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CITY
Police officer faces firing
 Council conducts hearing but does not have final word

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

A parade of 11 witnesses testified at Bethlehem police officer Richard Hoffman's termination hearing before city council Feb. 24. Perhaps they thought they were deciding the fate of a 10-year veteran involved in a drunk driving accident last August during Musikfest, but Hoffman's fate will be decided by an independent and neutral arbitrator, not a city council that can be subjected to public pressure.

Through Attorney Quintes Taglioli, Hoffman notified Bethlehem city solicitor Bill Leeson that he would not contest the city council hearing, choosing to keep his powder dry for the eventual binding arbitration.

Leeson acknowledged at the onset that the standard range of discipline for a DUI involving no injuries is a 5-20 day suspension. He argued, however, that aggravating factors warrant termination.

DUI Incident
 What got Hoffman into this jam was an off-duty drunk driving accident
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BASD
District adopts sub contract

By **AMY HERZOG**
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Area School District board voted to take the contract with Substitute Teacher Services (STS) off the table and voted on whether to approve it during the Feb. 24 meeting at East Hills MS.

The initial vote on the contract was tabled for further discussion during the Jan. 24 meeting and the concerns expressed during that meeting were addressed by Russell Giordano at the Feb. 10 human resources committee meeting.

In a 5-4 vote the contract was approved by the board and the district's substitutes will now be employed and managed by STS.

Under the contract, See **BASD** on Page A3



Mercy Metal Works, the teachers' brainchild, grew from a Mother's Day project in 2013.
ABOVE: (Back row) Betty Hader, Thomas Gar-

rous, Evan Farina, Kyle Parker, Patti Christof, Donnalee Carroll, (front) Jordan Bumba, Miranda Klein, Renee Yearwood and Jordan Chasse.

What they can do

Mercy Metal Works program helps build self-confidence and self-esteem

By **JOANNA IRELAND**
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

A cottage business thrives in Donnalee Carroll's classroom at Mercy Special Learning Center in Allentown. Seven students work a portion of each day to create jewelry that combines scrapbooking paper, metal washers, Mod Podge (a craft glue), and beads into lovely, stylish necklaces.

Mercy Metal Works, the teachers' brainchild, grew from a Mother's Day project in 2013.

"We wanted something tactile for our students to make," Carroll said. "Betty [Hader] Googled 'metal washer necklaces' and discovered this craft."

"I tried it with my daughter, a graduate of Mercy, at home, and she could do it, so I thought we'd try it with our students," said Hader, one of the room's teaching assistants.

Finding age-appropriate activities for children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities is an ongoing challenge. This vocational program dovetails perfectly with the class's main goal to teach social and life skills that prepare students for jobs within the community.

"We're always looking for things for our older kids to do," Carroll said, "and we wanted something more hands-on."

60th year
 Mercy Special Learning Center is, according

THE PROCESS



Miranda Klein Mod Podge the metal washers, preparing their surface for the paper. Students do nearly all the work except cutting out the center and the final gloss coat.



Kyle Parker concentrates as he trims the paper from the outside of the washer.

to Mercy Director of Advancement Tom Harper, a well-kept secret. The school will celebrate its 60th anniversary in the 2014-15 school year, he said.

"We have 68 students aged 3-21 right now," Harper explained, "who are divided into classes not by grade, but by age and ability. It's not a daycare but a school for kids who have communication and learning

difficulties."

The goal, Harper said, is to bring out each student's potential.

"We have amazing teachers and professionals who really encourage each student's self-confidence and self-esteem," he said.

The seven students in Carroll and Hader's classroom are always ready to demonstrate their creations. They've sold their products at



craft shows, holiday showcases and community events. The pride each has in helping with the jewelry is as beautiful as their special necklaces.

"We take the kids into the community and they shop for supplies," Carroll said. "It's a practical experience for them, interacting with other people."

"They work on appropriate behavior when shopping - not touching people or things, keeping their voices down, learning not to expect a 'treat' or pitching a tantrum when things don't go their way," Hader added.

Real experience
 When students prepare to work, their cottage industry becomes cross-curricular.

"They're counting, cutting and measuring for math, and developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills," Carroll said. "And they're increasing their time on task."

"Everyone can contribute something," Carroll said.

Each student has a role or two, identified on the nametags proudly worn on their workshop aprons: Evan, director of public relations, who smiles constantly; and production trainee, Jordan, youngest and newest of the group, is "coming along fine," Hader said.

Thomas, senior production manager and director of creativity, "has a good eye for what papers to choose," Hader said, "and Renee's role is sales and marketing."

The creative director See **MERCY** on Page A2

SOUTHSIDE



DeSalvio

Sands president resigns

DeSalvio's presence will be greatly missed

By **NATE JASTRZEMSKI**
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Sands Bethlehem President Robert DeSalvio announced his resignation to a surprised community Feb. 26.

DeSalvio had been the only president of the Southside casino and hotel since opening in 2009. No specific reason was given for his departure.

Roger Hudak, chairman of the Mayor's South Side Task Force, who had worked closely with DeSalvio, said in a statement, "I am shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the resignation of our friend and partner Bob DeSalvio, president of Sands-Bethlehem." Calling DeSalvio a people per-

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BY DANA GRUBB

In recognition of the Academy Awards, what is your all-time favorite movie and why is it your favorite?



“‘Braveheart’ because it’s all about the quest for freedom.”
Chad Hoover
Bethlehem



“‘The American President’ with Annette Bening and Michael Douglas. I just love to watch that movie.”
Cindy DaSilva
Hellertown



“‘The Graduate’ because I’m not sure if it’s a drama or if it’s a comedy. Every time I watch it, it switches.”
Jeremy Pildis
Bethlehem



“‘How Green Was My Valley.’ What I like about it was the depth of family unity in the face of adversity.”
Elaine Schadler
Bethlehem Township



“‘Apocalypse Now’ because it depicts the realistic nature of war and the absurdity of the whole thing.”
Rusty Sullivan
Bethlehem



“‘The Great Escape’ because I was always fascinated by World War II. It has action and all of the elements that I enjoy.”
Mario Fernandes
Bath

WHAT THEY CAN DO



Thomas Garrous completes step one of the necklace process – cutting squares from the lines his teachers have drawn.



Renee Yearwood packages finished necklaces. The Mercy Metalworks artists include a card with each piece of jewelry which describes the program.

MERCY

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of fashion design is Miranda. Jordan, the financial director, uses a money board to match up amounts and make change. Kyle, executive office manager, writes out receipts for customers.

Production steps
Students demonstrated their roles with each step of a necklace’s creation. First, they cut colorful scrapbook paper into squares, following lines drawn by their teachers.

Next, other students covered the two-inch metal grommets with Mod Podge and pressed a square of paper over top.

Another student concentrated on trimming the paper around the grommet’s edge.

“The only step we do,” Hader explained, “is to cut out the center of the grommet with an X-Acto knife and to put

a glaze on for the final top coat.”

Once the piece dries, a student measures and cuts a cord that he then wraps around the transformed medallion.

A classmate packages the necklace, including a card that explains the Mercy Metal Works program.

Two students demonstrated how they stock the “sale table” set up outside room two and their classmate demonstrated how to ring a sale and make change.

“The students are motivated and excited by the project,” Carroll said. “They do so much on their own, getting supplies ready and setting up.”

“They’re showing a creativity that we didn’t know they had,” she said.

Positive results
Hader is amazed by how much the students have progressed on their own.

“Miranda can do steps on her own that she couldn’t before,” Hader said. “She’s just



PRESS PHOTOS BY JOANNA IRELAND
Jordan Chasse makes a sales transaction.

grown that much.” Carroll agrees. “We found things for the students to do, and we often think, ‘well, let’s see what happens, just for fun’ and they surprise us because they can do it – and then they take it beyond our expectations.”

Such has been the case with Mercy Metal Works.

The students make and sell the necklaces \$5 each. They’ve made and sold more than 140 necklaces. The proceeds go

back into the business for more supplies and to the students themselves. Students also made a donation to Breast Cancer Awareness.

“What touches me is that they have their own money that they earned,” Carroll said. “Mom and Dad don’t have to send money for everything, like going out to lunch, because the students can pay for it themselves.”

Before Christmas, when they took the students out, the students picked out their own presents, which they paid for with their own money, she said.

“Jordan’s twin sister cried when he gave her a gift that he picked out and paid for,” Carroll said.

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Great Decisions Foreign Policy lecture series: Dependence with Steven Pastore; 10:30 a.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Call 610-867-4669 for information.

Thursday, March 6

Salvation Army Women's Ministries, seniors 50 and over, 10:45 a.m. program followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, open to the public, 7:30 p.m. Program: "Wacky Key Contest" by Ben / KB3CTX. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit www.dlarc.org or KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.

Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women, 6 to 9 p.m.; dinner and speaker former Naval Officer Diana Sorrentino of Lehigh Valley Palatin. Iron Lakes Country Club, 3625 Shankweiler Road, Allentown. Contact jnifer20@yahoo.com.

Friday, March 7

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

LEPOCO, Popcorn and politics: A Place at the Table: hunger documentary, 7 p.m. Peace Center, 313 W. Fourth St. Visit www.lepoco.org or call 610-691-8730.

Saturday, March 8

Junior League of the Lehigh Valley American Girl fashion show, 10 a.m. and 2 and 6 p.m. Iacocca Hall, Lehigh University. Visit jllva.org or call 484-224-3444 for information and tickets.

Sunday, March 9

PEAK TV on DrTV, 6:30 p.m. WFMZ, Channel 69 or view past episodes anytime at www.ThePEAKTV.com.

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Prayer experience, free, non-denominational, 4 to 9 p.m., North Building, First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St. Call 610-867-5865 or visit www.fpc-bethlehem.org.

Monday, March 10

Hi Neighbors, First Presbyterian Church, 10 (TBA) and 11:15 (TBA) a.m., 2344 Center St.

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Tuesday, March 11

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A Hope for Veterans seminar, Pathway to Federal Employment, 1 to 3 p.m., Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, 1337 E. Fifth St. Call 973-273-7712, ext. 101, or email abonise@communityhope-nj.org.

Governor Wolf Historical Society meeting and film "The Gettysburg Movie", 7 p.m. 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath. Visit www.govwolf.org or call or 610-837-9015.

Wednesday, March 12

Salvation Army, drop-in center for seniors, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m.; program, 1 p.m.; 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, March 5

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m., 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, March 6

Northampton Co. Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, March 10

Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m., Monacacy Towers Community Room, Main Street and Union Boulevard.

Bethlehem Facilities and Curriculum, 6 p.m., Edgeboro room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.

Tuesday, March 11

South Bethlehem Historical Society 7 p.m. Victory Fire House, 205 Webster St.

Hanover Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

S.V. School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wednesday, March 12

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

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STS will maintain an appropriate pool of substitutes with proper certifications as well as handle all advertising, recruiting training, and payroll. They will also assume exposure under the Affordable Care Act and the district would not have to pay into PSERS for this labor force. STS will open a Bethlehem office to recruit substitutes to fill open positions.

Teachers whose clearances are more than a year old will be responsible for re-doing them

and then would be eligible to fill a position anywhere STS has a client in need.

Substitutes currently working in the district's schools will be able to continue to work in the district in the coming year as long as they become employees of STS. Building principals will also retain the ability to fill positions at their schools. The district will maintain control over setting the pay rate to the substitute teachers.

Outsourcing with STS was discussed as a way to avoid the 30-hour man-

date for part-time workers necessitated by the ACA. Limiting the amount of hours substitutes could work a week was also discussed prior to deciding to pursue outsourcing as the better option.

Dining services workers also filled the back of the East Hills MS auditorium to protest the potential outsourcing of the dining services contract. The women held up round cardboard signs with statements such as "I love my job, loyalty = nothing," "Lunch ladies rule, and we want our contract

to stay the same."

During the second public comment session of the meeting, Christine Miller, representing food service workers, gathered at the meeting issued a statement about the possible outsourcing of the food service contract with the district.

Miller urged the board not to outsource the contract.

Board President Michael Facinotto said the district continues to negotiate in good faith.

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son and true leader, Hudak said the city has lost a steadfast partner who was always available with answers to community issues.

"We will miss Bob DeSalvio, but we wish him well wherever he goes," Hudak said, "and whoever gets him will have land-

ed a real gem of a leader, a gentleman and an absolutely trustworthy man. South Bethlehem is a better place because of Bob. And I will truly miss him."

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez said in an interview he's disappointed DeSalvio is leaving. "He

did an outstanding job. He was very involved in the community and was a very good corporate citizen.

"I sincerely hope his successor will be as involved in the community as Mr. DeSalvio was. His successor has big shoes to fill."

BRIEFLY

U.S. CONGRESS
Dent announces re-election bid

Sammi's Restaurant in Wescosville was the scene of a gathering of supporters for Congressman Charlie Dent (R) who officially announced his candidacy for re-election for the 15th Congressional District March 1.

Dent said he is committed to common sense solutions and is working to reduce duplicate and wasteful government programs.

"It's time Washington started solving problems for Americans instead of creating them," Dent said.

Dent resides in Lehigh County with his wife and three children. He has been in Congress since 2004.

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Yungay's Final Warning!

A magnitude 8.0 quake off the coast of Lima on May 31, 1970, triggered one of the most cataclysmic avalanches in history—wiping out the entire highland town of Yungay, Peru and most of its 25,000 inhabitants!

Assemblies of God Missionary Juan Romero had conducted a series of evangelistic meetings there and had been invited to preach over the town's only radio station. The owner of the station had asked, "Have you ever preached in a place where every single person listened to you?" "Not that I remember," replied Rev. Romero. "Well, today, you'll have that opportunity," declared the owner. The local government had placed loudspeakers throughout the town in such a way that the people were obliged to hear the broadcast, whether they wanted to or not. Rev. Romero felt awed by the responsibility, and in recalling it he said, "I believe I preached my very best that day."

A few days later, the quake destabilized a glacier on Mount Huascarán, causing 350 million cubic feet of rock, ice and snow to break away and tear down its slope at more than 120 mph! As it thundered down toward Yungay, 11 miles away, it picked up much more debris. Within three minutes, the 3,000-foot-wide landslide reached the valley and buried Yungay and its 25,000 inhabitants! Only 350 people survived, including those who were able to climb to the elevated step-like cemetery. They said that after the quake they heard a rumble from the Huascarán and saw a giant cloud of dust coming. Reports are that many rushed into the church to pray for salvation. God had granted Rev. Romero the privilege of giving Yungay's final warning and only He knows how many of the 25,000 who heard the salvation message responded before it was too late! The Bible says, "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). I urge you to go to www.naog.ws/theway.htm and read about Jesus—The Only Way to heaven. Then pray and accept Him as your Savior. Do it now! This could be your final warning to "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12).

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AREA DEATHS

Alverta M. Serfass

YWCA Women of the Year

Alverta M. Serfass, 84, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 24, 2014, in St. Luke's Hospice House. Born in Lehigh, she was a daughter of the late John and Mabel (Helmer) Decker. She was the wife of the late William H. Serfass.



She was a member at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She was a member of the the Crimson Hatted Cruisers Chapter of the Red Hat Society. She volunteered an average of 50 to 60 hours a month at the Bethlehem Area Public Library. She was a volunteer for the Lehigh Valley Braille Guild and New Bethany Ministries. She was honored recently as one of the YWCA's

"Women of the Year". She is survived by two sons, John J. and his wife Janice of Hawley and James W. of Versailles, France; three grandchildren, Jonah Serfass, Jessica and her husband Jason Glenn and Jaelyn and her husband Shawn Heinert and their sons, Tyler and Cash.

She was predeceased by a brother, Glenn Decker; and a companion, Peter Angstadt.

The Bethlehem Public Library's March 5 and 8 book sale, 11 W. Church St., is being held in her honor.

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 521 E. Locust St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 or Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Barbara Silvoy

cook

Barbara Silvoy, 73, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 8, 2014.



Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Francis J. and Catherine (Kosh) Silvoy.

She was a Bethlehem Catholic HS graduate.

She worked in the food industry and was a cook at Hotel Bethlehem, Saucon Valley Country Club and The Bethlehem Club.

She attended Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Frances J. Davco and Susan J. Silvoy, both of Bethlehem; a brother, Stephen "Bo" Silvoy of Hellertown; an aunt, Elizabeth "Aunt Lil" Harrison; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; great-great-nieces; and great-great-nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Kathleen Wert.

Contributions may be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, 2600 Network Blvd., Suite 300, Frisco, Texas 75034.

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

Anna R. Transue

Rosemont Fire Company member

Anna R. Transue, 86, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 17, 2014, at ManorCare Health Center, Bethlehem.



Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late William and Anna (Martin) Rose. She was the wife of the late Richard Transue.

