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BASD
Board
rejects
charter
school

By AMY HERZOG
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

During a special meeting Feb. 10 the Bethlehem Area School District board voted unanimously to deny the Advanced Military Aerospace Science Academy Charter School's application to open a new school in the district.

The board found that the proposed school's application did not satisfy all the requirements needed and failed to show community support for the school.

Bethlehem resident and president of the Bethlehem Chapter of the NAACP Esther Lee spoke out against the school.

"The NAACP does not support charters," she said. "They drain the public school system."

"Common thought is that charters are free," Lee continued. "They are not; they just don't have to put the money in. Charters will and are releasing segregated populations."

Board President Michael Facinetto said the school did not show a viable source of funding and had no plan for making the proposed school building the charter would use compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act. There were also other environmental and space issues in the building that were not addressed.

Enrollment was another concern. The school had pre-enrolled 37 students, 28 of whom are BASD resident students, but they have proposed an enrollment of 160 students to start.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

David Nudleman judges a Cornish Rex who seems quite content to be held and examined. Ashton University online information states the Cornish Rex cat is delightful, distinctively different, constantly charming and captivating. Rexes need people, and given a choice will spend most of their time with humans. When they are free to choose their own sleeping quarters, their first choice is the owner's bed. This is partly due to their desire for warmth. Even-tempered and very affectionate, they also appeal because of their extremely quiet voices.

Fabulous felines

By LINDA ANTHONY
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The 28th annual International All Breed & Household Pet Cat Show was held recently at the Charles Crin Community Center of Palmer Township. Approximately 150 cats were on hand.

The International Cat Association, recognizing more than 50 breeds, was present for the competition for regional and

international awards. The show, sanctioned by the TICA and hosted by the Christmas City Cat Club, is one of the largest sanctioned cat shows on the East Coast.

In addition to the purebred cats entered in the show there were also many beautiful household pets vying for the same Regional and International Awards.

One of the benefits of the show is the owners' happiness to answer ques-

tions presented by the spectators. There is a mutual enjoyment of sharing the love of the breed and educating the guests in any way they can. And the love was palpable between human and feline alike.

The motto of the TICA is "Fabulous Felines, Fun and Friendship. And to be there was the "Cat's Meow."

For more information on the Christmas City Cat Club, contact Karen Frankenfield at gumbycat1@juno.com.



Tedeie, whose official name is RW ALU 2 Darn Cute, is an Exotic Shorthair from Hellertown. She is being judged by Adriana Kajon of New Mexico,



originally from Argentina. Tedeie makes her home with Karen Frankenfield, publicity coordinator for the Christmas City Cat Club.



ABOVE: Captain Fantastic, an American Shorthair, waits patiently for the next round of competition during the show. This breed is the original American cat, having come over on the Mayflower. This kitty came all the way from Augusta, Ga., to compete with his human companion Rebecca Casey. **BELOW:** Kathy Delp of Quakertown is the shoulder that Dana, a Siberian Flame Point, is resting on as her sibling, Demetrii is being hugged by patron to the cat show, Dale Herman of Hellertown.



LEHIGH DA
Martin
seeks
death
for Htut
Man allegedly
killed wife

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
 njastrzemi@tnonline.com

Lehigh County District Attorney James Martin announced last week he will seek the death penalty for Win Min Htut, 37, for the alleged shooting homicide of his wife in December.

Thida Myint, also 37, was killed in front of their west Bethlehem home in front of their children after she filed a protection from abuse order and asked for authorities to take her husband's pistol. The weapon was taken by police, but Htut was able to find another weapon from as-yet unrevealed sources.

Martin said in a release Htut committed the killing while committing a felony burglary; caused grave risk to the children; and acted in violation of the PFA.

Htut is currently committed to Lehigh County Prison without bail while awaiting trial.

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CITY COUNCIL

Cathy Reuscher

Southsider selected to fill seat

Q&A

BY BERNIE O'HARE

Bethlehem's newest member of City Council, Cathy Reuscher, is a New Jersey native who was educated in Pittsburgh and at the University of Buffalo. Since 2008, she has lived in Bethlehem's Southside and is City Council's sole representative south of the Lehigh River. She is a co-founder of the Bethlehem Food Co-op, and is

Mid-Atlantic policy associate for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Q Where you surprised by the appointment?

A A little bit. There were 11 very competent candidates up there. I wouldn't be surprised if they had picked any one of them.

Q Why did you seek the appointment?

A I love the city. I chose to live here and have been here since '08. I love the people. I do have experience that I think is relevant to City



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Cathy Reuscher is Bethlehem's newest Council member and only Southside resident.

Council.

Q Name one thing you'd like to get done in the next two years?

A I'd like to dust off the Jeff Speck walkability report and implement some of its recommendations. [This report was prepared for the

city in 2009.]

Q Is the Southside improving?

A Yeah. Things are picking up and improving on the Southside. The perception is improving too. There are some incredible small businesses. People just need to give it a chance.

Q What about the poverty there?

A Part of those things are out of our hands. But this is where walkability comes into play. If you have to drive to your job, it's going to be a major impediment for many people with no car.

Q Will you run in two years?

A I'm not sure. I'll have to see how I feel two years from now.

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How have you been coping with the harsh winter weather we've been having?



"I think it's been fun. I like the snow, and we've been helping others shovel the snow."
Jeanne Schleicher
Bethlehem



"You just deal with it. It's the Northeast, and it's winter!"
Mike Bialkowski
Whitehall



"I guess we cope by remembering the sunshine on the beach to help get us through each day."
Jennifer Calhoun
Bethlehem



"We moved up from Florida in 1999, and each winter I ask to go back. We play board games with the kids to cope."
Jayson Calhoun
Bethlehem



"It's a fantastic experience. In Great Britain if it snows two inches, the world comes to an end."
Olu Bamgbelu
Bethlehem



"I love it! I love shoveling, digging snow tunnels and sledding. I love winter."
Michelle Betz
Catasauqua

Snow, snow, go away!



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB
ABOVE: Bethlehem resident Wendy Reidy navigates along Main Street atop knee deep snow Feb. 13 by using snowshoes and ski poles. Reidy, who works at Sungard Pentamation, had been sent home early due to the Nor'easter that hit the East Coast. "It's good," said Reidy. "You have to be optimistic to own snowshoes in Pennsylvania."



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER
Old Man Winter keeps piling it on along Walnut Lane in Lower Macungie Township.



RIGHT: Westside resident Joe Gallagher took Wendigo and Riley out for a winter walk during the February 13 snowstorm. Neither dog seemed to mind the cold and snow at all, probably due to their part Husky bloodlines.

BASD

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The board held a public hearing for the applicant Dec. 9, during which members of the public spoke out against the school, with few supporters speaking on its behalf.

The school proposed opening in the former Holy Child School building in Fountain Hill and offering Project Lead the Way Curriculum along with a JROTC program. Charter representatives said they had hoped to open next year starting with ninth grade, then adding a grade each year.

The curriculum and programs this school proposed to use are similar to what is already offered in district schools. Project Lead the Way offers pre-

engineer training and is scheduled to begin next school year and at BASD schools through a partnership with the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School.

Charter school organizers can appeal the decision to the State Charter Appeals Board.

In other business during the finance meeting after the charter school special meeting, the committee approved the preliminary budget 8-1 with director Basilio Bonilla casting the dissenting

vote.

A preliminary budget of \$242.5 million will require the district to file with the state for exceptions to the cap for annual property taxes. Bonilla, in recognition of the many senior citizens in the district, said he could not support a budget that exceeds the cap.

"Many people in the district are over 60 and on Social Security and can't afford a tax increase," Bonilla said. "I cannot vote for a preliminary budget that calls

for an increase."

Members of the public also disagreed with how the budget process is being handled by the board.

"We taxpayers can't afford an increase," said resident Carlton Rohrbach. "There should be no rainy day funds, just revenue in the budget. If some teachers are laid off, so be it. If class sizes increase, so be it. I would propose the superintendent give a budget that stays within the revenue."

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

League of Women Voters Public Education Forum on pipeline safety, 7 p.m. Room 130 A, B, C, D in Alumni Hall, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. Call 610-861-5568.

Gluten Free/Celiac Sprue Support Group, 7:30 p.m. Lower level board room of St. Luke's - Warren Hospital. Call 610-865-3543 or 732-207-6666.

Thursday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 23

1758 Moravian Sun Inn bridal showcase, 1 to 5 p.m. 564 Main St. Call 610-866-1758.

Monday, February 24

Hi Neighbors, First Presbyterian Church, 10 (Economic Projections, Kamran Afshar) and 11:15 (A Proposal For A National Day of Conscience," Rabbi Jonathan Gerard) a.m., 2344 Center St.

Tuesday, February 25

Salvation Army, Calling All Bridge players, open to all, 10 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, February 26

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

Great Decisions Foreign Policy lecture series: Islamic Awakening with Hussein Ibhaz; 10:30 a.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Call 610-867-4669 for information.

MEETING BOARD

Thursday, February 20

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

Bethlehem City Redevelopment, 4 p.m., 10 E. Church St.

Monday, February 24

HCC, 7 p.m. (change of date for this month), Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Northampton County Gaming and Economic Redevelopment, 5:30 p.m. Third floor, Room 3116, Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

BASD Regular Board, 7 p.m., East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

Tuesday, February 25

Mayor's South Side Task Force, 4 p.m. Forte Bldg. 1337 E. Fifth St.

Hanover Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.
Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wednesday, February 26

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

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

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

ANOTHER VIEW



COMMENTARY BY ED COURRIER

BB ordinance full of holes, says resident

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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

Under Pennsylvania state law, no local municipality has any authority to enact ordinances that limit the right to own, transport or carry a firearm. But most local governments, including Hanover Township, have ordinances concerning the "discharge" of firearms. Hanover's discharge ordinance may originally extend back to the '70s, according to Township Manager Jay Finnigan. For the last two years, even BB guns are included. But resident Scott Hess told supervisors at their Feb. 11 meeting that the local ordinance is too restrictive.

Hess told supervisors that he should be able to teach his son how to shoot a BB gun while in his back yard. He also complained about the \$1,000 fine.

"If I'm defending my

home under the castle doctrine, could I be fined \$1,000?" he asked.

Hess also accused township officials of turning the municipal building into a fortress, complaining about bulletproof glass that separates township staff from the public.

"Unfortunately, in today's society, there are lunatics out there," responded Finnigan. He reminded Hess that, this past summer, a shooting rampage during a Ross Township meeting killed three people.

"You can't live in fear," responded Hess. He told them he'd give them some time to think the matter over.

Washington Township, located in Northampton

County, is currently considering a limitation on the discharge of firearms in residential areas.

In other business, supervisors refused to waive \$1,152 in tax penalties and late fees for business privilege taxes owed by several PennCap properties. Spokesperson Lisa Pektor argued that she never received the notices from Berkheimer Associates.

"It's a one-time deal," she promised. Though Chairman John Diacogiannis was willing to grant a waiver on a one-time basis, supervisors Glenn Walbert, Jack Nagle and Mark Tanczos disagreed. Finnigan explained, after the meeting was over, that the



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Bethlehem Public Library Executive Director Josh Berk not only lends books, he writes them, too.

township has a policy against allowing these waivers.

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Eyes on health: What your eyes can tell doctors

Vision checkups can do more than protect your eyes. By examining the eyes, doctors may have a window into health problems affecting other areas of the body.

Researchers recently discovered a link between detected retinal amyloid plaques and the onset of Alzheimer's disease. While evidence was found in lab mice, autopsies of at least eight Alzheimer's disease patients have also shown amyloid plaques, which are known to interfere with memory and other mental functions, present in the retinas.

Dementia is not the only thing that doctors may be able to detect through an eye exam. Jaundice in the whites of the eyes may indicate liver disease, and early warning signs of diabetes may be detectable in the eyes. The American Academy of Ophthalmology says the eye is the only place where doctors can see veins, arteries and a nerve without surgery, and eye examinations are increasingly being relied on to gauge overall health.

The following are a few additional conditions that may be detected through the eyes.

Allergies- Patients may be referred to an allergy specialist if they exhibit dark under-eye circles. While this can be a sign of aging, dark circles, sometimes referred to as "allergic shiners," also may indicate certain allergies. When clogged sinuses cause a blockage of blood flow in the nasal passages around the eye, darkness may result. This symptom in conjunction with persistent nasal congestion could be a sure sign of allergies.

