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Pat Kesling remembered and celebrated

"She was a good employee and she came to love Bethlehem. She made Bethlehem better."

GORDON MOWRER
FORMER BETHLEHEM
MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN

By **NATE JASTRZEMSKI**
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She wasn't from around here, but she made it her home. Pat Kesling, a longtime reporter, city employee and community volunteer, is remembered throughout the Lehigh Valley following her loss to a long, difficult illness June 13 at the age of 71.

Former Mayor Gordon Mowrer, himself convalescing at home this week, remembers Patricia "Pat" McInerney Kesling warmly. He hired Kesling at city hall in 1974 to work as an ombudsman, where she served her new home

and sank deep roots throughout the area.

"All I can tell you is good things," Mowrer said. "She was a good employee and she came to love Bethlehem. She made Bethlehem better."

Kesling was originally from Oakland, Calif., and spent much of her youth in New York and New Jersey. She graduated from West Virginia University and began a career in journalism, eventually making her way to the Lehigh Valley in 1967, where she became the first female reporter at The Morning Call. She later worked for The Globe

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"It is tasteless, but there isn't a law against it."

Brian DeFiore
Bethlehem



"It's an embarrassment. Take them down."

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CITY Council tackles financial matters

By **MICHELLE MEEH**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Current and future finances were on the agenda when the Bethlehem City Council met June 16. Prior to the full council meeting, the finance committee met to discuss transfer of funds to the non-utility capital budget for an emergency response truck and for a road salt storage building. Council member Michael Recchiuti, finance committee chair, was joined by council members Bryan Callahan and Eric Evans. Council member Louis Stellato was also in attendance and council President J. William Reynolds also joined the finance committee meeting.

The Finance Committee discussed a \$24,000 budget transfer to outfit a mass arrest van purchased in 2014 through a Northampton County Gaming Grant. The \$24,000 will be used to provide the van with LED sirens, prisoner transport insert and bench storage. The move, later discussed by the full council, will be placed on the council's July 7 agenda. The transfer would come from a scheduled 911 console upgrade, which will be deferred.

Another proposed transfer of \$400,000 would be used to replace the city's aging salt storage facility, increasing the capacity from 2,000 to 4,100 tons. The larger stockpile will be useful in future winters if there is difficulty obtaining salt deliveries.

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GRADUATION SEASON 2015



PRESS PHOTO BY **TIM GILMAN**

ABOVE: Umbrellas come in handy for parents like Bob and Linda Williams of Bethlehem Township, who came to see their daughter Kimberly graduate.

Our annual graduation section is included in this week's Bethlehem Press. In addition we offer more photos that were not included in the supplement or our regular graduation coverage. See pages A4 and A11.

RIGHT: Liberty HS Principal Harrison Bailey III comforts a humble 91-year-old Daniel Douvanis after presenting him with a Liberty HS diploma. Douvanis was unable to attend his class of 1942 commencement because he enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve during World War II. Douvanis, a staff sergeant, landed in Normandy just days after the D-Day invasion and was involved in the Allied forces' advance across France into Germany in 1944-45. Pa. Senator Mario Scavallo also presented Douvanis with proclamations from the Pa. Senate and Pa. House of Representatives, as well as Bronze Star medals, which he was due.



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After the tragic church shooting in South Carolina, many are again critical that the Confederate flag is still being flown over government buildings in the South, because of what it signifies. How do you feel about that?



"I think it should be taken down."
Elizabeth Miller
Hanover Township



"I think they should take it down. I think we already have a flag in the United States and that's the flag that should fly."
Doug Miller
Hanover Township



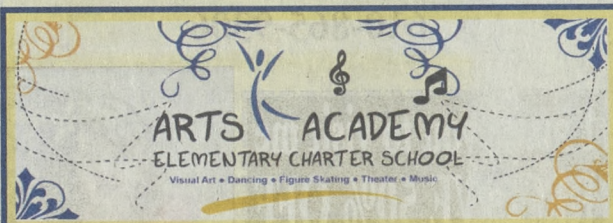
"The Confederate flag is a big part of your history and it's sad that people should look at it like that. It's sad that Americans think that, because thousands died over it. In Scotland the 'Union Jack' flies next to the national flag of Scotland, the Saltire."
Alexis Davis
Erskine, Scotland



"If you really want to understand what this means, Google the southern states' declarations of secession. That's why they have to come down."
Thomas Gerstein
Plymouth Meeting

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Will There Be Time?
The following was written by Linda Claire Scott:
Uncle Dave had a heart attack on the autobahn in Germany while vacationing with his wife. He turned to her and said, "I'm tired," and while still at the wheel of the rapidly moving vehicle he slumped over onto her shoulder and was gone. She had the presence of mind to maneuver the wheel and slow the car, bringing it to a stop on the side of the busy superhighway.
Uncle Dave was 68. When I got the news, I remembered his last visit to our home and our tense discussion of religious beliefs. He had said, "I want it to be made clear from the start I don't believe as you folks do, and I simply don't want to discuss it." I do not know whether he grasped what we shared about Jesus Christ being the Son of God and the truths of the Bible. A college professor, he was logical and articulate. He clearly voiced his reasons for rejecting Christ's deity.
Now Uncle Dave was gone. How little time is given us here on earth came back to me with a jolt. So many tell me they'd like to believe as I do, but they don't have the time. They say they can always reconsider later, but they want to live as they please now. They think there will be time before they die to ask for God's forgiveness and place their life in His hands.
How arrogant to think we can outsmart God in the timing of our lives. We prefer to wait until old age, thinking we will let go of things displeasing to God when they won't be as valuable to us.
Have you put off your decision for Christ? Do you think there is plenty of time? Do you think God will wait? His Word says, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). Accept Jesus now and you'll never regret it; in fact, you will rejoice forevermore. -- Pentecostal Evangel, 2/26/92
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On a roll: Movies in the Park



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Jeff Jacoby and his son Fritz watch "The Goonies" during Bethlehem's Movies in the Park summer program June 16. Jacoby said it was their first time seeing a movie at the L.G. Stewart Park in the East Hills area. The Recreation Bureau of the City Parks Department provides a large portable and inflatable 25 by 14-foot screen for the free showings. Future film screenings include June 30 - "Night at the Museum/Secret of the Tomb" at Elmwood Park; July 14, "Annie" at the Rose Garden; July 22, "Big Hero 6" at Bernie Fritz Park; and July 28, "Planes, Fire and Rescue" at Clearview Park.

PAT

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Times (now The Express Times) and *The New York Times'* Northeast Journal. She also freelanced for the Bethlehem Press.
But the foundation of her commitment to the people of Bethlehem began during Mowrer's tenure, and he recalls her service as much more than a job. "Her writings were more than just information ... You can see all the good things she did working for nonprofits and helping during elec-

tion times," he said.

Indeed, the list of organizations and committees Kesling participated in is exhaustive.

She worked in constituent services for State Representative TJ Rooney, and later at Musikfest, now ArtsQuest, as its first director of development. There she was part of the team that built The Banana Factory Arts and Education Center. She helped coordinate funding for programs such as B-Smart, an after-school enrichment program for middle school youth, and

BananaWORKS, a jobs training arts program.

Kesling led the effort to build Northampton County shelters for Turning Point, a safe haven for area victims of domestic violence. The Junior League honored her for her work as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in 1990. She also was recognized by the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem and as the Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Bethlehem YWCA, the last woman to receive the award as its solo recipient.

She was featured in the 2013 book, "Legendary Locals of Bethlehem," and until the late stages of her illness she continued to support the Quota Club's reading initiative, Cops 'n' Kids, and the American Cancer Society's Boutique at the Rink and its Cancer Support Community.

Kesling's children and grandchildren, from Texas to Bethlehem to Afghanistan, invite her adopted community to a public celebration Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ArtsQuest SteelStacks.

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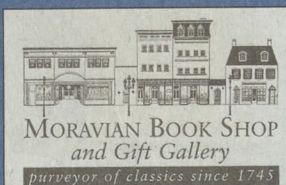
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The transfer would come from the fire apparatus replacement plan. A new fire truck will be financed by a Northampton County Gaming Grant. An additional \$100,000 would be transferred from the 911 console upgrade for the salt storage facility as well.

The gaming grant, totaling \$780,685, will also provide funding for a new ambulance and a Greenway/Hobart Connection.

The finance committee also discussed amending the general fund for city health and escrow to increase the lead testing in the health department's Healthy Homes Program.

In addition, the finance committee discussed moving \$4,400 from escrow to the general revenue fund to cover maintenance on the Steelworkers' Memorial. Finance committee members also discussed the parking authority bond.

Other proposed budget changes included increasing the water capital fund by \$200,000 to cover new meters and a main extension on Route 512.

"We're getting a lot more aggressive at replacing our old meter stock," said Edward J. Boscola, director of water and sewer resources.

Council members approved granting the \$159,900 water main extension contract to Pennoni Associates of Bethlehem. The plan calls for a 16-inch water main along Route 512 between Jaundl Boulevard in Hanover Township and Silver Crest Road in East Allen Township.

Parking Authority debt
Scott Shearer, managing director of Public Financial Management in Harrisburg, spoke to the finance committee about refinancing debt for the Bethlehem Parking Authority, including 2003 C Bonds, a 2004 note and a 2009 note not guaranteed by city. Shearer advised refinancing to "clean up the parking authority's debt portfolio." If the city guarantees debt issued by the parking authority, it also means lower rates, Shearer said.

"It would be very hard for the Parking Authority to do on their own," he added, noting the much higher rates would negate any savings from the refinancing.

Council will vote on the financial matters at the July 7 meeting. If approved, the second reading would be at the July 21 meeting and refinancing could close in August, he added.

Wednesday, June 24

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up), 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up), 1 p.m. program: "Going On A Treasure Hunt" with Major Jean Dlugose. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Thursday, June 25

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. program: Phyllis Hamm and her life experiences, followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.
Tunes at Twilight, free public concert: GirlCrue, 6 to 8 p.m., Sun Inn Courtyard, 556 Main St. No outside alcohol allowed.

Friday, June 26

Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission free music in the sculpture garden with Hector Rosado y Orquestra Hache, 6 to 8 p.m., east side of City Hall. Rain location: City Hall rotunda.
Music in the Park, David Neith Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Rose Garden.

Saturday, June 27

Book signing, "The Ones That Didn't Print," Sean Delonas, 4 to 8 p.m. Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravianbookshop.com.
Steeple and Steel tours, Steelworkers' Archives Inc. and the South Bethlehem Historical Society, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. St. John's Windish Church, 617 E. Fourth St. Reservations are required; visit www.steelworkersarchives.com or call 610-861-0600.
Art Walk, Bethlehem Historic District, 4 to 8 p.m. with artists and musicians. Visit www.downtownbethlehem.org.
Amateur Radio Field Day, free, open to the public, transmissions, VE license test session. 2 p.m. to midnight, Louise Moore Park, Country Club Road, Easton. Contact KE3AW@ARRL.NET, phone 610-432-8286, or visit <http://tinyurl.com/pfnu2c3> or www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio and www.dlarc.org.

