their children's algebra readiness.

The challenge consists of a 21-question algebra readiness check-up, which tests the key skills identified by the National Mathematics Advisory Panel as providing the basic foundation for algebra.

After the child completes the screener, parents will receive diagnostic results that highlight areas of strength as well as areas that are in need of further skill development.

Additionally, parents will have immediate access to valuable free resources, including video-based math tutorials aligned to the skill areas where students need additional development.

Parents who are concerned or curious about how well their child may measure up in algebra can take matters into their own hands by screening the child's readiness through Sylvan's Fit 4 Algebra website

In addition to seeing where their child stands on the Algebrometer, an engaging visual created by Sylvan that gauges a student's readiness level for algebra, parents can take advantage of a host of free resources, including online math challenges, entertaining games, interactive concept tutorials and links to thousands of already-asked math questions with answers.

The "Parent Resources" section also includes tips on helping children succeed in math, links to algebra smart phone apps, and information on finding personalized help, if needed.

Sylvan's screener is available at Fit4Algebra.org. For more information

about Sylvan Learning, contact Dr. Joseph Kaufman at 610-791-5320 or sadmin @fast.net.

TRINITY CHURCH Soup kitchen benefit set for Jan. 15

There will be a Martin Luthor King Jr. charity brunch at 12:30 p.m.on Jan. 15 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 E. Market St. The event will benefit the church's soup kitchen and education program.

Oceola and Gladys
Bragg, authors of "Country Cooking, City Style",
will talk about their mother, cook Edna "Ma" Bragg.
Bragg, a Tennessee farm
girl, became a New York
City caterer. There will
be a buffet of dishes from
the book.

For information, call 484-274-6841.



PRESS PHOTOS BY BRENDA LANGE

Bev Fry with a special Santa she made using fur from her mother's mink stole.

For the love of Christmas

By BRENDA LANGE

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Standing proudly on tabletops, balanced on a ladder, even perched on the kitchen counter – Bev Fry's Santas nearly overtake the Nazareth home she shares with her husband Walter.

For 19 years, Fry has been sewing up a storm, patching together bits of all kinds of materials to create one-of-a-kind Santa Claus characters she gives to family and friends for Christmas.

The labor of love began when she found a Santa pattern while shopping with her sister and thought it would make a fun birthday gift for her daughter, Amy, whose birthday is in late November. From that initial offering, her gift-giving grew and she now makes eight Santa figures every year, each taking about 20 hours to complete

With all eight spread out on a table at the end of November, Amy gets first pick of the Santas. Even though Fry utilizes the same pattern for all eight, she clothes them in different colored shirts, with various patterned suspenders and so on, so that each one is unique.

After Amy, her daughter-in-law gets to choose next, then her sister. Fry keeps one for herself and keeps a spare. She also likes to give one away



to someone at random each year.

"I give a Santa to someone who wouldn't expect it," she says. "Someone it seems it would be good for, and who will appreciate and cherish it"

Some of the materials she's sewn together contain special memories for Fry, like her mother's mink stole (the kind with the animal's head and feet still attached, popular in the middle of the last century) that she cut up to trim the rich red velvet robe of that year's Santa.

From the Santa on the dining room sideboard who supervises his elves and checks his naughty-nice list to the Mr. and Mrs. Claus duo in their pajamas – Santa holds a glass of milk, while the Mrs. carries the cookie – some of the figures and scenarios are complex and quite detailed.

More than merely wooden dowels, fiberfill, craft-store accessories and found materials held together with hot glue and duct tape, Fry's creations project a jolly demeanor that she somehow manages to sew into each

Each Santa has his own personality and creating them is fun for Fry, who declines offers to sell them, in order to preserve the pleasure she gets from making them as gifts, just for the fun of it and love of Christmas.





Bev Fry has brought all kinds of Santas to life over 19 years of sewing the jolly old elf for family and friends.





SANTA'S HELPERS



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

After its month-long drive, Kiwanis Club members invited partners from local U.S. Marines and Bethlehem Catholic HS Key Club for breakfast Dec. 15 at the Best Western to celebrate a successful Toys for Tots season. **ABOVE**: Santa Claus gathers his

helpers, Staff Sgt. John Anderson, Kayla Lash, Madeline Lopez, Mara Blanchard, Danielle Trottier, teacher Karen Redding and local Kiwanis President Tony lasiello with boxes of toys donated or purchased with donated money.



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Trees for sale

Ben Stoudt, a three-year member of the Fountain Hill Fire Department, hefts one of 250 trees available during the department's eighth annual sale. The sale is open weekdays from 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Stoudt said the sale, located behind the Broadway Wawa, and the department are always looking for volunteers, especially to help out during the holidays.



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izations in the Lehigh Valley to achieve success by offering consulting and capacity building services using retired and career ants. Contact Bill Cosgrove, 610-504-6199, esclv@ptd.net.

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ter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by run-

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FAMILY CONNECTION OF EASTON tact Jessica R. Dreistadt, 610-250-2551, ext. 24075, dreistadtj@eastonsd.org

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER, Bethlehem, needs two office support volunteers at the Bethlehem location to work with the training department and help with filing and copying. Contact Naomi Pratt, 610-691-

5850, npratt@hcsc.org.

MORAVIAN HALL SQUARE, Nazareth, has a volunteer opportunity for a retired beautician or person who is interested in helping to "lift the spirit" of persons living in its health care neighborhoods. Contact Peggy Hanzelman, 610-746-1334, peggyh@mora-

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK is looking for volunteers to coordinate drives for turkeys and warm outerwear (coats, scarves, gloves and hats) for men, women, and children. Contact Northampton Area Food Bank, 610-262-8030, info@northamptonareafood-

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

BOSCOLA Rebate deadline now Dec. 31

State Senator Lisa M. Boscola announced that the Commonwealth has extended the deadline for the state's Property Tax and Rent Rebate program from June 30 to Dec. 31, 2011. Senior citizens, widows and widowers over the age of 50, and permanently disabled

18 who qualify should apply for the program.

Rent Rebate program provides a rebate of up to \$650 on the combined amount of a senior's real estate property taxes for the school district, county and local municipality paid in 2010. Seniors who rent an apartment may qualify for rental rebates of up to \$500. Rebate amounts are based on a sliding scale dependent on the

individuals over the age of annual household income.

A homeowner's combined household income in The Property Tax and 2010 cannot exceed \$35,000. Only half of an applicant's Social Security income is included in that limit. Applicants must be 65 or older, or must be permanently disabled over the age of 18, or must be a widow or widower over the age of 50.

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Pate boys look to stay hot

By PETER CAR pcar@tnonline.com

Freedom has so far passed all their tests this season and the Pates hope they can keep getting A's heading into the holiday

The Patriots looked like one of the elite teams in the Lehigh Valley Conference last Friday night when they handled Easton 53-40 in their biggest

HOCKEY

playing

weeks, Freedom's hock-

like they have been cele-

brating Christmas a lit-

Liberty, Freedom will have

a modest two-game unde-

feated streak, recently forging a 3-3 tie against

Phillipsburg after an upset

2-1 victory over Parkland,

leaders in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey

League (LVSHL) Pure

haven't done in a while,"

said head coach Mike

Mould on his club's recent rash of success. "It looks

like we are starting to turn the corner. We start-

ed the season slowly, mainly because we only have one senior and some new

"But we have a solid

core of juniors and every-

Phillipsburg and scored

two goals in the final peri-

od with one on the power

play. We're starting to get

a good chemistry with the

son losing their first four

games before they ended

the streak with a 4-3 victo-

ry over Quakertown Nov.

9. With the win, Freedom

has a 2-2-1 mark in their

last five games. Mould is

hoping the momentum

can continue and help

lead them to the postsea-

son, an area that eluded

them last year. Beginning

the week, Freedom (2-6-

1) was two points behind

ited the play of juniors

Kyle Yost and Tyler Rogoliewicz, both of

whom have been steady-

ing forces and have pro-

vided leadership. Fresh-

man Brendan Driscoll has

been leading the team in

scoring throughout the season, and Mike Warfield

has been anchoring the

defense. Goalie Ben

Wykosky has been

improving each week and

he has been lowering his

really played well, and he

has been one of our

stronger younger play-

ers," Mould said. "Mike

(Warfield) has done a

great job on defense for

us, and he has also helped

kept us in games through-

out the year, and his play

is getting better with each

team can continue their

recent burst against Lib-

is one that is always cir-

Mould believes his

"That game (Liberty)

"Ben (Wykosky) has

out offensively.

game.'

"Brendan (Driscoll) has

GAA in the process

The veteran coach cred-

third-place Emmaus.

Freedom began the sea-

team.'

well

tle early.

Division.

By JEFF MOELLER Special to the Press

Nyreef Jackson (18 points) but we also have to be a be concerned with, as this season. and Joe Lococo (17 points) more consistent team on road trips to the Poconos led the Pates in scoring. the floor.

