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## Tax agreement closer to approval

By CAROL SMITH  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

With an Oct. 5 deadline to issue bonds for the next phase of the Bethlehem Works Tax Incremental District, the three taxing parties are coming closer to approving the amended agreement.

The Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority (RDA) would like to begin the financing process for the planned improvements to the former Bethlehem Steel property. But for the past several months, Northampton

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

County Council and the Bethlehem Area School Board have been negotiating a more equitable distribution of tax revenues with the City of Bethlehem and the RDA. These negotiations have consequently stalled the RDA's redevelopment plans.

With a threat of litigation if all three parties did not sign the now-amended tax rebate agreement, council approved it by a 7-2 vote. The two dissenting votes at the Sept. 16 meeting

were cast by Ann McHale and Lamont McClure.

McHale objected to the resolution's threat of litigation by county council.

The TIF district was formed in 2000, allowing for the city of Bethlehem, under the authority of the RDA, to make massive improvements to the Southside brownfields property, such as roads, sidewalks and utilities. To finance this redevelopment, the Bethlehem Area School District, Northampton County and the

City of Bethlehem agreed to give up tax revenues from this property. Improvements to the property would attract other developers.

Now 10 years into the 20-year agreement, questions arose as to whether the development of the land had strayed from its original purpose. Ten years ago no one had envisioned a casino standing on the property. The nonprofit ArtsQuest has planned a \$26 million multipurpose performing arts center as part of SteelStacks in the TIF district.

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## SOUTHSIDE Greenway Phase III

Construction  
to begin in spring

By ELISABETH  
 KEMMERER  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Plans for the third phase of the South Bethlehem Greenways were unveiled during a on Sept.

14 public Phase II meeting at the NCC Fowler Family Southside Center.

Construction on this phase is expected to begin in Spring 2011.

Phase two, which broke ground last week, will extend from Hayes Street and finish at the Skate Plaza. Phase three will pick up here and reach to the densely populated area east of Lynne Avenue. At Fifth and Sixth streets, the trail will rise to create an easy access point for neighbors to come down to the greenway.

"Access points like this will stretch along the whole Greenway and provide easy access from the greenway to various areas throughout the Southside," explained Sarah Leeper, project manager at Simone Collins, the landscape architecture firm designing the Greenway. Leeper presented the plans for the third phase at the meeting.

The third phase will also include improvements to Hill, Trone and Hobart streets as well as an access point from the Greenway to the Skate Plaza. Also included are a proposed amphitheater for Parham

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### BASD

## Tiff over TIF

'We weren't  
 sure it would be  
 on the agenda'

By DOUGLAS GRAVES  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Martin Tower's tax increment financing (TIF) wasn't on Bethlehem Area School District's Finance Committee's agenda, but it was still the main topic of discussion at the committee's Sept. 13 meeting.

Lehigh County Industrial Development Authority (LCIDA) solicitor John Lushis said that he had submitted a copy of the Martin Towers TIF project plan to the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) administration hoping to get the controversial plan on the agenda for the Monday night meeting.

School board President Loretta Leeson said the topic was not on the agenda and wasn't sure how the project plan got on the table; a copy was in front of each member's chair when the committee started its meeting.

Leeson said that BASD Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Administration Stacy

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### IT'S NOT A JOB ...



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Post 390, a self-styled "urban tavern," puts a modern twist on the traditional tavern experience, says Freedom HS graduate Al "Pete" Stubbmann, head chef at the Boston restaurant.

## 'It's a lifestyle and I love it'

*"My family  
 has been my  
 culinary mentor  
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 whole, since  
 cooking is  
 what we do  
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 together."*

AL "PETE"  
 STUBBMANN

By PAT KESLING  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

It's Friday night at 10 pm and there is a line of hungry and thirsty thirty-somethings that extends around the corner of Stuart Street and Clarendon near Copley Square in Boston. They are waiting to get a chance to experience what is being dubbed an "Urban Tavern", Post 390 which opened in October.

The team that made Post 390 an instant success includes Chef de Cuisine Al (Pete) Stubbmann, a 2000 Freedom HS graduate and a 2004 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, N.Y. He grew up in Bethlehem Township where he lived with his parents, Al and Mary Stubbmann.

"This was originally a post office with the address of 390. The look pretty much sells it with all leather, wood walls, lots of iron," said the young Stubbmann. "People have reacted so positively. We are so busy it's ridiculous."

Opening a new restaurant is daunting. "I knew it would be hard because it is the type of restaurant that hadn't been done before in Boston," he said.

"Preparing to open gave me a whole new sense of the business end. It's amazing how much more there is besides cooking. We had to train people, spend hours deciding the color of napkins, plan the menu, and be prepared for all sorts of

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'There are two seasons in Afghanistan...'

## Dent reflects on recent war zone visit

**Dent considers the timeline for withdrawal "problematic" because "it confuses people. Some think it is a signal we are running out."**

By BERNIE O'HARE  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

"There are two seasons in Afghanistan - Winter and Fighting Season."

That's Congressman Charlie Dent's Afghanistan assessment, distilled into a single sentence. He said that during a telephone news conference with reporters Sept. 8, at the conclusion of a whirlwind, bipartisan tour of Southwest Asia.

**Afghanistan: We'll know more in December**

Why are we in Afghanistan in the first place? Some might argue it's imperial ambition. Others might claim it is a reaction to the 9/11

attacks, which were originally planned in that desolate country. But it's very likely that, believe it or not, nuclear deterrence is a major reason as well. If Afghanistan continues to spiral out of control, the Taliban will soon be in control. From there, it will have a safe haven from which it can continue to destabilize Pakistan, which just happens to have 90 nuclear warheads.

So how are we doing? Too soon to say, according to Dent. He was briefed by General David Petraeus on "village stabilization efforts," where a relationship is developed with tribal elders, after which local police are recruited

and trained. This has happened successfully in about 20 villages, but Dent cautions there are a few thousand. He visited two of these "stabilized" villages, but adds "it's still very dangerous there."

The chief goal is to empower local governments. Historically, Afghanistan has never really had a central government. Another goal is to prevent the country from becoming a "breeding ground for terrorists."

Although generally supportive of President Obama's strategy, Dent considers the timeline for withdrawal as "problematic" because "it

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John Quigley, Pa. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources acting secretary, speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony.



PRESS PHOTO BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Groundbreaking dignitaries include Alice Gast, Lehigh University president; CACLV Executive Director Alan Jennings; John Quigley, Pa. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources acting secretary; Mayor John Callahan; Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem President Robert DeSalvio; PennDOT's Mike Rebert; and Roger Hudak, Mayor's South Side Task Force chair.



Mike Rebert, Pa. Dept. of Transportation District Five executive, speaks at the groundbreaking.



Alan Jennings, executive director of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., says the Greenway has already helped spur the development of luxury townhouses on Evans Street.

## Greenway 'a transformation'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Groundbreaking for the next section of the South Bethlehem Greenway took place at South New Street and the Greenway Sept 9. Work on this section of the trail, which will run from South New Street to Fillmore Street, began last week.

The trail will be extended to Hayes Street this fall if the Bethlehem Area School District approves a tax agreement with the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation site.

When complete, the greenway will run from Union Station to Saucon Park. The trail will be an integral link by connecting many trails already in the area, Mayor John Callahan said.

"One of the reasons why we've been so successful in attracting new businesses and new jobs to our region is because of our efforts to improve our community and this new greenway is a part of that process," Callahan said.

The first section of the Greenway was completed in October 2009 in conjunction with the Skateplaza, with \$400,000 in financing from the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem.

PNC Bank has committed \$150,000 to completing the section at Hayes and East Third streets as part of construction of their new bank.

Funding to date totals \$6.3 million with \$1.5 million of that from the city. Additional funding is from Northampton County (\$1.1 million), Pa. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (\$1.05 million), PennDOT (\$2.64 million) and Southside Vision 2014 (\$20,000).

The greenway will be a "transformation going from having train tracks going through your back yard to having a park going through your back yard," said Alan Jennings, executive director of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley Inc.

It will be a linear park, 60 feet wide, with a 10-foot paved trail running through it. Lehigh University students in the University's Integrated Learning Experience (ILE) program will conduct a research project interviewing residents and local businesses to learn what they would like to see as a part of the park. This is the first ILE project extending to the community around Lehigh University. Their final report will be part of a grant

proposal to fund construction.

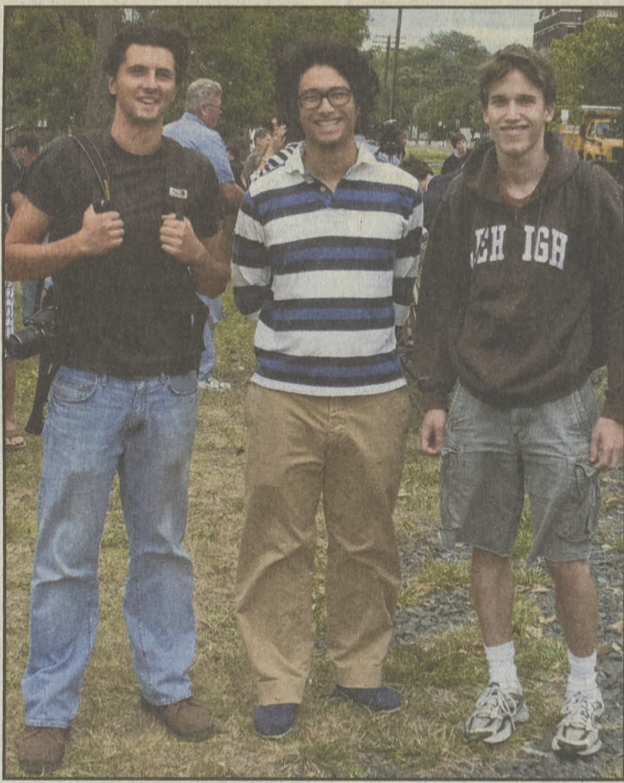
Students will research "what do residents want beyond the pavement," explained Dale Kochard, assistant vice president of Community and Regional Affairs at Lehigh University. "We really believe this can be a real attraction to residents on the Southside."

The park may include things like community gardens and playground equipment.

Lehigh students involved are excited about the opportunity. Mario Delgado, one of the ILE students said, "I want to give a little more back to the city I've lived in. I've had a great four years here."

"This is a great opportunity for the Lehigh University students," said Evan Cerilli, a Lehigh student. "We will have one team focused on what we are able to learn for the report to go to the grant, and a second team integrating with the rest of the campus community."

"This is my chance to be doing a project I want to do for a profession," said Aaron Moskowitz, an ILE student who is looking forward to coming back to his five or 10-year reunion to "see a lasting impression we have made."



Evan Cerilli, Mario Delgado and Aaron Moskowitz are three of the Lehigh University ILE students that will be working on the Greenway project.

### PHASE III

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Park, safer intersections, smoother transitions between green spaces and several open views to the greenway in surrounding areas. Trees, benches, waste receptacles and the traditional Southside streetlights planned for the entire Greenway will also be implemented.

Once completed, the Greenway will stretch along the rail line from Union Station to Saucon Park, transforming the area into a three-mile-long park.

Officials expect the Greenway to reap big economic rewards for the neighborhood by attracting visitors from either side of the rail line and providing more complete access to the Southside, including the business district. They are encouraging the community to take advantage of the



LEFT: Sarah Leeper, project manager at Simone Collins, explains Phase III of the Greenway project. RIGHT: Darlene Heller, director of planning and zoning for the City of Bethlehem, answers questions about the Greenway.



opportunity to be a part of how these plans develop.

"It's unique to have a rail to rail opportunity like this to create such a rural place in the midst of an urban setting," said Diane Heller, director of planning and zoning for

the City of Bethlehem. "Improvements like this turn a whole neighborhood around. That's why it's important that those improvements are directly connected to the community. The purpose of these meetings is for the

community to ask questions and offer feedback."

Phase three was federally funded through a \$1.64 million Pa. Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) grant from PENNDot. PCTI funds smart transportation projects that specifically tie transportation to land use. With this, Northampton County provided \$1.1 million for acquisition from their Green Futures Fund.

The Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) provided a \$1.5 million grant for every phase of the project with \$600,000 for acquisition and \$450,000 for design through their "Community Conservation Partnership Program." This program funds the acquisition and development of public open spaces for recreation resources for community organizations and non-profits.

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**STATE POLICE**

**Holiday citations**

During the Labor Day holiday weekend, Sept. 3 to 6, officers from the Pennsylvania State Police's Troop M investigated 45 crashes which resulted in 15 injuries and two fatalities. Of those crashes, five were alcohol-related.

According to state police, 1,232 citations were issued, with more than half being for speeding; 25 motorists were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI); and 64 citations were issued for seat belt violations. In 2009, only 760 citations were issued during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Troop M covers Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks counties.

**AREA POLICE**

**Paraphernalia**

Freemansburg police arrested a man Aug. 22 after he was reportedly found stumbling around near the Freemansburg Avenue mulch plant.

According to police, an officer observed 47-year-old Frank Wrecsics, of the 2000 block of Schwab Avenue, walking unsteadily in the street. When confronted, he allegedly emptied his pockets on the patrol car hood without being asked. The contents of his pockets included medication bottles and a knife, police said.

Police offered to take him home, but when they arrived at the given address, a female resident said she had no idea who he was. At this time Wrecsics was looking spaced out and picking at things in the air, police said.

They later searched him and found five needles in his pants.

Wrecsics is charged with paraphernalia and possession of a weapon, but breath tests indicated he had not been drinking.