Sunday, June 28

Music in the Park, free. Bethlehem Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m. Rose Garden.
Amateur Radio Field Day, free, open to the public, transmissions, VE license test session. 12:01 a.m. to 2 p.m., Louise Moore Park, Country Club Road, Easton. Contact KE3AW@ARRL.NET, phone 610-432-8286, or visit <http://tinyurl.com/pfnu2c3> or www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio and www.dlarc.org.

Monday, June 29

No Sweet Adelines rehearsal tonight, four part women's a cappella barbershop. Guest program, every Monday night (except June 29) through July 13, 7 p.m. St. George's Episcopal Church, 735 Delaware Ave., Hellertown. Call 610-395-2997 or email sing@lehighvalleychorus.com.

Tuesday, June 30

Salvation Army, calling all bridge players, for seniors 50 and up, 9:30 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, July 1

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up): 1 p.m. program "The Calling of Billy Graham." 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.
Music in the Park, Flutations, 6 p.m., Southside.
Music in the Park, Macungie Band, 7:30 p.m. Rose Garden.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, June 24

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.
Bethlehem City Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m., 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m. municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
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24 years of independence

Bethlehem area residents of Slovenian ethnicity celebrated Slovenia's 24th anniversary of independence with a June 19 flag raising ceremony on Bethlehem's City Center Payrow Plaza. The Slovenian Ambassador, His Excellency Dr. Bozo Cerar, attended and expressed his gratitude for the successful collaboration of the Bethlehem/Murska Sobota Sister Cities Association and continuing support given by area Slovenians. Mayor Robert Donchez welcomed participants and presented a proclamation to the association's president, Debra Smith. A representative from Pa. Senator Lisa Boscola's office also read and presented a proclamation to Smith. A luncheon was held immediately following the program. Soloists Frank Podleiszek and Betty Silva performed the American and Slovenian national anthems with accompaniment from accordionist Alex Gergar.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Bethlehem/Murska Sobota Sister Cities Association representative Stephen Antalics Jr. is joined by His Excellency Dr. Bozo Cerar, Republic of Slovenia Ambassador to the United States and Mexico, for the Slovenian flag raising during the playing of the Slovenian National Anthem.



Bethlehem/Murska Sobota Sister Cities Association president Debra Smith listens as Slovenian Ambassador Cerar recognizes Bethlehem area residents of Slovenian descent for their support.



Bethlehem area residents of Slovenian background listen to Mayor Robert Donchez's welcome.



Dressed in ethnic outfits, Frank Podleiszek and Betty Silva lead those in attendance on both the American and Slovenian National Anthems and "God Bless America."



Alex Gergar provides musical accompaniment on his accordion.

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Pat Kesling

Journalist, Musikfest director

Patricia "Pat" McInerney Kesling, 71, of Bethlehem, died June 13, 2015, after a long illness.



Born in Oakland, Calif., she was a daughter of the late Francis Norman McInerney and Janet Knowlton McInerney.

She attended Westfield HS and West Virginia University.

She began in journalism with the Morgantown Dominion Post in West Virginia. She was the first female news reporter with The Morning Call, where she also wrote a column under the pseudonym Kay Raywick. She was a features editor and a party line social columnist for The Globe Times and reported regional news for The New York Times' Northeast Journal.

She was an ombudsman for City of Bethlehem Mayor Gordon B. Mowrer and was in constituent services for State Representative T.J. Rooney. In 1994, she became Musikfest's first director of development and was involved with the building of, program funding and development of the Banana Factory Arts and Education Center, Club ArtsQuest, Musikfest membership and the Banana Factory Special Events Committee. She retired from ArtsQuest in 2010.

She was on the boards and committees of numerous local organizations. She was a member of the Junior League of the Lehigh Valley, where she

was chairperson of the Turning Point II Committee to build a Northampton County shelter. She was named the Junior League 1990 outstanding volunteer of the year and the Bethlehem YWCA outstanding woman of the year.

She is survived by a son, Rich and his wife Laurie Teter of Bethlehem; a daughter, Nancy and her husband Alistair Westwood, of Houston, Texas; and three grandchildren, Liam, Julia and Natalie Westwood, all of Houston, Texas; a sister, Sally and her husband Jim Higgins of Littleton, Colo.; a brother, Bob and his wife Nicole McInerney of Whitehouse, N.J.; four nieces, Shannon and her husband Mike Sharkey, Paige and her husband Chris Siemers of Colo., and Erren and Rachel McInerney of N.J.; a nephew, U.S. Army Capt. Patrick Higgins, in Afghanistan; two great-nieces; and one great-nephew.

A public celebration of life will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 1 in the Musikfest Cafe, Arts Quest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way.

Contributions may be made to the Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program of the Quota International Bethlehem Charitable Trust, c/o L.V. Cops 'n' Kids, P.O. Box 1906, Bethlehem, PA 18016-1906; or to the Boutique at the Rink of the American Cancer Society, c/o Boutique at the Rink, P.O. Box 1231, Bethlehem, PA 18016.

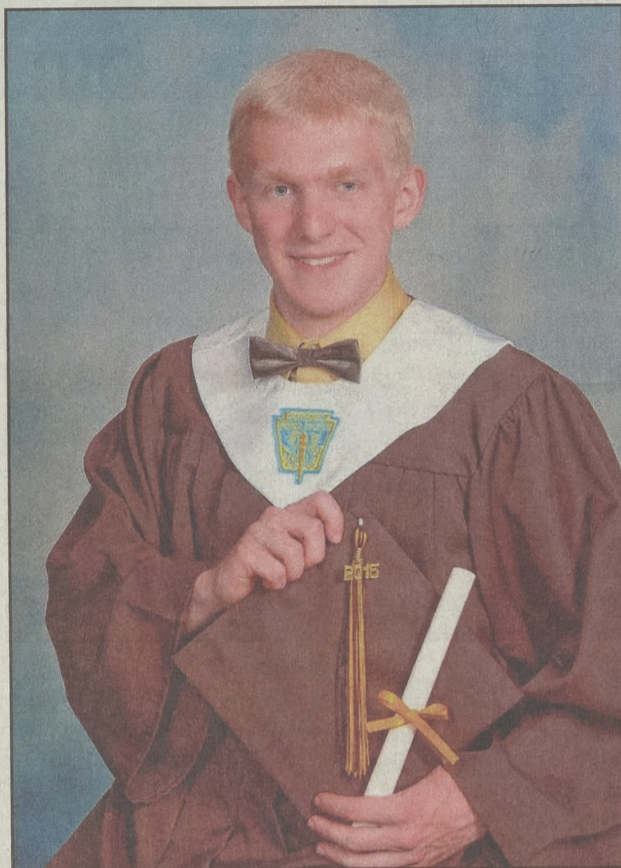
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'The past does not define us'

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you once again to the commencement of the Bethlehem Catholic class of 2015. This time, though, I think it may be the last welcome you'll hear from us, this being a farewell address. In any case, there are a number of people who are due thanks for not only my being here, but also for all of us being here. To the Most Reverend John Barres bishop of the Allentown Diocese, our principal, Mr. John Petruzzelli, and all other distinguished guests, I thank you for your presence here tonight. To the teachers, faculty and staff who, for the past four years have not only been our instructors but also our friends and mentors, I say thank you. To the coaches I have had the honor to run under and even with, I thank you for your dedication, guidance and friendship. To my family, without whom I would not be here, both literally and metaphorically, I love you more than I can put to words, thank you for everything. Last but certainly not least, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the friends who have always been there for me, in the good times and the bad. You are the best friends a person could have ever asked for. Though things may come and things may go, I know our friendship will carry on through the ages.

And now for something completely different, and, no, I'm not talking Monty Python here, I'm talking fear. The ever wise Jerry Seinfeld once stated, "People's number one fear is public speaking... Death is number two... This means that if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy." For me, at least, this strikes painfully close to home. With my speech impediment, there was a time where I'd honestly rather be, as Mr. Seinfeld so eloquently put it, in the casket.

I think the very fact that public speaking is



A valediction address by Bethlehem Catholic HS graduate Andrew Shaffer

more feared than death says a lot about our society. We live in a world where embarrassment, feeling bad about yourself, is accounted more terrifying - more intimidating - than actual, physical pain. We grant what others think of us a higher value than what we think of ourselves. I'll be honest; it took me a long time to come to terms with that idea myself. For nearly three or four years, I refused to believe that I stuttered, yet all the while, my speech grew progressively worse and worse. I could barely speak in complete sentences or even say my own name on account of my almost painful disfluency. I didn't want to admit to the world that I was different, and that my difference might make me less valuable. In

the end, my own internalized fears came to cut me deeper than any harsh words or opinions ever could. What's more, when I finally began to accept that I had a problem, those harsh words never came. I was afraid of a valueless, meaningless nothing - something that only had power over me because I gave it sanction to direct my life. And, so it did; I regret every moment that I spent cowering in my own fear, beholden to nothing more than myself.

As a Catholic, though, my fears were truly unfounded, made baseless by our beliefs. I simply never made the connection. You see, as Catholics, we place our hope not in the things of this world, not in our perishable institutions, but in something greater. We seek a

higher hope, and this is what I failed to see, failed to connect to the struggles of my own life. I placed my hope, my happiness, if you will, in the unwitting hands of others, who, in my fraudulently calculated estimations, would never see me as anything more than my disfluent speech. I failed to see that I placed my hope, not in the wrong people, for I can never fully thank my friends for all they've done for me, but merely in the wrong idea of myself. I forgot that I wasn't looking for happiness here on this world, but for eternal happiness in the next.

And that, I think, is what so many people today forget. We make our lives miserable trying to please others, fearing, in the end, nothing more than embarrassment, an embarrassment that has no foundation outside of our minds. That is no way to live, in fact that's barely surviving. So, I suppose what I'm trying to say with this whole, long, drawn out address is that in running around trying to please others, we lose ourselves and we lose sight of any inkling of who we really are. In the end, God wants nothing more from us than the best of who we can be, who He made us to be.

This graduation is as much a new beginning as it is an end. It is the chance to remake ourselves into the people we want to be, not what society or any counter-culture hopes of us. The past does not define us, because the past is not today. So in closing, if you take nothing else away from this valediction, take this: Life is what you make of it, so why not make the world you want to live in.

Thank you all. I'd wish you good luck, but, according to my good friend John Spirk, that would be a pagan concept. So instead, I'll simply say this, seize your every waking moment, and live that you are not afraid to die.

Thank you, God Bless, and stay beautiful Becahi.

Carl D. VanScheetz

Compuspar repairman



Carl D. VanScheetz, 71, of Bethlehem, died June 5, 2015, in his home.

Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late John and Verna (Smith) VanScheetz.

He was a Liberty HS graduate.

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

He was a repairman for Compuspar, formerly NCR, in Allentown, until he retired in 2006.

He was a member of the Raccoon Club and the Lappawinzo Fish & Game Club.

