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**BASD**  
**State review process**

Board examines new teacher evaluations

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

At the May 17 HR Committee meeting, the Bethlehem Area School District board heard about the state's new teacher evaluation process, reviewed the district's existing threat assessment procedures, and heard the second reading of nearly a dozen policy changes introduced in April.

Pa. Act 13 of 2020 changed the existing Act 82 (of 2012) Educator Effectiveness review process in use for public school teachers statewide. Chief Human Resources Officer Russell Giordano noted that the district adopted the state's forms in 2012, and explained the "minor, but significantly positive, amendments" enacted in Harrisburg last year.

The weighting of school-level data in teacher scores has been reduced; metrics for closing the achievement gap (for all students and for historically underperforming students) have been removed. Student performance on annual state tests, as well as academic growth (rated via the Pa. Value-Added Assessment System, or PVAAS) remain in the calculation. The substantial change, as Giordano explained, is that the weight of classroom performance measures, in the annual evaluations of teachers and non-teaching professionals, has been increased. "They're moving in the direction that districts have wanted," Giordano noted, "having the observable performance count for more than the statistical measures that result from the state test." The rating system will go into effect in the next school year.

Pa. Act 18 of 2019 requires school districts to review threat assessment policies. Coordinator of School Safety and Emergency Management Todd Repsher walked the board through the district's procedures. The state requires each district to have a threat

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## 'After a long year'

PRESS PHOTOS BY ELISABETH KEMMERER

Faculty set up a party tent allowing students to celebrate both inside and outside Notre Dame HS during the May 7 prom. More photos from the prom are on page A2.

## Notre Dame honors Class of 2021 with prom

BY ELISABETH KEMMERER  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

After a challenging senior year, the class of 2021 enjoyed the time-tested tradition of prom masked up and in style May 7 at Notre Dame HS.

The event was planned and chaperoned by faculty and took place both inside and outside the school building to help with distancing.

"I'm glad we were able to organize something for the seniors, since the last two years have been so unpredictable and we weren't sure if having a prom was a possibility," said faculty member Amy Brennan, who headed up organizing the event.

Outside, faculty set up an elegant party tent with tables for standing only where seniors enjoyed refreshments



Gwendylan Guo and Declan Fitzgerald enjoy their first dance after being crowned prom king and queen.

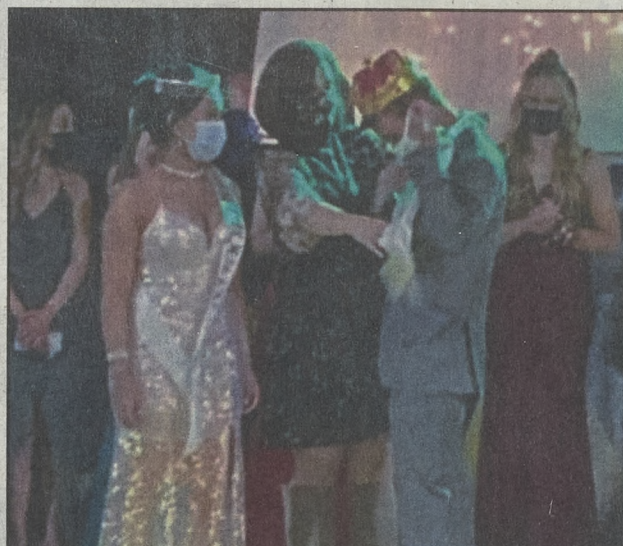
provided by North Star Catering, Cone Appetit Food Truck and Oogie's Ice Cream Truck. Meanwhile, DJ Sharbel Koorie from Fly Guy Music Productions transformed the spacious gymnasium into a flashy dance hall where the masked-up seniors cut a rug and crowned classmates Gwendylan Guo and Declan Fitzgerald as prom king and queen.

"We wanted to honor our seniors after this rough year," explained principal Jacklyn Friel. "We wanted to celebrate both for them and with them. Many were not [physically] at school this year, so it was special for them to be able to celebrate here."

"After a long year, this has been a really fun night of celebrating the class of 2021. I had a blast," senior Nexxi Van Note told the Press.



Students take a break from dancing and grab some refreshments from North Star Catering in the tent.



Notre Dame Principal Jacklyn Friel crowns Gwendylan Guo and Declan Fitzgerald prom queen and king.

**PEOPLE SAY**  
 BY DANA GRUBB

Where is the first place you'd like to go once all pandemic related travel restrictions are lifted?



"Martell's Tiki Bar in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ."

Alexis Dinan  
 Bethlehem



"South of France."

Ian Lovell  
 Breinigsville

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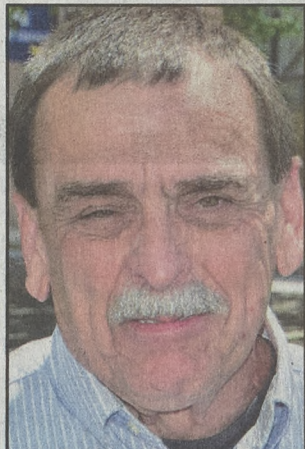
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"Paris."  
**Amanda Lovell**  
Breinigsville



"Italy."  
**Ken Crossley**  
Lincoln, RI



"The pandemic has really not put a stop to everything because I'm an outdoors guy to begin with."  
**Steve Marzen**  
Jim Thorpe



"Winnipeg, Canada. I'm involved with the Boy Scouts and we had planned to do the northern tier canoe trip. In the future we'd still like to do it."  
**David Groller**  
Bath

**POLICE**

COMPILED BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

**Death investigation**

Police responded to an emergency at the West Third Street Comfort Suites around 10:50 a.m. May 19, after three people were discovered dead in a room. The City of Bethlehem Police and Northampton County Coroner's Office are actively investigating, and this time there is no danger to the public. Preliminary indications are that this incident may be drug-related. The fire department's Hazmat Unit determined the scene was stable for further investigation.

**Rape arrest**

Easton police arrested Clement Swaby, 34, of Bethlehem, March 5 following an investigation after he broke into the home of two young women and ordered them at knife-point to perform sexual acts.

Collaboration with state police Forensic Services DNA Division connected Swaby to a May 19, 2020, incident of the same kind under investigation in Bethlehem.

Already in jail for the Easton crime, Swaby is also charged with rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, burglary, possessing an instrument of crime and threats.

**Assault**

Police arrested Darnell Lawrence Brown, 22, of Bethlehem, on assault and other charges following an alleged attack on Fortuna Street around 6:50 p.m. May 20.

Officers responding to a reported assault determined Brown was the attacker and attempted to take him into custody. He resisted and attempted to flee, and officers found a pistol in his waistband.

Brown is charged with simple assault, harassment, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, escape, resisting arrest and firearms infractions.

Brown was remanded to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

**NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 2021 PROM, MAY 7**



**Declan Fitzgerald, Caitlin Maslonka, Cody Smith, Raegan Cooper, Leo McMenimen and Laura Dainauski** pause for a photo outside their alma mater.



**Jamar Jackson and Nexxi Van Note** share a celebration dance to the sounds of DJ Sharbel Koorie.



**Jordan Appleton, Claire Gormley, Michala Peyrek and Grace Boburka** dance and celebrate with fellow seniors.

**BASD**

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assessment team; BASD has one team per school building, and uses the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines, developed in Virginia and used by districts around the

country. The decision tree in CSTAG includes a step-by-step process of threat evaluation, attempted resolution, response and follow-up.

At the May 24 meeting, the board was to vote on the updated policies, as well as on the re-appointment of Stacy

Gober as board secretary and Dawn Young as board treasurer, a proposed bid award for Broughal MS garage repairs (to Nathan Contracting, L.P.), and a proposed principal mentoring program contract with Dr. Brian Osborne for July 1 through Dec.

31, 2021. More details of the district's threat assessment procedures, the state's new teacher rating system, and all proposals for voting, are available online (<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/beth/Board.nsf/Public>).



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**CORONER'S REPORT:** Between Jan. 1 and May 17, the Northampton County Coroner recorded 165 COVID-19 related deaths in Northampton County (136 residents/29 on-residents). As of May 3, the Lehigh County Coroner reported 66 deaths of Northampton County residents. Between the two counties, 202 deaths of Northampton County residents from COVID-19 have been reported this year.

"The COVID-19 vaccines are decreasing hospitalizations and deaths in Northampton County, but those who are not vaccinated should continue to wear facemasks and socially distance when out in public," says County Executive Lamont McClure. "The sooner we reduce the number of infections the sooner we can fully reopen our economy."

In 2020, the Northampton County Coroner reported 403 COVID-19 related deaths (359 residents and 44 non-residents). The Lehigh County Coroner reported 118 deaths.

PENNSYLVANIA

**GOVERNOR'S POWERS:** Pennsylvania voters became the first in the nation to curb their governor's emergency powers, narrowly approving constitutional amendments proposed by Republican lawmakers angry over Democratic Governor Tom Wolf's handling of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The vote (53 percent-47 percent) on the statewide primary ballot came as Republican lawmakers across the country have sought to roll back the emergency powers governors wielded during the COVID-19 pandemic.

One amendment ends a governor's emergency disaster declaration after 21 days and the other gives lawmakers the sole authority to extend the declaration or end it at any time with a simple majority vote.

AROUND TOWN

Following the directives established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit public gatherings, several of the following meetings / activities might be changed, canceled, streamed or online. Check websites and social media as available.

Wednesday, May 26

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Thursday, May 27

Program, 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 - Honey Badgers; Hotel Bethlehem - Ron & Michael Goosley; Platz - Ryan Tennis; McCarthy's Red Stag Pub - Fig for a Kiss; Twisted Olive - Jake Kaligis. 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](http://TunesatTwilight.com)

Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 through July 4

Our Home Town Heroes' banners of 1,400 Lehigh Valley residents who are either currently serving or who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, includes soldier's photos, rank, branch and era of service and hometown. SteelStacks. 101 Founders Way. Information: visit [steelstacks.org](http://steelstacks.org). Video and thumbnails: [www.steelstacks.org/memorial-day/](http://www.steelstacks.org/memorial-day/) (Our Hometown Heroes 2011-2020)

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'THE BOYS FROM BETHLEHEM'



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY MARK IAMPIETRO

Initial book proceeds given as donation

**Bethlehem natives** Mark Iampietro and Beth Melloy-Masiado have made a donation to Gold Star Mothers of the Lehigh Valley in the amount of \$3,000. The presentation took place May 18 at Mission BBQ in Whitehall. The money was raised through the sale of their booklet, "The Boys from Bethlehem." The booklet memorializes the service of the 35 Bethlehem servicemen who lost their lives in Vietnam. The donation reflects the first 30 days of Internet sales. **Above:** Authors Mark Iampietro (left) and Beth Melloy-Masiado (right) present their donation to Carol Resh of Gold Star Mothers LV Chapter. Also with the group is Nancy Smith, Mission BBQ community.



"The Boys of Bethlehem" may be purchased at the Moravian Book Shop.



## FLAGS ON TILGHMAN

### A Memorial Day Weekend Event



Cub Scout Pack 12 of Asbury United Methodist Church in Allentown, PA is celebrating their 10th Annual "Flags on Tilghman: A Memorial Day Weekend Event." We would like to once again thank our corporate and private sponsors for their support in helping the Cub Scout's pay tribute to our service men and women by planting over 600 American flags along Tilghman Street.

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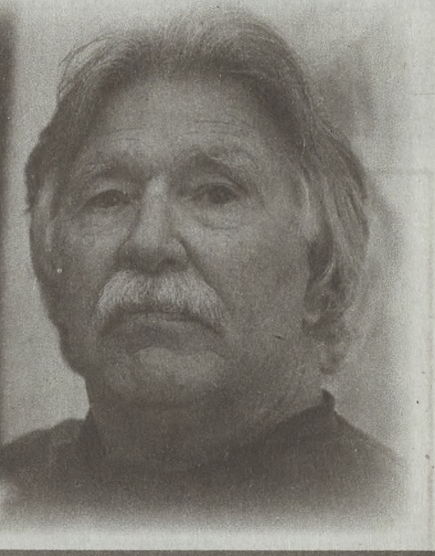
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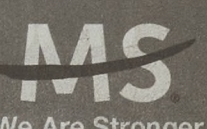
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# OFF MY WAVE.





Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at [WeAreStrongerThanMS.org](http://WeAreStrongerThanMS.org).



Together We Are Stronger

**Lorraine A. Walters**

bank teller; executive assistant



Lorraine A. Walters, 79, of Bethlehem, died May 18, 2021. She was a daughter of the late Harold J. and Helen (Albin) Ambrose. She was the wife of Barry Walters.

She was a Liberty HS graduate. She was a bank teller and later retired as an executive assistant from Mail-Well Inc.

She attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sisters-in-law, Linda Roth, wife of the late Philip; Dona Hinkel, wife of the late Tom; and Louise Ambrose who is the wife of Lorraine's brother, the late Harold G. Ambrose; four nephews, Jeffrey Walters and his wife Lynn, John Ambrose and his wife Karen, Dave Ambrose and his fiancée Ronell Martz and Maurice Clark and his spouse, Robyn Prytula; a niece, Christy and her husband Shawn Krum; extended family; and friends.

Contributions may be made to Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042.

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**Frederick J. Andreoli**

worked for Bethlehem Steel

Frederick "Fred" J. Andreoli, 71, of Bethlehem Township, died May 14, 2021. He was the husband of Sandra (Ternyik) Andreoli.

A son of the late Nicholas and Winifred (Barnett) Andreoli, he was 1969 graduate of Liberty HS.

He was drafted into the United States Marine Corps and was a radio operator who served in the Vietnam War. He worked for 30 years for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and then worked at the Bethlehem Township Community Center.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Michael and his wife Ashley of Easton; a daughter: Sandee of Apple Valley, Calif.; six grandchildren, Cole Macek and Geolee Andreoli of California; and Lexie, Quinn, Jackson and Bradyn Andreoli of Easton; sister: Winifred Michaylira, of Bethlehem; several nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Contributions may be made to the Disabled Veterans by visiting www.dav.org.

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**Paul Shup Jr.**

area bowling associations officer

Paul Shup Jr. 71, of Bethlehem, died May 4, 2021, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Paul and Jeanette (Billard) Shup. He was the husband of Verletta (Neith) Shup for 50 years.