**CITY POLICE**

**Drug possession**

Police arrested 26-year-old Israel Soto, of 420 E. Locust St., for possession of drugs Sept. 9, following an alleged incident last year.

According to police, in December Soto arrived to make a delivery of cocaine to a confidential source in the 500 block of Pembroke Road. Laboratory results have confirmed the material sold was cocaine, and Soto is charged with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. He was remanded to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$15,000 bail. Police said Soto is a self-professed member of the Latin Kings gang.



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The Bethlehem Police Department's older-model, blue-striped cars are being replaced by new patrol units which feature a black-and-white color scheme. Less expensive than the blue decaling currently being used, the designs painted on the new cars include small U.S. flags, badge replicas and individual unit numbers on the roofs for aerial identification.

**BPD takes cars back to basics**

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Sweeping through the department on his day off, Bethlehem Police Commissioner Stuart Bedics happily handed out a few photocopies to press members the morning of Aug. 30, as he informed the community that the city's "black-and-whites" will actually be returning to that classic color scheme, by losing their long-used blue striping.

While hardly a pivotal decision for the department, it is one based in tradition, fiscal responsibility and practicality.

The press release, written using detailed research by Deputy Commissioner Jason Schiffer, tells of California police departments originating the eye-catching black and white scheme in the 1940s. It became ubiquitous throughout the country over the decades but became less popular in the '90s. The new century has seen a resurgence in its use and popularity with citizens.

Schiffer said the color schemes of the eight new cars — replacements for older models — are less expensive than blue striping and are more readily

visible and identifiable on the street. The Ford Crown Victorias also include small American flag decals, replicas of an officer's badge, and for the first time the department's motto, "In partnership with our community," which has never been well-branded. Also new are identification numbers on the roofs of the vehicles.

Schiffer said the idea of adding the numbers began as a joke between himself and Bedics, but that they quickly realized it was a concept with real merit.

"People in our communication center are watch-

ing activity and don't know how to refer to our units. I've seen this kind of activity before: 'The car that just stopped here,' or 'The car that just drove by.' We have all these cameras, maybe we have a legitimate reason for (adding numbers)," Schiffer said.

He said being able to identify units from the air will also prove helpful when coordinating with state police helicopters involved in searches.

The department has the first two units now and should have the rest within the next few months.

**Bethlehem man arrested after Allentown robbery**

Police say suspect may be involved in other cases

By SUSAN BRYANT  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A 31-year-old Bethlehem man arrested Sept. 5 for allegedly robbing a 7-Eleven store in Allentown may be connected to several robberies or attempted robberies of hotels and convenience stores in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

Lehigh County District Attorney Jim Martin and seven law enforcement agencies announced at a press conference at the Lehigh County Courthouse Sept. 7 that Philome Cesar, with a last known address in the 1900 block of Gatewood Lane, Bethlehem, was arrested shortly after the robbery.

Martin said between late May and Sept. 5 there were 28 robberies or attempted robberies of hotels and convenience stores, which occurred in the early morning hours.

"The locations of the robberies stretched from Fogelsville in the west to Hellertown in the east, and from south Allentown to Whitehall Township to the north," Martin said.

The suspect was described as a black male,



PRESS PHOTO BY SUSAN BRYANT

Allentown Police Chief Roger McClean, Bethlehem Commissioner Stuart Bedics and South Whitehall Township Police Sgt. Thomas Gersbach at the press conference.

about 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, left-handed, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and dark jeans with a muted design and carrying a silver or silver and black pistol and a face mask, he said.

Martin said in one of the robberies three packs of Newport cigarettes were taken. In another a dark compact sedan was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed.

On Aug. 25 a robbery surveillance task force comprised of about 35 police officers from across the Lehigh Valley was

formed to work from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily, under Lehigh Chief County Detective of Narcotics Joseph P. Stauffer.

Martin said that while the surveillance team was on patrol Sept. 5, the 7-Eleven at Front and Susquehanna streets in Allentown was robbed at gunpoint shortly after 3 a.m. A report of the robbery — which included a description of the suspect as a black male wearing a mask, a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans with a muted design, and carrying a silver and black pistol in his left

hand — was immediately broadcast to the surveillance task force, Martin said.

He said while Allentown Police Detective Jose Lebron, a member of the surveillance task force, was on patrol, he subsequently observed a dark blue Saturn sedan traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of American Parkway and Ridge Avenue.

Martin said Lebron followed it to a parking lot near Second and Green streets in Allentown, where he observed the driver change clothes. The driver of the Saturn was a black male, about 5 feet 9 inches tall.

"Upon subsequent investigation, a black hooded sweatshirt and dark jeans with a design, consistent with the description of the suspect in the 7-Eleven robbery, were observed in plain view of the Saturn," Martin said.

He said a search warrant was obtained and during a search of the vehicle a loaded .40 caliber Smith and Wesson silver and black semi-automatic pistol, a mask, See **POLICE** on Page A7

**CITY POLICE**

**Drugs/fleeing**

Jeremy Johnson, 31, of Johnson Street, was arrested the night of Sept. 3, and then again shortly after arriving at police headquarters.

According to police, Johnson was arrested at the Firehouse bar on Broadway by state parole officers. By the time police returned with him to the department on East Church Street, the man had laid down on the back seat claiming he was feeling ill. They rolled the window down for him, and as they stopped in the underground parking garage he suddenly made a run for it, having somehow slipped out of his handcuffs. Police described him as "really skinny."

Johnson allegedly ran down to Sand Island, before diving into the water.

Officers, however, did not let him get across the Lehigh River.

Johnson is charged with possession of a controlled substance, reckless endangerment, possession with intent to deliver, false ID to law enforcement and escape.

**Auto theft**

A woman reported the theft of her car from the Sands Casino parking garage around 5 p.m. Aug 19.

According to police, the victim was inside the casino and had her cell phone alarm set for when it was time for her to leave for work. When she got to the sixth floor of the garage, however, she found only shattered glass where her Nissan Pathfinder had been parked. She allegedly had left the keys inside the vehicle.

Police are reviewing surveillance camera footage from the garage to identify the perpetrator.

**Burglary**

Residents in the 300 block of Georgia Avenue reported their home was burglarized over the Aug. 6-8 weekend, while they were away.

According to police, the actors gained entry by breaking a rear kitchen window. Closets and drawers were rifled through and a number of items, including a humidor full of cigars, a laptop computer, coins and jewelry were stolen.

Also missing from a specialized, though unlocked, cabinet, were six firearms: a Browning, a Remington, .22 caliber and Kentucky muzzle-loading hunting rifles and a pair of pistols. Police were not specific about whether ammunition was also taken.

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**BRIEFLY**

**Walking Purchase Park cleanup day**

**BRIEFLY**

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**Boombas concert set for Sept. 26**

Westminster Village Auxiliary Board is hosting a "Bach to Boombas" concert at 3 p.m. Sept. 26. The one hour concert will be held in Westminster Village Commons, 803 N. Wahneta St., Allentown. Vocal and instrumental performers include Kit and John Cotton, Charles and Melanie Shimer and their son Joel of Emmaus, several young pianists and Westminster Village residents Dorothy Sloand and Susannah Wolfe. Walt Bauman with his boom-bas will also entertain. There will be refreshments. There is a suggested donation request. For more information, call 610-782-8567.

**COPS 'N KIDS**

**New series starts Oct. 2**

The Cops 'n Kids program continues in October with programs from 10 a.m. to noon at the Reading Room, 4th floor, Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. 3rd St.

The First Saturdays series, Oct. 2, features the Bethlehem Fire Department personnel sharing "Fire Safety Tips." Other October events include the Third Saturday series, Oct. 16, with police department fitness trainer Mike Ogrodnick and others leading the President's fitness challenge. The last of the month's programs is the Fourth Saturdays series, Oct. 23, featuring King School with Beth Johnson, for children in pre-school to second grade.

All programs require pre-registration. Call 610-861-5526 or visit [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org).



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Greg Horwath, of Bethlehem, and Greg Currier, of Salisbury Township, sit atop a load of trash collected during the cleanup day. Currier holds a "No Dumping" sign, under which a load of discarded items was found.

About 35 people from a diverse group of local organizations gave up their Saturday morning June 26 to help clean up a huge amount of household trash dumped along Constitution Drive, in the Walking Purchase Park that abuts the Lehigh River and the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way in Salisbury Township. "This event was the first of several efforts scheduled to clean up Walking Purchase Park," said Virginia Savage, Lehigh County's manager of Main Street Initiatives. "We will host larger cleanups this fall." The park was named after the "walking purchase" that set boundaries during the formation of the commonwealth in colonial times.

**TRINITY U.C.C.**

**Applefest sale set for Sept. 25**

Trinity U.C.C. Church will hold its fifth annual Applefest and bake sale from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at the church, 81 E. North St. There will be light food selections, a children's corner, theme baskets and apple items. Parking is available in the lot across the street.

**SAT**

**Prep course starts Sept. 25**

The City of Bethlehem Southside Recreation and Kaplan Test Prep will sponsor 10 sessions focused on score-raising strategies, content review and complete preparation for the SAT. The course is open to low-income residents of the Southside. Students will be accepted to fill 18 available spots on a "first come, first served" basis. All classes will be held at Lehigh University on Thursdays and Saturdays. Classes start Sept. 25. Call 610-997-7971 for information.

**BAPL**

**DVD workshop set for Sept. 29**

The Bethlehem Area Public Library, is hosting a free workshop at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 at the main library, 11 W. Church St. Instructor Darlene Frank will teach participants how to download photos and videos to a computer and add text and music. If possible, attendees should bring a fully charged laptop. Registration is limited to the library's service area. Register online or call 610-867-3761, ext. 259.

**Zoners OK new Weis Market sign**

**HANOVER TWP.**

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

Unless armed with a GPS system, compass or machete, it's pretty hard to find the Weis Market located at the intersection of Route 512 and Crawford Drive.

"It's almost like the building is in a forest," remarked Hanover Township Zoner Vincent Horvath.

Surrounded by a forest of 20-foot tall evergreen trees, a 14-foot high, pole-mounted sign obscured by all those trees is all but invisible. And that's why Weis Market Director of Architecture David Gill was before the Zoning Hearing Board Aug. 26.

According to Hanover Township Zoning Administrator Yvonne Kutz, those trees are protected.

Zoning regulations prohibit their removal unless they are diseased or damaged, Kutz said.

So Gill asked zoners to allow Weis Markets to replace what he called a "commercial gas station lollipop" sign with two 7-foot high monuments, both located near the Route 512 and Crawford Drive entrances. He argued that the "visibility" of this store is really important to the success of this store" and noted that sales at the Hanover Township store have

begun to "trend down because nobody can see it."

Gill's argument was supported by Pointe North Shopping Center owner Larry Dienar, who told zoners that another tenant, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, left over a year ago, and that he's been unable to rent that space.

"The main problem is visibility," he said. "We want to have a viable shopping center, but we can't do it if nobody can see it."

Gill said the proposed signs would make the area around the store safer, because drivers would be able to identify an

entrance instead of suddenly braking. Finally, he argued that monument-style signs are aesthetically more pleasing.

Hanover resident Bill Stein, whose back yard faces the Crawford Drive entrance, liked the idea of a smaller, internally illuminated sign.

"It'll be nice," he said. Zoners unanimously approved the monument markers upon Weis' agreement to identify other tenants in the shopping center.

Weis Markets, which is headquartered in Sunbury, employs 120 people at its Hanover Township, Northampton County location.

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PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Patient care assistant Tony Roman seeks assistance for one of the hospital 'patients' — a mannequin treated for the effects of smoke inhalation.

## Drill tests hospital staff, responders

By DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A June 17 emergency drill at St. Luke's Hospital was held to test the capacity of staff and emergency responders to handle both an evacuation and surge response in the emergency room.

The test involved a cafeteria fire that resulted in six burn victims, and the resultant smoke infiltration of hospital patient rooms above the cafete-

ria. It also gave the hospital an opportunity to test Stryker chairs, which were used to evacuate mannequin "patients" who were suffering from smoke inhalation.

Hospital staff also manned a command center to ensure that hospital operations were maintained, as well as to evaluate the response and procedures.

Terry Koller, MHA RN BSN FACHE, director of capacity and resource

services, commented, "It's going well. We're learning a lot."

A debriefing among participants, as well as an independent evaluation by a consultant, are designed to find areas for improvement and to identify training and resources that may be necessary to improve emergency responses, Koller added.

The exercise was part of ongoing emergency training efforts at St. Luke's.

## POLICE

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gloves, clothing, a pack of Newport cigarettes and several five and one dollar bills and quarters were found inside.

Cesar has been charged with robbery, theft, receiving stolen property, firearms not to be carried without a license, possessing instruments of a crime, recklessly endangering another person, providing a false identity to law enforcement and driving under suspension in connection with the Sept. 5 7-Eleven robbery only, Martin said.

Martin said Cesar was arraigned before Senior Magisterial District Judge Thomas Murphy and com-

mitted to Lehigh County Prison. Bail for the robbery was set at \$500,000 and a bail of \$10,000 was set for the false identity charge, he said.

A preliminary hearing was held Sept. 13.

"Ordinarily, I would suggest you never assume anything, but in this case I am going to suggest that you do assume something and you draw reasonable inferences," Martin said, when asked if Cesar is connected to the hotel and convenience store robberies.

"The investigation into the 28 robberies is continuing. However, the surveillance detail which operated from Aug. 26 through Sept. 5 has been disbanded and the sur-

veillance discontinued," he added.