He is survived by three

step-children, Richard and James Schaffer, and Michele and her husband Timothy Getz; five nieces and nephews, Danelle, Valerie, Patrick, Matthew and Daniel Barwick Jr.; seven grandchildren, Cristal, Timothy, Tanya, Samuel, Salena, Anthony and James; and friend, Shari McClure and her daughters Jamie and Stephanie.

He was predeceased by a sister, Gertrude Barwick.

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

INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND

Friday, July 3

First Friday, South Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets.

Music in the Park, Bethlehem Brass, 6 p.m., Southside.

Music in the Park, Pioneer Band, 7:30 p.m., Rose Garden.

Saturday, July 4

Bethlehem Municipal Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. Center City Plaza.

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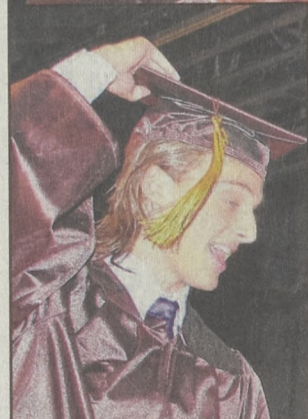
Sunday, July 5

Sing for America, benefits local military families and veterans, 1:30 p.m. Community Stage, Air Products Town Square.

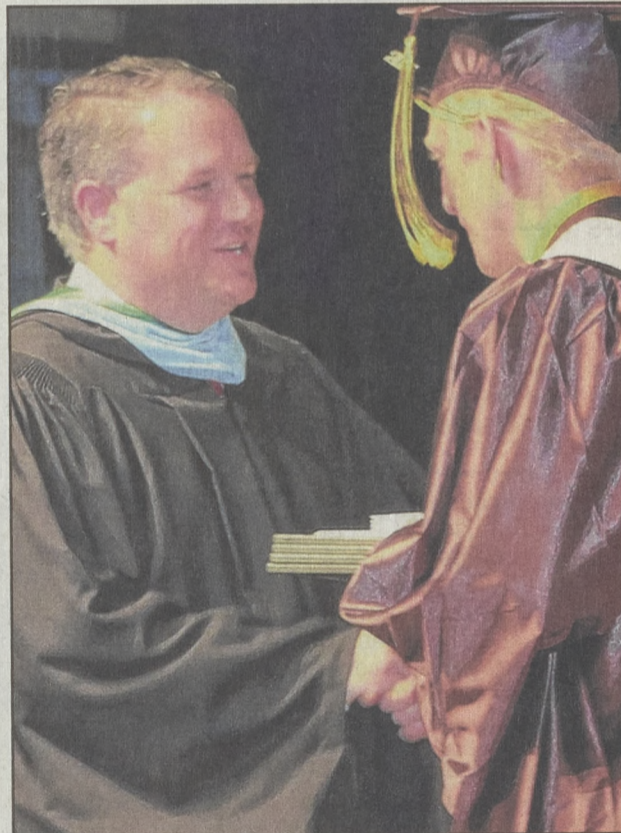
Music in the Park, 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Legion Band, Rose Garden, Eighth Ave., Union Blvd. and Broad St. area.



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Jessica Hamati-Attieh flips her tassel after receiving her diploma.



LEFT: Nicholas Kanaskie flips his tassel.



Andrew Shaffer accepts several awards from Bethlehem Catholic Principal John Petruzzelli.



Hats go flying through the air in the gym after graduation. More graduation photos on A11.

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Divided board seeks \$250K grant for Bulldogs' bathroom

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At their June 15 meeting, divided Bethlehem Township commissioners voted three to two to seek a \$250,000 grant toward a \$350,000 restroom and storage facility at the Northside Complex, also called the North 40. Supporting the measure were President Marty Zawarski, Tom Nolan and Phil Bernard. Voting no were Michael Hudak and Pat Breslin. Township Manager Melissa Shafer also has her eyes on Northampton County's Space fund for the remaining \$100,000 needed.

This proposal has existed in one form or another since 2002. In 2003, the estimated cost of the facility, which at that time also included a press box and concession stand, was already at \$200,000.

The Bulldogs

This bathroom and storage facility will service fans watching games involving the Bethlehem Township Athletic Association, known as the Bulldogs. A nonprofit organization consisting entirely of volunteers, the Bulldogs have a contractual relationship with the township that goes back to 1969. In that agreement, the township recognized "the need and demand for organized athletic activity in Bethlehem Township."

The township agreed to subsidize Bulldogs efforts to provide for organized sports, in its sole discretion, and even agreed to pay expenses incurred to the extent that its finances would permit. The Bulldogs in turn agreed to make its athletic programs available to all township residents and to maintain insurance.

They offer recreational cheerleading, football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, softball and lacrosse to all township residents. More than 1,500 children participate in one or more of these sports. They receive an annual subsidy of \$40,000. It has been as high as \$55,000.

This proposal was approved by the Recreation Board at their June 8 meet-

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PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

A "speechless" Michael Hudak nevertheless found numerous reasons to complain about a vote seeking a \$250,000 grant for a combination restroom and storage facility that will serve the Bulldogs.

ing by a 3-2 vote, with one abstention. But the plan has come under repeated attacks because of its high cost and the argument that the township is playing favorites.

Breslin on talk radio

Commissioner Pat Breslin actually took to the airwaves on WAEB to complain about the cost, claiming he could raise \$100,000 for bathrooms without involving the government. He never raised that possibility during a meeting, although some residents say he discussed it with them.

"Here's the crazy part," commented WAEB radio host Bobby Gunther Walsh, "you guys could do it for \$100,000, maybe get companies to donate their labor, some plumbers to donate their labor, electricians to donate their labor, maybe even get less than \$100,000 to put up bathroom facilities. No, no, that's put in the budget because we can then comp one of our cronies" and charge \$350,000."

"The union will get involved," worried Breslin.

"They're going to say you're stealing labor from them," replied Walsh.

Hudak speechless

"I'm speechless, I'm speechless," Commissioner Michael Hudak said after the vote. He argued that this proposal is opposed by 95 percent of the township. "It's gotten so bad we had to

get a guy on speaker phone so he can cast a Yes vote," he added, referring to a vote cast by vacationing Phil Barnard via speaker phone.

Hudak said that there are no public restrooms at four other township parks, although there is a public restroom at the township park along Farmersville road. He suggested that this grant money could be used for other things, like developing a brand new park along Cabernet Drive or Hope Road.

"The community does not want this," he concluded.

Residents want priority

Whether that's true is debatable, but Chetwin Terrace residents Wayne Kresge and Roy Roth spoke against spending \$350,000 for public restrooms. Kresge and Roth have complained for years about storm water cascading from William Penn Highway to flood their yards during heavy downpours like one that coincided with the meeting that evening. Though the township has taken remedial action, they have said it is inadequate.

Of the two, Roth was more conciliatory. "I agree the kids need facilities, but do we need a Cadillac?" he asked. Much harsher, Kresge complained about spending a "small fortune" on a facility that he said would only serve 11 percent of the population. "Is 11 percent of the population is

worth more than my house?" he asked. "Times change," he said.

Kresge also questioned whether the Bulldogs have liability insurance or vendor licenses for the concession stand. Hudak said he made the same request himself, and suspected that the answer is no. Township Manager Melissa Shafer responded that the Bulldogs do and are required to have liability insurance, but is looking into whether a vendor's license for snacks is needed.

Bathroom/storage

Critics of this bathroom did not mention that this bathroom will also double as a storage facility.

The Bethlehem Bulldogs currently pay almost \$700 a month (about \$8,000 per year) for storage of equipment and supplies during the off season. This facility will also provide permanent storage for shoulder pads and other equipment, much like the Steelers have in Bethlehem. Because the Bulldogs will no longer have to pay rental, they have agreed to an \$8,000 cut in their annual allotment from the township. That annual savings will probably pay for most if not all of the cost of the bathroom over its anticipated lifespan.

Why \$350,000?

In a memo prepared for commissioners, manager Shafer explained that the high cost for the combination bathroom and storage building is the result of the 2009 International Building Code and township plumbing code. Based on parking lot capacity, she said the public restroom must include the following: six women's toilets; two men's toilets and one urinal; two lavatories (sinks) in each restroom; handicapped accessible facilities for each gender; two drinking fountains (one each for wheelchair and standing persons); a service closet with water heater, mop sink and cleaning supply storage; and a separate, "family assisted use" restroom.

Supporters of the grant offered no arguments.

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Luciana is about 3 years old and will need regular grooming. She likes other cats. She is spayed, microchipped, current on shots and litter trained.

Happy Father's Day



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Robert Hachtman cools off on a sunny Father's Day with his daughter Emma at the Pop-Jet Fountain mini-park in the center of The Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley. The Bethlehem resident said his two children like the free multiple water fountain area at the circular Town Square which is designed like an arena with concrete steps. Sunday's warm weather brought out many families throughout the Lehigh Valley to savor the official first day of summer June 21.

Fall festival planning continues

By DANIELLE MARTIN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"It's all about the children," said Alfonso Todd III in regards to the fall music festival and his company's desire to incorporate local schools. A family oriented music day event for the community was a hot topic at Fountain Hill Borough Council's June 1 meeting, and Todd means to provide one. Sponsors cover the cost of performances

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and all other expenses so the community can experience a free event with family and friends.

With nothing but the promise of fun and profit, the council decided to move forward with this endeavor, but not before honing in on all the details.

Later, council member Carolee Gifford expressed her concern for the local walking trail. She said the

constant littering, "Detracts from our quality of life!"

The rest of council shared her concern, with Fred Capuano saying, "It's a sad, sad thing... the borough was always a clean place." He also pointed out that parents may not have stressed the importance of a clean environment. "Education is the solution!"

Mayor Jose Rosado added that, "It's multi-

faceted," as the trail needs trashcans, education and police enforcement to maintain cleanliness. Even after suggesting people in community service to right this wrong the frustration remained with the mayor saying, "I'm tired of having this conversation over and over and the borough still isn't any cleaner."

No motion has yet been passed on the matter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 24 (Monday through Friday only)
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VOLUNTEERS

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Works employees to get raises

By MARK RECCEK
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With the finalizing of a new contract, Hellertown Borough Public Works employees will soon begin receiving a 9 percent raise over three years.

The new agreement was announced at council's June 1 meeting. The pay increase will measure out at

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3 percent in fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Wages will be frozen for non-uniformed employees for the first one-and-a-half years of the contract.

According to borough Manager Cathy Hartranft, the borough will still cover the health care costs of

retired borough employees; however, the borough will only cover up to \$350 per month, up until Dec. 31, 2022, for those who retire in the future.

In addition, the cost of health insurance for current employees will also increase, from 4 percent to

5 percent in 2016 and 6 percent in 2017, Hartranft said.

Hartranft also noted the time current employees must work to be eligible for three weeks of paid vacation has been reduced.

In other business, Public Works Director Tom Henshaw said the borough pool should be ready for opening day June 13.

Council, Brown call a truce

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

June 18 started off as a bad day for Northampton County Executive John Brown. The Morning Call's Bill White inducted Brown into his dubious Hall of Fame. But when Brown addressed council that evening, he turned that bad

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day into a good day.