With the team off to a 3-0 start heading into this our game on [last] Satur- the traveler. week's contests, head day because it was a day coach Joe Stellato knows after the Easton game and that the Pates still haven't it felt like a trap game." played their best.

ried about, I'm always road win at East Strouds-going to worry about," burg North on Saturday to keep Freedom's main really trying to take him Stellato said. "I know what afternoon as the trap inside threat, forward

early season test to date, as this team is capable of, game that all coaches can Derike Chiclana, at bay

yed their best. Stellato referenced the respectively, as Stellato "The things I'm wor- Pates 56-50 non-league has seen a concentrated

"I was worried about win is never in the favor of

Lococo and Jackson led matures. the team in scoring again

Chiclana has averaged a night after a big league 6.6 points a game so far, but those numbers should increase as the season

"We haven't had everywith 19 and 15 points one play at the level they're capable of yet and Derike is part of that," away inside and that's See **Boys** on Page A12

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HOOP TIME CHANGE

Due to the BASD holiday on Dec. 23, the date for the Liberty vs. Freedom boy/ girl basketball doubleheader has been changed.

The date is now Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. The girls varsity game will begin at 6 p.m. the boys varsity game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be held at Freedom High School on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fred Harris via

fharris@bethsd.org.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Becahi's Jaime Deisher battles with Nicole Chickey for the ball during last week's city showdown.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks down LHS

one is playing well togeth- By KATIE MCDONALD er. We battled back against kmcdonald@tnonline.com

Bethlehem Catholic recovered from a tentative start in its game against Liberty last Friday to pull off a 54-46 vic-

tory over the Hurricanes. 'I think we came out a little bit nervous. We needed to relax and get our composure," said Becahi senior, Bri Morales.

Liberty led 13-9 at the end of the first quarter, but the Hawks came back in the second with 18 points to the Hurricanes'

seven. "We picked up the tempo and played our game," Morales said. "At halftime, we talked about

keeping our momentum.' The Hawks pulled

away in the third quarter with an 11-point lead, but a collision between Morales and Liberty's JJ Hilliard, left Morales out for the rest of the game with a bruised knee.

"They pressured, and I was going for the ball in the air," said Morales. "[The game] was really, really physical.'

Liberty threatened with back-to-back threes in the final minutes of the game, but the Hawks held off anymore comeback attempts to clinch the victory.

For Becahi, Bridget Smith scored 18 points, followed by freshman, Kalista Walters, who had 17. Rana Plesko added 14,

See Girls on Page A12



Liberty's Jahara Hilliard tries to fight off Becahi's Brianna Morales during last week's Hawk win.

WRESTLING Hawks third at Beast

By PETER CAR pcar@tnonline.com

Bethlehem Catholic came home from the Beast of the East tournament with six medals, a thirdplace finish and sigh of relief.

Darian Cruz claimed the 106pound title, his second straight gold medal from the Beast, while three other Hawks found themselves in the finals to help Becahi compile 163.5 points to give them their highest finish ever at the tournament.

Zeke Moisey (113), Randy Cruz (132) and Elliot Riddick (170) each settled for silver medals, while Ryan Todora (152) and Jose Ortiz

(182) both finished in eighth place. The younger Cruz's performance showed the potential the junior has in his arsenal, as he walloped Vincenzo Joseph of Pittsburgh Central Catholic 9-1 in the finals, easily eclipsing a 1-0 decision he registered over Joseph last week at the Ironman tournament. "Darian

wrestled a great tournament, said Hawks head coach Jeff Karam. "He's

wrestling on page A12 capable of doing this all the time

More

and we want to see this from him all year. He really was great over the weekend." Moisey was held out of his

finals bout after aggravating his shoulder. His status should have him clear to wrestle this week, but Karam wasn't taking any

Randy Cruz lost a tough 4-2 battle to Blair Academy's Mark Grey, a rematch of last week's Ironman finals, where Cruz was able to earn a 9-4 victory. Riddick lost 1-0 to Eric Morris of Wyoming

Both Riddick and Cruz had trouble scoring in their finals bouts, but it doesn't take away from the performance the Hawks

gave over the weekend. Battling in two of the toughest tournaments in the country on back-to-back weekends is a grind.

"I definitely saw improvement as a team from the first weekend to this weekend," said Karam. "We're going to focus on conditioning right now, because we couldn't wrestle Whitehall last week because of a skin infection that we didn't want to spread.

'So, we didn't even get to practice for a couple days leading up to the Beast.'

Staying at home this weekend will also serve as relief for the Hawks, who take on Emmaus tonight and Freedom Thursday.

Getting some dual meet action in is a welcoming change of pace.

"I think all of us are looking forward to the dual meets because it's more of a team concept now,' said Karam. "This is the reason I love coaching and all of us are really looking forward to this

▼ SCHEDULE

BECAHI Dec. 21 Wrestling at Emmaus,

7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 Wrestling at Freedom.

7:15 p.m Dec. 23 Boys at Easton, 7 p.m.

· Girls vs. Easton, 7 Dec. 27

· Girls at Holly and Hoops, Maryland

FREEDOM Dec. 21

Boys vs. Holy Redeemer, 7:30 p.m. Wrestling at Whitehall, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 22 Rifle vs. Eastburg N.,

• Swimming at Allen, 5 · Wrestling vs. Becahi,

7:15 p.m. Dec. 27

 Boys at Holiday Classic, 7:30 p.m. Girls at Berwick, 7:30

LIBERTY

Dec. 21 · Wrestling at Dieruff, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 22 · Rifle vs. Eastburg S.,

4 p.m. Dec. 27

 Boys at Primetime Tourney, 1:30 p.m. Girls at Muhlenberg Tourney, 6 p.m.

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cled on the calendar," See Hockey on Page A12

Pates fall to Dieruff, look to get on track

By PETER CAR pcar@tnonline.com

It wasn't the way that Brandon Hall envisioned Freedom's first Lehigh Valley Conference dual meet this season. The Pates (2-4) lost to Dieruff (5-3) at home last Wednesday 35-27to give the pro-

night's tilt against Bethstore for an interesting

gram a result that they are ready to get back out guys is that they're up planned, as Dieruff won weren't hoping for. there and wrestle," said for the challenge and they six out of the first ten at Whitehall (0-1) tonight ting some redemption and compete.' followed by Thursday after the loss to Dieruff.

lehem Catholic, Hall tough and well-coached Huskies last week, since "I can tell that our kids the good thing about our Things didn't go as early deficit.

Now, with league bouts Hall in reference to get- want to get back out there

Hall had hoped to gain "Whitehall is always a a pivotal win over the for a 36-12 advantage.

match up problems, but final bout of the match. enough to overcome the ly get better every day."

planned, as Dieruff won "As a team we were six out of the first ten definitely disappointed," bouts, five of which came Hall said. "We have areas courtesy of bonus points that we obviously need from pins and a forfeit to fix. These extra days of practice will be good for The Pates won the us leading up to this knows his team is in team and Bethlehem Dieruff knocked off Free- final four bouts of the week. We'll learn from Catholic obviously poses dom a year ago in the match, but it wasn't our mistakes and hopeful-

LHS's Gonzalez, Lotito win Penn Manor Tourney

By PETER CAR pcar@tnonline.com

For Grimaldi Gonzalez, winning his weight class at the Penn Manor tournament over the weekend wasn't as big of a deal as one would think. The Liberty junior knocked off Kenny Arentz of Penn Manor 6-0 in the 120-pound finals to earn his first gold medal as a varsity wrestler, but he's not letting that get to his

Gonzalez was joined by fellow teammate, senior Devon Lotito, as the two champs for Liberty, as the Hurricanes took a fifth place team finish with 127

Lotito continued to roll through the early part of the season by pinning his first two opponents en route to winning by a 4-0 decision over Nick Cook of

pound championship.

ing things on an even keel.

ning," Gonzalez said. "I know we have a long season still and we have our holiday tournament next week, so that's what I'm hoping to work toward."

Lotito, the lone senior in Liberty's starting lineup this season, knows that always there for him to produce.

goal to come away with that this season. another tournament

away from the weekend's next week."

Garden Spot for the 132- title. "I've been working out all through the sum-Despite the new feat mer to get ready for this for Gonzalez, he's keep- season and a lot of our guys worked out over the I'm not going to get summer too. It was like too big headed about win- we couldn't get enough of wrestling and now we're hopefully seeing some of

that payoff.' Jake Gunning (220) took fourth over the weekend, along with a fifthplace finish by Mike Connelly at 113.

Gonzalez now hopes the expectations are that this title streak can extend to next week, where he took second at It was no different for the Holiday Classic and him last weekend, as his hopes to improve upon

"That really is one of championship was exe- my favorite tournaments," he said of Liberty's annu-'I just learned that I'm al wrestling feast. "I like where I need to be at this how I've been wrestling point of the year," said lately, but I'd like to get Lotito of what he took another championship



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Greg Noack of Liberty battles Becahi's Marc Meny during last week's showdown. The 'Canes won the game 68-52. Noack has been hot lately as LHS improved to 2-1.

SWIMMING

'Canes start off hot

By KATIE McDONALD kmcdonald@tnonline.com

The Liberty Hurricanes opened the swimming season with three straight victories, the most recent being a 130-32 (boys) and 151-29 (girls)

win over Dieruff. 'A lot of kids swam in different events," said Liberty coach Reik Foust. This Tuesday, we have Central Catholic. That should be a good one."

