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BETHLEHEM Martin Tower plan vote

Request to change
zoning forces delay

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The proposed zoning amendment that would allow the Martin Tower development on Eaton Avenue to add parking spaces was scheduled for a first reading last week, but after discussion was postponed in a 6-1 vote until the next regular meeting or June 15.

At issue is the desire for the Martin Tower developer to amend the zoning code for OMU (Office Mixed Use) zoning district. This would strike language in Article 1311.08(a) of the Zoning Ordinance, specifying that "In the OMU District, parking spaces placed between a principal commercial building and the curb line of an arterial street along the front of the lot shall be limited to one driving aisle and one row of parking spaces."

Instead, the text would read, "Article 1311.08(a) does not apply to the OMU District."

In Article 1311.08(b) of the zoning ordinance, the developer proposes a change in the Zoning Ordinance, which currently reads: "No new vehicle driveway shall enter or exit onto an arterial street, unless the applicant proves that no feasible alternative exists, such as use of alleys or a side street."

Besides redefining what the parking pattern would look like, the amendment would change the minimum rear yard setback from 30 feet to 20 feet.

The proposed amendment would also exempt the OMU District, where the Martin Tower development is located, from restrictions on driveways entering or exiting onto an arterial street which are imposed by Article 1311.08(b).

"No new vehicle driveway shall enter or exit onto an arterial street, unless the applicant proves that no fea-

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CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES!



Colonial Intermediate Unit Director Christopher Wolfel presented graduation certificates, in a Colonial IU20 bus decked with a graduation banner.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT 20 - MAY 27 'Your own hard work got you here'

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Five Bethlehem area students and one Easton area student who attended a classroom in Bethlehem graduated high school through Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 in a virtual ceremony May 27. The ceremony opened with a photo montage of all of the IU20 graduates, to the music of Pomp and Circumstance.

IU Director Christopher Wolfel spoke of the connections between school districts and the intermediate unit, which provides services to students from 13 school districts and three career technical schools in a three-county area. He thanked the teachers and families for their commitment to the graduates'



Roman Comoglio
Bethlehem Area School District

Roman Comoglio attended Colonial Academy. His teacher, Lexi Hernandez, said Roman has been a great role model for the students in her classroom by always being open, kind, and willing to learn.

education. He finished by speaking about Memorial Day, and introducing the guest speaker, his father Jonathan Wolfel, a U.S. Army veteran.

"Most important, remember it was your own hard work that got you here," Sgt. Wolfel said, "and for that reason I am honored to be with you

here this evening." He reminded them to "never stop learning."

Along with class speaker Nicholas Dorian, Sgt. Wolfel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Wolfel said some graduation certificates were delivered in person to students when he and Dorian arrived at the students' homes in a yellow IU 20 school bus.

Dorian thanked his teachers and his family. "I want to thank you for teaching me everything I should know for the future," he said. He concluded by congratulating the class of 2021.

The graduates Daniel Morales attended Freedom HS. His teacher was Jeffrey Kovacs. "Daniel first came into my room at Free-

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PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

So far, who has been your favorite guest host of Jeopardy since Alec Trebek passed away?



"I'm waiting for Facebook and Twitter to explode with notifications that LeVar Burton is hosting."
Suzie Bichovsky
Fogelsville



"Aaron Rodgers."
Kyle Watkins
Barnesville

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DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM Summer eating tour begins June 20

The Downtown Bethlehem Association will present the most delicious week of the year - Historic Bethlehem Summer Restaurant Week starting June 20.

Participating downtown Bethlehem restaurants will offer pre fixe menus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Some restaurants will be offering curbside menus as well. No passes, tickets or coupons are required. Instead, diners may simply visit their favorite participating restaurants throughout the week to enjoy the special priced menus. It is strongly recommended that diners make reservations in advance. They should contact restaurants directly to make reservations.



#PostYourPlate
When dining downtown during Summer Restaurant Week, patrons are encouraged to take a picture of their plate or to-go meals, tag the restaurant, and upload the photo to social media using the hashtag #PostYourPlate, for a chance to win a gift card to every restaurant participating in Summer Restaurant Week. Two winners will be selected at random.

Participating restaurants
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Diner
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Mama Nina
McCarthy's Red Stag
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"Ken Jennings."
Sunny Greenberg
Northampton



"Aaron Rodgers."
Jina Lay
Bethlehem



"Mayim Bialik."
Kevin Claire
Warminster



"Mike Richards."
Theresa Claire
Warminster

POLICE

COMPILED BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Fatal crash

Bethlehem resident Isaac Ricki Resto, 21, has been charged in the vehicular death of a pedestrian on Hanover Avenue around 7:20 p.m. Oct. 8, 2020.

According to police, 46-year-old Eliezer Montano-Lopez was found in the middle of the road, the apparent victim of an accident. He was pronounced dead at St. Luke's University Hospital around 11 p.m. Witnesses told police that Montano-Lopez had been walking across the street when he was struck by a Nissan Sentra being driven at a "high rate of speed" that fled from the area. An investigation has determined that Resto was driving the car.

Resto is charged with one count each of homicide by vehicle and accidents involving death or personal injury while not licensed; both felonies of the third degree; accidents involving death or personal injury; a felony of the second degree; reckless endangerment and not notifying police of an accident.

BRIEFLY

CITY

Memorial Pool reopens June 11

The Memorial Pool official reopening will be at 2 p.m. June 11 at 345 Illick's Mill Road. It will open for season pass holders that evening and to the general public on June 12.

The original pool, opened in 1956, was last used in 2017 and has been demolished. The reconstructed pool will feature three pools: an activity pool with two action slides, a six-lane competition pool with both one and three-meter diving boards, and a zero entry pool with a splash bucket feature.

Visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Pools> for more information.

TOUR

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Pub

- Tapas on Main
- The Brick
- The Flying Egg
- The Melting Pot
- Twisted Olive
- Urbano Mexican Kitchen & Bar

Public parking is available for restaurant goers at the Walnut Street (33 W. Walnut Street) or North Street (75 W. North Street) Garages. On-Street

Parking may also be available - download the ParkMobile parking application to make your parking in Bethlehem a breeze while dining!

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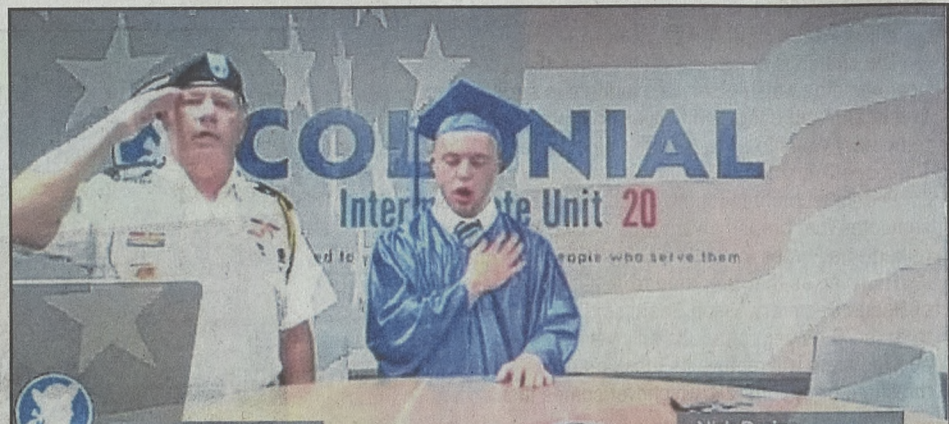
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WORK

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three years ago," Kovacs said. "From the moment I met him, I could tell how bright he was. What I didn't know at the time was that he was one of the best workers in my class. As he prepared for life after high school, he learned and gained pre-vocational skills to hopefully prepare him to obtain a job in the future. Daniel will be missed in our class but we all know he is destined for great things." Daniel loves to draw, and enjoys music, especially instrumental drum music.

Christopher Remes attended Colonial Academy. Meghan Kutzler was his teacher. His mental health worker, Lance Klein, said, "Chris has been a pleasure to teach. He always knows how to make the staff smile with his infectious laughter and positive attitude."

Nathan Mussleman attended Colonial Academy. His teacher, Meghan



Army veteran William Wolfel leads the Pledge of Allegiance with class speaker Nicholas Dolan.

Kutzler, said "I've been blessed to be Nathan's teacher for the past five years." She added he always made sure she stayed on schedule. Nathan was elected Prom King for the CIU20 Prom this year.

Roman Comoglio attended Colonial Academy. His teacher Lexi, Hernandez, said Roman has been a great role model for the students in her classroom by always being open, kind, and willing to learn. She added that you would

also want Roman on your team for Jeopardy.

Samantha Garsney attended Colonial Academy. Her teacher, Angela Liberto, said she has an amazing memory and loves dancing and singing her favorite songs. "Samantha has taught me to dance, laugh and smile," Liberto said.

Evan Lee is a student from the Easton Area School District. He attended Liberty HS. His teacher was Michelle Davis. (Some IU20 classes have students from other

school districts, according to the type of support the student needs.) "I have had the pleasure of being Evan's teacher for the last three years," Davis said. "We didn't know that half of that would be online (due to the COVID shutdown). Evan has grown and learned so much in that time. I wish I could continue to call him one of my kids. I want to thank Evan's team, his nurses and his grandparents."



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

The church is delighted to announce that June 20 it will begin holding worship services indoors in addition to the digital livestream, and people will be welcome to attend the 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Kirk Center and/or the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

People recommendation, which the Session has approved, also stipulates that properly-worn face masks will continue to be required at all times inside the church buildings until further notice.

However, as they prepared to release this message, Pa. Dept. of Health Secretary Alison Beam said that Pennsylvania is on track to have 70 percent of adults fully vaccinated by the end of June, and the state will remove its mask mandate when they reach that threshold or by June 28, whichever comes first.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

COUNTY PRISON: Director of Corrections James Kostura has announced tentative plans to begin reopening the Northampton County Prison (NCP) work release program at the main jail on Wednesday, July 7. The facility at West Easton, traditionally used for inmates in the work release program, will not be opening at this time. Only inmates who are fully vaccinated will be considered for participation in the program.

NCP plans to restart services, including Linking Employment Activities Pre-release or the LEAP program, the Pine Brook Family Answers program and the Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation services program on July 6.

Extended furloughs were issued to non-violent offenders in 2020 during the pandemic. Furloughed inmates are scheduled to return to NCP on July 19, 20 and 21.

These plans are contingent on COVID-19 case levels remaining low within the facility.

The director of corrections reports that currently there are no cases of COVID-19 among the staff or inmates at the Northampton County Prison (NCP). Since the start of the pandemic, 184 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19. All have finished their quarantine periods or are no longer at NCP. Sixty-four corrections officers have tested positive for the virus since the start of the pandemic. All have finished their quarantine periods and returned to work.

Since March 2020, NCP has conducted 3,229 tests for COVID-19 on inmates. All new inmates coming into the facility receive a test before they are transferred to General Population; residents are tested on a random basis.

There are currently 520 inmates in residence at NCP. Twenty-seven non-violent offenders have been granted extended furloughs.

VACCINATION AND TESTING: - Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and Coordinated Health, part of LVHN, join Northampton County in announcing drive-through COVID-19 vaccinations at Coordinated Health Bethlehem, 3100 Emrick Blvd., beginning Thursday, June 3. The vaccinations will be by appointment only. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be given to those 18 and older. Those receiving the Moderna vaccine will require a second dose four weeks later. Those receiving Johnson & Johnson only require one dose to be fully vaccinated.

Coordinated Health Bethlehem-3100 Emrick Blvd. also continues to serve as a COVID-19 drive-through testing location in addition to providing an additional option for Northampton County residents to get vaccinated. Hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 3-6 p.m. Additional hours will be added should the need arise.

LVHN now offers more options than ever to get your vaccination:

1. Self-schedule right on the LVHN website at LVHN.org/appointments.
2. Schedule on MyLVHN, the patient portal, at MyLVHN.org.
3. Call 833-584-6283 (833-LVHN-CVD). The COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
4. Walk-ins also are accepted at all locations except for the new Emrick Boulevard drive-through.

LEHIGH VALLEY

YMCA: As mandates and announcements are made by government officials, the Y team continues to adapt and policies and procedures are amended to continue to keep members and team safe and healthy. Restrictions will lessen as possible.

Please contact your local Y Branch for questions about specific amenities and visit <https://www.gv-ymca.org/COVID%20Policies%20and%20Procedures.html> for the most up-to-date policies and procedures.

NATIONAL

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM: U.S. Small Business Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman issued a statement on the closure of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to new applications:

"PPP provided over \$798 billion in economic relief to 8.5 million small businesses and nonprofits across the nation, keeping employees on the payroll, giving small businesses and nonprofits the lifeline they needed to survive during a once-in-generation economic crisis. I've heard story after story from small business owners across the country about how PPP funds helped them keep the lights on, pay their employees -- and gave them hope," said Guzman. "At the same time, millions of underserved businesses -- particularly our smallest businesses and those owned by women and people of color -- were left out of early rounds of relief. I'm proud of the work we did to begin to rectify these inequities -- in 2021, 96 percent of PPP loans went to small businesses with fewer than 20 employees. Moving forward, we will continue to prioritize equity in all SBA's programs and services."



PRESS PHOTOS BY TAMI QUIGLEY

The Class of 2021 marks the first high school graduation at LCA since 1988. John Moser, director of development at LCA, estimated there will be 15 to 20 graduates next year, a springboard to a larger number of graduates that will continue into the future.

LEHIGH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - JUNE 4

'Let your light shine'

BY TAMI QUIGLEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The four graduates of Lehigh Christian Academy (LCA) made history June 4, as the group marked the first high school graduation at the Allentown school since 1988. The graduates took the first step into their future during commencement exercises in the sanctuary of Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church.

The graduates wore caps and gowns of green, a color in sync with spring and new beginnings, for that's what this evening was -- the school honored its legacy and also looked to a bright future, beginning with its first high school graduation in 33 years.

In 2016, the pre-kindergarten to eighth grade Christian school made the commitment to implement a high school as its vision for future growth. The 2020-21 school year represents the culmination of the first 12th grade class of Lehigh Christian Academy High School (LCAHS). The oldest Christian school in the Lehigh Valley, LCA is celebrating its 47th year.

Graduating were Natanila Agentis and Isabella Kauffman of Bethlehem; valedictorian Molly Smith of Salisbury; and Sean Cousland of Center Valley. Kauffman was unable to attend the ceremony.

After the board, faculty and class of 2021 proceeded into the sanctuary, Barbara Williams, retired Head of School, offered the invocation.