She was a clerk for both Western Electric and

Teddy's Toy Town. She was a member of the Rosemont Fire Company.

She is survived by a daughter, Rebecca of Bethlehem; and a sister, Marie R. Edelman of Schnecksville.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Gladys Voortman and Ellen Lichty; and a brother, William Rose.

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Lois Yerger Fischel

Great Decisions series leader

Lois Yerger Fischel died Feb. 6, 2014, at Moravian Village, Bethlehem, where she had been a resident for the last seven years. Born in Easton, she was a daughter of the late Leonard and Helen (Price) Yerger. She was the wife of the late Jack Fischel for 69 years.

She attended public schools in Easton. She was a 1941 graduate of Moravian College.

She was active in Cub Scouts and PTA. She held leadership positions in the Lehigh Valley Heart Association, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the YWCA of Bethlehem where she helped establish and run the Great

Decisions series for 28 years.

She is survived by three sons, John and his wife Evelyn of Chester, N.J., William and his wife Janice of Hanover, N.H. and Kenneth of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two daughters Linda and her husband Roger Sassen of College Station, Texas and Margaret of Lincoln, Vt.; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Moravian College's Office of Institutional Development, 1200 Main St., Bethlehem.

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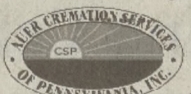
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Alverta Serfass and Susan Haytmanek organize a book sales table during January 2013. Serfass' helped to raise more than \$926,000 for library programming. tireless devotion to the book sales for 35 years

Book sale honors volunteer

Alverta Serfass began volunteering at the Bethlehem Area Public Library's book sales in 1977. Since then, her guidance and commitment have helped to raise more than \$926,000 for BAPL programs. After a short illness, Serfass passed away Feb. 24, but her contributions to the library will not be soon forgotten.

The sale opens today from noon until 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. A plaque that recognizes and honors Serfass' outstanding contributions will be installed at the entrance to the library's newly named Alverta M. Serfass Book Sale Room. More than 10,000 new and gently used books, CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase.



Doing what she did best.

At a later date, Serfass will also be honored as a YWCA of Bethlehem Woman of the Year, an honor she was made aware of prior to her passing.

Old Man Winter interrupted the initial 2014 'Winter Blahs' book sale at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, cutting short the Jan. 25 sale due to inclement weather. A make-up sale day on Feb. 1 finished out the successful event, raising \$9,094 for library programming. Library staff and volunteers expressed their support to all who braved the bad weather. The next sale is scheduled for March 5 and 8. Additional information on future sales is available at bestbooksale.org or by calling 610-867-3761 extension 235.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Both said they like using the library's services as well as attending the book sales to find a bargain.

Mercy Center gets grant



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mercy Special Learning Center has received a \$10,000 grant from the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation that will benefit the school's Work Experience Program and its transportation needs. Lehigh Valley Community Foundation Executive Director Bernie Story presented Principal Bridget Muehlenkamp and Mercy students with a ceremonial check recently as part of the grant award, which supported the purchase of a new wheelchair-accessible school van as well as the overall program. Through the Work Experience Program, 15 students travel off-site one day a week with a job coach to apply the skills they obtained in the classroom. A student must be 15 years old to

participate in this program. The job coach works closely with students one-on-one at each site to ensure that they do a job properly, master skills they have learned and help them acquire new skills. ABOVE: Bernie Story (second from left), executive director of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, presents Mercy Special Learning Center Principal Bridget Muehlenkamp (right) and students with a \$10,000 grant award for the school's Work Experience Program and transportation needs. The students - Irina Peterson, Araceli Reynolds, Michael Semler and Richard Thomas - are all part of the Work Experience Program.

Phillips says no to butterfly habitat

By BERNIE O'HARE

Special to the Bethlehem press

When he ran for Northampton County Council, Hayden Phillips was one of very few politicians willing to speak out against open space. So it's no surprise that on Feb. 20, he voted against four open space projects totaling \$698,000. Those projects sailed through the

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Open Space Committee earlier in the week, with no dissent.

Phillips was the sole No vote on council.

These four projects include the purchase of 94.5 acres of woodland near Route 611. The county will spend \$276,867 on top of the \$289,388 already

approved by Upper Mount Bethel. The Nature Conservancy will own the land.

Open Space coordinator Bryan Cope said the land has been designated a "globally significant natural resource area" that includes 13 rare species, six of which are

endangered.

The other projects are municipal park projects.

Palmer Township - \$243,408 - for a walking trail to link the Miracle League baseball diamond to the Chrin Community Center, along with tennis and basketball courts.

Pen Argyl - \$60,372 - for improvements to

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CITY POLICE

Weapons

During a typical traffic stop regarding an expired registration sticker Feb. 26, police observed numerous illegal items and arrested the driver, 26-year-old Christopher Alex Jordan.

Jordan, of Norwood Street, allegedly possessed a sawed-off shotgun, metal knuckles, cocaine, marijuana, prescription medication and other paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Jordan is charged with several vehicular, possession and weapons charges. He was remanded to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Burglary

An elderly resident in the 800 block of Jennings Street reported her home was burgled around 10 a.m. Feb. 5.

According to police, the victim discovered an unknown man in her home, who told her he wanted to shovel her walkways. When he realized she was alone, he demanded money.

Police said the man searched the home and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

Burglary

Police arrested 49-year-old Michael Fontanez, of Lebanon Street, for allegedly burglarizing a Livingston Street residence Feb. 21.

Police said Fontanez was caught inside the home while attempting to steal unspecified items, and having detained at least one resident.

Fontanez is charged with burglary, receiving stolen property, theft, criminal trespass, threats, robbery, unlawful restraint and false imprisonment. He has several previous burglary-related arrests on record. He was committed to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

DUIs

Police arrested two men in separate incidents of alcohol-involved driving within minutes the early morning of Feb. 16.

Around 2:27 a.m. police arrested 26-year-old Matthew Weaver, of Farmersville Road in Easton, following an alleged hit-and-run near the Steel Ice Center on East First Street.

Weaver is charged with speeding, accidents involving property and DUI.

About five minutes later police arrested 22-year-old Roger Franklin, of Sonny Drive in Wind Gap, in the 500 block of Center Street.

Police allegedly determined Franklin to be intoxicated during a traffic stop, and he is charged with speeding, driving without insurance and DUI.

Then, around 6 a.m., an officer said he was almost struck head-on while he was in his vehicle at a stoplight. The driver of the oncoming vehicle had come up the wrong way on a one-way street.

Rickie Sapp, 55, of Bradley Street, was pulled over on West Broad Street and is charged with careless driving and DUI.

BRIEFLY

LVHC

Voter education set for March 11

There will be a free public voter education hands-on workshop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 11 at the Lehigh Valley Hispanic Center, 520 E. Fourth St. A voting machine will be on site. Call 610-868-7800, ext. 221 or visit www.hclv.org for information.



BRIEFLY

VETERANS

Housing, work talks March 11

A Hope for Veterans seminar, Pathway to Federal Employment, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 11 at Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, 1337 E. Fifth St.

Nicole Nelson of Tobyhanna Army Depot will speak. Northampton County Veterans Affairs Director Freddie Ramirez Jr. will be on site. The seminar is open to veterans and non-veterans, but veterans will be given first preference in attending, and non-veterans may be put on a standby list.

To register for this seminar, call 973-273-7712, ext. 101, or email abonises@communityhope-n.j.org.

AAUW

Local scholarship deadline March 6

AAUW-Bethlehem is accepting applications for its scholarship program for Bethlehem branch AAUW membership area women returning to undergraduate studies at an accredited four-year college or university after having their education interrupted.

Awards are based on academic success and financial need. For information and application forms, which are due March 6, call 610-866-7462 or email at fbentkowski@verizon.net; website: bethlehem-pa.aauw.net.

ST. JOSEPH R.C.

100th anniversary set for March 22

The 100th anniversary of St. Joseph's R.C. Church will celebrate the saint's March 19 feast day March 22 with a celebratory mass at 11 a.m. at the church, 417 E. Fifth St.

The service will be followed by a 1 p.m. luncheon in the Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall, Mountaintop Campus, Lehigh University. Souvenir books are available and along with meal reservations (limited amount), must be prepaid; send to Joan Schrei, 1854 Barrett Drive, Bethlehem, 18017, by Feb. 28. For costs, call 610-691-2177.

YWCA

Embassy Bank's check to tech

The YWCA of Bethlehem last week received an Educational Improvement Tax Credit donation from Embassy Bank for \$5,000 to support the YWCA's TechGYRLS program.

TechGYRLS is an after-school technology education program for elementary and middle school girls that provides hands-on experience with graphic arts, animation, videogame design and robotics.

For more information, call 610-867-4669 or visit website www.ywcabethlehem.org.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

American Girl shows March 8, 9

The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley will host an American Girl Fashion Show at Iacocca Hall, Lehigh University.

Show dates and times are at 10 a.m. and 2 and 6 p.m. March 8 and at 1 p.m. March 9.

Visit jllvpa.org or call 484-224-3444 for information and tickets.

NORCO

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Phillips

miniature golf course and basketball court at Weona Park.

Upper Mount Bethel Community Park - \$112,616 for a playground with recycled products, as well as a small walking trail and some kind of butterfly habitat.

Phillips recalled the words of other council members and even the executive, who spoke in terms of "bleeding money" at meetings just the day before. "Everyone agreed that financial-

ly, we're the Titanic," he said. "Reject these proposals," he urged. "Put this money aside so we have it in August. You vote for this, you're voting for a future tax increase."

Other council members had different views. Peg Ferraro noted that voters overwhelmingly supported spending \$39 million in an open space referendum eight years ago. Bob Werner called it a "core county function." Glenn Geissinger and Ken Kraft both argued that these

initiatives actually attract business, which increases revenue. Scott Parsons said that, without county assistance, municipalities would have to pay for these projects themselves and would have to raise taxes even higher.

Lamont McClure, who supported these proposals, suggested it is time to stick to environmentally significant land and hybrid properties that might have aspects of farmland, sensitive land and parks.

CITY

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Aug. 8, 2013, in the middle of Musikfest. He had been drinking that evening at the FOP, located next to Ripper's Pub. As many as 15 off-duty officers were celebrating an officer's birthday.

Hoffman, engaged in "horseplay" with another officer, became agitated at being taken down by a brother officer who is both a Marine and martial arts expert. Police separated the pair.

Hoffman's close friend on the force, Jon Desiderio, walked Hoffman to his car and saw no evidence of impairment. In fact, an internal affairs investigator who spoke to seven police officers at the FOP that evening testified that none of them believed that Hoffman was intoxicated.

Heading home on East Broad Street, Hoffman received a text message from a dispatcher with the FOP group. While glancing at her message, he said he thought he saw someone in the road in front of him. He swerved and rammed two parked cars.

Officer Michelle Dologite, who was on patrol, was nearby Broad Street as Hoffman drove past. She said his speed was "a little bit higher than you'd expect to see," but could not say whether he was exceeding the 35 mph speed limit. She went to

him to make sure he was OK while he was trapped inside his vehicle. She said he did not slur his words, and told council it would be improper to administer a breathalyzer because of a possible head injury.

At the hospital, Hoffman consented to a blood test, which eventually came back at 0.16 BAC, twice the legal limit. Sgt. Ronald Burzynski, who ultimately filed DUI charges against Hoffman, noted that his eyes were bloodshot and glazed. But he added that Hoffman remained well-spoken.

Hoffman, who accepted complete responsibility for the accident and said he was at a "low point" in his life, was ultimately placed on ARD, a special program for first offenders. Charges are dismissed and expunged after a successful probationary period.

Philly Fracas

Craig Finnerty, who was chief at the time, said he was "shocked" to open Hoffman's personnel file to see a record of a 2005 incident at a bar in Philadelphia, which Hoffman was visiting with a wedding party. He got involved in an argument and shoving match with a Philadelphia police officer, during which Hoffman threatened to come back with 20 guys and get this Philly cop.

Philadelphia police locked him up and called Bethlehem, and a lieutenant had to come down

and pick Hoffman up. Hoffman apologized and acknowledged that what he did was "very serious," and admitted he has a problem when he drinks too much and had been drinking the hard stuff that day.

He was formally reprimanded and told that a repetition of this conduct would result in termination. He said he would seek help for drinking, and agreed to apologize in writing to the Philly police officer.

Revel Casino

In July 2013, one month before the DUI, Hoffman was with a group of Bethlehem police officers who were kicked out of a Revel Casino, Atlantic City, restaurant for being too boisterous. One of these officers told council the restaurant even packed their food for them and there was no issue after they were asked to leave. He admitted they were loud.

This matter was investigated. There was no incident report at the casino, and the officers on duty at the casino that day say the Bethlehem group was a little too loud for a little too long.

The Bouncer

Chaz Patrick, the owner of Molly's Grille on the Southside, testified about a March 16 incident last year in which Hoffman was bounced from his bar. His bouncer testified about putting a wrestling hold on Hoffman and carting him off. According to Patrick, Hoffman threatened to cause him problems, and that made him concerned about his livelihood.

But he waited from March until August before making a complaint.

The bouncer said that 12 hours after Hoffman was ejected, Bethlehem police were on the scene for yet another fight at the bar. They told him that some of the moves he uses are inappropriate. He also mentioned a subsequent visit from the fire department for being over capacity. He admitted that the fire official was jovial and told him, "It's all good."

Patrick also conceded that many of his customers are Bethlehem police officers.

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DA calls for mental health courts

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

Did you know that Pennsylvania has the sixth highest total number of prisoners in jails and state prisons? That 16 percent of them suffer from a mental illness? That those with a mental disorder stay behind bars eight times longer than people without mental illnesses who are arrested on identical charges? That one out of every four Americans now suffers from an emotional affliction? That two million of these people are incarcerated every year? It is these revelations that have led Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli to attempt the formation of a mental health court.

Morganelli made this announcement at a Feb. 10 news conference, flanked by representatives of Family Answers, a social services agency located in Allentown. He was also joined by Executive John Brown, Human Services Director Allison Frantz and Mental Health Administrator Wendy Heatley.

Morganelli made clear that mental health courts are nothing new. Currently, there are 17 of them in Pennsylvania.

He explained it would be a pre-trial diversionary program where successful completion or graduation could result in dismissal.

Morganelli noted that some patients at the former



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Laura Savanelli and Dr. William Vogler of Family Services listen as Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli calls for Mental Health Courts.

Allentown State Hospital are making their way through the criminal justice system. Mental Health Administrator Wendy Heatley, who established group homes for many of these former patients, agreed that some are slipping through the cracks.

"We have been seeing some people who have gone out and reoffended," she said.

This court would be independent of a drug court or the treatment programs in place for substance abuse. Morganelli hinted that he might advocate a drug court down the road.

This program would exclude most violent or sexual offenses, where protection of the public is an overriding concern.

The cost of this program is at this juncture unknown, though the DA emphasized a desire to use and re-allocate existing resources rather than create another layer of bureaucracy.

"Mental health courts are not for the creation of new treatment services, but to create more efficient and effective linkages to existing services," he said.

Though he is leaving the details to court administrators, Morganelli would like to

see a program that first and foremost addresses the needs of veterans. "Our veterans have put their lives on the line for our freedom and we need to do everything possible to help them when they return and often deal with mental illness caused by the trauma of war, physical injury and their overall service to this country," he said.

Morganelli would also like this court to address juvenile matters.

Executive John Brown made no public statement supporting or opposing this idea.

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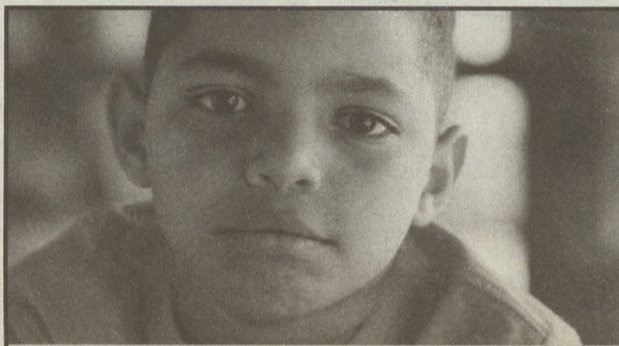
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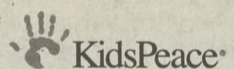
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Tax Tips from IRS.gov Deducting Medical and Dental Expenses

If you plan to claim a deduction for your medical expenses, there are some new rules this year that may affect your tax return. Here are six things you should know about the medical and dental expense deduction:

- 1. AGI threshold increase.** Starting in 2013, the amount of allowable medical expenses you must exceed before you can claim a deduction is 10 percent of your adjusted gross income. The threshold was 7.5 percent of AGI in prior years.
- 2. Temporary exception for age 65.** The AGI threshold is still 7.5 percent of your AGI if you or your spouse is age 65 or older. This exception will apply through Dec. 31, 2016.
- 3. You must itemize.** You can only claim your medical and dental expenses if you itemize deductions on your federal tax return. You can't claim these expenses if you take the standard deduction.
- 4. Paid in 2013.** You can include only the expenses you paid in 2013. If you paid by check, the day you mailed or delivered the check is usually considered the date of payment.
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▼ **BRIEFLY**

VIA BANQUET

James Worthy, named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Via All-Star Banquet.