A 1967 graduate of Southern Lehigh HS, he was in the United States Army.

He worked for Sigley Sanitation, Strohl Sanitation, A.J. Oster, Piercing Pagoda and most recently for Kirkland Village.

A bowler, he was a secretary and a treasurer for both the Bethlehem Area and Bethlehem Area USBC Bowling Associations. He became a lifetime board member after stepping down. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for meritorious service in 2003.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Marian Shup of Nazareth and Antoinette Rankin and her husband Anthony of Portage, Maine; a sister, Elaine Vermeulen and her husband Louis of Northampton; a brother, Roger Lee Shup and his wife Karen of Bethlehem; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by Marian's companion, Anthony "Tony" Smith.

Contributions may be made to the Purple Heart Foundation, P.O. Box 49, Annandale, VA 22003; or to the Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, 18042.

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**Richard Cogorno**

worked for the Bethlehem Club

Richard Cogorno, 85, of Bethlehem, died May 6, 2021, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Louis and Maude Cogorno.

He was in the U. S. National Guard and worked for the Bethlehem Club for over 50 years until he retired.

He was a lifetime member of the 540 Club, Bethlehem.

He is survived by two daughters, Robin Stafford and her husband Talmadge of Bethlehem and Cindy Cogorno; two sisters, Barbara and Dona; three grandchildren, Crystal, Andy and Chad; and a great-granddaughter, Braelee.

He was predeceased by six siblings, Walter, Charles, Mary Jane, Margaret, Mona and Ada Mae.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St., Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY TAMI QUIGLEY

"Faith is a big part of my life – you have to keep the faith. Nothing happens without God," says Robert Burns, who is still a big Yankees fan after leaving Brooklyn for Bethlehem.

**FROM Brooklyn To Bethlehem**

Finding a new start in the Christmas City



BY TAMI QUIGLEY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It's only 85 miles from Brooklyn, New York to Bethlehem, but to Robert Burns, it's a world of difference.

"We were middle class, living in the hood," Burns said of growing up in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Life was often rough, and his life took some dips of his own making, but today Burns is owner of the Bethlehem-based Back to Life Flooring Company, a fitting name, as faith in God and a positive attitude are pillars of Burns' life.

"Faith is a big part of my life – you have to keep the faith. Nothing happens without God," Burns said, adding that faith played a big part in turning things around in his life.

Burns shared his story on a recent April morning at the Bethlehem home of the Reverend Jack Steltzer, pastor of Rosemont Lutheran Church, who started out as a customer when Burns was recommended to him, and has become a good friend.

Burns recalled as a fourth grader, he was in "smart classes" and did well in school, and dressed nicely in his older brother's old clothes. His dad owned restaurants in Harlem, and his mother went to fashion school and is an interior decorator. His parents still live in Brooklyn.

Then there were the kids who hit and threatened the fourth-grade Burns, wanting him to bring them money. His dad and his brother and his friends chased the boys, and they didn't return to school until two days later.

"In fifth grade, a guy named Sean rushed me in the head and said, 'You're a punk,'" Burns recalled. "My older sister said I had to hit back." Twenty people followed him home and Sean put him in a headlock. Burns screamed and his mother, who was at a nearby laundromat, heard and said, "That's my boy." She hurried to the scene, Sean let him go, and she told her son, "If you don't whip his behind I'll whip yours."

"That changed my



The Rev. Jack Steltzer – holding Italian greyhound pals, Clara and Chase, he's dog sitting – with Robert Burns on the handcrafted staircase with white petite subway tiles that Burns installed in the pastor's Bethlehem home.

attitude," Burns said.

As an eighth-grader, a classmate named Ernest had the same coat as Burns and took the wrong one by mistake when he left school early. The catch was, Burns had his house keys in his coat – and when he and Ernest swapped coats so they'd have the correct ones, Ernest never returned the keys.

Ernest wasted no time robbing the Burns home, stealing such things as cash and jewelry before walking out carrying a VCR.

"My parents went to his house and all of our stuff was in their living room," Burns said. Since everything was returned, his parents didn't notify the police.

The Christmas Eve when Burns was 17 is one he will never forget. It was 11 p.m. when he

was in a store playing a video game, but the store was also a "weed shop" that sold marijuana. "These guys

came in with masks on – it was cold outside – then a guy grabs my arm and is holding a .380 [automatic Colt pistol] in his hand. He took my \$60 cash."

The men threatened to kill everyone, and Burns, the owner and two others were forced to lie on the floor facing each other. They put a bag over the

owner's head, hogtied the four and placed a cardboard box on top of them.

"I thought we were going to die. I thought of my mom and prayed hard," Burns said.

Burns was shocked when the thieves suddenly laid down with them, but soon understood why, when seven

police officers came in and broke it up. Burns and the other three quickly told police it was the other men who were the perpetrators, even as they tried to disguise themselves as victims. A cab driver had seen one of the men pull his gun out through the glass and alerted nearby police.

Burns said his world changed when he went to high school an hour away at William E. Grady Boys and Girls HS. Taking the train to school, he had more freedom, which turned out not to be a good thing.

"Everything changed right away. I got in with the wrong crowd. There was a lot of street activity, drinking and gambling," Burns said. "I got two women pregnant in high school, and my mom said I had to get a job to support them."

So Burns got a job right out of high school as a construction worker, joining Union 287. "It was 1997 and every year we got a \$5 raise." He spent his second year in an apprenticeship as a floorman.

"The union guys taught me to become a man" when it came to managing his finances, as he was squandering his paycheck almost as soon as he received it. His experience includes 15 years as a foreman and five years as shop steward. After the recession in 2008, the work slowed and Burns went to work for a private company, Long Island Concrete, where he learned roofing, sheet rock and molding in three years.

Burns' life changed again when he met his girlfriend Stephanie, with whom he lives. As she hailed from Bethlehem, he made the move to Pennsylvania. He struggled to find side work, so took a job with Orbel Steel Company in Easton. "But they weren't paying what I was used to so I started my own company," he said.

Burns launched Back to Life Flooring Company on Oct. 28, 2017. "My first job I remodeled a whole house for \$3,000 and never looked back. I just kept advertising for

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**Monday, May 31 Memorial Day**

**"Time to Remember"** Memorial Day Celebration, 3 p.m., Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks stage. For free reservations, visit [steelstacks.org](http://steelstacks.org). National Anthem and God Bless America sung by Kendal Conrad; Taps played by trumpeter Chris Poczak; reading of the names of Lehigh Valley residents who have lost their lives in service to our nation by the Lehigh Valley Gold Star mothers; Speakers: ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert and City of Bethlehem Council member J. William Reynolds. Schedules, information: visit [www.steelstacks.org/memorial-day](http://www.steelstacks.org/memorial-day); livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/SteelStacks](http://www.facebook.com/SteelStacks)

**Tuesday, June 1**

**Bridge players**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Civil War Roundtable**, Eastern Pennsylvania, Lehigh Brigade. Zoom program: "Confluence: Harper's Ferry as Destiny", presented by Dennis Frye. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 610-253-4549, email [Duffysock@aol.com](mailto:Duffysock@aol.com) or visit [www.cwrteasternpa.org](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org). For Zoom meetings, information and registration, visit [www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1)

**Wednesday, June 2**

**Adult Bible study**, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Thursday, June 3**

**Program, 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 - Ginger and the Snaps, Hotel Bethlehem - George Tortella; McCarthy's Red Stag Pub - Acoustic Sound; Tapes - Lorenzo; Twisted Olive - Rameen Shayegan. 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](http://TunesatTwilight.com)

**Friday, June 4**

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

*The Bethlehem Press calendar listings are, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of printing. We are not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of information submitted by external parties.*

**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, May 26**

**Northampton Co. Industrial Development Authority**, 4-6 p.m. DHS Building, 2801 Emrick Blvd.

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

**Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board**, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Unconfirmed: City of Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board**, 6 p.m. Zoom.

**Lehigh Co. Commissioners**, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

**Thursday, May 27**

**Unconfirmed: City of Bethlehem Planning Commission**, 4 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Hanover Twp. (NorCo.) Recreation Advisory Board**: no meeting

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**START**

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\$2 per square foot."

"I'm looking to become the number one flooring company in Pennsylvania."

This June, Burns plans to begin a new company, Back to Life Home Improvement, in addition to his flooring company. The home improvement company will, he said, "do everything."

Burns also inspires others to start their own business, like Marcus Rojas, whom he met on a job in Coatesville. Burns taught him to refinish floors and worked with him, but he didn't have work for Rojas all the time. "He had a baby on the way and I encouraged him to start his own business."

Today, Rojas is owner of Rojas Renovations in Easton, and the two often work for each other.

Burns' mother has always been a guiding light in his life.

"My mom has always

encouraged me to do well. Every morning she sends me a Bible verse and says, 'Have a good day.'

"My mom has been so important every day since day one. Even when I got in trouble, she never gave up on me," Burns said.

He said his mother is a Baptist and his father is Muslim, and both have shared the teachings of their faith with him.

"I begin each day with a Bible verse of the day," Burns said, emphasizing the importance of faith in his life. People may ask how to have a relationship with God, and Burns advises, "Just start talking to Him. He may not come when you call but always right on time."

Burns' family includes his son, 26, and daughter, 22, whom he sees and still lives in Brooklyn.

Family and friends are obviously important to Burns, and Steltzer is glad to be counted

among them. While others had given Rev. Steltzer sky-high estimates for needed work on his new house and cautioned that much of the work would be "a problem," Burns was different.

"Robert is so positive he made me feel good about buying the house," Steltzer said, "and nothing was a problem." His renovation work included the floors, painting the walls, crown molding, the mantel and a hand-crafted staircase with petite white subway tiles.

Perhaps more important than the renovations, though, are the attitude and advice Burns shared. As Steltzer was going through some difficulties, Burns brought his upbeat, inspiring attitude to the table, encouraging him to get rid of the negative and enjoy the wonderful life he has.

"I adopted that attitude, and it made such a difference. He was a

pastor to the pastor," Steltzer said.

"Robert's life story is inspiring, and he inspires others to pick themselves up."

"When I meet people I just try to say if you have negative in your life it's up to you to change it and pray on it," Burns said.

Burns used to have a T-shirt line with Bible verses, then had the idea for See One, Lead One T-Shirts Careers Clothing Company.

These shirts have career themes like, "Today I Am a Chef," "Today I Am a Boxer," and "Today I Am a President" with a design and dictionary definition of the career.

"I want to get kids to think about what they want to do," Burns said.

It's not surprising that this well of positivity wants to try to help inspire the younger generation, to aspire to help them in some way as others have helped him along the way.

**50-unit apartment building reviewed**

BY LANI GOINS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Emmet Benner appeared before the Bethlehem City Planning Commission on April 8 on behalf of Skyline West, seeking an opinion on plans for 143 West Broad St. The city previously approved razing an existing building on the site. Benner explained they would be "taking a second look" at the sketch plan for a 50-unit apartment building on the site, which has a range of topography, for conformity to the city

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standard for historically styled buildings.

The building would have a basement and five livable stories. The penthouse level would have access to a rooftop patio. The HVAC unit would also be on the roof. Parking would be located below the building, along with a covered lot. Benner added the development would be confined to one acre of the site, with more than another acre left undisturbed.

Darren Heckman of Keystone Consulting Engineers further described the property as long and narrow, with a portion of the property owned by the city Redevelopment Authority. Stormwater management would be attained through a vault below the parking deck. Building residents on the east side of the building would have views of the Monocacy Creek.

Among the variances being sought for the

building would be relief from having commercial space on the first floor. A setback variance was requested, since the 30-foot setback would place the building on a downhill angle. A slope variance was sought, as a number of slopes, both natural and man-made, are on the property.

City Engineer Michael Alkhal would review the needed variances.

Chairman Robert Melosky's first comment was that part of the city

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this month. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

**Monday, May 31**

Memorial Day. Most government buildings closed.

**Tuesday, June 1**

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

**Wednesday, June 2**

Historical Architectural Review Board, 4 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Supervisors, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS**

**Wednesday, June 2**

L.V. Academy Regional Charter School, Graduation - Class of 2021. 6:30 p.m. 1560 Valley Center Pkwy #200, Bethlehem, Visit: www.lvacademy.org/

**Thursday, June 3**

L.V. Christian HS, graduation practice: 12:30 p.m. 1151 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown. Visit: www.lcamustangs.org/ Notre Dame of Green Pond, Baccalaureate. 7 p.m. St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church, 4049 Hartley Ave., Easton

**Friday, June 4**

Moravian Academy Baccalaureate, 5:30 p.m. Merle-Smith Campus at Green Pond (the high school campus).

Saucon Valley HS Commencement, 6 p.m. Montford E. Illick stadium.

L.V. Christian HS Graduation, 7 p.m. 1151 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown

**Saturday, June 5**

Moravian Academy Commencement, 10 a.m. Merle-Smith Campus at Green Pond (the high school campus).

Notre Dame of Green Pond Commencement, 4 p.m. High School, 3417 Church Road, Easton

**Tuesday, June 8**

Bethlehem Catholic HS Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 9**

Bethlehem Catholic HS Commencement, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 10**

Liberty HS Graduation, 7 p.m. Stabler Arena

**Friday, June 11**

Freedom HS Graduation, 6 p.m. BASD Stadium (behind Liberty HS); 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.

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

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is being considered for designation as a World Heritage Site. He voiced concern that “any project may jeopardize that designation.”

Zoning Director Darlene Heller countered that when the apartment complex was first proposed, it was already known that the Colonial District of Bethlehem could be designated a World Heritage Site. She said there are presently no parameters for the design or construction of the building. The Historic Architectural Review Board will have input on that at a later date. She added they would look closely at the parameters and buffer zone.

Chairman Melosky said the applicant had clearly put “a lot of time” into the plan for the building.

Vice Chair Malozi asked if it would be possible to reduce the size of the building, or excavate the building site for more subterranean levels.

Benner replied it would be difficult to develop the site farther down, and added that the project architects are skilled at developing in historic sites.

Commission member Barker complimented the sketch plan design.