He gave what appeared to be a heartfelt apology for his role in creating the friction that currently exists between his office and council. What impact this had on council has a whole remains to be seen,

but Scott Parsons appeared to be visibly moved and thanked Brown.

What struck White is Brown's "bizarre determination to do so many things the wrong way."

Things came to a head with council over secret

raises he has handed out without seeking their approval. Council Solicitor Phil Lauer has ruled that this is completely contrary to the merit pay system in place. When fellow Controller Steve Barron uncovered what was going on, Brown circled the wag-

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ons. Finally, after several more weeks, council unanimously demanded he justify these raises by June 17 or face the consequences in court.

Though the amount in dispute is minimal, council's power to set wages was being challenged, along with the merit pay system in place that encourages professionalism, and not cronyism, in the workforce.

Brown did ultimately release this information, but it was accompanied by a "lawyer letter" from his solicitor, Ryan Durkin, adding fuel to the fire. That letter reserved "all of the

Executive's past, present and future rights, claims and defenses in the ongoing disagreement" and contained other language that is routine in the legal arena, but made council members even more angry.

On June 17, when this matter came to Ken Kraft's Personnel Committee, he decided to forward the entire matter to the full council without discussion. The stage was set for anything, from the suspension of these raises to a vote that would simply abolish all the positions.

But nothing happened. The matter was tabled by an 8-1 vote with only Seth Vaughn voting no because he was concerned about innocent employees being

stuck in limbo. Council is willing to work with the executive because instead of coming out with guns blazing, he did something different.

He apologized. He conceded that all parties, including council, "were and are acting in good faith." Instead of slamming prior administrations, he agreed with former executive Jerry Seyfried's remarks that "one branch of government suing another to resolve differences of opinion is a waste of time, money and only hurts Northampton County."

He reflected on how he would feel if he were a council member. "Standing in council's shoes,

reviewing not only the authorizing documents guiding the county but also the specific actions taken and the lack of communication with and inclusion of council in those activities, it is absolutely reasonable council would conclude I was trying to circumvent the county's guidelines, usurp council's authority and be offended."

He then publicly apologized for any offenses his action may have caused, and told council, "I have voluntarily agreed to not authorize any additional salary adjustments without bringing the matter before council until a formal resolution of the matter can be achieved."

He also apologized to

the 14 employees who received pay raises "for any public and private upset caused," calling them innocents who had "nothing to do with my decision to authorize the salary adjustments without bringing the matter before council."

He also apologized to Cathy Allen, his deputy director of administration, referring to her as "a surrogate target of council's frustration from my lack of understanding and consideration of council's need and concerns." And in case they missed it the first or second time, he apologized to council again.

Scott Parsons, who has repeatedly asked for more transparency from Brown,

immediately thanked him. Even Lamont McClure and Ken Kraft, Brown's harshest critics on council, seemed willing to give peace a chance.

At least a ceasefire.

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Lehigh Valley's Carpenter Cup team lost its opening round game.

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Liberty's Kristin Kaleycik made Lehigh Valley's Carpenter Cup team.

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THEY SAID IT

"It's awesome, I'm living the dream. It's not everyday that you can workout with the Lakers. It was great competition against guys from the Big 10 and the ACC and it's great to compete against them."

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SAGE STAUFFER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The 5th Annual Sage Stauffer Memorial Soccer Tournament will take place Saturday, Aug. 22 with a rain/overflow date of Aug. 23.

It will be a 6 v 6 format for U7-U14 rec travel teams. EPYSA sanctioned FIFA refs. Teams guaranteed three games and cost is \$150.

The event will take place at Catasauqua High School, 2500 W. Bullshead Road, Northampton.

Registration and played due by July 27. Early bird discount by July 1 is \$10 off.

For more information contact 610-737-5940 or ssskids@aol.com.

FOOTBALL

PIAA faces uphill climb in class proposals

By PETER CAR
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If there was one overwhelming sentiment that came from last week's meeting at Whitehall High School in regards to the PIAA moving to six classes in football, it's that the idea to increase classes has a long way to go.

District 11 chairman Bob Hartman and District 11 football chairman Jason Zimmerman spoke for nearly an hour to local football coaches, princi-

pals and media members about the road ahead in the eyes of the PIAA and having class reform for the 584 schools in Pennsylvania that participate in varsity football.

With eight proposals at hand, the PIAA board will meet on July 21 to discuss the next step in the process, which could result in the proposals being tabled, killed or passed for a third reading.

The main purpose of

moving from four to six classes in football is to lower the amount of weeks in the season from 16 to 15, which is something that has picked up steam across the state due to the PIAA state football championships extending so deep into the month of December. Last year, the state championships took place the weekend of December 12, featured down attendance and poor weather conditions.

One item of note that Hartman and Zimmerman agreed upon was that if the PIAA approved to move from four to six classes, it would probably come with the caveat that all sports that currently have four classes, including female sports like girls basketball and softball, would eventually come into the equation for expansion as well.

"It's rumored that this won't go through if it's football only," said Hart-

man. "It's probably going to incorporate all sports that currently have four classifications."

The four main proposals that were discussed last Tuesday included:

1. Four classes with 25-percent of schools per classification (current status quo).

2. Six classes with 16.67-percent of schools per classification.

3. Super 700: Top class of 700 students or more

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MCDONALD'S ALL-STAR CLASSIC



Josiah Wright hauls in a pass during last week's McDonald's Lehigh Valley All-Star Classic.

Red outlasts Gold in McDonald's Classic

By PETER CAR
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It was the last scoring play of the McDonald's Lehigh Valley All-Star Classic and the first passing touchdown of Josiah Wright's football career.

Wright, a wide receiver for Liberty, threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Palisades' Devin Ramsden late in the fourth quarter of last week's contest to make things interesting, but ultimately have the Gold squad fall short of their bid to knock off the Red team.

When it was all said and done, the Red team (Lehigh, Carbon and Monroe Counties) took home a 29-27 over Wright and his Gold counterparts (Northampton County, Palisades and Phillipsburg) in a passionate affair at Nazareth's Andrew S. Leh Stadium.

Jumping out to a 12-0 lead in the first quarter, the Red team earned touchdowns from three Northwestern players throughout the contest to cement their win in a hard-fought contest.

For Wright, his touchdown throw from the wide receiver position with 1:26 left in the game may have been too little, too late, but it was something that he'll remember for the rest of

his life.

"We've been working on that play all week and it was really a designed play for the redzone, but we had to use it because we were running out of time," Wright said. "It was nice to have a perfect QBR. I was pretty nervous throwing that ball because I kept thinking to myself, 'please don't drop it.'"

A rough start by the Gold squad doomed their chances in the long run, as turnovers ultimately led to their early hole. Three first quarter turnovers by the Gold team ultimately put them behind when Cam Richardson (Northwestern) took a swing pass 14-yards from Travis Edmond (Southern Lehigh) for the opening score.

Chris Trumbauer, a Northwestern lineman, then picked off Nazareth QB Justin Albert and rumbled 25 yards for a pick-six to make it 12-0 after a failed PAT and two-point conversion.

However, even though it looked like the Red was going to run away with the win, the Gold squad battled back with a ground attack, starting off with a 12-yard TD run by Palisades' running back Christian Grezinger in the second quarter.

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NBA DRAFT

Liberty's Hilliard set to land with NBA team

By PETER CAR
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The 2015 NBA Draft gets under way this Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY and former Liberty star Darrun Hilliard has a chance to hear his name being called.

The Villanova guard also has a shot of watching the telecast on ESPN throughout its duration and not hearing his name called.

By all accounts, it's really a 50/50 proposition for Hilliard to be drafted Thursday night.

The last player from the Lehigh Valley to get selected in the NBA Draft was in 2007, when Emmaus product, Aaron Gray, was the 49th selection (second round) by the Chicago Bulls. Gray, who became a stand-out center at Pittsburgh had one trait that all basketball minds covet, which is being a 7-footer.

Hilliard, who measures at 6-

foot-6, averaged 14.3 points a game last year for the Wildcats as a guard. He's worked out for nearly 15 NBA teams this offseason and has been living in Los Angeles leading up to the draft.

Hilliard worked out for the Lakers recently and addressed the media following the session with several former college players looking to impress NBA executives.

"It's awesome, I'm living the dream. It's not everyday that you can workout with the Lakers," Hilliard said. "It was great competition against guys from the Big 10 and the ACC and it's great to compete against them."

Hilliard envisions himself playing as a guard in the NBA and his high school coach, Chad Landis of Liberty, has stayed in touch with Hilliard throughout the process and is looking forward to the possibility that this week presents.

"He's a bubble guy," Landis said of Hilliard. "He has a See NBA on Page A9



Former Liberty High School and Villanova standout Darrun Hilliard, shown here at the PPL Center, has a good chance to land with an NBA team even if he isn't drafted.

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CARPENTER CUP

Kaleycik part of LV softball team

PRESS PHOTO BY SCOTT PAGEL

Liberty's Kristin Kaleycik was named to the Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup softball team.



By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty High School infielder, Kristin Kaleycik, was recently selected to compete on the Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup softball team. Lehigh Valley is a tournament team comprised of

softball players from the East Penn Conference and the Colonial League who just completed their sophomore or junior year of high school. The tournament itself is sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies, providing these players the opportunity to showcase their talents

in front of college coaches. Coached by John Eyer of Emmaus, tryouts were held last month. Kaleycik said, "My parents said it would be a really good opportunity and since I'm a sophomore, I should start now for colleges to look at me.

When tryouts came, it was pretty spur of the moment." Although the atmosphere was somewhat more laid back than that of high school tryouts, the drills, such as hitting and fielding, were very similar. When Coach Eyer See **Girls** on Page A9

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LV blanked in Cup opener

By TODD KRESS
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Ted Plessl has been around for quite some time, managing countless Lehigh Valley baseball teams in the annual Carpenter Cup Classic.

He looked at this year's team and had high expectations for his squad, due in large part to the pitching staff on the roster.

But sometimes things don't go as planned. Plessl didn't get to see that staff's full potential come to fruition.

Instead it was Tri-Cape that stole the show.

Tri-Cape's offense erupted for 19 runs on 12 hits in last Wednesday's first-round game against Lehigh Valley, securing a 19-0 shutout victory at UYA Showcase Field at F.D.R. Park. Tri-Cape's pitching rotation was just as impressive, allowing just three Lehigh Valley hits in nine innings of play to open the 30th Annual Carpenter Cup Classic.

"It was a day we did-



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

John Yocum reacts after being called out during last week's 19-0 Carpenter Cup baseball loss.

n't expect," Plessl said. "We actually, as a staff, felt this was a strong enough team, with the pitching that we had, that we were a contender for the title.

"I tip my hat off to the other team. They outplayed us in every phase of the game. And that happens."

Lehigh Valley, which has won three Carpenter Cup championships since its inception in 1986 and most recently in 2011, suffered its worst loss in its history. Lehigh Valley lost to SOL National 17-3 in

1993, marking their highest-margin of defeat before last Wednesday.