"Tonight is all about legacy," said Head of School Elizabeth



Lehigh Christian Academy (LCA) graduates, from left, Natanila Agentis of Bethlehem, Sean Cousland of Center Valley and valedictorian Molly Smith of Salisbury. Graduate Isabella Kauffman of Bethlehem was unable to attend.

Hauser as she welcomed everyone to the historic evening.

Pastor Tim Young, retired pastor of Living Hope Presbyterian Church, Allentown, offered the commencement address. Pastor Young is the son-in-law of Pastor Kenneth Smith, the late founding pastor of LCA, who was remembered during the ceremony.

"We are thankful that Pastor Smith was used by God and answered the call 47 years ago," Hauser said, recalling the school's founding. Pastor Smith's children were gifted with a picture of their father and "a perennial that will bloom each year as a remembrance of your father's life, legacy and faith," Hauser said.

Addressing students, Pastor Young recalled LCA's founding, and even serving the school as a bus driver, which he said he enjoyed.

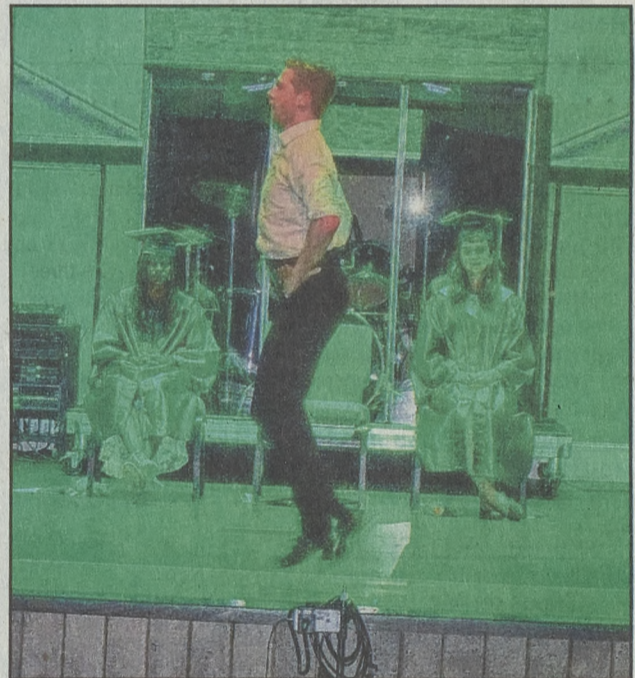
On a more serious note, he referenced scripture -- the 29th chapter of Jeremiah -- and drew parallels between the Jews living in exile in Babylon, a pagan country, and the LCA graduates living in an increasingly secular United States. "I'm glad I live in America, but it has changed."

Pastor Young advised the graduates to follow the guidance God gave the Jews in Babylon: stay, don't stray, obey and pray.

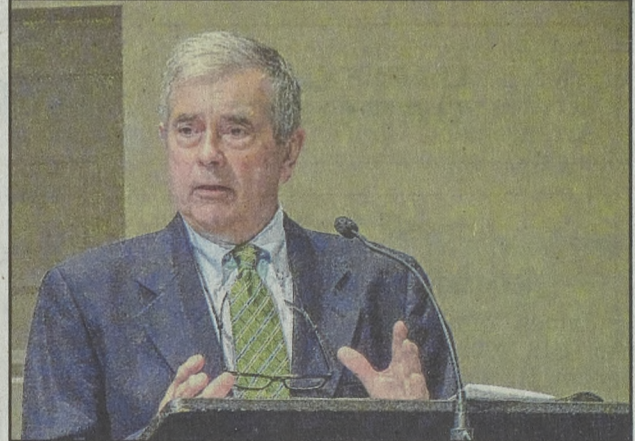
"Live a normal life, don't isolate yourself. This is your country -- live in it and be a part of it as Christians.

"Live in the world but don't adopt its ways. You're called to shine your light as Christians in the world," Pastor Young said, cautioning they may be ridiculed in college for living their faith.

"Live in this culture and do your best to make sure it's the best



Graduate Sean Cousland performs his first Celtic dance as an alumnus of LCA. Future plans for Sean, who is ranked fifth in the world in Celtic dancing, include continuing dancing with O'Grady Quinlan Academy of Irish Dance, Easton, touring the world with Lord of the Dance and competing in the world championships this November in Killarney, Ireland.



Pastor Tim Young, retired pastor of Living Hope Presbyterian Church, Allentown, delivers the commencement address. Pastor Young is the son-in-law of Pastor Kenneth Smith, the late founding pastor of LCA.

culture. You want to live in a way that others will come to the Lord -- be gracious and care about others."

"You're not to hide your lamp but let your light shine wherever you are," Pastor Young said. "The Lord will use you to make America the best it can be until the Lord returns."

Highlights of the ceremony included Agentis' graduate testimony, Smith's valedictorian address and a graduate performance by Cousland, one of the top Celtic dancers in the world, who has been in competitions worldwide.

In a moving testimony, Agentis recounted See **LIGHT** on Page A4

EMMAUS SUMMER FUN SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS @ COMMUNITY PARK 6-9PM

JUNE 6 - THE AUGUSTO PROJECT

JUNE 13 - THE JUMP START BAND

JUNE 20 - NO EVENT

JUNE 27 - FRIENDS OF TOM

JULY 4 - DMC DUO

JULY 18 - JAMES SUPRA BAND

JULY 25 - THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS

AUGUST 1 - SHAUN LALLY (3 PIECE BAND)

AUGUST 8 - THE SWINGTIME DOLLS

AUGUST 22 - TOOKANY CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND

AUGUST 29 - SCOTT MARSHALL & THE HILLBILLY SOULS

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FRIDAY JUNE 25- YINGLING PORTER ON TAP

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Virginia L. (Howard) Dagnall

church nursery school teacher



Virginia "Ginny" L. (Howard) Dagnall, 60, of Bethlehem, died May 30, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital Anderson. Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Lois (Reese) Howard. She was the wife of Scott Dagnall for 37 years.

She was a nursery school teacher at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem for many years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Jason, Ryan and Matthew and his wife Alicia; a daughter, Megan Dagnall; stepmother, Marcia Howard; a brother, Jon Howard and his wife Diane; two stepsisters, Heather Elfrink and Robyn Deterling; and three grandchildren, Hailey, Kaden and Jackson.

She was predeceased by a brother, David Howard.

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

Domenic Fontecchia

born in Italy



Domenic Fontecchia, 81, of Hellertown and formerly of Bethlehem, died May 29, 2021. He had, since 2004, battled with cancer. Born in Ferentino, Provincia di Frosinone, Italy, he was a son of the late Vittorio and Natalia Benedetta Concetta Fontecchia. He was the husband of Grazia Fontecchia.

He was a 1958 graduate of Liberty HS and earned various certificates from management programs throughout the years.

He worked in the garment manufacturing industry with his management and technical skills. His leadership was appreciated around the world at the following companies: Phoenix Clothing Company (Genesco Corp), Allentown; Cross Country Clothes, Hickey-Freeman, Rochester, NY; ITALCO, Rome, Italy; and Ermenegildo Zegna, Barcelona, Spain. He was a consultant in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Italy and China. In 2002, he retired to Ferentino, Italy, then returned to Bethlehem in 2006.

He was a parishioner for most of his life at Our Lady of Pompeii of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church. He later attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and was a member of Parrocchia Sant'Agata, Ferentino.

He is survived by two daughters, Shelley Jacobs and spouse Arthur and Mandy Rutman and fiancé Lee Abruzzese; a stepdaughter, Susan Wilson; three grandchildren, Megan Scotchlas and spouse Jon, Justin Mondzak and Hannah Rutman; two great-grandchildren, Sophia and Isabella Scotchlas; a sister, Dionisia Giorgi; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Pia Ferraguti and Maria Ferraguti.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Rose M. Rentzheimer

worked for Plaky's Bakery

Rose M. Rentzheimer, 95, of Bethlehem, died June 1, 2021, at home. She was the wife of the late Richard J. Rentzheimer. Born in Hazleton, she was a daughter of the late Leo and Mary (Ward) North.

She worked for Plaky's Bakery for many years. She was a member of St. Ursula Catholic Church, Fountain Hill, and of the Women's Guild.

She is survived by three daughters, Gail Benincasa and the late Robert of Conshohocken, Ann Newhall and her husband John of Hanover Township and Jean Crenko and her husband David of Fountain Hill; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a sister, Anna Bender; and two brothers James and John North.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Funeral Home Inc., Fountain Hill.

Paulo Rodriguez Rivas

born in Patillas, P.R.



Paulo Rodriguez Rivas, 64, of Bethlehem, died May 30, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital Fountain Hill. Born in Patillas, Puerto Rico, he was a son of the late Pascasio and Aurelia (Rivas) Rodriguez.

He is survived by a son, Juan Perez Rodriguez; and two nieces, Maria Rodriguez and Jessenia Huertas.

Services will be private.

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

James "Jim" R. Neulin

Hellertown High School graduate

James "Jim" R. Neulin, 77, of Hellertown, died April 18, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospice House, Bethlehem. He was a son of the late Robert J. and Violet (Leporete) Neulin. He was the husband of Lois (Tarantino) Neulin for 26 years.

He was a Hellertown HS graduate.

He was in the U.S. Army.

He held various jobs. He retired from Apollo Metals in 2010.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister; Suzanne Tyrell (Douglas); a brother, Dennis Neulin; and a brother-in-law, Jody Tarantino.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY LAKISHA BONNELL

Graduates of Moravian Academy march to the tune of Pomp and Circumstance as they stroll from the school to the courtyard where their commencement ceremony was held. Students did not wear the usual caps and gowns; girls wore white dresses and boys wore suits or sport jackets.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY - JUNE 5

'Intertwined in countless ways'

BY JULIE SWAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"It's now your turn to make choices for yourself," Jeffrey Zemsky, Moravian Academy's Head of School, told some 70 graduates at Saturday's commencement exercises, held outdoors on a perfect June day.

Looming in the background of the ceremony, inevitably, was the effect of the pandemic, but all the speakers stressed that it is not what will define the class.

As Zemsky reviewed the makeup of the class, he noted that 19 had been Moravian attendees since first grade, kindergarten or PreK, calling them the "founding members" of the Class of 2021.

As he listed the class members, he related what each one will be doing after graduation. The vast majority of them will attend college, going to a variety of institutions, from Harvard to Lehigh to the Maine Maritime Academy. A handful will follow different paths, including one who plans to go into the family business in China.

The student speaker, Class President Luisa Capobianco, called her classmates a "class built of a collection of memories," including the memory of three girls' soccer district championships. She said she was "thankful for the efforts of our administrators" to successfully shepherd the class through a senior year that was "far from normal." But the class will be noted, she said, "not [by] our limitations, but our perseverance."

The pandemic, she vowed, will not be "our defining legacy."

She said her classmates' lives are "intertwined in countless ways" and urged them to "always cherish our special connections."

"I'm excited to see how you will do well and do good," she told

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One by one, the 70 graduates were called on to the stage, where they were read a brief encouraging bio of themselves written by teachers and staff. Angela Chen's (center) bio included many of her accomplishments, such as Cum Laude Society, National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist, MA Cyphers/Littner Music Award, Moravian Academy Physics award and many more. Chen has been accepted to Johns Hopkins University. Presenters are Jeffrey Zemsky, head of school (left) and Dylan Deal, director Upper School.



Luisa Capobianco, class president, presents a short speech to her fellow classmates in remembrance of their time together in school from adolescents to young adults. Capobianco is one of a handful of students who has attended Moravian Academy from kindergarten through her senior year.



Graduating classmates pose for family and onlookers post-graduation ceremony. From left are Neha Skandan, who is also a student writer for the Bethlehem Press and plans to attend Johns Hopkins University; Claudia Santoro Hernandez, who is going to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Devorah Zambas, who will attend Rutgers University.

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her journey from her native Ethiopia to the Bethlehem home of her adoptive parents, Nate and Melanie Agentis. "I'm thankful for my two moms and one dad," she said of her birth and adoptive mothers and father.

Agentis said her favorite Bible passage is Matthew 7: 7-8: "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will

receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to him who knocks."

"God taught me whatever your broken heart, let people in," Agentis said.

"Whatever you do, God is with you. I see my life begin again today. Thank you to my parents, grandparents and teachers, I love you all so much."

"LCA instilled in us a desire to help others that will stay with us," Smith said, urging fellow graduates to keep Christ as the center of

their plans. "I'm grateful to everyone and so excited to see how God will use our lives in the future."

In keeping with LCA's Christ-centered education, the ceremony included a scripture reading, prayers and hymns.

To the first class of graduating seniors, LCA announced the "Lehigh Christian Academy's Legacy Scholarship Fund" to both honor the first graduating class and the school's legacy by establishing a scholarship

(award) to a selected graduating senior going on to higher education. Each year the recipient will be chosen by the administration and school board on the criteria of Christian character, leadership, service and a written essay.

John Moser, director of development at LCA, estimated there will be 15 to 20 graduates next year, a springboard to a larger number of graduates that will continue into the future.

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Wednesday, June 9

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Women of the Year Charitable Concert, featuring Craig Thatcher, Cliff Starkey and Pentley Holmes. 6 p.m. Highmark Blue Shield Community Stage, Air Products Town Square; all weather, outdoor venues. 101 Founders Way. Information, tickets (all sales final - no refunds or exchanges): visit www.steelstacks.org/event.

Thursday, June 10

TBA, seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.
Tunes at Twilight. 6 p.m. Edge - James Supra & Phil Pilorz, Hotel Bethlehem - Chris Dean Duo, McCarthy's Red Stag Pub - Diarmuid McSweeney; Twisted Olive - Kozic and Bortz; Urbano - Billy Bauer Band. Backstage passes, including free North Street Garage parking for all 12 Thursdays and other benefits, are available. For passes (cost) and for performer lineups, visit TunesatTwilight.com
Concerts in the Courtyard. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Sun Inn Courtyard, 564 Main St. Visit <https://suninnbethlehem.org/events/>

Saturday, June 12

Soup Saunter. Visit www.GetDowntownBethlehem.com; #getdowntownbethlehem; #soupsaunter
Meet The Generals, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Meet General Stickles and other Civil War-era notables. Confederation of Union Generals nonprofit Civil War Living History Educational Organization. Free.; Sun Inn Preservation Association. Bring a folding lawn chair. Food available (cost). Visit <https://suninnbethlehem.org/event/meet-the-generals/>

Monday, June 14 through Sunday, June 20

Musical in the Park. Hellertown. Concert series. Food and drinks available (cost).