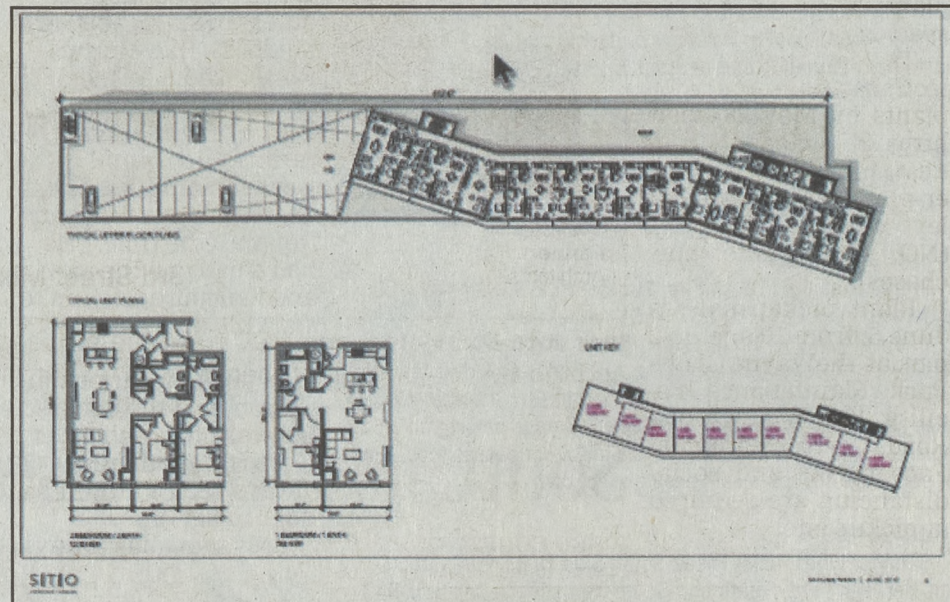
The presentation ended with the information that the fire department wanted access to the center of the building. Benner added that they would work with the Planning Commission on pedestrian access and passage by the site, and Melosky urged them to consider a small café

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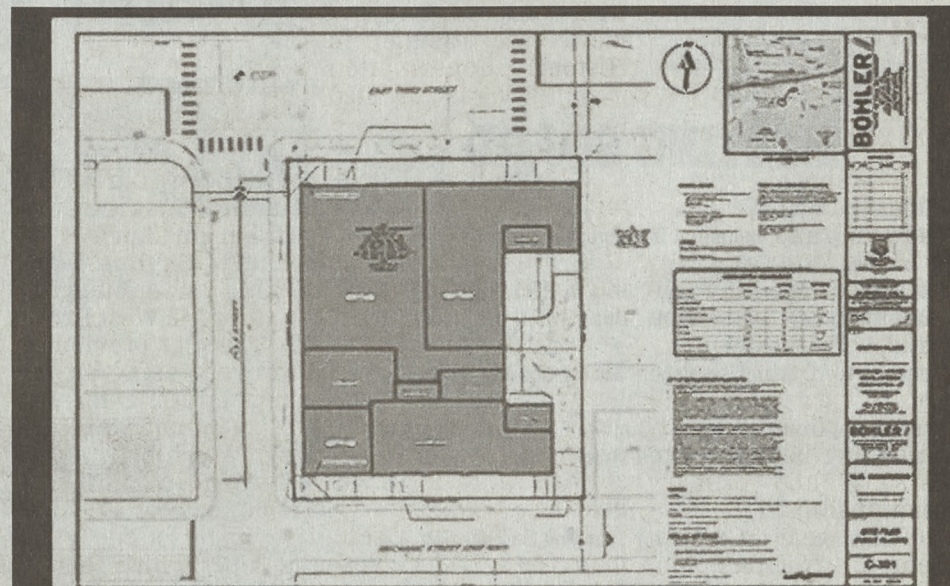


PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

An artist's rendering of the design for the complex at 143 W. Broad St.



A site drawing of the proposed apartments at 143 W. Broad St.



A site drawing for the mixed use building proposed at 404 E. Third St.



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## BRIEFLY

## PSU-L.V.

## Master Gardener sale ends May 28

The Penn State Extension Lehigh Valley Master Gardener plant sale is taking pre-orders now through May 28. There are two different native perennials kits, Heaven for Hummingbirds and Fuel for Pollinators. Each kit contains 15 plants; five each of three species.

To view the plant selections and to preorder plants by May 28, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/master-gardener-plant-sale-lehigh-valley> or call 1-877-345-0691 (NO pickup site purchases).

Plant pickup date is June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wayne Grube Park Maintenance Facility, 1200 Willowbrook Road, Northampton. Face masks and social distancing are required at pickup site.

## 4-H

## Youth wanted for summer camp

The school year is winding down and summer camp approaches.

Camp is an excellent expanded learning environment providing children with the opportunity to connect with nature, participate in human powered activities and benefit from personal and primary relationships.

This year Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe and Schuylkill counties youth are invited to share a 4-H camping experience as they Zoom into History.

Youth ages 5-18 as of Jan. 1 residing in the five participating counties are invited to attend 4-H Camp.

4-H Camp will have a two-part series this summer with June 12 kicking it off as an in-person session at 4-H Camp Shehaqua, in the Hickory Run State Park, White Haven.

Here campers will spend a day in the state park learning games, songs, arts and crafts and participating in the evening campfire and campfire ceremony.

The second part will be held in a virtual format 10-11:30 a.m. daily June 21-25 with campers receiving themed activities and supplies in the mail.

Here campers will Zoom into History as they learn about life in the early 1800s.

There will be interactive workshops on animals and their uses, preserving food and use of natural items in everyday life, including making a beeswax candle.

The cost for 4-H members covers the cost of supplies and activities for the two-part series.

Non-4-H members will be directed to register as a 4-H member and pay the educational resources fee during the registration process.

Registration deadline is May 14. To register go to <https://extension.psu.edu/4-h/history-camp>.

Many educational and fun activities are offered by 4-H.

In Pennsylvania, 4-H is coordinated by Penn State Extension through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

4-H programs are open to all youths regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

For more information about the above event or other 4-H activities, call the 4-H office at 610-391-9840 or [lehighext@psu.edu](mailto:lehighext@psu.edu).



Spillman Farmer Architects

3rd Street Mixed Use Building

3rd Street View

05 April 2021

In a vote 3-2, Bethlehem HCC ruled the proposed new construction to replace 14-18 W. Third St. and the vacant lot west of them as too tall for the historic district.

## Southside high-rise proposal cut down

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

With the monthly agenda overflowing with proposals to review, the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission decided to hold two hearings a week apart in April.

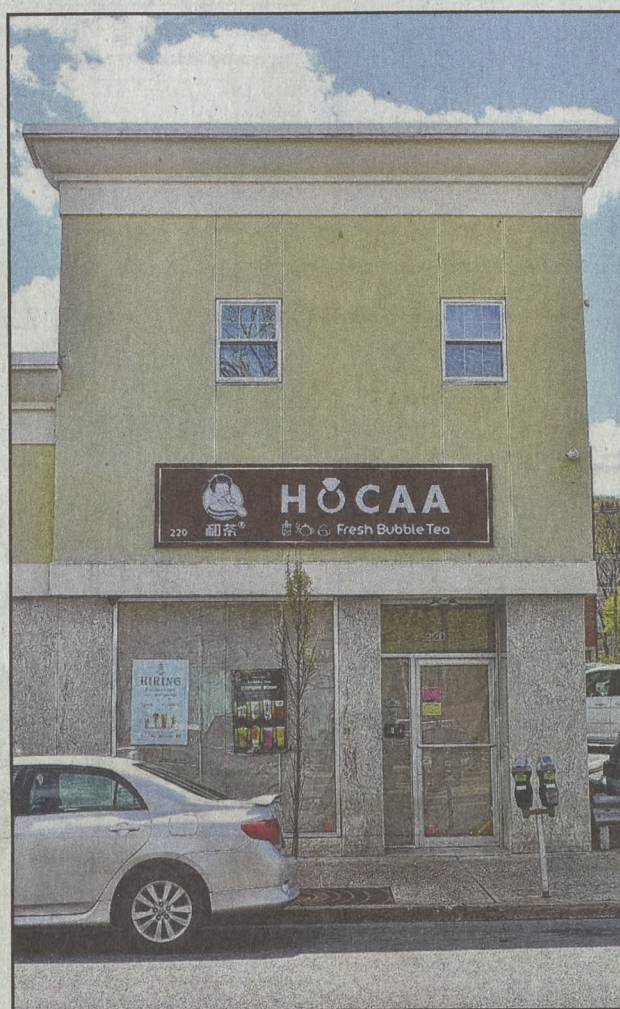
After having his demolition proposal for 14-18 W. Third St. tabled at a previous meeting, developer Joseph Posh, assisted by Salvatore Verrastro and Jason Monroig from Spillman Farmer Architects, was dealt a denial for the project as presented at the April 19 virtual hearing.

In a 3-2 vote, Chairman Gary Lader, Beth Starbuck and Seth Cornish said they considered the proposed new construction to replace those structures and the vacant lot west of them too tall for the historic district. They expressed support for the overall look and other aspects of the proposed new building, but strongly felt that eight stories were too many to fit within the historic guidelines they are compelled to follow as board members. They also advised the streetscape be divided more to appear less industrial-looking.

Roger Hudak and Mike Simonson voted against the motion to deny, saying they both liked the design of the new building and believed it would fit in the neighborhood.

When public comment was solicited by the chair, Bethlehem residents Dana Grubb and Rachel Leon agreed that the project would better suit the district if the architects eliminat-

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This new sign at 220 E. Third St. was unanimously approved for business owner Xi Cheng.



Larissa Woods was granted a COA for façade renovations for 125-127 W. Fourth St. This includes removing cladding to reveal existing brick walls and a recessed entryway.

ed two of the middle stories to reduce the 88-foot building's height.

Joseph Posh Properties owns the triangular lot facing East Third with the Greenway trail running behind it.

Larissa Woods was granted a certificate of appropriateness for façade renovations for 125-127 W. Fourth St. The one-story storefront had been altered significantly over the years from the former 1920s era restaurant.

Unanimous permission was given for removing inappropriate cladding to expose the original brick underneath. Opening up the closed-in recessed street-level entrances was also approved as well as removing a roof that had been built over the structure's leaded glass transom. Approval includes in-kind repairs to the transom.

The applicant was advised to return after this phase of the project is completed with lighting and signage proposals.

Larissa Woods and Luis Rivera are listed as the owner/applicants for the property.

Xi Cheng's revised design for a new wall sign for 220 E. Third St. was unanimously approved. It had been tabled previously as being unreadable in daylight due to a lack of contrast. The new look features a dark brown background behind the off-white business name "Hocaa," various graphics, and pinstriped signage.

The two-story late 19th century building is owned by Kevin Luna, who promised to repair any stucco damaged by See HCC on Page A8

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or the like on the ground floor of the building. He concluded by saying he looked forward to the group's return.

A site plan review for a proposed mixed use building at 404 East Third St. was presented by Lou Pektor of Mechanic Street Development Associates, LP. The property is on the southeast corner of Third and Polk streets. The company has owned the property for 18 years, waiting to see what the best use for the property would be. Presently a small private parking lot is on the site. The plan is for a mixed-use building, and the developer would like to make maximum use of the site, with two floors of commercial space, likely restaurant or retail.

The rest of the building is designed with student, graduate student and staff housing in mind. The aim is to pull stu-

dents from Lehigh, out of the rowhomes, and to make Third Street more vibrant. The project is being led by Bohler Engineering and JKRP Architects. Gabriel Solms, project leader, presented the site plan and Modifications review. He characterized the project's goal as promoting development on the Southside. He presented along with Matt Chartrand of Bohler. The property is under .4 acres. One driveway would be added on Mechanic Street. The existing Polk Street driveways would be closed.

Pektor said the retail floors would be oriented toward East Third Street. The residential entrance would be on Mechanic Street. The property is graded 9-10 feet higher at Mechanic Street.

David Urffer, AIA, of JKRP Architects described transportation near the site. Public transit is plentiful, with seven access points

within a quarter mile. The site is 3/10 of a mile from the Lehigh University Business campus. In dollars, the projects looks to generate \$39,000 in taxes for the city.

When asked if Lehigh University had been contacted about the parking situation, the reply was, "We view Lehigh as a competitor."

Board Member Linda Cohen asked about the various setbacks, and whether the fire department had been consulted. Bohler will contact the fire department.

Resident Dana Grubb called in and said, "Lou [Pektor] and his team met with the South Bethlehem Historical Society. We understand the project is outside of the historic area."

Chairman Melosky asked about the parking, "has the city decided on the Polk Street garage?" Zoning Director Heller replied it was "still in the works, some things have changed."

The plan was approved with several waivers and one condition: The owners must secure lease or make conditions for 114 parking spaces before the final plan review.

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## City streets closings posted

The city has received a grant to improve sidewalks and ADA ramps on various south side roads. A contractor was hired.

Polk Street will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. between Third and Fourth Streets to facilitate the work. Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, the Third and Adams Street intersection (Third Street will remain open) will experience temporary closures between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Only one road will be closed at a time. The work is expected to last approximately five to six weeks.

Elizabeth Avenue and Linden Street intersection: In the next few weeks, the right "slip" lane on northbound Linden Street will be removed and reconstructed, shifting all northbound traffic on Linden Street into the one northbound lane. This project is anticipated to last two to three months.

For information, call 610-865-7000 or visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov)

## BETHLEHEM

## New city app has COVID information

Mayor Bob Donchez has announced the launch of a new My Bethlehem PA app. The app provides access to information regarding COVID-19, Lehigh County and Northampton County Crisis Intervention, parking and the Bethlehem service center.

Use the app to register or report a problem and for accessing information. To download the app for Apple or Android phones, visit the app store, type in My Bethlehem PA and download it. There is no downloading fee.

## PBS 39

## YouTube TV live-stream available

PBS39 is now available to livestream through the YouTube TV streaming service. This option gives community members access to not only local but also national programming.

For more information, associated costs and commonly asked questions, visit [PBS39.org/YouTubeTV](http://PBS39.org/YouTubeTV) or <https://help.pbs.org/support/solutions/articles/12000065752-pbs-member-stations-live-on-youtube-tv>.

## VETERANS

## App available for assistance

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To locate a county director of veterans affairs and for information on veterans service organizations and benefits, visit [www.dmvpa.gov](http://www.dmvpa.gov) and click on Veterans Affairs; [www.facebook.com/padmva](http://www.facebook.com/padmva); or [www.twitter.com/padmva](http://www.twitter.com/padmva).