First place finishers in individual boys' events for the Hurricanes were Cameron Angstadt in the 200 free (2:02.70), Matt Allred in the 200 IM (2:20.82), Jacob Jones in the 50 free (24.17), and RJ Buttillo in the 100 fly (1:11.53).

Evan Smith won the 100 free (56.77), Sean Van-

100 backstroke (1:07.13), and Brandon Tar- 500 free (5:32.68). boro won the 100 breaststroke (1:22.66).

all relays.

Matt Buell, and Ryan 100 breaststroke in 1:17.91. Spadt took first place in Victoria Carter won 1:47.33. Burcin, James She- 161.75 points. plock, Will Updegrove, and Angstadt won the 200 free relay in 1:42.11. Angstadt, Sheplock, Evan Smith, and Buell placed first in the 400 free relay in

3:50.33. individual girls' events for the Hurricanes were Katelyn Csatari in the 200 Koutsoumbis, free (2:22.20), Courtney Desh in the 200 IM (2:25.61), Jess Mosebach relay in 4:06.80.

natta won the 500 free in the 50 free (27.43), and (5:53.39), Cole Ledger won Madison Sauers in the 100 fly (1:08.27) and the

London Scheufler won the 100 free in 1:01.73, Liberty's boys swept Rachel Rider won the 100 backstroke in 1:03.34, and Vannatta, Eric Burcin, Amy Darlington won the

Victoria Carter won the 200 medley relay in the diving event with

Liberty's girls swept all relays

Scheufler, Darlington, Emily Cecchini, and Shelby Turner took first place in the 200 medley relay in 2:04.20. Turner, Desh, First place finishers in Jessica Bassett, and Zoe Zsido won the 200 free relay in 2:01.70. Leanna Kundo, Rider, and Sauers placed first in the 400 free

Continued from page A11 opening things up for guys like Nyreef and Joe. We just have to stay focused and play consistent, because that's what's going to help us win as a

Freedom took on Bethlehem Catholic on Tuesday and host Holy Redeemer tonight in their final tuneup before holiday weekend.

two straight since an opening season loss to Central Catholic. The Hurricanes knocked off Pocono Mountain East 63-48 last week and handled Becahi 68-52 last Friday night.

up the scene in three erty score above. games this year, averaging 22 points a contest, includ-Landis hoped Noack ton Friday night. would be a formidable

Liberty (2-1) have won offensive option for the 'Canes this year and is surely pleased with his production.

Becahi (0-3) finds themselves in a tough spot this week, as they've struggled the last two games, Junior center Greg losing to Pottstown 61-41 Noack has been tearing and aforementioned Lib-

Things don't get any easier for the Hawks, who ing 28 points against the played Freedom yester-Hawks. Head coach Chad day and then take on Eas-

atriots edge Zephyrs

By KATIE McDONALD kmcdonald@tnonline.com

After more close calls against Whitehall than Freedom could count, the Patriots' girls' swim team defeated the Zephyrs, 88-82, in its season opener on Thursday.

"We haven't won against them in a long time. They're always good competition for us, and it's always a close meet," said Freedom junior, Molly Magnan.

For some of the meet, which took place at Whitehall, the Patriots were

"Whitehall planned on winning it, but no one knew how good our girls' team would be. Everyone came out strong, and it paid off," Magnan said.

The Patriots led off with a win by Shannon Howell, Carly DelFranco,

Helen Hsu, and Brooke Munion in the 200 medley relay in 1:55.35. Munion also won the 200 free in 2:02.02, while DeFranco won the breast-24.98 and the 100 butterfly

Magnan, Carly Cussen, DelFranco, and Howell teamed up to win the 200 free relay in 1:48.46.

place in the 200 IM, the 500 free, and the 100 backstroke. In the 400 free relay, Whitehall out touched Freedom to win that event with a time of 3:48.18.

Whitehall was going to 200 free relay, swum by stack their relays, but our 200 free relay is really strong this year," said Magnan. "We're looking forward to a great sea-

Freedom's boys' swim team also defeated Whitehall, 121-46.

Scott DelFranco, Seth Watlington, Peter Conzola, and Eric Lawrence won stroke in 1:17.07, and Hsu the 200 medley relay in won both the 50 free in 1:42.95. Danny Csakai won the 200 free in 1:53.24. Watlington won the 200 IM in 2:02.68, and Conzola won the 100 butterfly in 56.34

DelFranco won the 100 The Zephyrs took first free in 51:54, and the 100 backstroke in 57.58. Sam Magnan won the 500 free in 5:00.09, and Watlington won the 100 breaststroke in 1:01.47.

The Patriots also David Corvino, Lawrence, Csakai, and David Barlynski in 1:32.26, and the 400 free relay, swum by Csakai, Magnan, Conzola, and DelFranco in 3:34.49.



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

"We didn't know if clinched first place in the Ciarha Hilliard, right, tries to get away from Becahi's Nicole Lacherza.

LLL SIGNUPS

Lehigh Sports Association will be holding Little League registration at Lehigh Sports Association Senior Field Clubhouse, Illick's Mill Road,

Bethlehem. Sign ups will be held:

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 print. from 9 a.m.-noon; Wednesp.m.; Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 from 9 a.m.-noon.

tion, and for more infor-season. No exceptions. mation, go to www.lehighsportsassociation.org and in the boundaries of their click on the "Forms" but- home league. ton. Download, fill in and

Male players must be 5 day, Jan. 25, 2012 from 6-8 years of age by 4/30/2012 and female players must be 5 by 12/31/2011 to start To save time at registra- playing Little League this Players must reside with-

Continued from page A11 and Nicole Lacherza had five. Morales had five assists. For Liberty, Jody

Chickey scored 18 points,

added nine, JJ Hilliard added three, and Maggie Zerbe had two. Also last Friday, Free-

followed by Kali Shumock,

dom was defeated by Eas- Freedom's 12. ton, 44-37.

After a 13-point deficit who had 12. CJ Hilliard at halftime, the Patriots pulled to within three points at the end of the third quarter. Easton scored 16 in the fourth to

Continued from page A11 added Mould. "The boys will be looking forward to it. It will also be a test for us to see if we can focus on what we have to do, and

keep it headed in the right

direction.'

Liberty, who is a com- all this season. bined team with Southern dropped a 7-6 decision to with 24.

Whitehall last week, but have allowed 105 goals over-

Ryan McMahon leads Lehigh in the LVSHL Non- his team in scoring with 30 Pure Division, began the points and is among the week winless at 0-11. They league leaders in goals

OUTDOORS

Those who didn't get a buck have another chance

By NICK HROMIAK Special to the Press

Area deer hunters who didn't score on a buck during the recent rifle season will get another shot when the post holiday archery and flintlock season opens Dec. 26.

The almost-month-long winter season closes Jan. 16 statewide and Jan. 28 in WMU's 2B, 5D and local 5C. Insofar as the latter three areas are concerned, hunters in these areas may use any legal sporting arm to harvest antlerless deer from Dec. 26 to Jan. 28.

My camo hat is off to any primitive weapon sportsmen who can tag a buck during this late season as many of the larger bucks have been taken, not to mention having been chased and shot at over the past two weeks. And trying to arrow one with a bow is really tough, as survivors have gone nocturnal unless they're roused from their deep cover.

Granted, flintlock hunters have it a bit easier but it's still

a tough hunt. I've always thought that inline muzzleloaders should be legal in the late season when conditions are toughest, and flintlocks-only for the early October muzzleloader season.

So how can you hunt lateseason bucks? According to Bob Danenhower, of Bob's Taxidermy in Orefield, late-season hunters can try one-man drives where one hunter circles thick cover or a bedding area in an attempt to drive deer out to a stand hunter, be it a bowhunter or flintlock shooter.

"When hunting by yourself," said Danenhower. "Try still hunting by creeping slowly, stopping every few feet and There are still a few legal looking for an antler tip or ear while keeping wind direction in mind. But be ready for a quick shot if the deer erupts from

He goes on to suggest hunting bedding areas and dense around," he added. thickets where other hunters shy away from.

'And if hunting in a treestand, spread lots of deer scent



PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

bucks like this during the late season, but it's a tough

If hunting the Blue Mountain, and in particular SGL 217, take the trek to the top of the mountain. It's a tough hike,

but that's where the deer may foxes and coyotes also until the deer's hair intact. I recall back and saw a successful hunter dragging a doe to his truck. The deer didn't have any from the long, rough trip.

But there are other late season opportunities for upland hunters and trappers. The PGC says the seasons include snowshoe hare, grouse, squirrel, cottontail, pheasant, covote, fisher, bobcat, beaver, crows, doves and waterfowl.

Furbearer hunting seasons include red and gray foxes and raccoons until Feb. 18, and bobcats in designated WMUs until

As for trapping, trappers may use cable restraints for

be, as many hunters don't have Feb. 18. And speaking of coythe wind or stamina to get to the otes, you may have seen the summit. Only problem here is trail camera photos being disgetting the deer down. Although tributed on the Internet of two it's all downhill, you may want coyotes attacking a sizable troto take one of those flexible phy buck in velvet. In the last plastic drag sheets along to photo the coyotes were eating it make the going easier and keep alive. So don't hesitate to nail them if you see them while stopping by the SGL parking hunting. Their numbers are lot off Route 309 some years rapidly growing and some inhabit suburban areas. They've been seen in Orefield, New Tripoli, Salisbury Township, hair remaining on its one side even behind Cedarbrook nursing home.