Tuesday, June 15

2021 Southside Film Festival at Deja Brew
Bridge players, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Tuesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 17

Bethlehem Twp. Community Center: "Colorful Animal" Art Camp, Ages seven to 12; 1-3:30 p.m. Fee; register by June 10. COVID-19 protocols in place. Visit www.bethlehem.township.org or call 610-332-1900. 2900 Farmersville Road.

Wednesday, June 16

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.
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Christopher Weiler, chair of the Board of Trustees, handed out the diplomas. He noted there were just 30

members in Moravian's first graduating class, in 1931.
 He said it was "humbling, especially this year, to see the [class members'] dedication to personal growth."

Board okays bond refunding, new Grenadier Band director appointed

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

School directors approved personnel changes, including the appointment of Allen Frank as Liberty HS Grenadier Band director, May 24. The board also resolved to refund its 2011 series of General Obligation Bonds and approved all measures discussed at committee meetings earlier in the month. All nine members were present. Nearly all measures passed 9-0; there was one abstention on one check paid, and one abstention on a security system contract.

New Grenadier Band Director Frank will replace Kevin Long, who is retiring at the end of June. Frank has been the assistant band director for eight years. In a statement, Liberty Principal Dr. Harrison Bailey III commented, "Our director must be able to meld the exemplary levels of musicianship with the pageantry of the highest regard. This can only be achieved with a tempered measure of high expectations and relentless support for the students that adorn that uniform. Allen Frank is the perfect person to take on that charge and accelerate our esteemed band to the next level."

There were also a few special presentations. A representative from Giant Food Stores presented BASD with a check for \$50,373.57 to serve hungry families. Over the past several months, Giant has invited shoppers to round up



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY ALLEN FRANK

New Grenadier Band Director Allen Frank has been the band director for Wilson Area School District, as well as teaching at Pleasant Valley School District and Jim Thorpe School District. He served with the United States Marine Corps band for four years.

their shopping bill to the nearest dollar, and donate the extra money to a hunger-related nonprofit organization. The local Giant store on Linden Street chose BASD as the recipient, and Frank Pearn from the district finance office accepted the check.

Bailey was honored for his recent recognition by the Pa. Principals Association as the top secondary school principal in the state. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy commended Bailey

for his many accomplishments, including the establishment of a wellness center at Liberty HS, for which he successfully pitched State Sen. Lisa Boscola for grant money.

The board also cast votes for the Colonial Intermediate Unit (CIU) 20 Board for the three-year term beginning July 1. Four individuals were appointed by their respective districts: Kenneth Butz (Nazareth Area SD), Robert Rutt (Pen Argyl Area SD), Bryan Eichfeld (Saucon

Valley SD), and Merlyn Clarke (Stroudsburg Area SD). Each BASD board member cast his or her own ballot; CIU 20 will compile the ballots from all participating districts.

Several parents voiced concerns about alleged bullying at Northeast MS. Board president Mike Faccineto encouraged the parents to speak with the principal and assistant principal at Northeast, as well as Dr. Vivian Robledo-Shorey in the Office of Student Services, to work toward a resolution. Faccineto made it clear that the board considers bullying a serious matter, but noted that it is also a sensitive issue that involves individual students, and the board is not equipped to handle it at public meetings. He encouraged the parents to speak with Dr. Roy's office if they are unable to resolve their concerns with building administration or Dr. Robledo-Shorey.

Details of all items approved at the meeting are available online (<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/beth/Board.nsf/Public>).

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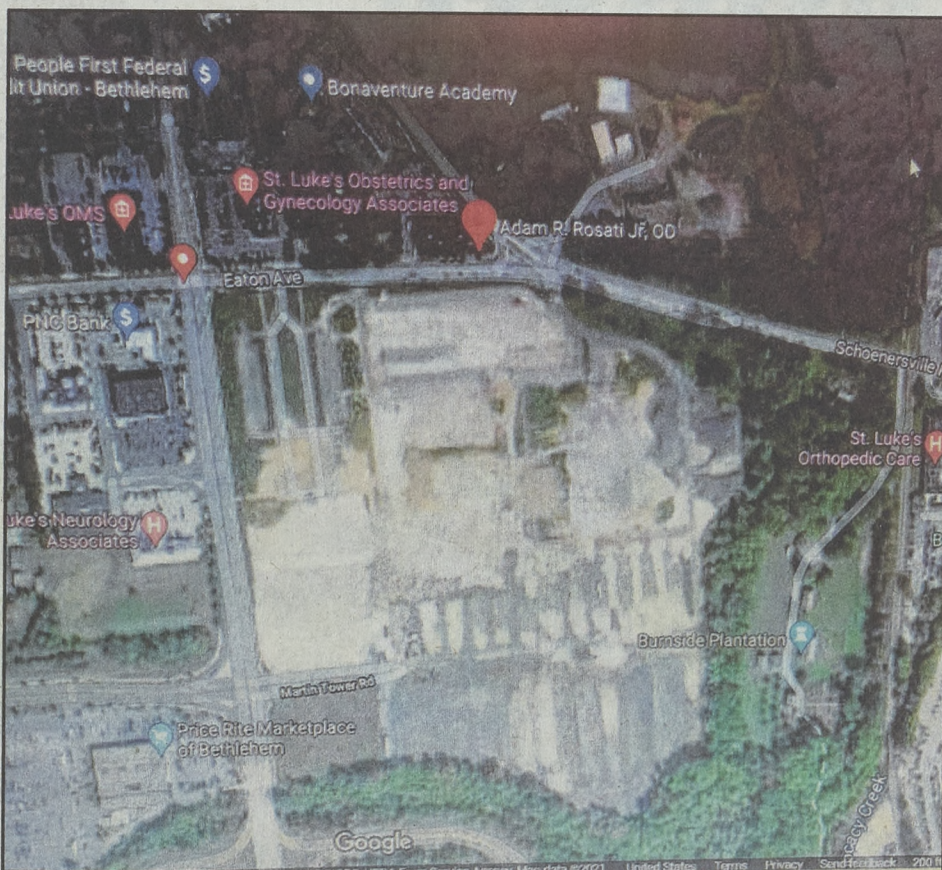
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sible alternative exists, such as use of alleys or a side street. Article 1311.08(b) does not apply to the OMU District.”

“We have to think about the development and our tax-base,” argued Councilperson Grace Crampsie Smith. “We cannot cave in to the whim and desire of every developer because we want that tax money.”

She said that approval of the zoning amendment would “be going down a dangerous road.”

A postponement would, according to Councilperson Bryan Callahan, allow for “behind the scenes” discussion between the developer and the city administration, plus allow time for any proposed changes to be seen by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Bethlehem Planning Commission.

Councilperson Dr. Paige Van Wirt objected to the delay and to the proposed amendment, arguing that the developer should take the parking issue to the



A Google Map view shows the site for the proposed redevelopment of the Martin Towers site on Eighth and Eaton avenues in Bethlehem.

Zoning Hearing Board and ask for a waiver, which she described as “an elegant solution” to the problem.

Van Wirt said the only reason the developer has given for wanting an amendment to the zoning ordinance is that

“going to the Zoning Hearing Board would be inconvenient.”

Duane Wagner, representing the developer, responded by saying the amendment is necessary because other properties on Eaton Avenue have the same

problem.

“It’s not just a developer wanting to make a change,” said Wagner. “It is necessary to fix the zone so that the best development can occur.”

New Bethany Ministries gets grant for veteran assistance

New Bethany Ministries (NBM), a Bethlehem nonprofit providing basic-need services, housing, and support that lifts individuals out of poverty, received \$50,000 through the Lehigh Valley Homeless Veterans Fund. The grant is part of \$195,000 in state funding and will support New Bethany’s Housing Assistance office initiatives.

While New Bethany has always served Lehigh Valley veterans, the extra funds provide the opportunity to holistically identify veteran needs and extend rental assistance, case management, and additional

services. New Bethany is better equipped to offer resources and provide veterans the benefits they’ve earned by creating community partnerships with local organizations like Battle Born.

“We’re grateful to receive this grant from the Lehigh Valley Homeless Veterans Fund to advance Housing Assistance office services, which have become core programs at New Bethany,” reflected Jennifer Moll, Social Services Director, New Bethany Ministries. “To successfully serve veterans, we approach them as heroes who

served our country, not as their homeless status.”

“We are here to serve the people. I have two brothers who served our country, and it is an honor that we have the ability to focus on this real need,” said Veronne Demesyeux, Associate Executive Director, New Bethany Ministries.

Additional organizations recognized by the Lehigh Valley Homeless Veterans Fund include Catholic Charities, Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living and Victory House of Lehigh Valley.

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org.



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BRIEFLY

LEHIGH VALLEY

Agentis benefit event set for June 19

Reaching High Notes, the Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation benefit dinner dance and auction, will be held outdoors under cover from 7 p.m. to midnight June 19 at the Steel Club, 700 Linden Ave., Hellertown. Entertainers for the Palliative Care Scholarships fundraiser are Philadelphia Funk Authority and Ginger and the Schnappes. The emcee and auctioneer is Kate Hughes. The guest speaker is Dr. Erin Bendas, program director of Palliative Care, St. Luke’s University Health Network.

Tickets, which include a four-course sit-down dinner and entertainment, are available at <http://bit.ly/JAACFSummer2021>. There is a mission button option to buy a ticket to the concert and donate an extra five dollars to The Pennsylvania American Legion.

The Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation provides nutritious weekly meals, hope, and healing to hospice house patients and guests. In 2020, JAACF founded the Palliative Care Education Fund in partnership with St. Luke’s Health Network. For more information, visit www.jaacf.org.

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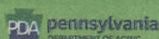
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The Becahi girls won the District 11 title.

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Bethlehem Catholic won their opening round of states.

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"They kept coming and coming and coming. And these guys kept battling and battling and battling. And they were ready for today, because of everything, and the close games we played all year."

Matt Corsi

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RAIDERS FOOTBALL, CHEER SIGNUPS

The Bethlehem Raiders AA will hold football and cheering signups. It will take place behind the CVS on Easton Ave. at Sell Field, located at Rodgers and Lewis streets.

The following are registration dates: Tuesday, June 22, from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, July 7, from 6-8 p.m.

Rosters are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Kids must be 5-13 years of age. Bring birth certificate.

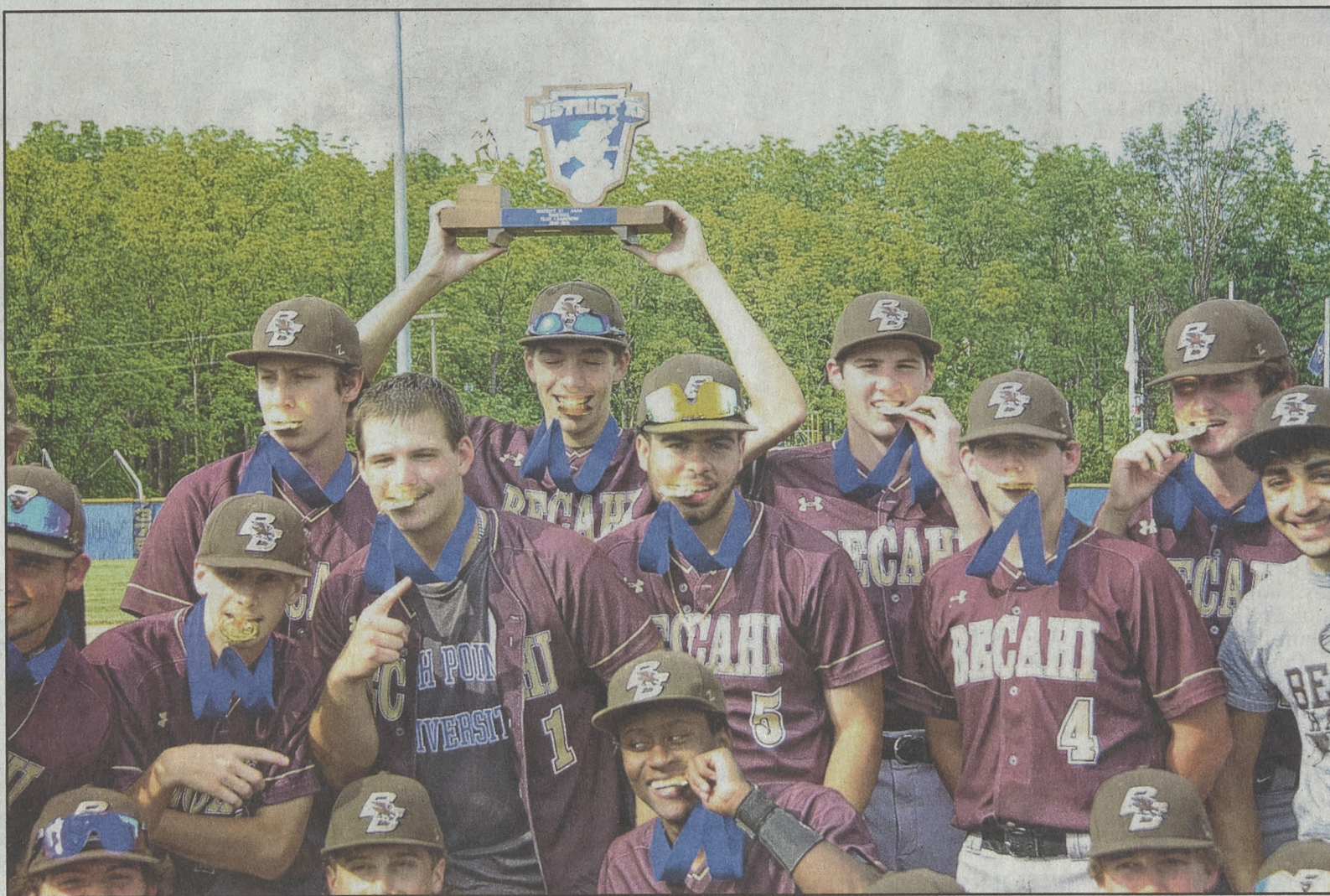
There will be a minicamp from July 26-19. Practice beings on Aug. 2.

Football questions, call Tim Picone at 610-694-8629. Cheering questions, call Cassie Agosto at 484-838-3303.

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The Clubhouse Grille is a favorite spot for Lehigh Little League families to celebrate postgame or stop by for a quick bite after practice.

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The Bethlehem Catholic baseball team raises the District 11 trophy after beating Northwestern in the finals.

Becahi baseball wins District 11 championship

BY PATRICK MATSINKO
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Name by name, first-year head coach Matt Corsi rattled off the some of the top pitchers in District 11.

Ace after ace, Bethlehem Catholic had seen some of the best of the best.

Not all of those meetings resulted in wins, but the Golden Hawks always kept the same mindset.