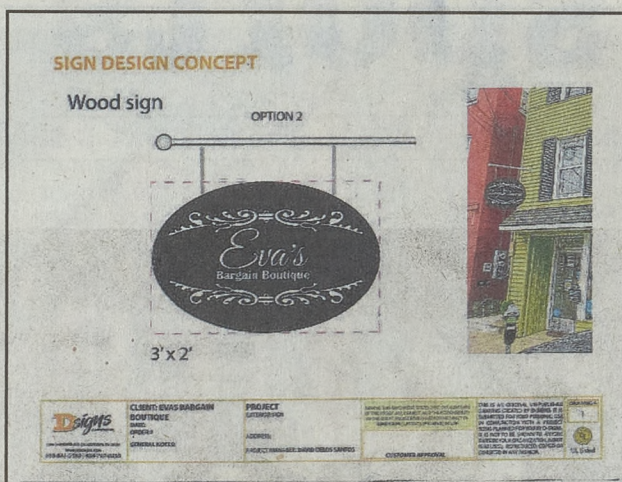
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Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home.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



Even though he might be on the larger side, **Hollister** is a gentle soul that is looking for a place to call home since being found abandoned on the shelter's property in March 2017. Hollister loves hanging out with his feline friends and often bonds to his caregivers.

**Bubba**, a 2-year-old old saluki-mix, crossed the ocean hoping to find his forever home! Bubba is a very active and loving young male looking for his next adventure. Due to his puppy behavior, he could use some training on manners, but otherwise he's a good boy.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This sign design was approved for 412 E. Fourth St. with the stipulation that a more historically-appropriate bracket be used to support it.

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previous signs.

Representing 412 E. Fourth St., business owner Bennie Dornevil scored a COA for a new 3-foot by 2-foot oval hanging sign. It features "Eva's Bargain Boutique" in off-white sans serif lettering with a top and bottom decorative scroll serving as a "pin-stripe."

Dornevil was instructed to use a more historically-appropriate bracket and provide information on it to the historical officer. The single pole hanger was

considered too modern. She was also told to install it in the masonry joints of the brick building.

Voting was unanimous.

The three-story, two-bay residential over retail building is owned by Mark Sabato.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building's exterior would be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts. Usually meeting once a month, the next virtual hearing was scheduled for Apr.



Bennie Dornevil scored a COA for a new hanging sign for her "Eva's Bargain Boutique" jewelry store at 412 E. Fourth St.

26, 2021 as there were too many items to address in one session.

Obtaining a certificate of appropriateness is only a first step for business owners and residents in a designated historic district who

wish to make alterations to a building's exterior. The commission's recommendations are later reviewed, then voted on by city council before any project is allowed to proceed.



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A look back at the District 11 track and field meet.

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Jennifer Slanovec

▼ **BRIEFLY**

**BC HOOP CAMPS**

Becahi girls summer camps will take place this June.

The Baby Birds Camp will run from June 14-16 and the Lady Hawks Camp will run from June 21-24.

The Baby Birds Camp is for grades K-3 and runs from 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$75.

The Lady Hawks Camp is for grades 4-9 and runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$120.

Camp will be lead by Coach Medina, players and staff. To register, go to <https://bcgirlsbball.sportngin.com/register/form/732857780>.

**SOCCER CAMP**

Liberty High Soccer Club will hold a Summer of 2021 Camp.

The camp is for incoming grades 2-7, boys and girls, and will take place June 21-24 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on the Nitchmann Turf Field.

Cost is \$20 per kid and \$15 for each additional family member. Beginners welcome. Free LHSC T-shirt if you register by June 1.

The camp is run by Liberty boys and girls soccer programs in conjunction with the LHS alumni and student volunteers. The goal is to let the kids have fun playing soccer. It is not to make money. Experience level doesn't matter.

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The Pates celebrate their EPC title after knocking off Northampton last week in the finals.

# Patriots capture EPC title

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A hard hit ball to the elbow of Freedom pitcher Jennifer Slanovec in the first inning couldn't stop the Patriot senior from responding with a leadoff home run in the second to propel the Pates to a 10-0 victory in five innings over Northampton in the East Penn Conference softball final last Thursday at Patriot's Park in Allentown.

"It was an amazing day for all of us, especially knowing it's the first time in school history anyone's come to the championship in EPC's," Slanovec said. "It felt great for me to be able to put our team on the board, which gave us some momentum in that inning."

That was the beginning of a big inning for Freedom, and Brenna Ortwein kept the hits coming with a triple to right field.

"I love hitting after Jen. She motivates me, and you don't want to come up next and get an out, so I saw a pitch on the outside corner, and it ended up working out in our favor," Ortwein said.

The Patriots scored two runs on K-Kids errors, Natalie Stannard had an RBI, and Matison Piripavel had two RBI on her double to center field.

"Top to bottom, we all hit through the lineup, and I was glad to contribute," said Piripavel. "That was a big catalyst that pushed us through."

Piripavel returned to the plate in the fourth inning with a line drive and then stole second base.

"I was down with two strikes and I knew I had to get on any way I could and keep the runs coming," she said.

After Slanovec reached first base on an error, Ortwein hit a three-run homer. Hailey Snisky hit a double and reached third on an error, but was left on base.

Even with a 9-0 lead, the See **FHS** on Page A11.



The Freedom girls pose after winning the EPC title and now districts is up next.



The girls celebrate with the EPC trophy following their victory over Northampton.

## Pates knock off Parkland in EPC semis

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Freedom left fielder Natalie Stannard was where every player wants to be and no player wants to be: up to bat with two outs, two runners on base, the count 0-2, her team trailing by a run in the last inning of a softball semifinal.

"I saw that pitch right on the outside part of the plate and put it where I was told to," said Stannard, whose base hit to right field scored both the tying and winning runs last Monday night

when Freedom was the 3-2 East Penn Conference semifinal winner over Parkland at Patriot's Park in Allentown.

"It's a great place to be," Stannard said. "The pressure? At times, it's a good feeling. Once I hit it, I knew it was going to fall where I needed it to. I just didn't know if that second run was gonna come in, but then we had some clutch running by Taylor Pavelko from first base who scored on that hit."

Freedom coach Michele Laubach had some

reminders for Stannard as she prepared to step up to the plate.

"I said, 'You gotta' lock in here. This is everything we worked on. With that pitch, there's a big gap between first and second. That's right where you punch the ball,'" Laubach told her.

Now it was up to Patriot pitcher Jennifer Slanovec and Freedom's defense to put away the game.

"I just wanted to keep the runs down as much as I could, and I had the confidence in my team

that if the ball was hit into play, we would get the out," said Slanovec.

Two strike outs and an infield pop-up later and the Patriots were headed to the EPC final against Northampton, the other semifinal winner against Whitehall.

"We just knew we were going to attack the seventh inning and take it home," Slanovec said. "It was amazing, and everyone contributed today."

Pinch runner Jade Hoffman scored the tying run on Stannard's

base hit.

"We worked all week on that low and away pitch (Katie) Zaun throws, and I think the first time through our batting order we were chasing some balls out there, but after that we were able to put the bat on the ball," Coach Laubach said.

Freedom shortstop Julia Heineman led off the top of the fourth inning with a triple that dropped between center and right field and scored on a ground out

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# Heidemann, Rogers bring home gold

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Freedom's Alex Heidemann and Liberty's Elijah Rogers were crowned district champions while seven other Hurricane boys and one from Bethlehem Catholic picked up medals at the District XI Class 3A Track and Field Championships last Wednesday at Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill Haven.

Heidemann was awarded gold medals in the 1600 meter run and the 800 meter run, both won on the Patriot junior's perfectly timed kick, but it was the 800 that had all eyes on the track.

"When I got to the end of the line, I'm like, holy...I did it. Let's go! I was freaking out," Heidemann said. "Pretty much everything worked because I knew I could out kick these guys. It was just a matter of staying close and keeping within kicking distance."

Heidemann hadn't raced Southern Lehigh's Chase Hensinger, Saucun Valley's Matt Chalkowsky, and Parkland's Brady Hoffman all season, but he knew there would be tough competition in the 800.

"Right around 350 to go, I was sitting not too comfortably in fourth, and then with about 250 to go, I was still in fourth but I was kind of like, let's go for it, and then I started picking up speed," Heidemann said. "Around 200 to go, I was right with them, and I knew I could keep going."

Heidemann finished in determined, dramatic fashion with a time of 1:57.17, and Hensinger placed second in 1:57.63.

"I was ready for a really tough race today, but doubling, that was awful. That was really challenging," he said after having competed in two distance events within a relatively short amount of time.

"I knew [Chalkowsky] was gonna' be the one to beat," said Heidemann after the 1600. "My coach (Bob Thear)



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD  
Liberty's Elijah Rogers won a gold medal in the high jump.

and I re-strategized. We realized that if I started my kick on the turn, I would lose a second trying to go around it, so we thought it would be better if I started [around 300] and then slowly get faster and faster into the kick. It worked."

The Patriot junior was especially pleased that he was able to see the strategy pay off.

"Oh, it was good," he said. "To be honest, our plan was to go out a little harder. We went through (800) at 2:15, and that was actually a little slow for what I thought we were gonna' be in through. I was expecting to go through 800 at 2:10, so that kind of screwed up the plan a little bit, but as far as the last lap went, everything worked to a T."

Liberty's Elijah Rogers won his gold medal in the high jump and set a personal record of 6-05.00.

"My coaches (Coach Peterson and Coach Bush) and I had a talk, and we said top two gets me to states, and anything else is icing on the cake, so we got that done and first place just happened to be the outcome. Coach P. told me, 'Jump for the roof,' and that's what I did," Rogers said.

Winning the gold meant a lot more to Rogers than one day of competition.

"I'll never forget my sophomore year. I

went to leagues, placed eighth, and I cried on the bus ride home, and it's so crazy seeing myself grow, and getting all the way to this point," he said. "At the beginning of the season, my goal was to make it to leagues. I won leagues, and then my goal was to make it to districts, and I end up winning it. My goal was to make it to states, and I'm there. Everything falls into place. It's how it's supposed to be, and I'm happy for myself and happy for everybody who helped me out to be here. I really appreciate them."

Joining Rogers at states will be teammate Cole Frank who won the silver medal and set a personal record in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:44.91, and Liberty's 4x8 relay team of Frank, Graham Phillips, Jacob Orrico, and Emrick Leshko, who also won silver medals with a time of 8:10.43.

"I'm happy with it because it's something we haven't done before so it's an improvement, and we improved on our EPC time by about seven or eight seconds," said Phillips.

But placing second was bittersweet for the Hurricanes.

"I'm mixed. A little upset, a little happy," said Frank. "This year we got to states, but we

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PRESS PHOTO BY RON GOWER  
Bechahi's Cailey Spantiz took home gold in the pole vault last week at the District 11 track and field meet.

# Spanitz, Jobses win gold at district meet

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Bethlehem Catholic's Cailey Spanitz and Liberty's Emily Jobses were crowned district champions while six other Hurricane girls picked up medals at the District XI Class 3A Track and Field Championships last Wednesday at Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill Haven.

"I'm obviously very excited because I won, but I would've loved to hit at least 12-06 or even 13-00, but I cannot complain," said Spanitz, who pole vaulted to a gold medal at 12-00.00. "I'm very excited about it. It was a good jump. I then went from pole vault to triple jump and then back, which might've affected my 12-06 a little bit. Definitely I'll be working on my plant in practice, the last part of the jump. I've been going behind my head a little bit, and I need to get it in front of my body more."

Jobses won the 3200 meter run comfortably, with a time of 11:28.98, almost 24 seconds ahead



PHOTO BY MIKE HAINES  
Emily Jobses, shown here at the EPC meet, won a district gold

of the second place finisher, Kelsey Gaston of Lehigh.

Liberty's Brylee Tereska won a silver medal in javelin with a throw of 130-07. She also set a personal record and broke Liberty's school record, previously held by Eleni Prodes at 127-07.

"I kind of had a little bit of a feeling [that I medaled], but you always just have to wait until the end because you can literally expect

anything," said a beaming Tereska. "My second throw was my best throw, so that felt pretty good. My first throw wasn't there quite yet, but I knew I still had some stuff left in me. Basically, I'm just looking forward to the competition at states because I know there's really good girls out there so I'm looking to maybe P.R., have fun."

Also from Liberty, Catey Kelly took home a bronze medal and set a personal record in the triple jump (35-09.00) and tied for a bronze with teammate Essynce Botz in the long jump (16-08.00). Annika Flanagan won a bronze medal for the pole vault (10-06.00).

Kelly, Botz, Jessica Farrell, and Jesikah Samuel were bronze medalists in a close finish in the 4x1 relay in 50.16, their best time of the season.

Spanitz, Jobses, and Tereska will advance to compete in the PIAA State Track and Field Championships on May 29 at Shippensburg University.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD  
Alex Heidemann races toward the finish line in the 800 to take home a gold medal at districts last week.



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Brylee Tereska competes in the javelin and advanced to the state track meet this coming weekend.

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# Liberty volleyball team has pieces in place

BY PETER CAR  
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Liberty's volleyball season has come to an end, but the building blocks may be in place for continued growth moving further.

The Hurricanes (8-9) were swept by Parkland in last Thursday's District 11 3A opener, taking the three games 25-22, 25-8, 25-16.

Having the season end to Parkland wasn't the biggest surprise, as the second-seeded Trojans are perennially one of the top three programs in the area.

Coming into the year

with a young team was always going to be a difficult task for head coach Mike Zile, but he was happy with what the program was able to accomplish, especially with all the uncertainty with COVID coming into the season.

"All in all I think we had a successful season," Zile said. "Coming into the season there were more unknowns than we have ever had going into a season. Usually we have opportunities for open gyms in the fall and winter and Liberty has historically competed in club tourna-

ments during the offseason. We only had open gyms the three Sundays leading up to the preseason and we did not have our usual offseason club team. Only a few players played club volleyball and our only in person interaction was having weight room sessions. We only knew about the teams in the league from the few players that played on teams with them during the winter. It was hard to stay engaged with players and we were lucky to get a good draw of interest mainly through word of mouth from existing

players encouraging new players to come out."

