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CITY
Council
pays
tribute

Late controller's love of city 'unquestionable'

By MICHELLE MEEH
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Council members remembered David DiGiacinto, who died suddenly Jan. 25, while acknowledging that his successor will have a large task ahead.

Council members plan to appoint a controller to serve until a newly elected controller takes office in January 2016.

"I think all of us were shocked last week when we received word," said Mayor Bob Donchez. "His love for this city is unquestionable. He will be missed."

Council members recalled DiGiacinto as a hardworking person who was dedicated to the city of Bethlehem.

Council member Adam Waldron recalled working on a painting project one day when DiGiacinto stopped by. The discussion was so animated that the paint brush dried out while the two talked.

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City seeks
controller

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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City Council President J. William Reynolds announced in a release last week that council is now accepting applications for the position of city controller.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and resumé to the city clerk's office by noon Feb. 13. Council will appoint a controller at its Feb. 17 meeting, and this person will serve until an elected controller takes office in January 2016.

The previous controller, Dave DiGiacinto, died at home Jan. 26.

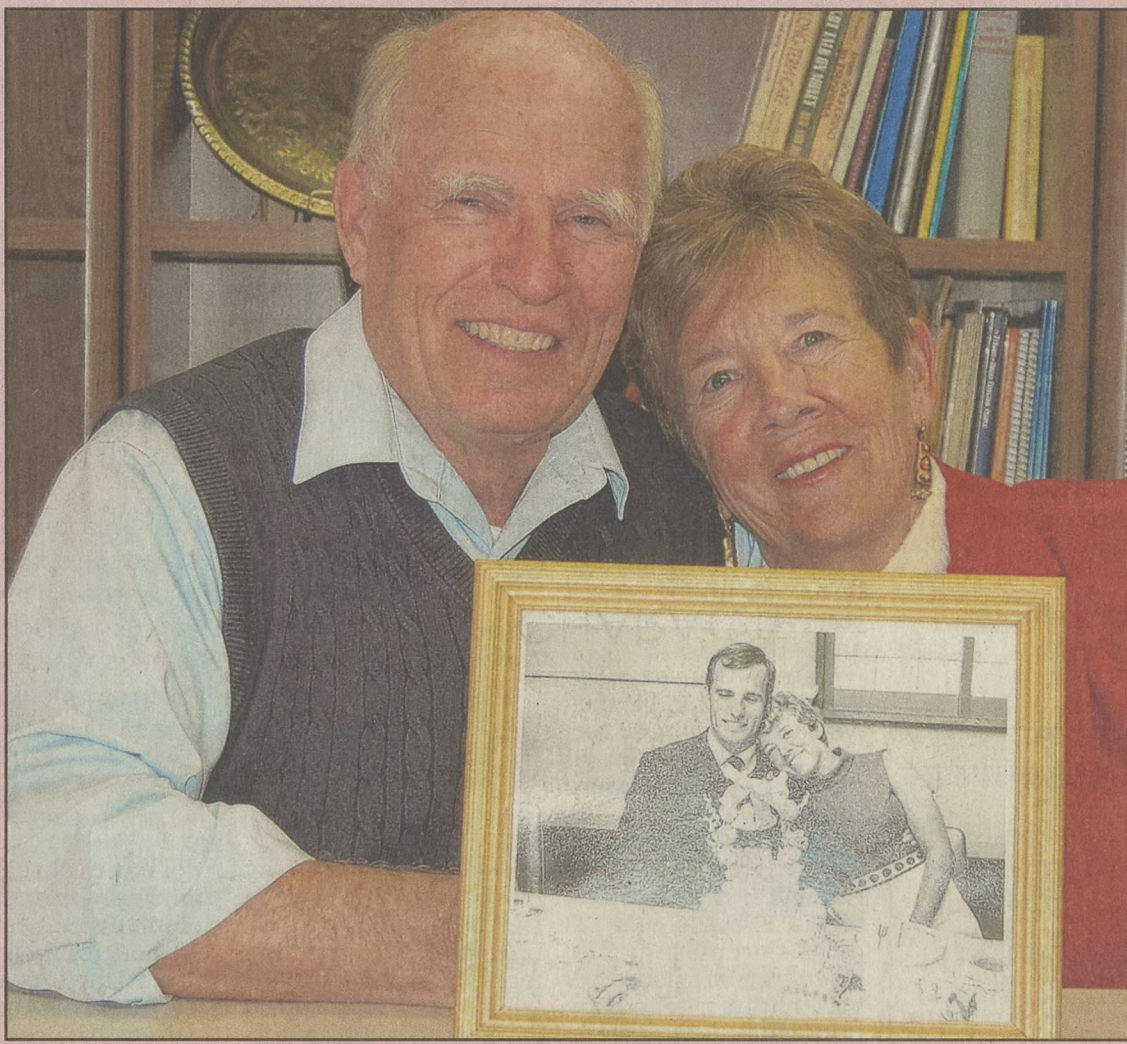
Parking
tickets to
increase

By MICHELLE MEEH
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Members of the Bethlehem Council's Public Safety Committee voted for a parking ticket increase, but for less than the amount parking authority officials were seeking.

Committee members approved an increase from \$10 to \$20, with a \$5 discount if tickets are paid within five business days. The parking authority had recommended increasing tickets to \$25.

The full council will take a first vote on the increase Feb. 17 and a final vote March 3.



John and Kit Cotton share a lifetime of adventure, travel and true love that started on the other side of the world in Southeast Asia, during the Vietnam War.

Love, military style

by JENNIFER LoCONTE
 Regional Communications Director,
 American Red Cross, NEPA Region

On Valentine's Day, we celebrate special people in our lives. Flowers, candy, jewelry, dinner out on the town. It's the one day of the year dedicated to romance and of course, love.

For a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and an American Red Cross Donut Dolly, their romance started on the other side of the world in Southeast Asia, during the Vietnam War. Lehigh Valley residents John and Kit Cotton share a lifetime of adventure, travel and true love: Love for each other, love for others and love for their country. Their story could easily be turned into a motion picture and Kit's got 45 photo albums to prove it.

Kathryn "Kit" Sparrow first saw the ad for Donut Dollies in the local newspaper. The Red Cross was looking for female college grads between the ages of 22 and 26 to travel to Southeast Asia and conduct audience-par-

ticipation recreational programs for the male soldiers stationed there. Kit had a degree in international studies and had spent her childhood moving constantly, since her father was in the Army.

"Although I was offered a job with the CIA, I would have been cooped up in the basement of a building in Washington and I wasn't ready for that," she said. A "Donut Dolly," as it was affectionately termed during WWII, sounded like a worthwhile adventure and it only required a one-year commitment.

She and John arrived separately in the city of Tuy Hoa Air Base in early July 1969. While his squadron went to breakfast and then to work, John, still feeling the effects of different time zones, eventually made his way to the Officer's Club for breakfast.

"I was the only one there except for a pretty, young lady who was on the stage, playing classical music on a Grand piano," John said. After she played a few songs, John introduced himself, asked her if she

played tennis and would she like to join him at a tournament with his squadron. The young lady was Kit and she replied, "Of course." With that, a romance blossomed and 43 years later, the flowers are still in bloom.

Back in WWII, Donut Dollies drove clubmobile trucks, delivering hot coffee and donuts to GIs in the field. In Vietnam, they delivered Kool-Aid (too hot for coffee), but their responsibilities were mainly to assist with soldier morale through conversation, games, books, movies and music.

Recreational centers were places where soldiers could go to take a break from the war. Kit explained that it was similar to hosting a game show involving sports, cars and fun games. Many times, the Donut Dollies went to the soldiers, traveling to the forward lines in helicopters, carrying their big canvas bags full of games. They never stayed in one place for too long and when they did finally return to a previous post, they looked for a famil-

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PEOPLE
SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

Valentine's Day is coming up. What is your favorite love song?



"All I Ever Needed" by Brett Michaels.
Amanda Sivak
 Lower Saucon Township



"At Last" by Etta James.
Sue O'Brien
 Mechanicsburg

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Measles spreading into Pa.

By CHRIS PARKER
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The outbreak of measles across the country is spreading into Pennsylvania.

The disease was believed to have been eradicated in the United States in 2000, thanks to routine vaccinations. But it has begun to crop up again after parents became wary that the inoculations may hurt their children and refused to have them vaccinated.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health reported a case in Cumberland County. It immediately set up a clinic where 300 people received vaccinations, which health authorities believe contained the virus, said Harrisburg infectious disease specialist John Goldman.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF

1. The virus is spread by breathing in virus containing droplets or by touching contaminated surfaces.
2. The virus grows in cells in the back of the throat and lungs. Symptoms appear after 10 to 12 days.
3. The infected person has a fever lasting two to four days, followed by a cough, runny nose and red watery eyes.
4. A rash, lasting five to six days, appears about the face and head, spreading through the torso to the hands and feet.
5. The virus can be transmitted from four days prior to and four days after the appearance of the rash.



the MEASLES

PRESS GRAPHIC BY DAVID W. ROWE

Valentine's Day is coming up. What is your favorite love song?



"Perhaps Love' by John Denver and Placido Domingo."
Deborah Courville
Laceyville



"Leather and Lace' by Stevie Nicks and Don Henley."
Sharon Gattuso
Walnutport



"She's Everything' by Brad Paisley."
Ashley Reichard
Bethlehem



"Unchained Melody' by the Righteous Brothers."
Joani Dornblaser
Center Valley

Measles spreading into Pennsylvania

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Another case has been reported in an unvaccinated 1-year-old baby in New Jersey. Children typically get the first of two doses of measles inoculations when they are 12 to 15 months old and the second between 4 and 6 years.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted just 63 cases in 2010. But the number jumped to 220 in 2011, and to 644 last year. So far this year, there have been 102 cases, most of them stemming from an outbreak in December at Disneyland, in Anaheim, California.

The one in Pennsylvania was not related to the Disneyland outbreak.

In Pennsylvania, there were two cases in 2010, 13 in 2011, two in 2012, none in 2013, three in 2014, and one so far this year, said state Department of Health spokeswoman Holli Senior.

Measles is extremely contagious. The virus stays in the air for hours.

"You can get measles just by walking by a room where someone is who has measles," Goldman said.

Vaccinations

Before 1963, when the measles vaccine was licensed, CDC estimates there were between 3 million and 4 million cases a year, with about 500 deaths annually.

After the vaccine became available, the incidence dropped by 98 percent. By 1983, a record low of 1,497 cases were reported.

But the disease broke out again from 1989 through 1991, with a total of 55,622 cases, and 123 deaths, reported. The resurgence was due to low vaccination rates among minorities, according to the CDC.

Increased education efforts again drove down the rates, which hit a low

Measle complications

Measles can be a serious in all age groups.

However, children younger than 5 and adults older than 20 are more likely to suffer from measles complications, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Common Complications

Common measles complications include ear infections and diarrhea.

- Ear infections occur in about one out of every 10 children with measles and can result in permanent hearing loss.

- Diarrhea is reported in fewer than one out of 10 people with measles.

Severe Complications

Some people may suffer from severe complications, such as pneumonia (infection of the lungs) and encephalitis (swelling of the brain). They may need to be hospitalized and could die.

- As many as one out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in young children.

- About one child out of every 1,000 who gets measles will develop encephalitis (swelling of the brain) that can lead to convulsions and can leave the child deaf or mentally retarded.

- For every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it.

Measles may cause pregnant woman to give birth prematurely, or have a low-birth-weight baby.

There are also long-term complications, including a rare, fatal central nervous system disease, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis. SSPE results from a measles virus infection acquired earlier in life, and generally develops seven to 10 years after a person has measles, even though the person seems to have fully recovered from the illness.

the lowest rates in the nation, said Dr. Rachel Levine, Acting Pennsylvania Physician General.

But among seventh-graders, the percentage jumps to 95.98, among the highest, she said. Health authorities had no explanation for the disparity.

A 95 percent rate is necessary for what Goldman called "herd immunity," the level needed to prevent outbreaks.

"If you've had two doses of the vaccine, you are protected," Levine said.

Resurgence

However, measles outbreaks are again increasing. This time, health authorities believe the increase may be due to complacency, and to a small but growing number of parents who are convinced the vaccinations are harmful.

Much of the anti-vaccine movement is grounded in a since-discredited study by a British doctor, Andrew Wakefield, who in 1998 claimed to have established a link between the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine and autism. His study of 12 children was discovered to be fraudulent and denounced by medical authorities, and Wakefield's medical license was revoked.

But the fears continue. Recently, politicians have jumped into the fray.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, said in a recent interview with CNBC that parents should be given more choice about vaccines.

His pronouncement followed Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's similar statement.

Christie's spokesman Kevin Roberts a few days later walked back the statement, saying children need to be vaccinated against measles.

of 37 in 2004.

Health authorities say most cases of measles in the United States are brought in by people from foreign countries. That's where they believe the Disneyland outbreak originated.

The disease then spreads among those who have not been vaccinated.

"That outbreak was completely preventable," Goldman said.