Tuesday was no different.

Bethlehem Catholic delivered at the plate on the biggest stage, knocking off Northwestern 5-3 to capture the Class 4A title and secure a berth in the state tournament.

"They kept coming and coming and coming," Corsi said of the pitching his team has faced this season. "And these guys kept battling and battling and battling. And they were ready for today, because of everything, and the close games we played all year."

"We didn't blow a team out. We got blown out, Liberty and Easton and Freedom took care of us. But these guys didn't go down. They stayed even, and every game we won we fought for. And that came up huge today."

The Golden Hawks (16-8) were outhit by the top-seeded Tigers, 11-7.

But when the No. 2 seed put the ball in play against Northwestern (19-5) starter and University of Delaware commit Carter Welch, who entered with a sub 1.00 ERA in over 44 innings pitched this season, it was loud.

Matt Martinez got the Golden Hawks on the board with a one-out, two-run blast to left field in the top of the first inning.

"I told my guys in the beginning we have to get Carter out," said Martinez, who was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, a run scored and a walk. "I've known Carter since I was like seven. He's a really good pitcher and a really talented guy, and we needed to get him out of the game."



The Hawks pose for a team photo after knocking off Northwestern in the finals.

"We needed to strike early, and show that we're here and we're here to stay. That's what we did. It was more of an attack mode than it was a selective mode."

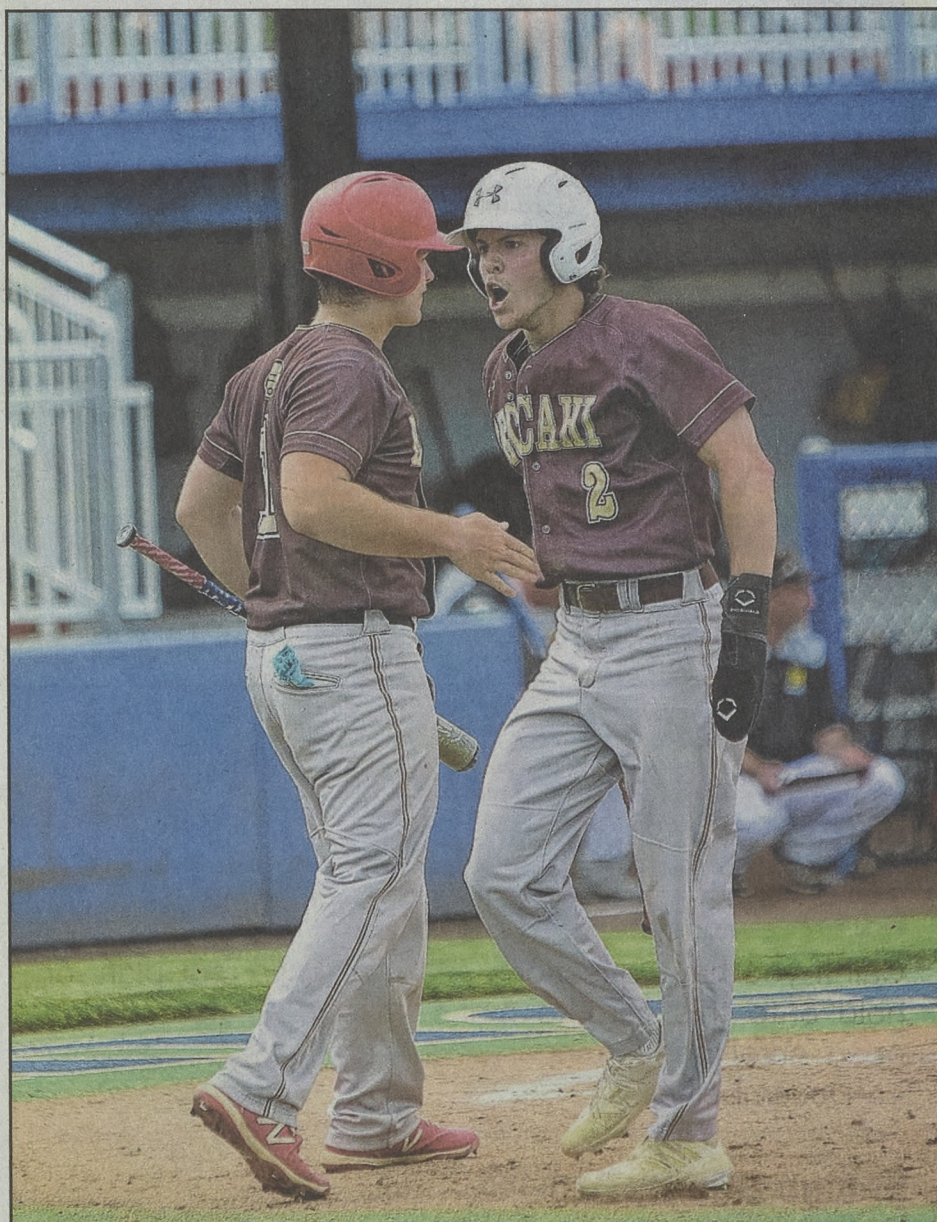
Bethlehem Catholic increased its lead to 3-0 in the second inning when No. 9 hitter Gavin Kirsch delivered an RBI single to score Anthony Martinez.

The advantage swelled to 5-0 when Chaise Albus blasted an RBI triple to center field and Matt Martinez singled in another run in the top of the fourth. The Golden Hawks loaded the bases but Rafe Perich, who came on in relief after the Martinez single, worked out of trouble with a strikeout.

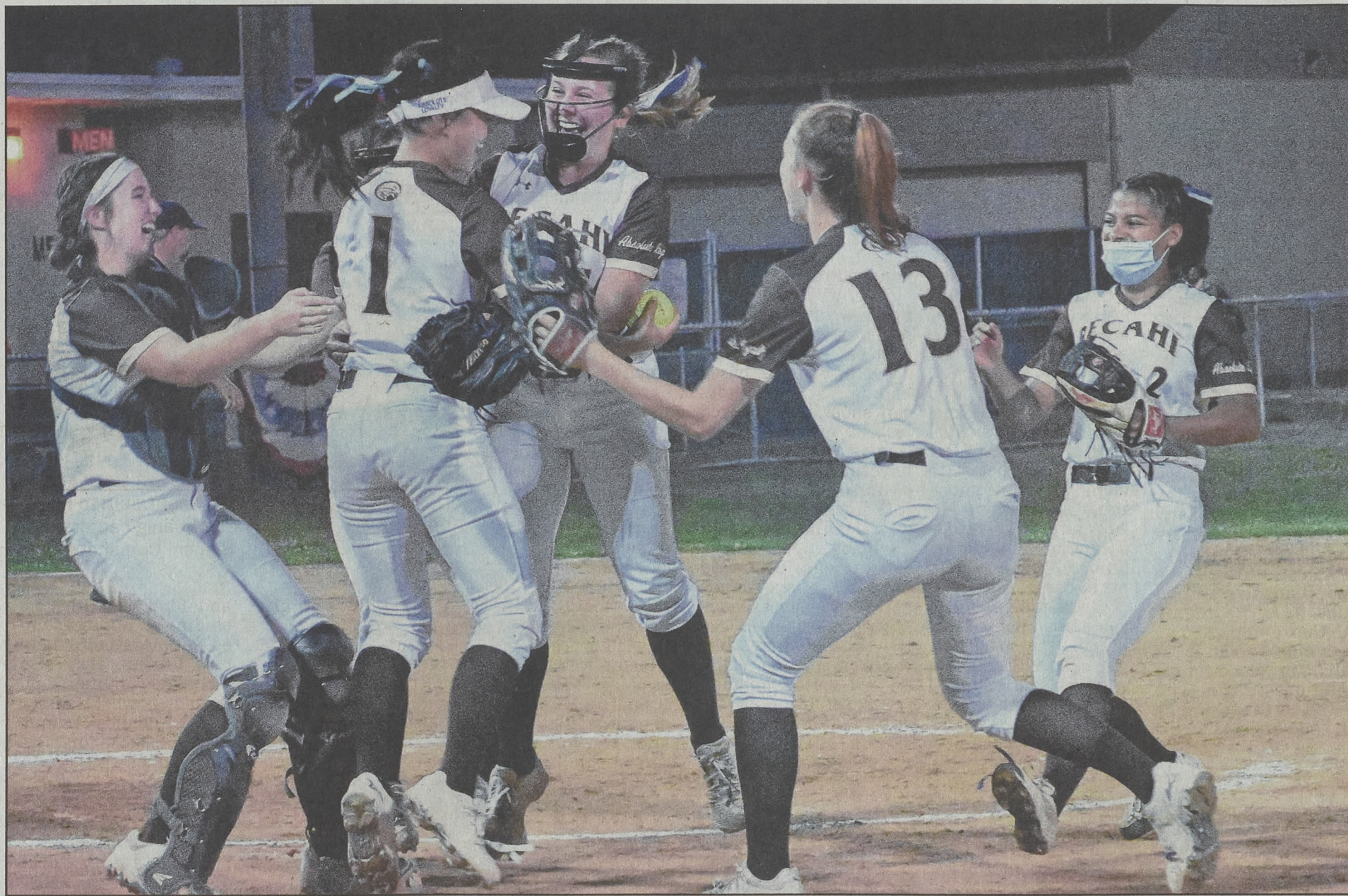
"Their five runs were legit," said Northwestern head coach Duran Porrino. "They hit the ball/ Talking to their coach before the game, and he's a great coach, and he said we saw more or less every team's No. 1 pitcher this year. And when he said that, and then I saw how their approach was with Carter in the first inning, you could sort of tell early on that they were on him a little bit."

"It's not how we drew it up. We sort of anticipated Carter starting the game and finishing the game and finishing the game."

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Gavin Kirsch and Matt Martinez celebrate a Becahi run during the District 11 finals against Northwestern.



PRESS PHOTOS BY MIKE FEIFEL

The Bethlehem Catholic softball team celebrates after knocking of Northwestern in the District 11 finals last week.

Becahi softball team wins District 11 championship

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic center fielder Jaden Spigner described the Golden Hawks as “hitting in bunches” after they claimed the District XI Class 4A softball title in their 11-4 victory over Northwestern Lehigh last Tuesday at Patriot’s Park in Allentown.

Three hits and two runs in the second inning put the Hawks ahead of the Tigers, 3-1 on a double by shortstop Abby Rodriguez.

“As soon as I got in the batter’s box I knew I had to come out strong. If not, then we were gonna’ have to fight tooth and nail to beat them,” Rodriguez said. “That first pitch was down the middle, and I just went with it, and two runs scored, so I was beyond excited with that.”

Before the next bunch came, Spigner hit a two run homer after Jordan Merkin’s line drive base hit in the third inning.

“I saw Coach Mazza give Jordan the steal sign, and I like to at least swing and try to cover her,” Spigner said, “and the pitch was a little up and a little outside, and I like to drive those pitches, so once it hit off my bat, I was like, that felt really good.”

Northwestern Lehigh scored its second run on an RBI by Kylie Zentz after a lead-off double by

Olivia Stofflet.

Becahi came up in the top of the fifth to score two more runs and another in the sixth on an RBI double by Ashely Judd, making the score 9-2.

“I wanted to get a big, clean hit and get Jaden in to score, and it just happened,” Judd said. “[Winning] is a big deal to me because I’m not playing in college, so these could be the last games I ever play. It’s really important and special that we could win this game.”

Widening the lead even further, Francesca Oberholzer had a lead-off double to deep left field in the seventh inning, and Judd’s single scored the Hawks’ last two runs of the game.

“Offensively, we have been hitting, I’ll say that,” Becahi coach Rich Mazza said. “This was by far our best defensive game. (Pitcher) Emma (Bond) was phenomenal. And how about that dive Jordan made in the hole? That was late in the game and that was tremendous.”

The Hawks also held off Tiger’s big hitter Morgan Farthing.

“We jammed her a couple times, and she finally got a hit on a changeup which was in the dirt so kudos to her for that. I feel we really came at her,” said Bond. “Northwestern’s



The Hawks knocked off Northwestern to win the District 11 title last week.

extremely good at hitting, so big strike outs helped a lot and boosted the whole team’s confidence.”

Coach Mazza presented district gold medals to each of his players after the game.

“That was tremendous, especially the kind of kids they are,” Mazza said. “If you peak too early in the year, that’s no good, and some teams peak too late. We’re just coming right when we should.”



Head coach Rich Mazza presents the girls medals.



The girls hoist the District 11 trophy.

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Outdoors: Doug Koenig claims another title

BY NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

For the 19th time, competitive shooting superstar Doug Koenig, a former Alburdis resident now living in Hamburg, has won the prestigious and competitive Bianchi Cup National Action Pistol Championship held May 24-28 at the Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club in Hallsville, Mo. After firing all four events, Koenig ended the match with a score of 1920-182X.

This is the 19th Bianchi Cup Championship victory for Koenig, which is the most of any competitor in the history of the match.

"I just finished the 42nd Bianchi Cup and proud to have won my 19th Cup. Congrats to all the winners for a great match in some tough conditions. Thank you as well to Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club for running a great cham-

pionship and to all the match sponsors. I'd also like to thank my sponsors Ruger and Hornady for their support. I could not do what I do without them."

Bruce Piatt, the 2019 Bianchi Cup Champion, also finished this year's match with a perfect 1920 score, but he was down from Koenig in the X-count, and finished second.

Becky Yackley won the 2021 Bianchi Women's Cup with a final score of 1908-139X. Her score placed her 13th among all the competitors. In addition, her son Andrew Yackley secured the Bianchi Cup Junior Championship with a score of 1882-134X.

The Bianchi Cup is a championship match for the shooting sport now known as NRA Action Pistol. Action Pistol encompasses a number of set stages that are somewhat confusingly called "matches" or "events,"

with the aggregate score of several being combined into one "course of fire" to determine winners and placement. Classically, the Bianchi Cup events are the Falling Plates, the Moving Target, the Barricade, and the Practical.

One of the defining features of Action Pistol is that each event is shot on a par time. Instead of scoring based on how fast competitors can shoot the required targets or number of rounds, competitors have limited time, counted in seconds, and limited number of rounds to shoot the best score possible. With most events being composed of strings of six rounds or less, revolvers have a special home in Action Pistol where they can compete on equal ground with semi-automatic pistols.

Except for the Falling Plates, Action Pistol events are shot on

cardboard tombstone targets. The best Action Pistol shooters are able to shoot the 8-inch circle of the 10-ring and the black 4-inch X-ring inside of it consistently at distances out to 50 yards and under time pressure. Bianchi Cup champions in the open division, using optical sights, regularly score a perfect 1920 points, though the perfect 192x to go with it has been elusive.