Cancer- Some cancer metastases can be detected during an eye exam. The presence of a bump or brown spot on the eyelid also may be indicative of skin cancer. Many malignant eyelid tumors are basal-cell carcinoma. If the spot is brown, it's more likely to be malignant melanoma.

Clogged arteries- Blockages in the smaller veins in the retina may indicate clogs caused by arterial plaque. This will show up as a retinal occlusion in a visual exam. If blood vessels in the eyes are blocked, clogged arteries may be present elsewhere in the body, so a cardiology workup may be ordered.

Bell's palsy- The inability to close one eye or to control tear production in that eye may be a sign of Bell's palsy. This is a condition of the nervous system that controls facial muscles, causing temporary paralysis in one side of the face. Sometimes Bell's palsy follows a viral or bacterial infection.

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Summer Hill Scout earns Eagle Award

Bryce Orloski, a member of Boy Scout Troop 651, received his Eagle Scout Award and Bronze Palm Award in a ceremony held recently at the troop's sponsoring institution, St. Paul's U.C.C. Church, Summer Hill, Summit Station.

His Eagle project totaled approximately 67 hours and was completed at the Path of Life Trail in Deer Lake. It consisted of painting aluminum bench frames, replacing the boards on the frames with cedar wood and building a picnic table for the trail.

Bryce was a member of Cub Scout Pack 651 where he earned the Arrow of Light Award, and transferred to Troop 651 in March 2009. He held several leadership positions, including quartermaster and historian. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow by his fellow scouts and completed his Ordeal weekend. He was the recipient of the Award of Merit from Hawk Mountain Council for utilizing the skills he learned through scouting to assist his father in receiving medical attention for a head injury after a fall from a steep slope.

Bryce is the son of Steve and Tammy Orloski, Bethlehem. He is a sophomore at Bethlehem Catholic HS.



Orloski

Area residents inducted at Kutztown

Kutztown University has named Nellie Ortiz of Fountain Hill and Alexandra Racosky of Bethlehem as 2014 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society inductees at a Feb. 13 ceremony in the McFarland Student Union's Alumni Auditorium.

To be eligible, juniors had at least seventy-two credit hours and rank scholastically in the top 7.5 percent of their class. Seniors must rank in the top 10 percent of their class. Graduate students must rank in the upper 10 percent of their class.

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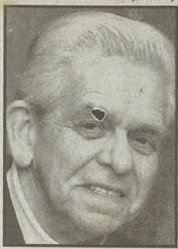
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Supervisors also learned that their road salt shortage crisis may be coming to an end. Public Works Director Vince Milite reported that 125 tons were recently delivered. But his workforce has now been stricken by the flu, though he said they have continued to plow.

As a final matter, Beth-

lehem Area Public Library's new executive director, Josh Berk, introduced himself, thanking the board for their support. In addition to lending books, Berks also writes them. His latest is "Strike three, you're dead," intended for young readers. It can be borrowed at the library.

Stanley A. Gawlik
project engineer



Stanley A. Gawlik, 75, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 22, 2014, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Lucy A. (McCarthy) and Stanley S. Gawlik. He was the husband of Carole (Flemming) Gawlik for 48 years.

He was a graduate of Moravian College. He was in the U.S. Navy. He was a project engineer in the Bethlehem Structural Products Division, Bethlehem Steel Corp., for 33 years. After

retiring, he worked for the Miller Keystone Blood Center for 14 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a brother, Gary Gawlik of Florida; three nephews, Darren Gawlik of Michigan, Richie Gawlik of Florida and Kirk Flemming of Bethlehem; and a niece, Kristin Flemming Swainick of Drexel Hill.

He was predeceased by a nephew, George Myers V. Contributions may be made to the Miller Keystone Blood Center, 1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Mae E. Hartzell

St. Stephen's Church member

Mae E. Hartzell, 89, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 20, 2014. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late William and Mabel (Williamson) Wright. She was the wife of the late William "Bill" R. Hartzell.

She graduated from Allentown HS and Empire Beauty School.

She was a hairdresser and in food service for Bethlehem Area School District, Lehigh University and Moravian College.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She volunteered for Miller Blood Bank and was a member of the Hanover Township Com-

munity Center.

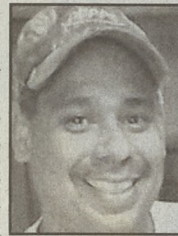
She is survived by a daughter, Patricia and her husband William Nelson; two grandchildren, Brian and his wife Tiffany Nelson and Caitlin and her husband Jonathan Ayre; three great-grandchildren, Brent, Brody and Bennett; a sister, Bernadine Smith of Easton; a niece and nephews.

She was predeceased by three siblings, Pauline, Henry and Joyce.

Contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Senior Living, 602 E. 21st St., Northampton, PA 18067.

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Angel "Papo" Luis Lopez
born in Mayaguez



Angel "Papo" Luis Lopez, 46, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 20, 2014.

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, he was a son of Maria Lydia Ramos and Wilson Ramos.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by five children, Angel Jr. and his wife BobbiJo, Michael Schroettner, Mer-

cedes Lopez, Lishelle Lopez and Cheyanne Lopez; his siblings, Jamie Justiano, Wilson Ramos, Jr., Wilfredo Ramos Sr., David Ramos Sr., Marilyn Justiano and Lydia Kelly and his four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the family, c/o the funeral home, 245 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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Bernadine "Mollie" Quinn

St. Peter's Lutheran Church member

Bernadine "Mollie" Quinn, 91, formerly of Bethlehem, died Jan. 19, 2014, in Woodland Terrace at the Oaks. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Archibald and Ruby (Ballet) Brown. She was the wife of the late Norbert A. Quinn.

She was employed by L. F. Grammes and then by General Electric until retiring in 1984.

She was a member of

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by three cousins, Donald Serfass in South Carolina, Patricia Frey of Lower Nazareth Township and Barbara DeLong of Bethlehem.

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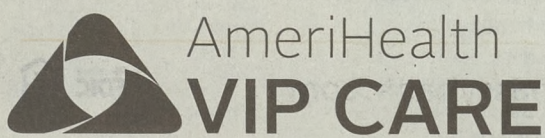
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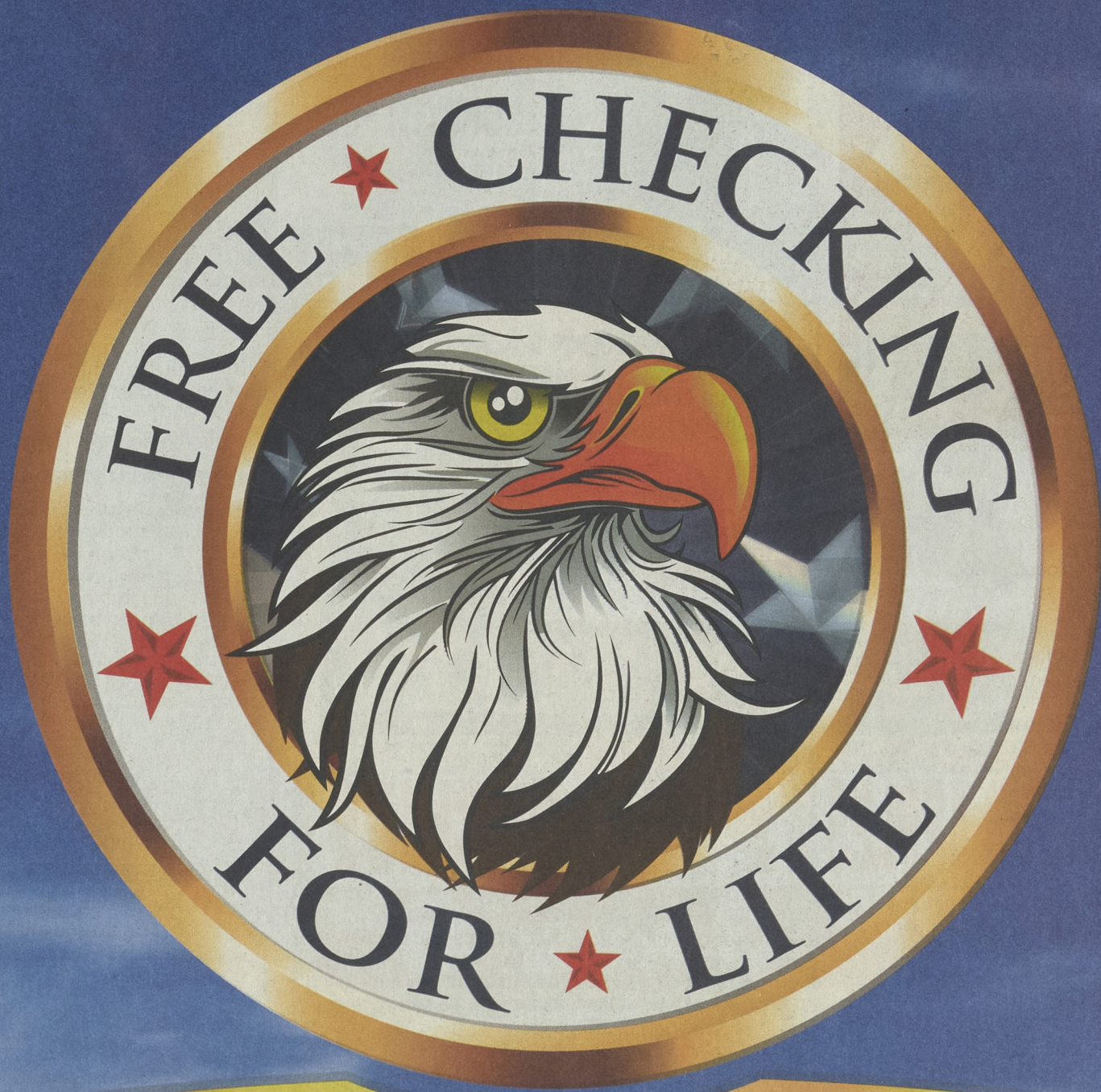


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Drunkenness

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"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22). Scientists say each snowflake is unique! Wow—think of the billions of snowflakes—that's a lot of uniqueness! Think of the billions of people on the earth—yet no two are exactly alike—all are created uniquely different from each other.
Scientists have also discovered that every snowflake has a tiny piece of dust at its core. Yes, even though every snowflake appears to be perfectly white and clean, it really has a "dirty heart." This is also true of each person in the world, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But God has provided cleansing for that inner sin through the blood and sacrifice of His only Son Jesus Christ on the cross. When the blood of Christ is applied to the heart of an unbeliever through faith, it cleanses him "from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Not a speck of defilement remains, for **God removes every stain of sin** and washes him even whiter than snow. King David recognized this as he prayed "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7).
Think of it—your sins can be totally cleansed by the mercy of God Who gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. He shed His blood to cleanse us of our sins—freely and instantaneously—what a deal! Respond to God's offer, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

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WRESTLING Freedom hurting, LHS looks to strive

By PETER CAR
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Injuries may have downgraded Freedom's goals for the individual postseason, but it won't change the mindset of the team as they head into the District 11 3A tournament. The same can't be said for Liberty, as it gears up for a hopeful weekend at home, as the tournament is back at Memorial Gymnasium for a frenzy of wrestling on Friday and Saturday.

Freedom head coach Brandon Hall just wishes the frenzy about his team would be a bit more chipper, since the Patriots are missing several wrestlers in their lineup due to injury, including Jake Young, who is the Pates only returning state qualifier from a year ago.

"The goals for the team have obviously changed over the last month with the injuries we've had to deal with," Hall said. "Not having three or four guys is tough, but it's not going to change our mentality. The message stays the same and we expect all of our guys to go out and compete."

Sophomore Dylan Brown (106) and junior John Callahan (182) headline Freedom's chances for advancing to regionals.

They're also the Pates most realistic shots at getting to Hershey, as they both bring 26-3 and 23-6 respective marks to the table.

Brown and Callahan each took fourth at districts last year and should fare better this weekend. Hall hopes that teammates Cole DiGuseppe (145), Jonah Zych (120), Willy Byrnes (138) and Josh Newhart (HWT) can battle for regionals as well.

On the other side of town, Liberty looks to make some noise and are likely to battle for a top five finish. Senior 220-pounder Jake Gunning looks for redemption, as he lost in last year's 220-pound finals to Freedom's Evan Kauffman by a 5-4 decision to spare him of his first district gold.