Representatives from the various police departments participating in the press conference included South Whitehall Township Police Sgt. Thomas Gersbach, Bethlehem Commissioner Stuart Bedics, Allentown Police Chief Roger McClean, Allentown Assistant Police Chief Joseph Hanna, Allentown Police detectives Danny Gross and Jose Lebron, Whitehall Township Police Chief Ted Kohuth, Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Chief Michael Weiser, State Police Troop M Lt. Brian Tobin, and Lehigh County Chief Detective of Narcotics Joe Stauffer.

## MOMS CLUB Picnic, drive set for Sept. 25

The MOMS Club of Bethlehem Township is holding a family picnic and membership drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 25. The day of food and fun will be held at Louise B. Moore Park, Country

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# County seeks legal expertise regarding Gracedale proposals

By CAROL SMITH  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## NORTHAMPTON CO

Wanting to understand all the legal aspects of a possible sale of Northampton County's nursing home will require some specialized expertise. Northampton County Executive John Stoffa told county council members at their Sept. 16 meeting that his administration would be reviewing Requests for Quotations from lawyers who would be hired to solve labor law, unemployment compensation and state department of health problems if Gracedale, a 725-bed long-term care facility, is sold or leased.

Helping to review lawyers' credentials will be council members Bruce Gilbert, Tom Dietrich and Barbara Thierry. Stoffa said that before publishing any Requests for Proposals that would provide for the alternate ownership of Gracedale, it is necessary to look at all the legal aspects. Council authorized Stoffa to begin this RFP process with an Aug. 19 resolu-

tion. According to the resolution, the proposals would place the highest priority on the maximization of Gracedale's revenues while minimizing operating expenses.

The resolution also states that all proposals will "assure the highest quality of patient care for all current or future Gracedale residents."

As at previous council meetings, the majority of the floor comments focused on Gracedale concerns.

One question raised by Forks Township resident Deb Hunter involved oversight of any sales agreement. Council solicitor

Philip Lauer said that it is possible to "build in standards to be met in the agreement and consequences if not met."

Hunter's concern centered on the availability of long-term care for the medically and financially indigent if the new owners were to decide to no longer take Medicaid recipients.

Councilman Tom Dietrich said that when researching other formerly-owned county nursing homes he found that in all instances the number of Medicaid clients living there was high-

er. Hunter told council members that the best path to any Gracedale

decision was through a voter referendum.

Mario Martinez, a minister who spoke as a representative of the Coalition of Alzheimer's Patients, presented council with more names on a petition to keep Gracedale.

Martinez told council members he plans to continue to collect names.

"We the people are who you are supposed to be serving," he said.

Council President Ron Angle said his privately conducted survey, which polled his Bangor constituents, found the majority preferred a Gracedale sale rather than a 20 percent tax increase. Angle, when pressed by fellow council members and Gracedale supporters, would not release details on how the survey was conducted.

On numerous occasions, Angle has said that Gracedale's financial difficulties will cost the county \$6 million a year in operational expenses, and the county is facing a \$10 million budget shortfall.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARY ELEN KOLLMAN

The Bethlehem Municipal Band celebrated its 75th anniversary June 20. Mayor John Callahan presented Don Kemmerer, the group's conductor, with a plaque during that evening's performance.

## Juvenile Justice Center completes expansion

By CAROL SMITH  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Needing more space for juvenile offenders, the recently completed expansion of Northampton County's Juvenile Justice Center adds beds, a female unit, classroom and office space. County Executive John Stoffa told council members at their Sept. 2 meeting that the center has added 24 beds and a 12-bed living area to house female offenders. Classroom space for additional programs and offices for four probation officers were also part of the

\$5.2 million expansion, which came in \$500,000 under the budgeted amount. Previously, female offenders were housed outside the county at a cost of \$300 a day.

With the new school year beginning, Director of Human Services Ross Marcus said the caseload for the center's staff will increase. With a hiring freeze in effect and seven vacancies yet to be filled, Marcus said Children, Youth and Family staff will be reassigned to handle the increased caseload and to investigate child abuse situations.



# Country Meadows launches in-home personal care service

By JOSH POPICHAK  
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A well-known operator of Lehigh Valley assisted living facilities recently celebrated the launch of a service that will allow local senior citizens to receive personal care in the comfort of their own homes.

At simultaneous July 14 ribbon-cutting ceremonies held at their Bethlehem and Allentown locations, executives and staff from Country Meadows symbolically observed the July 1 launch of Country Meadows At Home, which President and CEO of Country Meadows Retirement Communities G. Michael Leader said is for "those individuals who want to remain in their homes."

"More and more, seniors desire to stay in their homes longer or, if possible, for the rest of their lives. Country Meadows At Home presents an alternative for those seniors who want to age in place," Leader explained in a statement.

Already available in other parts of the state, including Harrisburg and Lancaster, "Country Meadows At Home can help a person remain active and independent, yet benefit from the care



PRESS PHOTO BY JOSH POPICHAK

Country Meadows Retirement Communities recently celebrated the July 1 launch of Country Meadows At Home — a program that offers in-home personal care services to seniors — with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at their Bethlehem and Allentown locations. Pictured at the Bethlehem ribbon-cutting, from left to right, are Country Meadows Employment Training and Supervisor Jill Kares; Campus Executive Director (Bethlehem Community) Patti Rohrbach; Executive Director of Home Care Barbara Seymour; Senior Vice President of Operations Michelle Hamilton; Director of Client Services Linda Chiesi; Associate Executive Director Arielle Knabb; Employment Specialist Kristi Velazquez; and Training Coordinator Iris Diaz. Country Meadows of Bethlehem is located at 4011 Green Pond Road.

of trained caregivers," he added.

In-home care has become increasingly popular with seniors and the launch of Country Meadows At Home is a response to this national

trend, Country Meadows Senior Vice President of Operations Michelle Hamilton said of the new service.

"We want to now take our services out into the community and into people's homes," she said. "We want these people to also have the great services available in our communities."

According to Hamilton, Country Meadows At Home caregivers will provide in-home care to residents who live within five to 10 miles of their Allentown and Bethlehem retirement communities.

The services provided by Country Meadows At Home caregivers are varied and include meal planning, cooking, shopping, errand-running, light housekeeping, medication reminders, transportation to medical appointments, companionship and assistance with personal hygiene.

According to Country Meadows Executive Director of Home Care Barbara Seymour, all caregivers will be trained to provide a high level of care to seniors in their homes.

"What sets us apart from other home care businesses is the rigorous training program which our home care associates must successfully complete," she said, adding that the program "includes classroom instruction and on-the-job training at Country Meadows of Allentown or Bethlehem as well as competency testing and evaluation."

Home care associates will be available to provide in-home assistance for periods ranging from two hours to around-the-clock.

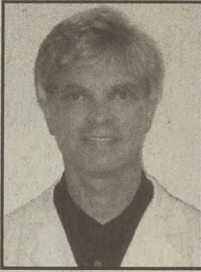
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# Zoners approve grocery store

By ADRIENNE WRIGHT  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## FOUNTAIN HILL

Bottom Dollar grocery store is one step closer to opening up shop in Fountain Hill.

The Fountain Hill Zoning Hearing Board unanimously approved two special exceptions which will allow DHD Ventures to build a Bottom Dollar grocery store in the borough.

The proposed store will compete with bargain grocery outlets such as Aldi and is planned for the 1500 block of Broadway.

Bottom Dollar's parent company owns other grocery store chains along the East Coast, such as Food Lion and Bloom.

Over the summer, the Fountain Hill planning commission approved the same two special exceptions, which will allow for the demolition of historic buildings and the modification of buffer yard requirements.

One of the issues of concern to the planning commission had been whether the store would fit seamlessly into the Fountain Hill environment, particularly since a few historic buildings would need to be demolished. This issue was taken up again at the zoning hearing board meeting.

Mark Bahnick, branch manager of Van Cleef Engineering Associates and the



PRESS PHOTO BY ADRIENNE WRIGHT

Bottom Dollar grocery store would be built in the 1500 block of Broadway, requiring the demolition of three properties, including these residences at the corner of Broadway and Dodson Street.

chief engineer for the project, said he did not think the buildings that would be torn down had any historical significance.

"It's our opinion that what DHD will build there will have an overall positive effect on the area," Bahnick said. "The buildings there now are in various stages of disrepair. The net-net is that the new building certainly won't make the area worse."

Zoning hearing board member Connie Potts asked if Bahnick had done an evaluation of the deterioration of

the existing structures.

"We did a visual inspection," Bahnick said. "But the ordinance only requires that what is replacing the buildings is better than what's being demolished."

The planning commission had asked Travis McVickers, director of construction for DHD Ventures, to take a drive down Broadway to view the existing buildings and consider adding a few architectural flourishes to the rendering of the store that is proposed. McVickers did not have a revised rendering

ready for the board, but he assured them that something would be ready for the next planning commission meeting.

"We've been working with (planning commission member) Parmita Perna-Rios to blend the building into the neighborhood," McVickers said.

DHD also required a special exception for buffer yard requirements, since the barrier they would construct between the store and neighboring residential properties would be slightly less than the ordinance's required 20 feet. However, they would be using trees as a barrier, which Bahnick said would be more aesthetically pleasing than the typical concrete wall.

One resident in attendance at the meeting expressed concern about truck traffic and noise in the borough, particularly at night.

McVickers said the store anticipates receiving two tractor-trailer deliveries per week from the main distribution center, and that deliveries will typically occur during the day.

DHD would also add 75 parking spaces to the area to accommodate shoppers and employees.

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**SOCCER**

# Hawks earn must-win over Vikings

By PETER CAR  
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It was do or die time for Bethlehem Catholic on Monday afternoon when the Hawks took on Central Catholic in an important LVC soccer clash.

With perhaps their season on the line, Becahi came out still breathing, knocking off the Vikes 3-2. It was the type of win that head coach George Andriko sensed his team needed heading into this week's opener.

"We couldn't afford to lose games to teams we're

capable of beating," he said. "We just had trouble putting the ball in the net earlier this year."

The win puts the Hawks back at the .500 mark at 4-4 overall. It's the remedy that Andriko had hoped for after making some lineup changes over the past week.

Moving midfielder Alex Sobkow up to forward from the midfield has provided a spark in the scoring department, as Sobkow has put away four goals on the year. Perhaps even more important was the shift of former defender

Chris Blaszkia to the midfield, where Becahi's offense can now move with more ease.

"Those moves certainly help us," Andriko said, "but we have consistency now. This was our first time all year where we had the same exact lineup for two straight games. That's been key."

Becahi led 1-0 in the first half when Chris Ross scored, but Central evened the count in the second half off a penalty kick goal by Matthew Wagner.

It was one of two penalties that Central was

awarded on the afternoon that nearly came back to haunt the Hawks.

Chris Shaffer and Ethan Bott put Becahi up 3-1 with 15 minutes to play, which seemed to ice the game, but a second PK goal from P.J. Formica made it 3-2.

The Vikes had a chance late with a shot near the six after getting behind the Hawks defense, but the shot went wide, along with Central's hopes for a win.

"We're starting to click now and we're getting our confidence back," Andriko

said. "You got to believe you can win before you get out there and we're believing right now."

Freedom (6-2) inched its way closer to districts by beating Allen 2-0 Monday. Alex Howell and Ali Eser both scored for the Pates to continue their roll.

Liberty (3-6) lost to Parkland courtesy of a second half Ali Famili goal to give Parkland a 1-0 win. The loss pushes the Hurricanes three games back from .500 after knocking off Whitehall 2-1 last Friday.

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Liberty sits at 4-3 after its first seven matches this year.



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Palmer takes first for boys.



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**Cross Country**  
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**Field Hockey**  
9/22 at Northampton 4 p.m.  
9/25 Nazareth at Liberty 12 p.m.  
9/28 Whitehall 4 p.m.  
**Football**  
9/25 Dieruff 1 p.m.  
**Golf**  
9/23 Easton 2:30 p.m.  
**Soccer**  
9/22 at Northampton 4 p.m.  
9/25 at Nazareth 1:45 p.m.  
9/28 Whitehall 4 p.m.  
**Tennis**  
9/23 at Liberty 3:30 p.m.  
9/24 Pen Argyl 3:30 p.m.  
9/28 at Freedom 3:30 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
9/23 at Northampton 7 p.m.  
9/25 at Quakertown Tournament 8:30 a.m.  
9/27 at Nazareth 7 p.m.  
9/28 Lehigh 7 p.m.
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**Cross Country**  
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9/25 Northampton at Whitehall 3 p.m.  
9/28 Parkland at BASD 6:30 p.m.  
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**Golf**  
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9/28 Bethlehem Catholic 3:30 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
9/23 Nazareth 7 p.m.  
9/25 at Ford Tough Challenge Haverford 9 a.m.  
9/27 at Northampton 7 p.m.  
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**Cruz to meet Frederick**

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The card will be televised by www.gofight-live.tv.

Cruz, 23, of Bethlehem, is 9-0, with six KOs, since turning pro in 2009. He boxed seven times that year but only twice in 2010 since suffering a cut right eye in his May 22, fourth-round knockout over Juan Ramon Cruz, of Hartford, CT, at Bally's.

This will mark Cruz' third fight at Bally's, where he stopped Philias Edmonds, of Philadelphia, and outpointed lefty Ashantie Henderson, of Brooklyn, NY.

Cruz is managed by ex-pro lightweight Jimmy Deoria and trained by Alec Morales.