The event takes place Wednesday, March 26, at the Sands Event Center in Bethlehem, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Price per person is \$100.

For tickets or information, visit vianet.org or call 610-317-8000, ext 459.

VIA CLINICS

The Via All-Star Basketball Clinics will be hosted by Whitehall's Mary and Pete Lisicky, All-American high school basketball players and high scoring record holders.

The clinics are for kids in grades 3-8, and will take place Sunday, March 23 at 3 p.m., at the Northampton Community College Spartan Center Gymnasium. All players receive a basketball. Cost is \$35 per player, \$30 per player in teams of ten.

Register online at vianet.org by March 19.

VIA SUPER SAT.

Via All-Star Classic Super Saturday will take place Saturday, March 29, at the Northampton Community College.

Tickets available at the door. For more information visit vianet.org or call 610-317-8000, ext. 459.

Back-to-Back Champs!



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team poses after their second-straight district title. Now, it's off to states.

Becahi captures another D-11 title

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic High School's girls basketball team clinched its second consecutive district crown after defeating Allentown Central Catholic, 51-41, in the District XI Class AAA final on March 1 at Freedom High School.

"They definitely played us hard, but we wanted it more, and we shut them down and kept the lead," said Becahi junior, Maggie Melhem, who scored seven points and had five rebounds.

Melhem scored the first two points of the game, and the Hawks began to pull away from the Vikettes toward halftime.

"We were happy, but we wanted to bump it up a notch or two," Melhem said.

One of the Hawks' objectives was to control Central Catholic's Alyssa Mack, who ended up scoring 23 points for the Vikettes. Another was for Becahi senior, Janelle Robinson, who had seven points, to continue to step up as she has done all season.

"Janelle is one of the biggest parts of our team. She always pushes us," said Melhem.

Also a force for the Hawks was top scorer, Kalista Walters, who had 27 points and 10 rebounds, and Danielle Griffin, who scored six points and had

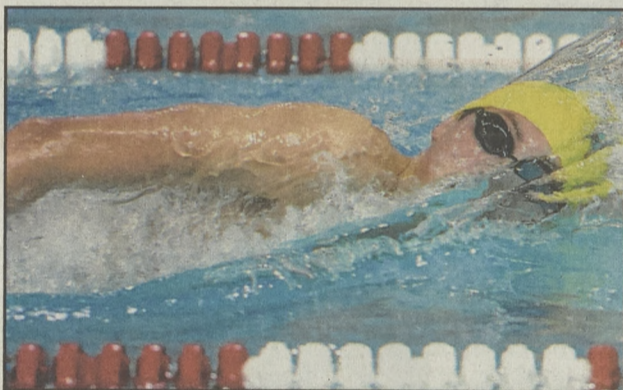
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After Kalista Walters (32) and Janelle Robinson (10) received the District 11 trophy, they brought it back to the rest of the team to celebrate following their victory over Central Saturday afternoon at Freedom.

DISTRICT 11 SWIMMING

Magnan breaks records, wins gold



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Sam Magnan won two gold medals at the District 11 meet this past weekend.

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School junior Sam Magnan broke two district records, capturing the gold medal in the 200 free and the 500 free at the District 11 Swimming Championships on Feb. 28 and March 1 at Parkland High School.

Magnan took first place in the 200 free with a time of 1:41.07.

"I wasn't expecting that

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at all. When I broke it, I was shocked. I beat my best time by two seconds. I was surprised. I was real happy," Magnan said.

Magnan also took first place in the 500 free with a time of 4:30.01.

"My only goal was to break the record. 4:34 was my fastest time this season, but my best time was faster than that. I'm not even tapered. I just did it

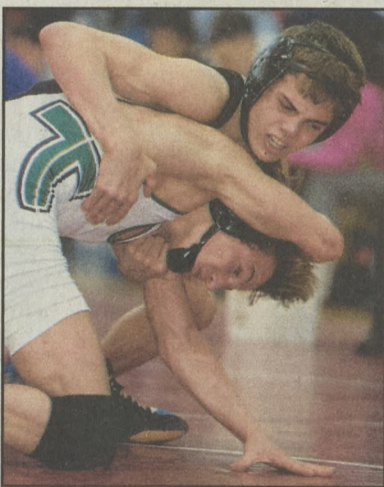
through training, and I knew I had it in me," he said.

Magnan's district record in the 500 free also broke Parkland High School's pool record.

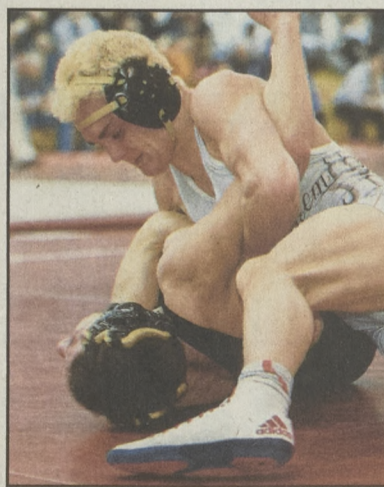
Magnan was also the anchor for Freedom's 200 medley relay team, which placed second to Emmaus, missing first place by a little over one second.

Patriot teammates, Peter Conzola, Trevor Watlington, and Connor See **Magnan** on Page A8

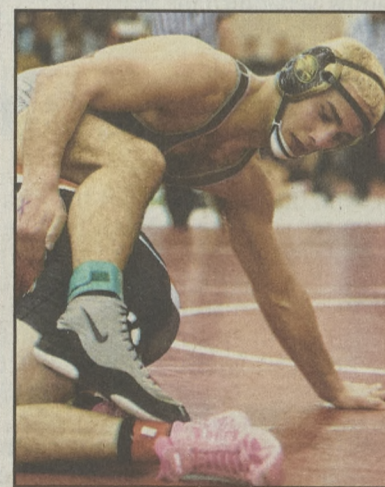
2A REGIONAL WRESTLING



Luke Karam



Zeke Moisey



Nick Cortopassi



PHOTOS BY BOB FORD
Andrew Dunn

Hawks crown four, take regionals

11 wrestlers head to states

By PATRICK MATSINKO
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Entering this weekend's Class AA Southeast Regional tournament, expectations for the Bethlehem Catholic wrestling team were admittedly high.

The Golden Hawks did, after all, capture seven gold medals in last week's 2A District 11 championships.

With the stakes high and a chance to advance to this week's PIAA Championships on the line, the team did not disappoint.

Luke Karam (113), Zeke Moisey (126), Nick Cortopassi (170) and Andrew

Dunn (220) all claimed regional titles, while seven others secured spots in Hershey by finishing in the top-five.

For Karam, the second consecutive title comes on the heels of yet another district crown a week ago, no small feat for a sophomore.

"It really means a lot, being able to do exactly

what I did last year," Karam said of the win. "Hopefully, I'll just be able to carry that momentum into next week."

Karam certainly impressed throughout the tournament, winning his quarterfinal match and semifinal contest by major decision and technical fall, respectively. But in the finals, Karam once

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again met Palisades' Jacob Wasser, whom he defeated in last week's district final. Despite breezing through his first two matches, the sophomore was able to hang on for a 2-1 decision win. The victory alone would have given him confidence, but See **Hawks** on Page A9

'Canes send 4 to Hershey

By PETER CAR
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John Ritter may feel like he has nine lives these days, but the Liberty junior isn't complaining. Ritter was one of four Liberty wrestlers to advance to this week's PIAA wrestling championships in Hershey and he's the luckiest of them all.

After taking sixth at districts at 126-pounds, Ritter fell short of the top-five qualification for regionals. His luck changed early last week when he took over for Parkland's Lee Todora, who was scratched from the tournament, giving Ritter a spot at regionals.

Ritter took advantage of that opportunity, as he defeated Bob Hawkins of James Coughlin by a 12-10 score in overtime to take third-place at regionals and give him a ticket to the PIAA wrestling championships.

Liberty's Jake Gunning (220) took home his first regional gold medal, while Orlando Miller (195, second) and Luke Werner (106, third) also punched tickets to Hershey, as Liberty finished fourth overall in the team standings

with 90 points.

"It just feels great to be here," said Ritter. "I was a little upset that I took sixth at districts, so when I was told that I was going to wrestle at regionals, I really wanted to prove that I belonged here."

Ritter's reality of getting to Hershey appeared cloudy after falling behind 10-4 in the third period to Hawkins. That's when he scored a reversal and two back points to crawl within 10-8. Then he used a cradle again to even the score at 10 apiece to end the third period.

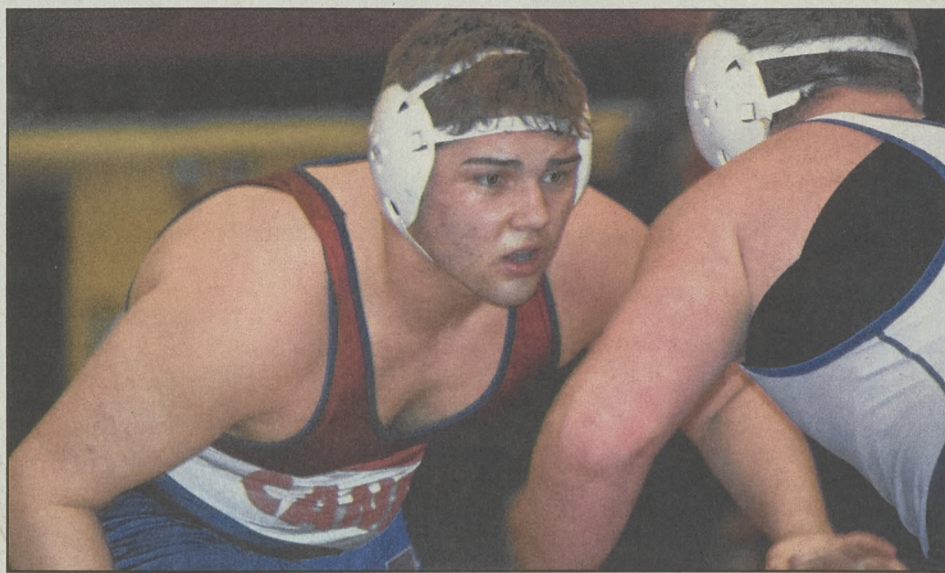
With the momentum on his side, Ritter parlayed that into a takedown for a victory in the extra frame to come away with a win that he'll never forget.

"I knew I could take him [Hawkins] and win," said Ritter. "I hit him with the cradle a couple times and that really got me going."

Luke Werner got Liberty going in the 106-pound third-place consolation bout, when he hit Freedom's Dylan Brown with a reversal, coupled with

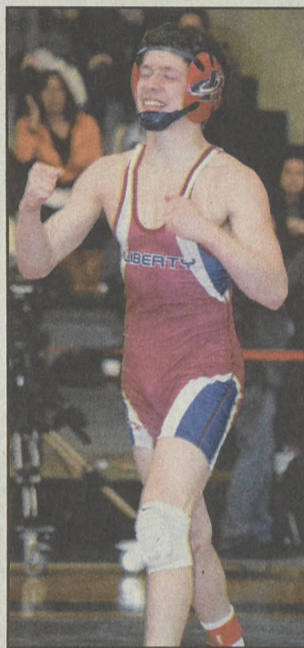
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REGIONAL WRESTLING



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Jake Gunning, top, captured the 220-pound regional title. Below, left, Liberty's Luke Werner celebrates after knocking off Freedom's Dylan Brown for a trip to states. Below, top right is Orlando Miller and bottom right is John Ritter who will both make the trip to Hershey.



Pates fall short of trip to Hershey

By PETER CAR
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The look on Brandon Hall's face said it all.

Freedom's demise at the Northeast Regional 3A wrestling tournament Saturday night came in a rude manner, as Dylan Brown saw his season end following a 7-3 defeat to Liberty's Luke Werner in the 106-pound third place consolation finals.

Brown was Freedom's only wrestler in the medal rounds, where he saw a 3-2 lead in the third period turn into a disaster for him.

For his head coach, the disappointment resonated.

"It's tough for me because I see how much work he puts into it," said Hall. "He's one of the hardest working kids in our room. It hurts. It's incredibly disappointing. My heart goes out to him because I know how much he wanted it. A fourth-place finish at regionals is the worst."

Brown saw things slip
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DISTRICT SWIMMING

Conzola wins double gold

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Freedom High School swimmer, Peter Conzola, won double gold at the District XI Swimming Championships on Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 at Parkland High School.

The Patriot senior clinched first place in the 100 butterfly with a time of 50.83, breaking the district record by .04 seconds.

"It was really awesome to get that. Originally, when I saw my time, I

thought I missed it, and then I got out [of the pool], and my team told me I broke it," Conzola said.

Conzola stuck to his race plan, which was different from usual.

"I went out fast, which is something I usually don't do. I usually save it for the last 50. It was a mental and physical challenge. It felt good to defend the championship, and it always feels good to win at districts and stand on top of the podium," he said.

Conzola's victory in the 100 backstroke was

his fourth consecutive district gold medal in that event.

"It was a great accomplishment for me. After winning my freshman year, I made a self-pact to win all four years, and to have accomplished that feels really good," said Conzola.

Conzola won the backstroke with a time of 50.41.

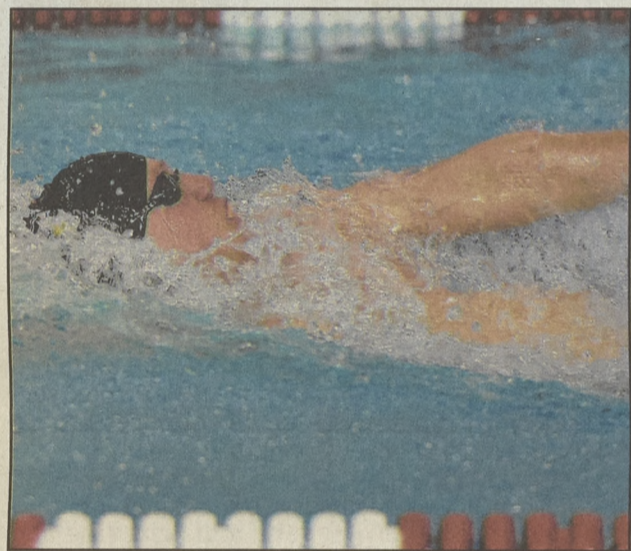
"My time wasn't terrible, but I wanted to use my underwater kicks more than I did. It's something I need to address before states," Conzola

said.

Conzola had been seeded first in both events for districts.

"You have to have self-confidence going into meets when you're seeded first. At the same time, it is pressure that does get to your head. You just have to trust your training, doing what you can do," he said.

Conzola will compete at the PIAA State Swimming Championships, scheduled for March 12-15, at Bucknell University.



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Peter Conzola won two gold medals at the District 11 swim meet.

Helen Hsu first in 100 back

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School junior, Helen Hsu, won the gold medal in the 100 backstroke at the District XI Swimming Championships on March 1 at Parkland High School.

"I was happy. It was kind of the highlight of entire districts," Hsu said.

Hsu finished the race with a time of 56.82.

"I wasn't really trying to win. I was just going for the time," she said.

Hsu realized the competi-

tion would be tough, including teammate, Carly DelFranco, who swam in the lane next to Hsu.

"I just gave it all I had. It was my last individual race, and everyone gets excited at the end," said Hsu.

I tightened up at the last 20 yards and then just tried to survive. I really hurt at the end. I looked up at the scoreboard, and then I knew [I had won]. I actually had no idea where I was."

Hsu will compete at the PIAA State Swimming Championships, scheduled for March 12-

15, at Bucknell University.

DelFranco, Shannon Howell, and Kelly Kopko will also compete at states after having won bids there. DelFranco was second in the 200 IM and third in the 100 back, Howell was second in the 50 free and third in the 500 free.

Hsu also had a third-place finish in the 100 free.

Hsu said, "Even though I performed well, I'm happy with how our team did. Our coach [Jon Larson] never coached a team that dropped so much time."



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Helen Hsu won a gold medal in the 100 back at the district swim meet.

McCarthy wins 200 IM event

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Liberty High School freshman, Julia McCarthy, took first place in the 200 IM, winning district gold at the District XI Swimming Championships on Feb. 28 at Parkland High School.