He will be the primary target for Hurricane glory Saturday night, but he'll have a host of teammates ready to follow his lead.

Freshmen Luke Werner (106) and K.J. Fenstermacher (113) should find themselves battling for first, as Fenstermacher is a lead candidate to grab district gold as well.

Joe Curzi (120), John Ritter (126), Noah Klingborg (170), Orlando Miller (195) and Andrew Gunning (HWT) cap off the list of other wrestlers that should certainly push their way through to regionals for the Hurricanes.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ROB MERCHANT

The Hawks won the LVC title after falling short last year in a game against Parkland.

Hawks win LVC title

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team was crowned Lehigh Valley Conference champions on Saturday after defeating Central Catholic 65-33 at Freedom High School.

If girls basketball fans were expecting a repeat of the Hawks and the Vikettes earlier-season, double-overtime game in which Becahi came out on top, nothing could have been further from that contest.

Led by Becahi guards Janelle Robinson and Maggie Melhem, who scored 20 points apiece, the Hawks took an early 24-8 lead after the first quarter.

"We knew Central has a good team. They do their offense and run their plays to tire you down. It's the first time we didn't have a game where little mistakes could cost us the game," Robinson said.

The Hawks held the Vikettes to only eight points again in the

second quarter, going into the locker room ahead 38-16.

"Our weakness is getting beat on cuts to the basket, so we worked on how to get through screens the right way," said Robinson.

Becahi's Kalista Walters scored 14 points, Danielle Griffin added eight points, Tessa Zamolyi had two points, and Jordynn Jones had one.

The Vikettes were held to just five points in the fourth quarter. Despite eventually becoming district champs last season, the Hawks were knocked out of the LVC tournament in the semifinals against Parkland.

Regarding Becahi's championship, Robinson said, "It feels great. You don't know how long we've been waiting for this."

Bethlehem Catholic's road to a second district championship in two years will begin on Feb. 22, when the top-seeded Hawks will face Palisades or Saucon Valley at 2:30 p.m. at Catasauqua High School.



Jordynn Jones and Nia Mims take a bite of their LVC gold medals after last weekend's victory over Central in the finals.



Margaret Melhem fights for the ball during the LVC finals vs. Central



Danielle Griffin and Becahi next look to defend their District 11 3A title.



Kalista Walters and the Hawks first got past Nazareth in the LVC playoffs.

DISTRICT 11 3A BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Becahi looks for unity vs. SHS

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's route to the district tournament may have been bumpy, but it's been worthwhile, as the Hawks prepare for the District 11 3A tournament this week.

Becahi (11-12) enters as the fifth-seed and take on fourth-seeded Salisbury (15-8) at Allen Friday night at 6 p.m.

It'll be a contest head coach Mike Frew will be looking forward to, following the Hawks latest performance coming against Central Catholic in the Lehigh Valley Conference semifinals that resulted in an abysmal 56-37 defeat.

With that contest behind them, taking lessons away from the Central game and applying them to the district tour-

namment is what Frew hopes can spell into a second straight run at a state tournament berth.

"We're glad to be back in districts and our focus is to try and move on to the next round," said Frew. "We have a lot of respect for what Salisbury has and we know that they're going to be motivated to beat us."

Becahi reached the district finals last year, only

to fall to Central Catholic by an 87-61 margin.

The defeat still earned them a spot to the PIAA tournament, as the district sends three teams to states.

Earning a way back this season will be more difficult, since Friday's winner will most likely meet the top-seeded Vikings (24-0) in next Tuesday's semifinals.

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BY ROB MERCHANT
Jamal Aziz, left, and the Hawks will now play in the District 11 playoffs.

Wrestling: Hawks aim to impress at districts

By PETER CAR
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With the District 11 wrestling tournaments kicking off this weekend, Bethlehem Catholic is getting back to focusing on what really matters during the season and that's results.

The Golden Hawks are the clear cut favorites to run away with the team title this weekend and will look to medal in all 14 weight classes when things wrap up Saturday evening at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

Becahi advanced 12 wrestlers to last year's Southeast Regional Tournament, crowned seven champions and won the team title. Head coach Jeff Karam hopes his program can equate, if not,

surpass those results when 2A wrestling starts at Freedom High School on Friday, before shifting the medal rounds to Liberty Saturday afternoon.

"Every team wants to get as many guys through to regionals," Karam said. "I think we have a really good chance to get all 14 guys through and that's what we're shooting for."

The Hawks return four district champions from last year, as Luke Karam (113), Zeke Moisey (126), Jose Ortiz (182) and Andrew Dunn (220) look to duplicate their gold medal status this year.

Nick Cortopassi (170) reached last year's finals but fell short. He's the leading candidate in his weight class to

walk away with gold this time around and some of his teammates hope they can join the aforementioned group atop the podium.

Jake Riegel (106), Joey Gould (120), Stephen Maloney (132) and Mike Labriola (138) are likely candidates to land in the finals to give the Hawks a healthy amount of participants on Saturday's main stage.

Moisey will also look to join Becahi history in becoming the second Hawk in school history to win four district titles. Duane Peoples accomplished that feat in the 80's and Moisey is likely to join him in the record books this weekend.

"That's going to be a special accom-

plishment for Zeke if he's able to do it," Karam said. "We've had a lot of great wrestlers at Becahi over the years and to be able to achieve that would be extraordinary."

With the Hawks postseason now in full throttle for individual success, Karam knows that this weekend is the springboard for many of his wrestlers.

"It's all about the individual right now and we're really focusing on technique," he said. "This is why we go out and wrestle in the best individual tournaments throughout the season. This is what we prepare for. Everything we've accomplished so far has been status quo, but we still have a lot more we want to achieve."



ROB MERCHANT

Liberty's Jaevan Dobbins has emerged as an inside presence which has helped the Hurricanes get to the playoffs.

'Canes keep streak, take on Whitehall

By PETER CAR
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It's been a trying season for Liberty's basketball team, but the Hurricanes (11-11) keep their nine-year district playoff streak going, as they kick off the action tonight at Whitehall in an eight-nine matchup on the Zephyrs court.

The Hurricanes lost 57-53 to the Zephyrs (13-9) back on January 4 and will be without the services of KJ Williams, who has been dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons.

Williams was the 'Canes second-leading scorer on the team, averaging 14.9 points a game, as well as being the most prolific backcourt threat Liberty had to offer.

He scored 13 and 16 points respectively for the Hurricanes against Freedom and Pocono Mountain West, before not playing in the team's 49-45

regular season finale win over Phoenixville last week.

The victory clinched a playoff berth for Liberty, who will now look to their interior game with forwards DeShawn Oyeniyi and the emerging Jaevan Dobbins, to lead them into the postseason.

"We've definitely had our share of luck getting into districts by getting the Phoenixville game in," said head coach Chad Landis, who had to cancel a game with Spring-Ford three times because of weather related issues before getting Phoenixville late in the season to agree to a game. "Now, we need to find a way to beat Whitehall, because we struggled with their matchup zone last time we saw them and we missed a lot of shots around the rim."

Landis said there are similarities between both programs, as both teams started the season well, but tailed off toward the

end of the year.

Without Williams in the backcourt, the focal point will now be on Liberty's inside game, which has proved to be dynamic as of late.

Oyeniyi is the team's leading scorer at 17.4 per contest, while Dobbins has scored over 20 points in two of the last three games.

He had a career-high 10 field goals in a 20-point effort over Phoenixville to give Liberty a difficult matchup for any opposing team in the 4A bracket inside.

How the 'Canes fare with their guard play is now the real question.

"We're going to need a group effort in the backcourt now," Landis said. "We'll be looking to Iziah Avent, Ludwin Gonzalez and Deron Seaman to get minutes and play better for us. We're going to need something from them if we want to move forward."

Sanchez and Austin Uhl spearhead the Falcons attack.

Aungst averages 13.7 points a game and may be the Falcons best overall player. Sanchez is a slashing guard that averages a shade over 13 points a game and is someone that Frew hopes to neutralize with his guard rotation. Uhl is the meat of Salisbury's inside game, averaging 10 points a contest and bringing the only real height the Falcons have, as he's listed at 6-foot-3.

Frew knows that the quality of competition the Hawks have faced over

the calendar should help them as well, but playing together as a team, which was lacking in their LVC playoff contest, is a must for the Hawks if they want any chance to win.

"We scheduled teams like Abington Heights and two Philadelphia Catholic league teams because we wanted to better prepare ourselves for the postseason," said Frew. "We feel confident in that respect, but we need all five guys to be on the same page. I think we learned that from our last game and hopefully we do that on Friday night."

Boys

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But Frew knows that he can't think about the future, but only about what Salisbury brings to the table, as the Falcons have a rich tradition of being a potent team in the district tournament.

"They really capitalize on your mistakes," said Frew. "They have a couple all-league players on their team and they have a tough mentality. We need to play together if we want to win."

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EB - Carol Voortman 7-14, Vic Pachioni 6-13.		
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2/10/2014
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2) Bryan Himmelwright 5-11, including the cycle, and Jerry Royer 5-10 for Holy Cross.
3) Jim Rivera 6-9 for College Hill.
4) Blair Weller 8-15 & Herb Gates 9-13 for Fritz-Wesleyan.
5) Gary Mosser 7-14, Dale Wesner 7-13 & Dale Mack 7-13 for Holy Trinity.
6) Bill Christman 4-10 (3 RBIs in Game 1) for St. Matthew's.
7) Steve Kuhns 5-11 for East Hills.
8) Kim McFadden hit for the cycle, Kirk McFadden 6-13 (also with a cycle), Tony DeAngelis, Jr. 6-12 (also with a cycle) & Sara McFadden also hit for the cycle for St. Peter's.
9) Stan Czeck 5-14 & Ann Heitzler 6-14 for First UCC.
10) Larry Roth 7-14, Bruce Laudenslager 6-11 & Dylan Falco 6-12 for Trinity UCC.
11) Barry Miller 7-14, Steve Kish 6-12 (including the cycle) & Jim Buccin 4-8 for West Side-Edgeboro.
12) Bill Jacoby 4-10 (including the cycle), Brian Campbell 5-10, Jane Fisher 6-12 & Brian Campbell 5-10 for Christ UCC.

SWIMMING

Pate boys edge LHS

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Having the weight of a swim meet on one's shoulders is not a coveted feeling, but when the end result is a 92.5-90.5 Freedom boys victory over the Liberty Hurricanes, chances are, it was worth it, if you are a Patriot.

The final meet of the regular season began with a Freedom victory in the 200 medley relay when Peter Conzola, Trevor Watlington, Connor Harrigan, and Sam Magnan narrowly took first place with a time of 1:42.80. Liberty's Sean Vannata, Nolan Vannata, Reid Rossi, and Jacob Jones placed second with a time of 1:43.11.

"I think the first event set the tone for the meet. Our coach put a good lineup together," FHS junior Trevor Watlington said.

In the next event, Magnan, Shjon Watlington, and Tyler Higgins had a one-two-three finish in the 200 free. Magnan's time was 1:45.14.

"That gave us a kind of cushion that helped us," said Trevor Watlington.

Harrigan won the 200 IM with a time of 2:05.14, and John McGinty won the diving event with 188.70 points.

The tide was only beginning to turn, however, when the Hurricanes had a one-two-three finish of their own in the 50 free. Evan Smith placed first with a time of 22.64, Jones came in second, and Brandon Hlavaty was third.

"Every place mattered, and they were a confident team," Trevor Watlington said.

Conzola won the 100 butterfly with a time of 53.09, but Rossi and Sean Vannata placed second and third, respectively, and even though Magnan won the 100 free with a time of 48.82, Jones, Smith, and Brandon Merkert were right behind, scoring more points for the Hurricanes.

Harrigan took first place in the 500 free with a time of 4:55.97, and Freedom's Higgins and Liberty's Rossi tied for second.

Perhaps the most damage was done to the Patriots in the 200 free relay. Merkert, Nolan Vannata, Hlavaty, and Smith placed first with a time of 1:33.76, and teammates, Juwan Foster, Brice Kessler, Jared Messics, and John Buttillo placed second, scoring 12 points in one event for Liberty.

Trevor Watlington said, "That set us back pretty far. Our coach said that we didn't have much chance to win if they got first and second."

Nearing the end of the meet, Conzola won the 100 backstroke with a time of 55.61, scoring six points for the Patriots, but Liberty's Alexis Calderon and teammate, Aaron Dolgos, placed second and third, respectively, scoring a total of seven points between them.