This year's group might have been one of the youngest Liberty teams to qualify for districts, with two freshmen and two sophomores sharing the court at a given time.

However, seniors Brandon Achey and Joey Rachwal will be sorely missed as they move on.

"They are key losses because they have the all around skills with passing, hitting, and blocking with several years of experience

apiece," said Zile. "It'll be hard to make up experience between two players. The great thing about this season is that we had a roster of 22. We will have 20 players returning (four juniors, seven sophomores, and nine freshmen). Coach Victor did a great job of managing getting up to 18 players quality reps in JV. The majority of the players were first year players."

The hope for next year is to improve off this year's results and gain more experience for the team in the off-

season.

"The goal for the off-season will be to get quality touches and reps," Zile said. "Grass doubles is an important part of developing the all around skills. Many of our players will be doing that. We have them on a summer league team and will look to get back to doing offseason open gyms and trying to get the Hurricane club to play again."

"This season will be a building block for everyone. It will help us know how to raise the bar for 2022."

# Teams ready for D-11 baseball runs

BY PETER CAR  
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It's win or go home time for teams in the District 11 tournament, as action gets underway this week for Liberty and Bethlehem Catholic.

Both programs come into the tournament as favorites to make a run to the finals and if anyone knows how fragile games can be at this point, it's the Hurricanes.

Liberty was the favorite to win the East Penn Conference crown, but came up short in the semifinals following a 3-1 loss to Pleasant Valley last week.

It was only the second time this year Liberty (17-2) has fallen short in a contest and proved just how important each day is with districts getting underway on Tuesday, when the second-seeded Hurricanes host seventh-seeded Northampton in the 6A tournament.

The K-Kids (8-10) lost both of their encounters with Liberty this year by a 21-4 margin, but don't think that the Hurricanes will take anything for granted after their bid to win the EPC crown fell to the wayside.

"It was disappointing but we have to move on to districts," said head coach Andy Pitsilos on their EPC tournament loss. "The kids were and remain really hungry to win. We just lost. Now the message is if we lose were done and don't get to compete anymore."

That message will hopefully ring true for the program, as a win over the Kids would set them up against either third-seeded Parkland or sixth-seeded Nazareth in Friday's semifinals.

The championship game is slated for June 1.

Bethlehem Catholic (13-8) hopes they can

make a run in the District 11 4A tournament, as they also come in as the second-seed and opened with Jim Thorpe on Tuesday.

Head coach Matt Corsi is confident in his group, as they ended the regular season winning seven of their last eight games.

"This is what we have worked toward since fall baseball and winter workouts," said Corsi. "I am thrilled for these boys to be in the spot they are in."

A win on Tuesday would pit them against either third-seeded Saucun Valley or sixth-seeded North Schuylkill in the semifinals.

"We are playing well right now," Corsi said. "The key all season is not to get over confident or under confident. We have tried to stay even keel. From here on out we will play very good teams."



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Grace Hercik and the Pates won their opening round game of districts and then fell to Emmaus on Monday night.

# Girls fall to EHS, boys look for a win

BY PETER CAR  
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It's been a historic week for Freedom's lacrosse programs, as both the boys and girls teams advanced with major upsets in the District 11 tournaments.

The girls knocked off Emmaus 9-8 in overtime Monday night, registering the biggest win in school history.

Senior Abby Burnette scored the game-winner with 1:13 left in the game to send the Patriots to their first district final in program history Wednesday night against Easton.

Freedom (14-3) lost both of their matchups with Emmaus earlier this season and have historically struggled to knock off the blue blood lacrosse programs in the area.

That narrative has now changed with Monday's win over Emmaus (17-3), who was the presumptive favorite to advance to the finals out of the bracket.

The Pates now face their biggest test of the season with a bout against Easton at 7:35 p.m. tonight at Northampton.

Freedom lost to Easton 19-6 earlier this season, as the EPC champion Rovers (17-0) have been the top team in the area all season.

On the boys side, Freedom scored its own upset last week by knocking off Easton



Madden Dudeck looks to make a pass during the opening round of districts.

8-7 in overtime in the quarterfinal round of districts to push them to Tuesday's semifinals against Emmaus.

"Words can't describe the feeling of winning that game," said head coach Tony Fabrizio. "It was very bittersweet for me playing and coaching at Easton previously, but it was an even better feeling for our boys finally being able to top one of the big four teams. It means so much for the program. I've talked to them numerous times about how differently that same game against Easton has not gone in our favor in previous years. The players have put in hard work on and off the field to make this program what it is today. We also can't forget about the previous players as well. They built the foundation that this year's team was able to build upon. I would say

this was one of our biggest wins as a program, but I don't want to discredit all of the work my previous teams have done to get us here."

The task now was taking on the top-seeded Hornets (18-1) in last night's final four round, which was past Press deadlines.

The Pates (11-5) will be underdogs against the EPC champions, but after losing 16-4 earlier this season to Emmaus, Fabrizio hopes some tweaks can make a difference this time around.

"As far as Emmaus, we're hoping to shake up the Lehigh Valley lacrosse scene," he said. "We've put in some new concepts and looked long and hard at our mistakes we made the first game with them. We're hoping this game will go differently, our boys deserve it."



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Freedom Hailey Sniksy stretches for a throw at first base to get out Northampton's Rilee Ehlacher during the EPC finals.

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Pates knew momentum has the potential to shift.

"We were never really comfortable, and we knew Northampton's a very good hitting team that had the capability to do exactly what we did," said Ortwein. "Jack (Roman, assistant coach) kept us in line and he told us the game wasn't over and we needed that

reminder."

Northampton's biggest threat came in the fourth inning when they left two runners stranded.

"I felt this was going to be another one run game, but our offense came out and exploded here," said Freedom head coach Michele Laubach, "and regardless of the score, I know at any moment that could change quick, so you're still in it till it's over. It

really is special, and it means a lot."

Slanovec's base hit in the fifth inning scored Madison Glick, who tripled, to give the Patriots their 10th run of the game.

"It's everything we worked for, and we knew we could get it this year with the talent and experience we had," said Ortwein, "but we still had to come out and play and get it."

The Trojans took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth when Zagrodnik scored after Jenna Piatkiewicz was safe at first base on an error, but Gill saved a run when her throw to home beat Cassidy Sweeney.

"When we needed to make the big plays, we came up with them, and you know, this field is tough to play on," said Laubach. "It's very hard and the one error was a very bad hop. It's tough to field on that."

Freedom third baseman Matison Piripavel also saved a run in the bottom of the sixth after a passed ball was

retrieved by catcher Brianna Cole.

"It was all or nothing at that point," Piripavel said. "[Katie Gontkosky] was taking a super big lead, Bri threw down to third, and the runner broke for home so I chased her all the way to home and then I dove and tug her out."

"I feel that was a big startup for us. It got the energy going again and pushed us through to the next inning offensively. We prepped a lot and we knew what we were facing. They're an amazing team, but we're also an amazing team."

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by Corrin Gill. That tied the game, 1-1, after an RBI by Parkland's Ellyanna Kromer in the bottom of the second inning scored Leanna Zagrodnik who doubled.

"This was the second time through the lineup, so we needed to get something started and that was my plan to start something however I could," Heineman said.

In the top of the fifth, Brenna Ortwein led off with a double and reached third base on an error but was left stranded.

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were really hoping to get gold and beat Southern Lehigh. But props to them. They did a terrific job, but you gotta be humble and stay happy with what we got, and we'll see them at states."

Phillips, Leshko, Matthew Johnston, and Josh Farrell closed out the district meet with a fourth place medal in the 4x4 relay with a time of 3:28.71.

Bethlehem Catholic's Nicolas Roof was awarded the bronze medal in the long jump with a

distance of 21-02.50, and Liberty's Sander Sahaydak won a bronze in the triple jump with a distance of 42-07.00.

The PIAA State Class 3A Track and Field Championships are scheduled for May 29 at Shippensburg University.

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# 'It's the right thing to do'

COVID vaccinators, retired several times, returns to help immunize community

When Sam Miranda was a first-year nursing student at Sacred Heart Hospital back in the mid-'70s, an instructor told his class, "Before you retire, you all will be involved in a pandemic."

"We laughed, and thought she was crazy," Miranda recalls. "Because of penicillin and all the other advances in medical science at that time, we naively thought a pandemic seemed unlikely."

Now nearly a half century later, the 64-year-old nurse from Center Valley is hard at work giving hundreds of COVID vaccine injections each day at St. Luke's Allentown campus.

He's also teaching MSN/MBA students at De Sales University, helping prepare the workforce of the future.

From the bedside to the board room to the classroom, this long-time nurse leader and health care executive lives and loves his vocation. Miranda has retired from it several times, but only for a few months until there's another challenge that inspires him to return to service.

Shortly after he left Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network in 2018 after 12 years as their chief clinical officer, they asked him to come back to run the organization when their president suddenly departed. He stayed for six months, then left to help take care of his now



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY SLUHN

Sam Miranda will likely again blend being a granddad with new challenges at SLUHN when this pandemic is vanquished.

3-year-old granddaughter, Claire Christina, whom he calls, "my angel."

When his daughter-in-law, a teacher, went "back to school" online, Miranda was needed less at home, and so he looked for other ways to help, this time at SLUHN, with whom he has had a decades-long connection. That was in April 2020, as the pandemic raged.

"I told Bill Moyer (president of St. Luke's Allentown), whatever I can do, I want to help," says Miranda, who knows Moyer from the board of trustees of Cedar Crest College, on which they both serve.

"I'm so impressed with Bill's leadership style and how St. Luke's fulfills its mission of taking care of the com-

munity."

A few per diem assignments led to nursing supervisory roles for Miranda as the hospital struggled to save patients from the ruthless coronavirus.

Fast-forward to last December when COVID vaccines were approved in the U.S., and Miranda stepped forward for his next assignment. Since then, he has been spending sometimes 12 hours a day giving injections of the vaccine, working longer hours than he ever imagined as he cruised into retirement.

But he has no regrets. "It's the right thing to do," he says, "for the community and for St. Luke's."

And there's a personal reason for his motivation. He also does it in memory of a relative

who died of the virus on Christmas Day.

Having given 2,400 COVID shots and counting, Miranda will likely again blend being a granddad for his "angel" with new challenges at SLUHN when this pandemic is vanquished.

He'll continue training the future nurses who will replace him and his aging generation.

He promises his students that today's health care system is headed for other major changes that they'll have to face during their professional lives. He's seen a few of them in his 48 years in the industry.

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No public reading areas or meeting rooms are available. All events are held virtually; refer to the BAPL calendar for details. All library locations continue to offer "grab and go" check-out, which means you can place books or other items on reserve and pick them up with your library card at the door if you do not feel comfortable coming in.

**Fines and overdues updates**

Any items checked out will be subject to overdue fines if returned late. The updated overdue fees are 20 cents per day on DVDs, video games (both formerly one dollar per day), books and other items. There is no reserve fee at this time. Library items will still be quarantined after being returned; this will not impact fines. They still may show up as checked out on your record until the quarantine period has ended.

**Virtual Story Times and Programs**

Available on BAPL's YouTube and Facebook pages and Spike's Campground

Libraries closed May 29, 30 and 31, but online programs are available.

**BAPL Main, South Side, and Coolidge**

Now offering public computers in addition to limited and by appointment browsing. Masks are required, as is standard social-distancing protocol. The procedure is somewhat different at each location. For questions, call ahead of time.

**Main Library - 11 W. Church St.**

Call 610- 867-3761 or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org).

Normal hours. No appointment required for browsing; computer sessions limited to 30 minutes per day. First floor access only; children's books are available on the first floor. Second floor items may be retrieved by a librarian.

**Thoughtout May**

National Space Month. Explore the wonders and mysteries of space through a display of materials covering every related topic from space travel to dwarf planets. Pick up a take-away packet and discover more.

**Through Friday, May 28**

The Geology of Steven Universe take-away packet for grades three and up.

**Coming June 1**

Free family summertime fun night bag.

**Southside Branch**

Southside branch- 400 Webster St.

Limited hours: Monday through Thursday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Appointments are recommended to browse. Call 610-867-7852 to make an appointment. No appointment required to pick up reserved items. Computer sessions limited to 30 minutes per day; please call ahead.

**Preregistration open through May 28**

SouthSide Zoom learning program begins at 2 p.m. June 1. Children should be 3 or 4 years old and must be preregistered; limited spots. 30-minute parent and child learning time with songs, stories and preschool learning concepts. Registration via email to [sssteinly@bapl.org](mailto:sssteinly@bapl.org) at address below.

**Wednesday, May 26 through Friday, May 28**

Storytime to Go. All day. Stop by the SouthSide library to pick up a new kit (while supplies last). Watch Miss Stef on the YouTube channel for instructions and to hear a story. Let's Grow Something Great at SouthSide, while supplies last.

**Tuesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 2**

Storytime to Go. All day. Stop by the SouthSide library to pick up a new kit (while supplies last). Watch Miss Stef on the YouTube channel for instructions and to hear a story.

**Wednesday, June 1**

Family Fun Night packs available while supplies last. Reading program starts June 12.

**Coolidge Building - 2740 Fifth St.**

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**Little Library Boxes donated by Charter Arts**

On May 12, members of the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts Black Student Union painted Free Little Library Boxes that will be located on the school's campus at 321 E. Third St. in South Bethlehem, as well as at a location in Allentown. The Free Little Library book-sharing movement fosters "Building Community, Inspiring Readers, and Expanding Book Access for All." The BSU raised more than \$1,100 to fund this project through its "Black History - Then, Now, and Black Joy" show held in February. Student participants included Trinity Jefferson, Malachi Chapman and Marlee Davis, along with their faculty adviser, Jodi Fowler.

**Schnecksville Fair has special baking contests**

Although the 2021 Schnecksville Community Fair will not occur, all six annual competitive baking contests will be run during what would have been "fair week," according to a news release emailed to The Press.

The fair is seeking contestants, and the contests are open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per

person. Two contests, however, are limited to junior bakers 8 to 18 years of age.

Contest schedule:  
June 22, 6 p.m. PA Preferred Cookie, Brownie and Bar Junior Baking Contest, sponsored by PSACF, 7 p.m. Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest, sponsored by New Tripoli Bank.

June 23, 6 p.m. Refreshing Rhubarb Des-

sert Contest, 7:30 p.m. INCREDIBLE! Angel Food Cake Contest, sponsored by PSACF and PA's Egg Growers.