As for Koenig's experience, it spans nearly three decades of professional shooting. He attributes his success by incorporating a strong work ethic into his practice sessions mostly at Topton Fish & Game Association's ranges where he does the majority of his practicing.

Koenig was born and raised in Pennsylvania and began shooting competitively at the age of 17 winning both regional and national



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Hamburg, PA, resident Doug Koenig captured his unprecedented 19th Bianchi Cup shooting event.

competitions. In 1990, Doug turned pro as a competitive shooter. Since that day, his list of accomplishments and championship wins continues and may never be surpassed. He holds more than 70 National

and 10 World titles including an unprecedented 19 times as a Bianchi Cup Champ. He's also a lifelong hunter and hosts his own TV Show, "Doug Koenig's Championship Season" on a cable channel.

Hawks win opening round of state softball

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic shortstop Abby Rodriguez didn't feel like a hero after her RBI to center field scored Angie Iovino to win the Golden Hawks' first round game against Archbishop Wood, 3-2, in eight innings in the PIAA State Class 4A playoffs on Monday at Patriot's Park in Allentown.

"I feel like each member of this team did what

they needed to do. For me to score Angie was awesome because Angie got herself on base. I just scored her in," Rodriguez said.

Iovino hit a two-out triple, and Francesca Oberholzer was walked after fouling off multiple pitches in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"It was almost like a little insult because they had no confidence in me, but I wanted to prove my point," said Rodriguez,

who had a base hit in the seventh, but the Hawks left their bases loaded in that inning.

Oberholzer was also surprised.

"I really was. If they would've given me another pitch, who knows what would've happened? I was pretty shocked," she said.

After a quiet first three innings, Wood took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth on pitcher Dakota Fanelli's RBI

double to left center.

The Hawks tied the game when Iovino reached second base after Wood's center fielder dropped the fly ball, and Oberholzer's single down the third base line dove in Iovino.

"I get really anxious in the box but when I hit that, it was the best feeling ever," Oberholzer said. "This was a really nerve wracking game, but somehow we continue to win."

In the top of the sixth, Kiersten Reeser put the Vikings ahead with a two-out home run, but the Hawks tied it again in the bottom of the same inning.

Ashley Judd led off with a line drive, Kristal Torres reached first base on an error but was thrown out at second when it was initially thought Fanelli caught a ball hit by Teighan Boyle. But Judd scored from third base on a

passed ball to make the score 2-2.

"Yeah, I was really worried," Becahi coach Rich Mazza said. "I really thought we were gonna break it open."

The Hawks' quarterfinal game is scheduled to be played this Thursday against Villa Joseph Marie, the number one team from District 1. The time and place will be determined past Press deadlines.

BC baseball season ends in PIAA opener

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's run in the PIAA baseball tournament came to an end Monday afternoon when the Hawks fell to Holy Ghost Prep 5-3 in the opening round of the 4A tournament.

The Hawks fell behind 3-0 in the first two innings and 5-1 heading into the seventh, but their late rally wasn't enough to salvage their season.

"The mindset of the team was calm and relaxed coming into the game," said Becahi head coach Matt Corsi. "I think our season pre-

pared us well for this game. We have seen the best pitchers throughout the year. Today just wasn't our day."

Becahi starting pitcher Chaise Albus struggled out of the gate, giving up three early runs. Holy Ghost's Jack McDermott had himself a day, going 4-for-4, with an RBI, two runs and two stolen bases.

The Hawks tried to work their way back into the game in the seventh when Anthony Martinez knocked in a sac fly run followed by a Gavin Kirsch single to make it 5-3. That would be the end of the drama,

as Matt Long recorded the final out for Prep (15-8), as they move on to the quarterfinals to play District 12 champion Bonner-Prendergast.

While the Hawks (16-9) season came to a close, it was an memorable season of getting back into the EPC playoffs and winning their first district title since 2006 in Corsi's first year at the helm.

"The biggest two things I have said to them is enjoy the ride," said Corsi. "This doesn't happen every year and at this point any game could be your last."

BOYS

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the game. But at the same time, Bethlehem Catholic scored those five runs, there's no doubt about it."

The Tigers started to chip away at the deficit in the bottom tom of the fourth inning. Dylan Witkowski led off with a double and later scored on a single by Ryan Kensinger.

RJ Zack followed and brought in Ben Boyer, who singled, to trim Becahi's lead to 5-2.

Northwestern threat-

ened again in the bottom of the fifth when Perich and Justin Holmes collected back-to-back hits, but a double play ended the inning.

After a leadoff double by Nick Henry in the bottom of the sixth, Kensinger collected his second RBI to cut the deficit to 5-3 on a single before being thrown out going to second.

The inning ended when Zack was called out at first on batter interference.

Designated hitter Tanner Romig was hit by a pitch to open the

bottom of the seventh.

Sophomore Beckham McNally closed the door with a fly out and the Golden Hawks' third inning-ending double play to seal the win.

"They played well," said Porrino. "They had their shortstop positioned up the middle and the ball found him every single time. And their starter was effective, I'm not sure if he had any walks."

"As a coach, you know the season is going to end at some point. But I just did not expect it to happen today."

LV Carpenter Cup team back in action

The Carpenter Cup, which is run by the Philadelphia Phillies, is an all-star showcase for baseball players from parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The Lehigh Valley franchise has won the Carpenter Cup twice, in 2011 and 1998. The event was canceled last year. The defending champ from 2019 is Burlington County, NJ.

The 25-man LV squad features players from 14 different high schools throughout the Lehigh Valley.

The Lehigh Valley team is managed by former Palmerton baseball coach Ted Plessl. The longtime Bomber head coach is assisted by Tom Plessl, Joe Candemlo, Cody Weiss, Jeremy Gliotti and Ken Serfass. Joe Pirro serves as the team's general manager.

The Lehigh Valley will open the 16-team single-elimination tournament on Tuesday,

June 15 when it faces the Philadelphia Catholic League team at 4 p.m. at UYA Showcase Field in FDR Park in Philadelphia.

If it wins, the Lehigh Valley will play its quarterfinal round game on Friday, June 18.

The tournament semifinals and finals will be held at Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia on Monday, June 21 and Thursday, June 24.

LV 2021 Carpenter Cup Roster:

- Chase Albus (Jr., OF/P, Bethlehem Catholic)
- Blake Barthol (Jr., INF/P, Parkland)
- Bo Barthol (So. OF/P, Parkland)
- Brock Bollinger (Sr., C, Palmerton)
- Tyler Causa (Sr., P/INF, Wilson)
- Parker Frey (Sr., OF/P, Liberty)
- JD Greeley (Sr., INF/OF/P, Pocono Mountain West)
- Nick Henry (Sr., OF, Northwestern)

- Justin Johnson (Sr., P/1B, Easton)
- Eric Ludwick (Sr., C, Liberty)
- Beckham McNally (So., P, Bethlehem Catholic)

- Matt Martinez (Sr., C, Bethlehem Catholic)
- Ben Moyzan (Jr., P/INF, Notre Dame)
- Griffin Partridge (So., C/INF, Central Catholic)

- Rafe Perich (Sr., INF/P, Northwestern)
- Justin Ramirez (Jr., INF, Easton)
- Brandon Ratti (Sr., OF/P, Pleasant Valley)
- Jack Smale (So., OF, Pleasant Valley)
- Maz Squarchia (Sr., OF, Easton)
- Matt Tankred (Jr., INF/P, Southern Lehigh)
- Braden Waller (Sr., P/OF, Emmaus)
- Zach Walters (Sr., P/1B, Pleasant Valley)
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Wednesday, June 9

Northampton County Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m. Join from computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/124943877> or via phone at 312-757-3121 using access code 124-943-877.
 Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Hellertown Borough Water Authority Board, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.
 Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Recreation Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.
 Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Thursday, June 10

Bethlehem Authority, 3:30 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
 CANCELED: City of Bethlehem Planning Commission, 4 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Monday, June 14

Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m. Monocacy Towers Community Room, 645 Main St.
 BASD Special Board meeting, final budget adoption, Finance and Human Resources committees meeting, 6 p.m. Edgeboro room, Ed. center, 1516 Sycamore St.
 Bethlehem Twp. Recreation Commissioners, 6 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Fountain Hill Planning Commission 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
 Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Planning Commission (as needed), 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.

Tuesday, June 15

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

Wednesday, June 16

Northampton Co. Personnel and Finance committees, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 Northampton Co. Capital Projects and Operations Committee, 5:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
 Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Supervisors, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.
 Hellertown Borough Zoning Hearing, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

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After 2020 COVID closure Mayfair Returns for 2021

The Large Flowerheads, BC Combo, The Sofa Kings, and Central City Orchestra, were among the musicians who serenaded festival-goers at the 2021 Mayfair Festival of the Arts hosted by Cedar Crest College May 28 - 30. Organizers for the 2021 free

three-day Memorial Day weekend event encouraged attendees to follow mask wearing and other COVID protocols while on the college's Allentown campus. Mayfair had been canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic. The Lehigh Valley Press and Times News were

among the event sponsors. **Above:** Bethlehem-based Large Flowerheads belt out covers from the 1960s and '70s from the RCN Main Stage May 29. From left are Colleen Zajacik, Dave Follweiler, Maureen "Moe" Jerant, Greg Geist and Billy Trexler.



Center Valley resident Heather Loux patiently waits at the Lehigh Valley Press booth while LVP marketing director Christine Campbell creates a flower-adorned lady's hat for her from a newspaper. Loux is an employee of Bethlehem-based Staff Management.



In front of the RCN Main Stage, from left, "Dancing Pat" Richard from Allentown and Jennifer Polt from Hellertown dance to the music of Lehigh Valley-based BC Combo.

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Sarah Brown

Freedom HS/Bethlehem Area VTS

Grade: 12th

Family members: Marie Brown (Mom), Pete Brown (Dad), Megan Brown (sister), Ryan Brown (brother)

Favorite subject(s): My favorite subject is Anatomy and Physiology. I am fascinated by how complex the human body is. I enjoy studying all of the different components that go into making the body function. My time in the Health Careers program at Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical school has provided me with health related hands-on experience and a strong foundation to be successful in nursing school.

Activities: I participated in the Buddies helping Buddies Club and Crafts for Kindness Club at Freedom HS. At the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School, I am vice president of our Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) chapter. I am a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Technical Honor Society.

Next steps: After high school, I will be attending DeSales University to study nursing.

Career goals: In the future, I plan on specializing in psychiatric nursing. I would like to work in detention centers, prisons, or psychiatric hospitals where I can not only work to improve my patients' physical well being, but also develop programs that will allow them to smoothly transition back into society.

Heroes: My heroes are my parents. They have always been a source of love and support for me and my siblings.

Hobbies: In my free time, I love to practice yoga. While in college, I plan on becoming a certified yoga instructor.

Volunteer/community work:



I have volunteered at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center where I worked alongside occupational and speech therapists. I am also a volunteer at the Children's Home of Easton and bake birthday cakes for the residents:

Likes: I enjoy the outdoors and exploring new places. I am a certified organic gardener and extremely passionate about gardening and healthy eating.

Dislikes: Celery
Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment so far was receiving the DeSales University's Leadership full tuition scholarship. After competing against 400 other applicants, I was one of 30 students to be granted an interview and was ultimately chosen as one of six students who were awarded the scholarship.

Advice for peers: I would stress the importance of finding a strong support system. Whether struggles arise academically or emotionally, I think it is important to have like minded individuals to help you get through the tough times.

Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC NEWS

By Isabella Bautista

Finishing strong

As the 2020-21 school year comes to a close, students at Bethlehem Catholic High School are finishing off strong in their athletic, academic and artistic accomplishments.

The District XI tournaments brought much success for members of the boys tennis team. Armaan Makwana and Anthony Barczynski finished second in the doubles tournament. Curt Gruber took the singles championship by playing Makwana in the finals, earning the first district tennis championship in Becahi boys' tennis history. In track, Cailey Spanitz won a gold medal in District XI pole vaulting, and she will go on to the state tournament.



Bautista

Both of Becahi's bat-and-ball sports saw great wins in the district semifinals May 27. The Becahi baseball team, which currently holds an admirable record of 15-8, was preparing to face Northwestern Lehigh in the District XI 4A finals at DeSales University on June 1. The Becahi softball team also faced a Northwestern Lehigh Tiger team that evening.

The arts department has also been keeping busy with its spring performances. The theatre department recently put on an in-person performance of "The Spitfire Grill" that was recorded and is available as a pay-per-view event via the Becahi website and the official Bethlehem Catholic Theatre account. They eagerly look forward to a final performance on June 10 during the school day.

With the help of two students, Brett Fyrer and Evan Heffelfinger, who are well-versed in audio and visual technology, Bethlehem Catholic's band put together a virtual spring concert using recordings of group pieces performed on the stage of the Richard B. Culver Center and individual pieces performed at home for those students who could not meet with the groups for COVID-19-related reasons. The band also presented music at the retirement parade of Monsignor Sacks, the pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The band also prepared songs for a Memorial Day ceremony.

On April 29, the students gathered in the auditorium for the annual Distinguished Graduates ceremony. This year, the students heard speeches by Megan Anne Stull, Class of 1996; Mike Shupp, Class of 1977; and Greg Adams, Class of 1972. Many of the students were inspired by the advice they got that day from Bethlehem Catholic alumni, and several groups of students made their way to the front of the auditorium at the conclusion of the ceremony to speak further with the accomplished graduates. At that same ceremony, Becahi's valedictorian, Sarah Knoble, and salutatorian, Reagan McGill, were announced for the Class of 2021.

The service aspect of Becahi's mission has not lost its thunder. Recently, the Peer Listeners organized a book drive to benefit Cops 'n' Kids. Additionally, the annual "Lock-Out" was run by The Movement, a team of seniors who host and plan various events over the course of the year to benefit charities. At this year's Lock-Out, participants raised over \$4,000 for Sassy Massey Smiles Foundation and suicide prevention.

Overall, Bethlehem Catholic students generally agree that despite the challenges posed during this school year, it was still an exciting and memorable year.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Wednesday, June 9

Bethlehem Catholic HS Commencement, 7 p.m., high school, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem

Thursday, June 10

Liberty HS Graduation, 7 p.m. Stabler Arena

Friday, June 11

Freedom HS Graduation, 6 p.m. BASD Stadium, 1115 Linden Street

Tuesday, June 15

Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts Graduation, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks- PNC Plaza Tent. Two ceremonies divided by artistic major: 10 a.m.: Instrumental, Production, Theater, Vocal; 2 p.m.: Dance, Literary Arts, Visual Arts.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

Saucon Valley graduating seniors begin entering the Montford E. Illick Stadium at the start of the district's sunny June 5 outdoor commencement exercises.