With two events left, Trevor Watlington prepared for the 100 breaststroke.

"I was kind of into my

own world. After the buzzer went off, I was just trying to have a fast tempo and make sure I was putting a lot into my kick. Really, [Nolan Vannata] was ahead of me after the first lap. I passed him on the third lap, and he caught me on the last lap. I just kept pushing to the end. After I finished, I looked up at the board and heard my teammates cheering and realized we could win the meet," he said.

Trevor Watlington's time was 1:07.03, and Nolan Vannata's was 1:07.09.

Although Vannata was second, Freedom's Brandon Burnette was third, giving the Patriots a total of nine points between Watlington and him.

"The best feeling was that if I didn't win, the team probably wouldn't win and that made me feel great," said Trevor Watlington.

Now, with the 400 free relay approaching, four more Patriots would have the weight of this swim meet on their shoulders.

"If it didn't win, we probably would have lost the meet," Trevor Watlington said.

So, in the last event of the friendliest rivalry contest in town, Conzola, Shjon Watlington, Harrigan, and Magnan combined for first place with a time of 3:19.68, scoring eight points for the Patriots and defeating the Hurricanes.

"It's a great feeling as always," said Trevor Watlington.

Liberty girls top Freedom

By KATIE MCDONALD
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In the final regular season swim meet of the year, Liberty's girls defeated Freedom, 112-74.

Hurricane sophomore, Jocelyn Baker, said, "We always know Freedom has lots of fast swimmers on both sides, so we know it's a meet where we can get in the pool and get some best times."

Baker was one of those swimmers who got her best time in the 200 free, placing first with a time of 1:58.94. Freedom junior, Shannon Howell, was second with a time of 1:59.34.

"I've raced Shannon a few times before, and she's always been straight out. I tried my hardest and had to be aware how hard I know I can push myself. I was stuck at two minutes for a long time. This was the best time I ever

had," said Baker.

Several events later, Howell took first place in the 500 free with a time of 5:16.93 and Baker was second with a time of 5:25.76.

"I'm not too disappointed with it. It was one of those races I went out really fast, and it kind of hit me in the first half," Baker said.

The Hurricane girls opened the meet with a victory in the 200 medley relay when Rachel Rider, Julia McCarthy, Emily Cecchini, and Kayla Drago combined for a first place finish with a time of 1:54.82.

McCarthy then won the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.42 and the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:10.78.

Rider also won an individual event, the 100 butterfly, with a time of 1:03.31.

Liberty senior, Rachel Steiner, took first place in diving with 202.95 points.

Baker said, "We have depth, so that's what it comes down to."

Individual event winners for the Patriots were Helen Hsu in the 50 free with a time of 24.25, and Drago was right behind with a time of 25.08, and DelFranco in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:01.27 with Rider right behind with a time of 1:02.86. Hsu also won the 100 free with a time of 52.22.

Freedom's girls also won two relays.

Howell, Rachael Giles, DelFranco, and Hsu placed first in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:43.10, and Howell, Raleigh Ellis, DelFranco, and Hsu took first place in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:43.93.

DIVING

Steiner fourth at LVC diving

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty senior, Rachel Steiner, took fourth place at the LVC Diving Championships on Feb. 8 at Parkland High School.

"I was feeling pretty good. I usually do pretty good at Parkland. It's one of my favorite pools to dive in," Steiner said.

Central Catholic's Nicole Sagl won the 11-dive meet, followed by Easton's Kelsey Jehl, and Emmaus's Anna Overholts.

"Nicole Sagl from Central is amazing. She

always does very well. Anna Overholts, from Emmaus, for most of the meet I was ahead of her, but I didn't do well on my last three dives. Kelsey from Easton is amazing too," said Steiner.

Steiner's best dives of the day were her front dive straight, front one-and-a-half, and front dive full twist.

Steiner's front dive straight has become a dive the Hurricane senior can rely on.

"It's always a good dive. I had a really good hurdle. It's always been easy, and I'm taller so I get a lot of height," she said.

Steiner also had a nice hurdle on her front one-

and-a-half.

"I can do a nice, tight pike for that, and the judges like when you finish the dive higher, so you drop farther into the water," said Steiner.

One of Steiner's last dives was a back one full twist, a brand new dive for the Liberty senior.

"I messed up my hurdle, and so I didn't get the height I wanted, but I've been practicing it [since the LVC meet], and it's going better," she said.

The District 11 diving meet is scheduled for Feb. 22 at Emmaus High School.

"Third place would be nice," said Steiner.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Lehigh Valley Chapter is holding the Football Scholar Athlete Banquet on Sunday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. at

the Northampton Community Center.

The main speaker this year is Lehigh coach Andy Coen. Ticket price is \$30. Contact Herb Barral at 484-515-6530 by Feb. 13.

Look for bios and photos of local nominees in an upcoming issue.

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**DBA
Stations Cafe
wins contests**

The Downtown Bethlehem Association has announced the winners of several contests held over the past four months. For the October Harvest Festival, the seasonal soup creations winner was the White Chicken Chili from Stations Cafe, Main Street Commons, 563 Main St. The cafe also won both the Holiday Cocktail (apple pomegranate spritzer) and Chocolate Trail Chocolate Treat (Choc-O-Chewy) competitions. The winning creations will be available for purchase during the weekend of Feb. 22 and 23.

**LIBERTY HS
Theatre soiree
set for Feb. 21**

Friends of Liberty Theatre will hold the sixth annual soiree from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the grand foyer and auditorium of Liberty HS, 1115 Linden St. The 60s themed event will include a cabaret with current and past LHS theatre student, catered food and mocktails and a basket raffle. Tickets will be available at the door. Visit <http://friendsoflibertytheatre.org> or call 484-619-3658.

**GOV. WOLF
Antiques show
set for March 1, 2**

Governor Wolf Historical Society's sixth annual Antique Show, partnered with the Heart of the Valley Antique Show, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 1 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2. There will be 35-plus exhibitors in the Ralston McKeen House, Gov. Wolf Academy and Monocacy School buildings, Historical Society Park, 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath. The event features historic home settings, hearth cooking and sampling, demonstrations of hearth cooking and refreshments. There will be lectures on March 2. Food will be provided by the Daily Grind. All proceeds benefit the society's preservation of its buildings. For information, call 610-837-9015 or visit www.govwolf.org.

**BAPL
Seuss programs
offered March 4**

The Bethlehem Area Public Library will hold a Dr. Seuss family fun night at 6:30 p.m. March 4 at the main library, 11 W. Church St. There will be a Read Across America event, games, crafts, music and Dr. Seuss' books readings. Members of the Library's Teen Advisory Board will host the free one-hour program for preschool and school age children, ages three and older. No registration is required; must show a BAPL card with the blue Access PA sticker; open to residents of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Fountain Hill, and Hanover Township (Northampton Co.). Call 610-867-3761, ext. 259 or visit www.bapl.org.

**BECAHI
Annual auction
set for March 22**

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



The Boutique at the Rink executive committee meets recently to plan for the 2014 event.

PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Planning begins for May event

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Preparations are under way for the 2014 Boutique at the Rink, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary of raising funding for cancer support programming in the Lehigh Valley. To date the Boutique has raised more than \$2.3 million, including \$207,000 from last year's event.

The annual event is held at the Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink,

345 Illick's Mill Road. Clean, new and gently used vintage and fine men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories, shoes, lingerie, jewelry, toys, housewares, antiques, collectibles, tools and sporting goods will be collected beginning April 30 through May 17. Collection hours on Mondays and Wednesdays will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Sale days will run from May 27 through May 31 with premier night on May 27 (a \$10 donation gains entry); full-price day on May 28; half-price day May 29 and 30; and bag day on May 31. Volunteers may sign up by visiting www.boutiqueattherink.com or by contacting the Cancer Support Community at 610-861-7555. A volunteer meeting will be held April 2 at United Wesley Methodist

Church, 2540 Center Street at 2:30 or 6:30 p.m. Business or individual cash donations are appreciated and are payable to Boutique at the Rink, PO Box 1231, Bethlehem, PA 18016. Proceeds are donated to the Cancer Support Community and St. Luke's Hospice and Cancer Center. Co-chairs for the 2014 Boutique at the Rink are Jan Connell, Maureen Cort, Karen Hein and Sharon Kunsman.

Residents want utility work notice

By LEO ATKINSON
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill Borough Council managed to meet Feb. 4 after being canceled the night before for the snowstorm, and before the icy rain later that evening.

Connie Skelly Potts, resident of Graham Street and member of the Zoning Hearing Board, came to the meeting to complain about PPL's extensive tree trimming and telephone pole replacement along her street. She said PPL workers had been doing work since "the second week of January" but that she and her neighbors had "not a letter, no notice at all that this was going on."

Council President Larry Rapp told Potts the borough had not been notified, but that he would get a meeting with PPL so residents could be informed of their plans. Councilperson Fred Capuano responded that the utilities often do maintenance without notifying the borough and speculated that PPL was improving its infrastructure to prevent the frequent power outages borough residents experience in inclement weather.

Suzanne Poroszalai, of the Fountain Hill Shade Tree Commission, said the trimming had made Graham Street "a mess"



FOUNTAIN HILL

Boy Scout Jonathan Miller (left), member of Bethlehem's Troop 318, came to the Feb. 4 council meeting taking notes and talked to Council President Larry Rapp.

PRESS PHOTO BY LEO ATKINSON

and that trees and branches are lying all over the place. Potts agreed, saying, "We are all taxpaying citizens; we just want to be informed." In an effort to keep borough residents informed, the Fountain Hill Police Department is administering a new system that will send emails and text messages about crime trends, recent events, snow emergencies, road closures and school closings, according to a flier distributed at the meeting.

Executive Administra-

tor Rick Prill said the program is completely free of charge and people only need to provide their information on a website. Councilperson Carolee Gifford recommended putting a link on the borough website and Mayor Jose Rosado said the council should look into including information in water and sewer bills.

Borough residents can register online at www.nixie.com and can call the police department at 610-437-5252 or email Investigator Justino Arroyo at jarroyo@fhpolice.org.

Representatives from the Bacchanalia Committee and St. Luke's Hospital who were scheduled to make presentations to council were deterred by the frigid night, but Boy Scout Jonathan Miller came to observe the meeting to fulfill a requirement for his Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Miller, a First Class Scout, characterized the meeting as "peaceful," saying he found the meeting interesting and plans to attend another meeting soon.

Councilperson Douglas Trotter, chair of the Finance Committee, congratulated the Fountain Hill's department heads and accountant for coming in \$280,000, a full 13 percent, under the 2013 budget. Trotter said, "We managed our budgets well, which in these times is not easy to do," and that he hoped to continue the fiscal responsibility in the current year.

The Delaware Avenue Reconstruction Project came in \$55,260 under budget according to Rapp. Gifford was happy to make the motion for Resolution 2014-14 revising the final payment for highway materials to reflect the savings. It passed with no opposition.

BRIEFLY

**SALVATION ARMY
Local tax filing
help offered**

The Salvation Army, Bethlehem, will host trained AARP tax aid volunteers to provide tax filing assistance from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday through Friday beginning Feb. 3 through April 14 with the exception of Feb. 17.

Recipients of the service do not have to be senior citizens or AARP members. Bring all wage, pension income, 1098 expenses, interest, dividends, records of medical expenses, charitable contributions and last year's tax return. Cannot process returns that include K-1 sales or self-employment with expenses greater than \$10,000. No appointment is required.

**LEPOCO
Annual dinner
set for March 29**

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

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

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

**AMBASSADORS
Student program
meeting Feb. 22**

The People to People Student Ambassador Program will hold a preview of the 2015 educational summer travel and learning opportunities from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 22 in Moyer Hall, Muhlenberg College, Allentown. Students currently in grades four through 11 and their parents are invited to attend.

For information, visit www.peopletopeople.com or call 717-632-7687.

**ST. JOSEPH R.C.
100th anniversary
set for March 22**

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

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

COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College

Ethics course begin Feb. 22
There will be a continuing education course, "Ethics for Massage and Bodywork Professionals," from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Fowler Family Southside Center. To register, visit www.northampton.edu/lifelearn.
Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit www.northampton.edu.