HOUSE BILL 735 APPROVED

House Bill 735 was approved. The bill removes the requirement for hunters and trappers to display their licenses on an outer garment. Gov. Tom Corbett signed the bill that takes effect Feb. 13.

The change will limit the inconvenience and troubles associated with lost or misplaced licenses, says the PGC.

DISTRICT 11 FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Argyl broke Woody cent. (300 attempts min- 11 behind Gulyas). Petchel's school touch- imum). down record for a season with his TD against ished his sophomore year West Catholic. Evans fin- with 212 completions on ished the season with 31 315 attempts (67-percent) TDs, one better then for 3,700 yards and 46 TD Petchel's 30 that he had passes. All District 11 in 1969 as a sophomore.

Evans is the only Disfor over 2,000 yards this Brendan Nosovitch's diswith a school single seaset last year. The state son record 2,064 yards record is 50 TD passes and finished his career and scored a total of 79

Argyl behind Petchel, who rushed for 4,529 yards and scored 88 TDs.

Evans also finished his career at Pen Argyl with 58 receptions, good enough for third place Brendan Nosovitch finall-time at the school ished his stellar career behind Tim Hahn (67 with many records: catches 1987-89) and Tyler Germano (61 catches 3rd in the state: 487 yards 1998-00). Colin McDer- passing in a single game. mott finished the season District 11 record: 8 TD with 1.513 vards rushing passes in a game. Dis-(4th in school history) trict 11 record and 2nd and 27 TDs (5th). McDermott will be the top passing in a single seareturning rusher in the son. District 11 record: area with 3,180 yards and 420 pass attempts in a 44 touchdowns.

Nazareth finished his TD passes in a career freshman year with 1,663 (Kyle Smith State record yards rushing and scored is 118). District 11 record: a total of 22 TDs. Both 579 completions in a are District 11 records career. District 11 record surpassing East Strouds- and 2nd in the state: 9,249 burg's James Mungro who had 1.233 vards and (Derek Buganza state 17 TDs as a freshman in record is 9,752). State

Coincidentally Mungro (1993-96), who record: 3,628 career rushled the state with 8,432 ing yards. career rushing yards (Jeremiah Young of single season records for Steelton-Highspire broke Kevin Gulyas of Central it in 2009), only had 1,569 Catholic: 122 receptions, yards and 17 TDs as a 2,031 yards and 27 TD sophomore. Mungro than catches. District 11 and exploded for 3,089 yards state career records: 247 and 47 TDs in his junior catches, 4,201 yards, 54 year and finished his career with 2,541 yards and 34 TDs as a senior.

led the area in scoring mott of Central Catholic record 14 TD catches. followed with 27 TDs

school record for career es. passing yards with 6,120

(1995-98).single season District 11 for 1,177 yards and 19 TD records: completions catches. His teammate with 257 and completion Matt Camilletti finished percentage with 69-per- his career with 183 catch-

AJ Long of Pius X finrecords for a sophomore.

The 46 TD passes (4th trict 11 player to rush in the state) also breaks year. He ended the year trict record of 43 that he in a season, held by Kyle with 4,499 yards rushing Smith of Lancaster Catholic, set in 2009. Long has thrown for That puts him in sec- 6,552 yards and 74 TDs ond place all-time at Pen in his first two years (both state records for first 2 years). That's also good enough for 5th and 4th place respectfully in District 11 all-time.

· Central Catholic's

District 11 record and in the state: 3,809 yards season. District 11 record · Jordan Gray of and 2nd in the state: 106 yards passing in a career record: 12,609 total yards in a career. School

District 11 and state

TD catches. · Adam Bridgeforth of Nazareth finished the Evans of Pen Argyl year with three single season school records. with 31 TDs. Kevin They are: 82 catches, Gulyas of Central 1,221 reception yards and Catholic was second with 8 TD catches. His career 28 TDs. Rob Dvoracek of totals are 106 catches for Parkland and McDer- 1,540 yards and a school

Andrew Bridgeforth finished his year with 60 • Daniel Harding of catches for 1,011 yards Nazareth threw for 283 and tied his brother for yards and a TD against the school record with 8 LaSalle to finished the TD catches. Jalen Snyseason with 3,749 yards der-Scipio of Central (4th highest in the State). Catholic had 74 catches He threw for 5,541 yards for 1,242 yards and 11 TD in his career and 52 TD catches. His career totals passes (school record). are 97 catches for 1,634 Ryan Fry still holds the yards and 17 TD catch-

Dubois Ross a junior from Pius X finished the Harding holds two season with 49 catches cent. He holds the record es for 2,642 yards (2nd

District 11's alltime 3,000-yard single -season passers

3,809 yards - Brendan 171 - Frank Bucsi (Free-(Central dom) Nosovitch Catholic) 2011

3,749 yards - Daniel Harding (Nazareth) 2011 3,700 yards - AJ Long (Pius X) 2011

3,130 yards - Tyler Smith (Wilson) 2009 3,111 yards - Brendan (Central Nosovitch

Catholic) 2010 3,057 yards - DJ Lenehan (Wilson) 2006

District 11 freshman rushing record

1,663 yards - Jordan (new league record). Gray (Nazareth 2011)

burg 1993) District 11 Freshman touchdown record

22 - Jordan Gray (Nazareth 2011) (East Stroudsburg 1993)

2011 single-game highs

Rushing yards: 405 -Trey Robinson (Wilson), 373 - Rob Dvoracek (Parkland), 337 - Josh Wing (Bangor), 327 Dylan Evans (Pen Argyl), 282 - Aaron Harris (Whitehall), 272 - Jarred Muffley (Tamaqua), 254 -Jacen Nalesnik (Lehigh- state. ton), 250, 233 - Jordan Gray (Nazareth), 247 -Dylan Quirk (Marian), 245 - Paul Martin (Marian Catholic), 236 - Khaleel Artis (Emmaus), 227 -Jesse Snyder (Palisades), 226 - Kyree Bowles (Notre Dame), 225 - Ty Cunningham (Northwestern), 223 Travon Pugh (Pocono Mountain West)

TDs: 6 - Rob Dvoracek (Parkland), 6 - Jacen Nalesnik (Lehighton), 5 -Joe Clouse (East Stroudsburg North), Colin McDermott (Central Catholic), Jordan Gray (Nazareth).

Passing yards: 487, 415. 323, 322, 316- Brendan compiled by Duke Helm Nosovitch (Central), 406, 395, 345, 333, 316 - AJ Long (Pius X), 391, 389, 378, 335, 321, 319 - Daniel Harding (Nazareth).

TD passes - 8 - Brendan Nosovitch (Central Catholic), 6 - AJ Long (Pius X), 4 - Daniel Harding (Nazareth), Pat Duvigneaud (Jim Thorpe), Jeff Krisiak (Pocono Mountain West), Brian Uliana (Freedom), Nosovitch (2x) and Long (6x)

Receptions: 15 - Kevin Gulyas (Central), 12 -Adam Bridgeforth (Nazareth), 12 - Jalen Snyder-Scipio (Cen. Catholic), 11 - Kevin Gulyas (Cen. Catholic), 11 - Jacen Nalesnik (Lehighton)

Reception yards: 280, 220, 171 - Kevin Gulyas

• Dylan Evans of Pen for a career with 67-per- highest in the District (Cen. Catholic), 196 Jalen Snyder-Scipio (Central), 191 - Jacen Nalesnik (Lehighton), 183 - Andrew Bridgeforth (Nazareth), 177 - Marquis Harp (ESS),

Top District 11 single game rushing performances

1. 429 - Nick Kurtz (Whitehall) vs. Freedom (25 carries, 4 TDs) 1999.

2. 413 - Zach Barket (Schuylkill Haven) vs. North Schuylkill (26 carries, 7 TDs) 2008.

3. 405 - Trey Robinson (Wilson) vs. Notre Dame Wombold 4-12, Bill Hess HR. (22 carries, 5 TDs) 2011

4. 402 - Austin Scott 1,233 yards - James (Parkland) vs. Freedom Mungro (East Strouds- (18 carries, 6 TDs) 2002.

5. 395 - Franklyn Quiteh (Pocono Mountain West) vs. Jim Thorpe (33 carries, 4 TDs)

6. 389 - Zach Barket Marzigliano HR. Jim Thorpe (27 carries, 4 TDs) 2008.

7. 384 - Andre Williams (Parkland) vs. Central Catholic (20 carries, 5 TDs) 2009.

Receivers (D-11) with 125 career receptions)

1. 247 catches - Kevin Gulyas - Central Catholic (2008-11) ... now #1 in the

2. 183 catches - Matt Camilletti - Pius X (2008-11) ... now second in the district. 3. 144 catches - Jeff

McGeehin - Central Catholic (1971-73). 4. 138 catches - Bob

Frederick - Allen (1971-

5. 137 catches - Fenton Black - Panther Valley (1990-92).