It was an outcome that no one had anticipated after Lehigh Valley had been a steady presence in the tournament's championship game in recent years.

"We've been one of the best teams down here over the years," Plessl said. "We've been to Citizen's Bank Park four out of the last six years. We've had two titles that we lost in the last game, and we won it three times. This one

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BRIEFLY

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To adopt that day, vet records from past pets would be helpful in completing the adoption.

For more information, call 610-760-9009.

PENN STATE

Summer writing courses offered

The Lehigh Valley Writing Project (LVWP), a National Writing Project site, will hold several credit and non-credit courses for local educators at the Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley.

Non-credit offerings include Three Days/Three Modes: An Academy for Implementing the PA Core Standards in Literacy, June 29, 30 and July 1; Inquiring Minds: Finding the Voice of the Student Scientist 2015 STEM & Literacy Academy, July 20 to 23; Technology and the Learning Process (EDUC 464) July 6 to 10; 2015 Using a Writer's Notebook to Empower Writers (EDUC 497) July 27 to 31; and Children's Literature in Teaching Writing (EDUC 432), June 22 to 26.

Tuition is at the state rate. No prerequisites. LVWP will offer graduate credits on specific courses. For information, call 610-285-5239, email dba117@psu.edu, or visit www.lvwp.org.

LVCSA

Guest program ends July 13

The Lehigh Valley Chorus Sweet Adelines 2015 six week summer guest program will be held at 7 p.m. through July 13 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 735 Delaware Ave., Hellertown.

Guests will learn a song which will be sung with the chorus at a concert on July 15 at West Park, Allentown.

To learn more about membership, join the guest program or email sing@lehighvalleychorus.com or call 610-395-2997.



Brothers Chris and Jason Van Camp from Cub Scout Pack 346 look over some of the handmade miniature racing cars entered in the South Mountain District Pinewood Derby held recently at First Baptist Church in Bethlehem.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Cub Scout race time



Jacob Hydock of Pack 321, holding his wooden race car, is embraced by his proud grandmother, Dawn Hydock who came from Gilbertsville for the annual scouting event.



Starter Jim Fereo of the South Mountain District of the Minsi Trail Council waits to release the Pinewood cars at the top of the racetrack during one of the many heats. The event coordinator was Dave Herbert, father of Cub Scout Brian Herbert from host Pack 346, which held the prestigious annual competition.



A 40-foot gravity track is the center of attention during the South Mountain District 2015 Pinewood Derby at First Baptist Church in Bethlehem. The handmade wooden cars in heats of four vie for the best times among the 81 Cub Scout racers.

BRIEFLY

CANCER SOCIETY
Pa. Hope Ride
set for June 27

Hope Lodge in Hershey will be the starting point for bicycling enthusiasts June 27, as they begin their journey through eastern Pennsylvania for the American Cancer Society's third annual Pennsylvania Hope Ride.

Cyclists will pedal more than 140 miles through four counties in two days.

The Pennsylvania Hope Ride raises money and awareness for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodges and additional patient programs.

The start and end points are what set this ride apart. Out of the 31 American Cancer Society Hope Lodge facilities across the nation, Pennsylvania is home to two.

Participating cyclists pay a registration fee and are provided with tips to reach individual fundraising goals.

The ride also includes an overnight stay in a dorm at Kutztown University campus, all meals, rest stops and support from mechanics and safety personnel.

Cyclists and route volunteers may sign up for the event by visiting pahoperide.org or by calling the American Cancer Society at 717-533-6144.

STEELWORKERS

Summer tours
start June 27

Minibus tours, sponsored and guided by the Steelworkers' Archives Inc. and the South Bethlehem Historical Society, will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on various Saturdays and beginning at St. John's Lutheran (Windish) Church, 617 E. Fourth St. The church will host a free open house from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and a church tour at 12:15 p.m. on the dates listed below.

The tours include steelworker neighborhoods and churches, interpretation of work at and a tour of the Bethlehem Steel site, a church, and a steelworker's overtime lunch bag. The dates and the churches visited are Incarnation of Our Lord Parish (formerly Sts. Cyril & Methodius Roman Catholic Church), and Packer Chapel, June 27; Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Church and St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, July 25; Concordia Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Aug. 22; Fritz Memorial United Methodist Church and Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Sept. 26; and St. Michael's Cemetery and Holy Infancy Roman Catholic Church, Oct. 31.

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Lianna Bright

Bethlehem Catholic HS



Grade: Graduated senior

Family members: Mother, Theresa Bright; brother, David Bright II

Favorite subject: Government and politics: I enjoy gaining a greater understanding of our government and how society functions within the system. World history: Our world lives in a constant cycle; what is done today was done in some form in societies past. It's fascinating to bring those connections together and essential to use the knowledge to avoid the repetition of past tragedies.

Activities: Debating team captain, wrestling manager, peer listener, Hawk Ambassador, French Club, FACT Club, Eco Club

Next steps: Double major in political science and international relations with a minor in cultural studies focused in the Middle East

Career goals: I hope to one day be the Senior Political Affairs Officer for the United States.

Heroes: Beverly Bradley, president of Cops 'n' Kids of the Lehigh Valley: Mrs. Bradley works toward giving the children of our valley not only the gift of reading, but also the knowledge, inspiration and hope that accompanies the hundreds of thousands of

books that have been distributed. I hope that one day I will be able to have a positive impact on society in the way Mrs. Bradley has had.

Volunteer/community work: Cops 'n' Kids of the Lehigh Valley

Likes: Politics, reading, spending time with friends

Dislikes: Math

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Soroptimist International Young Female Volunteer of the Year

Advice for peers: "A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others." - Ayn Rand

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.
Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.

SCHOOLNOTES

BASD: New dates, times for 2015-16
 There will be several changes for the 2015-16 school year calendar.
 The first day of the school year is Aug. 31, not Aug. 3 as previously listed.
 The new start times are, for elementary schools, 8:55 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.; middle schools, 8:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.; and high schools, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To get your news item in SCHOOL NOTES, send the information to George Taylor at gtaylor@tnonline.com or mail the information to SCHOOL NOTES, 308 East Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

COLLEGEGRADUATES

Centenary College
 Two Bethlehem residents graduated from Centenary College recently. The men and their degrees are Steven Kluemper, bachelor of science degree; and Juan Pineiro, master of business administration.

DeSales University
 Cody R. Fink graduated from DeSales University on May 16. He earned a bachelor of science degree in sports management.

Grove City
 Jenne Mante, of Bethlehem, graduated from Grove City College May 16 with a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies.

Moravian College
 Two Bethlehem residents graduated from Moravian College recently. The ladies, their degrees and majors are Jessica J. Potkovic, bachelor of arts, psychology and an early childhood elementary teaching certification; and Elizabeth A. Nielsen, bachelor of arts, psychology.

University of Scranton
 Several Bethlehem area residents have graduated from the University of Scranton. The names, degrees and majors are: Robert J. Sawyer, master in health administration, health administration major; Jamie S. Rankis, master of science degree, human resources; Alexis N. Burgess, bachelor of science, community health education; Samantha A. Marri, bachelor of science, exercise science; James H. Sawyer, bachelor of science, marketing; Matthew J. Scherer, bachelor of science, finance; and Ellen C. Walker, bachelor of arts, communication.

Weidner University
 Three local residents graduated from Widener University in August and December 2014 and May 2015. Ashleigh Bothwell, bachelor of arts in sociology; John Posh, bachelor of science in allied health; and Kaitlin Schnalzer, bachelor of arts in psychology, were recognized at ceremonies on May 15 and 16.

Submit COLLEGE GRADUATES items to gtaylor@tnonline.com, fax 610-625-2126 or mail it to College graduates, c/o Bethlehem Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

DEANSLIST

Bucknell University
 Several Bethlehem area residents have been named to the Bucknell University spring 2015 dean's list. The following students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.: Audrey Amoroso, Jack Dealtrey, Justin Manhoff, Gareth Messman, and Peter Puleo.

Elizabethtown College
 Four Bethlehem full-time undergraduate students have been named to the Elizabethtown College spring

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GRADUATIONS 2015



LV REGIONAL ACADEMY The Class of 39 seniors sits on the Zoellner Arts Center stage. The Class of 2015 is the largest in the history of the regional charter school which was established in 2002.



TIM GILMAN
 Student speaker Michael Cameron.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN
NOTRE DAME Proud father Doug Scartelli takes a photo of his daughter, Christina Scartelli (left), during her valedictory address.



Dawn Morello of Palmer Township uses a large plastic tarp for cover from the rain as she prepares to film her granddaughter Maria receiving several awards during the graduation ceremony.



Grandparents Bruce and David B. Seal applaud their grandson Andrew J. Valkenburg who received an appointment to USMA West Point.



Two graduation families share an umbrella during the steady afternoon rain. Anne Constant, of Bethlehem, watches her son Mason Constant at the wet graduation, while Jane Darienzo of Stewartsville, N.J., watches her daughter Kayla Francisca from the back of the umbrella during the damp commencement exercises.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN
MORAVIAN ACADEMY Headmaster George N. King, Jr. congratulates each member of the class of 2015 after the outdoor commencement exercises have ended. A special tradition of the Moravian Academy graduation features a line-up of the new graduates for the faculty and staff to shake their hands and offer congratulatory remarks and best wishes.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB
LIBERTY HS grad Brigid Deegan is joined by aunts and cousins for photos after her graduation. In the fall Deegan will attend Muhlenberg College where she'll study political science and public health.



Moravian graduate Anne Marmaras of Pen Argyl wears sporty red Chuck Taylors during Moravian Academy commencement exercises.



Rob Walker, Heidi Call and Katharine Call support their favorite Liberty HS graduate Jeremy Lutack. Lutack will attend Northampton Community College, majoring in math.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

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DEANS LIST

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2015 dean's list. The residents earned a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better in 14 or more credit hours, of which at least 12 credits are letter-graded course work.

Those named are Jensen L. Appleman, senior accounting major; Jenna C. Nguyen, senior, health and occupation major; Autumn V. Reichard, senior, elementary/middle education - language and reading major; and Amanda N. Long, senior mathematics major.

James Madison University

Three Bethlehem residents were named to the spring 2015 dean's list at James Madison University. The students and their majors are Kelsey Becket, senior, political science - bachelor of arts; Sean Cassidy, senior, media arts and design - bachelor of science; and Emily Smith, senior, health sciences - bachelor of science.

King's College

Several area residents were named to the King's College spring 2015 dean's list. They are Melissa Colon, Abigail Cooke, Jamie Deleon, Justin Derenzis, Caroline Fitch, Katherine Fitch, Connor Hughes, Joshua Kepfinger, Sean Krutsick, Jessica Mulligan and Kady Zawadski, all of Bethlehem; and Alexandra Evangelista, of Hellertown.

Millersville University

Four Bethlehem residents have been named to Millersville University of Pennsylvania's spring 2015 dean's list. The students, who all earned a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or higher and attempted at least 12 credits of course work, are Matthew D'Almeida, Kimberly Ivory, Ross Romero and Rachel Strzelecki.