Frederick, 27, is originally from Nassau, Bahamas, but now lives in Fort Myers, FL. A pro since 2001, Frederick scored his biggest win as a pro in his last fight July 16, when he knocked out previously unbeaten (12-0-2) Raymond Charles, of El Campo, TX, in three rounds in Tampa.

Overall, Frederick is 7-3-3, with 4 KOs. He is managed and trained by Pete Fernandez.

Completing the card in four-round bouts: Linwood Hurd, Atlantic City, NJ, vs. Julio DeJesus, Millville, NJ, junior welterweights; Deroey Beaton, Toms River, NJ, See **Boxing** on Page A13



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Kyle Spina (#46) of Freedom leaps but just misses blocking a pass against Allen on Friday night.

# Pates back on track

This week it's a big game against Green Hornets

By PETER CAR  
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Everyone knows it's only a win over Allen, but last week's 48-21 victory by Freedom over their Allentown friends did have some value for a Freedom program that may have been hard on themselves a week earlier following a blowout loss to Central Catholic. The Pates (2-1) got that winning feeling back, which is just what they need this week heading into Friday night's contest with Emmaus (2-1).

The Hornets proved

they had sting after knocking off Parkland 26-19 last week, but this week's task gets even bigger for both combatants.

"It's a huge game for us in terms of importance," said head coach Jason Roeder. "Everyone is trying to figure out where they are in the league and this is going to be a game that tells both teams where they stand."

The Pates built a 41-0 lead in the first half against Allen en route to a mercy rule victory. The win certainly gives the Pates the pat on the back for a win, but doesn't give

them any false pretenses as they head into their second LVC clash of the season.

"We've talked about focusing and improving everyday," Roeder said. "It's a long season and the kids have handled everything the right way. Now, we have to go out and work again this week against Emmaus."

The Hornets are coming off an emotional win over Parkland, where they used 19 second quarter points to spark their way toward their first win over Parkland (1 (2) since 2004. Friday night could be the

case of a letdown for Emmaus, but don't tell Freedom that.

"We don't even think about that," he said. "Emmaus is a balanced team and they're big up front and have speed at their skill positions. This game is he biggest game of the year for us right now and that's how we're approaching it."

Liberty (2-1) fell behind to Nazareth (2-1) 28-7 last week and couldn't get the grips on the game, losing to the Blue Eagles 35-21 in their first road game of the year. See **Pates** on Page A13



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Becahi running back Justin Millan looks for running room, and a block from Jon Bodnar (#13) last Saturday against the Vikings.

# Vikes too much for the Hawks

By PETER CAR  
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The Holy War between Central Catholic and Bethlehem Catholic never turned out to be much of a fight Saturday night at Frank Banko Field. The Vikings came out and set the tone by intercepting Hawks quarterback Luke Petro on the first play en route to six first half turnovers by Becahi as Central made easy work of their rivals during a 35-0 shutout.

Central scored on their first three possessions of the game, building a 21-0 lead, before they appeared to take the foot off their

offensive pedal. Still, six turnovers against the best team in the Lehigh Valley Conference and the top-ranked 3A team in the state, spelled for a dooms day start for head coach Mike Palos and his crew.

But holding the Vikings to one touchdown in the second half, along with the team continuing to battle throughout the contest, gave Palos a sense of hope following Saturday's loss.

"I think we had a great week of practice coming into the game and the kids were focused on what we needed to do," said Palos. See **Hawks** on Page A13

CROSS COUNTRY

# Nate Palmer gets a win

By **KATIE MCDONALD**  
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Freedom's Nate Palmer and Nazareth's Luke Munyan know each other well.

Both competed at the Lion Invitational earlier this month, and both knew what to expect from each other last week, at the first dual cross country meet of the season.

Palmer said, "I was counting on him being here, and I was counting on him hanging back."

Running neck-in-neck for the last mile, it was Palmer who emerged the winner in 16:06.

"Instead of kicking, I tried to string it out longer," said Palmer. "I knew that he was getting tired because he had to close the gap, so he had already expended more energy."

For the first two miles, Palmer held the lead, as Munyan and teammate Steve Ruch ran side-by-side in second place. Then, Munyan pulled up next to Palmer.

Freedom coach Diane Jordan said, "We told him to stay tucked behind and



BY **KATIE MCDONALD**

Nate Palmer of Freedom won the boys race at the Lion Invitational.

let them do the work because we know that Nate has a nice finish."

The Patriots Josh Ehret placed fourth overall and second for Freedom, and Doo Park placed 12th overall and third for Freedom.

"Josh did a really nice job," said Jordan. "Josh and Nate work together in workouts. We have ten to 12 kids who are really close, and that's our goal, for someone to run with

Josh and Nate."

Freedom's boys team defeated Northampton, 26-30, but lost to Nazareth, 24-34. Liberty's boys team also defeated Northampton and lost to Nazareth.

Tommy Darlington placed fifth overall and first for the Hurricanes.

"It was hot, windy, my legs were tired," said Darlington. "I was just going to try and stick with the Nazareth guys, but when they got away, I stayed with Josh [Ehret]. We duked it out the whole race. He just outsprinted me."

Will Updegrove placed seventh overall and second for the Hurricanes, and Zach Martinez placed 13th overall and third for the Hurricanes.

Liberty coach Mark Will-Weber said, "Our guys could have run a little better. We're a work in progress."

Will-Weber is hoping that freshman, Collin Dugan, and sophomore, Matt Allred, will continue to improve with experience, giving the boys' team some extra ammunition.



PRESS PHOTOS BY **KATIE MCDONALD**

Alyssa Boyd, Stephanie Mark, and Kaitlyn John are the Liberty singles players this year.

## TENNIS

# 'Canes get by Dieruff

By **KATIE MCDONALD**  
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Approaching the halfway point of the regular season, Liberty's tennis team was 4-3 after its match against Dieruff last week.

Alyssa Boyd, having moved up from last year's number-three singles spot, boasts a winning record at number one singles this season.

"In number one singles, they hit a lot harder. It's just a whole, other level. All the number one girls are good," said Boyd. "I've been looking forward to this since I was a freshman."

Boyd's match against Parkland was her biggest challenge due to circumstances beyond her control.

"My racquet broke in warm-ups against Parkland, my biggest competition. It was horrible," Boyd said, "but I eventually got the hang of [the other racquet]."

Stephanie Marks is continuing to be successful at number two singles.

Coach Leo Schnalzer said, "I'm really pleased with Stephanie. She hustles on the court, and she does not give up."

Marks played a small number of matches at number-four doubles last year.

"It was hard to adjust, at first. Ground strokes



Courtney Desh and Brooke Correll are the Hurricanes number-two doubles team.

are more important in singles, and volleying is more important in doubles," said Marks.

Sophomore Kaitlyn John is Liberty's number-three singles player.

Schnalzer said, "Kaitlyn's match against Pocono Mountain West was a good match for her. She lost the first set and came back to win two straight. Her strokes have been pretty good. She needs to keep working to take her strokes to a match with confidence."

Brooke Correll, the only senior on the team, is playing at number-two doubles with Courtney Desh.

"Courtney has a really good forehand, and she got better at the net. She hustles," said Correll.

Parkland and Pocono

Mountain West gave Correll and Desh their biggest challenges so far this season.

"We beat Pocono Mountain in three sets," said Desh. "Brooke's serves are very good. She has really good lobs. We try to stay positive."

Lizzie Peters and Emily Smith are playing at number three doubles, and Claire Labanz and Megan George are playing at number four doubles.

"We just need to get a lot of experience and feel positive," Coach Schnalzer said.

This week, the Hurricanes are planning on wrapping up a match against Nazareth that could be decided at number one doubles.

# Jess Cygan takes second

By **KATIE MCDONALD**  
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Liberty's girls cross country team had a 1-2-3 finish last week as Jess Cygan, Amy Darlington, and Vrinda Jagota led the Hurricanes to victories over Nazareth and Northampton.

"It was a bit windy, so my coach said don't start out as fast going into the wind. I tried to do that and keep a steady pace," said Cygan.

Cygan finished the race in 18:06.

"I was a little tired. I'm not quite recovered from the meet at DeSales," she said.

Liberty coach, Mark Will-Weber, was very happy with the Lady Hurricanes' performances.

"The girls did very well today, considering Saturday [at DeSales]. For Jess, it's hard to lead wire-to-wire and do it herself," Will-Weber said.

Freedom's girls were victorious over Northampton, 24-34, but lost to Nazareth, 25-30, in a recent



BY **KATIE MCDONALD**

Shana Peterson was eighth overall.



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Liberty's Jess Cygan was second.

meet. Taking first place for Freedom and eighth overall was Shana Peterson.

"There's a new girl on the block," said Patriot coach, Diane Jordan. "She loves to run. All the girls have been extremely hard-working."

Jordan explained that Peterson, who played volleyball last year, felt that cross country would be a

better fit for her this year. "I was very nervous," Peterson said of her first dual meet. "[Coach Jose Dos Santos] said to keep your pace and gradually move up. That's what I tried to do."

Freedom's Alexa Deemer placed 12th overall and 2nd for the Patriots, and Caterina Atiyeh placed 13th overall and 3rd for the Patriots.

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# Freedom's Boylan wins battle at No. 2

By **KATIE MCDONALD**  
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Freedom's Julie Boylan and Parkland's Lauren Phine battled at number-two singles for 2 1/2 hours last week, before Boylan clinched the Patriots' second win against the Trojans, 7-6, 6-4.

Boylan's teammate Marielle McIntyre was

the only other winner for Freedom, defeating Jenna Peng at number one singles, 6-1, 6-2.

As Boylan walked off the court with scoreboard in hand, McIntyre was the first to congratulate Boylan with a hug, followed by a mutual scream.

"It was a tense moment, definitely," Boy-

lan said, regarding the last point of the match. "I was heart-in-the-throat trying to focus on that point."

For Freedom fans, it was a long afternoon of heart-in-the-throat, as Boylan's first set went to tiebreak. Then, Boylan fell behind, 0-4, in the second set.

"Winning the first set, it was awesome, and once I started winning in the second set. I was down 0-4, and I just told myself, if I kept playing the way I was, I would lose. I had to go for it, and I did," Boylan said.

Freedom coach, Mark Sigmon, encouraged Boy-

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F - Dave Campbell 6-12, Kurtis Koehler 5-12, Shane Uttar 4-8, Jonathan Campbell HR

**Dryland (5-1) at Salem Lutheran (4-1, 3-0)**  
D - Larry Golick 5-12, Lou Dervarics 3-8, Al Gilbert 3-9  
S - Bill Hoke Sr. 4-11, Tim Eichman 4-11, Bryan Frankenfeld 4-12

**Messiah (5-3, 11-10 11inn) at St. Stephen's (5-1)**  
M - Andy Powell 8-14, Harry Schoenberger 7-15, Steve Harper 5-11 cycle, Norm Schoenberger 5-13 HR, Jeff Hasonich 5-15, Rick Hasonich 5-15, Eric Harper HR

**Bath Lutheran (6-2, 5-3) at Salem UCC (7-2)**  
B - Lee Creyer 7-11, Matt Creyer 6-12, Bob Flyte, Jordan Meixsell HR

**C - Dave Dancing 7-14, Joe Hunsicker 7-15, Garry Hunsicker 6-14, Ron Wagner 6-15, Tricia Gasper HR**

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St. Stephen's	3	3	.500
Bath Lutheran	3	3	.500
Salem Lutheran	3	3	.500
Trinity Lutheran	2	4	.333
Dryland	2	4	.333
Ebenezer	1	2	.333
Farmersville	0	6	.000

## LVC STANDINGS

(through 9/19)  
CROSS COUNTRY

### Boys

Team	LVC	Ovr
Easton	2-0	2-0
Nazareth	2-0	2-0
Parkland	2-0	2-0
Whitehall	2-0	2-0
Central	1-1	1-1
Emmaus	1-1	1-1
Freedom	1-1	1-1
Liberty	1-1	1-1
Allen	0-2	0-2
Becahi	0-2	0-2
Dieruff	0-2	0-2
Northampton	0-2	0-2

### Girls

Team	LVC	Ovr
Central	2-0	2-0
Emmaus	2-0	2-0
Liberty	2-0	2-0
Parkland	2-0	2-0
Whitehall	2-0	2-0
Freedom	1-1	1-1
Nazareth	1-1	1-1
Allen	0-2	0-2
Becahi	0-2	0-2
Dieruff	0-2	0-2
Easton	0-2	0-2
Northampton	0-2	0-2

### GOLF

Team	LVC	Ovr
Emmaus	9-0	9-0
Parkland	8-2	11-2
Nazareth	8-2	10-2
Becahi	7-2	8-2
Easton	5-2	7-2
Northampton	6-3	6-3
Freedom	4-5	7-6
Liberty	4-6	4-6
Whitehall	3-6	4-8
Central	2-9	2-9
Allen	0-9	1-11
Dieruff	0-10	0-12

### FIELD HOCKEY

#### West Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Emmaus	4-0-0	5-0-0
Allen	3-1-0	5-1-0
Central	1-3-0	1-4-0
Dieruff	0-4-0	0-5-0

#### East Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Easton	2-1-1	5-1-1
Freedom	2-1-1	3-2-1
Liberty	2-2-0	3-4-0
Becahi	0-4-0	0-6-0

#### North Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Parkland	4-0-0	4-1-0
Northampton	2-2-0	4-2-0
Whitehall	2-2-0	6-5-0
Nazareth	1-3-0	2-5-0