5. 137 catches - Tyler Artim - Whitehall (2008-

7. 129 catches - Adam Thomas - Wilson (2004-

- Stats and notes

DARTS

SUBURBAN DART LEAGUE

Standings			
St. Paul's	28	14	.667
Salem Luth	28	14	.667
Dryland	27	18	.600
Bath Luth	27	18	.600
St. Stephen's	25	20	.556
Messiah	22	23	.489
Christ UCC	20	22	.476
Farmersville	21	24	.467
Emmanuel	17	25	.405
Trinity Luth	18	27	.400
Ebenezer	17	28	.378
Colom LICC	41	01	211

Dryland (4-3, 7-3, 7-3) at St. Paul's D - Bernie Yurko 9-14, Rich Dern

6-14, Bruce Vollman 5-12, Jim Goldman HR. SP - Rich Kern 5-12, Zach Kern

4-12, Deb Hughes 4-12. Christ UCC (2-1, 5-1, 5-1) at Trinity Luth C - Joe Hunsicker 7-14 HR, Garry Hunsicker 6-12.

TL - Judy Hoffert 5-11, Harold Salem Luth (6-2, 8-1,

4-3) at Salem UCC SL - Walt Hoffert 6-13, Bryan Frankenfield 6-14, Scott Williams 5-15, Tim Eichman 4-12, Bob Williams 4-12, Bill Hoch III HR.

Bill Rinker 5-12 Ebenezer (8-3, 4-3) at Bath Luth (5-0) Eb - Carol Voortman 5-11, Carl Fraley 5-13 HR, Jim Voortman 5-13, LeRoy Wilcox HR, Frank

(Schuylkill Haven) vs. BL - Bob Meixsell 5-12, Matt Creyer 5-12, Doc Cavello 4-11

HR. Farmersville (5-2, 5-0) at St. Stephen's (3-2)

F - Wade Chilmonik 6-14, Keith Campbell 4-8, Gene Grim 4-13 HR, Robert Campbell HR SS - Ed Wychock 4-12, John Hoysan 4-12. Messiah

at Emmanuel (4-0, 4-3, 9-0) Em - Joel Dalrymple 8-13, Kim Kobler 7-12, Eric McCauley 5-12, Phil Luco HR, Dick Wesner

M - Mike Daly Jr. 4-12, Todd Jones HR.

BASEBALL

Notre Dame High School is hosting a six week baseball camp starting January 8.

Notre Dame head coach Michael Bedics will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning at a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks. William Allen High School is hosting a six week base-

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BASEBALL LEAGUE

First half standings Week 13 Bethany UCC 24 12 .667 Bethany UCC Holy Trinity Luth 23 13 West Side-Edge 20 16 Fritz-Wesleyan Schoenersville 20 16 20 Trinity UCC Christ Luth 19 19 College Hill 18 East Hills 18 St. Matthew's 16 St. Peter's First UCC

Christ UCC 28 RESULTS FROM 12/12/11 Christ UCC at Bethany 1-2,1-6, 5-East Hills at Trinity UCC 7-5, 1-2 (11), 3-4 (11); Schoenersville at Christ Lutheran 7-3, 3-4, 1-2; St. Matthew's at College Hill 1-2, 1-3-7; St. Peter's at First UCC 2-6-8, 1-2; Fritz-Wesleyan at Holy Trinity; 7-3, 6-7, 4-6; BYE:

West Side-Edgeboro
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 12/12/11 1) Floyd Muschlitz III had a base on balls for St. Matthew's. 2) Cliff Weston 5-12 for St.

Matthew's 3) Herb Gates 5-13 & Matt Balikian 6-13 for Fritz-Wesleyan. 4) Jeff Coles 6-11 for Holy Trini-

5) Ty Rivera 6-9 for St. Peter's. Tony DeAngelis, Jr, hit into a game-ending triple play.

6) Leroy Miller 5-8 & Jake Kleibscheidel 4-5 for First UCC. 7) Annmarie Scholl 4-8 & Dylan Falco 5-9 for Trinity UCC. 8) Greg Costa 7-12 for East Hills

NOTES 1. League meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at East Hills at 7 p.m..

2. Please send or email me your team stats as of the end of the first half as soon as possible! I'll have the league leaders done before the second half starts.

3. Christ Church will play home games in Eberts Hall (where the DET is played for the second half. Enter at the Center and Market entrance, use elevator to get downstairs) STATISTICIAN

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ball camp starting January 15. William Allen athletic director Scott Cooperman will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning at a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks.

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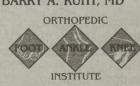
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A sea of runners takes off from Bethlehem's Industrial Corner for the annual Turkey Trot 5K Run and Fitness Walk. Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia were represented by the nearly 1,300 participants who registered for the event that benefits the Historic Bethlehem Foundation.

Turkey trotters

Scott Minnich and his son Jackson are in the spirit while waiting for the runners to return.

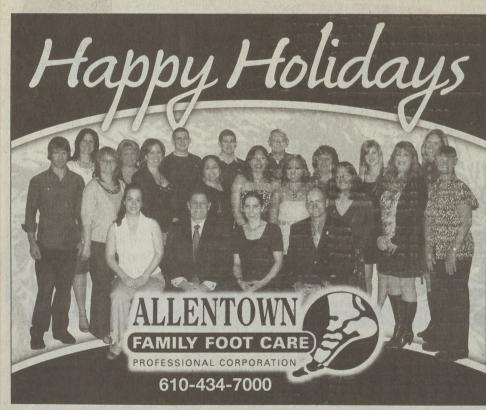




Mark Jobes of Bethlehem was the first to cross the finish line with a winning time of 17:02.



Rick and Barbara Hammond share a moment with Sara Schepp prior to the take walk on Stefko Boulevard instead race.



Walking against hunger



PRESS PHOTO BY MARY ELEN KOLLMAN

Bishop Chris Giesler walks with his group from Edgeboro Moravian Church. Edgeboro had around 30 walkers this year.





CropWalk had a busy day. They started at their local churches, attending a Sunday morning service, grabbed a quick lunch and then walked to raise money for those who do not have enough food to eat. Matt Piszel, coordinator for the Bethlehem area CropWalk, said the walkers raised around \$27,500 in donations. CROP stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty." ABOVE: Piszel explains the new Bethlehem route. Walkers had to of the Hill-to-hill bridge due to road construction. Easton walkers also joined Bethlehem's CropWalk this year. CropWalk was held Oct. 9.





Thirteen-year-old Bizkit and John Barnum, Lower Macungie Township, take the shorter CropWalk route.

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ciples said, "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14). They publicly preached that He was the ONLY Savior, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved' (Acts 4:12). They claimed, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Isaiah had prophesied that "he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" and then he declared offer valid 11/1-12/31/11 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:5-6). Pete proclaimed that God sent Jesus "to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities" (Acts 3:26). The golden text of the Bible, John 3:16, states, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting

Lord' (Luke 2:11).

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announced, "For unto you is born this day...a Saviour, which is Christ the

Those who heard Him speak said, "We have heard him ourselves, and know

that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world' (John 4:42). His dis

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Not your ordinary nutcracker



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Traditional nutcrackers come in all sizes and colors, but the Star and Candle Shoppe of Central Moravian Church has a unique line of the wooden handcrafted figures by artist Shelly Watson. A member of Central Moravian Church and daughter of Bette Watson, manager of the holiday gift shop across the hall from the Moravian Christmas Putz, Watson has been fashioning her nutcrackers for three years.



Nutcrackers by artist Shelly Watson show the variety of the distinctive hand-painted and decorated figures created from basic unpainted wooden nutcracker bodies available in hobby shops. Her signature components are spindly dowels inserted to extend the arms and legs of the German-type figures. She also adds her own wooden bases, shoes, hats and colorful feathers.



The Star and Candle Shoppe, located in the Christian Education Building of Central Moravian Church at Church and Main streets, is popular with holiday shoppers seeking Moravian gift items. During December the hours for the holiday shop and the adjoining Central Moravian Christmas Putz are 10-8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. After Christmas both attractions will be open daily through New Year's Eve.

Zoners decline to pray But take mercy

on Atiyeh

By BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

He's b-a-a-a-ck. Love him or hate him, there's no dispute that real estate developer Abe Atiyeh has had one devil of time developing a 5acre parcel at Dewberry Avenue and Center Street.

He had approval for a 126-unit assisted living center a the site, only to discover that the market was saturated. His next proposal was a 102-unit luxury apartment complex, but zoners refused to go along. He next proposed a 125-bed inpatient drug and alcohol detox center, along with a psychiatric hospital. Planners nixed that idea.

Now, he's seeking a zoning stamp of approval on a slightly scaled down version of his original luxury apartment submission. He still wants to erect three 44foot high apartment buildings, but has reduced the number of proposed apartments from 102 to 96.

Despite buckets of rain cascading throughout Bethlehem Nov. 22, 20 hardy souls still managed to find their way to the Bethlehem Public Library, where the Zoning Hearing Board was to conduct a special meeting on Atiyeh's latest request. But Atiyeh himself failed to appear, and his attorney explained why.