"I guess it was almost shock, but I have to admit, I had a few tears of joy. The pain I felt during the race was worth it," said McCarthy.

McCarthy won the 200 IM with a time of 2:08.09.

"Before the race, I didn't expect to win at all. [Parkland's] Erika Freeman had a faster seed time than me. I thought she would win, but then I thought, why not just go for it. Anyway, I was in the mood to race," McCarthy said.

McCarthy took it out hard and hung with the

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Hurricane 200 free relay captures gold

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Liberty High School swimmers, Jacob Jones, Brandon Hlavaty, Brandon Merkert, and Evan Smith clinched the gold medal in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:28.84 at the District 11 Swimming Championships on Feb. 28 at Parkland High School.

"It felt awesome," said Smith. "Standing on the podium as a team with those three other guys was awesome."

The Hurricanes time was .03 seconds ahead of

Emmaus, who placed second.

"It was neck-and-neck with the first person from Emmaus. The second and third [swimmers] from Emmaus brought them in the lead with a body length on us," Smith said.

Smith, who was the Hurricane anchor, reasoned that his team would probably place second. In fact, Smith had seen the seed times, knowing the Hurricanes were supposed to lose by two or three seconds, but in the end, the Liberty junior believed in his team and his coaches and

what they had done with them to taper.

"I went in, honestly, thinking we'll get second. That's fine. But I came out of the turn and didn't see [the Emmaus swimmer] next to me," said Smith.

About ten seconds passed before Smith realized what he had done.

"I didn't know we won till I saw our team freaking out," he said.

Jones, Sean Vannata, Merkert, and Smith also competed in the 400 free relay, placing third.

"Going into the 400 free relay, we were up by

about 25 points," said Smith.

Overall, the Liberty boys swim team placed second in the district meet, behind Emmaus.

"It was a huge thing between us and Freedom for second place," Smith said.

Jones, Hlavaty, Merkert, and Smith will compete in the 200 free relay at the PIAA State Swimming Championships, scheduled for March 12-15 at Bucknell University.

"It's been the best team I've ever been on. Just the camaraderie of the team. Everybody

loves each other like a brother, and it's been different this year because we have fun practicing. Sean [Vannata] as our captain controls the team. Everybody listens to him. Everybody loves him. He's the perfect leader," said Smith.

Other finishers in the top-five for Liberty were: Evan Smith who took fourth in the 50 free and the Reid Rossi who was fifth in the 100 butterfly. Sean Vannata was fifth in the 100 backstroke and Nolan Vannata was fifth in the breaststroke.

Magnan

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Harrigan were also on the relay team.

Conzola, Shjon Watlington, Harrigan, and Magnan also placed second in the 400 free relay.

"I knew I'd have to swim really, really fast to

win, but it wasn't enough. I gave it my all. We were really close with Liberty going into the last leg, and they came in third," Magnan said.

Magnan will move on to the PIAA State Swimming Championships, scheduled for March 12-15 at Bucknell University.

Harrigan was second

in the 500 free and was third in the 200 IM and Watlington was fourth.



NANCY SCHOLZ

Julia McCarthy won gold in the 200 IM.

DISTRICT 11 BASKETBALL

Liberty and Becahi fall short

By PETER CAR
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The roller coaster ride Liberty's basketball team went through the entire season continued through Saturday afternoon's District 11 4A consolation bout against Stroudsburg.

Unfortunately, the Hurricanes wheels came off the tracks during a 67-64 defeat at Freedom. Liberty (13-13) let a five-point halftime lead slip away amid 15 second half turnovers to end its potential run to the state tournament.

DeShawn Oyenyi led the 'Canes with 24 points to cap off his career, but Stroudsburg's Jacob Battle stole the show, as he had a game-high 29 points and hit the eventual game-winner with 14 seconds left to keep the Mounties season alive.

"It was similar to what happened to us this season, where we played well at certain times and then struggled other times," said Liberty head coach Chad Landis. "They turned up the pressure on us in the third quarter

and that kind of got us to turn it over a couple times and we struggled to get good offensive shots. It was a microcosm of our season."

Liberty led 27-22 at halftime, but it fell apart in the third quarter as Stroudsburg used a 17-2 run in the middle of the period to build a 41-33 advantage with 2:18 left in the period following a three-point field goal by Battle.

The Mounties sustained a 43-37 lead into the fourth quarter, which built to 46-37 after Battle nailed another trey to start the final frame, but that's when Liberty battled back into the game.

Liberty used a spurt to claw its way within 48-47 following a Ludwin Gonzalez three-pointer at the 5:13 mark to grab some momentum back.

Stroudsburg countered with a 10-0 run after that to lead 58-47, but Liberty pushed with a 10-0 run of its own, using an Oyenyi steal and dunk to give them life and bring them within 58-52 with 1:44 left. Oyenyi

would nail a trey from the top of the arc to bring the 'Canes in striking distance, trailing 58-57 with 1:22 left in the contest.

The teams traded free throws until Deron Seaman looked to give Liberty the jolt of momentum it needed, nailing a three to even the game at 62-62 with 42 seconds left.

After Battle made one of two free throws, Oyenyi put Liberty ahead 64-63 with 23 seconds left. That's when Battle came down the court and calmly sank a jumper from the foul line to give Stroudsburg a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Liberty had one final possession to take the lead with 9.1 seconds left, but the inbounds play from the wing was bobbed near midcourt, where Gonzalez with Battle, giving the Mounties possession and the eventual victory.

Battle would add two more free throws at the end to give them a three-point lead with 1.7 seconds left. Oyenyi would fire a last-chance three

to no avail as time ran out on Liberty's season.

"The fact that the basketball season ends is just tough," said Landis. "I want to keep playing. I want to go to practice on Monday and prepare for our next game and the fact that it's over is the most discouraging part. We'll get back to work and, hopefully, have some more experience next year and see if it makes a difference."

Bethlehem Catholic saw their sights on a spot in the state tournament vanish last Friday at Martz Hall, when they lost to Blue Mountain 70-63 in the consolation final.

Will Bornstein and Skylar Panchari toppled the Hawks, as Bornstein had a game-high 30 points, while Panchari dropped 25 points to keep their season alive, while ending the Hawks winter at 12-14 overall.

Freddie Simmons led Becahi with 18 points, while Antwon Keenan added 12 and Jamaal Aziz had 11.



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Izaiah Avent and the Hurricanes fell short of a berth in the state playoffs with a loss to Stroudsburg in last Saturday's consolation game.



Ed Hudak and the Hawks saw their season end to Blue Mountain.

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back points to hold on to a 7-3 decision. The victory for Werner avenged a regular season overtime loss he was dealt by his city rival.

"After taking fourth at districts, I was always wishing I could make states," Werner said. "I was beating him [Brown]

in our first match this season and I felt like I could beat him. It's just a great feeling to move on."

Gunning put together a 6-2 decision over LaSalle's Antonio Pelusi to bring home his second gold medal in as many weeks.

Teammate Orlando Miller (195) made his first regional finals appearance, but couldn't keep Parkland's Nezar Haddad's offense off track, as

he lost by a 6-2 decision as well.

Noah Klingborg (170) almost made it a perfect Saturday for Liberty if he could have pulled out his third-place match against Connor Martinez of Dallas, but he fell victim to elimination from state qualifying following a 3-1 defeat, where Martinez was given a takedown at the buzzer for the miraculous win.

Hawks

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being able to hang on for a close win meant even more.

"I just have the mindset that if I keep pushing and keep attacking, I'll be able to get it and score points," Karam said. "And just being here last year definitely calmed my nerves because I knew what to expect."

Moisey, too knew what to expect in his final.

The senior was matched up with Pius X's Dante Albanese, whom he beat in last week's district championship. But regardless of the opponent, Moisey always has a game plan. And just like last week, he executed.

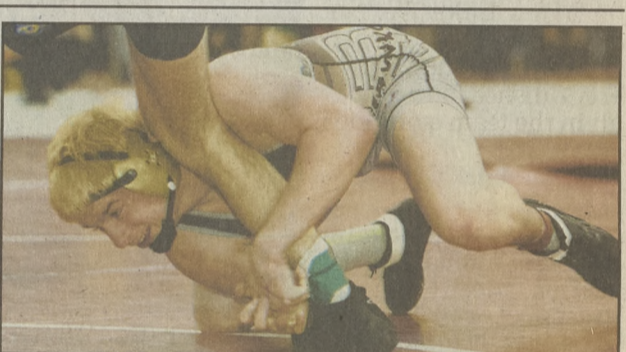
"My goal was to get three takedowns in the first period and I achieved my goal," the senior said afterward. "After that, I felt like I could just keep pushing the pace and keep getting takedowns, and that's what I did the whole match."

Despite several attempts, Moisey was able to thwart Albanese's attacks and keep the Royals' senior on his heels en route to a 14-8 decision win. Knowing that he can be challenged is something Moisey enjoys.

"I feel like I wrestle better when I have nerves before a match. I feel like it gives me more energy," Moisey said. "Just having a sense of urgency helps."

Another titlist from a week ago, Dunn backed up his performance by dominating in the tournament and finishing it with a first period pin over Pine Grove's Ryan Martin for the championship.

While the run of success has been sustained for the junior, he credits a setback earlier this season for getting him on the right track. "Heading into the post-



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

Adam Soldridge took second at regionals.

season, I was riding a winning streak," Dunn said. "But then I took a loss to Jake Gunning of Liberty. It came down to five seconds left and I couldn't pull it out."

"I really think that loss really helped me to re-evaluate what I need to do in the practice room and what I need to do out on the mat to make sure that I win those matches. I'm just focused on scoring points and putting the guy away."

While Dunn, Moisey and Karam entered with district titles, Cortopassi came in as the runner-up after falling to North Schuylkill's Auston Hummel in last week's final. This time, the senior was on the winning end, picking up a 6-3 decision win over Hummel to claim the regional title.

"This week, I was more aggressive; more heavy-handed," Cortopassi said. "I just tried to take it to him a lot more and it worked out."

Cortopassi certainly didn't have to look far for motivation, knowing how close he came to a title just one week earlier.

"It was kind of a revenge match, I guess you could say," the senior said. "I was really hoping I got this matchup. I worked very hard during practice this week and everything worked out for me."

While it worked out for Cortopassi, Moisey, Dunn and Karam in the finals,

several Golden Hawks came up just short in their championship matches.

Joey Gould (120), Mike Labriola (138), Adam Soldridge (160) and Jose Ortiz (182) all took second in their respective weight classes.

For Gould in particular, the experience of winning a district title and advancing to a regional final has been surreal.

"Just being here is incredible," the sophomore said. "Last year, I was in JV the entire season."

"But I've just been working really, really hard everyday and it's paying off."

Labriola, a district champion, faced a rematch with Palmerton's Josh Evans in the final. After pulling out a close win a week ago, the freshman came up short this time, dropping a 5-4 decision. Despite the setback, Labriola has high expectations moving forward.

"I want to place high (at states) and I want to beat him," the freshman said of Evans.

Stephen Maloney (132) and Mason Angstadt (145) each took fourth, while Jake Riegel (106) took fifth to move on to Hershey.

In addition to countless individual achievements, Bethlehem Catholic also finished first in the team standings, amassing 216 points, well ahead of second place Boiling Springs, which finished with 123.

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other lanes during the first leg, the butterfly. During the second leg, the backstroke, McCarthy began to get tired. By the third leg, the breaststroke, things began to change for McCarthy.

"Since this is my stroke, I always try to pick up speed," she said.

Not only was McCarthy competing against Freeman, but Freedom junior, Carly DelFranco, another top breaststroker.

"I saw I was turning at the same time as [Freeman] and realized I'm right next to her," said McCarthy. "In the freestyle [the last leg], they were turning after me. I went, and I never looked back."

McCarthy's time in the 200 IM was a five second drop for the Hurricane swimmer, and as a freshman, the honor of winning was significant.

"I would like to say it means a lot to me. I don't think anyone ever expected me to win. It doesn't really happen, but I want-

ed to show everyone what I could do, and I did," she said.

Joining McCarthy at the PIAA State Swimming Championships next week at Bucknell University will be teammates, Emily Cecchini, Kayla Drago, and Rachel Rider, who won bids to compete after the district meet.

Rider was third in the 100 butterfly and Drago was tied for fourth. Drago was also fifth in the 100 free. McCarthy was also third in the 100 breaststroke

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away late in the third period, when he got into a scramble with Werner and ended up getting reversed to fall behind 4-3, along with the addition of three back points to give the Liberty freshman a berth in Hershey.

"Luke Werner's a good scrambler and he's tough on the mat," said Hall. "Last time they wrestled it went into overtime and they had a scramble and

Dylan was able to come out on top. I don't really think there was one thing to point at. It just didn't work out."

Freedom saw all three of their wrestlers fall by the wayside over the weekend, as Jonah Zych (120) and John Callahan (182) both were eliminated on Saturday. Callahan was one bout short of competing in the consolation final, but he lost to James Palmisano of Stroudsburg 3-2 to end his season.

For Hall and company,

having the season end before Hershey was a difficult pill to swallow.

"It's a very sour taste in my mouth right now," he said. "I won't forget how I feel, but I want guys like Dylan to remember this too. I want what happened here to springboard him to become a better wrestler. We'll all use this as motivation going forward. You need to carry these feelings and emotions with you throughout the off-season, so you remember this."



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Kalista Walters and Janelle Robinson bring back the District 11 trophy to the rest of the girls after the team knocked Central in the finals.

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five rebounds and three blocked shots.

By the end of the third quarter, Becahi led 35-21 after Melhem scored two points at the buzzer on a pass from Robinson.

"We hope to keep going. We want to keep playing. We've really grown as a team," Melhem said.

The Hawks will begin their quest for a state championship with a round one playoff game on Saturday at Freedom High School.



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LEPOCO
Annual dinner set for March 29

LEPOCO's annual fundraising banquet will be held at 5 p.m. March 29 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St.

Keynote speaker Randy Kehler will talk about "Resisting the Secrecy and Lies that Make War (and Other Forms of Violence) Possible." Deadline for dinner reservations is March 26.

Call 610-691-8730 or email lepoco@fast.net for reservations, to volunteer, or for additional information.

HIGHMARK
Healthy Walk to be held May 31

Highmark's Walk for a Healthy Community to support participating local nonprofits will be held May 31 on the SteelStacks campus. Both a 5K (3.1 mile) route and a one-mile fun walk are available, and pets on leashes are welcome. There will be refreshments, entertainment and prize drawings. Register at www.walkforahealthycommunity.org

BECAHI
Annual auction set for March 22

Bethlehem Catholic HS's 12th annual benefit auction, "Keep Calm and Bid On!," will be held March 22. To donate or for more information, call 610-866-0791, ext. 323 or email advancement@bethlehemcatholic.org.

'My Favorite Year'
at Moravian Academy



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Aspiring comedy writer Benjy Stone (Noah Ruebeck) begins to recount the events of his favorite year.

Moravian Academy Theatre presented the musical production "My Favorite Year" Feb. 28 through March 2. Based on the movie by Dennis Palumbo, "My Favorite Year" recounts a year in the life of an aspiring television writer who meets his silver screen idol when the actor is scheduled to appear as a guest on the variety show for which the young writer works. The cast, crew and orchestra comprised of nearly 70 was directed by Jarrod Yuskas, with choreography by Alex Jo Natale and music direction by Dr. Yvonne Robinson. Tryouts began in early December, with rehearsals following soon thereafter. Performances were held in Walter Hall on Moravian Academy's Merle-Smith Campus.



Leo Silver (Ben Ahmad), Benjy Stone (Noah Ruebeck), Herb Lee (Nathanael McDowell), Alice Miller (Megan Keller), King Kaiser (Kyle Whang) and Sy Benson (Griffin Smith-Nichols) try to resolve the script and decide on a special guest star for an upcoming variety show hosted by Kaiser.



Benjy Stone (Noah Ruebeck) tries to sweep co-writer KC Downing (Kylee Jacoby) off her feet during "Shut Up and Dance."



In the opening scene, King Kaiser (Kyle Whang) is surrounded by showgirls who perform on his variety show.



One time swash-buckling movie star Alan Swann (Colin Brown) makes a drunken entrance upon his arrival.

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Grade: 12

Family members: Mother, Debra Du Chateau; father, James Du Chateau; and older sister, Jaclyn Du Chateau

Favorite subject: My favorite subject is creative writing. I find a freedom of the soul whenever I write, so I especially enjoy that class.

Activities: Of course, dance. I dance at school every day and then dance at a studio at night. It's amazing that I get to do what I love every single day.

Next steps: I plan on going to college. I have applied to Juilliard, SUNY Purchase, George Mason, Fordham (Ailey School) and Marymount Manhattan. I have already been accepted into Point Park University with a



half-tuition scholarship and Pace University on a \$20,000 artistic scholarship.