June 24, 6 p.m. Youth Cupcake Contest, sponsored by Houser Auctioneers, 7 p.m., Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest, sponsored by The Neffs National Bank.

Contest entrants may not have won first place at any other fair in 2021.

Cash prizes are awarded for the top three judged entries in each competition.

Four of the six winners are eligible to represent Schnecksville Community Fair in the statewide competition at the PA Farm Show in January 2022, where winners will receive \$500 for first prize.

All contest entries must be made from scratch, include the recipe, and be entirely edible including any decorations.

Once entered in the contest, all entries (item, recipe, plate) become the property of the Schnecksville Community Fair. No refrigeration is provided.

Visit [schnecksvillefair.com/information/contests/](http://schnecksvillefair.com/information/contests/) for more information including individual contest rules and judging criteria, prize details, drop-off instructions, and links for pre-registration.

There may not be a fair this year but the Schnecksville Community Fair still wants to celebrate the terrific bakers in the area.

All masking, social distancing and occupancy restrictions in place at the time will be enforced during the contests and the events will not be open to the general public.

For information, call Kevin Minnich from the Schnecksville Community Fair at 610-530-0923.

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**BETHLEHEM AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL NOTES**

By Emma Ortiz-Torres



Camp Neidig student participants in clean-up efforts included Sarah Weaver, Liberty; Alessandra Scipioni, BAVTS and Freedom; and Joseph Kowalski, Liberty.

Participants in the Bethlehem Rotary Camp Neidig leadership experience. The group conducted an afternoon spruce-up of Sand Island.

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**Winners and leaders**

BAVTS team members - Aidan Swenor, 11; Salum Asheem, 12; and Nicholas Randazzo, 12, all from Freedom HS - worked together to be selected district winners in the 2021 PA Media & Design Competition. The three worked as a team to create a logo and a media campaign presentation and will be competing virtually at the state level on May 27.



Ortiz-Torres

The team received perfect scores for the Conventions, Creativity, Graphic Design, Technical Elements and Relevance and 3 out of 4 for the actual Logo Design. Judges liked the mask on Ben Franklin, but felt the color scheme was a bit overwhelming, especially with the way the text linked together.

They all submitted logo concepts and then as a team came up with their final design.

The winning logo at the state level will be used to promote the 2022 PA Media and Design event.

The Bethlehem Rotary sponsored BAVTS students to attend an abbreviated leadership experience at Camp Neidig. The Rotary is interested and committed to the development of future leaders. Camp Neidig is normally a four-day, three-night leadership camp for juniors held in June with lots of interactive team activities and leadership presentations. They had to cancel last year's camp and developed a modified one-day version of the program for 2021 open to juniors and seniors. The program was held May 1 and included:

- A morning virtual session with leadership presentations given by top leaders in their field.

- An afternoon session working on a community service project which took place on Bethlehem's Sand Island.

Camp Neidig participants included Paige Sciarra, Christopher Frey, Dustin Lopez, Aidan Swenor, Alessandra Scipioni and Christina Cordero.

Bradlee Miller was selected as a semi-finalist for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Vocational Scholarship Program. The program offers graduating high school seniors with vocational interests the opportunity to spend their 13th year abroad living with a German host family, participating in a training or school program and gaining work experience through internships with German companies.

Justin Yearwood was recognized May 4 at the SkillsUSA National Signing Day program that recognized an estimated 10,000 students across the country for their dedication to pursuing a career in residential construction, building trades and renovations, HVAC and plumbing and additional programs. Justin was one of 10 students from Pennsylvania recognized for their dedication to their field by demonstrating strong work ethic, leadership and the pursuit of passion. Justin, along with other Pennsylvania winners, received a \$5,000 scholarship and an iPad. The event was sponsored by 84 Lumber.



2021 PA Media & Design Competition district winners junior Aidan Swenor and seniors Nicholas Randazzo and Salum Asheem. The three Freedom students will compete in the state contests May 27.

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## Soulmates

My birth father had at least three great loves in his life. I believe he loved my mother, and his first wife, and his second wife. People change. Maybe not their personalities, but our understanding of situations and how we respond to them does. We have new and different experiences. Circumstances change. We have children, pets, jobs. Wars happen. Pandemics happen. Did you know that having a child with a medical issue or a disability can impact your relationships? So do other factors, like addiction.



By Lani Goins

Do you believe there is just one person for each other? Hmm. The population of the earth is 7.9 billion people, and you need to find one person? You have a better chance of being struck by lightning than by love. Think about it. Of course, we are also somewhat confined by other parameters, such as location, age, economic status, etc. I'm sure once somewhere, sometime, a waitress married a billionaire, but it's more likely to occur in the pages of a book than in real life.

There is a lot of popular fiction right now about fated mates. It's fiction. We don't live in fiction. We live in a real world that is dynamic and ever-changing. Life does not follow the 60-minute schedule of a video, or the two hours of a movie.

If you are fortunate enough to find that one special person to share a romantic relationship for the rest of your life, you are certainly blessed. Yes, it does happen, but not for everyone.

For most of us, it is more likely we'll find many soulmates. Not just the true love kind, but relatives and friends who we'll connect deeply with. Cherish them. Because everyone who brings joy is precious.

## FROM THE YWCA Free Community Voices series continues today

YWCA Bethlehem is proud to announce the next installment of the Community Voices Series. The Community Voices Series is a free public program of YWCA Bethlehem that fosters racial and gender equity by providing a safe space for courageous conversations and exploration of complex social issues.

Over the next several months, the YWCA's Empowerment & Justice Committee will explore the concept of allyship, starting with "An Introduction to Allyship" today at 5 p.m. This "101 level" workshop is the perfect starting point to understand the definition, intent and work of being an ally to marginalized individuals and communities. Join this session to learn more about how you can take action in your own life to support others.

A second allyship workshop is scheduled for Monday, June 21 at 5 p.m. The June workshop will focus on being an effective ally to the LGBTQ community. Details for this session and other upcoming programs will be available at [ywcabethlehem.org](http://ywcabethlehem.org) under the "Racial Justice and Allyship" tab on the homepage.

The Community Voices Series, hosted by YWCA Bethlehem's Empowerment and Justice Committee, strives to provide an array of engaging programs that advance equity, diversity, intersectionality, and allyship in the Lehigh Valley.

## A VIEW It's time to be responsible with federal dollars

I've watched with great concern as our nonprofits, volunteer emergency medical and fire first-responding organizations, those who have been at the forefront of our defense, have seen increased burdens as a result of this pandemic. COVID's extended symptoms weighing heavily on the hearts and minds of those who depend on annual fund drives and publicly attended events to finance daily operations coming to a halt as mitigation orders forever altered how the bills would be paid.

In the Lehigh Valley and beyond, private clubs, nonprofits and other volunteer organizations have continued serving, giving back, and answering the call. They've not once wavered, despite the increasing operational costs, despite the increasing need and demand for aid.

In reflection, there's no doubt how much the pandemic has hurt not just the above-mentioned groups, but also our families, local business communities, and public health systems. Regardless of occupation or location, COVID-19 has disrupted and/or altered our lives.

It's brought to the surface glaring problems within our commonwealth, problems we now have an opportunity to more directly address. But the challenge, as a member of the legislative minority, is convincing my majority colleagues that these dollars should be utilized with long-term strategies and resolutions in mind - not as one-time measures to fill budget holes and earn public favor.

My colleagues and I are preparing for the billions in federal funding for COVID and economic relief coming to state. It's my belief these dollars should be utilized for investments that would provide funds for small businesses, job creation and programs for working families throughout the Lehigh Valley and across the commonwealth.

We have an opportunity to responsibly utilize the billions in federal funding Pennsylvania is slated to receive in COVID and economic relief, investments that would provide all Pennsylvanians a positive path forward. I'm working hard to advocate in Harrisburg to get you the help you're entitled to receive-- smart investments like the ones called for in the #PaRescuePlan. It's time we #RecoverRestoreReimagine all the possibilities for every Pennsylvanian.

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## ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD

Graphic commentary by Ed Courier



## ANOTHER VIEW

# Animal abusers should be treated the way they treated their animals

Almost every time I sit down to catch up on my Facebook account, there is a video story usually about a dog who has been abandoned, neglected or hit by a car and left to die.

I try not to watch these videos, but before I know it, I've watched the entire video of how the scared and hurt dog was rescued, rehabilitated and placed in a home where they have found love, probably for the first time in their short lives.

I want to adopt all of those dogs and give them a home filled with love and lots of dog treats. If you know me, my pets are my family.

Two weeks ago, I was watching a movie where a man was tired of the new puppy barking, so he put the puppy in a pillowcase and drove to the river, where he proceeded to throw the pillowcase with the puppy inside over a bridge into the raging waters. The puppy was rescued, but I was in tears.

Yes, it was just a movie, but I'm not naive. I know cruelty to animals happens a lot.

Imagine my horror when I opened Facebook May 8 and read a few individuals had dropped off six dogs at the Peaceable Kingdom animal shelter, 1049 MacArthur Road, Whitehall.

According to Peaceable Kingdom, "The condition of these dogs is heartbreaking. This



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One of the dogs dropped at Peaceable Kingdom May 8.

is not something that happened overnight, and these poor babies suffered from neglect for a very long time. Our vet team is currently assessing their medical needs, and we will share more as this case progresses. While we can agree with everyone that we are glad they are safe with us, what we are not OK with is the suffering these animals have endured."

Peaceable Kingdom appreciates the response from the community regarding the dogs. "These dogs will need extensive veterinary care and cannot be offered for adoption until cleared medical-

ly," Peaceable Kingdom Board Chairperson Kathy Tomecek told The Press May 10.

There are camera shots of the three individuals dropping off the dogs. Peaceable Kingdom is trying to get in touch with them.

Perhaps we should not assume these are the individuals who neglected these dogs. It is possible they rescued the dogs from a bad situation. They may be good Samaritans.

These individuals are being sought to provide information about the dogs.

Anyone who abuses animals will be held accountable for their

actions or neglect.

Cruelty to animals is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to two years in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine. Neglect is a summary offense or a third-degree charge punishable by up to a year in jail. If the neglect or torture causes injury or puts the animal at risk, abusers are charged with a third-degree felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

If you recognize any of these individuals, please contact either Peaceable Kingdom at 610-432-2532 or Barbara Morgan, Lehigh County Humane Society police officer, at 484-619-2074.

Donations toward the care of the dogs can be made through the link on the Peaceable Kingdom Facebook page. Tomecek said donations will be very much appreciated.

I will never understand how someone can neglect or abuse their animals. Once caught, I think the offenders should be treated the way they treated their animals.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Debbie Galbraith  
Editor  
East Penn Press  
Salisbury Press



These individuals are being sought to gain more information on the dogs left at Peaceable Kingdom.



The public is asked to help identify this person, who may have left six dogs at Peaceable Kingdom May 8.

### YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Isolated T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy
	92 / 64 5-11 mph SW	83 / 53 6-10 mph NW	71 / 49 7-8 mph NE	68 / 50 7-10 mph ENE	73 / 56 7-9 mph ENE	71 / 52 3-5 mph S	70 / 54 1-9 mph S

**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, possible record matching high temperature of 92°, humidity of 38%. Southwest wind 5 to 11 mph. The record high temperature for today is 92° set in 2010. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 64°. West wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 39° set in 1956. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 83°, humidity of 37%. Northwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 53°. Southeast wind 9 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 45%. Northeast wind 8 mph.

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## YWCA kicks off LPGA golf season

YWCA Bethlehem, the local affiliate of the national LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program, kicked off its 19th season at Southmoore Golf Course in Bath May 11. Girls ranging in ages from 7 to 14 enjoyed their first clinic with PGA Pro Jim Muschlitz, despite some threatening clouds and a brisk breeze. The first lesson focused on putting, a skill that many junior and adult players neglect in their eagerness to perfect their full swing. Future clinics will introduce chipping, driving, bunker shots, tough lies, rules, and etiquette. In addition to weekly

clinics throughout the summer, Girl Golfers enjoy a mini-putt party, on-course play events, mentoring, and an end-of-season glow golf party. Since 2003, the YWCA has introduced hundreds of local girls to golf in a fun, supportive setting while building important skills and confidence. The national LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program promotes personal growth and wellness through “The Five E’s” – empower, enrich, engage, energize and exercise. While some participants learn the game to enjoy it casually with family or friends,

other girls develop a more serious interest and return season after season to improve their game and prepare to play in competitive tournament play or on high school teams. There is still space available for the 4:30 p.m. clinic at Southmoore on Tuesdays, and new golfers are welcome to join in the coming weeks. Clinics at Wedgwood in Coopersburg will begin on Wednesday, June 16, with a one-hour session starting at 4 p.m. with PGA Pro Dawn Roberts. The program will launch at Bethlehem Golf Club on Thursday, June

17 with a one-hour session starting at 3:30 p.m. led by PGA Pro Mark Csencsits. All sessions include weekly instruction with PGA Pros, on-course play, and the following special events through mid-August; Mini-Putt Party, Six Hole Classic, Bring A Friend Day, and a Glow Golf Party. Registration fee is \$295 and financial assistance is available for qualified families. For more information, please email Jasmeen Wesler at [programcoordinator@ywcabethlehem.org](mailto:programcoordinator@ywcabethlehem.org).



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PGA Pro Jim Muschlitz helps a new golfer improve her putting stroke.

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The Large Flowerheads, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. May 29, Main Stage, Mayfair Festival of the Arts, Cedar Crest College, Allentown

## Live and in-person:

### It's Mayfair Arts Fest at Cedar Crest College

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS  
 Special to The Press

After a year off in 2020, Mayfair Festival of the Arts is back "in-person," May 28-30 on the Cedar Crest College campus.

Returning will be live free music performances on two stages, an artists' market, workshops, food vendors and new this year, on-site Covid-19 vaccines.

"We are excited to give our community an opportunity to celebrate the arts safely and in person," says Audra Kahr, chair of the Mayfair committee and CFO-COO at Cedar Crest College.

"This year's festival will look different than previous years, as we prepare to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and festival-goers,

but attendees can expect to see many local artists, performers and food vendors."

Festival hours are 4 - 10 p.m. May 28 and noon - 10 p.m. May 29 and 30.