Norwich University

Jacqueline C. Tarasuk, of Bethlehem, was recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University for the spring 2015 semester.

York College

Five Bethlehem area residents have been named to the York College dean's list for the spring 2015 semester dean's list. To be eligible for this honor, a student must be registered for at least 12 academic credit hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

The students, grade and major, are as follows: Kristen Lee, sophomore, graphic design; Karyna Merwine, senior, nursing; Samantha Nicodemo, senior, professional writing; William Parkinson, freshman, mechanical engineering; and Abigail Stives, senior, nursing.

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BETHLEHEM Rabid cat found near Luna St.

The Bethlehem Health Bureau confirmed that a cat found in the area of Luna Street, on the north side of the City of Bethlehem, tested positive for rabies. A stray cat bit a citizen, who had been feeding it and other strays, on June 15.

Bethlehem Health Director Kristen Wenrich recommends that wildlife, stray or feral cats or stray dogs should not be fed or handled. All sick or injured animals should be reported to the local police department or animal control officer. Anyone who is bitten, scratched, or otherwise exposed to an animal should seek prompt medical care.

Pennsylvania law mandates that all domesticated dogs and cats over three months of age must be vaccinated against rabies. For more information regarding rabies, visit www.bethlehem-pa.gov/health/animal/management.html or call the Bethlehem Health Bureau at 610-865-7083.

BETHLEHEM Farmer's market open at Lehigh

The Bethlehem Farmer's Market is now open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 29 at Lehigh University, Campus Square, New Street at Morton.

There will be produce, natural goods, treats and more, as well as live music from noon to 2 p.m.

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 w/Eclectic Circus Stage Show
 ★ Reptile pets, pizza eating contest compliments of Palace Pizza, Rita's mascot

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
 ★ ENTERTAINMENT: Dana Gaynor
 ★ Hot dog eating contest compliments of Potts, Rita's mascot, tethered hot air balloon

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
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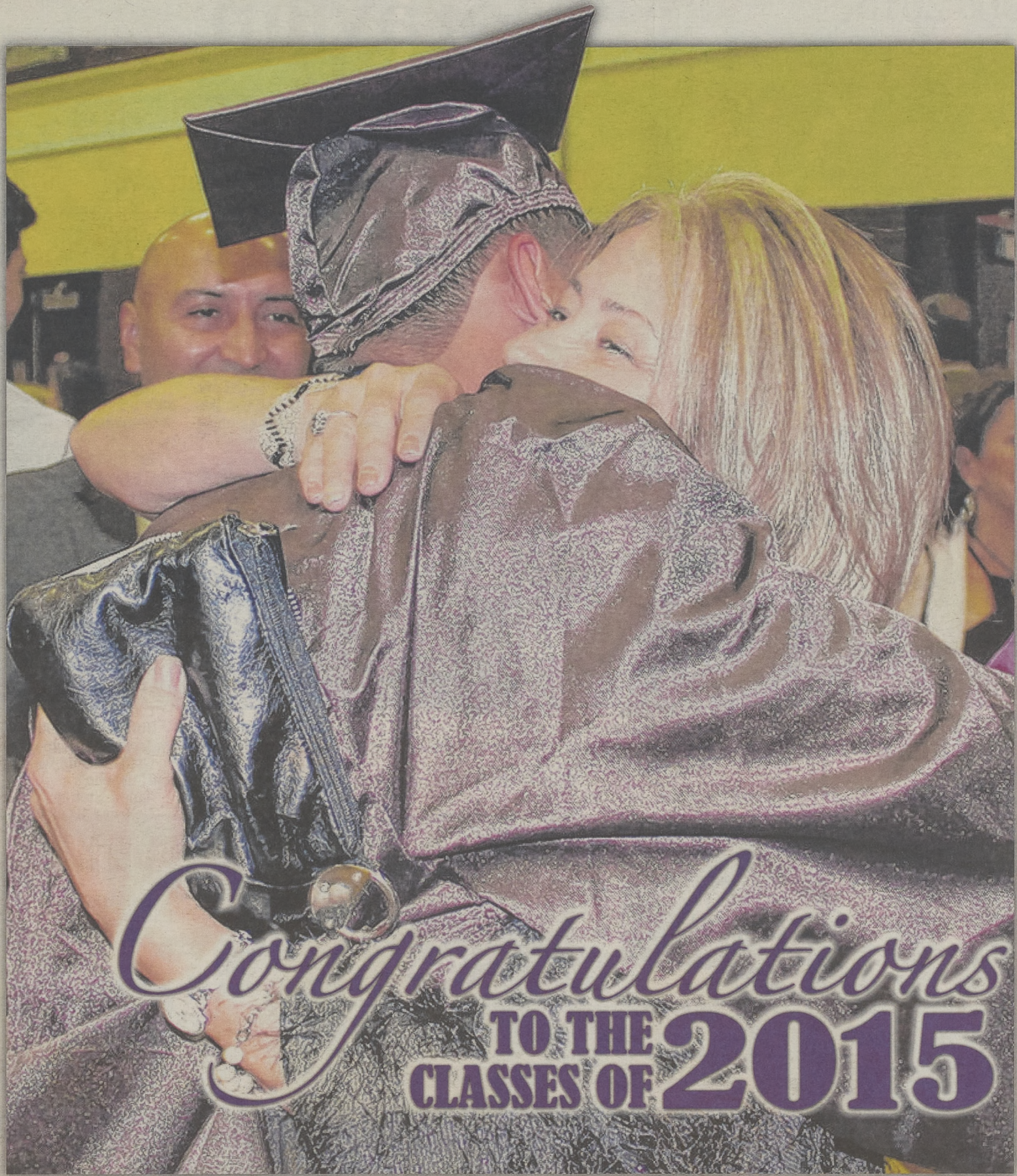
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ON THE FRONT



Jorge Mayorga gets a hug from Adrianna Diaz following Bethlehem Catholic HS's graduation exercises. **Press photo by Ruth Grady.**

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Moravian Academy

May 30, 2015, at the Merle-Smith Campus

Kara Chyung, class president



Kara Chyung

PARENTS: Dennis and Serena Chyung

COLLEGE: Harvard University

CAREER PLANS: Undecided

THEME OF SPEECH: A response to two pieces of advice that we tend to receive as graduates: to make our mark on the world and to follow our passion.

WHY THAT THEME: I think that this is wonderful advice and given with the best of intentions, but in my own experience, I've found it difficult to deter-

mine what they really mean when taken into action. I didn't feel I was in the position to be giving advice, so

I wanted to present my reactions to those two bits of advice as the beginning of a discussion with my fellow graduates.

SCHOOL MEMORIES: Too many to say...going to states with the tennis team, a cappella rehearsals, class discussions in English, and spending time with all of my wonderful classmates.

SECRET OF SUC-

CESS: I've had so much love, support, and encouragement throughout my life and especially throughout high school.

My teachers, coaches, mentors, friends, and most of all my family are the "secret" to my success.

MESSAGE TO CLASSMATES: You all have incredibly bright futures ahead of you! I feel so lucky to have been a part, however small, of your time at Moravian Academy.

I will miss each and everyone of you so much!

The Class of 2015

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Shaheer Iftikhar Ahmad
Jeanne K. Astolfi
Andrew Van Tassell

Atkins
Charles Frederick

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Bridget Amber Bell
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Jaycie Schaeffer Brown
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Class president Kara Chung addresses 2015 senior classmates and graduation attendees.



Holding their diplomas, the Moravian Academy seniors sing the school alma mater at the end of the Moravian Academy commencement.

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Graduated classmates Nicholai Thomas Redfern of New Jersey and Shaheer Iftikhar Ahmad of Bethlehem share some thoughts during the post commencement reception on the Jacob Lawn of Moravian Academy.



Graduating senior Jaycie Schaffer Brown enjoys a sip of water after the warm outdoors processional.



Proud father Alan Brau of Hanover Township takes pictures of his three generations of Moravian Academy graduates - Julie 2010, Joseph 2015, and Marisa 2008 - with their grandmother Sally Brau.

Notre Dame Catholic High School

May 31, 2015, at Notre Dame Stadium

Christina Scartelli, valedictorian

Parents: Douglas and Sue Scartelli

College: Amherst

Career plans: pre-med

Theme of speech:

Though society is a slave to money, it's more important to make the world a better place.

Why that theme: Notre Dame students are more interested in making a difference than in wealth.

School memory: Friendships, teachers and coaches for track and cross country

Secret of success: Determination and hard work

Message to classmates: We are all afraid of the unknown, but that is where we find our true potential.



Christina Scartelli

Joshua Ackerman
Emily Elizabeth Alayón
Shania Alotta
Gabiella Altmire
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Jae Hyun Bok
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Paula Graner
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Jenna Elizabeth Hopper
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Shannon Renee Koehler
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 Laura Natalia Sarria
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 Mark John Basil Lawrence Schneider
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 Tatum Marie Seier

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 Bin Shan (Steven)
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 Kelsey Marie Simpkins
 Jillian Adele Sherchak
 Crystal Snell
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 Kayleigh Brielle Sprague
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 Jun Sun
 Madeleine P. Talijan
 Katelyn Elizabeth Teats
 Deirdre R. Tighe
 Anita Elizabeth Titus

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 Trey Loren Watson
 Tyra Mychelle Watson
 Kathleen Delaney Weber
 Dravyn Weir
 Kayla Marie Welsh
 Joseph Wetzel
 Christopher Williams

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 Kimberly Lynn Williams
 Latrell Anthony Williams
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 Hao Xue
 Noel Lea Yannuzzi
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Valedictorian Christina Scartelli holds her special awards and trophies.

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Liberty High School

June 3, 2015, at Stabler Arena

Jenny Kaufmann, valedictorian

Parents: Chaim and Carol Kaufmann

College: Princeton

Career plans: I plan to become a math professor.

Top school memory: Senior prom!

Secret of success: Keep the big picture in mind – and get enough sleep.

Message to classmates: I'm really glad to have spent these four years with all of you. We learned from each other at least as much as we learned from the teachers. Congrats on making it through high school, and good luck wherever you're going!



Jenny Kaufmann

The Class of 2015

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Natalie Elizabeth Tan-	Joshua Vazquez	



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Gathering for one final photo were Liberty coeds Jaylyn Ortiz, Joneth Ortiz-Rentas, Zoe Lennon and Dagny Timar. Ortiz would like to pursue music programs while the other three will attend Northampton Community College and major in global studies, veterinary technician and general education, respectively.



Valedictorian Jenna Kaufmann was a National Merit Award recipient, received the Lamp of Knowledge, and graduated with highest honors.

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Casey Clearie was the center of the celebration after the graduation ceremony. Clearie will attend East Stroudsburg University and pursue a degree in business management.



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Bedecked with candy necklaces after commencement, graduate Hoke Fineanganfo is heading to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in accounting.



Checking out the program prior to commencement were Myaja Simmons and Aaron Hopkins. Simmons will head to Bronx Community College to major in psychology and Hopkins is enlisting in the U.S. Air Force.