Pennsylvania requires immunizations for all school-age children, even those who are home-schooled. But only about 87 percent of kindergarten age children were vaccinated in 2013-2014, among

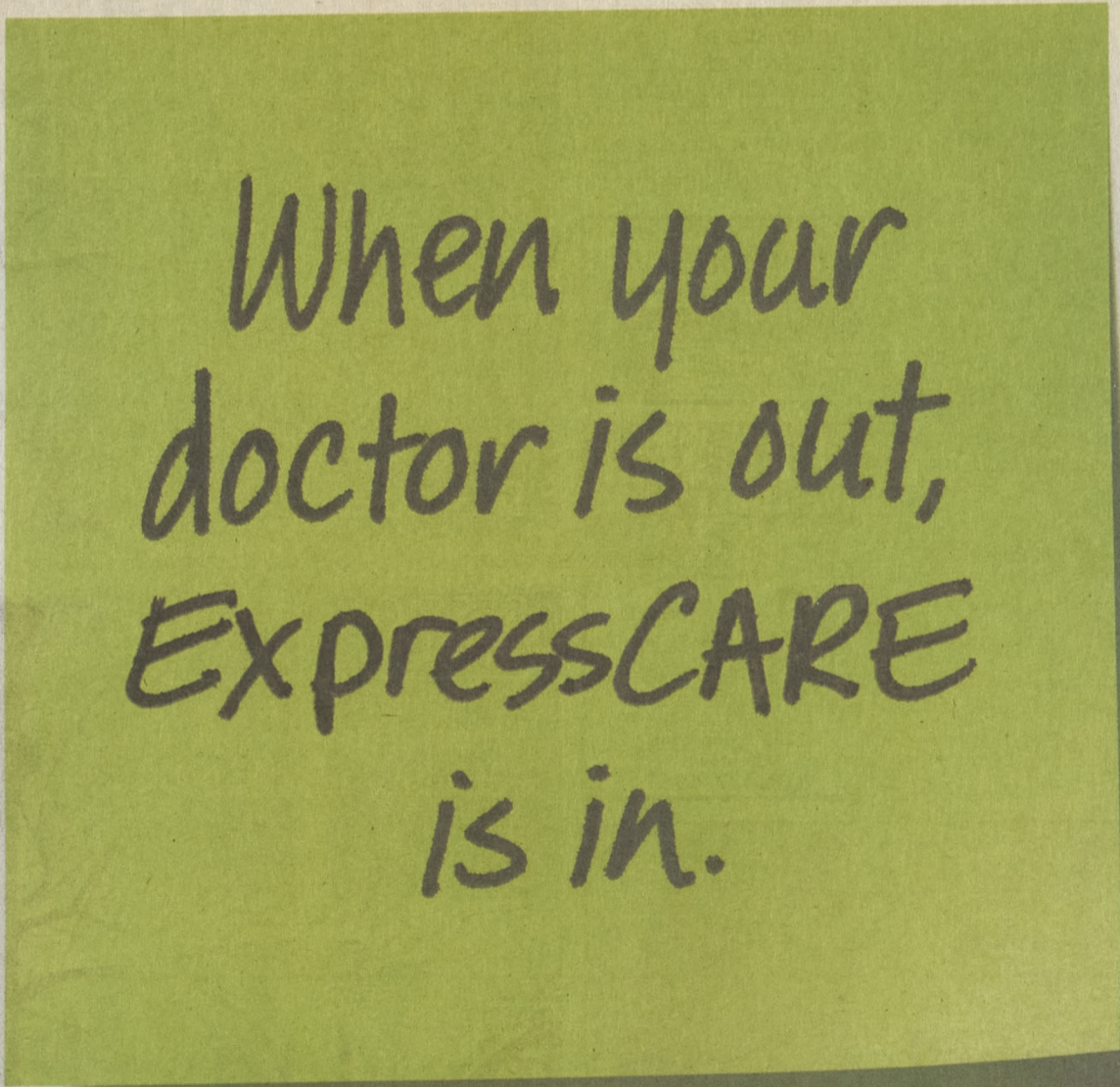
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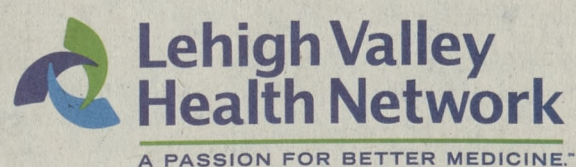
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Wednesday, February 11

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up), program: Valentine party, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Great Decisions Lecture Series, Privacy in the Digital Age with Charles Russell, 10:30 a.m., second floor auditorium, 1 Kirkland Village Circle; cost. Call 610-867-4669.

Penn State Lecture Series, The Rise and Fall of Bethlehem Steel with John K. Smith, Ph.D. 1 p.m. Room 302, Center Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. Visit <http://www.psu.edu>.

Thursday, February 12

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and over: "The Classics of Love" with Stevie Blatz, 10:45 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Willy Wonka Jr. musical, Nitschmann MS students, 7 p.m. 909 W. Union Blvd. Call 610-866-5781 or visit <http://www-ni.beth.k12.pa.us>.

Friday, February 13

Willy Wonka Jr. musical, Nitschmann MS students, 7 p.m. 909 W. Union Blvd. Call 610-866-5781 or visit <http://www-ni.beth.k12.pa.us>.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Block party, ages two through five, 11 a.m. to noon; Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org.
Willy Wonka Jr. musical, Nitschmann MS students, 2 and 7 p.m. 909 W. Union Blvd. Call 610-866-5781 or visit <http://www-ni.beth.k12.pa.us>.

Sunday, February 15

Willy Wonka Jr. musical, Nitschmann MS students, 2 p.m. 909 W. Union Blvd. Call 610-866-5781 or visit <http://www-ni.beth.k12.pa.us>.

Storytelling with Kathy Long, 2 p.m., Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St., Bethlehem. Presented by the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild, Godfrey Daniels and Cops 'n' Kids. Fee. Contact Karen Maure at bookkm@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 17

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

Toddlers At Play free, ages one to three, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, South Side branch, 400 Webster St. Registration required. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499 or 610-867-7852.

Wednesday, February 18

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up): Lenten worship and breakfast (reservations needed) with Major Mary Francis, speaker, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Great Decisions Lecture Series, Sectarianism in the Middle East with L.U. professor Chaim Kauffman, 10:30 a.m., second floor auditorium, 1 Kirkland Village Circle; cost. Call 610-867-4669.

Penn State Workshop, Backyard Chickens, 6 to 9 p.m. Lehigh County Extension Office, 4184 Dorney Park Road, Allentown. Information or to register, call 610-391-9840 or visit <http://extension.psu.edu/lehigh/events>.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, February 11

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

Hanover Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

City of Bethlehem finance committees, 7 p.m. 2014 year end adjustments; 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, February 12

Bethlehem Water Authority, 3 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Planning Commission, 4 p.m. 10 E. Church St.

Monday, February 16

Bethlehem Township Commissioners, 7 p.m. municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Fountain Hill Zoners, 7 p.m., 941 Long St. As warranted.

Hellertown Borough Council, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

Tuesday, February 17

Bethlehem Human Resources and Environment Committee, 6 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

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

Freemansburg Council, (as needed) 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.

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lar face that was often no longer there. The soldier had been sent home or was killed in combat.

Since the Dollies were frequently moved to other bases or camps during their yearlong assignment, Kit and John were separated. That didn't stop John, though, and he could often be seen trying to "hail a chopper" to wherever it was that Kit was stationed.

"I'd turn around and there he was," Kit said. Eventually, word got out about John and Kit's romance. Her father, a senior commander with the U.S. Army, was in Vietnam on Army business and visited his daughter while checking out this fighter pilot named John Cotton. Upon his departure, John said, "Sir, I hope to see you again." Kit's father replied jokingly, "I'm afraid you will."

As Kit's year commitment came to an end, the couple decided it was time

to marry, although they didn't know they would have to jump through hoops to do so. They looked for assistance from the Air Force, which sent them to Army headquarters, which sent them to the U.S.

Embassy, which eventually sent them to a Vietnamese councilman in Saigon. They first had to establish a 30-day residency and then had to post their "banns of intent to marry" on telephone poles. If no one objected after 10 days, they would be allowed to wed. Even then, they visited the town council several times, until finally, two massive, wooden doors opened and they were met by a serious, uniformed councilman.

The day had finally arrived. Since both Kit and many Vietnamese councilmen were fluent in French, that was the language spoken throughout the civil ceremony. John didn't have a clue as to what was being said. All he cared about was finally marrying Kit.

From there, the newlyweds traveled to Tokyo, where they met John's brother and held a more traditional religious ceremony. Kit even had a fellow Donut Dolly as her maid of honor.

After visiting Hong Kong to buy wedding gifts, the couple traveled the world on an extended honeymoon, landing in Katmandu, Nepal, Calcutta and New Delhi in India to see the Taj Mahal and then finally back to the United States to surprise and meet each of their mothers.

Then the Cottons moved to England, where John would be stationed for four years. After that it was Florida, Virginia, California, Hawaii, the Philippines (where Kit worked for the Red Cross Women's Welfare Association) and Nevada. After spending 27 years in the Air Force, John retired from the military and flew for Continental Airlines.

They had their first daughter, Carl, in 1971; Jonathan in 1976 and

Christy in 1978. John retired from commercial flying at age 60, but the couple have hardly slowed down. Aside from babysitting their eight grandchildren, they volunteer for Meals on Wheels, sing in their church choir and lead singalongs at retirement communities. They are also members of The American Red Cross Overseas Association. (ARCOA consists of men and women who worked for the Red Cross throughout the world, mostly in conjunction with the United States military.)

Looking back, John said, "It was a very emotional year for these young women to be living in a Vietnamese jungle and a war zone. The phrase, 'A touch of home in a combat zone,' embodies what they did."

Their advice this Valentines Day? Say I love you throughout the day, be respectful, work as a team, family first, always have a sense of humor and never go to bed angry.
Good words to live by.

CITY

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ing to give you his opinion in a positive and beneficial way," Waldron said.

Council member Cathy Reuscher remarked on DiGiacinto's cheerfulness. "He was always a friendly face at city hall," she said.

Other council members also commented on DiGiacinto's work ethic. Council member Michael Recchiuti said he would miss his expertise on issues.

Council member Eric Evans commented that DiGiacinto was "a wonderful individual." He also noted that DiGiacinto was very thorough in his work. "Nothing got by the man," Evans said.

Council President J. William Reynolds said that DiGiacinto was "one of the smartest people I've ever met." But his true legacy, Reynolds said, will be "that love of his son, that love of his family, that love of this city."

Applicants for controller should send a letter of interest and a resume to the city clerk's office, 10 E. Church St., by noon Feb. 13. The council plans to appoint a successor at its Feb. 17 meeting. The

part-time job pays \$49,000.

In other business, council members voted to repeal a registration fee for firearms.

The \$2 fee, which is part of the city ordinances listing permits and fees, isn't consistent with state law that prohibits cities from regulating firearms, solicitor William Leeson told city council.

"Cities are unable to legislate the idea of carrying the firearm," Leeson noted.

Reynolds said, "I do

think it is unfortunate that cities do not have that power." He said he voted to repeal the registration fee "reluctantly."

He said cities should be able to legislate on the issue if state and federal governments don't support what "most Americans believe are commonsense regulations."

However, Reynolds said, the repeal of the registration fee is "the right move to keep the city out of litigation."

Council members will

take a final vote on the repeal of the registration fee at the Feb. 17 meeting.


Finance Committee on members are scheduled to discuss the 2014 year-end budget adjustment Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

The Human Resources and Environment Committee will meet on Feb. 17 at 6 pm to discuss the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and Kyoto Protocol, and the city's energy projects.


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Ruth C. Fleming

Trinity Episcopal member

Ruth C. Fleming, 87, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 23, 2015, while in the care of St. Luke's Hospice House, Lower Saucon Township. Born in Jersey City, N.J., she was a daughter of the late John and Grace (Munson) Fleming.

She graduated from Scotch Plains HS and Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown.

She was employed at Western Electric Company, Kearney, N.J.; Marsh & McLennan, New York City; and retired from PPL, Allentown, after 39

years.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem.

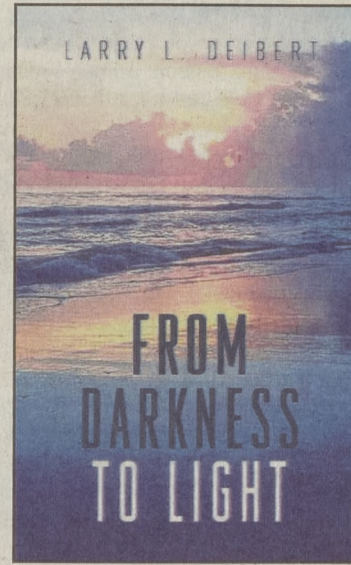
She volunteered for Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging for 10 years, and the for the church's soup kitchen for 15 years.

She is survived by a sister, Alice Hillman of Whippany, N.J.; two nephews, George Hillman of San Diego, Calif. and John and his wife Ellen Hillman, and three great nieces, all of Whippany, N.J.

Contributions may be made to the church, 44 E. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. Arrangements were made by James Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.



PRESS PHOTO BY JULIA SWAN



Larry Deibert, a retired mail carrier, now works part time as a courier for Lehigh Valley Hospital and networks extensively with other local writers.

Raymond H. Scholl

Local #30 roofer

Raymond H. Scholl, 81, of Allentown, died Jan. 24, 2015 at Cedarbrook Nursing Home, South Whitehall Township. Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late Samuel and Katie (Snyder) Scholl.

He was the husband of Shirley A. (Schnerr) Scholl for 53 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a roofer for Local #30 until he retired in 2004.

He was a member of



many social clubs in the Allentown area.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Jeffrey R. and his wife Roxann of Bethlehem; two daughters, Tammy M. and her husband Fred Warning of Mertztown and Cindy A. and her husband Nick Gress of Bethlehem; a sister, Dorothy Stieska of Allentown; and four grandchildren, Lauren, Lucas, Daxton and William.

He was predeceased by four brothers Paul, Frank, Oscar and Lloyd; and two sisters, Lucy and Gladys.

Arrangements were made by Trexler Funeral Home Inc., Allentown.