SAUCON VALLEY HS - JUNE 4

'It's been quite a year, hasn't it?'

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

After an historically challenging school year – and unsettled afternoon weather – stormy skies broke just in time for the 124th Saucon Valley graduating class to celebrate together under sunshine and relatively 'normal' conditions at Montford E. Illick Stadium the evening of June 4.

As Principal Tamara Gary introduced the ceremony, the circumstances were not lost on her. "After a year of dealing with COVID-19 and a school year like no other, we are so happy to be here with the sun shining on this special occasion," she said.

Graduating seniors Kiya Humphries and Abigail Wieder kicked off the student-led portion of the evening by singing the Star-Spangled Banner.

The first student speaker was class of 2021 president Grace Albano, and her opening lines felt particularly poignant: "It's been quite a year, hasn't it? Today is a day of celebration, reflection over our past 12 years here at Saucon Valley and a look forward into the next chapter of our journey."

Albano addressed the Class of 2021's unique challenges. "(For) the last 15 months our class faced adversity, missing out on half of our junior year and some of us attending our senior year virtually," she said. In addition to the usual academic studies, she said the pandemic "helped teach us so much more: what actually does matter (and) who actually is important to us."

She shared some parting words of advice with her classmates: "I invite you to turn each negative into a positive. Take pride in how far we've come... Have faith in how far you can go."

Class vice president Kaleigh Hess-Davila introduced Valedictorian Helen Keetley, a National Merit Scholar whose post-high school plans include attending Colorado College and studying organismal biology and ecology.

Keetley spoke metaphorically of crossing a bridge from childhood to young adulthood, comparing it to the literal indoor bridge on campus which connects the middle and high schools. "I hope that we are all leaving here today with something shared... something that makes us able to cross that bridge," she said. "While most bridges go somewhere definite, this is the kind of bridge we can make up as we go along."

Salutatorian Mercedes Lingle, who will be attending McGill

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2021 Saucon Valley Class President Grace Albano reminds her graduating classmates of past glories from their earlier years in the district. Albano will be attending Lehigh University to study accounting.



Saucon Valley faculty speaker Kerry Schultz amuses her former arithmetic students by waving a copy of "Math Jokes 4 Mathy Folks."




Principal Tamara Gary presents graduating senior David Osman with his diploma at the Saucon Valley commencement. Osman is headed to Wilkes University as a nursing major. Osman was earlier hailed a hero by student speaker Apolline Neveu for preventing catastrophe when he grabbed the steering wheel away from a friend who had experienced a seizure while driving.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
	89 / 68	83 / 61	72 / 59	75 / 60	79 / 65	77 / 61	74 / 60
	3-7 mph WNW	4-8 mph E	6-9 mph E	5-7 mph ENE	3-6 mph ESE	6-11 mph NW	3-6 mph WNW

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Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 89°, humidity of 58%. West northwest wind 3 to 7 mph. The record high temperature for today is 96° set in 2011. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 68°. West wind 2 to 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 40° set in 1957. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 83°, humidity of 59%. East wind 4 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 55% chance of showers, overnight low of 61°. East wind 7 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 72°, humidity of 68%. East wind 6 to 9 mph.



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YEAR

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University in Montreal to pursue her master's and Ph.D. in the arts, shared her experience of moving to the district at the age of 16.

"Unfortunately, with the unconventional two years, it didn't give me much chance to settle down," she said, as she took the time to thank teachers and classmates who helped ease her transition. "My family, incredible and supportive teachers, and new friends got me through (the past year). I could have never known what to expect."

Class Treasurer Mackenzie Johnstone had the honor of introducing both student-selected speakers, math teacher Kerry Schultz and graduating senior Appoline 'Apple' Neveu.

Schultz gave an engaging, witty speech in which she spoke of her own hesitation upon being asked to speak and her subsequent desire to provide an example to students, reflecting on words from the popular county song, 'I Hope You Dance' by Lee Ann Womack.

"You know better than anybody else that on any random Friday, the whole world could shut down. Don't take anything for granted," she said. "Sitting it out may be safe and comfortable but who knows what could happen if you dance," adding: "When you choose to dance, please take out your earbuds, put down your phones, allow yourself the full experience."

Neveu, who plans on attending Lehigh University to study neuro-

science and play soccer, also shared words of encouragement with her departing classmates. "Our expectation of what high school would look like since a young age was entirely spun around" due to COVID-19, she said. "We all seem to have gained a newfound appreciation of what's around us."

Neveu also honored classmate David Osman, whose quick thinking-turned-action as a passenger in late April helped save the life of his friend who suffered a seizure while driving on Depot Street near Dimmick Park, as well as several pedestrians in the way of the out-of-control vehicle. Osman, who also served as Homecoming King, was greeted with two rounds of applause from the crowd.

Before the distribution of diplomas, Albano had a request for her classmates: "What's a graduation ceremony without a 'selfie' at the end?" She asked the crowd to gather in the center of the field and took a photo with her class from the stage.

On a countdown from three, tassels were turned and caps were tossed. Gary provided the final words of the ceremony to her now-former students, fittingly reminding Saucon Valley's newly-minted graduates: "Once a Panther, always a Panther!"



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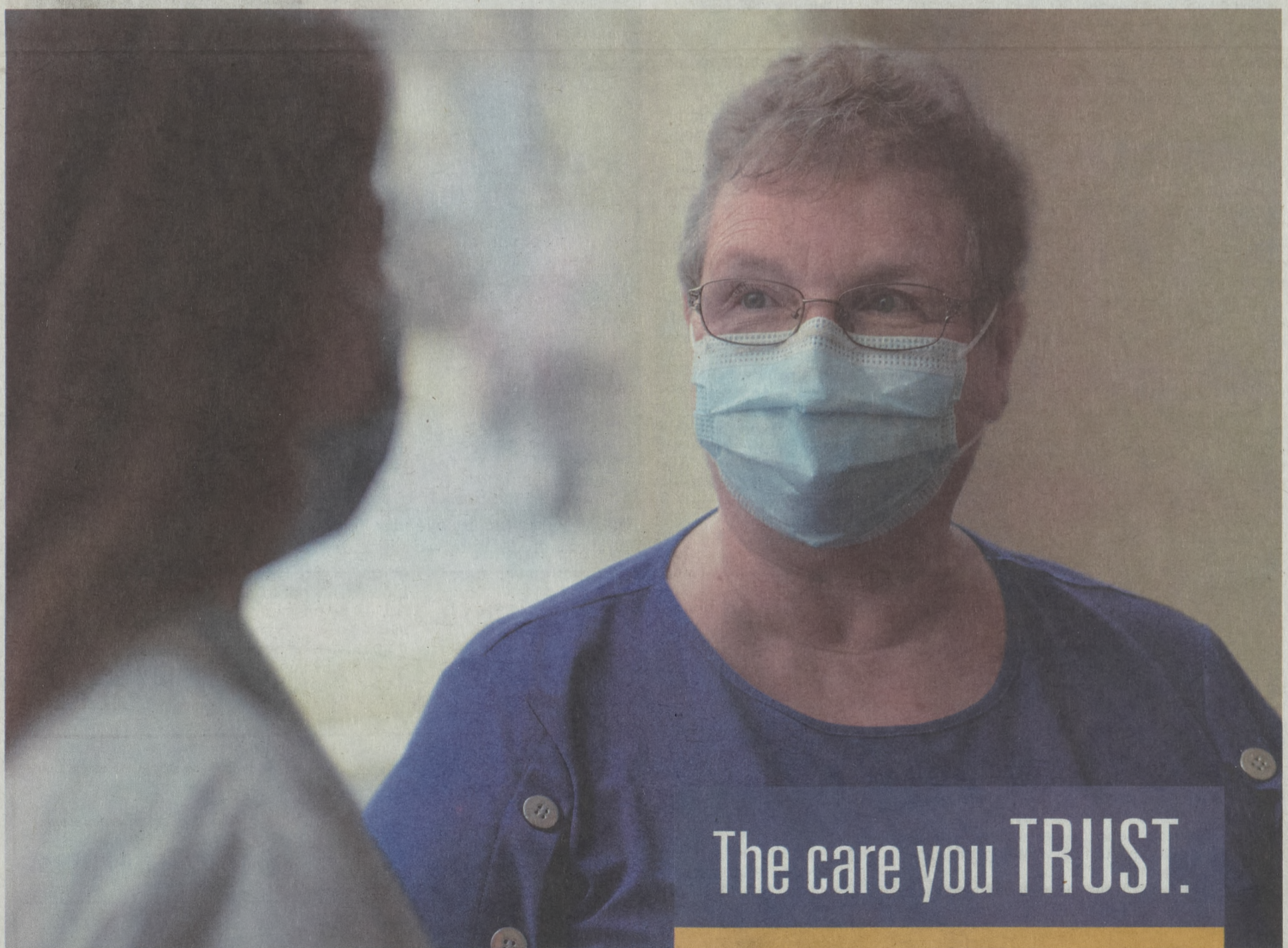
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Bethlehem area residents Christian Burns and Jonathan Skee received degrees from Grove City College May 15, 2021. Burns earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science. Skee earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

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University of the Cumberlands
Sarah Davis, of Bethlehem, has completed a master of arts in clinical mental health counseling at the University of the Cumberlands, Kentucky. She is a recent graduate of the university.



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Allentown Symphony Orchestra performs "Beloved Beethoven" concert, streaming 7:30 p.m. June 12 and available afterward as video-on-demand.

The 'Eroica'

Beethoven favorite concludes Symphony's 2020-'21 season

CLASSICAL VIEWS

By Diane Wittry



Ludwig van Beethoven is a composer who has influenced music throughout the world. His music is dramatic, powerful and really speaks to our souls. He is a composer I greatly admire.

Beethoven's music, like good wine, seems to have become even better and more relevant as time has passed. His works have survived and continue to be played on concert stages all over the world for the last 200 years.

For these reasons, I chose to perform Beethoven's epic "Symphony No. 3 in E flat Major, Op. 55, Eroica," for the 2021 season finale of the Allentown Symphony.

The Allentown Symphony "Beloved Beethoven" concert will premiere-stream at 7:30 p.m. June 12, and afterward, is available for on-demand streaming.

"The Eroica," written in 1803,

was a major turning point in Beethoven's compositional style and influenced composers that followed in Beethoven's footsteps.

While Beethoven was writing his "Symphony No. 3," he was going through a difficult time in his life. In 1801, he had confided to his friends about his hearing loss. In fall 1802, he seriously contemplated committing suicide. This was his state of mind as he worked on his "Third Symphony," and the piece reflects the struggles in his life.

Originally dedicated to Napoleon Bonaparte, the title was changed to simply "Sinfonia Eroica" when Beethoven heard that Napoleon had named himself Emperor. Beethoven was furious at this news. He tore up the title page of the score. He changed the dedication to "Composed to celebrate the memory of a great man."

Later on, after Napoleon's victory at Jena, Beethoven is reputed to have said about Napoleon: "It's a pity I do not understand the art of war as well as I do the art of music. I would conquer him!"

The Symphony begins with two striking chords, followed by

three notes, that become the basis of everything else that follows in the opening movement.

The length and complexity of the Symphony far exceeded anything previously written by Beethoven. The intensity of the music with its outburst of chords reminds us of the emotional turmoil that Beethoven was experiencing.

In the final movement of "Symphony No. 3," Beethoven "borrows" a melody that he had used in four other pieces he wrote between 1800-1803. He must have really loved this melody.

During the concert, I want you to hear how Beethoven used the same musical theme in more than one piece, but developed it differently. To demonstrate this, I decided to start the program with Beethoven's "Overture and Finale from The Creatures of Prometheus, Op. 43." The final movement of the ballet uses the exact same theme as the final movement of the "Eroica Symphony."

The same melody was also used in another piece that Beethoven wrote in 1802, "Variations

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'American Lyric' to sing at NCC

American poet Claudia Rankine has faced racial "micro-aggression" from friends and coworkers, as well as strangers, from rude comments about her hair to hearing the "N-word."

Her award-winning book "Citizen: An American Lyric," a searing, poetic riff about systemic racism in America, adapted into a play in 2015 by Stephen Sachs, was the perfect choice for the final production of 2020-2021 school year, says Bill Mutimer, head of the Northampton Community College Theater Department.

"Citizen: An American Lyric" is available 12:15 a.m. June 11 to 11:45 p.m. June 13 as video-on-demand.

The stage adaptation of Rankine's acclaimed book combines theater, music, movement and video to track the progression of micro-aggressions to overt acts of racial violence by white Americans against black Americans.

Mutimer, who also directs, calls the work "a fast-moving, emotionally-charged and thought-provoking piece of art." The play depicts snapshots of acts of everyday racism, he says:

"Some of these encounters are slights, seeming slips of the tongue, and some are intentional offensives in the classroom, supermarket or at home ... those did-they-really-just-say-that-slurs that happen every day and later steep poisonously in the mind."

Rankine wrote her book of poetry and essays in 2014, stretching the conventions of traditional lyric poetry by interweaving several forms of text and media into a portrait of race-relations in the United States.

The book was a New York Times bestseller and won several awards, including the 2014 National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry, the 2015 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Poetry, and the 2015 Forward Prize for Poetry Best Collection.

CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

In the book, Rankine details the experience of black Americans, from micro-aggressions she and her friends experienced to backlashes against tennis player Serena Williams and the ramifications of the shootings of Trayvon Martin and James Craig Anderson.

The book includes images of paintings, drawings, sculpture and digital media of the black experience.

Mutimer says the production is different from other NCC theater productions. He cast a wide net to draw on students' and local residents' experiences.

"There really isn't a cast as usual," Mutimer says. "It is a lyric that has many people involved to set the fabric of being a citizen. So there are people who play a little larger part in the fabric than others who may have one or two lines, but it is an experience."

Rankine's poetry is structured around third-person anecdotes that challenge the audience as citizens to think about how embedded racism affects the daily lives of persons of color. Rankine writes, "This is how you are a citizen."

"It is why I like the piece," Mutimer says. "It is non-conventional and sets a different tone and experience."

"Citizen: An American Lyric" contains racially-charged language and video.

Tickets: www.showtix4u.com/events/14994

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Steel Valley: Married to the mob in Johnstown

LITERARY SCENE

By Dave Howell



The Lehigh Valley shares a history with Johnstown, Cambria County.

Each was a major location for Bethlehem Steel Corp. mills.

It is a lesser known fact that both regions have a colorful history of illegal activities and organized crime.