But before any of that could happen, audience member Jane Lynn, of Beth-See **ZONERS** on Page A16







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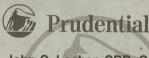
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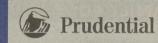
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Continued from page A15 lehem Township, suggested zoners should start their quasi-judicial hearing with a prayer. When they hesitatknow how to pray?'

Chairman Gus Loupos

anyone hear who would be offended by a prayer?"

Atiyeh Attorney Jim Preston reluctantly raised his Unknown to Attorney Prehand and objected.

ed, she asked, "Don't you your soul!" Lynn declared. to eternal damnation, Pretold her some people might ston explained why he needbe offended. Lynn cried out ed a continuance. When zon-

apartment complex, the deci-Northampton ston until late last week, "May God have mercy on Judge Baratta has upheld the Zoning Hearing Board After being condemned denial of a use variance. Preston said he needs time to study that decision.

He was unaware of that ers ruled against Atiyeh's decision because, initially,

Allentown Attorney Bill sion was appealed to Malkames in this matter. As County. a result of an unfortunate and unexpected illness, Malkames is unable to continue at this time. Bethlehem attorney Preston, who represents Atiyeh on some other matters, has taken over the reins.

Several audience members demanded that the con-

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denied so that Atiyeh is Hall. forced to pay another application fee.

games," answered solicitor adjourned. Erich Schock. "This is an appropriate motion for relief.'

Despite the lack of divine guidance, zoners unanimous-

to the audience, "Is there original request for a luxury Atiyeh was represented by tinuance be denied. David ly granted the continuance Donio suggested that the request until Dec. 20, at 6 continuance should be p.m., at Bethlehem Town

Audience members continued arguing the matter "We're not here to play until the meeting was



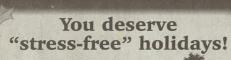


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Award winners from the Southside Vistas Paint Out Exhibition were announced at an opening reception Oct. 7, at Northampton Community College's Fowler Center sixth floor gallery. Thirtysix entries were accepted and remained on exhibit till the end of October. The winning artists were Brion Devlin, first place; Rod Cameron, second place; and Jason Travers third place. The competition was sponsored by the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission and South Bethlehem Historical Society. ABOVE: First place recipient Brion Devlin with his winning painting, 'Stone Church Red Door.'



Second place winner Rod Cameron created 'Along Broadway.'



Third place winner Jason Travers was unable to attend the reception. Travers drew a pen and ink 'View from St. Michael's Cemetery.'

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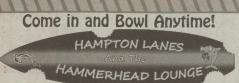
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Seiple Farms in East Allen Township offers a cornucopia of fall activities for families during the Northampton County Open Gate Farm Tour and an extravaganza of harvest in October. Bethlehem farm visitor Krista Urban takes a picture of her two sons Carter, left, and Dominic on a hay

wagon display. Located between Bethlehem and Bath, Seiple Farms features pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, farm animals, a haunted house, concession stands, hayrides and a corn maze. One father called it "the Disneyland of the farm

Takin' them down on the farm



A popular fall activity at Amore Farm and Nursery on Route 512 north of Bethlehem is the unique rope swing pit. Megan Kershner carefully swings her daughter Keeley while they visit Amore during their Northampton County Open Gate Farm Tour. Kershner, raised in Bethlehem and graduated from Liberty HS, now lives in Nazareth with her



Olivia Avery, held by her father Daniel from Bethlehem, meets her first horse at Seiple Farms.



The hay bale climbing pile is popular with families visiting the Amore Farms Nursery on Route 512, north of Bethlehem. Anna Cherry of Bethlehem photographs her son Benjamin in an autumn farm-like setting. Amore was one of almost 20 stops along the tour.

A number of cus-

tomers are in line to make purchases,

while others browse

the selection of olive oil and vinegar at Seasons on Main

Street. Soraya Balshi, who owns he

business with her

husband Tim, said business has been

very good. We're

very busy," she

added.

happy and have been

Hard work pays off



BY DANA GRUBB

Good weather and the unique says and points out that "busiofferings of merchants on Main Street appear to be overcoming the first year of Christkindlmarkt's shift to SteelStacks. The hard work of downtown merchants, particularly on the addition of the Christmas City Village, or Weinachtsmarkt, have been key says Samantha Schwartz, Downtown Bethlehem Association manager. "All of the merchants have been working twice as hard this year," she

ness owners are pleased to find that all of this hard work has paid off, literally."

Schwartz also said the Main Street merchants have much to offer on their own. "People really enjoy the historic shopping district because of its rich history and quaintness," she explained. "The addition of the Christmas City Village has only added to the charm factor," according to Schwartz,

The sidewalks have been jammed with shoppers each weekend of the holiday shopping season and good weather "has helped a lot" says Schwartz, who points out that merchants have been very happy with the turnout and are considering expanding the Weinachtsmarkt. "There has been a lot foot traffic in both the northside and southside shopping districts, according to the feedback she has received.

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Dec. 21, 2011

Carriage maker James Jacob Hoffman



Karen M. Samuels Columnist

he horse-drawn carriages making their way up and down Main Street in Bethlehem add a romantic element to the holiday season. In the beginning years of the settlement of Bethlehem, walking, horseback riding, horse-drawn wagons, carriages and sleighs were the primary modes of transportation available.

Settlers arrived with carpentry skills, learned in their

An undated

photo of James

Jacob Hoffman

(1828-1904) of

Bethlehem who

was the propri-

largest carriage

makers in the

Lehigh Valley.

etor of one of the

native countries, to make much-needed carts and wagons. By 1745 Bethlehem had a shop for building wagons. William Boehler, senior (1725 1806) and then his son William junior (1769-1823), were carriage makers in Bethlehem.

In September of 1777, the wagon transporting the Liberty Bell to safety in Allentown broke down in Bethlehem. The Boehlers undoubtedly assisted in repairing the wagon. In 1881, a reporter for the Bethlehem Daily Times counted 237 sleighs pass-

ing by as he stood at the corner of Broad and Main Streets, one Sunday January afternoon.

James Jacob Hoffman was the best carriage maker in the Lehigh Valley. At age 19, Hoffman became an apprentice to a carriage maker in Catasaugua. In 1848, he came to Bethlehem to establish a business with partner William F. Ritter. When Ritter died, Hoffman bought out his interest and continued the business. Hoffman's location at 21 Broad St. grew to include a showroom, upholstery, paint and trim shops, boiler and elevator repair shops and a blacksmith.

Hoffman employed up to 30 men to manufac-

ture carriages, each selling for at least \$125 or about \$3,270 by today's consumer price index. The company also produced ice wagons, farm carts and buggies.

In 1885, Hoffman took his son-in-law, Isaac H. Shimer, the husband of his daughter Amanda, as a partner. They added bicycles to their inventory in the late 1800s and by 1905 were selling Reo, Ford and Oakland automobiles.

The process of making a carriage took at least two months. The panels, framework and gearing with the help of machines were created in the main woodshop. Then the wooden pieces were wheeled to a dry-house for 10 days of seasoning. The pieces were then assembled into bodies and gears. Next, the blacksmith "ironed" the pieces. The wooden pieces were sent to the paint shop for coats of lead, rough stuffing, color, color-varnish and rubbing varnish. The pieces were then stowed on racks for drying for 30 days.

Finally, the parts were assembled into a complete carriage. If the order came from out of town, the carriage was transported to the railway station and shipped to the customer.

The oldest known horse-drawn vehicle was a sleigh found in Ireland, which dates back to 6500 BC. The word carriage is French for "to carry in a vehicle." A carriage is sometimes called a "team" or a "rig." With no heat in the carriage, passengers often used a lap robe or a blanket to keep their

legs, lap and feet warm. According to the 1900 U.S. Census, a total of 907,482 carriages were owned by citizens nationwide. By the early 1910s, the number of automobiles had surpassed the number of buggies. The transition happened rapidly within a decade.

Many of the carriage makers came to produce automobiles. Carriage companies financed Buick, Chevrolet and General Motors.

THIS CHRISTMAS Give of yourself this holiday season



Deb Galbraith **EPP** editor

few years ago this week, I wrote about discovering the true spirit of Christmas while shopping at the Lehigh Valley Mall. There, total strangers work-

ing at their jobs or out shopping for presents for their own loved ones had been brought together outside Dunderbak's where they reached out to others, offering seats and friendly conversation at their tables.

Little did any of us know that in one all-tooshort year, the U.S. economy would be turned

Gasoline prices would skyrocket at the pump to an unprecedented average of \$4.07 per gallon. Home heating oil would reach \$4.70 a gallon.

Multinational insurance companies and banks would be on the verge of collapse, while other smaller banks would be taken over by the govern-

That same government would be forced to rescue the financial industry with billions of dollars in bail-out money.

Retired seniors would see their savings dwindle, See GIFT on Page A20



REDISTRICTING

Boscola displeased over Lehigh Valley split

tate Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton/ Lehigh/ Monroe) is not happy with the congressional redistricting plan that splits the Lehigh Valley into two congressional districts, the 15th District, represented by U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (R-Lehigh), and the 17th District, represented by U.S. Rep. Tim Holden (D-Schuylkill).