Evelyn C. Pinter

day care operator

Evelyn C. Pinter, 95, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 23, 2015. Born in Allentown, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Anna (Bender) Gross. She was the wife of the late Adam Pinter.

She was employed by Just Born, Bethlehem. She operated a Lehigh County sponsored day care in her home for 11 years before retiring.

She is survived by two daughters, Jackie and her

husband Robert Herstich of Greentown and Ronnie and her husband Gregory Boyer of Jim Thorpe; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Victoria.

Contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 881 Marcon Blvd., Suite 3700, Allentown, PA 18109.

Arrangements were made by Pearson Funeral Home, Bethlehem

Dorothy K. Yocum

real estate manager

Dorothy K. Yocum, 97, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 23, 2015, in Northampton Village. She was the wife of the late Ralph W. S. Yocum.

Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Mary (Barlett) Kunkle.

She was a sergeant in the U.S. Army and worked in the Pentagon.

She was a real estate manager for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. until she retired.

She was a member of the Church of the Manger

- U.C.C.

She volunteered at Muhlenberg Hospital Center and played the piano for residents of Holy Family Manor and the Blough Home.

She is survived by a sister, Jeanne Kelly in Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the Church of the Manger or to the Holy Family Manor recreation department.

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

Richard T. Melcher

Holy Ghost R.C. member

Richard T. Melcher, 94, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 20, 2015, in ManorCare. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Howard and Anna (Adams) Melcher. He was the husband of the late Doris E. (Gross) Melcher.

He was an auto/truck mechanic for Hershey's Ice Cream for many years before retiring.

He was a member of Holy Ghost Roman

Catholic Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Kathy Hammel of Catasauqua, Joanne Balkit of Bally and Debra Keller of Catasauqua; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Barbara Bradler.

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

Eugene Allen Bear

laborer

Eugene Allen Bear, 56, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 11, 2015, in his home. Born in Allentown, he was the son of Eugene Bear of Bethlehem and the late Gladis Bear.

He was in the U. S. Marine Corps.

He was a laborer in var-

ious warehouses in the area until retiring due to becoming disabled.

The family has requested that people perform a random act of kindness for someone in need.

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

'From Darkness to Light'

Hellertown author returns to supernatural in latest work

By JULIA F. SWAN
Special to the Press

Hellertown author Larry Deibert is fascinated by the supernatural.

"I guess horror, paranormal and time travel are my favorite things to do," Deibert said in a recent interview.

Like his three or four previous works, including the locally based "Christmas City Vampire," his new novel, "From Darkness to Light," revolves around supernatural events. He describes it as a "Christian paranormal" work.

That may seem to be a contradiction in terms, but it features an angel of God who is sent to a small group of humans to exhort them to send all earthbound ghosts to their final reward.

Deibert, who likes to use places he has visited as settings for his work, bases "From Darkness to Light" on the North Carolina coast, where he and his wife recently vacationed.

They stayed at the Carolina Temple Island Inn in Wrightsville Beach, and immediately fell in love with the century old building, with its wrap-around porches and wicker furniture.

Deibert says he told the owner of the inn he wanted to write a ghost story based there, and, perhaps serendipitously, the owner informed him the inn was haunted.

That was all Deibert needed to hear. He began researching the area, and decided the focus of his story would be the battleship North Carolina, which was involved in a World War II battle in the Pacific.

The ship is now based in Wilmington, N.C., and is open to visitors.

Deibert went about creating a story about a sailor who disappears off the ship, and about his grandson, who starts looking into the disappearance decades later.

The sailor and several other people are enlisted by an angel to get rid of the ghosts on the ship. They go to a deserted barrier island to pursue this endeavor, and in the process, all of their lives are changed.

With its themes of time travel and the paranormal, "From Darkness to Light" is in the same genre as his last novel, "The Other Side of the Ridge - Gettysburg June 27th 2013 to July 2nd 1863," which, of course, is about the battle of Gettysburg and involves a black soldier who fought there.

Deibert self-published the latest novel after the publisher of "The Christmas City Vampire" went out of business. "When you're an unknown, why let a middle man in?" he explained.

He is already full of ideas about the next book...or two or three.

Some of the characters in "From Darkness to Light" will be around for another book, he predicts, although he won't say which ones. And he is now working on a novel called "Family" about a family of immortals.

"I started it before I wrote this one [Darkness]," he said, "but I

couldn't figure out where to go with it."

After that, maybe he will return to Bethlehem, as a setting for a werewolf novel.

And he's also thinking of a book which will pay homage to the military police who helped save Saigon in 1968, thus returning to the topics of his earliest works, which take place during the Vietnam war.

Deibert served in Vietnam, and started writing after he began networking with other Vietnam veterans and hearing some of their stories.

He began to record some of his experiences as well as those of the other veterans, and that effort eventually led to his first novel, "95 Bravo," which he later rewrote as "Combat Boots, Dainty Feet."

Deibert, a retired mail carrier, now works part time as a courier for Lehigh Valley Hospital.

He still networks extensively with other local writers. There are more than 40 writers in the Lehigh Valley Writers Group, which he is part of, and at least half of them have had work published.

Unfortunately, he says, it's hard for them to become known. He said he would like to see someone open a store which would sell exclusively locally made goods, including books.

Meanwhile, he has already had one book signing of "From Darkness to Light" at the Moravian Bookstore, and said another one is planned, for March 29 from 1 to 3 p.m.

His newest book, as well as his previous books, are available on Amazon.com.

To obtain a signed copy, email him at larry-deibert@rcn.com.

Deibert served in Vietnam, and started writing after he began networking with other Vietnam veterans and hearing some of their stories.

Halleman aims to better borough's imageBy DANIELLE MARTIN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

After a postponement due to yet another wretched snowstorm, Fountain Hill Borough Council held its first meeting of the month Feb. 5. Several minor matters were discussed in rapid succession, and motions were passed on parking signage matters. Council ultimately discussed a few business frustrations.

Council member Helen Halleman asked for an update on the now-empty Bottom Dollar supermarket on Broadway that the Aldi company has closed down along with others across the map. She was adamant about finding a solution, emphasizing that Bottom Dollar was beneficial to the community, contributing work oppor-

tunities and affordable products. Now the idle structure merely takes up space, and Halleman wondered if any of the stores could be reopened or if the property could be sold.

Council President Larry Rapp said council could do nothing about the abandoned stores or the property on which they are built. Since Aldi owns the stores and the property, only it can decide the fate of the building. From here on out, council can only chime in with the refrain of Godot, saying, "nothing to be done." However, there is some hope that updates on the matter will arrive by March.

Little more was discussed in the brief meeting, apart from a fiery

expression of concern for the dirty, tire-littered roads and sidewalks of Broadway and North Bishop Thorpe streets. Ever concerned for the welfare of the borough's inhabitants, Halleman again spoke out in regard to this trend of inflicting people's property with garbage. Shredded tires in particular are visibly polluting the entrances and walkways of homes.

"That whole one block... horrible," Halleman expressed in disgust. "I walk a lot and I check these places. Front yards full of debris!" And while council seemed predominantly indifferent, Carolee Gifford raised a voice of concern toward Halleman, asking the other woman if she'd actually

approached homeowners to complain.

"You rang their doorbells?" Gifford asked in astonishment. The two women debated across the tables over the necessity of confronting individuals. Gifford even called it a disgrace for a council member to approach citizens on such matters. But Halleman responded, "I'll do it any time! From Broadway up to Cherokee!"

To settle the dispute, the president interrupted, saying, "This is not for this meeting," and procedures carried on peacefully from then on. But whether the matter of debris settling on homeowners' property will be settled will remain a mystery until further notice.

Kindergarten registration may move to Sept. 1By MARK RECCEK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Saucon Valley School District may soon require kindergarten students to be the age of five by Sept. 1.

District Superintendent Dr. Monica McHall-Small presented the recommendation to the

school board at its Jan. 27 meeting.

The current registration system, according to the district website, permits students who reach the age of five between Sept. 2 and Oct. 31 to be admitted contingent upon a skills assessment con-

ducted by district personnel.

McHall-Small said the assessment introduces the potential for the district to discriminate because, as she said, some students with disabilities may not score as well on the test.

"We are thereby excluding students with disabilities from early admission to kindergarten," she told the board.

The Sept. 1 date, according to McHall-Small, is often used by other school districts in the state.

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CITY POLICE

Burglary

An East Morton Street resident reported a burglary around midnight Jan. 14.

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Reported missing was a Taurus PT140 .40 caliber pistol, \$500 cash and two sets of keys.

BRIEFLY

LIFE LINE

Health screenings set for March 13

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Chocolate trail leaves Valentine's Day taste



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Megan Malavolta, a sales associate at the Seasons shop in downtown Bethlehem, holds a tray of samples from a unique chocolate cake made with olive oil and balsamic vinegar from the Main Street taproom, which participated the Chocolate Trail this past Saturday.

SAUCON

Continued from page A4 Fitzgerald said roughly 90 districts in the state use the Sept. 1 date.

He cautioned that the district is potentially opening itself up to lawsuits under the Americans with Disabilities Act by not implementing a firm date.

Board member Susan Baxter expressed disagreement with the Sept. 1 date.

"I think what we are doing is holding some people back that are ready," she said.

McHall-Small responded the district does offer a number of programs for children to advance in their academic careers once they are registered and attending.

The district is currently exploring the Sept. 1 date while taking into consideration legal precedence, according to McHall-Small.

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Spring fever short lived



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Kyle Lewis and Nick Potochnick run through the Christmas City Sunday afternoon, when temperatures were hovering around 40 degrees. Potochnick, a regular runner, said they were training for the upcoming St. Luke's Half Marathon. The taste of spring was short-lived, however, as cooler temperatures have returned to the Lehigh Valley with below freezing wintry weather in the short-term forecast.

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JEFF KARAM
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▼ **BRIEFLY**

FOOTBALL BANQUET

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the 55th Annual National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m.

The event will take place at the Northampton Community Center, 1601 Laubach Avenue, Northampton.

The banquet speaker will be Penn State football coach, James Franklin.

Tickets are available by contacting Herb Barrall, 484-515-6530. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Deadline for ticket sales is Feb. 13.

Looks for nominee bios in an upcoming edition of the Press.

VIA HOOP CLINICS

Via Basketball Clinics, presented by the MassMutual Eastern Pennsylvania, will take place from 1-2:30 p.m. on the following dates:

March 22, 2015, Northampton Community College, Spartan Center. Register by March 16.

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The Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame Clinic, presented by the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association, will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 3 p.m. at Northampton Community College.

Tickets, sponsor information and event details for the Via All-Star Basketball Classic, Clinics, Banquet and Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame are available online at www.ViaNet.org or by calling Ana Colucci at 610-317-8000 x459.

'Canes not looking ahead in EPC tournament

By PETER CAR
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The inaugural East Penn Conference tournament started just like all coaches hoped it would—with a postponement.

Monday's opening round was pushed back to Tuesday night, as second-seeded Liberty hosted seventh-seeded Easton.

The result of that contest was past Press deadlines and Liberty head coach Chad Landis under-

stood that he only had one thing on his mind entering the contest with Easton (12-10, 9-7).

"We're not thinking about the EPC title yet," he said. "We're worried about Easton and what we can do better than when we played them last time. If we would win, we'd play a team we haven't played all year, so there's really no time to think about the championship game."

Monday's first round was pushed back a day

due to the weather and the semifinals, which will be held at Freedom Wednesday, were moved a day back as well in preparation for Friday's finals at a neutral site.

Easton handed Liberty (16-6, 14-2) one of its two league losses, a 47-43 victory on Jan. 28, as Hassan Greenfield led all scorers with 20 points.

No Liberty player scored in double figures that game and the 'Canes would have needed a better

effort on both ends of the floor if they hoped to move on to play the winner of the 3-6 matchup between Stroudsburg and Central.

"Easton's athleticism gave us problems last time," Landis said. "We let them shoot, we let them drive and we didn't do a very good job on defense or offense last time. I felt like we didn't play with enough energy."

Energy may be exhausted this week with three games in four days for the

eventual finalists, as Parkland (21-1, 16-0) still remains the overwhelming favorite to come away with the league title Friday night.

"I thought going through the old LVC tournament was tough, but this will be a grind," Landis said. "For any team that has to play three this week without much practice, you then turn around and start districts next week. This is even tougher."

STATE WRESTLING



PRESS PHOTOS BY BOB FORD

Jake Riegel looks for back points during the PIAA 3A team tournament last week.

Hawks take third

Fall short in bid for another state title

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's journey towards an unprecedented fifth straight state championship in wrestling came to an end over the weekend at the Giant Center in Hershey.

The Hawks, for the first time since February of 2011, found themselves on the wrong side of the win column, succumbing to District 7 power Franklin Regional 30-26 in the PIAA 3A semifinals last Friday night.

The defeat ended Bechahi's 62-match winning streak and forced the Hawks to settle for third-place after they walloped Parkland and North Allegheny in the consolation rounds to finish in



Luke Karam fends off a shot in Hershey, as the Hawks took third as a team.

third. For head coach Jeff Karam, the loss was a sobering reminder of what defeat feels like.

"It's been a long time since we lost and it doesn't feel good," Karam said. "I made sure our guys understood the way they felt and have them use that as motivation for the

future."

Getting out from bottom was a sticking point for Bechahi in their loss to Franklin Regional, as Brandon Blobe (195) and Niko Camacho (HWT) fell victim to tight losses.

Blobe lost a 1-0 bout to Jeremy Nestor after not being able to get out from bottom in the third period

and Camacho was a 4-3 victim to Jake Pickup.

Trailing 27-20 entering the second last match of the bout, Luke Karam (126) lost to Gus Solomon 1-0 after neither wrestler was able to score on their feet during the match.