Moravian College

FAFSA day Feb. 22
Moravian College is hosting a FAFSA Completion Day from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 22. The Financial Aid staff is available to help prospective and current students prepare and file 2014-15 Free Application for Federal Student Aid - FAFSA. Registration is required. A continental breakfast and college tours will be provided. For more information, visit <http://home.moravian.edu/public/admiss/FAFSATuesday/>.

Black History dinner Feb. 25
Moravian College will celebrate Black History Month with lunchtime presentations, talks and a dinner. Author and activist Tim Wise, author of "White Like Me," will speak at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in Foy Hall. Moravian College English Professor Nicole Tabor will analyze Lorraine Hansberry's novel "A Raisin in the Sun." Feb. 18. Students and faculty members will attend "A Raisin in the Sun," starring Denzel Washington on Broadway during March.

The college will hold a "Sunday Soul Food Dinner" with music, food and fellowship in the Seminary's Bahnsen Center on Feb. 23. Visit the website or call for information.

Moravian College's main campus is located at 1200 Main St. and the Hurd Campus is located at Church and Main Sts. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Miller Heights: Allison's Corner books dedicated
A collection of books has been donated to the Miller Heights ES Library's "Allison's Corner" section in memory of Allison Perno, a former student. The collection, which spans a variety of age levels and many different genres, was founded thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perno. A dedication was held in the library on Jan. 29.

Miller Heights: Related Arts Olympiad
More than 200 Miller Heights students and parents attended an evening of fun and learning, designed to showcase music, art, academic integration and library around the theme of the Olympics, presented by teachers Jayne Preletz, Sue Conrad, Sharlyn Hazekamp, Laurie Werkheiser and Gloria Bellas. The teachers were awarded a Crayola grant to help supplement the purchase of their supplies for the evening.

Spring Garden: needs your vote
Spring Garden ES is participating in the Jan Brett contest. The students are too young to enter for themselves; you could help them win the opportunity to meet author/illustrator Jan Brett. Visit www.janbrett.com/contests.htm and enter Spring Garden ES, 901 North Blvd., Bethlehem PA 18017. One vote per person allowed.

BASD: Off days converted to regular school days
Bethlehem Area School District has exceeded the amount of snow days built into the school district's calendar. Schools will be in session April 17 and 20 and June 6.

Freedom Club Fundraiser ends Feb. 28
Sicily Pizza, 4460 Easton Ave., is sponsoring the Freedom HS Patriot Swimming and Diving team fundraiser. Mention sponsoring the team when ordering through Feb. 28 will generate a 15 percent donation to the FHS team.

Booster Club: Raffle tickets offered
FHS Baseball Booster Club is selling raffle tickets to win a brand new PlayStation 4 game set. All proceeds benefit the Freedom HS baseball team and will go into field improvements for the 2014 season. The winner will be picked on the opening varsity day, March 22; winner need not be present to win. For tickets or info email ryantphealy@gmail.com or hnthealy@aol.com or call 610-882-2253. We will deliver your tickets!

Liberty: FBLA support Feb. 24
Support LHS Future Business Leaders of America by eating at Wendy's, 306 Broadway, from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 24. Proceeds help defray expenses for State Leadership Conference in Hershey. Email askelly@beth.k12.pa.us for more information.

The awards ceremony will be held at Villanova University in April.

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

Casey seeks 'Silver Alert'

Fed. teamwork will help missing seniors

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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U.S. Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) visited the Southside to announce his support for a bill that would institute an Amber Alert-like system for missing senior citizens.

Speaking to media and a small audience of local residents at the Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley on East Fourth Street Feb. 10, Casey said the program will simplify multijurisdictional searches for seniors, especially those suffering from forms of dementia.

Casey said according to the Alzheimer's Association, six in 10 individuals with dementia will wander at some point, and quickly coordinating their safe return is no more than they deserve. "A Silver Alert system would bring federal coordination to state and local efforts to track down missing seniors," He explained the system



Sen. Bob Casey and host Lorna Velazquez, director of the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley.



Pa. AARP President James Palmquist says he favors seniors living at home whenever possible.

would help end current complexities, such as coordination of authorities, especially if the missing persons cross county or state lines.

Casey's office did not respond to requests for additional information by deadline.

2-mill tax increase questioned

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Borough council's Feb. 4 meeting was quick and mostly saw to practical monthly matters such as bill payment and committee reports.

However, former council member Francine Korpics-Heft questioned what she implied was sudden notification of the 2-mill tax increase.

Manager Judith Danko reiterated what was said when council adopted the increase last month, that a \$500,000 loan for a matching grant to repair the roof, plumbing and electrical systems of borough

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"It's not something we wanted to do."

BUD LORRAH
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

hall, the expiring of a grant to pay a police officer and an estimated \$20,000 to repair a broken streets department pay loader necessitate the increase.

President Homer "Bud" Lorrach added, "It's not something we wanted to do."

Meanwhile, Police Officer Jonathan Itterly was recommended for release from his first year proba-

tionary period. Chief Todd Pantuso said thanks to his skills and work with the local drug task force, Itterly is now a regular member of the department, able to participate in collective bargaining and other union affairs.

Mayor Gerald Yob also read a letter from a citizen commending a Freemansburgh officer for his respect, kindness and professionalism during a

recent traffic stop. "We don't get many of these," Yob said.

Finally Council member Jim Smith - mere hours before yet another snowstorm blew through - reminded the community of regionally dwindling resources for combating the weather. He asks residents to be patient with road crews when shoveling their own sidewalks and driveways. "We're doing the best we can with the snow," he said.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 4 at borough hall, 600 Monroe St.

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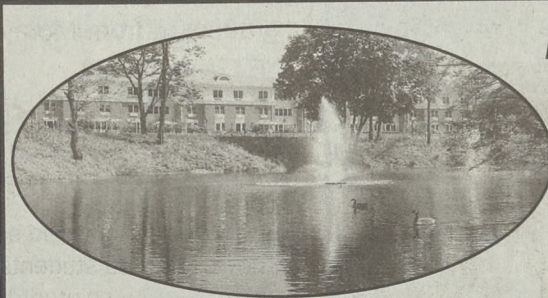
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Andie Burns

Moravian Academy

Grade: 12

Family members: I live with my mother, Carol, and my older brother Chris. My dad Mark and two older brothers, Tony and Geoff, all live in the Midwest.

Favorite subject: As a theater person, I gravitate toward the humanities (English, history, film, theater) because of all the fascinating stories and characters.

Activities: Many of my activities, inside and outside school, relate to theater – I participate in all productions, vocal music groups, tech crew, and I also take voice and dance lessons. I'm also a member of a student ambassador and freshmen mentor program.

Next steps: No surprise – I plan on majoring in theater in college, with a possible minor in theater arts management.

Career goals: Honestly, I'd simply like to be involved in theater any way possible.

Heroes: Last summer I got to work with Jessica Fisch, a graduate student and director at Northwestern University. She instantly became one of my heroes because of her energy, dedication and overall brilliance.

Hobbies: In my spare time I love Zumba, dancing, making short films, baking and spending time with friends.

Current job(s): I'm a student worker at Moravian and I also babysit.

Volunteer/community work: I really enjoy spending time at the Boys and Girls Club, as well as working with the theater and sports pro-



grams at Moravian Academy and the Swain School, which I attended from third to eighth grade.

Likes: Big musical production numbers, YouTube, cupcakes, fall, field hockey and thrift store shopping

Dislikes: I'm really not a fan of people who don't take things seriously and ruin experiences for others.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): I had a very exciting six months starting last spring. Our cast won Best Overall Production by a Smaller School at the Freddy Awards, where I also got to perform in the opening and closing numbers. A couple weeks later I received the Underclassmen Award for Drama at Moravian. Then I was accepted into Northwestern University's National HS Institute for Theatre Arts, where I spent five intense weeks in theater classes and productions.

Advice for peers: Live in the moment and take all opportunities.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTO AMY HERZOG

Liberty Principal Harrison Bailey, center left, and Freedom Principal Michael LaPorta, center right, accept a donation of \$30,000 from Dun & Bradstreet Credibility.

Donation boosts STEM program

By AMY HERZOG
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Area School District is celebrating the donation of \$30,000 by Dun & Bradstreet Credibility to kick off the new curriculum, Project Lead the Way.

On Jan. 31, BASD officials, students, teachers and Congressman Charlie Dent gathered at Liberty HS for a presentation of the check to the district. The money is being used to help implement the new curriculum called Project Lead the Way in the district's two high schools next school year. The check was presented to high school principals Harrison Bailey and Michael LaPorta.

Project Lead the Way curriculum focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs, providing an introduction to engineering and medical fields for students thinking of pursuing these fields as college majors. The program allows students to decide if these fields are right for them prior to entering college, as well as preparing them to continue their study of these fields in college.

"As we move ahead with Project Lead the Way, we were excited that Dun & Bradstreet Credibility came into the picture," said BASD Superintendent



Congressman Charlie Dent talks with Bethlehem Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy, center, and Superintendent of Curriculum Dr. Jack Silva.



Congressman Charlie Dent views projects presented by students in Liberty's engineering club.

Dr. Joseph Roy. "We are happy to be surprised with the donation."

Dun & Bradstreet is looking to establish a relationship with the district and hopes to work with BASD on other programs down the road.

"Our company is thrilled to do this because we are huge believers in business and community working together to advance our kids," said Don Berkman of Dun & Bradstreet. "Our company has put a huge emphasis on trying to help the next generation."

Dent is a supporter of Project Lead the Way, with his son experiencing the curriculum at Parkland HS.

"I think it is a terrific program and Bethlehem Area School District has been out front in a lot of things in educationally over the years," Dent said. "They have done a lot of things well here and this is a great initiative. I think this is going to really help separate Bethlehem Area School District from other districts in the Commonwealth and the country."

After the ceremony, Robotics Club students, along with Project Lead the Way teacher Mark Hoffman, showed off projects that incorporate subjects that will be taught in the curriculum. Dent in particular made sure to check out each project station.

MORAVIAN ACADEMYNEWS

Winter weather wears

In 2014, students have so far spent just as much time at home as they have at school. Students are shoveling almost as much as they are studying. At first, the breaks from school were nice, but now this inclement weather is proving to be more of an inconvenience than a boon.



Madhav Sekar
Moravian Academy

Nevertheless, the winter sports seasons continue. The boys basketball team will be participating in the district tournament in the following weeks. Additionally, many of Moravian's swimmers have qualified for the district tournament. Daniel Weeks ('14) recently broke a few school records in swimming and Luke Gutekunst ('14) just set the new scoring record for a basketball player. Hopefully all our teams experience a great deal of success in the coming postseason.

As sports teams have been practicing, rehearsal for the school's musical, "My Favorite Year," has been in full swing. Performances of the musical begin Feb. 27.

Moravian's Scholastic Scrimmage (a team trivia competition televised on PBS) team recently began its season. The team did not start its season until mid-January because of numerous delays due to snow. The team, of which I am captain, also includes Evan Burke ('14), Kara Chyung ('15), and John Grencer ('16). In the

first round, the team defeated Marian Catholic and in the second round it beat Jim Thorpe. The team will compete in the quarter-final round later this year. As defending champions, we hope to continue our success this season.

Every year, Moravian hosts multiple cultural events, which are evening events dedicated to eating the cuisine of a certain country and participating in some of that country's events or activities. On Jan. 24, we had our first cultural night, the Jamaican cultural night featuring Jamaican food such as fried plantain and passion fruit sorbet, as well as the Caribbean Steal Rhythms band.

Then on Feb. 7, the school hosted its annual Chinese New Year celebration, including a Lion Dance group, performances by upper school students taking Chinese, and a demonstration of the Chinese yo-yo. The celebration was catered by Foo-Joy and after dinner students had the opportunity to partake in badminton, shuttlecock kicking, calligraphy, Chinese knotting and Chinese Chess. The evening concluded with the Chinese action movie, "Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon."

At this point, most students are hoping that the snow will come to an end. We have had enough snow days to warrant extending our school year. And most students would rather spend time at home during the summer than during this brutal winter. In addition, with spring sports starting in March, everyone wants to be able to practice and compete without wearing three layers of jackets.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

James Buchanan Principal Jill Moran introduces Drew senior Rachel Schachter, a Liberty HS graduate who had attended Buchanan Elementary School and now performs in AOTA. In

addition to Schachter a second member of AOTA, Drew junior and AOTA president Samantha Steele, also hails from the Bethlehem area, having graduated from Moravian Academy.