The plan (Senate Bill 1249), introduced by majority Republicans with little public review or input, passed the Senate in a largely party line vote, 26 to 24.

"There are no valid reasons to split the Lehigh Valley between two Congressmen," Boscola said. "This is a purely partisan political power play by the Republican Party, particularly U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent, to protect Republican members. The Lehigh Valley is best served when it has one member of Congress whose sole attention is on our region. I question why Rep. Dent has allowed this to occur, knowing that his party has controlled this entire process. He is protecting his own incumbent interests, not those of the Lehigh

Under the bill, the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2011, the 15th Congressional District, which had served every municipality in the

Lehigh Valley with small areas of Montgomery and Berks counties included, will lose all or part of 23 Northampton County municipalities to the 17th District.

The 15th District will also now include a much larger part of Berks County and significant amounts of Lebanon and Dauphin counties counties west of the Lehigh Valley. According to 2010 census data, Northampton and Lehigh counties would comprise almost 92 percent of a single congressional district. Boscola said this more than warrants the Lehigh Valley having its own member of Congress.

"Instead of keeping the Lehigh Valley whole – and maintaining the clout it deserves in Washington, this plan dilutes our power," Boscola said. "As a result, the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce urged me to vote against this bill and refuse to allow partisan politics to silence the voices of nearly half of all Northampton County residents."

Boscola said the Lehigh Valley has made tremendous strides in the last two decades promoting itself as a region. She said there is "no doubt that creating the Lehigh Valley brand has been helped tremendously by having one member of Congress whose job in Washington is to look

out for the concerns of our residents, our businesses and our nonprofits. Boscola said there are numerous problems with the redistricting plan and "how it butchers the Lehigh Valley." Among them, she said no redistricting plan should ever split the City of Bethlehem from Bethlehem Township. She noted that splitting Bethlehem and Easton was an error made in state Senate redistricting in 2001 and now in 2011 the General Assembly is making the same mistake with congressional redistrict-

"This plan is a simple attempt by the GOP to protect its own," Boscola said. "The 15th Congressional District, which is known nationally as an important swing district, will now have a significant number of more Republicans. In swing districts, that makes a huge difference. It is so disappointing that the Republicans have acted in this fashion for their own political gain.....all at the expense of our communities."

Senate Bill 1249 now goes to the state House of Representatives for consideration.



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SEN. LISA BOSCOLA

ANOTHER VIEW

NorCo Council follows open records breach with Sunshine Act violation

Special to the Bethlehem Press

uring Northampton County Council's Dec. 8 meeting, council members huddled in executive session to decide what to do in response to a Nov. 23 Open Records Office Order, requiring council member Tom Dietrich to fork over a note, or its "reasonable facsimile."

Dietrich had scribbled that little missive during an Oct. 6 council meeting, while Ron Angle was in the middle of announcing that landfill magnate Charles Chrin would make a \$2 million contribution to the county for farmland preservation, with the money coming from lot sales at Chrin's planned indus-

The county's video of the meeting shows Dietrich writing and handing this note to Ann McHale. She can be heard agreeing with whatever is written. "Anything you could share with us, Mr. Deitrich?" asked Angle at that

"No. That was between he and I," answered McHale, as Dietrich remained mute.

Having been informed that Dietrich had accused Angle in that note of bribery, this freelance reporter filed a Right-to-Know request for the note or a reasonable facsimile the very next day, claiming that when one council member accuses another of bribery during a public meeting, the public has a right

to know about it. Council refused, claiming (1) the note does not exist; (2) if it does, it is not a public record; and (3) if it is a public record, it's exempt.

But the Office of Open Records disagreed, ordering Dietrich to produce the note, which is what forced council

members behind closed doors Dec 8, as they decided what to do.

When they emerged from the back room, Council Solicitor Phil Lauer announced that council had reached a consensus and had apparently directed him, behind closed doors to appeal the Open Records determination. But because the Pa. Sunshine Act requires all official actions to be taken during a public meeting, this freelance reporter objected to a perceived violation, as specifically authorized under the open meetings law.

When council was forced to vote in the open, the supposed consensus evaporated. Only Council President John Cusick and Lamont McClure authorized the solicitor to appeal, with Dietrich and McHale abstaining.



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NEW TEEN DRIVING LAWS

State roads now safer for everyone

s a legislator, I work to pass laws that protect citizens of this commonwealth. I recently voted for various bills that accomplish

Legislation I supported that will ban texting while driving on Pennsylvania's roadways has been signed into law by the governor.

The new law, which takes effect in March 2012, will make reading, typing, or sending a text message while driving a primary offense.

More than 90 percent of Pennsylvanians agree that texting while driving should be illegal, and I'm proud to say our commonwealth now joins the ranks of other states with texting bans on the

Distracted driving not only puts those doing it at risk, but it also puts every other driver and pedestrian in

harm's way. The results of countless studies have shown that the risk of an accident is as much as three to four times higher when drivers text behind the wheel. This, in my opinion, is commonsense legislation that will save lives and enhance the sense of safety on

I also voted for legislation that will strengthen teen driver laws. The new restrictions will take effect Dec. 27,

The new law will limit the number of teen passengers to one in a vehicle for the first six months that a junior driver has a license, with exceptions for family members. After six months, the limit would be three non-family members. It also will expand training requirements before a teenager could take a test for his or her license, adding 10 hours of nighttime and five hours of bad-weather driving to the current 50-hour requirement.

Sadly, car crashes continue to be the leading cause of fatalities among American teens. There are numerous studies and statistics that make clear the dangers teenagers face with driving alone or with other teens. Here in Pennsylvania, the number of deaths from crashes involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers increased nearly 43 percent in just one year, sense legisla-

from 2009 to 2010. I believe these new laws will make a difference in lives of all drivers on our highways. I realize we cannot prevent every accident, but if we can save a life, our mission is accomplished.

Joe Brennan represents the 133rd Legislative District.



"This, in my opinion, is commontion."

REP. JOE BRENNAN

Matthew Kuna Bethlehem Catholic HS

Grade: 12

Family members: Parents, Mark and Anne; brothers, Ryan and Scott

Favorite subject: La clase de espanol, sin duda! Spanish class, without a doubt! Throughout my four years of high school, I have excelled in Spanish and have developed an ear for the language. As an AP Spanish student, I enjoy learning the structural aspects of the language, as well as the culture and traditions of various Spanish-speaking coun-

Activities: Lam a member of Students for Life, Peer Listeners, Theatre Department, Key Club, National Honor Society, chorus and School Ambassadors.

Next steps: I plan to attend college and major in Spanish education.

Career goals: It is my hope to become a leader in the field of education, working in a school setting as either a teacher or an administrator.

Heroes: If there was one person I could portray as my hero. I would describe my aunt, Elizabeth Ann Bannon. An educator for almost 40 years, she was extremely dedicated to her career and was passionate about teaching, especially reading and literacy. Although she has faced much adversity with medical complications in her lifetime, she was consistently fervent about making the classroom a key to her students' success. After seeing the many handwritten notes from her former pupils, I aspire to touch the lives of my students in the same way that she did at Carbondale Area Elementary School.

Hobbies: I enjoy swimming, going to local high school plays and listening to

Volunteer/community work: Each year I participate



in the Summer Theatre Magic program of St. Thomas More Parish, Allentown. The profits of this local theater company's season are donated to worthy charitable organizations, including the Allentown Central City Project, Dream Come True, the Artificial Pancreas Project, Sixth Street Shelter and Habitat for Humanity. I also participate in St. Thomas More's Teen Choir, Youth Ministry Group, Wee Worship program, vacation Bible school and the activities of the Bethlehem Catholic Key Club.

Likes: "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Sister Act," "Twelve Angry Men," Sudoku

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishments in high school are my academic achievement and my development as an actor and vocalist through the Bethlehem Catholic Theatre Department.

Advice for peers: It is very important to be true to yourself and follow your passions. It does not matter what "everyone else" thinks; rather, it is crucial for you to find yourself and pursue what will make you happy.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethle-

Freedom students hope to start chain reaction

By TYLER ALICEA Special to the Bethlehem Press

DECEMBER 21, 2011

Every day 100,000 students miss school because of humiliation and embarrassment as a result of bullying.

Despite this, not much has been done by students to reverse this statistic within the halls of Freedom HS in Bethlehem until now.

Last fall, a group of Freedom students approached Jennifer Maholick, a Spanish teacher and Freedom graduate, with the sole goal of bringing bullying to an end. Maholick, who dealt with bullying while she was a high school student, has come back this Challenge.

Rachel's Challenge is a presentation given to high school students all across the nation in honor of Rachel Scott, the first person killed during the Columbine HS shooting April 20, 1999. The organization believes that anyone can start a chain reaction.

Scott said before her death, "I won't be labeled as average." These words represent the goals and ideals that Rachel's Challenge tries to promote.

On Oct. 6, Justin Whatley, a presenter for Rachel's Challenge, came to Freedom in order to inform the community about the Columbine shootings and bullying. Whatley joined the Rachel's Challenge team after hearing Rachel's story and the effect that it had on people.