Career goals: After experiencing the dance world and everything it has to offer, I

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SAUCON VALLEYNEWS

Say hello to 'Bye Bye Birdie'

Saucon Valley's Fine Arts Department presented the musical

comedy "Bye Bye Birdie" Feb. 27 to March 2. The book by Michael Steward was inspired by the rock-and-roll idol, Elvis Presley. The pseudo-Elvis of this production, Conrad



Paige Szmodis Saucun Valley HS

Birdie, was played by junior Brenden Weaver. One of the dozens of teenage fans of Conrad, junior Rachel Altemose as Kim MacAfee was chosen to give "one last kiss" to Conrad before he was called off to war. Let's not forget junior Davis Weaver as Albert Peterson and sophomore Hannah Gaither as Rose

Alvarez, Conrad's record agents with their own enticing yet conflicting romance.

The lead actors of this show displayed not only exceptional ability by bringing their quirky characters to life, but talented vocals as well. With the help of the pit orchestra directed by Herb Payung, the ensemble exhibited their diligence in "A Healthy Normal American Boy." Individual lead solos showed remarkable aptitude as well, such as Gaither's "Spanish Rose" and Altemose's "How Lovely To Be A Woman." Teachers Mario Marcozzi, Chad Miller, and Bob Frey along with director Vince Roszkowski made an amusing appearance during Davis Weaver's "Baby, Talk To Me." Brenden Weaver also mastered Elvis's trademark mannerisms, brought to life during "One Last Kiss."

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Alexa Panuccio and Molly Ehrig, both of Bethlehem, offer coffee to Butch Ferrucci, of Nazareth, and Mary Farrell of Drexel Hill. "We're so thankful for the parishioners' support of our school," says eighth grade teacher Ann Chiappinelli. "Their generosity is humbling."



PRESS PHOTOS BY DIANNE PELAGGI

Mary Farrell, of Drexel Hill, with her grandson, Garrett Farrell, at the Senior Citizen Breakfast. "It meant a lot to me having my Nana visit," says Garratt Farrell. "I'm so happy she could come and support me and my class."

Catholic Schools' Week at Our Lady

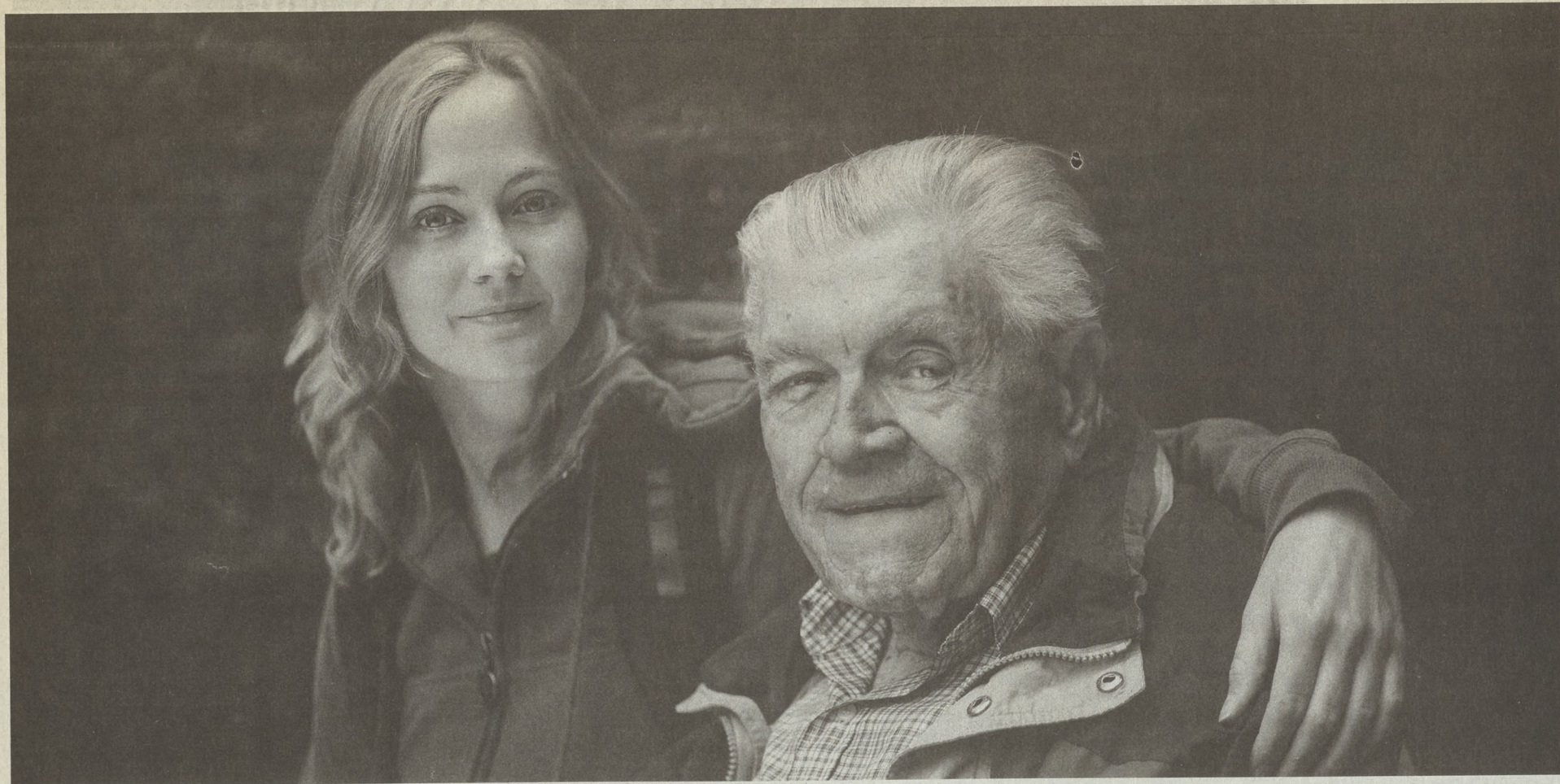


Shea Elliott and Beatrice Sidoro work the numbers at a charity bingo event at Our Lady of Perpetual Help during Catholic Schools' Week. More than 400 family members and friends took part. After the games, players donated the coins they used as Bingo chips to charity. This year's donations will benefit Missionary Childhood Association, the OLPH Scholarship Fund and a family that recently lost its house in a fire.



ABOVE: Leo McMenimem, MaryJo Rutkoski and Andrew Lessig, all of Bethlehem, take part in the National Constitution Center's interactive assembly, "Growing Up American Style." Students in grades 1-4 learned what life was like for children in the 1700s, 1800s and early 1900s.

LEFT: Ryan Pfeiffer serves coffee to Edward Kloiber and Millie Hudak, both of Bethlehem, as part of the school's annual Senior Citizen Breakfast. "Each year during Catholic Schools' Week, our eighth grade class shares morning Mass with our senior parishioners. Afterward, the kids help serve breakfast to the adults," says Our Lady Principal Harry Reese.



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hope to start my own dance company. My dreams are to change the face of dance in combining influence from writing, theater set pieces and dynamic movement to introduce a completely new style of dance with modern, ballet and contemporary roots.

Heroes: Simply, Martha Graham, a modern dance pioneer whose style is influenced by the pain we endure in life and a dramatic interpretation of it. Martha Graham is one of the best dancers/choreographers to walk on this planet and I hope one day to be as successful as she was.

Hobbies: I love photography and making collages out of random things that are just lying around. I also am an amusement park geek and play Roller Coaster Tycoon 3

often in hopes of having my own amusement park one day! I also collect vintage/antique items.

Current job(s): I work at YoFresh Yogurt Café in Allentown. I love it because I'm around sweet treats all day!

Volunteer/community work: I assist teach at my dance studio; I volunteer to perform at special events/shows and I work at my church's events.

Likes: I like food (hot wings, ice cream and tacos), dance, friends, art, walking through the woods, photography, learning new things and taking on challenges.

Dislikes: I dislike too much homework, the color green, waking up early and being sick.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment would consist of my role as Danny Who in

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas: The Musical," the original Broadway cast. I've toured with the Radio City Christmas Spectacular; I was in "Enchanted" the movie, going to the Regional High School Dance Festival (and this year to the National High School Dance Festival), performing next to Catherine Zeta-Jones in "Bright Lights, Shining Stars: NYCDA Foundation Gala," and being awarded a Silver Key for writing from the Scholastic Writing Awards.

Advice for peers: Never stop doing what you love and never let anyone criticize or try to stop what you're doing. You do you, and no matter what, people will love you for it. Make sure to make your dreams a reality.

Julie Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

SV NEWS

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The typical teenage girls added a humorous touch to the production with their constant carol, "We love you, Conrad!" The supporting roles enhanced the entertainment of this play, with senior Rachel Panick as Ursula Merkle, senior Maddison Rothacker as Mae Peterson, and junior Ian Zuber as Harry MacAfee. As young girls obsessed over the rock star and parents exhibited increasing irritation toward their kids, the audience roared with laughter. This production succeeded in its ability to captivate the audience. During "Lot of Livin'" spectators could not help but bob their heads and chuckle as the ensemble filled the aisles with song and dance.

In addition to the deserving onstage performers, every member of the production crew warrants a round of applause as well. The producer, Sal Ritz, has been involved in Saucon's theater program for many years and put together another great show. Vince Rostkowski, who performed lead roles during his time at Saucon, directed "Bye Bye Birdie." The choreography of the play was put together by Joanellyn Schubert and Kim Tassinaro. The fabulous set of retro televisions was designed by Beth Jensen, and the quirky 50s costumes were done by Jennifer Altemose and Terri Nicholas. Finally, the stage crew and lighting worked impressively behind the scenes to enrich this production. The student stage managers who led the stage crew were juniors Melissa Pupalitis, Jessica Bonham, and Sam Morykan.

"Honestly Sincere," this production was one of Saucon Valley's finest. Even with the poor weather conditions this winter, these talented students came through with a complete and hilarious execution of "Bye Bye Birdie."

HELLERTOWN

Local Scout breaks popcorn sales total

Saucon Valley ES student Joey Di Russo knows how to set a goal and achieve it. Joey, a Webelos Cub Scout with Pack 319, recently decided he wanted to exceed his usual sale of Trails End Popcorn.

Proceeds from sales are used to fund Pack 319 and the Minsi Trail Council, which oversees all scouts in the Lehigh Valley.

According to Joey's mother Lisa, he learned goal setting through the annual sale of popcorn. Prizes are awarded for reaching a certain fundraising threshold. The top prize in 2013 was a tablet. Lisa said Joey broke his initial goal by selling \$2,800 worth of popcorn. He then set another goal for himself - \$3,000 - which he reached.

Not satisfied, Joey exceeded last year's total troop sales of \$4,300 by selling \$5,000. Still unsatisfied, Joe went one step further by selling \$5,100 worth of popcorn.

"Every day after he finished his homework he would say, 'let's go sell popcorn,'" Lisa said. Joey's grandparents bought him the tablet for working so hard. Because



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Webelos Cub Scout Pack 319 member Joey Di Russo with a box of Trails End Popcorn. Joey sold over \$5,000 worth of popcorn during the 2013 fundraising campaign.

of his fundraising efforts, Joey received more than \$400 in Walmart gift cards, a model rocket, tickets to an IronPigs baseball game and a \$300 college scholarship fund.

When not focused on a particular goal, Lisa said, he makes time to unwind and enjoy himself. "Joey likes being a scout because he does fun things with his friends and his dad."

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'Requiem' for Amadeus

Allentown Symphony, Chorus, soloists to perform new edition of Mozart work



Classical Views
 By Diane Wittry

The story of Mozart's "Requiem" is a tragic one. He did not live to finish the piece.

We have glorified the situation through Peter Shaffer's 1979 play and Milos Forman's 1984 movie, "Amadeus," where Mozart is feverishly dictating instructions to his student, Franz Xaver Süssmayr; about how to finish the piece. Yet, I doubt it was really like that. Death is never easy, and writing a "Requiem" mass in the midst of struggling for your life is difficult to imagine.

What I do know, however, is that "The Requiem Mass in D minor (K. 626) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-'91) is one of the most beautiful, transcendent, heartfelt pieces ever written. Somehow, extreme clarity of purpose comes when one faces the ultimate end. What Mozart left us, was indeed, a musical masterpiece.

There is much speculation regarding how much of the "Requiem" is Mozart's writing, and how much is the composition of Süssmayr, his 25-year-old student.

We know that Mozart finished the vocal parts up through the "Hostias" movement, but for the "Lacrimosa," he only wrote the first eight bars. In fact, at his funeral it is said the "Requiem" was performed up to that point and stopped — at the eighth bar, right in the middle of the phase.

The music for the last two movements ("Lux aeterna" and "Cum sanctis tuis") is basically the same as the first two movements, just with different words. This was at Mozart's request.

But someone had to write the "Sanctus," "Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei" movements in order for the piece to be performed. Mozart's widow, Constanze, originally asked Joseph Eybler to finish the "Requiem," and he did orchestrate the "Dies irae" and the "Confutatis" movements, but then for some unknown reason, returned the score. At that point, Constanze asked Süssmayr to complete the composition.

Süssmayr was a good stu-



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The March 8 and 9 Allentown Symphony Orchestra and Chorus concerts at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, also feature Christina Lamprea, above, cellist, Schadt String Competition winner, performing Samuel Barber's "Cello Concerto" in A minor (Op. 22).

dent and a solid composer, but no musical genius. Has anyone today ever heard a piece by Süssmayr? I certainly have not.

Therefore, there is much speculation as to whether or not he really composed any of the vocal melodies for the extra movements, as he claims, or if rather, there were additional sketches that Mozart made of the melodies for these movements that were later destroyed.

I tend to believe the latter. When one hears these movements, they exhibit the same musical genius that appears in all of Mozart's writing; a beautiful sense of musical line that is engaging and at the same time new and fresh.

The task was made a little easier by the way Süssmayr repeated some of the sections, so that fewer melodies had to be utilized. Still, it was a daunting project. Süssmayr worked on it for many months after Mozart's death in 1791. When the "Requiem" was finally published in 1800 as "Missa pro defunctis" by Mozart, there was no mention of Süssmayr's contributions to its completion.

Even though there were many compositional problems with the way Süssmayr finished the piece, including

wrong voice leadings, awkward intervals, heavy and unusual instrumentation, the piece has basically been performed in its original version for the last 200 years.

During the past 40 years, however, new editions of the piece have been created, and now 12 different editions of the Mozart "Requiem" exist, each trying to be truer to what they think Mozart would have written. All of these editions keep the basic vocal melodies that Mozart wrote, so the changes involve a few notes here and there and the use of the accompanying instruments.

For the performance with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, 8 p.m. March 8 and 3 p.m. March 9, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown, we will be using a relatively new edition of the "Requiem" by Franz Beyer. This edition was first published in 1971 and then revised in 2005. It is lighter in texture, uses the brass less, and lightens up the sound in the strings. I believe it brings a new freshness to the piece.

The March 8 and 9 concerts feature the new Allentown Symphony Chorus with chorus master Eduardo Azzati. This is a professional chorus with auditioned mem-

bers from the Lehigh Valley and beyond.

The chorus began rehearsing about seven weeks prior to the performance. Each member was expected to learn the music before the rehearsals began. The Allentown Symphony Chorus is an excellent group of musicians and we are so proud to have them involved with the concert. We will feature the chorus in a concert each season. Auditions will be held every fall for new members to join.

The soloists for the Mozart "Requiem" are soprano Maeve Höglund, alto Krysty Swann, tenor Charles Reid and bass Matthew Anchel. (Their biographies are included on the Allentown Symphony website: Allentown-Symphony.org.)

The concert also features the winner of the 2013 National Leigh and Edwin Schadt String Competition: Columbian-American cellist, Christina Lamprea, the top winner in the National Sphinx Competition. She will perform Samuel Barber's "Cello Concerto" in A minor (Op. 22), which is full of haunting melodies and virtuosic passages.

To open the concert I chose an audience favorite, the Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro" from the opera of the same name by Mozart. This piece was written in 1785. With Mozart pieces bookending the concert, we hear the variety of his musical output.

As a composer, Mozart had an incredible influence on the world. His final "Requiem Mass" is a piece that certainly has transcended time. Come and experience this piece in person as it is performed by the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in this new edition.

Diane Wittry is Music Director-Conductor of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, Artistic Director (USA), International Cultural Exchange Program for Classical Musicians, Sarajevo Philharmonic, Bosnia; and author, "Beyond the Baton" (Oxford University Press).