Post performance, the Drew students field questions from James Buchanan students, such as, "Did you ever think of going to The Sing-off," and "Do you ever watch Pitch Perfect?"

A capella group visits James Buchanan ES

Drew University's co-ed singing group AOTA, "All of the Above," treated students and staff at James Buchanan ES to a spirited 45-minute a cappella performance Jan. 24. The 11 Drew University students with majors ranging from Chinese to computer science also gave a beatboxing lesson to the youngsters. AOTA has existed for nearly 20 years, with annual auditions filling the ranks of graduating participants. Rehearsals take place three times weekly in roughly two-hour sessions. After the performance, Buchanan students were given an opportunity to ask questions of the group members.

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Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 60%. The record high temperature for today is 68° set in 1999. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 22°. The record low for tonight is -6° set in 1979. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 43°, humidity of 53%. Skies will be cloudy Thursday night with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 38°. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with a 60% chance of showers, high temperature of 46°. Skies will become partly cloudy Saturday with a high temperature of 43°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 40°.

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'Music Hall' closing its doors

After 40 years, British tribute show saying its farewells

SPOTLIGHT ON

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
Focus Editor

After 40 years, the Lehigh Valley's "British Music Hall" is closing its doors.

Chris Simmons, founder of "An Evening At A British Music Hall," says performances at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1, Godfrey Daniels 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, will be the last.

"The 40-year mark seemed to be a good place to do that," Simmons says of the Godfrey's finale. "Some people were leaving the show to do other things or basically retiring."

"Given both those circumstances, it seemed logical to end it now," says Simmons in a recent interview.

"An Evening At A British Music Hall" recreates songs, sketches and monologues from the era of British vaudeville (1860-1930).

For four decades, Simmons has been presenting the show in Bethlehem, usually at Godfrey's but also at Touchstone Theatre, and at venues in Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey.

As of the date of this interview, Simmons has no other "Music Hall" performances scheduled.

A cast of eleven performers and musicians perform the two-act, approximate 1 1/2-hour show.

In addition to Simmons, who directs and produces the show, the cast includes Bob Fahringer, chairman (emcee), Joe Birchak, Murray Callahan, Neil Hever, Bob Cohen and Alexis Leon.

The band is: Valerie Schoenk, piano; Rick Weisman, trumpet, flugelhorn; Bob Peruzzi, trombone, and Jason Shiptoski, drums.

"Some of the people who are in the show have been in it close to 40 years. Birchak has been in the show more than 30 years. Murray Callahan has done the show since 1984," says Simmons.



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Chris Simmons, above, founder of "An Evening At A British Music Hall," says the 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1 Godfrey Daniels 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, performances will be the last.

For the farewell, Birchak and Hever revive a comic skit, "The Constable," originally done by Harry Wheldon around 1910 and presented about 15 years ago at "Music Hall."

Simmons will revive "I'm 94 today," a song-monologue by Will Fyffe, a Scottish comedian popular during the 1920s and '30s, and the song, "What A Kid He Is," by Alec Hurley, a turn-of-the-20th century Cockney comic singer.

Another song for the "Music Hall" finale is "I'm Henry the Eighth, I Am," a No. 1 hit in 1965 for Herman's Hermits.

Peter Noone, lead singer for the Hermits, still performs the song. "I'm Henry the Eighth, I Am," written in 1910 by Fred Murray and

R.P. Weston, was first popularized in England by Harry Champion. "Henry" is sung "Henry," by the way.

The Beatles' "When I'm Sixty-Four" (1967, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album), "Martha My Dear" and "Honey Pie" (both 1968, "The Beatles," aka "The White Album") were mostly written by Paul McCartney, inspired by his love of British Music Hall and vaudeville. McCartney's father, James, played trumpet, piano and led the Jim Mac's Jazz Band during the 1920s.

Of Herman's Hermits' "I'm Henry the Eighth, I Am," Simmons observes, "That's an example of a pop group recording a vaudeville song, rather than The Beatles writing one that ref-

erences it."

Of the music hall genre, Simmons says, "It was basically a working class form of entertainment. During the 1840s, tavern owners arranged sing-songs on their premises. Over a period of time, entertaining in taverns became a way of making a living."

Canterbury Hall, one of the first British music halls, opened in Lambeth in 1852.

In London, one of the last surviving music hall companies is Players' Theatre, founded in 1936. The troupe lost its theater in 2002, but continues to present shows.

Last year, the British Music Hall Society (BMHC) celebrated its 50th anniversary. States BMHC President Roy Hudd on the organization's web site: "We are a bunch of mad keen fans of music hall and variety. Some of us are just fans who love the wit, music and nostalgia of our two greatest periods of light entertainment while others are serious students of the two art forms."

Simmons' interest in British vaudeville dates to his youth.

"When I appreciated music, it seemed to be 78 rpm records and the old windup gramophones. Since I was exposed to that type of music early on, I developed a real interest in it."

Simmons originated "An Evening At A British Music Hall" in 1974 at the former Catacaombs, a coffeehouse in the basement of Packer Church, Lehigh University.

What brought the Queens, N.Y., native to Bethlehem?

"I followed a girl. Although that fell through, I ended up staying."

"And if it hadn't happened, the show [An Evening At A British Music Hall] may never have existed. There's a whole chain of cause and effect here."

Tickets: godfreydaniels.org, 610-867-2390

Pick Oscar winners

Nominations for the 86th Academy awards have been announced.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will present the 86th Academy Awards for 2013 outstanding film achievements, 8 p.m. (EST) March 2, Dolby Theatre, Hollywood and Highland Center, Los Angeles. The ceremony is televised live on the ABC television network.

The person who chooses the most correct number of Oscar recipients receives a \$50 Penn's Peak gift card; tickets to movies at the Roxy Theatre, Northampton, a Lehigh Valley Press prize package, and may have his or her photo published in the Focus section of the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and online.

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Award-winning theater: Vital Theatre Company presents "Fancy Nancy," 1 and 4 p.m. Feb. 22, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. The musical is based on the series of books written by Jane O'Connor and illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. In the storyline, Fancy Nancy, above, and her friends, Bree, Rhonda, Wanda and Lionel, are going to perform in their very first show, "Deep Sea Dances." Nancy is "positive" (that's "fancy" for 100-percent sure) she and Bree will be picked to play the mermaids. When another girl wins the coveted role of the mermaid, Nancy is stuck playing a tree. Can Nancy bring fancy flair to her role, even though it isn't the one that she wanted? Vital Theatre Company, based in New York City, received the 2012 Off-Broadway Alliance Awards Best Family Show for "StinkyKids The Musical" and the American Theatre Wing Award for Continued Commitment to Excellence in Theatre in 2006 and 2007. Tickets: allentownsymphony.org, 610-432-6715

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

Story and Photos by DOUGLAS GRAVES

With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals, leading up to the annual Freddy awards at the State Theatre for the Arts, Easton, the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section begins its preview series.

Saucon Valley High School

'Bye Bye Birdie'

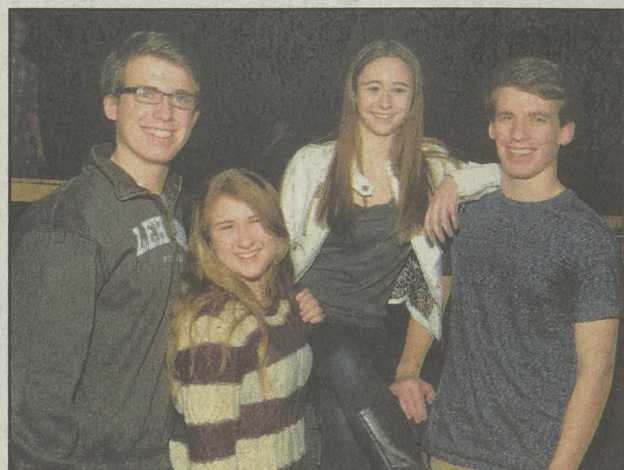
Fans meet their idol in the rousing 1960's classic, "Bye Bye Birdie," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27, 28, March 1 and 2 p.m. March 2, Auditorium, Saucon Valley High School, 2100 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown.

The musical comedy, directed by Vince Rostkowski, is based on rock 'n' roll star Elvis Presley's induction into the Army and the consternation that it caused teenagers across America.

The imminent departure of Conrad Birdie (Brendan Weaver) puts his agent, Albert Peterson (Davis Weaver) on the spot. They plan one last national TV broadcast to help fill the piggy bank before Conrad puts on his uniform. But things start to go haywire.

The cast includes Hannah Gaither (Rose "Rosie" Alvarez) and Rachel Altomose (Kim MacAfee).

The musical starring Dick Van Dyke opened



Saucon Valley High School "Bye Bye Birdie" cast, from left: Davis Weaver (Albert Peterson), Hannah Gaither (Rose "Rosie" Alvarez), Rachel Altomose (Kim MacAfee) and Brendan Weaver (Conrad Birdie).

on Broadway in April 1960 and received four Tony Awards: musical, actor (Van Dyke), director (Gower Champion) and choreographer (Champion). It became a 1963 movie, starring Janet Leigh, Ann Margret and Van Dyke.

The book is by Michael Stewart, with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Lee Adams.

Songs include "Put on a Happy Face," "Kids," "One Last Kiss" and "How Lovely to be a Woman."

Tickets: 610-838-7001

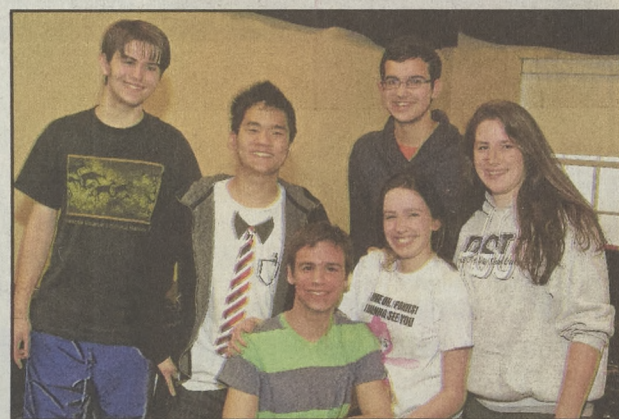
Moravian Academy

'My Favorite Year'

Moravian Academy students are working overtime to make up snow days, but the show must go on with "My Favorite Year," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28, March 1 and 2 p.m. March 2, Dyer Auditorium, Moravian Academy, 4313 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township.

The show, directed by Moravian Academy Director of Theatre Arts Jarrod C. Yuskauskas, sets to music and dance the comedic snafus of a New York television variety show.

A comedy writer on the "King Kaiser Variety Show" has problems when he books washed-up actor Alan Swann (Collin Brown) on the show. Writer Benjy Stone (Noah Ruebeck) and his production staff try to stay on track while keeping up with Swann, who complicates things with his legendary alcohol and girl problems. Songs include "Twen-



Moravian Academy, "My Favorite Year" cast, left to right, standing: Griffin Smith-Nichols (Sy Benson), Kyle Wang (King Kaiser), Ben Ahmad (Leo Silver), Megan Keller (Alice Miller) and, seated, Noah Ruebeck (Benjy Stone) and Kylee Jacoby (K. C. Downing).

ty Million People," by Ruebeck; "Manhattan," by Brown and "Welcome to Brooklyn" by Madeline Weston (Belle Carroline).

The book is by Joseph Dougherty, with music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. The original production opened on Broadway in

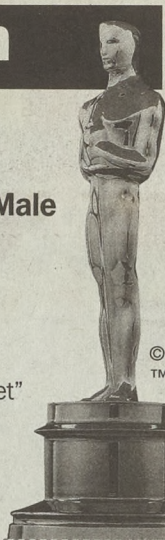
December 1992 and closed after 36 performances in January 1993.

The musical, a spoof of the late Sid Caesar's 1950's "Your Show Of Shows," is based on the film comedy of the same title, directed by Dennis Palumbo, released in 1982.