### FOOTBALL

Team	LVC	Ovr
Central	2-0	3-0
Easton	2-0	3-0
Whitehall	2-0	3-0
Becahi	1-1	1-2
Liberty	1-1	2-1
Parkland	1-1	1-2
Emmaus	1-1	2-1
Freedom	1-1	2-1
Nazareth	1-1	2-1
Northampton	0-2	1-2
Allen	0-2	0-3
Dieruff	0-2	0-3

### SOCCER

#### West Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Emmaus	4-0-0	6-1-0
Central	1-2-1	1-5-1
Allen	0-2-1	2-3-1
Dieruff	0-4-0	1-5-0

#### East Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Easton	3-1-0	4-1-0
Liberty	3-2-0	3-5-0
Freedom	2-2-0	5-2-0
Becahi	1-3-0	3-4-0

#### North Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
N'ampton	4-1-0	4-3-0
Nazareth	2-2-0	3-4-0
Parkland	3-1-0	3-2-1
Whitehall	0-4-0	2-5-0

### TENNIS

Team	LVC	Ovr
Parkland	7-0	7-0
Central	6-0	10-0
Becahi	5-0	6-2
Whitehall	5-2	7-2
Nazareth	3-3	7-3
Northampton	2-2	5-2
Freedom	3-4	4-4
Emmaus	2-4	2-5
Liberty	2-4	4-5
Easton	1-4	4-4
Allen	0-6	2-9
Dieruff	0-6	0-8

### VOLLEYBALL

#### West Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Emmaus	4-0	5-0
Central	2-2	3-2
Allen	1-3	2-4
Dieruff	0-4	1-5

#### East Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Becahi	3-1	4-2
Freedom	2-2	2-2
Liberty	2-3	2-3
Easton	1-3	1-5

#### North Division

Team	LVC	Ovr
Parkland	4-0	4-1
Whitehall	2-2	6-2
Northampton	2-2	4-2
Nazareth	1-3	2-5

## VOLLEYBALL

# Becahi rebounds to defeat Easton

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Becahi's volleyball team regrouped after its loss to Freedom last week, and defeated Easton two days later, 25-20, 25-8, 25-23. The Hawks maintained a slight lead for most of game one, but took control in game two. Game three found the Hawks down 12-6 before Becahi made a slow and steady come-

back. "In the first game, we were really sluggish," said Becahi coach, Howard Vernick. "After game two, I thought we'd be great in game three, but we made too many ball handling errors. Mentally, we had to get in the game. We knew it was on the line."

With game three's score tied at 23, Nicole Morin

and Leslie Tintle had back-to-back kills for the Becahi victory.

"I was, at a point, concerned," said senior and captain, Taylor Beck. "Easton definitely came out and played tonight. We just pulled together and decided to finish it up."

Beck had four kills, Morin had five kills, and Nicole Derminio also had

five kills. Leslie-Tintle contributed seven kills and four aces, and Gabby Lacherza added 12 digs. The Hawks are currently playing without sophomore starter and outside hitter, Lauren Hess, who had foot surgery last Friday.

"It's so hard to watch [from the bench]," Hess said. "The bone cracked in the ball of my foot. I'll be

out for three to four months."

Even with Hess's absence, Coach Vernick is confident that the Hawks will continue to be competitive.

"Lauren is a strong competitor, and we do have a very talented team. Once we get used to Lauren not being there, we'll see better playing," Vernick said.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Taylor Kane looks to move the ball up field for Liberty during Saturday's game against Whitehall, which turned out to be a loss.

# Hawks tie; LHS, FHS lose

By PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic nearly got its first win of the season Monday, while Liberty and Freedom continued to slump in LVC field hockey action.

The Hawks hosted Central Catholic Monday afternoon and earned their first positive result of the year, a 2-2 draw with their rivals to move to 0-5-1 on the season.

Jackie Dessaro's two goals in the game forti-

fied the Hawks first draw on the year and marked the second consecutive league game that they have scored in, after going scoreless in their first three contests of the season.

Freedom (3-3-1) is on the skids, as the Pates lost to Allen Monday 1-0 in overtime with Jordyn Warren scoring the game winner in the first OT period.

It's the third straight loss for the Pates, which started back with last

week's 2-1 defeat to Liberty. Since then, they have not scored in a 2-0 defeat to Pocono Mountain West nor in Monday's loss to Allen.

Liberty (3-5) looked to be on the mend following last week's win over Freedom, but the Hurricanes have dropped two straight, giving up four goals in each loss to Whitehall and Monday's 4-0 setback at Parkland.

Things don't get any easier with Allen on the slate today.

## Hawks

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play against Central and that's something we didn't see against Allen. I give them a lot of credit for the way they played, but at the end of the day, you can't turn the ball over six times against any team and expect to win."

Central (3-0) clearly walked away from Saturday's encounter as the most impressive team in the area, as quarterback Brendan Nosovitch contributed four touchdowns on the night, three through the air, racking up 144 passing yards in subdued action.

Sophomore running back Colin McDerrott rumbled his way for 144 yards on the night, including the game's opening score, a 59-yard TD run immediately after Petro's first pick of the night to put the Vikes ahead 7-0.

Central put together 196-yards of offense in their dazzling first quarter

to lead 21-0 and deflate any hope of Becahi (1-2) hanging around for a possible overtime battle, since the two teams traded overtime victories in their previous two meetings.

"They took advantage of our turnovers and they got up on us early," said Palos. "They really are a great team and I don't think the first play of the game [interception] dictated the contest. We wanted to maybe catch them off guard on the first play, but they [Central] made a great play."

With hapless Dieruff (0-3) on the agenda this week, Becahi can soothe their minds with a probable win at hand, but Palos knows that Saturday's loss does have a lesson in it, despite the 35-point deficit.

"I think at times we still have guys that take plays off," he said. "We need 11 guys to play together every time we're out there, but we're still a work in progress. We'll just keep working and getting better."

# Top Ten: not much change this week at the top of the poll

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Heeeeyyyyyy...I'm Tom Ring and I wanna see ya. Wait. Thought I'd wake you up with an eye-catching and annoying intro just like those Kia radio ads. Anyway, here's the picks.

**1. Central (3-0)**  
Last week's rank: #1  
Vikes looked impressive Saturday night, but their four piece band was even better.  
**The Pick: Central 31 - Northampton 10**

**2. Easton (3-0)**  
Last week's rank: #2  
Rovers have a chance to add to Parkland's misery.  
**The Pick: Easton 24 - Parkland 7**

**3. Whitehall (3-0)**  
Last week's rank: #3  
Will the Zephyrs have quarterback Chris Polony

this week?  
**The Pick: Whitehall 21 - Liberty 17**

**4. No. Lehigh (3-0)**  
Last week's rank: #5  
"Chalk another one up for the Bulldogs.  
**The Pick: Nolehi 34 - Palisades 14**

**5. Nazareth (2-1)**  
Last week's rank: #8  
Nazareth can finally breathe for a week.  
**The Pick: Nazareth 45 - Allen 13**

**6. Freedom (2-1)**  
Last week's rank: #7  
Pates second chance at proving their legit.  
**The Pick: Freedom 27 - Emmaus 19**

**7. Emmaus (2-1)**  
Not ranked  
Hornets might be too high after beating an average Parkland team.  
**The Pick: Freedom 27 - Emmaus 19**

**8. Liberty (2-1)**  
Last week's rank: #6  
Hurricanes look to be downgraded again.  
**The Pick: Whitehall 21 - Liberty 17**

**9. Pen Argyl (3-0)**  
Last week's rank: #9  
Knights get to see what they're really made of this week against Wilson.  
**The Pick: Pen Argyl 23 - Wilson 15**

**10. Parkland (1-2)**  
Last week's rank: #4  
I still can't understand how a school with so many kids can be average in football any year.  
**The Pick: Easton 24 - Parkland 7**

Teams that dropped: Northwestern  
Team that entered: Emmaus  
Last week's record: 6-2  
Overall record: 13-2

## Boxing

Continued from page A11 vs. Chris Green, Asbury Park, NJ, junior welterweights; Treysean Wiggins, Newburgh, NY, vs. Miguel Corcino, Camden, NJ, welterweights; Stanley

Harvey, Chesapeake, VA, vs. Rashad Brown, Upper Darby, PA, middleweights. Tickets priced at \$50 and \$75 are on sale at the offices of Peltz Boxing Promotions (215-765-0922) and also can be purchased online at www.peltzboxing.com.

## Tennis

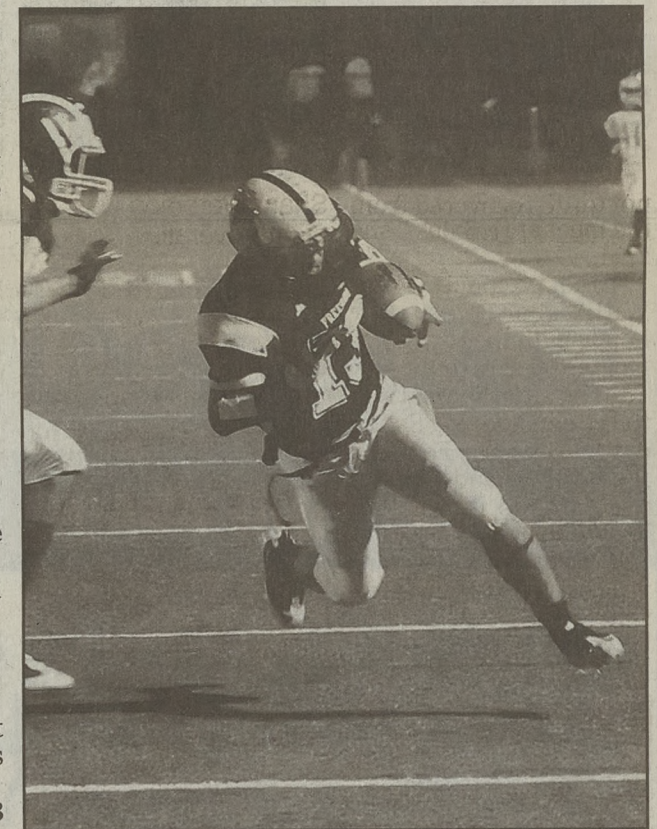
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"I didn't get her past anything," Sigmon credited Boylan. "She's mentally tough. Once Julie won two deuce games, she was in control. She's a fighter. She was great."

Earlier this season, Sigmon looked forward to the Patriots match against

Parkland, hoping it would be a good measure of Freedom's success so far this season.

Sigmon said, "We're not a top-three team yet. We lost to Northampton, a match we should have won. Valeria Ceron [at number-three singles] is close. We need to make big points. We played much better today. We played well. It was a nice match."



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Freedom's Angel Rosado gets around the corner for a touchdown during last week's win over Allen.

## Pates

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Harris and Devon Jones found themselves bottled up, as Liberty's leading rushers during the first two contests of the year could only muster 50 yards on the ground between the two of them.

Fullback Stephen Font-Toomer made headway with a 113-yard and one touchdown performance, along with quarterback Jimmy McCarthy's 79-yards and two scoring runs.

The 'Canes now take on an undefeated Whitehall (3-0) squad on the road Friday night.

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# Broughal hosts 'ribbon-tying'

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A new era for Southside Bethlehem middle school students has dawned, according to the educational, civic and corporate leaders who hosted a "ribbon-tying" ceremony at Broughal MS Sept. 8.

By creating a partnership between the Bethlehem school and Lehigh University's Center for Developing Urban Educational Leaders (CDUEL), the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, and city candy maker Just Born, Inc., a unique initiative which will benefit Broughal's sixth through eighth-grade students has been forged, Principal Ed Docalovich told a crowd of onlookers that included teachers, academic professionals, community members, and of course, students.

"This initiative is so important to the academic success of Broughal students," Docalovich stated, before introducing Bethlehem Area School District Superintendent Joseph Roy.

Roy explained that the brand-new endeavor will benefit Broughal students by giving them access to Lehigh University resources, such as a planetarium.

Declaring that preparing students for future leadership roles "is everybody's business," Roy said that Lehigh will also play a role in helping to develop science curriculum at Broughal.

Lehigh University President Alice Gast, who also spoke at the event, strongly endorsed the expanded relationship she says her school will have with the new Broughal MS, which was built to replace an aged building that was



PRESS PHOTO BY JOSH POPICHAK

A coalition of educational, civic and corporate leaders from the Bethlehem area gathered at Broughal MS for a symbolic 'ribbon-tying' ceremony Sept. 8. The ceremony marked the formal beginning of a new partnership between the Southside school and other prominent area institutions and businesses, such as Lehigh University, the United Way and Just Born, Inc. Pictured, from left, are Bethlehem Area School District superintendent Joseph Roy; Just Born, Inc. Vice President, Brand Development and Corporate Services, Matt Pye; United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley President Susan Gilmore; Lehigh University President Alice Gast; and Center for Developing Urban Educational Leaders Director George White.

demolished last year.

The new Broughal campus, at 114 W. Morton St., is adjacent to Lehigh University's main campus, which borders it to the south and east.

"There is nothing more important to our future than the success of our children," Gast said during her remarks at the ribbon-tying ceremony.

Lehigh students already contribute more than 50,000 hours of service to the community annually, and much of their work is performed "right here in the neighborhood," she added.

In the future, and in partnership with Broughal, Gast said she expects students and staff from Lehigh's College of Education to work together

on "achieving positive outcomes in schools" by performing "work on research that matters."

George White, director for Lehigh's CDUEL, highlighted some of the specific areas with which the center plans to assist Broughal staff and students, such as homework completion.

"We're going to be running after-school and during-school homework clubs," White explained, because "one of the things that middle school students struggle with immensely is homework."