Karam chose neutral to start the third period, instead of wanting to take bottom, out of respect for Solomon's prowess on top.

The victory sealed the win for the Panthers, who forfeited the final bout at 132 to walk away with the win.

"If there's one thing that we can take away from this is that we need to get better on bottom," Karam said. "That really was a major issue for us in a couple of key bouts. It's something that we'll

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By the end of the night, that was official too. Parkland defeated Whitehall, 35-26. The Hurricanes are the eighth seed in the EPC Tournament and will have faced top-seeded Allentown Central Catholic on Tuesday, past Press deadlines. Games were moved back from Monday to Tuesday because of wintery weather.

If anything set the tone of Liberty's game against Freedom, it was the first quarter. West, Madison Capuano, and Reyna DeJesus combined for nine points, but the Patriots came up empty. Good shot after good shot, rebounding by Kaitlyn Swint, and even an intercepted pass by the Freedom sophomore forward resulted in no points for Freedom.

West said, "I was really shocked and a little

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Six Hawks sign

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic held a ceremony for six of their student-athletes last Thursday to celebrate National Signing Day, as five of the six athletes recognized last week were members of the football program.

Freddie Simmons (NC State), Dante Lonardo (Lafayette), Josh Heron (St. Francis), Mike Italiani (Kutztown) and Colby Faasuamalie (West Chester) all made things official from a football

standpoint, while Katie Altpeter signed on with Lehigh to continue her track and field career.

The day was welcoming for Simmons, who decommitted from Rutgers back in November and found himself behind the eight ball after that with colleges, as many schools that had recruited him filled their need at the wide receiver position.

That put Simmons in a stressful spot, as he tried to find the right place to further his career.

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Bethlehem Catholic football coach, Joe Henrich (far left), presents the six Golden Hawks that signed during last week's National Signing Day ceremony.

SWIMMING & DIVING

LHS girls avenge Easton

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls swim team had their revenge against Easton last week in the Hurricanes 99-84 victory over the Red Rovers at Liberty.

Hurricane senior, Anita Kundu, said, "They beat us last year because of their four-lane pool. They never choose eight [when they are here] because they know we have depth. Second and third [places] can add up to more than first place in a six-lane pool."

In the first individual event of the meet, Liberty had a 1-2-3 finish in the 200 free, led by Jocelyn

Baker with a time of 2:02.64, followed by Anna Lehr, and Erin Wetmore, which made up for the Hurricanes second place finish in the 200 medley relay.

Liberty also placed second in the 200 free relay where Maggie Walters, Emily Buell, Kundu, and Kayla Drago were out-touched by Easton by .37 seconds.

"We were in second from the beginning, but we were slowly catching up. If Kayla could have swam an extra 50, we could have won," said Kundu.

Drago won two individual events, the 50 free

with a time of 25.87, and the 100 free with a time of 56.45.

Julia McCarthy took first place in the 200 IM with a time of 2:12.30, and Chloe Kobus placed first in the 500 free with a time of 5:38.0, both for the Hurricanes.

This Thursday will mark the last regular season swim meet for Liberty when they will host Freedom at 6 p.m.

"They have a couple really, really good seniors, which makes us nervous, but I'm confident we'll win because of our depth," Kundu said. "We have really good swimmers too."

LHS boys beat Red Rovers

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty swimmers, Aaron Dolgos, Nolan Vannata, Reid Rossi, and Jacob Jones led off the Hurricanes meet against Easton with a first place finish in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:45.43 last Tuesday when Liberty defeated the Red Rovers, 108.5-72.5 at Liberty.

Vannata said, "It was a good race. We were behind, but I got ahead of the kid next to me. They have very good backstrokers, but we seemed to make a comeback after that."

Vannata also won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:02.28.

"I dropped about a half a second," he said. "I always try not to think about the competition because it's thrown me off in the past, so I try to think about my personal goal."

Other individual event winners for the Hurricanes were Jones in the 50 free with a time of 23.26, and Robert Negron in the 100 free with a time of 50.08.

Chase Ledger was a double event winner for Liberty, taking first place in the 200 IM with a time

of 2:13.29, and the 500 free with a time of 5:28.88.

Brandon Hlavaty, Negron, Jones, and Evan Smith combined to win the 200 free relay with a time of 1:33.39.

This Thursday is the much anticipated rivalry meet when Liberty will welcome Freedom at 6 p.m.

Vannata said, "It's going to be tough, but if we swim 100% ... Our swimmers finish right next to each other. My freshman year, we had a chance, but they won. Last year, they beat us by a small amount. If we do our best, we could win."

Pates place at diving meet

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School divers, Madison Young and John McGinty, placed fifth at the East Penn Conference Diving Championships on Feb. 7 at Parkland High School.

McGinty's first of 11 dives was a front one-and-a-half tuck, and his last was a front two-and-a-half tuck.

"I was pretty happy about the forward two-and-a-half because I didn't practice it, and I got fives. I thought I was going to get twos and threes," he said.

McGinty's best dive of the day was an inward dive pike on which he received 8.5s across the board.

"I got good height, went over the board, and ripped the dive," said McGinty.

Coach Jeff Zettlemoyer was very pleased with McGinty's performance.

"John would have gotten even higher if we hadn't made a mistake on the tenth dive," Zettlemoyer said.

McGinty and his coach changed his last two dives the day before the meet, but the change did not reflect on the judges' computers, so McGinty actually failed the tenth dive because he did the wrong one.

Putting that behind him, McGinty is looking forward to Freedom's meet against Liberty this week, and districts the week after.

"I'll probably be working on my more difficult dives, like my two-and-a-half twister, but other than that, my dives are good. I'll just do a little

tweaking," said McGinty.

Young, who continues to make huge progress this season, including breaking Freedom's team record for diving last week with 264.50 points, received a score of 434.80. McGinty's score was unavailable as of Press deadlines.

Zettlemoyer said, "Madison is training harder. She comes to my practices, and she goes to Lafayette. She's willing to do upper degree of difficulty dives, and she has more confidence in what she's doing, which is my biggest compliment to her diving."

Liberty divers, Rachel Finn and Samantha Kinkaid, also competed in the 11-dive meet, placing seventh and ninth, respectively.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Freedom goalie Jarrett Ballister held strong for much of the game against Parkland and eventually saw 73 shots against him.

HOCKEY

PHS pulls away, tops Freedom

By C.J. HEMERLY
Special to the Press

It may have been viewed as a slight disadvantage, but the Freedom ice hockey team just did not have the numbers to throw on to the ice Parkland did.

With nine healthy skaters, including their goalie, the Patriots could not even rotate two full lines.

Even with those low numbers, though, Freedom (5-10 overall) made this one a game. Trailing just 2-1 midway through the third period, all of those minutes of ice time may have finally caught up to the Patriots. Parkland (12-0-1) would go on to score four goals in the last eight minutes of the contest to pull away and win 6-1.

"We just didn't have the numbers that we wanted," said head coach Brandon Zittler. "It's tough to play a great team like Parkland for a full game while you're down some guys. I'm proud of how well we played."

A big reason behind the Patriots good start was the play of goaltender Jarrett Ballister. Ballister made 67 saves, stopping 67-of-73 shots that the Trojans put on net.

The teams would go scoreless in the opening period, and then trade goals in the second, before Parkland took the lead with a goal from Andrew Loomis.

Ben Zager opened the scoring just 25 seconds into the second period, but Brendan Driscoll tied it up with a goal of his own, his 19th of the season which is third best in the league.

In the final period, the Trojans opened it up. With three full lines to throw at the Patriots, Parkland found the net four times. Zager tallied two, and Connor Breinich and Timmy Doe each contributed one a piece to put the game away.

Freedom has one more regular season game against Northampton, who sits right ahead of them in the standings.

Girls

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scared, but then, after the first quarter, we didn't worry."

The Patriots even handled Liberty's full-court pressure well, creating some hope. Freedom sophomore guard, Erica Heaney, scored five consecutive points, and Swint saved a turnover in the second quarter, when each team scored eight points.

Between Capuano's threes and Taysia Snead's consistent shooting, however, the Hurricanes were able to pull away comfortably.

"We are a push-and-go team. We don't score off plays," said West.

West also had her share of jump shots and layups to contribute to the win.

"I can kind of tell [it's going in] if I hold my follow through," she said.

On Freedom's side, the Patriots did have their moments in the second half.

Senior guard, Autumn Washington, intercepted a pass, and Gia Erié scored two points. Erié then intercepted another pass, and Jaiden Coyne scored. Taylor Garza intercepted a third pass, and Erié scored again, all in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Hailey Silfies added seven points for Freedom, and senior guard, Jennifer Capuano scored two.

Throughout the regular season, Liberty had its ups and downs, enough that a spot in district play-offs came down to the final game of the season.

"We could have done better," said West, "but we pulled it out in the end."

Also last Friday night, Bethlehem Catholic defeated Easton, 60-38. The Hawks are the second seed in the EPC Tournament and will have taken on Pocono Mountain West on Tuesday.

Signing

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"NC State came into play after [wide receivers] coach [George] McDonald expressed great interest in me and explained why he wanted to bring me in," said Simmons. "Coach really put his neck out on the line and he was willing to convince the other coaches on the staff to bring me in. I just respected the fact that he did that for me."

Lonardo, who was an outstanding defensive end for the Hawks, will continue his playing days with Lafayette. Lonardo knew he wanted to be apart of the Leopards program since last summer, as he's taken several unofficial visits with the school, but was finally happy to put pen to paper in last week's ceremony.

"I was looking at pretty much all the Patriot and Ivy League schools," said Lonardo of his options. "Staying close to home wasn't on the top of my list originally, but the more athletes I spoke with, it seemed to be a common trend that kids that went to school far away from home wished they could bridge the gap between college and family life. Lafayette affords me that opportunity and I'm more than happy."

Heron will go on to play defensive back for St. Francis.

"I always had faith that I could go on and play at the next level and picking St. Francis was really a last minute decision," Heron said. "At the end, St. Francis stuck with me when a couple other schools didn't work out."

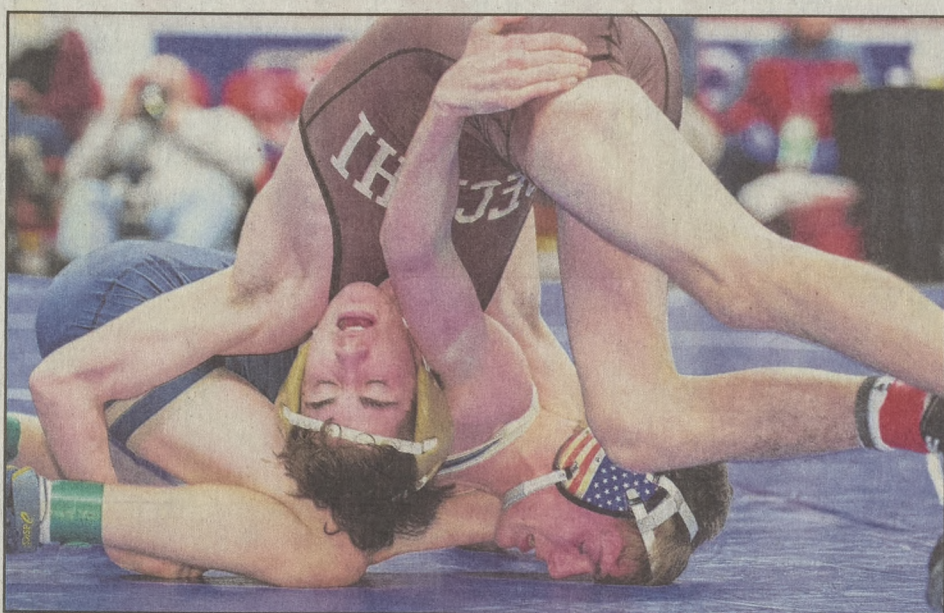
Being able to celebrate the signings with several of his teammates also made last week's ceremony memorable to Heron.

"I mean we started out 1-9 and now look at us," he said. "It just shows you that hard work pays off."

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BY BOB FORD

Sean Redington looks to maintain control during his 12-4 victory over Mark Prucnal of Franklin Regional Friday night.

The Hawks would go on to lose to the Panthers 30-26 for their first and only loss of the season.



Hawks

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have to focus on more now because it was a deciding factor in the match."

The Hawks took out their frustration against Parkland Saturday morning, hammering the Trojans for a third time this season, 55-6.

Becahi then took home third-place with a 52-9 victory over North Allegheny in their final consolation bout.

Despite not coming home with a state title, Karam doesn't see the weekend trek to Hershey as a wasted one.

"I think we come away from this with more confidence about our chances at winning the individual team title [at states in March]," he said. "Before this tournament, we looked at it and figured we really didn't have a chance, but I think we've closed the gap now."

"Plus, I know our guys will be motivated. You just have to look at it as an experience that you can learn from and that's how we're going to take it away."

The Hawks will wrestle East Stroudsburg North tonight and Emmaus Thursday night in two East Penn Conference bouts that were pushed back.

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BRIEFLY

ARTSQUEST

Wine Wednesdays set to begin Feb. 11

The Wine Wednesdays series at SteelStacks, begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way.

The events include sampling sessions featuring wines from throughout Italy, as well as opportunities to work alongside professional artists.

For information and tickets, visit www.steelstacks.org or call 610-332-3378.

BETHLEHEM

Traditions dance set for Feb. 13

Traditions of Hanover Independent Living will hold a free, reservations required sweetheart dance from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at 5300 Northgate Drive.

There will be musical entertainment by King Henry, and treats, including chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne.