Tickets: 610-868-4744

Oscar Contest Entry Form

Here is the entry form for the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "Readers Pick the Oscars" recipients contest for the 86th Academy Awards:



Actor, Male

- Christian Bale, "American Hustle"
- Bruce Dern, "Nebraska"
- Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Wolf of Wall Street"
- Chiwetel Ejiofor, "12 Years A Slave"
- Matthew McConaughey, "Dallas Buyers Club"

Actor, Female

- Amy Adams, "American Hustle"
- Cate Blanchett, "Blue Jasmine"
- Sandra Bullock, "Gravity"
- Judi Dench, "Philomena"
- Meryl Streep, "August: Osage County"

Director

- Alfonso Cuarón, "Gravity"
- Steve McQueen, "12 Years a Slave"
- David O. Russell, "American Hustle"
- Martin Scorsese, "The Wolf of Wall Street"
- Alexander Payne, "Nebraska"

Supporting Actor, Male

- Barkhad Abdi, "Captain Phillips"
- Bradley Cooper, "American Hustle"
- Jonah Hill, "The Wolf of Wall Street"
- Michael Fassbender, "12 Years A Slave"
- Jared Leto, "Dallas Buyers Club"

Supporting Actor, Female

- Sally Hawkins, "Blue Jasmine"
- Julia Roberts, "August: Osage County"
- Lupita Nyong'o, "12 Years A Slave"
- Jennifer Lawrence, "American Hustle"
- June Squibb, "Nebraska"

Motion Picture

- "American Hustle"
- "Captain Phillips"
- "Dallas Buyers Club"
- "Gravity"
- "Her"
- "Nebraska"
- "Philomena"
- "12 Years A Slave"
- "The Wolf of Wall Street"

Animated Feature

- "The Croods"
- "Despicable Me 2"
- "Ernest & Celestine"
- "Frozen"
- "The Wind Rises"

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'Lego Movie' deconstructs

Usually, the merchandise tie-in, toys and product promotions occur immediately before, during or after the release of a major motion picture.

With "The Lego Movie," the toys were there first.

Lego (from the Danish, "leg godt" (play well)) is the brainchild of Ole Kirk Christiansen, a carpenter in Denmark. From 1949 to 2013, an estimated 560 billion Lego were manufactured. The colorful interlocking plastic bricks and accompanying gears, figurines and parts are connected imaginatively to construct vehicles, buildings and displays.

"Imagination" is the key to "The Lego Movie," as well. The movie barrels along at a blistering pace, with blindingly-fast action, a riot of colors and often clever quips (the "Piece of Resistance"; "The Sword of Xact O," as in the X-Acto precision model-making craft knives) to mask a storyline as unstable as a poorly-constructed tower of Lego bricks.

Co-directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller (both, co-directors, "21 Jump Street," 2012; "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," 2009) co-direct from a screenplay they co-wrote from a story they co-wrote with Dan Hageman and Kevin Hageman (co-story writers, "Hotel Transylvania," 2012).

While "The Lego Movie" seems to have utilized stop-motion animation, it is computer-generated imagery. Characters from some of the themed Lego sets, including those from "Batman," "Star Wars," "Harry Potter" and "The Hobbit" figure humorously in the "The Lego Movie" storyline.

There's a twist, which you may not anticipate, and which won't be revealed as it's a plot element that nearly redeems the one hour of relentless action. I had difficulty getting in touch with my inner child to enjoy the movie. I would have preferred a slower pace to fully

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



enjoy the assembled Lego pieces and sets. I guess, there's always the Legoland theme parks for that.

The voice talent is quite good, especially that of Morgan Freeman, as Vitruvius, a mythical figure. (Of course, what would the Winter Olympics be without those Visa ads voiced by Morgan Freeman?)

Chris Pratt is Emmet Brickowski, the protagonist. Will Ferrell is the voice of Lord Business: President Business-The Man Upstairs. Liam Neeson is Bad Cop-Good Cop-Pa Cop. Other voice talent includes that of Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks, Will Forte, Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Billy Dee Williams and Shaquille O'Neal (as Shaq).

The Lego Group's motto is "det bedste er ikke for godt" (the best is never too good).

Unfortunately, that motto cannot be applied to "The Lego Movie."

"The Lego Movie," MPAA Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested. Some Material May Not Be Suitable For Children.) for mild action and rude humor; Genre: Animation, Action, Comedy, Family; Run Time: 1 hr., 40 min.; Distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: There are four versions of the song, "Everything's Awesome," during "The Lego Movie" and closing credits.

Box Office, Feb. 14: "The Lego Movie" was presidential during President's Day weekend, presiding again at No. 1, two weeks in a row, \$48.8 million, and \$129.1 million, two weeks; besting two remakes, "About Last Night," opening at No. 2, \$21.5 million, weekend, \$26.4 million, since opening; and "RoboCop" \$21.5 million, weekend, \$26.4 million,

since opening; 4. "The Monuments Men," \$15 million, \$43.6 million, two weeks; 5. "Endless Love," \$13.3 million, opening; 6. "Ride Along," \$8.7 million, \$116.1 million, five weeks; 7. "Winter's Tale," \$7.7 million, opening; 8. "Frozen" (two Oscar nominations: animated film, song: "Let It Go"), \$5.8 million, \$376 million, 13 weeks; 9. "Lone Survivor," \$4 million, \$118.4 million, eight weeks; 10. "That Awkward Moment," \$3.3 million, \$21.4 million, three weeks;

Unreel, Feb. 21: "Pompeii," PG-13: A romance set against the 70 AD eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Kit Harington, Emily Browning, Dylan Schombing, Jean-Francois Lachapelle, Rebecca Eady, Kiefer Sutherland and Carrie-Anne Moss star in the action drama.

"3 Days to Kill," PG-13: Kevin Costner stars as a Secret Service agent trying to reconnect with his daughter. Hailee Steinfeld, Amber Heard and Connie Nielsen co-star in the crime thriller.

"The Wind Rises," PG-13: Legendary Japanese animation director Hayao Miyazaki tells the story of Jiro Horikoshi, who designed Japanese airplanes. Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Emily Blunt, Jennifer Grey, Stanley Tucci, Elijah Wood, John Krasinski, William H. Macy, Mandy Patinkin, Martin Short and Werner Herzog are among the voice talent.

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'Fancy Nancy' no plain Jane

By ELIZABETH OUELLETTE

Special to The Press

The popular children's books series, "Fancy Nancy," comes to life for two performances, 1 and 4 p.m. Feb. 22, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown.

Sam Viverito, director and choreographer of the musical, believes "Fancy Nancy" stands apart from other children's touring productions because of its message.

"The message is different," Viverito says in a recent phone interview. "It's all about how if you don't get what you want, you can make the best out of what you have."

"That's an important lesson for kids to learn: that everyone will face disappointment in life, but we can learn from it and make something out of it."

Viverito believes the message of the show and the series of books, written by Jane O'Connor and illustrated by Robin Preiss Glass-



er, on which it is based, is that of learning and having fun at the same time.

"The kids like the books and so do the parents," he explains. "The parents like that the books teach vocabulary and encourage children to use new and 'fancy' words. The kids like that Nancy is such a fun, wacky character, and that she is true to herself."

Viverito wants people to know that "Fancy Nancy" doesn't play down to the audience.

"It's truly enjoyable for both the kids and the parents. The parents can catch references that the kids won't pick up on, and that makes it a bit more fun for the moms and dads in the audience. One of the most popular songs is 'The Shark Rap,' and that features some of that."

Vital Theatre Company was founded in March 1999 and has been based at the McGinn-Cazale Theatre, New York City, since November 2004. Vital has presented more than 75 original productions for more than 300,000 children and their families.

Vital Theatre Company received the 2012 Off-Broadway Alliance Awards Best Family Show for "StinkyKids The Musical" and the American Theatre Wing Award for Continued Commitment to Excellence in Theatre in 2006 and 2007.

"Fancy Nancy" has a book by Susan DiLallo, with music and lyrics by Dilallo and Danny Abosch. The recording of music from the show won Creative Child Magazine's "2013 CD of the Year Award."

"The music is uptempo. It's high-energy. It's happy," says Viverito.

"The last song, 'Anyone Can Be Fancy,' is really popular with the parents and kids and just makes you smile every time you hear it."

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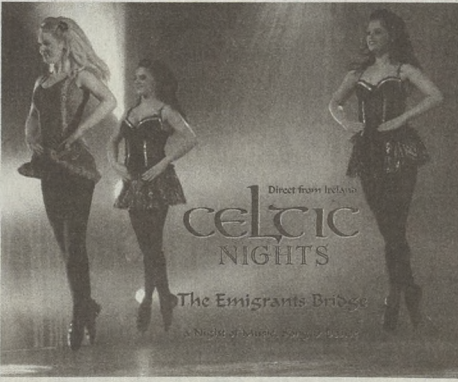
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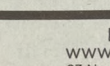
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Curtain to rise anew at State

The non-profit State Theatre Center for the Arts in Easton has exceeded the goal for its year-end "Curtain Call Campaign" by raising \$58,639.

The goal set in November was \$45,000.

"We were thrilled at the community's response to the request for funds to replace the curtain," says Shelley Brown, State Theatre President & CEO.

In addition to donations collected on show nights and online, an anonymous donor matched up to \$17,500 in contributions to the State Theatre's quest to purchase a new main stage curtain for the historic hall.

Even State Theatre headliners got into the act. Comedian Lewis Black promised the audience in November that he would do his part and followed up with a check for \$1,000 to the non-profit theater.

The main stage curtain was purchased in 1986 and has seen its share of legendary superstars, Broadway hits and 11 years of Freddy students. At a distance, it appears to be in good condition, but with closer inspection deterioration is evident. In 2010, part of the curtain tore under its own weight.

Plans are in place for a Spring 2014 new curtain rising.

WEDDING

Kern-Hudzina

Parkland graduate has October 2013 wedding

Nicole Leigh Hudzina and Adam Kern were married in a double-ring ceremony Oct. 11, 2013, at United Methodist Church, West Chester.

Pastor Jim Brashear officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudzina of West Chester. She was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Jennifer Hudzina Bussetti, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Erika Butler, Danae Hudzina, Grace Siegfried, Kelly Schwedeman, Amy Festa, Emily Abbe and Dana Boyes.

The attendants wore black cocktail dresses.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kern of Schnecksville, North Whitehall Township.

Best man was Michael Kern of Schnecksville, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Travis Butler, Thomas P. Hudzina, Christian Hudzina, Roman Bussetti, Evan Smith, Chris Lallier and Tom Visser.

Ring bearers were Jack, Jesse and Daniel Hudzina, sons of Tom and Danae Hudzina.

The reception was held at The Ballroom at The Westside, West Chester.

The bride is a graduate of West Chester East High School and West Chester University.



Adam and Nicole Kern

She is a legal assistant at Huber and Waldron, Allentown.

The groom is a graduate of Parkland High School and West Chester University.

He is director of youth ministry at Bethany United Methodist Church, Wescosville.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple reside in Macungie.

St. John's Wort, stem cells queried

Q. What is St. John's Wort?

St. John's Wort, also known as hypericum herb, klamath weed or goat weed, is a plant with yellow flowers that are used to make teas and tablets. For centuries, the plant has been considered a remedy for mental problems, including depression and anxiety.

Does it work? St. John's Wort is not a proven therapy for depression. There is some scientific evidence that St. John's Wort helps in the treatment of mild-to-moderate depression. However, there have been two

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major studies that showed St. John's Wort is no better than a placebo for treating moderate depression.

Before you go to a store to buy some of this herb, consult with your personal physician. There are negative side effects from taking St. John's Wort. These include: sensitivity to sunlight, anxiety, dry mouth, dizziness, gastrointestinal symptoms, fatigue, headache, or sexual dysfunction. This plant can also interact with drugs you're taking.

If you believe you are depressed and want treatment, there are approved antidepressant medications that work. Most with depression get better with treatment that includes these medicines.

Q. What is a stem cell?
In your body, you have specialized cells that make up your brain, blood, bones and other anatomical parts. Stem cells are not specialized; they are master cells. Stem cells divide to form specialized cells or new stem cells.

There are two basic forms of stem cells: embryonic and adult.

Embryonic stem cells come from embryos that are a few days old. These cells can divide into more

stem cells or any type of body cell. Embryonic stem cells have the greatest capacity to regenerate or repair diseased tissue in people.

Adult stem cells is a term used to describe stem cells found in adult tissues, children, placentas and umbilical cords. Adult stem cells are often present in only small quantities. The primary functions of adult stem cells are to maintain and repair tissue.

The conventional wisdom has been that adult stem cells create only one kind of specialized cell, but a new theory suggests that these cells may have the potential to do more. For example, bone-marrow stem cells responsible for producing blood might be able to make nerve tissue.