Concert tickets: Miller Symphony Hall Box Office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentown-symphony.org; 610-432-6715

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



PRESS PHOTO BY ELIZABETH OUELLETTE

Form follows function: Jett Ulaner Sarachek, above, embraces the human form and technology in "Explorations," through March 16, Banko Family Gallery, Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. The exhibition includes 25-plus works by the Allentown area photographer, including several large-scale photographs and iPhone photography. Ulaner Sarachek has long used alternative cameras such as pinholes to take compelling images. Says ArtsQuest Vice President of Visual Arts & Education Janice Lipzin: "Jett Ulaner Sarachek's seamless integration of the landscape and then positioning actual photographs into that landscape are at once gentle and extremely powerful." Exhibit information: 610-332-1300

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WOMEN'S WORK FIVE PAINTERS



PRESS PHOTO BY BATHSHEBA MONK

Painting on air: The Baum School of Art exhibition, "Women's Work: Five Painters," celebrates the work of Donna Haney, Bebe Traylor, Jill Peckelun, Sandra Corpora and Donna Needs, above, who have been painting together "en plein air" (French for "in the open air" to describe the act of painting outdoors) for more than 20 years in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding region. They are all skilled direct painters who respond to their subject matter in their own ways. The exhibition in the Rodale Family Gallery, Baum School of Art, Fifth and Linden streets, Allentown, features recent work by each artist. Exhibit information: 610-433-0032

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Just "Desert": Relationship issues, family drama and lots of laughs fill the Palm Springs, Calif., home of Polly (Becky Engborg) and Lyman Wyeth (Barry Glassman), above, from left, in "Other Desert Cities," Jon Robin Baitz's critically-acclaimed dark comedy, through March 15, Civic Theatre, Nineteenth Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. During the children's holiday visit, their daughter's forthcoming book promises to reveal the family plot. Says Civic Artistic Director William Sanders, who directs the five-character play: "'Other Desert Cities' is everything a well-made play should be. It is taut, surprising, funny, witty, razor-sharp and ultimately thrilling and moving." Ticket information: 610-432-8943

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9TH ANNUAL

Student Poetry Project

Deadline for entries is March 15

Submissions are now being accepted for the ninth annual award-winning Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories and published in the April 23 and 24 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and web sites.

The student in each of the three categories whose poem is selected for publication on the front page of the Focus section may have his or her photo published, with the permission of the student's parent or guardian.

Also, one student in each of

the three categories will be invited to read his or her poem and be interviewed on "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon," 6-6:30 p.m. April 21, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, wdiy.org.

The entry guidelines:

1. The Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project is open to Lehigh Valley elementary school, middle school and high school public, parochial, private, charter, cyber and home-school students in the circulation areas of the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers (Salisbury Press, East Penn Press, Parkland Press, Northwestern Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press, Catasauqua Press, Northampton Press and Bethlehem Press).

2. Poems are to not exceed one typed, double-spaced, maximum 60-space line on an 8 1/2 x 11-inch page.

3. Each student may submit one poem, which must be his or her original composition.

4. Email submissions are preferred. One poem is to be submitted per email.

5. Multiple printed versions of poems from a classroom may be submitted in one envelope.

6. Entries must be received by U.S. Mail or email by 5 p.m. March 15.

7. Permission of a parent or guardian is required for a student's photo to be taken and published in the Focus section in the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and web

sites.

8. Copies of poems will not be returned.

9. Include student name, age, grade, school, school district, telephone number of parent or guardian for contact information only (the information will not be published or shared).

10. Email your poem, with Student Poetry Project in the subject line to: lvpoetryproject@gmail.com, or mail to: Student Poetry Project, The Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015.

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These women take to the air

By BATHSHEBA MONK
Special to The Press

None of the five women could remember exactly when they started painting together.

But for more than 20 years, Donna Haney, Bebe Traylor, Jill Peckelun, Sandra Corpora and Donna Needs would pack up their easels, paints, sun hats and bug spray and head to the hills, seeking their dual loves: nature and painting.

The result is "Women's Work: Five Painters," a charming collection of their work through March 14, Rodale Family Gallery, Baum School of Art, 510 Linden St., Allentown.

"I think we met in the Palette Club," says Bebe Traylor. "Then we went to art school — different art schools — and found ourselves back in the Lehigh Valley."

The Bethlehem Palette Club is believed to be the area's oldest independent artist organization.

It wasn't long before they found themselves painting together in what they call "paint-outs," schlepping painting and survival equipment to inspiring vistas in which



to paint.

Besides swapping advice, turpentine and a dab of cadmium orange, the three have shared the challenges and beauty of working outside.

"It's a lot of bugs, snakes and bad weather — both hot and cold," says Traylor.

But there is also, they each are quick to point out, the awe of being in front of some spectacular and some subtly beautiful scenes. In the hands of skilled artists such as these five women, the results are notable in the Baum exhibit.

Every year they donate paintings to the Baum School of Art auction. This year, Rudy Ackerman, Baum gallery director, approached them about showing together.

While they paint "en plein air" as a group, each are recognized artists in their own rights.

Donna Haney, a gradu-

ate of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, paints portraits on commission in her studio in Bethlehem, of which she is a native.

Bebe Traylor, who has lived in Allentown for the past 12 years and has studied at Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, as well The Arts Students League of New York, still lives in her studio.

Jill Peckelun resided for years in the Lehigh Valley before recently moving to Hershey. She finds her inspiration in the beauty of nature and is the only one of the group who paints exclusively outdoors.

Sandra Corpora has had more than 12 solo exhibitions and has won an Award of Excellence from the Oil Painters of America.

Besides painting outside, Donna Needs has enjoyed a career as a commercial artist for the past 30 years, but says that the light and play of light and shadow on color nourishes her spiritual side.

As Jill Peckelun puts it, "It's been a lovely journey and we can't wait to see where we are going next."

'Men' not 'Monumental'

"The Monuments Men" is anything but monumental.

That's too bad. The fact-based story about the United States' military mission to recover world-renowned works of art confiscated and hidden by the German Nazis during World War II has the earmarks of a bonafide thriller: priceless art, war, Nazis and a stellar cast, including and directed by George Clooney.

A catalogue of attributes doesn't always add up to a great work of art, much less entertaining cinema. "Monuments Men," at times, is a monumental bore.

The pacing is off. There are few compelling scenes. An attempt to inject humor and romance seems part of another movie.

"The Monuments Men" tells us in a title card at the start of the film that it is "based on a true story." The film begins in 1943. It is bookended by Army officer Frank Stokes (George Clooney) explaining to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt the importance of the mission and recounting its completion years later, apparently to President Harry S. Truman.

Films about the Nazi plundering of paintings, sculpture and objects d'art throughout Europe during World War II have been made before.

There was Burt Lancaster starring in "The Train" (1964), in which a German colonel sent a train filled with French art treasures to Germany in 1944. A very athletic and determined Lancaster makes this black and white classic bristle with action.

There's also the documentary film, "The Rape of Europa" (2006), based on the book of the same title by Lynn H. Nicholas, which recounted the Nazis' theft of art from Jewish families.

There are also many great World War II ensemble buddy-bonding dramas, including "The Guns of Navarone" (1961), "The Great Escape" (1963) and "The Dirty Dozen" (1967), to name a few.

"The Monuments Men" achieves none of the drama, camaraderie and emotional resonance of the great World War II dramatic films, which it strives to emulate.

Clooney co-wrote the screenplay with Grant Heslov ("Good Night, and Good Luck," which Clooney directed), based on the book, "The Monuments Men," by Bret Witter and Robert M. Edsel (co-

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



producer, "The Rape of Europa").

There are a few scenes in "The Monuments Men" which indicate what the film might have been. Two of these scenes involve Matt Damon as James Granger, who is married and stationed in France, and his chaste friendship with Claire Simone, a French secretary played by Cate Blanchett, who is privy to information about the art appropriated by the Nazis. A scene between them at a restaurant and in her apartment create some emotional sparks.

The most memorable scene in "The Monuments Men" is where Stokes (Clooney) interrogates a German Nazi officer that is a case study on being on the right side of history.

"The Monuments Men" is not a total loss. Clooney is terse and committed in his portrayal. Damon is expansive and dedicated in his role. Blanchett provides some interest with her often smoldering presence.

In secondary roles as an architect, sculptor and art historian, Bill Murray, John Goodman and Bob Balaban appear aloof. Also in the film: Jean Dujardin and Hugh Bonneville.

On the plus side, great care seems to have been taken in the production values for "The Monuments Men," including warfront locales, Nazi art hideaways and depictions of the works of art, including those purported to be by Picasso, Vermeer and Rembrandt.

Many of the works of art looted by the Nazis from conquered European nations were stored at Neuschwanstein Castle, which is shown briefly in the film.

"The Monuments Men" squanders its treasure in subject matter and talent. "The Monuments Men," a film about the theft of masterpieces, is no masterpiece.

"The Monuments Men," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13.) for some images of war violence and historical smoking; Genre: Action, Biography, Drama, War; Run time: 1 hr., 58 min.; Distributed by 20th Century Fox,

Columbia Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: At the conclusion of "The Monuments Men," the actor playing the older Frank Stokes visiting the Madonna of Bruges, one of the works of art sought, is George Clooney's father, Nick Clooney. At the beginning of the end credits, black and white photos of the real "Monuments Men" with some of the art they saved are shown.

Box Office, Feb. 28: Weekend box office results were unavailable due to an early deadline because of the Oscar night-Monday snowstorm.

Unreal, March 7:

"The Grand Budapest Hotel," R: The lives of a legendary concierge and his assistant at a European hotel in the era between World War I and World War II are depicted. Wes Anderson ("Moonrise Kingdom") wrote the screenplay and directs a star-studded cast of Bill Murray, Ralph Fiennes, Tilda Swinton, Jude Law, Lea Seydoux, Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman, F. Murray Abraham, Harvey Keitel, Jeff Goldblum, Tom Wilkinson, Saoirse Ronan and Edward Norton star in the comedy-drama.

"300: Rise of an Empire," R: As the myth goes, Greek general Themistokles defends against the invading Persian forces led by mortal-turned-god Xerxes and Artemisia, vengeful commander of the Persian navy. Lena Headey, Eva Green, Rodrigo Santoro and Sullivan Stapleton star in the action drama.

"Mr. Peabody & Sherman," PG: The WABAC Machine is back. Mr. Peabody and Sherman go back in time with a new look, thanks to computer-generated imagery. Voice talent for the animation adventure includes that of Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann.

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CATCH A MATINEE

Her images embrace emotions

By ELIZABETH OUELLETTE
Special to The Press

Jett Ulaner Sarachek displays her latest work in "Explorations," through March 16, Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem.

Sarachek utilizes digital photography, as well as the iPhone, to capture sensual images of the human figure intermixed with the natural world. Exceptionally romantic shots of the human body mix with images of nature to create gorgeous montages, some larger than life, some small as a snapshot.

Sarachek doesn't hesitate to embrace the value of the everyday mobile phone camera as an artistic tool.

"When the iPhone came along, I started using the Hipstamatic app," Sarachek explains. "I found I didn't



have to spend hours in the darkroom anymore. After 25 years, I was happy to get out of the darkroom."

In "Explorations," Sarachek searches for images that explore nature and sensuality as she seeks to shed light on the hidden world of our deepest physical desires. The concept of sexuality and aging interests her.

"The way you act about sexuality changes as you grow older, as you grow into a long term relationship of many years," she relates. "Sexuality can be put away, and I don't like to

see that happen to people as they get older. I like to see it keep going, to expose it."

Sarachek, a Lower Macungie Township resident, also is an art therapist. She teaches classes at the Banana Factory.

"I'm doing some photography workshops for people living with cancer. The classes are about exploring their feelings and allow those suffering with cancer to lose themselves in art."

Losing one's self in art is a process well-known to Sarachek.

"When making work I am exploring the creative process," she says. "Thoughts and emotions gather in my unconscious. I try to create images that embrace those unconscious wishes that often go beyond words."

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'American Girl' benefits Junior League



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The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley hosts the "American Girl Fashion Show," 10 a.m., 2, 6 p.m. March 8 and 1 p.m. March 9, Iacocca Hall, Mountaintop Campus, Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

The program showcases 162 local models presenting historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their dolls. There will be commentary, music and decorations at the family event.

The outfits worn by the models and their dolls are intended to resemble what "American Girl" characters Kaya, Caroline, Cécile, Marie-Grace, Josefina, Addy, Rebecca, Kit and Julie might have worn.

There are "Girl of the Year" Isabelle and Contemporary "Dress Like Your Doll" outfits for older girls and "Bitty Baby" fashions for the youngest girls.

The event includes refreshments, party favors and a doll salon.

Proceeds benefit the

"American Girl Fashion Show," 10 a.m., 2, 6 p.m. March 8; 1 p.m. March 9, Iacocca Hall, Mountaintop Campus, Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

area Junior League's children's programs, including "Kids in the Kitchen," to encourage healthy lifestyles.

The 2014 title sponsor, Lehigh University Catering, will provide Americana-themed meals reflecting Isabelle's Washington, D.C., hometown and pink cupcakes for her love of ballet.

Event sponsors and partners include: Mandy Suro Photography, The Morning Call, The Moravian Book Shop, Allium Design, Sweet and Sassy, and Royal Graphics.

Ticket information: jllvpa.org, 484-224-3444

Independent Living

benefit: The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living presents "You Can't Stop the Beat," a Broadway-themed gala, beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 6, The Barrister's Club, 1114 W. Walnut St., Allentown.

Star of the Day Event Productions, Salisbury Middle School Chorus, Northeast Middle School Singers, Allen High School Chorale, Dieruff High School and Southern Lehigh High School students perform songs from "The Sound of Music," "Sweeney Todd," "Funny Girl" and "Hairspray."

The event honors and benefits young adults with

disabilities enrolled in the organization's "School 2 Life" program.

The gala is sponsored by Carol Walck & Associates, Lehigh Valley Health Network, PPL, St. Luke's University Health Network, McDermott Investment Advisors, LLC, Steel Valley Investment Group of Raymond James, the Jeremy Carroll Foundation, and The Morning Call.

Ticket information: lvcil.org/s2l-gala, 610-770-9781

Project Child benefit: Project Child hosts its eighth annual "Have a Heart for Children" dinner-dance, featuring the Philadelphia Funk Authority, beginning at 6 p.m. March 8, Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main St., Bethlehem.

Proceeds benefit initiatives designed to reduce child abuse in the Lehigh Valley. Project Child is a program of Valley Youth House.

Ticket information: valleyyouthhouse.org, 610-820-0166

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Giving in to new technology

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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Here's a snippet from real life that illustrates changing values.

In New York, a man was robbed by a gunman who demanded his cell phone. The guy handed it to him.

But after the gunman saw it was one of those old slider models from years ago the robber didn't want it. He handed it back to the guy.

My daughter took delight in sending me the article because I had the exact same cell phone. I've had it for a lot of years, much to my family's dismay.

They keep insisting that I "upgrade."

I don't get compelling reasons when I ask why.

My young grandkids insisted they would send me text messages and photos if I had a phone that could do that.

"I have email and you never send me email," I responded.

"Nonna, NO ONE emails any more," laughed my 13-year-old granddaughter.

My daughters stay in close contact each day by texting each other. They tell me I won't miss out on moments they want to share if I get a phone that can text.

I respond by saying I can stay in touch each day through an old-fashioned telephone, something they now call a landline.

When my older daughter came to Florida to visit, I pulled out my cell phone to make a call. She doubled over in laughter when she saw the phone.

"You've never been the type to shy away from new technology. What's with your refusal to get a smart phone?" she asked.

Well, in my case, it's my desire to cling to the old-fashioned value of thrift. I work hard to keep my monthly costs under control. Buying a cell phone is one thing. But paying those steep charges for a two-year monthly contract doesn't square with my idea of thrift.

I believe it's a financial trap to keep buying new products then switch to better models when new ones come out.

People complain they can't keep up with their bills the way they used to. But they fail to realize one small part of the reason is paying for new technology and new services.

Cable TV is at least three times more expensive now because we have live streaming and other services we never had. Even buying a TV has escalated in costs because we now expect so much more.

Here's another true life story.

Our church has a wonderful Saint Vincent DePaul Society that helps the poor. We have an office where poor people can come in and have their needs met. Usually that means food, clothing or a few pieces of furniture.

One day a client came in and said she didn't have a TV. Could they supply her with one?

The volunteer worker took the woman to a shelf

where the donated TVs were stored. She picked the one she wanted.

The following week she brought it back.

"What's wrong?" asked the volunteer. "Doesn't it work?"

The woman said it worked but it wasn't what she wanted. "I want a flat screen TV and I want one bigger than this old-fashioned one," she said.

I'm so happy I wasn't manning the volunteer desk that day because I would have had a hard time not saying, "Are you kidding me?"