RSVP by calling 484-893-6689 or visit www.traditionsofhanover.com.

TODDLERS

Play series to start Feb. 27

The Toddlers at Play series for ages one to three will be held at the Bethlehem Area Public Library from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 27 through March 27, 11 W. Church St.; and at the South Side branch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 17 through March 17.

Community childhood professionals will interact one-on-one with parents, answering questions on an individual basis. The workshops emphasize early literacy, and connect parents with community agencies.

The programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. For information and to register, visit www.bapl.org, call the main library at 610-867-3761, ext. 499 or call the branch at 610-867-7852.

MORAVIAN

Vendor apps due by May 31

The Moravian Historical Society is accepting vendor applications for the 37th annual Arts & Crafts Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 13, at the 1740-1743 Whitefield House, Nazareth. There is free admission, entertainment and parking.

Proceeds benefit the educational and preservation efforts of the non-profit organization.

For applications, due by May 31, and information, visit www.moravianhistorical-society.org, email info@moravianhistorical-society.org or call 610-759-5070.

PSU

HR courses begin march 11

Penn State Lehigh Valley and its partner, the Society for Human Resource Management, is now offering courses beginning March 11 at the Center Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley, PA 18034.

The courses help HR professionals prepare for the SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM - CP) and SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) certification credentials and the first exam in May.

To register, visit www.lvpsu.edu/CE/28194.htm or email dmcaloon@psu.edu or call 610-285-5066. For SHRM certification information, visit www.shrmcertification.org.



Women in Excellence volunteers Mamie Williams, Rose Mincy and Prudence Burhell man the hot dog station in the Broughal MS cafeteria.

The sixth annual Christmas Celebration hosted by the Bethlehem Women of Excellence put smiles on the faces of some 500 children. The free event featured a variety of activity stations throughout Broughal MS in South Bethlehem that kept the happy youngsters and their parents busy. "It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding to see expression on their faces," said Dr. Enid Jackson, coordinator of the party. "It's really amazing. It helps make the children's Christmas brighter." Jackson is president and founder of the local women's community service organization.

Happy faces



Jessica Perez holds her son Milnor as volunteers from the Last Day Ministry Youth Center on Linden Street dish out free meals for those attending the holiday party. "I love it. We're enjoying ourselves," said the Bethlehem resident and first-timer at the Christmas season event.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN



Christopher Cruz receives wrapped Christmas presents from LaShawn Clark, a member of the Women of Excellence organization, which set up some dozen gift tables in the Broughal MS gym.



Volunteer Melissa Grier shows a hat to Jasha Gonzalez, who was with her aunt, Waly Gonzalez of Bethlehem. Melissa, associated with the Women of Excellence through her mentor LaShawn Clark, was helping out with the gift tables.



Sisters Marielys Rodriguez and Arialys Figueroa enjoy hot dogs during the free meal in the Broughal MS cafeteria.



Jason Quinones holds a toy-filled Spiderman basket in the middle school gymnasium where a dozen tables covered with gifts is the final station of the Christmas Celebration.



A sleeping Desmond Brown with his mother, Faith Bauer, near the end of a long day at the Christmas Celebration for children and their parents in South Bethlehem.

BRIEFLY

L.V. BEEKEEPERS Sessions set for Feb., March

The Lehigh Valley Beekeepers Association will hold Introduction to Beekeeping classes at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 and March 4 and 18 at Lehigh Carbon Community College, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville.

The consecutive sessions are open to the public. There is a fee. Attendees under age 16, when accompanied by an adult, are given a reduced rate.

Visit www.lehighvalleybeekeepers.org or call 610-767-0306 or email blaineholden@hotmail.com.

Oscar party set for Feb. 22

ArtsQuest will host the annual Oscars viewing party at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at the ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. The event is a fundraiser for the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas and ArtsQuest's film program at SteelStacks.

Tickets and information are available by visiting www.steelstacks.org, calling 610-332-3378 or visiting the ArtsQuest center's box office.

DCNR

Summer camps deadline April 15

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' summer residential camp, for young Pennsylvanians interested in pursuing environmental careers, is accepting applications now through April 15.

The free six-day camp, for 20 participants, begins July 12 at Kirby Episcopal House and Chapel, Mountain Top.

Applicants in grades 10-12 interested in conservation and environmental careers should visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/ecocamp or email RA-ECO_Camp@pa.gov or call 717-425-5330.

LEHIGH VALLEY Hispanic Awards Fiesta March 27

Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley is accepting reservations for its 2015 Awards Fiesta March 27.

Scheduled for 6 p.m. at DeSales University Center in Center Valley, the dinner event will honor several area Hispanics for outstanding work in the community. Pa. Secretary of State Pedro Cortés is the guest speaker.

For more information or ticket purchase, contact Kimberly Bush at 610-868-7800, ext. 245.

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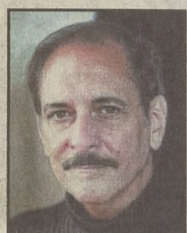
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Our heritage in plain sight



Ken Ranieri
Columnist

It is incredible how many times motorists drive past the white Wilbur Mansion and the hulking, tan-colored Masonic Temple on Wyandotte Street but know little about either building. Even more surprising is the history of the mansion built in 1864 – older than the Borough of South Bethlehem itself. But how or why the mansion got there may be traced back to 1791 with the discovery of a hard, shiny black mineral called “anthracite.”

Thirty-nine years after anthracite coal was discovered near Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pa., untold wealth came to those who mined and transported these “black diamonds.” In 1830, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. officially opened its canal system along the Lehigh River. The canal made possible the transportation of anthracite by barge from Mauch Chunk to Easton, where it connected to a southern canal along the Delaware to Philadelphia markets. Newcomers who accompanied canal traffic had a direct impact on Bethlehem’s quiet church-village.

By 1847, Bethlehem had become a “hot spot” for real estate investors when the Moravians sold four large farms that flanked the northern slope of South Mountain. Six years later, the village of “Bethlehem South” was the destination of speculators who quickly exploited the region’s natural resources. Along the Lehigh River, chemist-inventor-industrialist Samuel Wetherill erected the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Zinc Company, which eventually went into the hands of financial businessman Joseph Wharton – both men Philadelphia Quakers.

In 1855, canal boat builder Asa Packer completed his fast method of transporting anthracite to Philadelphia – by railroad. He chose chief engineer Robert H. Sayre to relocate and build the Lehigh Valley Railroad headquarters in “Bethlehem South.” Along with Sayre came Packer’s nephew, Elisha Packer Wilbur, who saw to Packer’s secretarial and financial matters, and his son-in-law, Garret Brodhead Linderman, physician-turned-coal businessman. Packer’s family and associates were Mauch Chunk Episcopalians.

In 1857, Sayre acquired the Saucona Iron Company and changed the name to Bethlehem Rolling Mills and Iron Company. Two years later, he chose John Fritz to supervise the newly named Bethlehem Iron Company. With the blast furnace in operation by 1863, the first inexpensive, high-quality rails were produced in South Bethlehem for Packer’s Lehigh Valley Railroad.

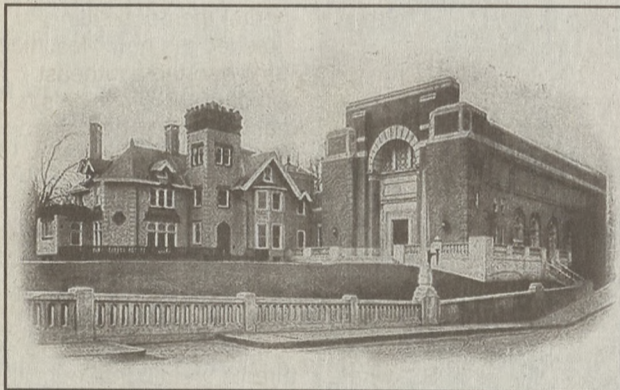
At this time, Samuel Wetherill with two fellow Masons from Lodge #152 in Easton, and two Masons from Newark Lodge #7 in New Jersey, constituted “Bethlehem Lodge #283,” located between Market Street and Cunow Alley (now Walnut Street) in Bethlehem. Wetherill was first Worshipful Master and a life member. Later, fellow Masons commemorated his standing by having his portrait painted to hang in Bethlehem Lodge #283.

During the 1850s, Sam Wetherill’s Philadelphia friend, artist Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze (1816-1868), sold Wetherill his monumental 6-foot by 9-foot oil painting, depicting the “Departure of the Israelites from Egypt.” Leutze studied art in Dusseldorf, Germany, between 1840 and 1855 and dated his epic painting “1845” after which he returned with it to Philadelphia. Leutze is perhaps best known for his 1851 painting, “Washington Crossing the Delaware.”

Wetherill was pleased to own Leutze’s painting, but because of its great size, Wetherill rolled it up and stored it away safely. Before his death in 1868, Leutze visited Wetherill in Bethlehem and asked to buy back the painting or exchange it for any of his other artwork of Wetherill’s choice. But Wetherill declined and said, “I trust that so long as the Bethlehem Lodge exists, [the painting] will be treasured by its members.” Consequently, Leutze never got back his painting.

In 1877, Bethlehem Lodge #283 was changed from

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In 1986, the Wilbur Mansion and Masonic Temple property was placed on the Old Fountain Hill National Register. At present, members of the Bethlehem Temple Association are negotiating the sale of the property, which includes the visually iconic Mansion and Temple buildings – and the rich unseen heritage that made South Bethlehem history.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Bethlehem Police Chief Mark DiLuzio’s message is simple, “Alcohol doesn’t have to be the center or life of your party.”

A spirit-free holiday mixer

Lisa Fiore casts her vote for Blitzen Mint Cocoa after taste testing the four non-alcoholic drinks offered. Fiore works at the Center for Humanistic Change and Lehigh Valley Hospital, and resides in Macungie.



The Lehigh Valley DUI/Highway Safety Task Force held its 14th annual spirit free mix-off in mid-December at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. The annual non-alcoholic drink competition focuses on sending a message about the dangers of drinking and driving during the holiday season. Participants were able to taste four alternatives to alcoholic beverages: Blitzen Mint Cocoa; Christmas Margarita; Mistletoe Martini; and Candy Cane Lemonade. The Apollo Grill in Bethlehem (Candy Cane Lemonade) and Mesa Modern Mexican in Easton (Christmas Margarita) each provided a recipe, while Lehigh Valley Hospital food service operator Sodexo mixed the other two. Apollo Grill employee Alysia Benson, Lt. Jeremy Alleshouse of the Bethlehem Police Department, Capt. David Beitler of the Easton Police Department and Patrolman Jonathon Roth from Lehigh Township served up the concoctions. Eighty-eight votes were cast with the Apollo Grill’s Candy Cane Lemonade collecting 31 votes to win. The winner receives a donation of \$250 to the charity of its choice courtesy of the Task Force.



Apollo Grill employee Alysia Benson serves some Candy Cane Lemonade to Healthworks employee Florence Kern, a Northampton resident. Apollo Grill’s spirit free drink was declared the winner, garnering 31 out of 88 votes cast.



The 14th annual spirit free mix off was held at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg in Bethlehem. In addition to tasting the four non alcoholic drinks, participants could take an alcohol IQ test to win a prize.



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Several dozen community members ask questions and hear tales of personal business success from co-op board members.

Co-op inviting new partners

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Amid the Battle of the Pantry, in which Big Box stores vie with national retailers to control our shopping habits while local farms and organic growers retain the interests of the health-conscious, one group in Bethlehem has been working diligently to plan its own future.

The Bethlehem Food Co-Op, organizing quietly for the last four years, held its first public meeting of the year Jan. 5 at the Charles Brown Ice House. Members shared business updates while explaining their goals

and answering newcomers’ questions regarding the benefits of membership.

The co-op is an incorporated business owned by community members invested in opening a grocery store in Bethlehem’s downtown. As of January there were more than 160 member-owners whose ultimate goal is to offer healthy, affordable, locally-focused food and informational workshops at a convenient neighborhood location.

Audience members asked about the inclusion of certain kinds of cookies or GMO-free foods. Genetically Modified Organism foods are

those that were designed or manipulated by scientists. Board member Gary Warren said it’s early to answer such questions as they are nowhere near stocking shelves. However, he said stocking local, organic or whatever other sort of foods in the future store would be exactly what becoming a member and having a voice in the co-op is all about: Being a partner in the process.

The co-op needs 300 members before it is stable enough to begin searching for a property.

More information can be found at <http://www.bethlehem-food.coop/>



Valley Milkhouse owner Stephanie Angstadt explains how she built her business from scratch out of a simple hobby. “I don’t have much of a presentation, but I do have cheese,” she said.



Co-op Board President Santiago Rivera asks the audience members to keep an eye out for co-op participation at any number of public events.

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Sarah Bauch

LV Charter HS for the Arts

Grade: 12

Family members: My wonderful mother and stepdad, Nancy and Brian Cocot

Favorite subject: My favorite academic subject is English, because of how my teacher really brings whatever we're doing to life. He really knows how to push our writing to be the best it can be. My favorite artistic subject is advanced acting because of how it has immensely helped me grow as an actor and as a person.

Activities: Going to rehearsals after school and being an active member of my school's Student Council

Next steps: Going to college to gain the knowledge and experience I need to someday become a professional stage manager. My top school is Penn State.

Career goals: To hopefully someday become a professional stage manager for Broadway shows, Broadway tours or for theaters all around the U.S.

Heroes: My incredible mother for being the most strong and amazing woman I have ever known. My theater teachers are also my heroes because of the endless passion and love they have for their art form, and their ceaseless dedication to their students and their department.

Hobbies: Stage managing, taking part in Student Council, playing with my dog, Auggie, and helping my school or community in any way I can.