Grad Noah Reichard is joined by family to celebrate and begin the next stage of his life. Reichard will attend Northampton Community College and will choose between history and theater as his major.



With niece Alexis Rojas at her side as her number one fan, Tiara Rojas is ready to tackle her studies in child development at Northampton Community College.

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June 4, 2015, Bethlehem Catholic Auditorium

Andrew Shaffer, valedictorian

Parents: Russell and Karen Shaffer

College: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Career plans: After finishing my education at ERAU, I plan to seek employment as a launch systems engineer for a private space company.

Theme of speech: My valediction discusses the concept of fear, and as a corollary its futility, through the eyes of a Catholic.

Why that theme: For as long as I can accurately remember, I have dealt with a speech impediment, which, not so terribly long ago, controlled my life. I was afraid of what others would think of me if I stuttered, and thus I simply tried not to talk. I lived in constant fear of something that only controlled me because I let it? it took me a long time to realize that. I chose fear as my speech's theme because I don't want anyone to have to live in fear of themselves. It accomplishes nothing and leads you down a road best left untraveled.

School memory: My favorite school memory is less of a single moment in time; it would be better generalised as my Bethlehem Catholic running career as a whole. Running, especially as a senior, was always a time to decompress, have fun, and



Andrew Shaffer

simply be myself without being surrounded by books. In doing track and cross country, I've made lifelong friends who, otherwise, I would never have gotten to know. Though I can't quite say track is life, track and cross country have made my life so much better than it otherwise would have been.

Secret of success: At the risk of sounding trite, hard work and determination are the root of why I am where I am today. Additionally, you have to accept that you don't win every battle you take up, so don't get discouraged by defeats!

Message to classmates: I said it in my speech and I'll say it again here: Life is what you make of it, so why not make something great. Don't wait around for someone else to build their world around you. And, as always, stay beautiful, Becahi!

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Jessica Hamati-Attieh accepts her diploma.



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Jorge Mayorga along with his parents, Luis and Cecelia Mayorga, Adrianna, Carlos and Natalie Diaz and Johanna Florez.



Freddie Simmons Jr. shoots a selfie with his class.



Colleen Brida gets a hug from her father Duane Brida.



Ryan Schmidt accepts the George Yasso award from Jean Yasso.

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Dabriel Ramos gets a hug from his cousin Virginia Garcia.



Grace Mulicka stands with her grandmother, Elizabeth Kline, who is also a Bethlehem Catholic graduate.



John F. Spirk III and Andrew Shaffer stand for the National Anthem.



Elizabeth Dundon and Colleen Brida beam from ear to ear after the ceremony.



Colleen Brida, Marini Madawela, Joey Young and Shannon Thomas strike a playful pose.

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Dad Kristopher Davidson and grandmother Cheryl Mania couldn't be prouder of his daughter Morgan at Freedom's graduation. She'll attend Northampton Community College to major in secondary education.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our attempts to secure a Freedom HS profile were not successful.



While his mother Lisa Frederick takes photos, graduate Jason Fraser celebrates with his aunt, Sonia Johnson, and grandmother Joyce Burchell. He will attend East Stroudsburg University to study physical therapy.

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Freedom teacher Bryan Callahan receives an embrace from his daughter Erica after she received her diploma. His nephew John Callahan observes in the background. She will attend West Chester University to major in business, and her cousin will attend Amherst College where he will pursue a major in economics.



Valedictorian Shaina Palmer received the Lamp of Knowledge, belongs to the National Honor Society, and received both the President's Education Award and Outstanding Community Service Award.



Graduate Meghan Edmund tries to track down some friends prior to commencement. She will attend Clarkson University and focus her studies on environmental science and engineering.



Sam Magnan and his friend Raegan Pechar are all smiles after Magnan's graduation. He will go to the University of Virginia where he will major in business.

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These four grads were pumped up heading into Freedom's commencement. Roy Ortiz will attend Northampton Community College to study mass communication; Marquis Stewart is heading to Albright College to major in physical therapy; Adamil Morales is attending Northampton Community College to study criminal justice; and, Nasir Hicks will attend Lackawanna College for studies in engineering.



Holding a framed Joe Paterno poster, graduate Brandon Grebs tips his hand to family and friends on his future plans. Grebs will attend Penn State University to become an athletic trainer.



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Parimal Patel's family and friends turned out to enjoy his graduation exercises at Stabler Arena. He will attend Northampton Community College to begin his studies in architecture.

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Paul Fox, student speaker

Parents: Martha Capwell Fox and Joseph Fox
College: Moravian College

Career plans: Filmmaker
Theme of speech: Accomplishment

Why that theme: Because I wanted to congratulate my fellow classmates for their accomplishment of finishing the IB program.

School memory: Having an entire week to watch Star Wars in school for an actual assignment.

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Paul Fox

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Graduate Olivia Cleary of Bethlehem Township wearing her prom queen tiara on her mortarboard, celebrates with family members after graduation.



Graduate Ellissa McPherson (center with baby) of Bethlehem is between classmates Tempest Towns, left, and Janelle Grant, both of Allentown. The young girl is Aliyah Towns.



Graduate Naomi Wilson of Bethlehem with her mother Debbie Wilson celebrate after graduation ceremony.

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Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts

June 11, 2015, at Packer Chapel, Lehigh University

Albert V. Nelthropp II, student speaker

College: Wagner College
Career plans: Professional actor/Singer

Theme of speech: Making something out of nothing.

School memories: Always being surprised at how talented all of my friends are in their respective majors.

Secret of success: The secret of my success is always working hard and taking the negativity thrown at you and making something positive out of it.

Advice to underclassmen: Never give up on your goals, no matter how many people tell you you're wrong.

Message to classmates: Love yourself



Albert Nelthropp II

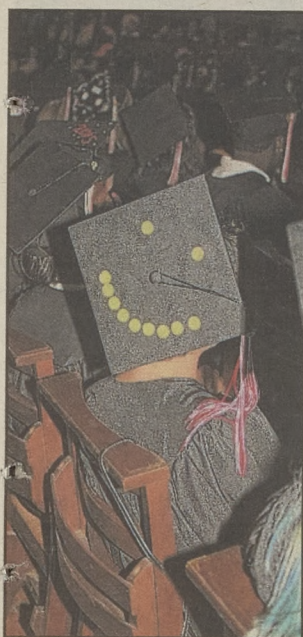
The Class of 2015

Elizabeth Allen
Odessa Anderson
Elizabeth Anthony
Deanna Baker
Alicia Balliet
Sarah Bausch
Adam Beauchner
Ryan Beiler
Jade Bloshuk
Gillian Bodnar
Chanel Brace
Madeleine Brown
Jessup Cadden-James
Salvatore Calandra
Ebony Carter
Alyssa Ciardi
Jamie Ciuta
Robert Conte
Danielle Cook
Vanette Cszasz
Joshua Devarie
Noah Diggs
Olivia Ecke
Jacqueline Edwards
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Kelley Griffiths
Sarah Gunkle
Stephen Guzevich
Aerielle Hartshorne-Hesketh
Kristen Haskell
Ahve Haynes
Sonya Hennem
Kelsey Herman
Yasmeane Hernandez
Amanda Hodes
Matthew Hogan
Andie Hommel
Nikki Hrichak
Calvin Hunter
Jacob Iacovone
Kierstynn Indermaur
Colleen Jeffries
Ciara Johnson
Elizabeth King
Caitlyn Kline
Briana Korn

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Anna Langman
Laura Lerman
Kasandra Llorett
Kyla Makovsky
Catharine Maniscalco
Thomas Marzella
Brynn Mellon
Lindsey Mitchell
Grace Moyer
Adriana Negrón
Albert Nelthropp II
Jessika Parra
Julia Pena
Stephanie Petrullo-Decker
Emily Purington
Alex Quintana
Skye Radwan
Briana Raimundo
Kris Ramakrishna
Renee Rauhut
Anthony Recinos-Hernandez
Willow Reichard-Flynn
Peter Richardson
Yale Rosin

Alexis Rogers
James Satterthwaite
Cora Savage
Angelica Setteducato
Kelal Shuford
Aria Sivick
Kaitlyn Smart
Breanna Stoudt
Emily Swavely
Daniel Syvret
Jordan Thomas
Elizabeth Tumbleson
Ethan Tynan
River Vassallo
Nailah Vazquez
River Vassallo
Natalie Vega
Michael Velez
Tyler Voelker
Kayla Waite
Katarina Ward
Alyssa Weber
Chelsea Winick
Ashlee Wisniewski
Marshaun Zeigler-Dumas



Decorated mortar boards announced college choices and other general messages.



Melissa Jo'Ashely Grier will attend Point Park University and on a Regional Dance Festival Scholarship.



The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts Brass Ensemble plays prior to the start of the graduation ceremony at Packer Chapel on the campus of Lehigh University.



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Class speaker Albert Victor Nelthropp III makes his way through the crowd following the ceremony at Packer Chapel.



Joshua Hernandez, a 2012 graduate, with Tianna McGregor and grandmother Haydee Rivera, celebrate for his just-graduated sister Yasmeane.



Matthew and Maritza Hernandez show some mighty pride in their daughter Yasmeane.

Rebecca Mitchell snaps a photo of her graduated sister Lynsay and their grandparents, Joan and Joe Crowley, who drove from New Jersey to share the day together.



Angela Setteducato beams with her mother, Lynn, and Phyllis Coleman at her sides.

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Matthew Cherry, valedictorian



Matthew Cherry

Parents: Craig and Leslie Cherry

College: Schreyer's Honors College at PSU

Career plans: Finance

Theme of speech: How to achieve your childhood dreams

Why that theme: Referenced author of the "Last Lecture," Professor Randy Pausch.

School memory: FBLA(Future Business Leaders of America)

Secret of success: "If I work hard enough, there will be things I can do tomorrow that I cannot do today" – Randy Pausch

Message to classmates: We are only young once. Our youth is such a precious commodity in the world today. Take advantage of it. Have fun. Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. Become the person you wish to be.

Saucon Valley High School

June 12, 2015, Saucon Valley Auditorium

The Class of 2015

Kyle Adams
Bryanna Allen
Elizabeth Altemose
Rachel Altemose
Whitney Anderson
Abigail Backenstoe
Shay Baum
Kara Beckett
Amanda Blazka
Justin Blowars
Wyatt Bock
Alex Bokan
Jessica Bonham
Emmett Brown
Elisa Bryan
Evan Buchanan
Damian Cabrera
Justin Cabrera
Manuela Calle
Brandon Callihan
Megan Campbell
Rowan Carey
Devon Carlson
Kelly Cazzetto
Matthew Cherry
Filip Cvejic
Maxwell Daniel
Mikayla Deiter
Connor Deppert
Sean DeSmet
Cynthia Diaz
Cyrill Doherty
Danielle Dortic
Ty Druckenmiller
Sebastian Dziadowicz
Direm Emek
Nicholas Evangelista
Katheryn Fabian



Graduating seniors Emma Smiley, Davis Weaver and Dawid Kedzierski sing the Saucon Valley HS Alma Mater with gusto near the final moments of their commencement.