Instead, the volunteer just took her once again to the donated TVs and showed her there weren't any big, flat-screen models.

The woman was miffed but had to leave with the one she was first given.

Talk about heightened expectations.

We have to have the latest car, the latest gadgets, whether we can afford them or not.

At Christmas, my daughters said the family should buy me a new cell phone. I refused the offer.

Right before Christmas, my cell phone carrier had a sale. I could get a nifty new Smart phone, complete with Siri, for 86 cents.

I went to inquire about total costs for a new plan and stood there trying to determine if I could afford it. "What? You don't think you can afford 86 cents?" asked the incredulous clerk. I told her it was the monthly costs that bothered me. When I learned contract prices had fallen to a point where I could justify having a new phone, I bought the Smart phone that was on special.

Much to my astonishment, as I waited to complete the transaction, two other people came to the desk to trade in their "old" phone for a new one. Their "old phone" was the exact model I just upgraded to.

"See - there are much newer models out now," said one woman who warned me I wasn't making a good choice.

"You'll be back wanting a better model," the sales clerk said. No way!

At first, I couldn't use any of the features on the phone. My daughters are trying to help me navigate to the next century.

I must admit when I went into the rehab facility I was so grateful to have the phone. Since there were no phones in the rooms, it was the only way to keep in touch with friends and family.

I resisted texting because I have a hard time using those tiny keys. But now that I'm doing it, I have to admit it's fun to carry on a short "conversation" with both daughters at one time.

OK, I have to admit it. Sometimes you have to break down and buy that new technology. I guess once every ten years is not that bad.

Calcium recommendations for women

Q. I'm a 73-year-old woman. How much calcium do I need?

Women who are older than 50 should be consuming 1,200 milligrams of calcium a day. Older women need plenty of calcium to prevent osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis, or porous bone, is a disease characterized by low bone mass and deterioration of bone tissue. Osteoporosis leads

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to an increase risk of bone fractures typically in the wrist, hip and spine. One in two women and one in four men over the age of 50 will break a bone because of osteoporosis. Women have less bone

tissue and lose bone faster than men because of changes from menopause. Small, thin-boned women are at greater risk. Caucasian and Asian women are at highest risk. Age is a major risk factor because bones become thinner and weaker as you age. Heredity can also increase fracture risk.

There is more calcium in your body than any other mineral. About 99 percent of the calcium is in our bones and teeth. However, each day, we lose calcium through our skin, nails, hair, sweat, urine and feces. Our bodies cannot produce new calcium. When we don't get enough calcium for our body's needs, it is taken from our bones.

In addition to building bones and keeping them healthy, calcium helps our blood clot, nerves send messages and muscles contract.

To get enough calcium, eat dairy products such as milk, yogurt and cheese. Broccoli, spinach and other green leafy vegetables are also a good source of calcium.

There are foods that have calcium added to them. These fortified foods include include bread, soy-based drinks, cereals, tofu, orange juice and bot-

tlled water.

Here is a list of foods with average serving sizes and milligrams of calcium:

- Skimmed milk: 200 ml, 244 mg
- Low-fat yogurt: 150 g, 210 mg
- Cheddar cheese: 40 g, 296 mg
- Broccoli: 85 g, 34 mg
- Red kidney beans: 105 g, 75 mg
- Almonds: 26 g, 62 mg
- Cheeseecake: 120 g, 94 mg
- Ice cream: 75 g, 75 mg
- Salmon: 100 g, 91 mg
- Pasta: 230 g, 85 mg
- White bread: 30 g, 53 mg
- Apricots: 160 g, 117 mg
- Orange: 160 g, 75 mg
- Tofu: 100 g, 510 mg
- Pizza: 410 g, 873 mg

You can take calcium supplements, but you should try to get the recommended daily amount of calcium you need from food first. Take supplements only if you come up short on calcium from your usual diet. Calcium supplements are available in a variety of forms, including tablets, capsules, chews, liquids and powders.

Don't take supplements without consulting a physician. Seniors take lots of medicines and supplements can interfere with them.

To determine how much calcium is in a food, check the nutrition facts panel on the label for the daily value (DV) of calcium. This amount is based on 1,000 mg of calcium per day. For example, 30 percent of DV of calcium equals 300 mg.

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Theater Review: "Other Desert Cities," Civic Theatre

LV Auto Show gala benefits St. Luke's HealthStar vans

The preview gala for the annual Lehigh Valley Auto Show at Goodman Campus, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, benefits St. Luke's University Health Network's HealthStar community health vans.

The preview gala, chaired by Lynn Rothrock, begins at 6 p.m. March 19.

The 2014 Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Show, sponsored by the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association, is March 20-23.

The gala beneficiary was announced at a press conference Feb. 24 at St. Luke's Anderson Campus, Bethlehem Township.

St. Luke's University Health Network's HealthStar community health vans provide medical, dental and vision services to medically underserved children at schools, group homes and community agencies.

"St. Luke's Mobile Health vans serve more than 20 school sites and nearly 20 community agencies in the greater Lehigh Valley, with visits reaching 3,500 in 2013," said Bonnie Coyle, MD, MS, Director of Community Health, St. Luke's University Health Network.

"Fifty percent of the children receiving dental care on St. Luke's dental vans have no dental insurance. Nearly one-third of the children and adolescents seen on the vans have no health

insurance, and for many, these visits are the only medical and dental care they receive," Coyle said.

This year's auto show theme is "How fast are you going?"

Gala attendees will be among the first to see the newest car makes and models from more than 25 different manufacturers while experiencing a taste of the world's best racetracks.

The "moveable feast with entertainment" travels through three venues, starting with appetizers, with an international flair to celebrate Grand Prix racing at Le Mans (Stabler Arena), moving to entrees that show off the finest of Southern hospitality to please any NASCAR fan at Talladega Superspeedway (Rausch Fieldhouse) and culminating with a dessert competition by SkillsUSA students at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (West Pavilion).

The four-day auto show features more than 110,000 square feet displaying more than 300 vehicles, including new 2014 models.

"With new car sales expected to top \$16 billion for the first time since 2007, and increase at least 6 percent over last year, this is a must-attend event for everyone considering a new vehicle lease or purchase" said Tom Kwiatek, Executive Director of the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association.

"We expect this year to be a great year as so many consumers deferred sales during the recession. In addition, more than 300,000 more leased cars will be returned for new lease or purchase than in 2013," Kwiatek said.

Highlights of this year's show include:

Ride and Drive Programs for Lincoln, Ford and Nissan;

Pocono Speedway display and "Pit Crew Challenge" ticket giveaways;

Muscle Beach Revisited, with America on Wheels Museum displaying six "muscle cars," including a 1964 Mustang, a 1966 Camaro, Challenger and GTO;

Van Diemen Formula SCCA (Mazda) Racing Car belonging to Dr. William Burfeind, thoracic surgeon at St. Luke's;

Donley Awards of Excellence Winners: At 10 a.m. March 20, the Donley Award-winning students chosen by area high schools open the show; and

Community Days: On March 20 and 21, the auto show features displays by local nonprofit agencies. Participating agencies have discounted auto show tickets available prior to the show, with proceeds benefitting the organization. Participating nonprofits include: America on Wheels, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Community Services for Children, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, Cancer Support Community, Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley, Project Child, Bethlehem Special Olympics, Communities In Schools of the Lehigh Valley, Easter Seals of Eastern Pennsylvania, Via of the Lehigh Valley, Children's Home of Easton, Greater Valley YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Easton, Pinebrook Family Services, Meals on Wheels of Lehigh and Northampton Counties and Mercy Special Learning Center.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association, founded in 1998, is made up of 54 new car franchised dealers with more than 4,200 employees and a combined annual payroll of \$217 million.



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Cetronia Ambulance Corps employees who received Lehigh Valley Health Network's ACS Top Performer Award, from left: John Graves, Paramedic and Crew Chief; Paul Wilhelm, Paramedic and Clinical Coordinator; Larry Wiersch, CEO; Chris Peischl, Paramedic and Director of Operations; John Shambo, Paramedic, and Michael LePearl, Paramedic and Operations Supervisor.

LVHN lauds Cetronia EMS care

Cetronia Ambulance Corps has been recognized by Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) as being the top pre-hospital performer in Lehigh County for Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) care.

The ACS committee recognized Northampton-Regional EMS as Northampton County's top performer for its care of ACS patients.

Cetronia Ambulance Corps was selected by the ACS committee based on performance and commitment to quality care, including an internal quality review of ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) data by LVHN, as well as committee members' opinions.

The awards were presented Feb. 26 at an EMS quality roundtable in which a representative from the American Heart Association reviewed EMS performance data for STEMI care and the impact that the first medical contact has on patient outcomes.

STEMI is the most dangerous type of heart attack. ACS is a type of coronary artery disease that occurs when a blood clot in a coronary artery, stopping or significantly reducing blood flow to the heart. ACS can lead to a STEMI.

"EMS has been very successful at treating patients with ACS over the last several years. We want to celebrate and recognize that success," said Orlando Rivera, ACS & MI Alert Program Coordinator for LVHN.

Cetronia Ambulance Corps, founded in 1955, is a non-profit community-based emergency medical services provider in the Lehigh Valley. Cetronia Ambulance Corps receives more than 44,000 requests for service annually, covering an emergency service area that spans 108 square miles and a non-emergency coverage area that encompasses seven counties.

Cetronia Ambulance Corps employs 125 full- and part-time associates and has 20 volunteers. There is a fleet of 32 vehicles, including 18 ambulances, 11 para-transit vehicles, one supervisor's vehicle, two medic units and a special operations unit.

Cetronia Ambulance Corps represents nearly 900 franchised new car and heavy duty truck dealerships in the Commonwealth.

According to Tom Kwiatek, Executive Director of the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association, it's only that second time in the group's history that a member was honored with the

statewide chairmanship. The Pennsylvania Automotive Association represents nearly 900 franchised new car and heavy duty truck dealerships in the Commonwealth.



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Andy Scott heads state auto board

Andy Scott, President and Dealer Operator of the Scott Family of Dealerships (Cadillac, Chevrolet, Mazda and Volvo), Salisbury Township, is the 2014 Chairman of the Pennsylvania Automotive Association Board of Directors.

Scott has served on the state association's board of directors for 12 years and joined the executive committee in 2008.

Scott, a founding mem-

bers of the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association, has served on its board of directors since its inception. He was the board's first president, and has chaired a variety of committees, including Auto Show, Donations and Nominations Committees.

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Press Photos by Tinamarie Martin
Baskets are everywhere, as Longaberger products were game prizes and door prizes. Organizer Evelyn Broad of Whitehall said 90 percent of the profits go to the church and 10 percent go to the Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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For locations, call 610-782-3254.
Wednesday, March 5: Baked pork loin, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut (garnish), peas and pearl onions, rye bread, applesauce. BB: Meatloaf.
Thursday, March 6: Beef stew, brown rice, broccoli and cauliflower, biscuit, fruit cocktail.
Friday, March 7: Stuffed shells with meat sauce, green beans, dinner roll, banana.
Monday, March 10: Stuffed cabbage, whipped potatoes, carrots, dinner rolls, sugar cookie.
Tuesday, March 11: Apple juice, chicken primavera, rice, spinach, wheat bread, pudding.
Wednesday, March 12: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Creole zucchini, wheat bread, angel food cake.
Thursday, March 13: Grape juice, roast turkey breast, bread stuffing, French green beans, wheat bread, oatmeal cookie.
Friday, March 14: Dill baked fish, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, multigrain bread, banana.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-559-3245.
Wed., March 5, Ash Wednesday: Shrimp tortellini, Alfredo pasta, tossed greens with Italian dressing, Italian bread with margarine, fresh fruit cup.
Thurs., March 6: Creamed chicken over rice, garden vegetable blend, wheat bread with margarine, Mandarin oranges.
Fri., March 7: Spinach cheese soup, tuna salad hoagie, potato chips, pasta salad, oreos.
Monday, March 10: Chicken corn chowder, beef barbecue on a bun, potato chips, sour cream cucumber salad, fruit cocktail.
Tuesday, March 11: Beef stew, fresh biscuit with margarine, green peas, tossed salad with French dressing, rice pudding.
Wednesday, March 12: Breaded pork chop, cabbage and bow ties, pickled beets, wheat bread with margarine, chilled peaches.
Thursday, March 13: Baked lasagna, Italian vegetable blend, Italian bread with margarine, applesauce.
Friday, March 14: Lentil soup, fried haddock sandwich with lettuce-tomato-tartar sauce, cole slaw, dark sweet red cherries.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers filled in.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburts, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburts Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, Pennsylvania 18011, will conduct a hearing to consider, and may enact, an ordinance entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE ALBURTS ZONING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 21 OF THE ALBURTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES) RELATING TO COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS BY CONDITIONAL USE ON LOTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS USED FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "FALL ZONE", TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SETBACK OF A COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FROM A PROPERTY OF LEASE LINE OR STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY MUST NOT BE LESS THAN THE HEIGHT OF THE TOWER (SO LONG AS IT IS NOT LESS THAN THE RADIUS OF THE FALL ZONE OF THE TOWER), TO PERMIT AN EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR TO BE PLACED ON-SITE OUTSIDE OF AN ENCLOSED BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburts Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours. The Alburts Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Executive Secretary at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability.
David G. Knerr, Esquire
Solicitor

Feb. 26, Mar. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:
BILL NO. 9-2014

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BENEFITS UNDER THE PENSION PLAN PROVIDED TO THE TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW CREATING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR ALL NEW ELIGIBLE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor
BILL NO. 11-2014

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR RENTAL OF AN ASPHALT MILLING MACHINE, CONTRACT NO. 14-02 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor
BILL NO. 12-2014 (First Hearing)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS OF EASEMENT FOR PROPOSED TWO (2) GENERALLY TWENTY FOOT (20') WIDE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS ALONG WITH VARIABLE WIDE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS, IN FAVOR OF COPLAY-WHITEHALL SEWER AUTHORITY UPON, ACROSS, OVER, UNDER AND ALONG PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ALONG ROUTE 22, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor
RESOLUTION NO. 2835

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN AND THE PLAN DOCUMENTS OF THE PMRS (NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN) TO APPOINT A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE PLAN CONSISTENT WITH ACT 44 OF 2009. (ADMIN)
RESOLUTION NO. 2836

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF THE POLICE PENSION FUND. (ADMIN)
RESOLUTION NO. 2837
TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL TO ESTABLISH THE POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FUND (ADMIN)
RESOLUTION NO. 2838

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIC TOWNSHIP RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S RECORD RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULE (TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR)
RESOLUTION NO. 2839
TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS, PLUS ACCUMULATED INTEREST FROM THE POLICE PENSION FUND TO FORMER POLICE OFFICER DAVID GILBERT. (ADMIN)
RESOLUTION NO. 2840

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST RETURN TO BE CREDITED TO POLICE PENSION FUND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013. (ADMIN)
Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.
/s/Dennis C. Hower
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
Mar. 5

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GPZRQQGPZJDDPA KRPOQK, IHCAS FHC WQTQW ZH
ZRQG PK DAQH-GQZWD OPZZQWBK?

See cryptogram answer on page B7

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals T

#1,662 FOR RELEASE MARCH 2, 2014

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

GINGER ROOTS ACROSS

- 1 Like a game-ending homer
8 Fireplace residue
13 Armani of fashion
20 Raw metal for smelting
21 Davis who played Thelma
22 Caligula, e.g.
23 She was one of the Spice Girls
25 Arranged, as articles for display
26 "Milk" director Gus Van
27 Kid in diapers
28 "CSI: Miami" star
30 Sea fed by the Volga
34 Jail cell resident
35 Perfect diving score
36 "Turn On the Radio" singer
40 More cagey
45 Oil-catching receptacle
46 Mileage rating org.
47 — gras (goose-liver paste)
48 Eon subunit
49 "Oh yeah? — who?!"
50 Q-U queue
52 Grandson of Elizabeth II
56 Actress Jessica
59 Kennel cry
62 Hen product
63 "Red" or "White" team
64 Comic known for her Tarzan yell
68 Advanced study group
72 George Jetson's son
73 Items needed to make something
76 Take flight to unite
77 Record label since 1950
79 "Always on My Mind" singer
81 Me, in Marne
82 Pres. on a 1970s dollar
84 Suffix with Senegal
85 As curious as —
86 Big name in late-night talk
91 It aired "Moesha"
93 — Nabisco (old corporation)
96 Band of two
97 Pleasures
98 Moist mo.
101 Impersonate
104 Writer Upton
107 Grammy-winning diva
109 Oreck offering, briefly
110 Draw upon
112 Flies of Botswana
113 Scientology founder
118 Golfer's goal
119 Femur, e.g.
123 Make passé
124 Bolshevism founder

15x15 crossword grid with some letters filled in.