Current job(s): Stage managing all three of my school's Main Stage productions and assistant teaching my school's fundamentals of acting class

Volunteer/community work: Over the summer I worked at my school's summer arts camp as an assistant teacher for the



Broadway and acting portions, as well as helping out in my school's public relations department. Last year, with Student Council, I participated in the Special Olympics and absolutely can't wait to do it again this year!

Likes: My likes include theater, coffee, scarves, Tennessee Williams, Shel Silverstein, the Jonas Brothers and giving back to my school in any way I can and Red Carpet award shows.

Dislikes: Sunday nights, unmotivated people and rap

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Becoming a set production assistant and assistant set designer for my teacher's comedy series, "Goody, Goody." Another thing I consider to be an accomplishment is being asked to be a member of the National Student Leadership Conference, as well as stage managing two overlapping productions.

Advice for peers: Never give up on yourself. You're capable of so much good, you just have to believe in yourself. The first step to loving others is loving yourself.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

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

By DAWN NIXON
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Ryan Halligan of Essex Junction, Vt., was just 13 when he committed suicide. The victim of vicious bullying, Ryan endured years of humiliation by his peers, both in the classroom and online. Despite a loving family, the humiliation proved to be too much for Ryan, and he took his own life.

Ryan's father, John Halligan, visited Bethlehem's Nitschmann MS recently to share his son's story. Before an auditorium of attentive students, he slowly introduced Ryan. A slide show of photos from throughout Ryan's 13 years played. It was easy to see that Ryan was just like the students in the auditorium, a middle school kid who loved his family and friends and who was loved by his family and friends.

After the slide show, John Halligan took to the stage to encourage the students to never feel like suicide is the only way out.

"You are all loved beyond belief," he said. "I guarantee that there is at least one person in each of your lives who loves you."

He described his desperate search for answers in the days following Ryan's death. Poring through Ryan's online accounts, he discovered that the bullying had been far worse than Ryan had ever mentioned to his family.

Ryan had been taunted mercilessly by a specific bully who spread terrible rumors about him. Later, a girl Ryan had a crush on pretended to want to be Ryan's girlfriend. Over the summer between his seventh and eighth grade year, Ryan and the girl exchanged sweet and romantic messages online.

Yet when school started in the fall, the girl told Ryan that she had made it all up. She called him a "loser" in front of his classmates and sent Ryan's private messages out to the other students in an effort to humiliate him.

That humiliation



PRESS PHOTOS BY DAWN NIXON

Nitschmann students listen attentively as John Halligan speaks about the negative effects of bullying.



John Halligan speaks to Nitschmann MS students about the effect of bullying on his son Ryan's life. Pictured behind John is a photo of Ryan.

proved to be too much for Ryan to bear. Shortly thereafter, on a business trip away from home, John received the call that Ryan was dead.

Remembering that day, and all the difficult days after, Ryan's father told the students he is sure that if Ryan could tell them anything, he would say that killing himself was a terrible mistake.

"He's gone forever," he said. "There is no com-

ing back."

He encouraged the students to talk to their parents and teachers about bullying and to think before they do anything that might hurt another student.

John Halligan has presented Ryan's story to thousands of students throughout the nation. He tirelessly crusades against bullying by visiting as many schools as he can. In addition to his presentations at schools,



Ryan Halligan committed suicide at age 13.

John worked hard to pass Vermont's bullying prevention law, which holds schools accountable to prevent and stop bullying.

No school district is immune to the type of bullying that Ryan experienced. A 2009 U.S. Department of Education Study found that bullying and harassment affects nearly one in every three American students between the age of 12 and 18.

Here in Pennsylvania, Senator Bob Casey has unveiled a bipartisan anti-bullying in schools bill, "The Safe Schools Improvement Act." The law would require school districts in Pennsylvania and across the country to develop and implement anti-bullying policies.

"With the advent of text messaging, social media, and social networking, many children find they cannot escape the harassment when they go home at night," said Casey in a press release issued this month. "It follows them from the moment they wake up until the moment they go to sleep. This legislation will ensure that school districts across the country take proactive steps to combat bullying and protect children."

Sadly, new legislation cannot bring Ryan back, but it can make a difference in the lives of children today. Awareness is the first step to making change. Despite the tragedy of his son's death, John Halligan takes comfort in the fact that Ryan's story may save the life of another.

COLLEGEGRADUATIONS

Northampton Community College

Northampton Community College held commencement on January 25 for several local residents who earned AA - Associate in Arts, AS - Associate in Science, AAS - Associate in Applied Science, CERT - Certificate, and SD - Specialized Diploma degrees.

The new graduates are, from Bethlehem: Shawky Abdelsayed, AAS; Michael Agengo, AA; Tamika Alford, AA; Nicholas Allen, AA; Michael Altgracia, AA; Carlos Aponte, AAS; Wayne Aravich, SD; Joseph Arthur, AA; Yolanda Aviles, CERT; Katrina Badger, AAS; Matthew Barnes, AAS; Andrew Beal, AA; Rachel Brader, SD; Sylvia Branco, AA; Stephanie Breon, AAS; Steven Brett, SD; Randy Brodhead, AAS; Ida Bromfield, AA; Jasmine Brown, AAS; Alex Brueningsen, AAS; Frank Bucsi, AAS; Sol Caraballo, AA; Matthew Carraghan, AAS; Zachary Clark, AAS; Zachary Clift, AAS; John Connell, AAS; William Cook, AA; Kristin Daly, SD; Nicole Davis, AAS; Milagros De Jesus, AAS; Kayla DeLeon, AA; Danielle DePietro, SD; Kyle Decker, AA; Christopher DiBella, AA; Nicole Donley, AAS; Tyler Dowling, AAS; Gilbert Dubois, SD; Sharif Eatman, AA; Wilson Echeverri, AA; Ceara Eichen, CERT; Nicholas Engle, AAS; Jessica Farrell, AAS; Jose Figueroa, AA; Stephanie Flaherty, AAS; Phyllis Freeman, AA; Gwynedd Gabrielli, CERT; Tessa Gattullo, SD; Charles Gill, CERT; Nathanael Gonzalez, AAS; Andrew Graffis, AA; Linda Greenzweig, SD; Carl Hartner, AAS; Andrew Harvilla, AS; Melissa Hein, CERT; Blake Hoerres, AAS; Norman Jones, AAS; Erin Jonigan, AA; Bnafsheh Khamneh, AA; Tiffany Kirby, AA; Sarah Kirk, AA; Kenny Kline, SD; Kristin Krasznalvolgyi, AA; Shkana Laluz, CERT; Jordan Laubach, SD; Olivia Leh, AAS; Megan Lennner, SD; Kelly Lissenden, AAS; Min Liu, AAS; Paola Loor, SD, SD; Paola Lora, SD; Jared Lugo, AA; Amy Lukow, AA; Emmanuel Lumbayi,

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"Ancient York Masons" to "Free and Accepted Masons." When the Bethlehem Lodge celebrated its 30th anniversary in 1883, Wetherill presented his fellow Masons with Leutze's properly framed painting, with the provision that it should officially hang in the room of any building the Lodge occupied.

At a meeting in September 1885, the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Lehigh University President Robert A. Lambertson received an invitation to participate in laying the cornerstone of Packer Memorial Church on Lehigh's campus. The church, designed by Philadelphia architect Addison Hutton, was a gift of Mary Packer Cummings to the university in memory of her father, Asa Packer who died in 1879. Lehigh Valley Railroad mastermind, Packer was a Mason and Lehigh University founder (1865).

Among the articles the Masons deposited in the church cornerstone were: the Ahiman Rezon, a plate containing the name of Grand Lodge officers and the Masonic Register of 1885; the first annual report of the Home for Free and Accepted Masons; and a list of the committee of Arrangement of Bethlehem Lodge #283, F. & A.M. stamped with the official seal.

In 1891, South Bethlehem architect A.W. Leh designed two new buildings on Main Street, Bethlehem: the Person & Riegel Building and the Lerch &

Rice Building. The latter three-story building attracted Bethlehem Lodge #283 members who occupied the lofty 50-by-160-foot second floor. To celebrate the event, a banquet was provided for lodge members. Perhaps due to their industrious presence, the building was affectionately known as "The Bee Hive."

The Bee Hive is a Masonic symbol for industry. "It had been asserted that the hive is man-made and that the honeycomb, a sign of industry, is a symbol of Perfection. One man could accomplish little or nothing. Masons could see themselves as 'bees.' They could readily see in the honey-producers the symbol of the industry they, as builders of great cathedrals, practiced." (From The Craft and Its Symbols: Opening the Door to Masonic Symbolism, 1974.)

The Lerch & Rice "Beehive" building changed ownership with Bush & Bull; later that century, it became Orr's Department Store. On Jan. 24, 1904, 184 Master Masons celebrated the 50th anniversary of Bethlehem Lodge #283. Nine years later, area Masons discussed forming a single lodge that would include other lodges.

The Masonic "Bethlehem Temple Association" incorporated on Oct. 25, 1913, included Bethlehem Lodge #283 and the H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge #648 of South Bethlehem. On Nov. 6, 1917, the Bethlehem Temple Association

relocated the lodge across Main Street in the Broadhead Building next to the Sun Inn.

Elisha Packer Wilbur founded E.P. Wilbur Trust Co. and resided north of Robert Sayre on Wyandotte and Brighton streets, South Bethlehem. Wilbur became president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1884, the same year he transferred his Masonic membership from Philadelphia to Bethlehem Lodge #283, where his sons Warren and Rollin became Masons.

In 1920, Wilbur's widow, Stella, died 10 years after his passing. Eldest son Warren A. Wilbur presided over E.P. Wilbur Trust Co. in the Flatiron Building at West Fourth Street and Broadway. Warren was executor of his father's will and held the deed to Wilbur Mansion and property.

In search of a "formal home," the Bethlehem Temple Association contacted fellow Mason Warren Wilbur and found him negotiating with a buyer interested in Wilbur Mansion. Warren stipulated NOT to remove or destroy any interior woodwork. In 1924, the Association members voted to buy Wilbur Mansion and property and agreed to retain the woodwork by adding an extra \$1,000 to the selling price to \$15,000 (valued at \$197,000 today).

On March 25, 1925, ground was broken for the new Masonic Temple. With a sensitivity that kept the 1864 Mansion intact,

Philadelphia architect W.H. Lee (known for his monumental theater buildings), attached the new Masonic Temple to the southeast corner of the Mansion's former kitchen, and retained the ornately appointed rooms.

On Jan. 5, 1926, the Masons held their first meeting in the Temple, situated on the corner of Wyandotte and Brighton streets. The main floor featured a great banquet hall, stage and balcony, restrooms and large institutional-size kitchen.

The second floor featured rooms for the main lodge designed in the Egyptian style used for Blue Lodges, Chapter, Council and Eastern Star for special meetings and equipped with a pipe organ. The smaller lodge room was laid out for meetings according to Masonic regulations.

Wilbur Mansion became the Bethlehem Temple Association's "clubhouse" where Masons and their spouses enjoyed a champagne toast to fellow Freemason E.P. Wilbur.

In 1986, the Wilbur Mansion and Masonic Temple property was placed on the Old Fountain Hill National Register. At present, members of the Bethlehem Temple Association are negotiating the sale of the property, which includes the visually iconic Masonic Temple and Temple buildings - and the rich unseen heritage that made South Bethlehem history.

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University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Adam Wescoe, of Bethlehem, graduated from University of North Carolina-Charlotte with a bachelor of science degree in business Dec. 13, 2014.

Wilkes University

Four Bethlehem residents graduated from Wilkes University after the completion of the fall 2014 semester. Kristin Hastie, Jeremy Kittek, Leila Little and Ashley Verbekeall earned master of science in education degrees.

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Ophira Eisenberg, 8 p.m. Feb. 14, Fowler Blast Furnace Room, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, Bethlehem

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Authentically humorous Storyteller Ophira Eisenberg mines comedy gold

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
 Focus Editor

You've no doubt heard of King Solomon's mines, the mythical source of the wise Old Testament king's wealth.

King Solomon obtained his gold from Ophir, "a place of gold," so the story goes, as told in 1 Kings 9:28: "And they came to Ophir and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to King Solomon."

Ophira is a female name derived from Ophir and the Hebrew letter translated as "Heh," which connotes a direction, as in "to Ophir."

The "go-to" person for storytelling and comedy is Ophira Eisenberg, 8 p.m. Feb. 14, Fowler Blast Furnace Room, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

Eisenberg struck comedy gold as host of "Tell Me Another," described as "the rambunctious live show from NPR and WNYC that blends brainteasers, pub trivia, comedy and music into an hour of mind-bending fun." It's heard at 10 a.m. Saturdays, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, and 8 p.m. Saturdays, WHYY, Philadelphia, and on 225 of NPR's 600 stations in the United States.

On "Ask Me Another," Eisenberg has bantered with John Turturro, Justin Long, Elizabeth Gilbert, Dr. Ruth and Lewis Black, among others.

"It requires thinking on your feet," she says of the show now in its third season.

A recent "Ask Me Another" was broadcast from

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Durham, N.C., "where," Eisenberg mentions, "strangers on the street actually smiled at me."

"Hipsters don't seem as annoying here," she added during the broadcast.

When reminded of the show, Eisenberg recalls of the "hipster" remark: "It's the one thing about living in New York. It's like living with mild back pain."

Eisenberg has appeared on "The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson," "The Today Show," Comedy Central and VH-1. She was named one of New York Magazine's "Top 10 Comics That Funny People Find Funny." Her style of comedy was described in The New York Times as "bleakly stylish."