"The only thing that matters is your ability to believe in yourself," said Whatley, urging students to dream big and to spread kindness. This was one Whatley said were a part of Rachel's Challenge.

After giving an emotional presentation that drove many students to tears, Whatley met with 100 students to form the Friends of Rachael (FOR) club. The FOR club discussed ways to reduce bullying and create a



ing a morning presentation.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Freedom HS teacher Jennifer Maholick introduces the Rachel's Challenge program. Maholick is a 2000 Freedom graduate who now chairs the of many challenges that high school's anti-bullying task force.

more welcoming environ- and a member of the FOR ment within the halls of club, said he wanted to

In addition to the pre- dom because of what he Wallesa. sentations given during saw students go through the school day, a commu-

lenge that night. Lucas Yerger, a junior under Maholick's supervi-

make a difference at Free-

Getting Rachael's Chalnity presentation was also lenge to Freedom, howgiven by Rachel's Chal- ever, was no easy task. The group of students

sion had to raise \$5,000 in order for Rachael's Challenge to come to Freedom. They used fundraising events such as the student-faculty basketball game held last spring in order to meet their goal.

"The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was an enormous help in funding," Maholick said.

Freedom Principal

Michael LaPorta also showed great support for Rachel's Challenge and the FOR club, tying it in with his "Year of Greatness" theme for the school.

"Rachel's Challenge was born out of the worst high school massacre ever," LaPorta said. "Together, we have the freedom to start a chain reaction."

Along with Maholick, John Wallesa, a history teacher at Freedom, advises students who are members of the FOR club. Wallesa became involved after Rachael's Challenge presented Nazareth, where his children attend school.

"I saw the impact that it had on my boys," said

Freedom's FOR club had held its first meeting Oct. 13, just days after the Rachael's Challenge presentation.

SAUCON STORIES Cast named for 'Aida,' this year's spring musical

sports have opened with a hopeful start The wrestling team won its first match of the sea-Northern Lehigh, 47-22, with junior Travis



Valley HS

Buddock taking only 23 seconds to pin his rival.

With the boys basketball team however, it's a win some, lose some type of thing; we lost our first basketball game against Methacton 52-23, won our next game versus New Hope-Solebury 44-28, and our most recent game was a close match against Notre Dame Green-Pond, but we lost 56-40.

Girls basketball has been going about the same way; we lost our first game 40-35 against Parkland, but we won the next game 37-35 against Notre Dame Green Pond.

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Moving from athletics to the arts, the Saucon Valley Performing Arts Department has continued with its busy year, finishing up the marching band season, preparing for the Christmas concert which went successfully on Dec. 8, starting up the Jazz Band, and tryouts for the musical.

Marching band ended at National USSBA competition where we ranked 12 out of 21 bands, getting the highest score of the year, 91.3. The chorus, instructed by the highly skilled Denis Smith, gave a powerful and moving concert. The SATB choir preformed magnificent pieces of music they've been preparing since September. Soloists Alex Heart, Kelsey Payung, Emily Heinzelmann and Nasia Christogianni sang with precision, sending goosebumps through-

out the entire auditorium.

The same night, the band took the stage, playing brilliant holiday tunes with talent and passion. Soloists in the band include Jeffrey King on French horn, Katie Smeltzer on the flute, Christopher Nagy on the trumpet, Vikky Kramer on oboe, Sheridan Brodhead on trombone and Emily Keefer on the clarinet.

The night ended with band president Sean McGovern presenting several large boxes filled to the brim with donations from the school for the Toys for Tots Foundation to Santa Claus himself on stage.

On the note of talented musicians, this year's musical ("Aida") leads have been selected. At tryouts, everyone who showed up proved to have been well practiced and incredible singers. After hard selections, the directors chose the leads, and let me tell you, the voices of those who got roles are truly phenomenal, and anyone who comes to see the show is guaranteed a

Amy Carr and Emily Heinzelmann are sharing the lead female role, Aida. We'll be putting on six performances, so each girl gets three shows. Davis Weaver got the leading male role of Ramedas.

Some of the other lead characters include Mike Bokan as Zoser, Kayli Reilly playing Amneris, Josh Clark as Mereb, Kelsey Payung as Nehebka and Jameson Packer as the Pharoah. With such talented actors and singers on board, this play is going to be spectacular. Plan to come out and support the performing arts at Saucon Valley.

That's pretty much what's been happening at Saucon for the past few months. For a closer look at student life at our school check out our newspaper, the Panther Press.



Parent hear similar message at evening session

By DANA GRUBB Special to the Bethlehem Press

An evening presentation of the Rachel's Challenge program attracted about 100 parents and students including then BASD School Board President Michele Cann.

Justin Whatley conducted the evening session Oct. 6 after doing two student assemblies and a student and teacher workshop during the day.

Whatley's message to the evening audience was similarly focused on the same five challenges drawn from Rachel Scott's six diaries with one dis-

tinct exception. Whatley conveyed the



"Look in your heart and get rid of prejudice; dream big; choose positive influences; speak with kindness; and start your own reaction," conveys Justin Whatley as he emphasizes Rachel Scott's five challenges to the assembly.

heroism of teacher Dave Sanders, a business and computer teacher at Columbine HS who was the only teacher to lose his life during the shootings April 20, 1999. Instead of fleeing during the attacks, Sanders emptied the cafeteria of students, helping them to escape, and then went toward the gunfire and tried to talk the gunmen into laying down their weapons.

Parents Michael and Lynn Abgott attended to support their son Evan Anthony, a member of the Freedom anti-bullying

"We're very proud ... and supportive of him,' said Lynn Abgott.

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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

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Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of rain, high temperature of 48°, humidity of 76%. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1920. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 37°. The record low for tonight is -2° set in 2005. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 71%. Skies will

5-10 mph SW

be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 35°. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 46°. Skies will become mostly sunny Saturday with a high temperature of 41°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 43°.

Weather Trivia

Does weather affect appetite?

Answer: Yes. In cold weather, your body requires more calories to heat itself.



8-11 mph SW

6-9 mph W

GIFT

Continued from page 18 and workers, those who still had jobs, would see their 401(k) account balances drop precipitously.

The National Bureau of Economic Research announced that Americans officially had been in a recession since December 2007.

The economic situation has improved somewhat in the last year or so.

The cost of gas has dropped to as little as \$3.20 or less per gallon. Members of OPEC met earlier this month to discuss slipping oli prices which dropped below \$100 as their meeting began.

The jobless rate, once way over the 9.0 percent mark, has dropped to 8.6, and economists say the recession

is over but recovery will be a slow process.

Still, more and more families are tightening their belts this Christmas to make ends meet.

Maybe this holiday season is the time to give Christmas gifts that come from the heart rather than the wallet.

There are organizations, nursing homes and food banks in the Lehigh Valley that would value any time you could donate to help them help someone else.

Meals need to be cooked and served. The elderly would more than appreciate someone who could just sit and talk with them once a week.

The food banks could use help handing out foodstuffs to the needy.

Closer to home, give the gift of yourself to your loved ones

Put a note in a box, wrapped in brightly colored wrapping paper, promising your child your undivided time for a certain number of hours

each week for the next year.

Write a similar gift note to an elderly neighbor, promising to go shopping for him or her or to mow his lawn once a week next summer.

Give your spouse the gift of your time, too. The present could be doing what he or she wants to do, whether it be watching football, pulling the weeds next spring or just sitting and listening.

Be creative.
Use your time and talents to give what is needed and what will be appreciated

most: you.

The true spirit of Christmas is a gift from the heart.

Come on By...

Designer Consigner

By GAIL FLY
As told to Jennifer Lader

I'm an artist – a painter – and Alex is a makeup artist. We opened Designer Consigner because of our love of fashion, and because of exploring other high-end consignment stores. Bethlehem needed something like this and it's been very well received.

We offer designer clothes, accessories, handbags and shoes for resale. The names you'll see here are Louis Vuitton, Fendi, Dior and Prada. An evening gown will sell for \$40 to \$100, a handbag for \$10 to \$1,000, depending on its original value.

It's surprising; there are a lot of people in the Lehigh Valley who bring in high-end consignments. We split the sale 50-50 with the consigner.

People will drive for as much as 45 minutes to shop here; otherwise, it's Philly and New York. Others stay at the hotel and see us next door and come in to shop. They say, 'I'd love to bring you some clothes. Can I ship them to you?'

It took a lot to get set up, especially with the permit process, but it came together sooner than we expected. We're in the Historic section, which means that our signs needed to be approved. But the city keeps it classy that way. There are a lot of good restaurants nearby, and there's always something going on. It's such a good



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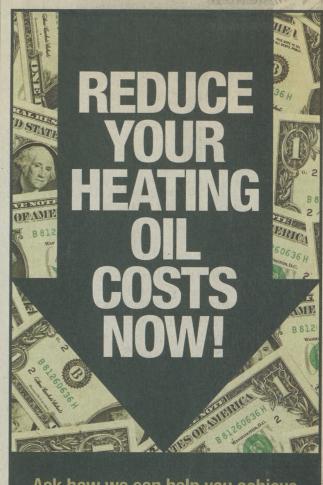
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