Mayfair was canceled in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Mayfair will feature 20 music performers on the main stage and the bandstand stages, including headliners The Large Flowerheads, Jimmy and the Parrots, Go Go Gadjet and Central City Orchestra.

Cedar Crest is partnering with St. Luke's University Health Network to offer Covid-19 vaccines on-site. Vaccines will be provided to those with scheduled appointments, 1 - 4 p.m. May 29 and 30 on the Crest campus.

See **MAYFAIR** on Page B5

## Pandemic response yields innovation for Symphony

Concert photos: Page B2

Living through a worldwide pandemic is not something that has had a lot of upsides.

It has been particularly difficult for arts organizations with the restrictions on the number of people allowed in a venue. In spite of all this, the Allentown Symphony has persevered and is producing filmed concerts for everyone to enjoy at home and to stream on-demand.

Another upside of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is that since we were only able to have 32 musicians on the stage at a time because of social distancing, it allowed me to explore repertoire that we normally would not play with our full symphony orchestra.

One of these unusual pieces is "Concerto No. 2 for Double Bass in B minor," written by Giovanni Bottesini in 1845. How many times do you actually get to hear a solo bass with a symphony orchestra?

With all the travel

### CLASSICAL VIEWS

By Diane Wittry



restrictions and the recommended 14-day quarantine time for people from out of the state, this seemed a perfect time to feature members of our very own Allentown Symphony as soloists. So I invited our Principal Bass Peter Paulsen to be our soloist for the "Sublime Schubert" concert, premiering 7:30 p.m. May 29, and afterward available on-demand.

Peter Paulsen has been the Principal Bass of the Allentown Symphony for 29 years. He is an Assistant Professor of Double Bass and Jazz Studies at West Chester University.

The pandemic also affected plans with our new Composer-in-Residence Chris Rogerson. Originally, we were going to perform a world premiere of a piece of his for our February 2021 concert in hon-

or of the 70th anniversary of the Allentown Symphony. This, of course, had to be postponed to the following season.

Instead, for the filmed concert, I selected a chamber work, "In Passing," by Chris Rogerson. The piece was written as a tribute after the father of a close friend of his passed away. The piece, scored for flute, clarinet, violin, cello, piano and percussion, is haunting and lyrical with wonderful textures. For our performance, we dedicate it to everyone who has lost a loved one during the global pandemic.

The concert opens with "Entrance of the Queen of Sheba" from Solomon, a lively piece by George Fredrick Handel that features our wonderful oboe section of Rick Basehore and Amanda Dusold. This piece always makes me smile because it is so joyful. It's upbeat rhythm sets the mood for the entire concert.

The anchor piece on the program is Schubert's "Symphony No. 5 in B-flat

major, D. 485." Franz Schubert died way too young, at the age of 31. But in his short life, he wrote more than 1,500 works. He was only 19 when he wrote this 5th Symphony.

It has all the exuberance of youth and displays a love of life. I felt it was the perfect piece to lift our spirits during this difficult time.

**Tickets:** <https://www.millersymphonyhall.org/>; **Information:** 610-432-6715

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" Worldwide Top 30 Musical Influencers, teaches conducting workshops throughout the United States and Europe.



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From left, standing, Dara Connelly (Juror 8), Jenelle Castrignano (Juror 6), Shaun Hayes (Juror 3) and, sitting, Gary Boyer (Foreman), Jillian McLuhan (Juror 2), Denise Shelton (Juror 11) and Trish Steele (Juror 10), "Twelve Angry Jurors," June 4 - 21, The Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem.

## Verdict: Perform '12 Jurors' at Pa. Playhouse

In March 2020, the 14 cast members of "Twelve Angry Jurors" were in their final rehearsals at The Pennsylvania Playhouse when everything was shut down by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Now the cast is finally getting the chance to return to the Bethlehem theater's stage for 12 live performances June 4 - 21. Curtain is 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays.

"Twelve Angry Jurors" was in tech week last year when the pandemic hit and the cast and crew are very happy to finally be able to perform," says Playhouse Theater Administrator Rody Gilkeson.

Gilkeson says the performing rights company that handles the play doesn't offer streaming or online viewing rights, so "Jurors" will be the first all-live production at the Playhouse in more than a year.

Pennsylvania Playhouse's most recent production, "Talley's Folly," was presented live and as video-on-demand.

"We are pushing hard to get people to return to the theater,"

### CURTAIN RISES

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



Gilkeson says.

"Twelve Angry Jurors" was written by Reginald Rose originally as the Emmy-winning 1954 "Twelve Angry Men" for CBS-TV's "Studio One" anthology series. It was written for men only because it's set in a time when women weren't allowed jury duty. The production at the Playhouse was adapted by Sherman L. Sergel for a mixed-gender cast.

The play contemplates the responsibility of 12 ordinary people as they consider the guilt or innocence of a 19-year-old man accused of murdering his father.

The story unfolds after closing arguments have been presented in the trial and the judge is giving his instructions to the jury. In criminal cases, jurors must unanimously decide on a verdict. If anyone dissents it will result in a "hung jury"

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## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

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The State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, and WFMZ-TV will present "Freddy Awards: A Television Special Celebrating the High School Musical Class of 2021," 7 p.m. May 27 on 69-WFMZ and online. Some Lehigh Valley high school theater departments are producing spring musicals in various formats. The Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "High School Musicals" series is previewing productions.

### FREEDOM 'Pippin'

Freedom High School Theatre Company brings back the Middle Ages with live performances of "Pippin," 8:30 p.m. June 5, 6 and 7, Bethlehem Area School District Stadium, 1115 Linden St., Bethlehem.

In the tale told by the Leading Player, head of a mysterious performance troupe, Pippin is a prince searching for meaning and significance. The young prince and his father Charlemagne are loosely based on real-life characters from Medieval history.

Freedom production director Justin Amann is aided by assistant director Natalie Parker, music director Denise Parker, choreographer Joey Schubert, assistant choreographer Vanessa Ruggiero, creative lead Priscilla Salazar and set designer Yoshi Tanokura.

With music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, the libretto was written by Roger O. Hirson.



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From left, Tommy Potts (Lewis), Adam Walker (Charles), Sarah Lucas (Leading Player), Michael Sheridan (Pippin), and Isabella Barberis (Catherine), "Pippin," Freedom High School.

The 1972 Broadway premier was directed by Bob Fosse, with the musical nominated for 11 Tony Awards, receiving five Tonys. The 2013 Broadway revival was nominated for 10 Tony Awards, receiving four Tonys.

Signature songs include "Magic to Do," "Corner of the Sky," "Glorry," "Simple Joys" and "Morning Glow."

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### ASO 'Sublime Schubert'



Diane Wittry, ASO music director, conducts "Sublime Schubert" concert.



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Allentown Symphony Orchestra's "Sublime Schubert" concert, premieres 7:30 p.m. May 29, and afterward is available on-demand. Centerpiece of the concert is Franz Schubert's "Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major, D. 485." Tickets: [www.millersymphonyhall.org](http://www.millersymphonyhall.org); 610-432-6715

### Shows back at The Peak, including Old Crow Show

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe, is back open and will present a concert by Old Crow Medicine Show, 8 p.m. July 10.

Upcoming at The Peak:

- Jake Kaligis Band, 6:30 p.m. June 3, "Deck Party"

- Rick Horvath of Green River, 6:30 p.m. June 4, 1990s alternative-rock, "Penn's Peak Revival Sessions"

- Sapphire, 6:30 p.m. June 5, 1980s tribute band, "Penn's Peak Revival Sessions"

- Triple Rail Turn, 6:30 p.m. June 11, "Penn's Peak Revival Sessions"

Show got its start in 1998.

The band has been inducted into the Grand Ole Opry and received two Grammy Awards (Best Folk Album, "Remedy," 2014, and Best Long-Form Music Video, "Big Easy Express," 2013).

The group's single, "Wagon Wheel," received the RIAA's Double-Platinum certification in 2019 for selling more than 2,000,000 copies. The band's debut album, "O.C.M.S.," has been certified Gold (500,000 copies). The band's latest release is "Live At The Ryman."

The band hosted "Hartland Hootenanny," a variety show on

YouTube that featured music, storytelling, guests, and socially-distanced square-dancing.

Tickets for the Old Crow Medicine Show Penn's Peak concert went on sale May 25.

Tickets: Ticketmaster; Penn's Peak Box Office, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday and event nights; Roadies Restaurant and Bar; [info@pennspeak.com](mailto:info@pennspeak.com); 610-826-9200

Information: [www.pennspeak.com](http://www.pennspeak.com); 866-605-7325.

For a list of rescheduled or canceled concerts at Penn's Peak:

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Old Crow Medicine Show, 8 p.m. July 10, Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe

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### 'JURORS'

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and a mistrial will be declared. The jury also is told that a guilty verdict will bring a mandatory death sentence.

As the jurors retreat to the jury room to deliberate, what seems like an open and shut case turns into a debate of ideals when one juror won't vote to convict.

The jurors bring their own histories, prejudices and biases to the jury room as they work through the life or death decision in the play that examines the very human side of the United States' justice system.

The cast, returning from last year, includes Gary Boyer, Jillian McLuhan, Shaun Hayes, Renata Zumberge, Gabe Craig, Jenelle Castrigano, Parker Ryan, Dara Connelly, John Corl, Trish Steele, Denise Shelton and Sue Matol as the jurors, Michael Sheridan as the guard and Gene Connelly as the voice of the judge.

The Playhouse production's director Marian Barshinger says the actors have been rehearsing with face masks and plan to wear clear face shields for performances.

Gilkeson says as of the deadline for this article, face masks are required for theatergoers. However, he recommends patrons check the Playhouse website for updates.

Tickets are being sold as general admission. The audience will be seated in a socially-distanced manner.

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**MAYFAIR**

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St. Luke's, the official health partner of Mayfair, expects to administer 500 Johnson & Johnson vaccines. There will be schedulers available for alternate appointments.

"We are grateful to be celebrating Mayfair in-person, and we want to further serve our community by providing festival-goers with an opportunity to be vaccinated while they are here," says Kahr.

"St. Luke's University Health Network has worked closely with the college throughout the pandemic and has provided constant support and medical advice. I am proud to partner with them on this initiative."

To schedule vaccine appointments: 1-866-785-8537, option 7.

Cedar Crest brought the more than 30-year Mayfair tradition to the Allentown campus in 2018 after the festival had been canceled by former organizers in 2017. The college returned the festival to its roots with free admission and showcasing area artists, performers and vendors.

Taking the main stage May 28 is Central City Orchestra, a 10-piece ensemble from Central Pennsylvania, led by Katie Robinette and Amy Banks. The high-energy band's repertoire includes classic standards from the 1940s and 1950s, rhythm & blues favorites, disco, funk, contemporary rock and pop.

The headliners on the main stage May 29 are The Large Flowerheads, the Lehigh Valley-based five-person band whose 1960s show encompasses the music from British

Invasion to Woodstock.

Also performing May 29 is the Jimmy Buffet tribute band Jimmy and the Parrots.

The May 30 main stage act is Go Go Gadget, a band that blends the rhythms of dance music with popular tunes and straddles the line between band and DJ by combining traditional instruments with modern synthesizers and controllers.

Performers May 30 include The BC Combo, The Sofa Kings, Ben Tyler, The Ultra Kings and Billy Bauer Band.

The Artists' Market, located throughout the festival grounds, features dozens of artists, including the Allentown School District Foundation, which will have ASD students' artwork available on note cards and prints.

Other artists will offer items such as silver jewelry, up-cycled art, fabric arts, doll clothes, wildlife prints and cards, mineral and fossil art, nature photography, and homemade dog treats.

Food vendors, such as Bananarama, which serves frozen organic banana whip, will return.

New for the 2021 festival are open mic nights, 7-10 May 28, and 7:30-10 p.m. May 29 and May 30 on the bandstand stage.

Local performers will have the chance to showcase their talents. Performances can include music, poetry, dance and children's entertainment. Performers are allowed 20 minutes to perform. Mountain Top Productions will provide stereo sound system and equipment.

Learn about photography as you take a 15-minute walk to Cedar Creek Park to enjoy the



The Artists' Market is located throughout Mayfair Festival of the Arts, May 28-30, Cedar Crest College, Allentown.



The Artists' Market includes jewelry, fabric arts, wildlife prints and cards, and photography, Mayfair Festival of the Arts, May 28-30, Cedar Crest College, Allentown.



Central City Orchestra, 7-10 p.m. May 28, Main Stage, Mayfair Festival of the Arts, Cedar Crest College.



Go Go Gadget, 7-10 p.m. May 30, Main Stage, Mayfair Festival of the Arts, Cedar Crest College.

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beauty of the college campus, the park and the Malcolm W. Gross Memorial Rose Gardens with "Amy's Angle Nature Photography Walk and Talk" workshop, 3 p.m. May 29. Meet in Lees Hall and bring your camera.

Miniature Fairy Garden Workshops will be held 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. May 29 and 30 in Harmon Hall. JoAnn Bowman of Wee Folk Gardens will lead participants in creating a miniature fairy garden, a two-tier layered clay pot garden, which includes small plants, potting soil, fairy and colorful stones to create an enchanted garden.

To register for the

workshops: [www.cedarcrest.edu/mayfair](http://www.cedarcrest.edu/mayfair).

Despite recent loosening of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Pennsylvania Health Department coronavirus protocol, Mayfair officials are encouraging attendees to wear face masks and observe social distancing, says Heather Lavin, Cedar Crest College media relations, social media manager.

For Covid updates: [www.cedarcrest.edu/mayfair](http://www.cedarcrest.edu/mayfair).

**Mayfair schedule**  
**May 28**  
**Main Stage**  
 Rogue Diplomats, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Central City Orches-

tra, 7-10 p.m.

Bandstand Stage  
 Ben Tyler, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Tap Ties, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

**May 29**  
**Main Stage**  
 The Stefania Johnson Band, 12:30-2 p.m.

The BC Combo, 2:30-4 p.m.

The Large Flowerheads, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Jimmy and the Parrots, 7-10 p.m.

Bandstand Stage  
 Cedar Crest Alumnae Dance Studio, noon-1 p.m.

Tap Ties, 1-2 p.m.  
 Christina Ward, 2-3 p.m.