Russell Shorto tells about Johnstown's gambling and political corruption in his book "Small-time: A Story of My Family and the Mob" (W.W. Norton, 2021, 272 pp., \$26.75, available digitally).

As the title indicates, it gives a story of non-violent crime on the community level, mostly focused on gambling and related payoffs,

although a mystery surrounding a murder is the undercurrent of the book.

Shorto has the same first name as his grandfather, who was centrally involved in Johnstown's rackets. He worked with his own father Tony researching the elder Russell, and talked with many surviving people who remember the old days.

The book describes how Shorto discovered things about his grandfather, his father and other family members:

"I didn't know how personal it would be. I came to have sympathy for them. They did what they could, considering the paths open to them."

As Italian immigrants, the older generation faced poverty and prejudice. Those who worked for Bethlehem Steel were typically given the worst jobs.

When the younger Russell was growing up, his father Tony told him that he rejected criminal involvement. Even so, Shorto says, "My father Tony wanted to be part of that action."

His Johnstown family had mixed feelings about those times.

"There are things they did not want to talk about. It was not so much about the shame of gambling. It was mostly because of my grandfather's behavior," Shorto says in a phone interview from his home in Cum-

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Claudia Rankine, author, "Citizen: An American Lyric," adapted by Stephen Sachs as a play, presented by Northampton Community College Theater Department, June 11 - 13, as video-on-demand.

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Allentown Symphony Orchestra Music Director Diane Wittry on the podium, conducting "Beloved Beethoven" concert for streaming premiere, 7:30 p.m. June 12, and afterward available as video-on-demand.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS BY RICHARD PECKHAM Allentown Symphony Orchestra wind section performs during "Beloved Beethoven" concert, streaming 7:30 p.m. June 12 and available afterward as video-on-demand.

'EROICA'

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and Fugue for Piano in E flat Major," often referred to as the "Eroica Variations."

Beethoven used the melody yet again as the seventh dance in his set of contra dances written between 1800-1802. The melody is short, happy and dance-like. Each time it is played, he adds a variety of accompaniment.

In the finale of "Symphony No. 3," Beethoven created a set of variations and fugues, with the orchestra members tossing the main themes back and forth. The variety and range of style of musical writing within this movement are extraordinary and greatly expanded what the audience of that era was used to hearing in a symphony.

This Symphony changed the direction

of music and symphonic writing and it is a piece that I encourage everyone to listen to.

Towards the end of Beethoven's life, after completing eight of his symphonies, he was asked by a friend which symphony was his favorite, and he answered without hesitation, "The Eroica."

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Diane Wittry is Music Director and Conductor of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra; Music Director and Conductor of The Garden State Philharmonic, New Jersey, and author of "Beyond the Baton: What Every Conductor Needs To Know" and "Baton Basics: Communicating Music Through Gestures." Wittry, one of "Musical America" World-wide Top 30 Musical Influencers," teaches conducting workshops throughout the United States and Europe.

SHORTO

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berland, Md.

The elder Russell, who was married, had decades-long affairs with women.

"Everyone of a certain age knew my grandfather. What they were doing was out in the open. The pool hall where they operated was two doors away from City Hall," says Shorto.

According to Shorto, a lot of money went the short distance to the town's politicians.

He says his grandfather and his associates were "woven into the structure of things" as a part of everyday life. Shorto says the structure was "both ad hoc and organized." There were ties to the mob in bigger cities, but local members of the mob were mostly involved in collecting bets. "Johnstown was a branch office," says Shorto.

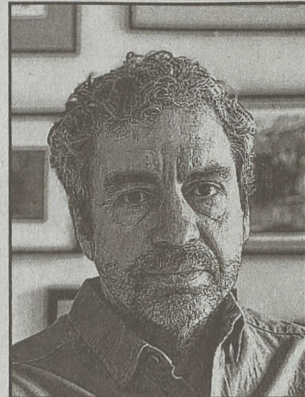
Violence was bad for business. "Big cities could absorb murders," he says, but in Johnstown that would scare away the customers.

Organized crime faded away in Johnstown, as it did in most small towns.

"In the 1960s, Robert Kennedy led an effort to reform and clean up organized crime. It is only in big cities where the mob remains," says Shorto.

The peak population of Johnstown was 67,000 in the 1920s. An analysis by 24/7 Wall Street in 2020 called it the poorest town in Pennsylvania that had a population less than 20,000.

Shorto writes narrative history. He's the author of four other books: "Revolution Song," about the American Revolution; "Amsterdam,"



Russell Shorto

a history of the Netherlands city; "Descartes' Bones," a story centered around the French philosopher, and "The Island at the Center of the World," about the founding of Manhattan.

"Smalltime" is his first memoir. It made him a proponent for discovering family history. His website, www.tellyourfamilystory.com, offers a course about how to research family history.

"Start talking to the oldest people in your family. Find the stories that most interest you. When you are speaking with those who have memories of their own grandparents, you can find out things that go back a long way," he says.

Shorto is a senior scholar at the New Netherland Institute and a contributing writer to the New York Times Magazine.

Shorto is a graduate of George Washington University. He is married with three children and three stepchildren.

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'Cruella,' dearest

I had high hopes for "Cruella."

The previews looked great: lots of flash, lots of style, fast-paced.

The live-action movie, "Cruella," is based on Disney's classic animation feature film, "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" (1961), and live-action films, "101 Dalmatians" (1996) and "102 Dalmatians" (2000).

"Cruella" stars two of my and many favorite movie Emmas: Emma Stone in the title role of Estella, aka Cruella, an aspiring fashion designer, and Emma Thompson as Baroness von Hellman, a couturier.

I love movies about fashion. Director Robert Altman's "Prêt-à-Porter" (1994), for which I interviewed (and sat next to at the reporters' table in New York City) movie icon Lauren Bacall (as Slim Chrysler. Now that's a character's name. Oh and by the way, Bacall still had that je ne sais quoi.), was a hoot-and-half for me, although it was roundly ridiculed.

Perhaps taking a page from "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006), starring Anne Hathaway as assistant to fashion magazine editor Meryl Streep; "Phantom Thread" (2017), an under-appreciated gem by director Paul Thomas Anderson starring Daniel Day-Lewis as a dyspeptic fashion designer in what is believed to be his final movie role, and the fashion runway spoof, "Zoolander" (2001), starring the irrepressible Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson, the film-makers of "Cruella" built the origin story around a haute couture design house, run with dictatorial disdain by Baroness von Hellman (Emma Thompson).

"Cruella" takes place in London during the 1970s. Estella Miller (Emma Stone) wants to be a fashion designer. She ends up becoming Cruella de Vil.

There's a passel of prologue in "Cruella" (it feels like an appendage, tacked on and almost a separate film) with sound-over narration by Enma Stone, which sets the unfortunate tone for the entire movie, which makes the rank amateur faux pas in film-making: that of showing or telling about the action, events and emotions, rather than allowing the actors

AT THE MOVIES
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to speak the words and act the scenes. "Cruella" should be subtitled, "As Told To." With actors the caliber of Emma Stone and Emma Thompson in "Cruella," it's downright cruel.

Emma Stone (Oscar recipient, leading actress, "La La Land," 2016; Oscar nominee, supporting actress, "The Favourite," 2018, and "Birdman Or The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance," 2014) is a brave actress. She gamely tackles the role. She's great fun. Her fans won't be disappointed.

Emma Thompson (Oscar recipient, leading actress, "Howards End," 1992; Oscar nominee, leading actress, "Sense And Sensibility," 1995, and "The Remains Of The Day," 1993, and Oscar nominee, supporting actress, "In The Name Of The Father," 1993) gets to chew up the scenery in "Cruella." She's grand in the role. Her fans won't be disappointed, either.

The supporting performances are similarly ham and cheese, including that of a duo and a subplot right out of Charles Dickens' novel, "Oliver Twist" (1938), that of The Artful Dodger times two in Cruella's cohorts, Jasper Badun (Joel Fry, "Yesterday," 2019) and Horace Badun (Paul Walter Hauser, "Richard Jewell," 2019).

Noteworthy are Catherine (Emily Beecham), as Estella's mother; Anita (Kirby Howell-Baptiste), Estella's childhood friend; Artie (John McCrea), a flamboyant boutique owner, and John (Mark Strong), the Baroness's major domo.

As to who is to blame for my disappointment with "Cruella," round up the usual suspects: the screenwriters, and to a lesser extent, the director, who lets the movie veer as out of control as Cruella's careening limousine.

"Cruella" is confusing, lacking in substance, and it's long. Apparently, screenwriters were brought in to patch up the works. Instead, they botched up the works.

The "Cruella" screen-



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Emma Stone (Estella-Cruella), "Cruella"

play is by Dana Fox ("Isn't It Romantic," 2019; "How To Be Single," 2016; "Couples Retreat," 2009; "What Happens In Vegas," 2008; "The Wedding Date," 2005) and Tony McNamara (Oscar nominee, original screenplay, "The Favourite," 2018), based on a story by Aline Brosh McKenna ("Annie," 2014; "We Bought A Zoo," 2011; "Morning Glory," 2010; "27 Dresses," 2008; "The Devil Wears Prada," 2006; "Laws Of Attraction," 2004; TV's "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," 2015-2019), Kelly Marcel ("Venom: Let There Be Carnage," 2021; "Venom," 2018; "Fifty Shades Of Grey," 2015; "Saving Mr. Banks," 2013) and Steve Zissis (TV's "Togetherness," 2015-2016). The screenplay and story are based on the Dodie Smith novel, "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" (1956).

"Cruella" director Craig Gillespie ("I, Tonya," 2017; "The Finest Hours," 2016; "Million Dollar Arm," 2014; "Fright Night," 2011; "Lars And The Real Girl," 2007) seems to be out of his element from his otherwise absorbing feature film directed dramas. Gillespie tries, but he tries too hard. There are few scenes of genuine interaction between the main characters.

Add to the movie's systemic problem caused by screenplay by committee is the questionable decision to blast the soundtrack with a truly bizarre amalgam (think "Moulin Rouge," 2001) of nearly back-to-back "needle-drop" snippets of some 35 pop, rock, hip-hop and other hit songs, creating a jukebox movie musical where there was none (Nina Simone, "Feeling Good"; Super-

tramp, "Bloody Well Right"; Blondie, "One Way or Another"; Electric Light Orchestra, "Livin' Thing"; the Clash, "Should I Stay or Should I Go"), that have little to do with the action on screen, except that it's semi-effective in distracting the movie-goer from what is happening on the screen, which isn't much, and adding energy to otherwise lackluster scenes. Maybe the film-makers thought they were making a "Guardians of the Galaxy" mix-tape sequel.

Yes, I loved the outrageous getups that Emma Stone and Emma Thompson get to sashay in, courtesy of Costume Designer Jenny Beavan (Oscar, costume design, "Mad Max: Fury Road," 2015; "A Room With A View," 1985).

And the over-the-top visuals by Art Director Martin Foley and Production Designer Fiona Crombie (Oscar nominee, production design, "The Favourite," 2018) are eye candy for the cinema connoisseur, especially on the big screen.

But when all is said and done, all I can say is "Goodbye, 'Cruella' world."

Let's hope the "Cruella" sequel, already in pre-production, is a stitch in time.

"Cruella," MPA A Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for some violence and thematic elements; Genre: Comedy, Crime; Run Time: 2 hr., 14 min. Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

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Anonymous: Stay for an end credits "Cruella" scene that foreshadows a sequel. Roger (Kayvan Novak), the Baroness's lawyer turned songwriter belts out the song, "Cruella de Vil," from Disney's 1961 animated feature film.

At The Movies: "Cruella" was seen in the Dolby Theatre at AMC at AMC Center Valley 16, Promenade Shops at Saucun Valley, Upper Saucun Township. COVID-19 protocol has been eased. Social distancing in seating seemed to be in effect. I wore a face mask even though I have received the two Moderna vaccine shots.

Movie Box Office, June 4 - 6: "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It" opened at No. 1 with \$24 million on 3,102 screens, one week, making "A Quiet Place Part II" drop to No. 2, with \$19.5 million, on 3,744 screens, \$88.6 million, two weeks, as "Cruella" dropped one place to No. 3 with \$11.2 million, on 3,922 screens, \$43.6 million, two weeks. 4. "Spirit Untamed," \$6.2 million, on 3,211 screens, opening. 5. "Raya and the Last Dragon" dropped two places, \$1.3 million, on 1,504 screens, \$53.5 million, 14 weeks. 6. "Wrath of Man" dropped one place, \$1.2 million, on 2,607 screens; \$24.6 million, five weeks. 7. "Spiral" dropped three places, \$890,000, on 1,983 screens, \$21.7 million, four weeks. 8. "Godzilla vs. Kong" dropped two

places, \$463,000, on 1,390 screens; \$99.1 million, 10 weeks. 9. "Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train" dropped two places, \$457,500, on 1,145 screens; \$47.1 million, seven weeks. 10. "Dream Horse" dropped two places, \$230,050, on 648 screens, \$2.3 million, three weeks.

Box office figures from Box Office Mojo as of June 6 are subject to change.

Movie Box Office: May 28-30: "A Quiet Place Part II," with its release postponed several times from its scheduled March 20, 2020, opening because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown, opened at No. 1 with pre-pandemic numbers, \$47.5 million on 3,726 screens, besting "Cruella," which opened at No. 2 with \$21.4 million on 3,892 screens for the Memorial Day weekend, the traditional start of the summer movie season.

"A Quiet Place Part II" took in \$58.5 million for the four-day Memorial Day holiday weekend. It's the biggest opening during the pandemic, surpassing "Godzilla vs. Kong," which opened with \$32 million in March. It was the first weekend in more than a year when the United States box-office total passed \$100 million.

3. "Raya and the Last Dragon" rose one place, \$2.3 million, on 2,015 screens, \$51.2 million,

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Great Allentown Fair back for 2021 with Toby Keith, Carrie Underwood

The Great Allentown Fair, one of Pennsylvania's oldest and largest events, returns for 2021, beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 1 and continuing through Labor Day Sept. 6. Two of the Fair's events, returns for 2021, beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 1 and continuing through Labor Day Sept. 6. Two of the Fair's events, returns for 2021, beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 1 and continuing through Labor Day Sept. 6.

are rescheduled. Toby Keith, with opening acts Matt Stell and Laine Hardy, performs Sept. 2.

Carrie Underwood, with opening act Dan Smalley, sings Sept. 3.

The J&J Demolition Derby, a Labor Day tradition at the Fair, is Sept. 6.

Beverly Gruber, president of Lehigh County Agricultural Society,

which owns and operates the Fair and Allentown Fairgrounds, announced the unanimous decision of the nonprofit's executive committee to present the 2021 Fair.