- 128 "Sweet" lady of song
129 Duck variety
130 Visual acuity exam
131 Workers going to blazes
132 Animal trap
133 Trait shared by 10 people featured in this puzzle
DOWN
1 British judges' wear
2 Atlas statistic
3 Forsaken, old-style
4 Ski mask or tuque
5 Partner of "aah"
6 Italian monk's title
7 Sharpie and Flair products
8 Rile up
9 Use stitches
10 Obey
11 Interweave
12 Loud salute
13 Neuter, as a horse
14 Apple choice
15 Codeine, e.g.
16 Sketched again
17 Alternative to a fly ball
18 Debt slips
19 " — put it another way ..."
24 Pork —
29 Tuneful way to celebrate something
31 Current unit
32 Beetle type
33 Itsy-bitsy bite
36 Lines on city maps: Abbr.
37 Sooner than, poetically
38 Grotesque
39 Jay-Z music
41 Sound from a lush
42 See 61-Down
43 Act humanly
44 Light shaft
47 Source of Eve's leaves
51 Banks on a runway
53 Fix a mosaic on, e.g.
54 Class using a fridge
55 Ampit, anatomically
57 "No hands!" precursor
58 Kids' author Enid
60 Cupboard pest
61 With 42-Down, Hall-of-Fame Dodgers shortstop
64 Middle mark
65 100 percent
66 Thurman of films
67 More than bi-
68 Wind dir.
69 Afrin target
70 Mil. address
71 Nutty TV dog
74 Two racing Unsters
75 In — of
78 Spanish table wine
80 Kerygan and Sinatra
82 Marinade alternative
83 Bad-mouth
86 PC inserts
87 Yves' "yes"
88 Election abstainer
89 "Sk8er —" (2002 Avril Lavigne hit)
90 No, to Burns
92 More trifling
94 I-M link
95 Lo- — screen
99 GI rank
100 Breathe
102 China's Lao-
103 "Millennium" series heroine
105 Vigil light
106 "To life!" toast
107 City divided until 1990
108 Staples unit
111 Socks away
113 Loll around
114 Designer Gernreich
115 — Reader (magazine)
116 "I've — had!"
117 Baby's pop
120 Most draft-eligible
121 Not yet final, at law
122 — act
125 — Spiegel
126 Seedy bread
127 Steered

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See crossword answer on page B7

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
2900 SOUTH PIKE AVENUE

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE MARCH 2014
TOPIC ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Salisbury Township Planning Commissioners will be holding several public workshops regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments during the month of March 2014.

- 1. MARCH 18, 2014 - TUESDAY starting at 6:00 PM
2. MARCH 25, 2014 - TUESDAY starting at 6:00 PM

Any interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard. Any interested parties who have questions prior to the meeting, may contact the Township Office at 610-797-4000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROJECT: 2014 ADA RAMPS
Macungie Borough, Lehigh County, PA

ENGINEER: Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.

ISSUE DATE: Wednesday, March 5th, 2014

BID DUE DATE: Wednesday April 2, 2014

DELIVER BIDS TO: Chris Boehm
Macungie Borough Manager
21 Locust Street
Macungie, PA 18062

Project Description: Removal existing curb and sidewalk and replacement with ADA compliant ramps constructed with concrete curb and sidewalk as indicated on drawings by Barry Isett & Associates, Engineer.

Contract documents may be inspected and obtained at the Engineer's office at 85 South Route 100, Allentown, PA 18106, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday-Friday.

A bid is requested for the following contract: 2014 CDBG ADA Ramps. Performance, Labor, and Materials Payment Bonds are required as stated in the Instructions to Bidders.

In addition to the Equal Employment requirements of Executive Order 11246 regarding discrimination, the contractor must establish a 3% goal for female participation and a 5% goal for minority participation in his aggregate on-site construction work force for contracts in excess of \$10,000.

In accordance with Executive Orders 11625, 12138, the contractor must utilize, to the greatest extent feasible, minority and/or women owned business concerns.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled at the Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie PA on March 19, 2014 at 11:00 A.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Board Meeting
March 17, 2014 6:00 pm
Arts Academy Charter School
1610 E. Emmaus Avenue, Allentown, PA
Mar. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Whitehall Township Legal & Legislative Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 12th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 Mac Arthur Road, Whitehall, PA.
Mar. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of JEANNE E. GIFFORD, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
Robert G. Gifford, Jr.
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
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Emmaus, PA 18049
or to his attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
Feb. 26, March 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Roller Purchase
The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a Case 2006 SV212 Soil Compaction Single Vibratory Roller or equivalent roller at the Municipal Building at 6272 Route 309, Suite A, New Tripoli PA 18066 until 11:00am on Monday, March 17, 2014 when they will be opened and read.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the proposal, made payable to Heidelberg Township. The successful bidder, within 20 days after the contract is awarded, shall furnish a certified check or a bond guaranteeing performance of the contract with sufficient surety in the amount of 100% of the contract amount or shall have completed delivery and fulfilled the contract.

The bid packet with detailed specifications may be obtained at the Municipal Building or by calling the Township Administrator at 610-767-9297 ext. 14. The Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Janice M. Meyers, Township Administrator
Feb 26, March 5

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CRYPTO SOLUTION
IF ANTONY'S LOVE HAD DEVELOPED SOME NEW MATHEMATICAL SHAPES, WOULD YOU REFER TO THEM AS CLEO-METRIC PATTERNS?

PUBLIC NOTICE
AUDITORS REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Catasauqua Area School District from the Independent Auditor of France, Anderson, Basile and Company, P.C. for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2013, was filed on February 25, 2013, in the at Lehigh County Courthouse, Clerk of Judicial Court and the Northampton County Courthouse, Criminal Department and the Carbon Lehigh I.U. It will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of EARL W. MORY, a/k/a EARL MORY, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Glenn B. Mory, Executor
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to his Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Mar. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of EDMUND W. REISS, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Ronald B. Reiss, Co-Executor
Edmund N. Reiss, Co-Executor
Barbara K. Toman, Co-Executor
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Mar. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of FRANKLIN L. STORM, a/k/a FRANKLIN STORM, a/k/a FRANKLIN LOWELL STORM, a/k/a FRANKLYN L. STORM, deceased, late of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Debra Zalokar Storm, Executrix
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
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119 E. Main Street
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Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED

Leasing of Agricultural Land
The Township of North Whitehall is soliciting bids for the leasing of tillable acreage located within the Township.
Bids will be received until 8:00 AM prevailing time, Friday, March 28, 2014 at the Township Municipal Building, (Ironton) Coplay, PA, and will be publicly opened at approximately 8:15 AM that same day. Any proposals received later than the specified time will not be considered.
Necessary bid forms and instructions may be obtained at the Township Office, 3256 Levens Road, Coplay, PA weekdays 8 AM till 3 PM.
The lease of this land shall be made to the best responsible bidder.
The North Whitehall Township Board of Supervisors hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Brenda Norder, Secretary
North Whitehall Township
March 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeals:
#03 14 001 The Zoning Appeal of Matthew S. Stephens, Stephens Funeral Home, Inc. 310 Krocks Road, Allentown, PA 18031, for a variance from the requirements of The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance Section § 27-306. Table of Permitted Uses by District, to permit a crematorium as an accessory use to the principal use of a funeral home. The property is at the southwest corner of Krocks and Cetronia Roads, and is situated in the R3 Zoning District.
#03 14 002 The Zoning Appeal of Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 8935 Breinigsville Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031, for a variance from the requirements of the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance Section § 27-306(B) to permit a commercial communications tower within the R2 Zoning District. Section § 27-402.R.(2) to permit a freestanding commercial communications tower with a height greater than 50 feet above the natural ground level in the R2 Zoning District and Section § 27-402.R.(1) to permit a commercial communications tower which will be set back less than a minimum distance of the tower height to all lot lines and existing street right-of-way lines. The property is located near the intersection of Breinigsville Road and Butz Road within the Earl Adams Memorial Park (Breinigsville Park) and is situated in the R2 Zoning District.
#03 14 003 The Zoning Appeal of Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031, for a Special Exception as required by the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance Section § 27-306(B) to permit a commercial communications tower within the LI - Light Industrial Zoning District and a Zoning Appeal of Section § 27-402.R.(1) to permit a commercial communications tower which will be set back less than a minimum distance of the tower height to all lot lines and existing street right-of-way lines. The property is located at the south east corner of the intersection of Schantz and Grim Roads within the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building Complex and is situated in the LI - Light Industrial Zoning District.
Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Daren J. Martocci, Zoning Officer
Feb. 26, March 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:
30 WEST
MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2013-106
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW
An application to resubdivide and develop five properties totaling 2.70 acres located in the vicinity of unopened North 31st Street and unopened North Marshall Street between Washington Street and Tilghman Street. The plan proposes three lots west of proposed North 31st Street for single family dwellings: Lot 1 with 14,000 square feet and 231.42 feet of road frontage; Lot 2 with 13,607 square feet and 106.01 feet of road frontage; Lot 3 with 14,377 square feet and 75.69 feet of road frontage. The plan also proposes a fourth lot east of proposed North 31st Street containing 1.9865 acres and 161.7 feet of road frontage. Proposed North 31st Street consists of 250 linear feet of new roadway. Washington Street PIN 548658698658 is zoned R-3 Low Density Residential; the remaining four properties are zoned NC Neighborhood Commercial. Elysium Acquisitions LLC is the owner and applicant.
All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.
Gregg Adams, Planner
Community Development Department
Mar. 5, 12

Amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations

pertaining to requirements and standards for traffic impact studies, steep slopes, and standards for alleys and trails.
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APPEAL #1-14

Appeal of Justin Bowersox of 1120 Front Street, North Catasauqua, PA for a special use approval for the property located at 16 W. Race Street, Catasauqua. The Appellant is requesting a special exception permit pursuant to Section 280-25A and Attachment 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish an auto service station/auto repair garage at 16 W. Race Street. The property is located in a GC-General Commercial Zoning District. Auto service stations/auto repair garages are allowed as special exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance.
APPEAL #2-14 Appeal of Wilber E. Hill, Jr. and Rosalind Hill of 215 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA for a use variance from the requirements from Section 280-25 and Attachment 2, the Table of Permitted Uses by District Primarily Non-Residential Districts, to establish a used car sales by internet operation on the property at 211 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA. The property is located in the DC-Downtown Commercial Zoning District in which automobile sales are not permitted.
APPEAL #3-14 Appeal of Wayne Bolt and Darlene Pinto of 4120 Bridge Street, Whitehall, PA. The applicants are requesting a variance from the requirements from Section 280-25 and Attachment 2, the Table of Permitted Uses in Primarily Non-Residential Districts, to establish an apartment on the first floor of the property at 209 Canal Street (208 Front Street, rear). The property is located in a DC-Downtown Commercial Zoning District in which apartments are only permitted if in a building which also includes an allowed principal non-residential use. The proposed configuration of the building does not include a non-residential use, principal or otherwise.
APPEAL #4-14 Appeal of Robert A. Schlegel, Sr. of 25 W. Race Street, Catasauqua, PA for a use variance from Section 280-25 and Attachment 1, the Table of Permitted Uses in Primarily Residential Districts, to establish an additional dwelling unit, an apartment, in the property at 25 W. Race Street. The property is located in the CN-Conservation Zoning District in which neither apartments or conversions are permitted. Any other business that comes before the Board. Applicants must be present for their hearing. Parties interested in a scheduled hearing may review the application and supporting documents at the municipal building during regular business hours.
Eugene L. Goldfeder, Zoning Officer
Feb. 26, March 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in the Estate of WILLIAM H. BOGERT, SR. a/k/a WILLIAM H. BOGERT of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
William H. Bogert, Jr.
2345 Mill Pond Rd.
Quakertown, PA 18951
Jeffrey A. Bogert
2448 S. Albert Street
Allentown, PA 18103
Or to their attorney:
Curtis C. Creveling, Esq.
CREVELING, CREVELING & CAPPELLINI
123 North Fifth Street
610-435-8711
March 5, 12, 19

APPEAL #01-2014

of Pennsylvania Media LLC. 1177 6th Street, Whitehall, PA. 18052. Property located at 466 Schantz Road, Allentown PA. 18106 in an HI -Highway Industrial Zoning District. Lehigh County Pin No. 547589500254. Applicants are requesting the Appeal of the Zoning Officers decision, Chapter 27, Part 26, Sec. 27-2604 5, A. and/or in the alternative, would seek a variance to Chapter 27, Part 14 Sec. 27-1406 regarding minimum lot area requirements for the proposed Advertising (Billboard) Sign and, any other relief as may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.
APPEAL #02-2014 of Mark A. & Tara L. Wiedler 8412 Hensingsville Road, Alburtis, PA. 18011. Property located in a R-Rural Zoning District. Lehigh County Pin No. 5436171815. Applicants are requesting a variance to Chapter 27, Part 5, Section 27-506 and Section 27-507 regarding maximum building coverage and side yard building setbacks for the proposed addition and, any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.
All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 7:00 p.m.
The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Carl L. Best, Zoning Officer
Mar. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburtis Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, Pennsylvania 18011, will consider, and may enact, an ordinance entitled and summarized as follows:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN ORDINANCES TO CONFORM TO BOROUGH CODE SECTION 3321. AS RECENTLY ADDED BY PENNSYLVANIA ACT 2012-43 (INCLUDING MAKING MANY ORDINANCES ENFORCEABLE THROUGH A CIVIL ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING RATHER THAN AS A CRIMINAL SUMMARY OFFENSE AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AND REVISING SUCH PENALTIES; INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTIONS 22-1103 (RELATING TO SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT), 24-411(b) (RELATING TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT), 25-803 (RELATING TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT), 35-203 (RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE), 39-106 (RELATING TO TRAILERS), 41-1201, 41-1202(a), AND 41-1203 (RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL), 46-108(a) AND 46-109 (RELATING TO PEDACYCLES/BICYCLES), 47-105 (RELATING TO RAILROADS), 53-309 (RELATING TO STREET EXCAVATIONS), 53-403 (RELATING TO SNOW AND ICE ON STREETS), 53-502 (RELATING TO GREASING AND REPAIRING VEHICLES ON STREETS), 56-105 AND 56-106 (RELATING TO CURBS, SIDEWALKS, AND WALKWAYS), 56-302 (RELATING TO TREES AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS IN SIDEWALK AREAS), 56-602 (RELATING TO SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS), 58-102 (RELATING TO STREET TREES), 61-102 (RELATING TO PUBLIC USE OF PARKS AND OTHER PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH), 62-113 (RELATING TO ELECTRICITY AND STREET LIGHTING), 64-105(d), 64-106, 64-109, AND 64-110 (RELATING TO WATER-IN GENERAL), 64-302 (RELATING TO WATER-ATTACHMENTS AND CONNECTIONS), 64-413 (RELATING TO WATER-BACKFLOW & CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL), 65-1303 (RELATING TO SANITARY SEWER), 67-901 (RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLES, AND OTHER RE-FUSE), 68-207 (RELATING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS), 69-402 (RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION), 73-105 (RELATING TO DROUGHT EMERGENCIES), 76-108 (RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT), 76-203 (RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES), 77-106 (RELATING TO CURFEW), 84-502 (RELATING TO LOCAL SERVICES TAX), 89-103 (RELATING TO MOVING PERMITS), 89-203 (RELATING TO TENANT REGISTRATION), 91-102 (RELATING TO NUISANCES), 92-107 (RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL), 93-204 (RELATING TO WEED CONTROL), 94-103 (RELATING TO DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS), AND 97-114 (RELATING TO PEDDLING AND SOLICITING).
Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburtis Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours. The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Executive Secretary at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability.
David G. Knerr, Esquire
Solicitor
Mar. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on March 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:
DOCKET # 1780 - Kaiser Pathan, Sheikh M. Ahmed, Ilyas M. Shaikh - 4451 Anthony Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020. Location: 1995 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549803441182, the subject property is located in a R3A Special Care Community Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-73, Sec. 27-104 C, and Sec. 27-104 D (4) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding approval for the proposed use of single-family attached homes, to allow the homes on a single zoning lot and to permit a 30' separation between the buildings. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant.
DOCKET # 1783 - William W. Schneider, PE, CEI Engineering - 400 Spruce Street, Suite 400-A, Scranton, PA 18503. Location: 100 Lehigh Valley Mall, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN54971605091, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 100 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding required frontage for lot on internal mall ringroad for proposed subdivision of lot.
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Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.
MELISSA A. WEHR
Zoning Officer
Feb. 26, March 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board will hear the following appeals on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Complex, 18 Bridge Street Catasauqua, PA 18032.
Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting
Re-organization of the Board.
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