Another CDUEL-led initiative will partner sixth-grade Broughal students with Lehigh sophomores, who will become their mentors for three years.

Partnership between sixth-graders and sophomores will be ideal, because students will be able to "graduate together," White said.

Finally, health and wellness programs for students, in partnership with both St. Luke's Hospital and the Bethlehem Health Bureau, will allow Broughal to "become the community hub for good health, as well as good quality education," White noted.

A Broughal-based program which will teach parents about financial planning, money management and resume-writing is also planned.

"We can do this if we all hold hands together and make it happen, as a community," White emphasized.

The outdoor event concluded with the symbolic tying of a large bow around a brick pillar next to the main entrance to Broughal.

Other speakers at the ceremony included Matt Pye, vice president of Brand Development and Corporate Services for Just Born, and Susan Gilmore, president of the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

# Funding shortfall could impact revitalization

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Hellertown Borough Council members are faced with an unanticipated funding shortfall, after being told Sept. 7 that money they expected would help pay for the ongoing services of a part-time Borough Business Revitalization Coordinator was promised to them in error.

Mike Schlossberg, assistant vice president, Technical & Community Management for the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, apologized to council members for overstating the amount of funding the borough will receive in a letter he sent several weeks ago.

"I confused a \$2,500 grant with a \$10,000 grant. The borough had actually been given \$2,500, not \$10,000, and I mistakenly said \$10,000," he said.

A five-year state funding contract which benefited small municipalities expired in July, which means an annual government subsidy — which in Hellertown's case was \$7,400 — will no longer be available to help pay the coordinator's salary, he added.

"In my mind, this is a perception/expectation foul-up," Schlossberg emphasized at the meeting. "There wasn't any actual financial loss here."

Councilwoman Gail Nolf agreed with that assessment, and commended Schlossberg for appearing at the meeting and accepting responsibility for the clerical mistake.

"It's not something that we actually budgeted for. It's not something that we already spent. This is all on paper," she reminded her colleagues.

Nevertheless, several council members expressed disappointment after realizing that the borough will now have to find \$7,500 in its already-tight budget to continue to employ the Borough Business Revitalization Coordinator, who also administers GLVCC-sponsored Main Street revitalization programs in Alburts and Coopersburg.

Hellertown Mayor Richard Fluck implored

council members to do just that, telling them that money to fund the position will be "money well spent."

"I would strongly recommend to council that we include this \$7,500 when we get to our budget session," he said.

The Borough Business Revitalization Coordinator, Mary Domsicz, "has really worked hard" since accepting the position earlier this year, he added.

Over the past five years, the HBBRC has helped spearhead a number of downtown revitalization programs, which Domsicz highlighted during a brief presentation at the meeting.

Among those programs is a façade improvement program which has awarded downtown business owners with funds for the renovation of their properties via a competitive grants process.

According to Domsicz, a dozen property owners have been awarded more than \$30,000 in grant money for façade improvements since the program was launched several years ago.

The HBBRC has also assisted with the launch of the Saucon Valley Farmers' Market; the production and distribution of a Saucon Valley restaurant guide; the hanging of decorative banners; and the placement of planters along Main Street.

"We're also planning to host a small community get-together in the near future," Domsicz said, adding that a streetscape plan unveiling for downtown Hellertown will be a part of that event.

In the future, she said, better cooperation between the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce is one of her goals for the HBBRC.

Like the mayor, she also asked council members to consider funding her position when they begin their budget discussions later this month.

"Good things take time, and revitalization is a process with no beginning and no end," she stated in conclusion.

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# Athletic facility repairs outlined

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Repairs to athletic facilities on the Saucon Valley School District campus will be costly, and decisions about which projects to complete and which to forego will most likely be necessary in the near future, school board members were told by district Supt. Sandra Fellin at a meeting Sept. 14.

Fellin, who in the midst of trying economic times has become accustomed to classifying her administration's spending proposals by need, presented board members with a list of projects classified by priority level, with "Priority One" representing the highest priority and "Priority Four" the lowest.

Topping the "Priority One" list of athletic facility projects under consideration are proposed repairs to the school district stadium, which has not been renovated for 12 years.

According to Fellin and Supervisor of Campus Operations Wally Zimpfer, the concrete structure has cracked during the frequent freeze-and-thaw cycles common during fall and winter in Pennsylvania.

Much of the bleacher seating in the stadium is in a state of disrepair and will require either refurbishment or replacement, although that project was classified at a "Priority Two" level by Fellin.

The bleacher seats are made of wood and are covered by aluminum casings, she added.

Regardless, most, if not all of the seating will likely have to be removed from the stadium temporarily, to allow workers access to the cracks in the structure, Zimpfer said.

"For me, maintaining appropriate structure is absolutely a priority," Fellin told board members during her presentation.

Other "Priority Two" projects the board will consider include renovations to the district's cramped weight room and its team locker rooms, which are reportedly non-compliant with Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) requirements.

At the "Priority Three" level, Fellin proposed regrading the district's oval track; and at the "Priority Four" level, she suggested board members consider funding a brand new track, a new stadium press box and regrading the football field.

The cost to regrade the

football field was estimated at \$100,000, which led board member Charles Bartolet to comment that the potential price tag seemed high.

Board member Lanita Lum also questioned why installing air conditioning was not part of the proposals outlined by Fellin, and prepared by TAS, an architectural firm in Allentown.

District Business Administrator David Bonenberger responded to the question by explaining to Lum that TAS looked at the use of the facilities throughout the year, and determined that air conditioning would seldom be needed at the times when they are in use.

Board president Lachlan Peeke pointed out that the cost estimates for the projects under discussion are on the high side, and added that "at this preliminary time that's very appropriate to be the case."

Also discussed in relationship to the priorities outlined by Fellin was the potential use of athletic fields at Lower Saucon Township's Polk Valley Park, which is adjacent to the district campus.

However, board member Sandra Miller questioned what type of impact the district's use might have on the public's access to the park fields.

"I can see that as a back-up plan, but I can't see that as being a real viable solution on a regular basis," Miller said.

Fellin told board members that TAS representatives will make a presentation at the next scheduled board meeting, and in the meantime Bartolet suggested that as many board members as possible view the athletic facilities for themselves.

According to Peeke, a "walking tour" would be coordinated sometime during the next two weeks.

In other business, Fellin announced that the board's Cost Containment Committee — formed to examine the district's financial future — will hold three public meetings before the end of November.

The advertised meetings will be held in the high school Audion room, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., on dates yet to be announced.

The public will be invited to attend the meetings, to ask questions, make comments and learn more about the finances of the district and how various challenges may impact Saucon Valley in the coming years.

## State grants help YWCA Adult Day Care program



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The YWCA of Bethlehem's Adult Day Services Center recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Pa. Dept. of Community and Economic Development for operating costs. State Representative Steve Samuelson presented the check to the clients, staff and caregivers of the Adult Day Services Center July 21. ABOVE: from left to right, YWCA volunteers are James Dozier, Edie Gliem, Kathy Wingert, Lynn Spina, Samuelson, Melissa Lee, Irene Igusky, Raedell Lessig, Maria Toledo and YWCA Director Stephanie Hnatiw. Proudly serving the Lehigh Valley's community of senior citizens with disabilities for more than 26 years, the YWCA's Adult Day Services Center is located off Routes 22 and 512. The center provides a therapeutic, social day care program for senior women and men, so that families can avoid early nursing home placement. The center specializes in care for individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's, dementia, stroke, Parkinson's and other physical disabilities. The center provides respite to caregivers, helps lessen family stress and enables caregivers to continue working, knowing that their family member is in a safe, caring environment. The program is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Melissa Lee at 610-867-4669, ext. 100 for more information.

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# Hellertown, Lower Saucon officials make grant requests

By JOSH POPICHAK  
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Impact from the opening of the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem has been considerable in both Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township, appointed officials from the two communities told members of the Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority Aug. 23.

Hellertown Borough Manager Charles Luthar, Chief of Police Robert Shupp, Fire Chief Rick Delmore and Dewey Fire Company Ambulance Squad Captain John Bate were at the authority's monthly meeting to make grant application presentations for restricted funds available to Hellertown and other Northampton County municipalities contiguous with the City of Bethlehem.

The funds available represent a percentage of gaming revenue generated by the casino, which will be dispersed by the members of the nine-person gaming authority via a competitive grants process this fall.

Hellertown officials presented the authority with five applications solely on behalf of the borough and its departments.

In conjunction with Lower Saucon Township they were party to several more grant applications presented.

Lower Saucon Township Manager Jack Cahalan and Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company Chief Thomas Barndt were co-presenters for the joint applications, which included a request for \$50,000 for Dewey Ambulance equipment upgrades and a funding request related to the long-planned installation of a traffic light at Route 412 and Polk Valley Road.

The grant request on behalf of Dewey Ambulance was called into question when Bate revealed that titles to the squad's vehicles are not held by either municipality.

However, "if there is an issue about titling of vehicles we can solve that

through some sort of agreement," Cahalan assured authority Chairman John Finnigan Jr.

In making his grant presentations to the authority, Shupp told members that an analysis of crime statistics in Hellertown preceding and following the casino's opening indicates that its location a few miles from town has led to an increase in crime.

"We're seeing a lot more frauds (and) prostitution," he said. "Unfortunately a casino will draw a certain element we don't want."

A comparison between the 14-month period which preceded the casino's May 2009 opening and the 14-month period which followed its debut revealed that DUI arrests in Hellertown have spiked significantly, he explained.

Between March 2008 and May 2009 there were 70 DUI arrests in Hellertown, according to this analysis.

In contrast, between May 2009 and July 2010 officers made 104 DUI arrests, which represents a 49 percent increase over the previous period, Shupp explained.

Arrests involving suspects charged with possession of narcotics with intent to deliver have increased 800 percent, he noted.

"We now work a lot with Bethlehem (Police Department's) Vice Unit. We're starting to see their element coming into our town," Shupp said, adding that an alleged member of the notorious Latin Kings street gang was recently arrested in the borough.

So far, his department has not received any financial assistance to cope with the increase in crime, which means that the borough's taxpayers will be on the hook for the cost of hiring additional uniformed officers and purchasing more equipment if grant money isn't forthcoming, he said.

"I just think it's unfair that they have to take the burden," he concluded. Shupp's grant applications included

a request for \$149,000 to pay for the salaries and benefits for two full-time police officers he said are necessary to keep Hellertown and its residents safe; and a request for money to purchase a new vehicle and provide training to officers.

"I don't want to say the sky is falling," Luthar told authority members. However, "the quality of life of our citizens...is threatened by what we're seeing in arrests."

The Hellertown Police Department is currently staffed by 10 full-time and four part-time officers, Shupp noted.

Gaming authority member and Freemansburg Mayor Gerald Yob told both Luthar and Shupp that he is concerned about funding the officers' salaries and benefits year after year, as there is no guarantee that the revenue stream from the casino will be the same over time.

"As far as one year goes I think it's a good thing," Yob added.

Authority member Thomas Nolan, a Bethlehem Township commissioner, questioned Shupp about whether he has been preparing to increase the size of his department by setting money aside within his budget.

Shupp responded by telling Nolan that his department recently added one full-time and several part-time officers.

Other grants applications made by Hellertown officials included a request for \$105,000 for a new public works department dump truck; a request for \$20,000 for the installation of crosswalks on Main Street; and a request for approximately \$85,000 for safety equipment for the members of Dewey Fire Company Number One, which is the only fire department in the borough.

Grant application presentations by other contiguous municipalities are expected at the next gaming authority meeting, which will be held at the Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton, on Monday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

## GAMING

## THIS WEEK IN BETHLEHEM HISTORY September 22 to 28 The Allentown Fair

By KAREN M. SAMUELS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A traveling correspondent for The Press newspaper of Philadelphia, known as "R.S.M.," wrote in 1859 of his experiences traveling by train from Bethlehem to the Allentown Fair. RSM and his traveling companion, Col. John W. Forney (the newspaper owner), boarded a North Penn Railroad train in Philadelphia, which took two hours to reach the new brick passenger station in South Bethlehem. They changed trains there, proceeding on a Lehigh Valley Railroad route to Allentown. RSM greatly admired the women who also boarded the train in Bethlehem. He wrote, "The quality of femininity in those cars was extraordinary, and the conductor informed us that, from the earliest hour in the morning, there had been a constant stream of humanity flowing into the cars, and it was expected this supply would continue uninterrupted all through the day."

RSM wrote further details about the women travelers: "Such a galaxy of bright eyes and beaming faces, which the said eyes illumine, it has rarely been my fortune to encounter." He followed with a description of being severely crushed by their crinoline or large hoops under their long dresses made of "whalebone or cane."

RSM and Forney arrived at the passenger station just south of Third and Union streets. They walked over to the Allentown Fairgrounds between Fifth and Sixth streets, above Liberty Street. The fair was only in its seventh year and was already wildly successful.

RSM observed "magnificent steer, noble stallions, and a snow-white goose." In the exhibition hall known as the Main Building, RSM surveyed, "agricultural machines abounded in all shapes and sizes." He enjoyed the harness races on the one-third-mile track. RSM concluded that the Allentown Fair was the best fair in the state and noted that 15,000 people attended the fair that day.

The Allentown Fair was organized by the Lehigh County Agricultural Society in 1852. The society was formed the same year by representatives from every municipality in Lehigh County. They gathered at Leisenring's Tavern in Egypt to create the fair that would become one of the oldest and largest in the state. In the early years, the fair was held at the end of September or the beginning of October. The fair was so successful that it

outgrew its location twice. In 1889, the Agricultural Society purchased 37 acres between Chew and Liberty streets, where the fair is held today. The only musical act usually booked was Stephen Lentz's Flying Coach, a brass band that performed on a hay wagon. It wasn't until the 1960s that the fair began booking major acts like the Supremes, Johnny Carson and the Osmond Brothers.