"The announcement of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania updated health and safety guidelines, along with our continued

conversations with Allentown's Department of Health, led to the decision to go ahead with the 2021 Allentown Fair," said Gruber in a press release.

"The health and safety of our local and out-of-town fairgoers, exhibitors, vendors and entertainers has and will always be our number one priority," Gruber said.

Additional information will be released as COVID-19 guidelines and regulations evolve throughout the summer. The Allentown Fair

was founded in 1852 as a community celebration of agricultural achievements with entertainment and amusements and evolved into a nationally-renowned exposition with midway rides and games and entertainment venues, including the 10,500-seat Grandstand.

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'Bach at Noon' virtually at St. John's, Allentown

The seventh summer of Bach's music in Allentown begins June 15 with the first of three virtual "Bach At Noon" performances presented by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The concerts will be videotaped, featuring smaller ensembles of musicians. There will be no audience.

After premiering June 15, "Bach at Noon" is the second Tuesday of the month in July and August on The Bach Choir YouTube channel.

"Bach At Noon" is a series of 10 free concerts the Bach Choir performs each year, including three in center city Allentown, led by Bach Choir Artistic Director and Conductor Greg Funfgeld, presented in collaboration with "Arts at St. John's."

As established during

the summer of 2020, in lieu of gathering a group of Choir and Orchestra members, the concerts will offer solo pieces, duets and small ensemble compositions, performed by vocal soloists and featuring members of The Bach Festival Orchestra.

"It is always a joy to make music in Saint John's Lutheran Church in the heart of downtown Allentown," said Funfgeld.

"We are profoundly grateful to Cantor Eric Gombert, Pastor Brad Carroll, and the congregation of that great Church for their kindness and the warmth of their hospitality.

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a gift to us all.

"We're delighted to make these musical offerings available and I hope listeners across the country and around the world will share these treasures with us," Funfgeld said in the press release.

Programs, subject to change, are:

June 15: Soloists: Loretta O'Sullivan, cello; Nola Richardson, soprano; Janna Critz, mezzo-soprano. Greg Funfgeld interview with Loretta O'Sullivan

J.S. Bach: "Second Suite for Unaccompanied Cello," BWV 1008

Greg Funfgeld interview with Nola Richardson and Janna Critz

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi: from "Stabat Mater," "Stabat mater dolorosa," "Quam tristis et afflicta," "Inflammatum et accensus"

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Bach: from Cantata 80, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," Soprano Aria 4, "Komm in mein Herzenshaus," Nola Richardson, soprano

From the "Magnificat," BWV 243, Alto Aria 9, "Esurientes implevit bonis," Janna Critz, mezzo-soprano

Antonio Vivaldi: from the Gloria, RV 589, Duet, 3, "Laudamus te"

Nola Richardson and Janna Critz are winners of the bi-annual Young American Singers Competition, sponsored by The American Bach Society and The Bach Choir of Bethlehem.

July 13: Bach: "Violin Concerto in E Major," Bach Festival Orchestra Concertmaster Elizabeth Field, soloist. Additional repertoire and soloists to be announced.

Aug. 10: Vivaldi: "Concerto for Two Horns," Anthony Cecere and Karen Schubert, soloists. Additional repertoire and soloists to be announced.

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'CRUELLA'

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13 weeks. 4. "Spiral" dropped three places from its two weeks at No. 1, with \$2.2 million, on 2,641 screens, \$19.7 million, three weeks. 5. "Wrath of Man" dropped three places, \$2.1 million, on 2,607 screens; \$22.1 million, four weeks. 6. "Godzilla vs. Kong" stayed in place, \$885,000, on 1,815 screens; \$97.7 million, nine weeks.

7. "Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train" dropped two places, \$837,000 on 1,145 screens; \$45.9 million, six weeks. 8. "Dream Horse" moved up one place, \$639,636, on 1,254 screens, \$1.7 million, two weeks. 9. "Those Who Wish Me Dead" dropped six places, \$590,000, on 1,805 screens, \$6.2 million, three weeks. 10. "Bohemia" \$350,000, opening on 20 screens, one week

36. "The War with

Grandpa," co-starring Allentown's Oakes Fegley, dropped six places, \$2,108, on 35 screens, \$21.2 million, 34 weeks, the longest-running movie in the Top 40. "The Croods: A New Age" is the next longest-running, at 27 weeks.

Box office figures from Box Office Mojo as of May 30 are subject to change.

Unreel, June 11:

"In the Heights," PG-13: Jon M. Chu directs the musical based on the stage musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Quiara Alegria Hudes. The movie stars Stephanie Beatriz, Anthony Ramos, Melissa Barrera, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jimmy Smits, Leslie Grace, Dascha Polanco and Marc Anthony. A bodega owner in Washington Heights, New York City, dreams of a better life.

"Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway," PG: Will Gluck directs the voice talents of James Corden (Peter Rabbit), Elizabeth Debicki, Margot Robbie, Aimee Horne and Sia and the actors Domhnail Gleeson and Rose Byrne in the CGI animated Adventure Comedy based on the Beatrix Potter characters.

"Queen Bees," PG-13: Michael Lembeck directs Ellen Burstyn, James Caan, Ann-Margret, Jane Curtain and Christopher Lloyd in the Comedy, Drama, Romance. A woman in a home for senior citizens encounters mean women and an amorous widower.

"The Misfits," R: Renny Harlin directs Pierce Brosnan, Jamie Chung, Tim Roth and Nick Cannon in the Action, Adventure, Thriller. A criminal is recruited for a gold heist.

"The House Next Door: Meet the Blacks

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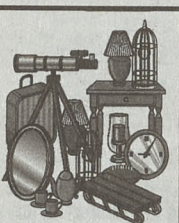
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 - There is not an unwritten policy of discrimination for membership in The Neffs Fire Company
- Comments on this application should be forwarded to PO Box 125, 3755 Park Ave, Neffs, PA 18065 and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, Volunteer Loan Assistance Program, 1310 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17110.
June 9

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Martha C. Matisinez, deceased, late of 2648 Welshtown Road, Washington Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Ann L. Lett**, 2693 Welshtown Road, Slatington, PA 18080, or **Francis Matisinez, Jr., Regina Soldridge, or Yvonne C. Patterson**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or their attorney, Robert Van Horn, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 19102
June 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HAS SET THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR 2021 MEETINGS:
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: JUNE 22, JULY 27, AUGUST 24, SEPTEMBER 14 & 28, OCTOBER 12 & 26, NOVEMBER 9 & 23, DECEMBER 21
PLANNING COMMISSION: JULY 12, AUGUST 2, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 4, NOVEMBER 1, DECEMBER 6
SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION: JUNE 28, JULY 26, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 29
MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD OR VIA ZOOM. LOCATION & ZOOM INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON HANOVERTWP-NC.ORG.
June 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

A small flow sewage treatment facility with stream discharge is being proposed to replace an existing on-lot sewage system servicing the single family residence located at 1018 Deemers Road, Moore Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The existing on-lot sewage disposal system is malfunctioning. There are no other available, non-discharge, soils-based treatment systems available to provide sewage disposal service to the existing structure at this location. The property consists of an existing three-bedroom dwelling on a 1.03 acre lot. The property is owned by Wayne Kumerhisky.

The reason for this public notice is the small flow sewage treatment facility will be discharging up to 400 GPD of treated wastewater to Tributary 04659 to Bushkill Creek. Tributary 04659 to Bushkill Creek is classified as a High-Quality Cold-Water Fishery under Chapter 93 of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) Regulations. The proposed sewage treatment system for this project is an EcoFlo EC7 Series with ultraviolet disinfection treatment system. The sewage treatment system will be able to meet the non-degrading Preliminary Effluent Limitation criteria established by PADEP and the discharge will not adversely impact the stream's designated uses.

The sewage facilities planning module associated with this proposal is available for review and comment at the Moore Township Municipal Building located at 2491 Community Drive, Bath, PA 18014 during operating hours for a 30-day period from the date this notice appears in the newspaper. Written comments should be directed to the Moore Township Manager, Nicolas Steiner, at 2491 Community Drive, Bath, PA 18014.
June 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Board of Commissioners** of South Whitehall Township will meet in the **Parkland High School**, located at **2700 North Cedar Crest Boulevard**, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on **Monday June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** for the purpose of conducting a public hearing and a possible Conditional Use approval of the following project. The Township is making every effort to stream the meeting live, but the ability to make public comment remotely may not be available, given the technological constraints of the facility. To ensure that your comment will be heard, please attend the meeting in person. To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to <https://global.goto.meeting.com/join/992073781>. You can also dial in using your phone at **1 (872) 240-3212**, Access Code **992-073-781**. For more information, visit the Township website at www.southwhitehall.com.

PREMIER CENTER LUXURY APARTMENTS PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE 2020-601

An application to further develop the property located at 1151 Bulldog Drive. The plan proposes a mixed-use commercial infill development. The plan proposes the demolition of the existing Park View Motel and associated buildings and the construction of: 35 townhomes (25 of which front Crackersport Road), six four-story mixed-use buildings containing 26,780 square feet of commercial floorspace on the first floor and 360 apartments above, 909 parking spaces, stormwater management facilities, and 256,435 square feet of open space, on a 23.55-acre site. The subject property is zoned HC Highway Commercial and TND-Commercial Retrofit Overlay. The property is being developed under the TND-Commercial Retrofit Overlay District regulations. E&B Partnership LP is the owner and applicant. All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at www.southwhitehall.com or upon request.

Gregg Adams, Planner
Community Development Department

June 9, 16

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals W

See answers on Page B8

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

INITIAL WORDS

- ACROSS**
- Jacob bought his birthright
 - City in Pennsylvania
 - Hooting avian
 - Factory type
 - Pibb — (soda brand)
 - Kenya's capital
 - Foot digit
 - Vicinity
 - U.S. president ordering steeds to turn right?
 - Have a strong desire
 - Ending for cyan
 - Turns sharply
 - Winter footwear item
 - Styx and The Stones
 - More suspicious
 - Inclined positions
 - "Da Ali G Show" star — Baron Cohen
 - Taken in food
 - Women's suffragist keeping an apiary?
 - I, to Freud
 - Speak wildly
 - "Absolutely not!"
 - "Dallas" actress fancying blue birds?
 - Lumber tool
 - Underworld
 - Disprove
 - Otherwise called, in brief
 - Some city planners
 - Big, ornate cupboard
 - Send off
 - Historic time
 - Tuskegee University founder steeping beverages?
 - Kitten's call
 - Gal pal, in Paris
 - Receptacle in a kitchen sink
 - Trees with very light wood
 - Performed
 - Car parker
 - Road runner
 - Fruit drink
 - "Hidden Figures" actress growing podded vegetables?
 - Placed in a cafe
 - "Point taken"
 - Lanka
 - Sci-fi writer going on cruises?
 - Split-off religions
 - New Hampshire city
 - Quiet spells
 - Govt. aid for a start-up
 - Ballet dancer's rail
 - Lamar of old films
 - Coup — (overthrow)
 - Rosemary quarter Farrow
 - "SOS" player
 - "Gone With the Wind" producer piling up debt?
 - Hog's food

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 - Sports domes
 - Haul in
 - Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - Year, in Paris
 - Pilsners, e.g.
 - Arena section
 - Mined metals
 - "Ni-i-ice!"
 - Spurs' gp.
 - Website for finding homestays
 - Lazy or useless
 - Refuses to
 - Table support
 - Old Testament prophet
 - Steam locomotive, in old lingo
 - Listen supportively
 - Dawdles
 - Show clearly
 - Heap affection (on)
 - Swung sticks
 - Generational treasures
 - "— talk?" (Joan Rivers catchphrase)
 - Prefix with discrimination
 - -cone
 - Europe-Asia border river
 - "Don't — didn't warn you!"
 - Runner or writer Packer
 - Conifers with red arils
 - Israelites
 - Old TV's "— Na Na"
 - Basil or sage
 - Sailor's saint
 - Razz
 - Tibetan monk
 - Pair for the slopes
 - Sacred vow
 - Summits
 - Assns.
 - Novelist Hawthorne
 - Big furniture retailer
 - She baas
 - "And there you have it!"
 - Muslim ruler
 - Verdi opera
 - It's a thought
 - Musical work
 - Post-WWII alliance
 - Prefix with discrimination
 - "Ali — and the Forty Thieves"
 - Cutely nerdy, in slang
 - Format for presenting films in video form
 - Stamps on passports
 - Copycat
 - Onion relative
 - NFL goals
 - Jack's hill-climbing partner
 - Counterfeit
 - Remedial regimen
 - Debussey's
 - "Clair de —"
 - Before, to Browning
 - High dice roll
 - Quattro carmaker
 - Astronomer Tombaugh and aviator Cessna
 - Value highly
 - Funnies
 - Meditative Chinese martial art
 - Some reptiles
 - Cubes of hay
 - Perch's kin
 - Rabbit's kin
 - Ten: Prefix
 - This, in Spain
 - 24-hour span
 - Lab eggs
 - Actor Wheaton
 - Short snooze

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF LOIS A. REYES, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

Sonia L. Reyes, Executrix
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
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May 26, June 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 Airport Road, Bath, PA 18014, who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.

George Miller - Space #926
Nicholas Torres - Space #301

June 9, 16

**PUBLIC NOTICE
HANOVER TOWNSHIP
LEHIGH COUNTY
NOTICE**

A Special Meeting of the Hanover Township, Lehigh County Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesdays, June 15, 2021 (Sherwood Park), July 13, 2021 (Canal Park) and August 10, 2021 (Chestnut Gove Park) at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of analyzing each park and playground.

VICKY ROTH
TOWNSHIP CLERK

June 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

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COOK, ALLAN LEE, dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Northampton, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Executor: Ronald Lee Cook c/o Karl F. Longenbach, Esquire, 425 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018
Attorney: Karl F. Longenbach, Esquire, 425 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18018-1920, (610) 867-8150.
June 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JOHN W. ZIEGENFUS, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, Schnecksville, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

SHARON J. OERTNER
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June 9, 16, 23

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Hearing/Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport, PA 18066 on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following appeal(s);

Appeal #532, Case #21-04
Jonathan and Dawn Wetzel (owner & applicant) are applying for a special exception use of the Lynn Township Zoning Ordinance Section 27-306.4.B for the conversion of commercial space into apartments. The parcel number(s) is 542927502773; property location is 6796 Madison Street, New Tripoli, PA 18066 and is in the VC-Village Center Zoning District.
Christopher Noll, Zoning Officer
June 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

ESTATE OF RICHARD G. WAGNER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

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June 9, 16, 23

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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