KristiJoy Fedorowicz
Alora-Anne Fenner
Charles Fenstermacher
Daniel Ferrara
Lauren Fischer
Keenen Franko
Vanessa Frans
Alexandra Galdo
Benjamin Gardner
David Goglia
Ken Grenestedt
Frank Hackman
James Hackman
Tyler Hafner

Theodora Hahalis
Lisa Hallock
Madeline Heenan
Dylan Heffner
Joshua Hein
Chanell Henry
Steven Herbold
Brian Hernandez
Emily Hoff
Margaret Hofstaedter
Meghan Jaén
Justin Jandrisevitz
Andrea Johnson
Ashleigh Keating

Dawid Kedzierski *
Seth Kemmerer
Jeffrey Kern
Samantha Kirka
Nathan Kologie
Kristin Koze
Emma Kozloff
Brooke Kramer
Jeremy Kuba
Katie Kudera
Gregory Lembach
Amanda Link
Kaitlin Link
David Lippincott
Domenic Lopes
Jason Lynch
Kelsy Lysek
Gabrielle Macchirole
Casey Machemer
Christopher Magan *
Ashley Marino
Ashley Martins
David Mason
Severen Mattos
Mark Mayer
Julia McAloon
Maxwell McCarty
Allen Meadows
Lauren Merlino
Jeremy Metz
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Austin Miller
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ABOVE: Rythm section musician Rowan Carey performs with the seniors of the Saucon Valley Challenge Choir which has performed at Carnegie Hall.



Graduate Diana Nicholas, a member of the SVHS Challenge Choir which sang during the commencement program, stands proudly with her parents Terri and Steve Nicholas of Hellertown.



RIGHT: Saucon Valley seniors enter the auditorium for the processional. Additional photos appear on page 22.

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TIM GILMAN**

Class: 2015 Saucon Valley graduates

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Nicole Morin
Lauren Morrissey
Samantha Morykan
Liam Moughan
Kathryn Muschlitz
Lucas Nichol
Diana Nicholas
Bridget O'Donnell
Elyssa Okken
Abigail Omdahl
Dalia Pandelios
Damaris Parry
Nicole Payung
Giacomo Pazzaglia
John Pene
Mark Peterson
Nicholas Peteto
Shannon Petsch
David Pintor
Alexandra Pluim
Justin Propsner
Joseph Pryor
Melissa Pupalitis
Julianna Rao
Daxton Reed

Zachary Reichard
Tess Ripper
Kimberly Rivera
Edmer Rodriguez
Veronica Rohach
Christian Rose
Helen Ross
Dakota Rowe
Reed Rutherford
Mark Salgado
Justin Saltzer
Elizabeth Schaffer
Erich Schanzenbach *
Samuel Scheetz
Heidi Schmidt
Nicholas Schneider
Joseph Schuyler
Isabel Sefton
Jacob Severn
Alexis Simms
Connor Simpson *
Dominique Simpson
Eugenie Slaski
Megan Smeltzer
Emma Smiley
Connor Smith
Kalon Smith

Matthew Smith
John Snead
Anthony Sneska
Vanessa Snyder
Grace Spirk
Charles Staats
Bret Svites
Malcolm Taylor
Christopher Thompson
Jerith Tousey Schmidt
Alyssa Valladares
Andria Veil
Marissa Washburn
Brendan Weaver
Hamilton Weaver
Richard Weddigen
Christopher Weideman
Hannah Weierbach
Kristin Wetzel
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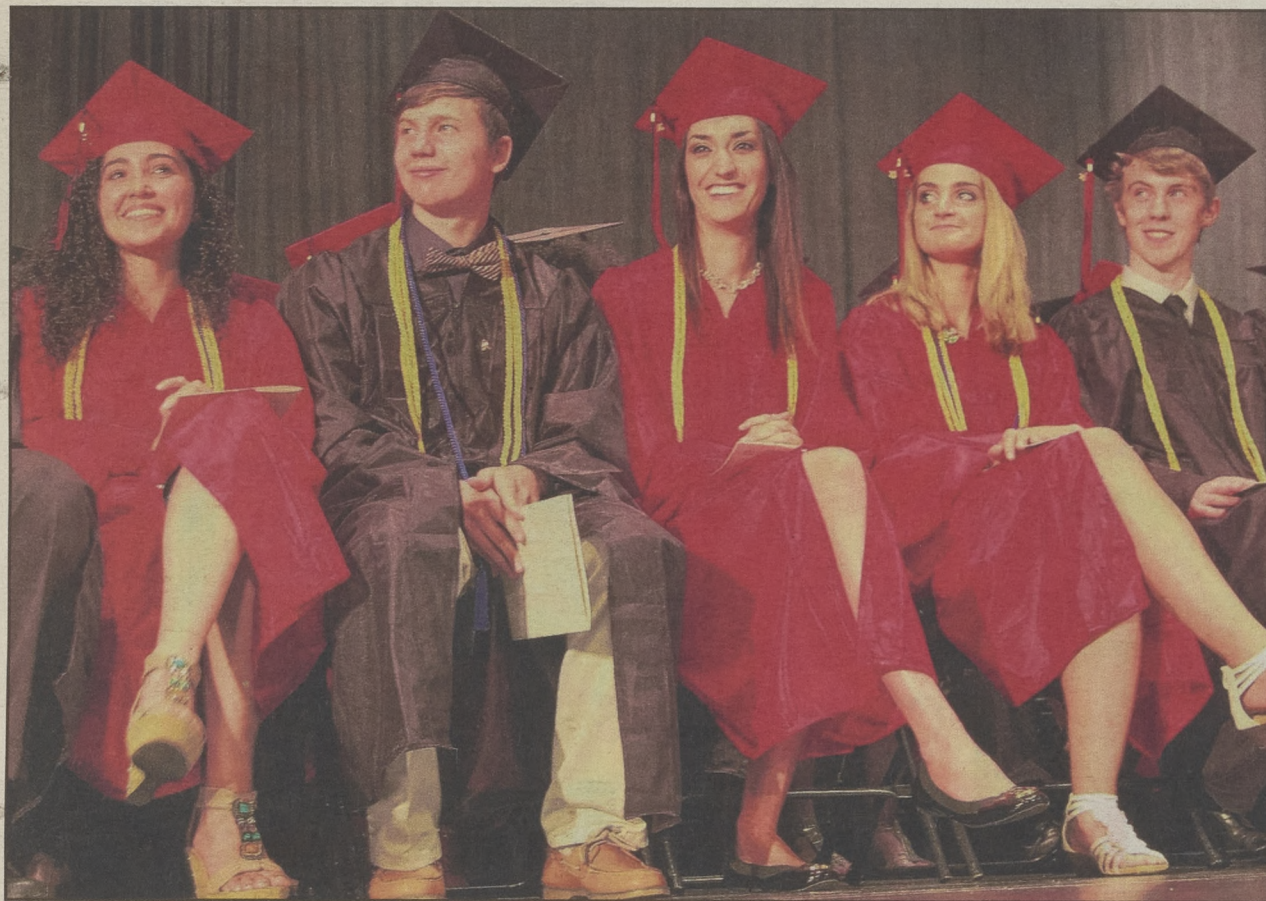
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Classmates enjoy the class president's speech about the good times at Saucon Valley and what lies ahead.



Valedictorian Matthew Cherry is hugged by his mother Leslie Cherry from Lower Saucon Township during post-graduation festivities.



Graduate Rick Gardner and his parents Ben and Lisa Gardner of Allentown pose for family pictures outside the Saucon Valley HS auditorium after the commencement program ended.



Graduate Sabrina Zeigafuse is hugged by her younger sister Cathleen as their parents Daniel and Christina of Hellertown wait their turn during the post-commencement celebration at Saucon Valley.



Class of 2015 President Christopher Magan cleverly takes a long-range selfie while at the honored position behind the lecturn.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015

Lehigh Valley Christian High School

June 12, 2015, at LV Christian HS

Adeline Guthrie, valedictorian

Parents: Gary and Debra Guthrie

College: Millersville University

Career plans: I'm majoring in mathematics, possibly pursuing a career in statistics.

Theme of your speech: My appreciation of LVCHS and how it prepared me for college and the rest of my life, also giving me great memories along the way.

Decision about theme: I chose that because of how much the school and everyone there has positively

impacted my life over the four years I attended.

School memories: Senior class trip to Florida

Secret of success: Hard work and support from parents and teachers

Advice to underclassmen: Keep working hard at everything you do.

Message to classmates or community: Thank you to my class for a great four years of high school.

Remember to rise above in everything that comes your way.



Adeline Guthrie



Michelle Bosques of Bethlehem, left, celebrates with friends Chloe Kim of Easton and Cindy Jiang of Macungie. See additional photos on page 24.



Salutatorian Brianna Westover of Catasauqua celebrates with her mother and father, Richard and Faye, after the commencement ceremony.

The Class of 2015

Ryan Barry
Jefferson Beltran
Michelle Bosques
Trevor Faust
Tongyue "Emon" Gao
Robert Gaudreau
Livia Gehman
Emma Gibbs
Adeline Guthrie
Joseph Hazler

Steven Holden
Xyinu "Cindy" Jiang
Jung Yeon "Chloe" Kim
Zachary Kuntz
Kim Lay
Nicholas Mace
Lilin "Marcus" Ou
Liesel Quay
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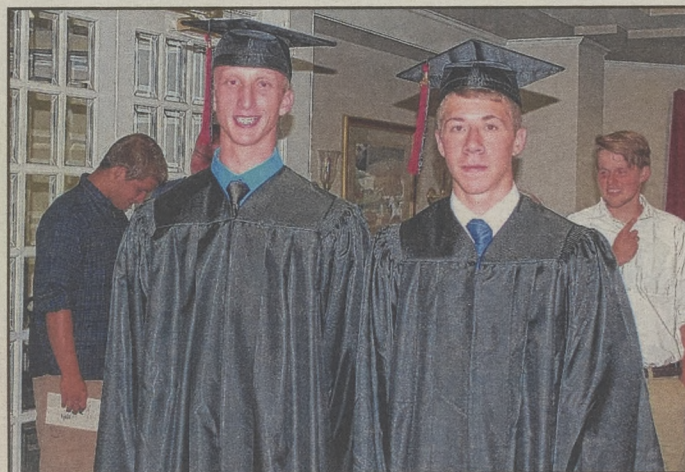
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Trevor Faust and Jared Truach, both of Bethlehem, collect their thoughts before participating in the Lehigh Valley Christian HS class of 2015 commencement ceremony held at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown.



Nicholas Mace-Carver gives his mother a hug after receiving his diploma.



Graduate Liesel Quay of Kutztown embraces her mother and father, Jeff and Deanna, after receiving her diploma.

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Graduate Emma Gibbs (second from far right) basks in the moment with her family, from left, stepsister Sierra Bedwell, stepmother Joy Gibbs, stepbrother Andy Bedwell, father Mike Gibbs and grandfather Eben Gibbs.



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