Harness racing was so popular in the area that Bethlehem businessmen were sure a fairgrounds would be successful in Bethlehem as well. They organized in 1890 as the Bethlehem Fair and Driving Park Association. They later changed their name to Pa. State Fair Association.

The association purchased 35 acres in the area of Liberty HS, known as North Bethlehem. They began work on the grounds in April 1891 and by September were ready to host the Pennsylvania State Fair.

The main entrance of the fairgrounds looked very similar to the 17th and Chew streets main

entrance to the Allentown Fair. The entrance was located where the store Nuts About Ice Cream is today, along Linden Street. The fairgrounds included a picnic grove, flashy midway, horse races, livestock, home and agricultural products and a 1,500-seat grandstand. There was a Machinery Hall to showcase state-of-the-art industrial technology. The Bethlehem fair offered foot races, high-wire acts, trapeze artists and boxing contests to entertain Bethlehem residents throughout the year. A trolley line traveled along unpaved Linden Street to the fairgrounds.

The Bethlehem track was considered one of the best and fastest half-mile tracks in the East, especially for sulky (two-wheeled, one-horse carriages for one person) racing. The grounds contained more than 200 horse stalls as well as sheds for cattle and poultry. The opening day of the races in the second or third week of June always brought forth a crowd of several thousand people, predominantly men.

The association began to lose money because of the cost of maintenance. They came to the conclusion that the fair property would be far more valuable as real estate rather than as the site of a fair. The growth of Bethlehem Steel created a population boom in Bethlehem and housing was at a premium. In October 1909, the association put the fairgrounds up for sale.

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1916 postcard of the Allentown Fair



Crinoline cutaway diagram from Punch magazine, August 1856

# Red Cross recognizes citizens, companies

By JIM MARSH  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Former Bethlehem resident, Winnie Romeril, one of the first American Red Cross volunteers to go to Haiti following the January earthquake, was the keynote speaker at the Greater Lehigh Valley Red Cross annual meeting and awards program June 22 at the Lehigh Country Club, Allentown.

Romeril, a bilingual communicator with the American Red Cross and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, shared a photo presentation of her personal two-week experience in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, just days after the devastating earthquake. Romeril is a native of Bethlehem and now lives in Prattsburgh, N.Y., where she is a mercy flight paramedic.

While television clips may have shown unruly Haitians fighting for food and relief supplies, Romeril related the calm and polite response of hordes of Haitians waiting for fresh water as Red Cross workers waded through a sea of residents to first supply fresh water to victims of a collapsed eldercare facility.

"When we explained that we were trying to first get to the older and disabled victims of the disaster, they politely stepped aside to allow us through," Romeril said.

She said the resilience of the Haitian people was a personal inspiration to her and that after the disaster, many residents of the island nation see the earthquake as a "new beginning" for their country.

Romeril, along with Joe Lennert, chairman of the board of Trustees of Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley, presented PPL Corporation's economic development and community services manager Don Bernhard, of Allentown, with the Circle of Humanitarians Award for the corporation's donation to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief efforts.

The Circle of Humanitarians Award is designed to recognize corporate partners for annual gifts of \$50,000 or more to the American Red Cross.

PPL Corporation was the first corporate partner to receive the recognition. PPL Corporation donated \$10,000 to RCGLV as a community partner; \$50,000 to the Red Cross Haitian relief effort and \$25,000 to the Chilean earthquake relief effort, along with money raised by an employee campaign.

Three local individuals and one company's first aid response team received



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national lifesaving awards for saving or sustaining the life of another person.

Lisa Politi of Northampton received an award for saving the life of a choking victim. Politi, a special education teacher at Centennial School of Lehigh University's College of Education, noticed a 12-year-old student choking on his food and beginning to turn blue during lunch.

Twelve days later, 23-year-old Jason Weigold, of Danielsville, also saved the life of a choking victim. Weigold is a support counselor at LifePath in Whitehall, who noticed a client signal she was choking. After first administering back blows, and then abdominal thrusts, Weigold successfully dislodged the food.

Christopher Williams, of Emmaus, used CPR to save an unconscious victim, his brother. During that incident, Chris, his girlfriend and his mother, Susan, came home to find his older brother, Chip, in

bed unconscious and in respiratory distress.

Majestic Athletic sports apparel's first aid response team was credited with using CPR to sustain the life of a co-worker. Team members Stephanie Hartzell, of Saylorsburg; Fatme Hodzhova, of Wind Gap; Andy Schneck, of Schnecksville; and Tom Shupper, of Roseto, aided a co-worker who collapsed after complaining of shortness of breath.

**Other awards**

Michael Mickey, of Lehigh, president and CEO of Mahoning Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, accepted a Good Neighbor award on behalf of the facility. The nursing home has been a blood drive host for many years, and the facility serves as a storage area for Red Cross emergency services equipment and supplies.

Muhlenberg College, represented by Vice President of Human Resources Anne Speck, of Northampton; and Director of Community Engagement Beth See CROSS on Page A20



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# Stop playing politics and cut all taxes



**Dan Kline**  
Guest  
columnist

With regular people still struggling, the economy barely showing signs of life and hope being in short supply, President Barack Obama has chosen to play politics. Instead of pledging to cut taxes even further and make the tax cuts passed by his predecessor, George W. Bush, permanent, our president has chosen to stick with the liberal mantra that

we should increase taxes on the so-called rich.

In 2001 and 2003 the Bush administration passed a tax package that cut federal income taxes across the board. Those were temporary cuts and if Congress does nothing, taxes will rise for everyone — an unspeakable crime in these economic conditions.

Obama, of course, does not want that to happen. Instead, he wants a new plan that keeps the cuts for individuals making up to \$125,000 and couples making up to \$250,000. Anyone who makes more than that, you can practically hear him say, can afford it and deserves to be punished by having to pay more into the sinkhole that is our government.

Along the ridiculous traditional party lines, Democrats favor tax cuts for the middle class on down with an increased burden on the rich, and Republicans want taxes cut on the upper end of the income scale. The liberals think the "rich" should pay for their success (no matter how hard they worked to attain it) and the conservatives blame the poor for being a drain on public resources (no matter how hard they work to escape).

**All Americans should be fighting for lower taxes for everyone, because across all levels of the economy, we can spend our money better than our elected officials can.**

This entire argument supports nobody except the politicians. By arguing for their side on the poor/rich spectrum, Republicans and Democrats get to play to their party bases. It all sounds nice in commercials where Democrats get to go after "fat cats" and Republicans can attack "wasteful social programs," but it's all hogwash meant to ensure the status quo.

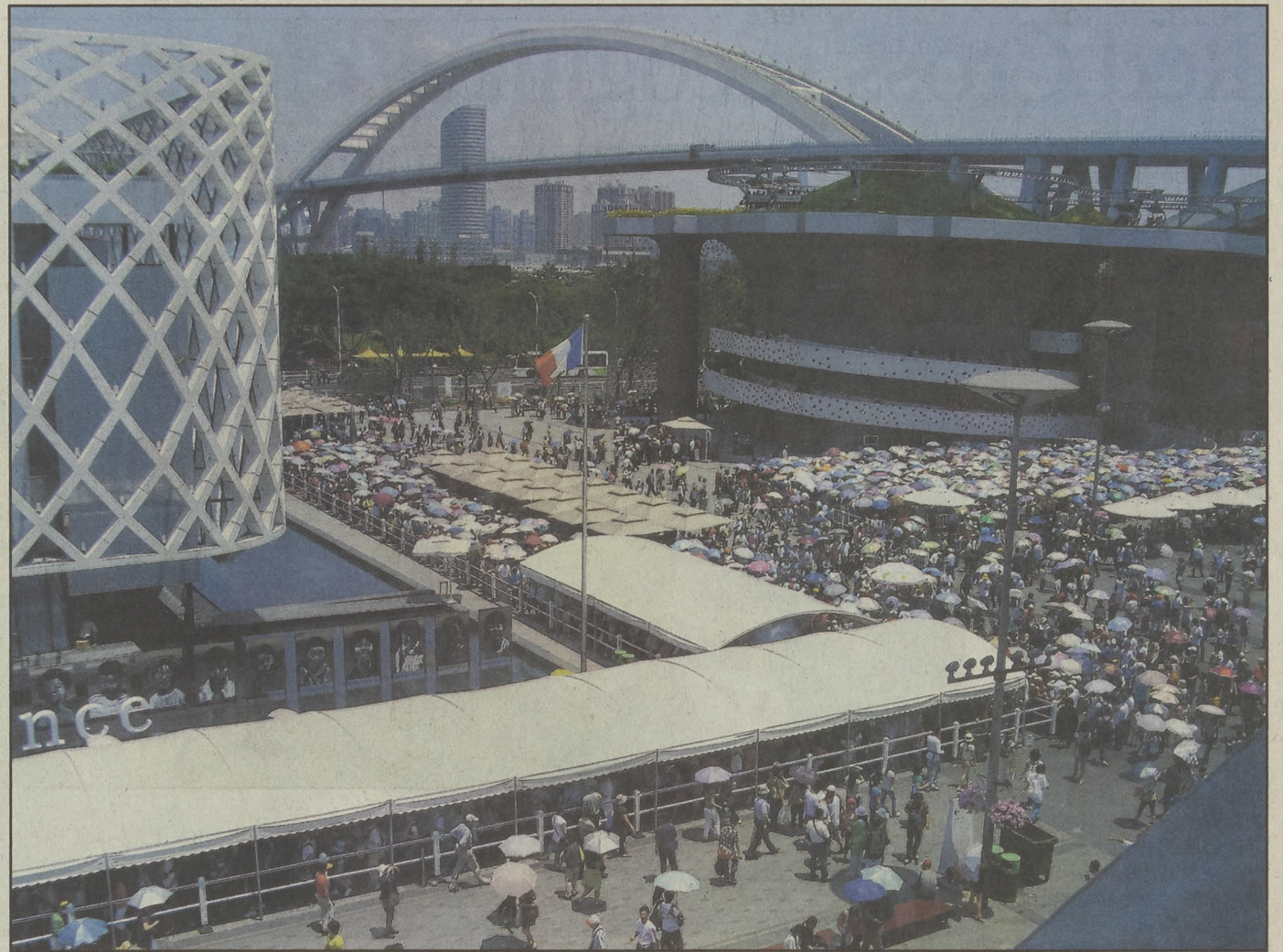
All Americans should be fighting for lower taxes for everyone because across all levels of the economy, we can spend our money better than our elected officials can. The government has not been able to spend its way out of this recession, no matter how many tax dollars it confiscates.

Only regular people, investing in the economy, building businesses, buying things and spending their dollars can fix the economy. Less money paid in taxes means more money that flows straight into the economy. It's stimulus without the politics and the wastefulness.

Instead of letting Washington increase taxes on anyone, the people must demand accountability from their government. Where has our money gone and why do they need more of it? Why do they persist in calling for tax increases when historical data clearly shows that lowering the tax burden actually increases revenues for the government.

It's easy to look at someone with money and assume they can afford to give the government a little more. What we can't see when we look at someone in a nice house or driving a nice car is exactly how hard they

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For the most part, the Expo's queuing arrangement is well-organized. Lines wrap around each pavilion and move along at a steady pace. The wait to enter a pavilion can take from two to eight hours.

# Line, line, everywhere a line

I looked at the line zig-zagging off into the distance, wrapping its way around the ship-shaped Saudi Arabia Pavilion at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo and weaving along the sidewalks. A sign near the line's entrance was written in Chinese, but I could make out the unmistakable numeral that foretold the length of time in hours these people would be waiting. And that magic number was eight.



**Brandon Taylor**  
Press  
columnist

The night before, I had to decide between seeing this, with an expected queue time of about three hours, or the Japan Pavilion, at only two-and-a-half hours. I opted for the shorter of the two. Now, the queue time had almost tripled, leaving me to ponder: How badly did I really want to see the Saudi Arabia Pavilion?

Really, the line's length — in visibility and wait time — wasn't a big surprise. I'd come to the Expo expecting to spend most of my three-day visit waiting in one line or another. A line for each pavilion. A line for food and beverages. And probably a line to use the bathroom (although thankfully I didn't run into this problem too often). That's what would be waiting for me at the global event set to draw almost 250,000 people a day.

For the most part, I thought the Expo's queuing arrangement was well-organized. Lines wrapped around each pavilion and rarely stretched out into the busy walkways between the uniquely designed and decorated structures. At most of the pavilions, some form of shade provided shelter from the sun. In the close queue quarters, I chit-chatted with people around me, especially when children pointed and said "waiguoren!" ("foreigner"). And each line moved along at a steady pace. I rarely stood for the full time I was told when entering the line.

Over the course of my three-day Expo



Brandon Taylor used his final day at the Expo "visiting" countries he'd probably never get to see (for political reasons) — Cuba, North Korea and Iran.

world tour I was able to see the pavilions I'd wanted to visit — Germany, the United States, Japan and Spain. I knew seeing the China Pavilion would be nearly impossible, since getting a special ticket for the massive red centerpiece pavilion would have required me to be in line by 5 a.m., before the Expo opened. Photos aside the pavilion would have to suffice.

But the line for the Saudi Pavilion still irked me. Why would anyone wait eight hours to see, well, anything? Eight hours is a full workday. Eight hours is how long I sometimes sleep at night. Eight hours is a flight from America to Europe, and even that can be accomplished in less time.