Q. Can stem cells be used to treat Parkinson's disease?

Stem cells offer the possibility of a renewable source of replacement cells and tissues to treat many medical problems including Parkinson and Alzheimer's diseases, spinal cord injury, stroke, burns, heart disease, diabetes and arthritis.

Parkinson disease (PD) may be the first disease amenable to treatment with stem cells. In the early 1960s, scientists determined that the loss of brain cells was causing PD. The cells that were depleted produced dopamine, a chemical that helps control muscle activity. Today, PD is treated with drugs and surgery.

PD is a complex disorder of the central nervous system. It is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, after Alzheimer's. The defining symptoms of PD include tremor, slowness of movement, rigidity, and impaired balance and coordination.

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Redefining luxury

After an absence of almost three weeks, I am finally home from my stay at the rehab center. I still have another month of inactivity with limited weight bearing allowed as I use a walker and wheelchair.

But I will tell you this: Despite the confinement and physical restrictions, I am surrounded by luxury.

I used to think luxury meant having a big boat waiting at the dock or staying at an incredible villa in Italy.

But that was before my surgery to remove an inflamed hip bursa and repair a five-inch tendon tear. As you may remember going into the surgery I asked everyone to pray for me because I was afraid of having a bad reaction to pain medication. Unfortunately, it was even worse than I feared.

I'm not being melodramatic when I admit there came a point when I feared I was about a minute and a half away from death. I now wear a red hospital bracelet that says "allergic to narcotic pain medication."

Tack that experience onto four nights in the hospital and two strange weeks in a rehab facility to understand why I am redefining luxury.

Now, for me, luxury means being home with all of its many comforts.

Luxury means a hot cup of wonderful coffee in the morning and an attentive husband offering to get me a second cup.

Luxury means a comfortable bed where I can sleep all night without having anyone wake me in the middle of the night to check my vital signs. Once an aide woke me at 5 a.m., saying she was there to take me to the bathroom.

Now, luxury is doing things on my schedule, not anyone else's.

It means having what I want for breakfast and indulging in fresh fruit whenever I please.

As I laid in bed counting the days and the hours until I could go home again, I knew I would benefit from the experience in many ways.

One major benefit is that it changed my standard of appreciation. Like a lot of people, I don't like what age is doing to my body. But after being in rehab, I am appreciative of what I once disdained.

If I can walk with two legs, even if it means using a walker for support, that's luxury. If I can swallow and eat what I want, that's luxury.

All around me in rehab I saw people who could not do those simple things we all take for granted.

There was one moment that was especially sobering for me.

I was propelling myself in a wheelchair, maybe having a little private pity party as I wondered how in the world I have been reduced to a wheelchair.

They took the leg braces off the wheelchair and told me to use my feet

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to better negotiate. As I was peddling to the dining hall as fast as I could, I looked like a duck on steroids.

All of a sudden I heard the woman in the wheelchair behind me asking the nurse how come I could go so fast and she couldn't.

"Because she has two legs and you don't," the nurse said.

I swallowed hard and resolved to give thanks for all the things I can do instead of thinking about what I can't do.

The sights you see in a nursing home rehab center can make you resolve to take better care of yourself and to be grateful for every moment you have.

When I came home from the rehab center, I looked around my house and was filled with emotion.

I was home — home with all of its comforts and all of its little pleasures.

David is doing a superb job in his role as caregiver. Because I can't so much as bend down to pick up something that fell, he is kept busy picking up after me and getting me whatever I need.

He is firm in saying there are plenty of things I can do, such as grocery store shopping. I was leery about driving one of those handicapped buggies because I never did it before. I've seen people in those buggies banging into others and I was afraid I would do the same thing.

David doesn't believe in the words "I can't" so off we went to Wal-Mart. He told me to wait at the deli line and get milk and yogurt in back of the store while he shopped for the other things.

When it was my turn at the deli, I wondered how I could manage to reach the high deli counter to retrieve my things. At that point a perceptive older gentleman came up and offered to help me. He looked quite old and frail but he stayed with me, putting everything I needed into my cart.

"Thank you for letting me be a blessing to you," he said. "I'm the one who always needs help from others. It makes me feel good to be able to help someone else."

It was impossible for me to reach other things I needed as I wheeled through the aisles but others generously offered to help.

If you're ever in a position to help someone in a wheelchair, do it. I know from experience how much a little help can mean.

My recovery is teaching me new lessons as well as renewing my sense of gratitude.

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LV house sales down 3.1 %; winter weather cited as factor

Closed sales decreased slightly to 3.1 percent, from 355 in January 2013 to 344 this year, according to the Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors (LVAR).

"The slight decrease is a normal fluctuation for this time of year as many factors, including extreme weather conditions, may influence home buyers," says Ryan Conrad, CEO of LVAR.

Buyers acted more quickly with homes for sale an average of 74 days on the market compared to 78 days on the market last year; a decrease of 5.1 percent.

January 2014 data gathered by LVAR showed the median sales price was \$164,000, an increase 5.7 percent from \$155,100 during January 2013.

The average sales price rose 6.3 percent from \$176,235 in January 2013 to \$187,274 in January of this year.

"The increase in home

prices may encourage people who were waiting to sell their homes to put them on the market," says Conrad. "As home prices stabilize, we expect to see new listings increase."

The month's supply of inventory decreased 15.7 percent from 7 months last year to 5.9 months in January of this year.

"Inventory of four to seven months is typically regarded as constituting a balanced real estate market," says Kimberly Lucas-Mantz, president of LVAR.

New listings decreased 13.2 percent from 973 last year to 845 in January 2014.

"Our Realtor members have reported that they are receiving multiple offers on properties, which may encourage sellers to list their homes," says Lucas-Mantz.

Data is gathered from more than 2,000 Realtor members through its MLS (Multiple Listing System) and analyzed to provide

insight on the Lehigh Valley real estate market to its members, the general public and the media.

Monthly statistics are based on figures generated by the LVAR Multiple Listing Service. Average sales and median prices fluctuate monthly depending on the number of sales at the high or low end of the price range. The year-to-date numbers generally remain more constant.

LVAR is a not-for-profit trade association providing professional development and training resources, competitive market information, legislative advocacy, a peer review and mediation process for members, and a dispute resolution service for consumers.

LVAR owns and operates the Lehigh Valley Multiple Listing Service (MLS), the Lehigh Valley Real Estate Academy, and is publisher of Lehigh Valley Real Estate Weekly.

LVHN - Tilghman features Orthopedic Medicine Center

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has opened its newest Center for Orthopedic Medicine at LVHN - Tilghman, 4815 Tilghman St., South Whitehall Township.

An open house and tour was held Feb. 3.

The LVHN - Tilghman campus, formerly Westfield Hospital, features an inpatient facility, the Center for Orthopedic Medicine - Tilghman.

The facility has three surgical suites, 22 mostly private rooms, rehabilitation services, diagnostic imaging and lab services.

In addition, the former Westfield Surgery Center will now be the LVHN Surgery Center - Tilghman, an ambulatory surgical center. That building has three operating rooms and two procedure rooms.

LVHN also will operate an ExpressCARE on the ground floor of the inpatient building.

ExpressCARE is an urgent care service for patients without an appointment for common illnesses and minor injuries like sprains, cuts and lacerations, flu symptoms, and more. Hours are 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. weekly.

"We know the demand for orthopedic surgeries will continue to grow, especially with the rise of the baby boomer population," LVHN president and CEO Ron Swinfard, MD, says.

The campus will run the gamut of orthopedic care with a focus on total joint replacement and spine surgery.

The new campus

expands and enhances LVHN's orthopedic program. LVHN is said to care for more orthopedics patients than any other provider in the Lehigh Valley; more than 38 percent of all inpatients according to 2012 data from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Lehigh Valley Hospital has been listed among U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals for orthopedics five times including the most recent report released in July. It is the only hospital in the Lehigh Valley ever to be recognized by U.S. News for orthopedics.

OAA Orthopaedic Specialists and VSAS Orthopaedics physicians perform surgeries at LVHN - Tilghman.

"We can't have a facility like this without the support of some outstanding physicians," Swinfard said. "We are excited to have collaborating surgeons from these two exemplary orthopedic practices."

LVHN entered into an agreement to acquire the assets of Westfield Hospital in early October 2013.

In addition to the inpatient and ambulatory surgical centers, a medical office building also is located on site. Dr. Yasin Khan and Dr. Elizabeth Khan continue their private, independent practices at Comprehensive Pain Centers and Tilghman Medical Center, respectively.

All three facilities include 65,000 square feet of space with the inpa-

tient facility, including ExpressCARE, accounting for about 45,000 square feet of that area. Lehigh Valley Health Network includes four hospital facilities - two in Allentown, one in Bethlehem and one in Hazleton; 11 health centers in five counties; primary and specialty care physician practices; pharmacy, imaging, home health services and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred.

Specialty care includes: trauma care at the region's busiest trauma center treating adults and children, burn care at the regional Burn Center; kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal-neonatal, cardiac, cancer care, and neurology and complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center.

Children's Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital, the only children's hospital in the region, provides care in 28 specialties and general pediatrics.

Lehigh Valley Health Network has been recognized by US News & World Report magazine for 18 consecutive years as one of America's Best Hospitals and is a national Magnet hospital for excellence in nursing.

Lehigh Valley Health Network's Cancer Center is one of only 21 sites nationwide that partners with the national Cancer Institute's Community Cancer Centers Program.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation appoints vice president

Sandeep Singh, M.D., recently joined Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network as Division Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs.

Dr. Singh will guide Good Shepherd's overall strategy for inpatient and outpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R), including strategic planning, program development, physician leadership, quality, service and clinical care.

Singh, a spinal cord injury specialist, comes to Good Shepherd from Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System, Maryland, where he was Director of Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation. Concurrently, he served as Clinical Associate of PM&R at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and as Associate Medical Director of the Comprehensive

Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital in the Johns Hopkins Department of PM&R.

In addition, he served as Director of Spasticity and Contracture Management at Good Samaritan Hospital, Baltimore, and Rehabilitation Director for The League for Disabilities, Baltimore.

Singh received a medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, N.J. He completed his residency in PM&R at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Singh has written articles that have been published in numerous journals, such as Cambridge University Press, and has presented lectures at



Dr. Sandeep Singh

numerous association meetings, including the Association of Academic Physiatrists.

He is a member of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Academy of Physiatrists and the Paralyzed Veterans Association of America.

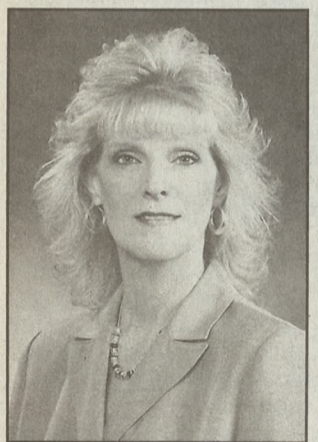
Team Capital promotes two

Team Capital Bank has announced two recent promotions.

Jean Polczynski was

promoted to Branch Manager at Team Capital Bank Tilghman Street.

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Jean Polczynski



Mary Christman

Capital Bank in 2008 as an AVP-Assistant Branch Manager during the Tilghman Street branch opening in November 2008. She has more than 12 years of experience in banking, including as a teller and customer service manager.

Mary Christman was promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of Team Capital Bank Tilghman Street.

Christman joined Team Capital Bank in 2006 and has served as a PBO for the last five years. She has more than 10 years of experience in the banking business.

Deadline for entries March 15

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

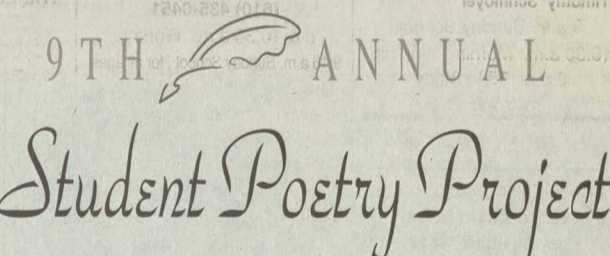
In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories and published in the April 23 and 24 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and web sites.

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

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

The entry guidelines:

1. The Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project is open to Lehigh Valley elementary school, middle school and high



school public, parochial, private, charter, cyber and home-school students in the circulation areas of the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers (Salisbury Press, East Penn Press, Parkland Press, Northwestern Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press, Catasauqua Press, Northampton Press and Bethlehem Press).

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Copies of poems will not be returned.

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

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

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