She's a regular host and teller with "The Moth" radio show and podcast.

This month, her standup took her to Rhode Island, Connecticut and now Bethlehem.

This won't be Eisenberg's first time in Bethlehem. She performed about 1 1/2 years ago at ArtsQuest Center.

"Ryan Hill has been a huge supporter of my standup," she says of the ArtsQuest Programming Manager for Cinema and Comedy.

Eisenberg describes her live show as "comedy, storytelling, and superior love advice (especially if you want to know what not to do)."

Her 45-minute-plus act is "standup, but has some stories," she says. "The whole

thing has a narrative arc. It's not like a whole standup show. It's in-between."

Her memoir, "Screw Everyone: Sleeping My Way To Monogamy," has been optioned for a feature film by Zucker Productions. The project appears to be on track.

"They hired a screenwriter," Eisenberg says in a phone interview from the WNYC studio, New York City. She was to see the first draft of the screenplay last week.

"The book was born from the stage and storytelling. It's about my life, but it's not advice."

Still, she did marry Jonathan Baylis, creator-writer of "So Buttons" comics.

Eisenberg recently released her second comedy album, "Bangs!"

The album title doesn't refer to fireworks, the NRA or

... The title refers to her hairstyle.

"There is one joke within the album where I talk about bangs. It's kind of an in-joke because they are more popular than I am."

"When I come off stage, girls will come up to me and say, 'Oh my god, your bangs are amazing.' I have people who call me 'Bangs' Eisenberg."

Eisenberg is one of the growing ranks of boundary-pushing young female comedy writers and performers, including, to name a few, Maria Bamford, Whitney Cummings, Garfunkel and Oates (Kate Micucci, Riki Lindhome), Kristen Schaal, Amy Schumer, Amy Sedaris and Lizz Winstead.

"I feel that when I watch

'Girls,' I feel they are way more forward than I am," she says of the HBO twentysomething comedy series created by and starring Lena Dunham.

Of her own comedy roots, the Calgary, Alberta, Canada, native and McGill University, Montreal, graduate observes, "I'll never be able to tell what part was the strongest ingredient. Was it Canada? I was the youngest of six."

"My mother was very strong. She always instilled in me: 'Don't throw away your life for a man.'"

"Or if it was just the era when I grew up as a teenager in the late '80s or early '90s. AIDS certainly changed the way people looked at things."

Then again, her perspective could have been honed by her three older brothers and two sisters.

"I had the luxury of watching my older brothers and sisters," she says.

Or maybe it was because she was an anthropology major at McGill, regarded as on par with U.S. Ivy League schools.

"I'm still obsessed with 'Raiders of the Lost Ark,'" she says, seemingly half-joking.

"The Moth" shows are indicative of the new comedy-storytelling nexus.

"It has more storytelling than standup," Eisenberg says. "Moth events are sold out. And nobody even knows who's on stage."

"We want these connections. We want this intimate atmosphere. We want this authentic experience. And it's so satisfying."

the Readers Pick scar Winners

Nominations for the 87th Academy awards have been announced.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will present the 87th Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2014 at Dolby Theatre, Hollywood and Highland Center, Hollywood, Calif., beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 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.

The Oscar Contest entry form is on Page B3 of this section and on the Focus page of the web site: thelehighvalleypress.com



8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Classically acrobatic: "Cirque de la Symphonie," above, a circus show set to classical music performed by the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, will be presented at 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 3 p.m. Feb. 15, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. Classical favorites include Rimsky-Korsakov's "Danse of the Buffoons," Bizet's "Carmen," Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake Ballet" and Dvorak's "The Carnival Overture." Cirque de la Symphonie tours with symphony orchestras in the United States. Performers juggle, do contortions and hang on colorful streams of cloth high above the orchestra. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall Box Office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715



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Mo' New Orleans: Orange Kellin's "A Night In Old New Orleans," above, features Vernel Bagneris, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, Acopian Ballroom, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton. From the Broadway production of "One Mo' Time," music arranger and clarinetist Kellin brings ragtime pianist and singer Conal Fowkes and drummer, vocalist, Chris Tyle. Bagneris, creator and director of "One Mo' Time," acts, sings and dances show-stopping numbers from the show. Kellin accompanied Louis Armstrong at "Satchmo's 70th Birthday Concert" at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1970, recorded the Oscar-nominated soundtrack for Louis Malle's "Pretty Baby," and played a Royal Command performance of "One Mo' Time" for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Bagneris wrote, directed and starred in the original off-Broadway and Broadway production of "One Mo' Time," appeared in Jim Jarmusch's "Down By Law," had a starring role in Herbert Ross' "Pennies from Heaven" and choreographed Taylor Hackford's "Ray," the Ray Charles biopic starring Jamie Foxx. Bar beverages and concessions will be available. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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10TH ANNUAL

Student Poetry Project

Lehigh Valley Press announces call for entries

Submissions are now being accepted for the 10th 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 22 and 23 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, the three writers of the first-place poems will be invited to read their poems and be interviewed

on "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon," 6 - 6:30 p.m. April 20, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, wdiy.org

The entry guidelines:

1. The 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, Catawauqua Press, Northampton Press and Bethlehem Press).

2. Poems are to be submitted in PDF form and should not exceed one page in length using a font no smaller than 10 point. No

illustrations will be accepted

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

4. Each student may submit one or up to three poems, which must be his or her original composition. Each poem should be a separate entry. Students working with short forms such as haiku may submit individual poems, or a sequence of 3 - 5 poems with a title, on a single page.

5. E-mail poems and/or questions to Paul Willistein, Focus editor, at: pwillistein@tmonline.com

6. Hand-written or printed versions of poems may be

mailed to or dropped off to: Student Poetry Project, care of Lehigh Valley Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, Pa. 18104, or 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015. Teachers may submit multiple class poems in a single envelope as long as they are on separate pages and contain the required student information.

7. Entries must be received (by U.S. Mail or email) by 5 p.m. March 13.

8. 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

9. Copies of poems will not be returned.

10. For ideas on teaching poetry, go to: Poetry Project on Facebook.

ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rauch Jr. ... Then



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rauch ... Now

Rauch

New Tripoli couple celebrate 60th anniversary

Charles J. and Shirley (Ney) Rauch of Valley View Farm, New Tripoli, Lynn Township, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 15.

The couple, who met as teenagers while roller skating, have been successful farmers.

They were married Jan. 15, 1955, in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County. They are the parents of five daughters:

Susan Mannino of New Tripoli; Pamela Zoghby and her husband, David, of New Tripoli; Wendy LeVan and her husband, the Rev. James, of Slatington; Heidi Hambrick and her husband, Marcus, of Fogelsville, and Starr Peluso and her husband, Paul, of Pennsburg.

They also have three sons: Terry and his wife, Charlene, of Telford; John and his wife, Lorrie, of New Tripoli, and Taylor and his wife, Christine, of Allentown.

The Rauchs have 22 grandchildren, two great-granddaughters and a third grandchild on the way.

WEDDING

Green-Wilkinson

Salisbury graduate wed in Emmaus

Megan Judith Green, a daughter of Bryan and Debbie Green of Salisbury Township, and Steven Lars Wilkinson, a son of the late Carlene and Steven Wilkinson of Minersville, Schuylkill County, were married Jan. 30 in Emmaus.

District Judge Donna R. Butler officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was given away by her father.

The bride graduated from Salisbury High School and attended Temple University and Lehigh University.

She is a quality specialist at Merck, West Point, Upper Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County.

The groom graduated from Minersville High School and is attending Bucks County Community College.

He is a loss prevention agent at Cosco, Montgomeryville, Montgomery County.

The maid of honor was Alison Green of Bethlehem.



Steven and Megan Wilkinson

The best man was Matthew Anderson of Lansdowne, Delaware County. A luncheon was held at the Marblehead Chowder House, Palmer Township.

The couple resides in Richland Township, Bucks County.

LCCC lists FAFSA sessions

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) has scheduled its Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Nights at several campus locations.

Current and future applicants for 2015-16 enrollment at LCCC are encouraged to attend a free work session with LCCC Admissions and Financial Aid staff members who will guide applicants through the FAFSA form completion and submission process:

Main Campus, Schnecksville: 5:30 - 7 p.m. Feb. 25, Technology Center 201

5:30 - 7 p.m. March 11, Technology Center 211

5:30 - 7 p.m. April 7, Technology Center 201

Noon - 2 p.m. April 15, Technology Center 210

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5:30 - 7 p.m. April 28, Technology Center 201

Allentown Campus: 5:30 - 7 p.m. March 19, Room 211

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5:30 - 7 p.m. April 23, Room 212

5:30 - 7 p.m. April 29, Room 212

Nearly all financial aid programs at LCCC require the FAFSA to be completed before financial assistance eligibility can be determined.

Participants are asked to register online at lccc.edu/fafsanights since each session has limited computer terminal seating. Each session runs about one hour. Students and parents can see the list of required documents on this registration site.

Information: LCCC Admission's office, admissions@lccc.edu, 610-799-1575

CMSB

Auryn Quartet at Foy Hall

The Auryn Quartet performs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, Foy Hall, Moravian College, Church and Main streets, Bethlehem.

The German string quartet has been performing, touring worldwide, recording and coaching for more than three decades.

The concert is part of the Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem season.

The program is: Haydn, String Quartet No. 48 in C Major, Op. 64 No. 1, H. III: 65; Beethoven String

Quartet No. 4 in C Minor, Op. 18 No. 4, and Beethoven String Quartet No. 7 in F Major, Op. 59, No. 1.

Single tickets are expected to be available at the door or in advance online: cmsob.org

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HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti fred@healthygeez.com



You can stomach tasty tips

Q. I get a lot of stomach aches. Do you have any tips to prevent them?

If you are having recurring abdominal pain, you should see a doctor immediately. This kind of discomfort can be a symptom of a serious ailment.

However, if you're talking about the kind of stomach aches we all get occasionally, there are some things you can do to prevent them:

Eat small meals more frequently.

Make sure that your meals are well-balanced and high in fiber.

Drink plenty of water each day.

Exercise regularly.

Limit foods that produce gas.

The following are gas-generating foods:

Legumes, especially dried beans and peas, baked beans, soy beans, lima beans;

Dairy products such as milk, ice cream, cheese;

Vegetables such as cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cucumbers, sauerkraut, kohlrabi, asparagus, potatoes, rutabaga, turnips, radishes, onions;

Fruits such as prunes, apricots, apples, raisins, bananas;

Foods containing wheat such as cereals, breads and pastries;

Fatty foods such as fried chicken and anything in cream sauces and gravies;

Any carbonated beverage.

Abdominal pain is often caused by overeating. Sometimes an infection is responsible. But pain may be a symptom of something that requires emergency treatment; there are quite a few organs in your abdominal area. The location of the pain is informative to your doctor:

Pain near your navel can be a sign of appendicitis or something wrong in your small intestine.

Stomach problems are found in the upper middle section of the abdomen. Persistent pain in this area may also signal a problem with your gallbladder, pancreas or the upper part of your small intestine.

It's unusual to feel pain in the upper left abdomen. Pain in this area may be caused by a problem in the colon, stomach, spleen or pancreas.

Intense pain in the upper right abdomen is often related to inflammation of the gallbladder.

Pain in the lower middle abdomen may be caused by the colon. Women with pelvic inflammatory disease or a urinary tract infection may experience pain in this area.

The lower right abdomen is where inflammation of the colon may cause pain. Appendicitis pain may also spread to this region.

If you feel pain in the lower left abdomen, you usually have a problem at

Contentment is a beautiful word

A while back in a writer's guild workshop we were asked to write down words we thought are beautiful.

The workshop leader didn't want us to list words where the meaning was beautiful. It's the word itself — the sound of the word — on which we were to concentrate.

We were given 10 minutes to list our "beautiful" words. At the end of that time, I didn't have any words I truly thought were beautiful only because of the sound.

I put down "mesmerizing" because I like the meaning of the word. But that doesn't have a beautiful sound.

I didn't do well at the exercise because I kept listing words with a beautiful meaning for me. Words like family, heartstrings, gentle, tranquil and affectionate were on my list. I like those words not because of how they sound but because of the meaning.

The rest of my writing colleagues had a long list of beautiful sounding words, at least to them.

I like the sound of Italian names and words. But when it comes to English words I keep getting hung up on words with meaning.

Two years later, I find myself thinking about a beautiful word. The word is contentment.

But once again, I like the word because of its meaning.

I have discovered a rich treasure that keeps enhancing my life. That richness is contentment. When you are truly content, you are filled with a peace that prevails in every situation.

A few months ago I could have been caught up in an ugly situation that had trapped people I care about. My friends thought it would take over my life too.

Gratefully, the overall peace I feel in this stage of life wasn't shattered. There are several reasons for that prevailing peace. A better grip on what is important is one reason. An abiding faith is another.

But being content with life certainly contributes greatly to my prevailing peace.

Some psychologists believe contentment comes from being happy with the important choices we make in life. I can see where that is true.

But I also know some people who made a rotten choice but went on to find contentment later.

Contentment isn't an all or nothing thing. Nor is it something that lasts forever once you have found it. I think contentment is like a beautiful garden — it has to be regularly nourished. Keeping a keen sense of appreciation can be that nourishment.

Experts tell us happiness doesn't come from how much we have in life. It comes from being content with what we have.

Look around and you will see many who aren't content with what they have, even if they seem to have plenty of everything. Despite having money and

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik newsgirl@comcast.net



a good lifestyle, some have an emptiness inside that is the opposite of contentment.

On the other hand, I have the pleasure of knowing one couple with next to no luxuries except their tiny bungalow with rooms the size of some people's walk-in closets.