Eliza Rush, 3-4 p.m.  
 Cedar Crest Alumnae

Dance Studio, 4-5 p.m.  
 Supersonic Godfathers, 5:30-7 p.m.

**May 30**  
**Main Stage**  
 Erin Kelly, noon-1:30 p.m.

The Castaway Band, 2-3:30 p.m.

The Sofa Kings, 4-6 p.m.

Go Go Gadget, 7-10 p.m.

Bandstand Stage  
 Cedar Crest Alumnae Dance Studio, noon-1 p.m.

Miss Maggie Sings!, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

The Ultra Kings, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Kendal Conrad, 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
 Billy Bauer Band, 5:30-7 p.m.

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# ABC meteorologist, Air Products exec to keynote Summit

Cedar Crest College, the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's Women's Business Council, and United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley are presenting the 2021 Lehigh Valley Women's Summit online, 11 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. June 2.

Keynote speakers are Ginger Lee, ABC Chief Meteorologist and New York Times best-selling author of "Natural Disaster: I Cover Them, I am One," and Victoria Brifo, Air Products Senior Vice President and Chief of Human Resources.

"This event is truly one of the most inspirational events that we host throughout the year."

said Danielle Joseph, Executive Vice President, Diversity Councils of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber.

"Although we will present this event virtually this year, we knew it was important to deliver the program to our Lehigh Valley women," Joseph said.

"This past year has been unparalleled in terms of stress that we've experienced, and our event will focus on that and how we move forward," said Joseph.

Lehigh Valley Women's Summit is a day of inspiration, motivation and education, with an anticipated 600 women participating.

The theme, "Brighter



Ginger Zee



Victoria Brifo

Days: Forecasting Positive Change," focuses on women's mental wellness.

Attendees of the all-day event can expect an interactive conference platform featuring the keynote addresses, real-time networking, vendor marketplace and workshop sessions.

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Workshop sessions include: implementing technology and change, recognizing signs of domestic abuse and women's health.

Zee received a BS in Meteorology from Valparaiso University. She is chief meteorologist at ABC News. She appears on "Good Morning America."

Zee is host of the ABC News digital series, "Food Forecast," focusing on climate and its im-

act on agriculture. She placed third place on the 22nd season of "Dancing with the Stars."

Brifo received degrees in chemical engineering and political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Brifo joined Air Products in 2001 as site leader in Geismar, La. She became Air Products' Global Diversity director in 2005.

Brifo leads Air Products' Human Resources, including HR Operations, Diversity and Inclusion, Talent Management, Compensation and Benefits, Global Health and Wellness, and Corporate Aviation and Corporate Transportation.

Summit premier sponsor is Capital BlueCross and the presenting sponsor is Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Information: [www.lehighvalleywomen.org](http://www.lehighvalleywomen.org)

## Readers' Oscar contest winner



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Gordon Reese, left, is presented with the "Readers Pick the Oscar Winners Contest" prize package by Roxy Theatre owner Richard Wolfe, right, under the marquee of the historic movie house. Although Reese wasn't the only entrant to correctly pick five winners out of seven Oscar contest categories, his entry was the earliest received in the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section contest. Reese, owner of Emmaus-based United World Travel Service, received a Lehigh Valley Press tote filled with gifts from the Lehigh Valley Press, including a travel mug and a \$50 Penn's Peak gift card. He also scored 10 free passes to movies at the Roxy Theatre, Northampton, courtesy of Wolfe.

## St. Luke's Hospice Ride set

St. Luke's Hospice 10th Annual Charity Bike Ride, "A Ride to Remember," starts and finishes on the D&L National Heritage Trail.

The ride begins at 10 a.m. June 5 from the trailhead, 200 North Main Lane, Lehighon.

Michelle Udicious, St. Luke's Hospice director of outreach and referral management, said she expects 200-250 riders to participate in the rain-or-shine ride, canceled in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Volunteers hand out water and snacks on the way. There are turnarounds at Slatington and Treichlers, marking 10- and 20-mile

segments. Riders each chose to log their miles receive a T-shirt and a and make a donation to St Luke's Hospice.

To register: [www.slhn.org](http://www.slhn.org)

People can take a "virtual" ride if they

## Good Shepherd to reveal 'Name a Trexo' winner

Good Shepherd Pediatrics, a part of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, has offered the public a chance to name three Trexo Plus robotic exoskeleton devices utilized on the organization's campus, 850 S. 5th St., Allentown.

Winners in the "Name a Trexo" contest will be revealed and commemorated June 5 at Good Shepherd Pediatrics' annual Gala in the Garden.

The Gala benefits the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Emily Howatt Pliskatt Pediatric Unit, 2855 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem.

"We want children, families and individuals from not just the greater Lehigh Valley, but all over the region and country to be creative and have fun with this contest," said Amanda Kleckner, PT, DPT, administrative director of Good Shepherd Pediatrics. "You have a chance

to create a long-lasting impression the very first time a child climbs into the device you named."

The contest submission period was April 26 through May 11. Submissions were narrowed to five finalists. The public cast votes May 12, 2021 through May 21.

Good Shepherd Pediatrics is the only healthcare provider on the East Coast to offer the three sizes, small, medium and large, of Trexo Plus, which allows children with cerebral palsy, pediatric stroke, spinal cord injury and lower-extremity weakness to walk hands-free in a safe, correct and consistent manner.

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## Pediatric specialist joins Good Shepherd Network

Janie Anne Zuber, MD, MS, MA, has joined Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network as a pediatric hospitalist in the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Emily Howatt Pliskatt Pediatric Unit.

Dr. Zuber, a member of the Good Shepherd Physician Group, provides inpatient pediatric medical care to Good Shepherd Pediatrics patients with complex medical conditions. She has a special interest in palliative care.

Zuber graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine and completed her pediatrics residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Zuber has practiced general pediatrics in hospital and clinic settings during her medical career, including serving as a pediatrician



Dr. Janie Anne Zuber

with the Navy for four years in Yokosuka, Japan, and Pensacola, Fla. She is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Neonatal Resuscitation.

The Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Emily Howatt Pliskatt Pediatric Unit, 2855 Schoenersville Road,

Bethlehem, is the only CARF-accredited pediatric rehabilitation facility in eastern Pennsylvania.

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## Ben Franklin appoints technology officer

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP-NEP) has appointed Melanie A. Kohler as Chief Technology Officer.

Kohler succeeds Aaron B. Balch, who will retire June 30.

In her new role, Kohler will identify, support, and oversee the information technology (IT) infrastructure for the Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania and its business technology incubators, Ben Franklin TechVentures and the Bloomsburg Regional Technology Center.

She will explore IT approaches and improvements for BFTP-NEP and its incubator companies, lead the IT staff, manage technology vendor relationships and serve on BFTP-NEP's leadership team, reporting to Pres-

ident and CEO Angelo J. Valletta.

"We thank Aaron Balch for his 20-plus years of outstanding work and are delighted to welcome Melanie Kohler as Ben Franklin's new Chief Technology Officer," said Valletta.

"Melanie brings comprehensive IT experience and a positive and forward-thinking attitude that will continue to help Ben Franklin staff streamline our work through technology."

Kohler was Director of Information Technology at Living Branches, Souderton. Prior to that she was Senior Director, Technology and Service, LeadingAge, Mechanicsburg.

She was Director of Information Technology, Phoebe Services, Allentown, for 13 years, and went on to launch and lead its new company ser-



Melanie A. Kohler

vice line, Pathstones by Phoebe, as its Executive Director.

Kohler received an MBA in Management from DeSales University and a BS in Business-Healthcare Administration from Cedar Crest College. She attained Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification from Purdue University.

Kohler lives in the Lehigh Valley with her husband.

## iXchange honors Paul, welcomes Valletta

The 2021 iXchange included a farewell to retiring President and CEO Chad Paul and a welcome to new Ben Franklin President and CEO Angelo Valletta.

BFTP-NEP presented six innovation awards to early-stage technology companies, established manufacturers and individuals.

More than 330 registered for Ben Franklin's annual iXchange, held virtually on May 18.

Valletta had a "fireside chat" with longtime Ben Franklin Solutions Network member Dale Falcinelli.

Under Paul's leadership, the award-winning Ben Franklin TechVentures incubator-post incubator grew from 18,000-square-feet to 129,000-square-

feet. Paul raised \$16.4 million to fund the expansions.

The Ben Franklin board honored Paul by dedicating the largest meeting and conference room in Ben Franklin TechVentures in his name, renaming the Ben Franklin Incubator Graduate Award as the R. Chadwick Paul, Jr. Incubator Graduate Award and naming a private street alongside Ben Franklin TechVentures as Chad Paul Way.

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners innovation award winners are:

Entrepreneurial Achievement Award: OPTIMO, Bloomsburg. Michael Miguez, Founder and Chief Executive Officer.

The R. Chadwick Paul, Jr. Incubator

Graduate Award: ChannelApe, Scranton, Mike Avertio, Chief Executive Officer, Jason DePietropaolo, Chief Operating Officer

Product Innovation Award: Signallamp Health, Inc., Scranton, Drew Kearney, Andrew Goldberg, Co-Founders

Innovative Application of Technology Award: SOLO Laboratories, Inc., Kutztown, Lindsay Sokol Szejko, Chief Executive Officer; Jonathan Naugle Owner, R&D Engineer; Jaimyn Sokol Westenhofer, Owner, President

Manufacturing Achievement Award: Effort Foundry, Inc., Bath, Charles D. Hamburg, Chief Executive Officer, William C. Easterly, President

The Frederick J. Beste III Partnership Award: Eugene A. Lucadamo, Director of Industry Research Engagement, retired, Lehigh University, Bethlehem

To see the iXchange video: [www.nep.benfranklin.org](http://www.nep.benfranklin.org)



Chad Paul, Angelo Valletta

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### Messages from our Readers



MARIAH RAMIREZ

I would like to thank Mariah for pushing through school during the epidemic and graduating and getting a job as a drug and alcohol counselor. During this pandemic I'm sure people really needed help and someone to talk to. So thank you for pursuing your passion in helping others.

### Thanks to Physical Therapy at St. Luke's I No Longer Have "Accidents" - Sarah

For years I had needed to get up several times at night to urinate and it hadn't bothered me. But it was different when I started having fecal incontinence. For several years I tried to figure out what was causing it. I cut out the garlic that I loved to eat. It didn't help. I tried abstaining from red wine but the problem persisted.

I talked to several doctors about my problem over the years but no one offered any suggestions. Then, during my annual examination in December I mentioned it to my gynecologist Kristin Abbruzzi, DO, of St. Luke's OB/GYN - A Woman's Place, who referred me to the Women's Pelvic Health program of Physical Therapy at St. Luke's. A thorough evaluation showed that my pelvic floor muscles were weak, perhaps from running, which I love.

To strengthen my pelvic floor muscles, physical therapist Melinda Steimling, PT, DPT developed an exercise regimen. Melinda is a board-certified women's health specialist (WCS). Within two weeks, I didn't need to get up in the night to use the bathroom. A machine that Melinda used to measure muscle strength showed that I had made significant improvement.

You might wonder why I'm willing to share such private and embarrassing details of my life. It's because I'm so grateful for the help I received. The therapists were so caring and respectful. I want everyone to know that fecal incontinence can be prevented and where it already exists, can be treated successfully.



MELINDA STEIMLING, PT, DPT



FRANNY CAROTENUTO

Our mom, Franny, has worked tirelessly through the Covid-19 pandemic. While working so many extra hours and shifts to support the influx of patients, she also finished her master's degree from Moravian. We are so proud of her for all her perseverance, dedication, and hard work throughout this pandemic. Nurses really are superheroes.

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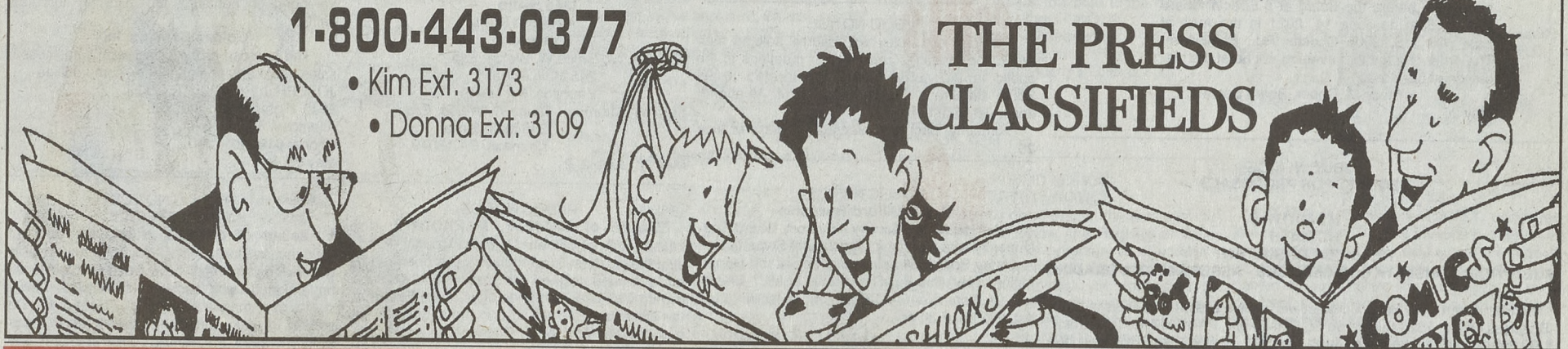
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**2. Determine if your vehicle is the subject of a recall.** Recalls are issued if a safety issue has been uncovered since a car hit the market. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a list of recalls available on its website at NHTSA.gov/Recalls. Recalls are fixed free of charge, and it's best to look well in advance of a trip to ensure you have time to take the vehicle in for its update.

**3. Get used to driving with accessories on the vehicle.** Summer road trips are typically taken with bicycle racks attached to rear windows or the top of the vehicle. Drivers unaccustomed to having bicycles or storage units attached to their vehicles should make a few trial runs so they can get acclimated. Backing up with bike racks on the back of the car can be tricky for novices, so a little practice with the bikes on the back may be helpful. Drivers who intend to tow campers also may benefit from a little pre-trip practice.

**4. Pack a map.** Though maps have long since fallen out of favor due to the availability of GPS, people traveling to remote areas may find their smartphone signals fading in and out as they get closer to their destinations. A map can help road trippers overcome service interruptions and arrive at their destinations on time.

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