The more I thought about it, the more the realization set in that these pavilions were more than just buildings — they were gateways to other countries many Chinese simply wouldn't be able to visit. I remem-

bered the difficulties Chinese friends and colleagues told me about traveling abroad. Paperwork and passports aside, a trip to the United States or Europe could put a serious dent in the average Chinese person's savings. But a three-day pass to the Expo costs 400 RMB.

Granted, visiting the German Pavilion and visiting the German nation are two drastically different experiences, but the ability to see a nation's innovations, enjoy its fine cuisine at special restaurants and catch a glimpse of certain aspects of its culture can be a somewhat fulfilling alternative.

Getting your exclusive Expo souvenir passport stamped after visiting each pavilion also adds to the experience of "visiting" that nation.

In this way, the Expo serves two purposes: one is to display China's growth and innovations, as well as advances from nations worldwide; and the other is to provide Expo-goers the chance to get a first-hand glimpse of cultures from across the globe.

And based on the pavilions and live performances I saw, I'd say it did a pretty good job.

I ended up passing on the Saudi Arabia Pavilion. I just couldn't bring myself to wait a whole day for one pavilion when there was so much more to experience. Instead, I used my final day at the Expo "visiting" countries I'd probably never get to see (for political reasons) — Cuba, North Korea and Iran. And while these pavilions would never be able to truly present their respective nations' culture and history, they gave me an idea of what I could expect and provided me with some interesting photo opportunities.

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## PEOPLE SAY ... BY DANA GRUBB

With the first week of the 2010 season under their belts, how do you think the Philadelphia Eagles will do with a new quarterback at the helm?



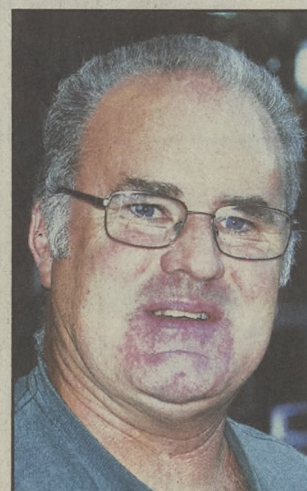
"The question is, which one? I had high hopes for Kevin Kolb. The best they do is 9 and 7."  
**Steve Rittler**  
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"It's early in the season so I hope they win, because my dad will be happy."  
**Denny Kesack**  
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"I only watched a little of the opening game, but I think they're going to do alright. Donovan McNabb was overrated. I think it's good for teams to change things up and Andy Reid is top-notch. I'm hopeful."  
**Glenn Miller**  
Emmaus



"Give the new guns a try. See how they fit in. You never know how the chemistry is going to be and you have to start somewhere."  
**Brendan Kearns**  
Saylorsburg



"Are we talking about Vick or about Kolb? I think they'll win seven games."  
**Sue Dudkin**  
Philadelphia



"I really think that Kolb has potential, but Vick did come through for the Eagles. He's a good runner in certain situations. He brought the Eagles alive."  
**Sharon Yost**  
Pleasant Valley



**Northampton Community College**

**Dance performances Sept. 30, Oct. 1**

The Monarch Dance Company of the Lehigh Valley will perform "Stories of Women and their Journeys of Fight and Courage" at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The dance performances will be in the Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall. Visual and spoken guest artist Bernard Collins Jr., in conjunction with the dancers, will use spoken-word pieces to highlight issues of the First Amendment, the "glass ceiling," educational standards, cultural diversity, love and the journey to success. Choreography is by Tabatha Robinson-Scott, NCC adjunct instructor in dance. The performances are sponsored by the NCC College Life Grant.

Collins' visual works will be displayed in the Lipkin Theatre lobby the week before, the week of and the week after the dance shows. Admission is free.

For more information, detailed course descriptions, or to register, go to [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu) and click "search courses," or call 1-877-543-0998.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu).

**Moravian College**

**Leaders series resumes Sept. 23**

The Conversations with Community Leaders Series resumes at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 with Jane Ervin, president and CEO of Community Services for Children. The talk will be held in the UBC Room of the Hauptert Union Building. The free and open-to-the-public series features discussions with local individuals who are involved with community services. There is a fee.

Community Services for Children is a nonprofit organization that provides high quality early childhood education to low-income children ages 5 and under, to prepare them for kindergarten. The Lehigh County Executive from 1996 to 2005, Ervin is a board of governors member of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the United Way's Youth Success Zone's steering committee.

Support for the series is provided by Moravian's political science department, the leadership center, the community service office and the Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley. Hound Exchange points will be available at each event.

**Music fraternity earns awards**

The Gamma Pi fraternity, advised by associate music professor Hilde Binford, was recently honored with five Collegiate Chapter awards: website of the year, progress, campus/community service, publicity and music service. Founded in 1995, Gamma Pi is Moravian's chapter of Delta Omicron, the international music honors fraternity. The group traveled to network with other chapters, bonded at hay rides, volunteered at Allentown's Symphony Hall and performed for the public under the aegis of former president Tony Harris, Class of 2010. The fraternity improved communications with a revamped website and frequent e-mails. Gamma Pi presented Professor Binford with a framed "in appreciation" award last semester.

Gamma Pi's new president, Caitlin Worrich, Class of 2012, is eager to jump in where Harris left off. "We're hoping to do more fundraising and get more involved on campus and in the community," Worrich said. "We'd like to do more music service at local nursing homes, schools and churches. We already have a few concert trips planned that will be open to the entire campus, and I'm hoping they will be a great success."

Moravian College is located at 1200 Main St. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit [www.moravian.edu](http://www.moravian.edu).

**SCHOOL NOTES**

**Bill of Rights essay contest deadline Dec. 1**

U.S. high school students and their teachers are invited to compete for nearly \$115,000 in prize money by participating in the Bill of Rights Institute's fifth annual "Being an American" essay contest. The Bill of Rights Institute is a nonprofit educational organization devoted to educating children about the constitution and founding principles. This year's Constitution Day was Sept. 17. The contest deadline is Dec. 1.

The top three student winners and their teachers from each of the nation's nine geographical regions will be announced at a special Washington, D.C. awards gala in the spring of 2011, where they will be awarded cash prizes of \$5,000 (first place), \$1,000 (second place) and \$500 (third place). The winning students will explore the nation's capital, meet contemporary American heroes and national leaders and visit national landmarks.

There will also be 126 honorable mention prizes of \$100 awarded to contestants.

Visit [www.beinganamerican.org/index.php](http://www.beinganamerican.org/index.php) for more information.



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The cadets and mentors are given a chance to greet the mounted units' animals while the police answer questions. Officer Michael Leaser explains what it's like to fall off a horse and why 5-year-old George's tongue is green (from eating grass).

**Academy kids learn about real-world law enforcement**

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem police held their fifth annual Junior Police Academy training week June 14 to 18, continuing a popular educational event many children return to.

Officer Simon Boddie, the resource officer at Broughal MS and event coordinator, said the event is held each year and is open to a limited number of middle school students from around the district. For five days the youths are given tutorials on elements of local law enforcement and shown some of the more colorful tasks and responsibilities officers frequently encounter.

This year academy participants saw presentations and had the chance to speak with members of the crisis negotiation team, bomb squad, crime scene unit and mountain bike troop. They also got to meet some of the new horses from the mounted unit and watch as members of the fire department tore open a car in a mock auto extrication.

"We want to expose the kids to as much as possible," Boddie said, "to introduce them to what we do and the things we're involved with. Some of them think all we do is drive around in police cars."

Boddie explained that five applicants are chosen by the resource officers of each school. They are gathered into squads and given mentors - students who have participated in the past. The



East Hills MS students Airick Grubb, 13, and mentor Nicholas Allen, 14, dig into subs from Wawa for lunch.



Gathering for lunch, students try to avoid the wreckage from a car that had been torn apart by the fire department earlier in the day, as a demonstration of emergency extrication from an accident.

"cadets," mentors and officers this year spent the week at Nitschmann MS watching the presentations in the morning and playing games in the afternoon for exercise.

Volleyball, basketball and other games are to "get them out playing sports as a team," but a favorite is dodgeball. "It usually becomes all the kids versus the officers. It's a one-sided event," Boddie chuckled, "But

sometimes we win."

Fourteen-year-old Selena Torres, of Broughal, applied to the program for the first time because she is a fan of police CSI procedures, but Torres found out there's a big difference between television shows and reality. "What's on TV is not actually real," she said. "On TV they use regular (civilian) cars, not cop cars. And when you put a fingerprint on a computer,"

she snapped her fingers, "but it really takes forever."

Torres said she enjoyed the investigators' presentations and watching them reveal fingerprints with tiny iron filings.

In contrast to Torres, Cory Gonzalez was a cadet for two years and a mentor for another two. A 15-year-old Bethlehem Catholic student, Gonzalez said he has long been

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**Understanding the Twice-Exceptional Child and Dysgraphia and the Twice-Exceptional Child**

Presented by Brock Eide, M.D., M.A., and Fernette Eide, M.D.



Drs. Brock and Fernette Eide are co-directors of a national referral practice specializing in the assessment and counseling of gifted students with learning challenges. They are co-authors of *The Mislabeled Child* (Hyperion, 2006) and the forthcoming book, *The Dyslexic Advantage* (Penguin, 2011). They are on the professional advisory board to SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of Gifted Children) and active in gifted and twice-exceptional advocacy.

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Since 1992, the carnival at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Bethlehem Township has attracted 1,500 visitors annually. This year, when it was held from June 16 to 19, it attracted a similar number to enjoy rides, food ranging from tacos to steak sandwiches, and a cake walk, according to Beth Dague, carnival chairperson. Monsignor Edward Sacks, who has served the church since the carnival began, complimented the many parishioners who volunteered at the event. Good Time Amusements of Hellertown operated the popular rides. The carnival benefits church operations.

## Volunteers make carnival a success



Triplets Brianna, Kaleb and Kayla Leibensperger won a goldfish with the toss of a ping pong ball.



Magdala DeSantis, a student at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, enjoys being tossed around on the Sizzler with her dad, Anthony DeSantis.



With Juelz Bowles at the helm of the Dragon, Michael Gomes and Gavin Abel are able to ride in the rear, daredevil-style.



Riding the Dragon together and having fun, Isabella Szmodis and Micaela Jebitsch hold on tight.



Austin Leibensperger beams with pride after winning his new pet goldfish.

Continued from page A17 Halpern, of South Whitehall Township, also accepted a Good Neighbor award. The college provided interns to the Red Cross to conduct the chapter's community awareness survey. The college also offered its bank of phones for volunteers to use to place hundreds of community survey and thank you calls to donors.

The Walmart stores in Bethlehem, Whitehall and Easton were honored with Good Neighbor awards for providing disaster relief following a flood that ravaged the Easton area in 2005. The stores assisted the local chapter's efforts to provide temporary housing, clothing and food vouchers, replacement medication and eyewear to flood victims. Darlene D'alessandro and Georgianna Bauer, both Easton store employees, accepted the award.

The Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Volunteer Leadership went to Ed Lenny of South Whitehall Township. His leadership activities include serving as chairman of the chapter's Disaster Services Advisory Committee for the past two years; playing a key role in selecting the size and configuration of the chapter's newest disaster response vehicle; locating and inspecting prospective Red Cross community shelters; and volunteering countless hours conducting damage assessments, feeding emergency

personnel at fire or other emergency scenes, and providing emergency needs such as shelter, meals and clothing for fire and disaster victims.

A Special Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service award was presented to Ray Skotek of Coplay. The award honors a volunteer whose performance over a period of several years has substantially exceeded the volunteer's original commitment to the American Red Cross.

Exceptional Partnership Awards were given to the Lehigh Valley Safety Council and the Because We Care organization.

The Because We Care group is composed of approximately 40 women who have been knitting blankets and donating them to people affected by house fires or other emergencies since 2004. Anita Brody, founder of the organization, accepted the award.

Lee Cunningham, chairman of the Lehigh Valley Safety Council, accepted the partnership award for that group. The council began its partnership with the Red Cross in 2005 and has provided multiple cash donations, as well as speakers to talk about Red Cross training to audiences the Red Cross may not have otherwise reached.

Key member organizations such as Alvin H. Butz, Orlando Diefenderfer, PPL, the City of Allentown, Brandenburg and Cadmus use, or have used Red Cross training to teach their employees.

## VIEW

Continued from page A18 worked to get there. We also can't see the money they spend buying things, the people they employ and the overall impact their money has on the economy.

It's easy to hate the rich and claim they don't pay their fair share. That said, if Donald Trump wants to buy a diamond-crusted blimp with his name painted on it in melted gold, well, that's a lot of jobs for a lot of

people.

I trust rich people making silly purchases to fix the economy a lot more than I trust Democrats or Republicans to come up with a solution. I also trust that if you take less money from everyone — be they rich, poor or middle class — that regular people will spend it far better than any politician ever will.

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## LAW

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what they do. One thing he admitted to being surprised about was how the mounted unit is able to perform crowd control with the horses.

But when asked what the best part of four years in the program was, Gonzalez couldn't decide. "I enjoyed sort of everything. I like it all."

Boddie said the program is very much a community-relations tool, but it also benefits students with knowledge and community service credits while local businesses participate by donating beverages and lunches. And of course it's a way for the officers themselves to stay in touch with residents in a purely positive way.

"As a resource officer, I enjoy working with the kids," Boddie said. "We all want to foster a better feeling (in the community) with the police." "And I'd be lying if I didn't say I had fun, too."



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