Joe and Mary don't even own a car. They walk everywhere. But they radiate with good health and good cheer.

Their secret, I believe, is that they are content.

Happily married for 40 years, they are content with each other and with the life they have built together.

You will never hear them putting each other down. Instead, they build each other up.

Once, Joe started telling me he always had a job but he never had one where he made much money. "I could never give Mary the things she deserves," he said.

Mary jumped in to tell him he always gave her the important things in life — love, attention and daily affection.

Their contentment is a very real and palpable force. No wonder I enjoy being around them. I like their example of being content with what they have.

I do have to admit that while I am content with my life and am overwhelmed with the joy of each day, unlike Joe and Mary I find myself wanting something I don't have.

The object of my desire has four letters — b-o-a-t. Ever since we sold our boat, I've never stopped wanting another one. My husband, on the other hand, believes being burned once is enough.

We bought our boat second hand and were totally taken by the sellers. The boat made it home to our dock but not much more than that. Many repairs and thousands of dollars later, I have to admit it was the dumbest financial mistake I ever made.

"Never again!" my husband insists. I tell him just because we had one bad boat doesn't mean they are all like that. He says we should be happy with what we have because we are NEVER getting another boat.

My points for why we should buy another boat: We live on water and have a big dock and empty boatlift. All around us is water — glorious water for boating. And I love being out on water.

But David is right when he says having or not having a boat won't change our happiness. It's not material things that give us true happiness.

Happiness is being content with what we have — and having a heart full of gratitude for life's true blessings.

All of this is why I think contentment is a beautiful word. What's your beautiful word?

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the end of the colon. Don't rely on self-diagnosis based upon these pain guidelines. Abdominal pain has a way of moving around. For example, gallbladder pain can move to your right shoulder. And, abdominal pain can be caused by the lungs and heart. Or, it may be caused by muscle strain. The following are some of the danger signs associated with abdominal pain. If you experience any of the following, get immediate medical attention: Sudden and sharp pain Pain that radiates to your chest, neck or shoulder

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the Readers Pick Oscars

Here is the entry form for the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "Readers Pick the Oscars" recipients contest for the 87th Academy Awards:



Actor, Male

- Steve Carell, "Foxcatcher"
- Bradley Cooper, "American Sniper"
- Benedict Cumberbatch, "The Imitation Game"
- Michael Keaton, "Birdman"
- Eddie Redmayne, "The Theory of Everything"

Actor, Female

- Marion Cotillard,
- "Two Days One Night"
- Felicity Jones, "The Theory of Everything"
- Julianne Moore, "Still Alice"
- Rosamund Pike, "Gone Girl"
- Reese Witherspoon, "Wild"

Supporting Actor, Female

- Patricia Arquette, "Boyhood"
- Laura Dern, "Wild"
- Keira Knightley, "The Imitation Game"
- Emma Stone, "Birdman"
- Meryl Streep, "Into the Woods"

Director

- Alexandro G. Iñárritu, "Birdman"
- Richard Linklater, "Boyhood"
- Bennett Miller, "Foxcatcher"
- Wes Anderson,
- "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
- Morten Tyldum,
- "The Imitation Game"

Supporting Actor, Male

- Robert Duvall, "The Judge"
- Ethan Hawke, "Boyhood"
- Edward Norton, "Birdman"
- Mark Ruffalo, "Foxcatcher"
- J.K. Simmons, "Whiplash"

Motion Picture

- "American Sniper"
- "Birdman"
- "Boyhood"
- "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
- "The Imitation Game"
- "Selma"
- "The Theory of Everything"
- "Whiplash"

Animated Feature

- "Big Hero 6"
- "The Boxtrolls"

- "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
- "Song of the Sea"
- "The Tale of Princess Kaguya"

Contest instructions

Email your Oscar Contest Entry Form to: jfisher@tnonline.com; mail Entry Form to: Jennifer Fisher, The Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, Pa., 18015, or drop off Entry Form 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, Bethlehem Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, and The Press, 1633

N. 26th St. (26th Street and Walbert Avenue), South Whitehall Township. Include name, address, telephone number and email. Your contact information will not be published. One entry per person. Entry deadline: 5 p.m. Feb. 20. In event of tie for most number of correct choices, earliest entry determines winner.

'Hello, Dolly!', 'Avenue Q' MSMT auditions announced

Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre will hold open auditions for performers ages 16 and up Feb. 22 and 23 for the season's mainstage productions: the raucous, pupped-filled musical comedy "Avenue Q," June 10-28, and the classic musical "Hello, Dolly!," July 8-26.

Vocal auditions are 1-5 and 6-11 p.m. Feb. 22 and 7:30-11 p.m. Feb. 23, Empie Theatre, Baker Center for the Arts, Muhlenberg College, Allentown. Appointments are three minutes.

Dance auditions for "Hello, Dolly!" are 4-7 p.m. Feb. 22 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 23, Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance, Muhlenberg College. Dance auditions will take about 30 min.

Auditioners must register in advance and schedule an audition. Auditioners should send an email to: SMTcompany@muhlenberg.edu before Feb. 20, indicating available dates and times within the scheduled audition, and providing a mobile phone number where the auditioner can be reached.

Those without access to

email should call the Muhlenberg Theatre & Dance office, 484-664-3087, during regular office hours before Feb. 19. Voice messages should contain all of the above information.

"Hello, Dolly!" auditioners will be assigned a time for a dance audition and vocal audition. Auditioners must dance and sing, even if they concentrate in just one area. All performers in "Hello, Dolly!" will sing and dance.

"Avenue Q" does not require a preliminary dance audition, although callback auditions may include some movement.

Auditioners who live too far away from the Allentown area or who are unable to attend auditions may submit a preliminary DVD audition. The DVD should consist of a comedic monologue not more than two minutes in length, one song (see guidelines) and a 90-second dance solo. DVDs must arrive before the audition date listed to be eligible for consideration.

Auditioners who receive a callback must attend in person to be considered for a role. Callbacks March 14, 15 include acting auditions, reading

from the script.

Non-performing opportunities are available for technicians and costumers, Carpenters, electricians, props technicians, light board and sound board operators, and stage crew are needed for productions. Costumers, first-hand, stitchers and wardrobe running crew are needed in the costume shop.

High school stage management internships are available for those who will be at least 16 years old by the time they begin working for MSMT. Interns work alongside college students and professionals from the college, and guest artists from New York, learning valuable skills that they can take back to their high school programs. Interns receive a \$400 stipend for the summer.

The application deadline for technicians, costumers, and administrative personnel is March 9. Applications can be found online at muhlenberg.edu/smt. Completed applications can be sent to: boxoffice@muhlenberg.edu.

Audition information: muhlenberg.edu/smt.

'Foxcatcher' misses the why

"Foxcatcher" is a fictional account of one of the most bizarre crimes in United States history.

"Foxcatcher" is nominated for five Oscars, including actor for Steve Carell in a transformative performance as John E. du Pont, supporting actor for Mark Ruffalo as wrestling coach David Schultz, director for Bennett Miller; original screenplay for E. Max Frye and Dan Futterman and makeup and hairstyling.

Du Pont, multimillion dollar heir to the E. I. du Pont chemical company fortune, lived on a Main Line Philadelphia estate, which was part of a compound lorded over by his mother, who raised thoroughbred race horses.

The film is based on 1984 Olympic gold medalist and two-time world champion U.S. wrestler Mark Schultz's autobiographical memoir, "Foxcatcher: The True Story of My Brother's Murder, John du Pont's Madness, and the Quest for Olympic Gold."

Among du Pont's hobbies was gun-collecting, but not just any guns, but rather military weapons, including tanks. He set up a shooting range where, apparently, members of the local police department could practice their aim.

Du Pont was seemingly even more passionate about the wrestling facility he established at Foxcatcher Farm, aka Team Foxcatcher, hence the film's title, where he financed the training of wrestlers for the U.S. Olympic team to compete in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Among the wrestlers who stayed at Foxcatcher was Mark Schultz (Channing Tatum). However, du Pont was only satisfied once his brother David Schultz (Mark Ruffalo), a champion wrestler and expert wrestling coach, agreed to reside at the farm and mentor the wrestlers.

The presence of Mark Schultz and his brother David and du Pont on Foxcatcher Farm set up a weird dynamic, a competitive triangle of ambitions, jealousies and intrigues that led to du Pont being convicted and sent to prison for killing David Schultz with a pistol. Du Pont died in prison in 2010.

You can see why "Foxcatcher" is nominated for a makeup and hairstyling Oscar. But it's not only that funnyman Steve Carell is unrecognizable under a prosthetic nose as John E. du Pont. Carell, with jaunty upturned face

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



ala FDR, is in full patriotic, haughtier-than-thou mode. Carell is truly remarkable in the role.

Mark Ruffalo is excellent as David Schultz. Ruffalo's eager, puppy-dog, engaging acting presence is toned down for the role, but he's still extremely likeable as the character.

Channing Tatum creates a brooding presence that seems almost robotic, even more so given his superhuman physique.

Excellent in supporting roles are Sienna Miller as David Schultz's wife, Nancy Schultz, and Vanessa Redgrave as John E. du Pont's mother.

Bennett Miller ("Moneyball," 2011; "Capote," 2005) directs "Foxcatcher" in a dispassionate, almost documentary style. The color palette is that of chilly scenes of winter: the blues and browns of the not completely snow-covered rolling Pennsylvania farm land.

There's little character self-examination in the screenplay by E. Max Frye ("Something Wild," 1986) and Dan Futterman ("The Birdcage," 1996).

In this way, "Foxcatcher" is somewhat unsatisfying in that it doesn't seem to present an understandable motive for du Pont's heinous crime.

The film's scenes hint at an overbearing mother just short of that of Norman Bates' mom in "Psycho."

There are implications of a homoerotic attraction between du Pont and Mark Schultz.

And there's the use of cocaine and alcohol abuse by du Pont.

"Foxcatcher" never seems to connect the dots. There's little in the way of psychological exposition.

Perhaps the crime of John E. du Pont is like that of the fox, only to be glimpsed, not only in "Foxcatcher," but in real life.

"Foxcatcher," MPAA rated R (Restricted). Children Under 17 Require Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian.) for some drug use and a scene of violence; Genre: Biography, Drama, Sport; Run Time: 2 hrs., 9 mins.; Distributed by Sony Pictures Classics.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "Foxcatcher" was filmed in and around Pittsburgh.

Box Office, Feb. 6: For the Presidents' Weekend, it took "The SpongeBob

Movie: Sponge Out Of Water," opening with a very animated \$56 million, to knock off "American Sniper," dropping to No. 2 after three weeks straight at No. 1, with a still robust \$24.1 million, \$282.2 million, seven weeks; keeping the Channing Tatum science fiction thriller, "Jupiter Ascending," opening at No. 3, with only \$19 million, and Jeff Bridges' fantasy film, "Seventh Son," opening at No. 4, with a dismal \$7.1 million.

Meanwhile, on the awards front, Alejandro González Iñárritu won the Directors Guild Award as Best Director for Feature Film for "Birdman."

5. "Paddington," \$5.3 million, \$57.2 million, four weeks;

6. "Project Almanac," \$5.3 million, \$15.7 million, two weeks;

7. "The Imitation Game," \$4.8 million, \$74.7 million, 11 weeks;

8. "The Wedding Ringer," \$4.8 million, \$55.1 million, four weeks;

9. "Black Or White," \$4.5 million, \$13.1 million, two weeks;

10. "The Boy Next Store," \$4.1 million, \$30.8 million, three weeks

Unreel, Feb. 13:

"Fifty Shades Of Grey," R: Just in time for the Valentine's Day weekend is the movie based on the first installment in the steamy romantic trilogy.

Dakota Johnson stars as Anastasia Steele and Jamie Dornan stars as Christian Grey in the romantic drama.

"Kingsman: The Secret Service," R: Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Michael Caine and Samuel L. Jackson star in the action adventure about a veteran secret service agent and his young protégée.

"The Last Five Years," PG-13: Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan star as a struggling actress and a novelist who recount their love in the drama-comedy based on the musical.

Read Paul Willistein's movie reviews at the Lehigh Valley Press web site, thelehighvalleypress.com; the Times-News web site, tnonline.com; and hear them on "Lehigh Valley Art Salon," 6-6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, and wdiy.org, where they're archived. Email Paul Willistein: pwillistein@tnonline.com. You can follow Paul Willistein on Twitter and friend Paul Willistein on facebook.

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Moravian College buys 24-7 Partnering with St. Luke's University to develop center for sports medicine

Moravian College has purchased the former 24-7 Fitness Club, 1441 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem, and is partnering with St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) to develop a center for sports medicine that will integrate academic learning with real-world programs and services.

Moravian College will renovate the interior of the building which has approximately 27,800-square-feet of usable space.

"We are pleased to partner with St. Luke's University Health Network, a nationally recognized teaching hospital with an exceptional commitment to the advancement of medical education," said Bryon L. Grigsby '90, president of Moravian College.

"We anticipate the development of programs of mutual benefit that will provide our students with hands on clinical experiences as we build a complex that will serve as a center of learning

for our students, and serve the sports medicine and physical therapy needs of the community," Grigsby said.

St. Luke's University Health Network recently became the official sports medicine provider for Moravian's 18 NCAA Division III athletics programs.

Moravian College is developing a master's level athletic training program that will be offered through the college's Comenius Center for continuing and graduate studies that is expected to start during summer-fall 2016.

"We are excited to expand our sports medicine services in the Bethlehem region while partnering with a great college like Moravian. We look forward to working with them to establish a national reputation for athletic training education and sports medicine research," said John Hauth, senior director of sports medicine relationships at St. Luke's.

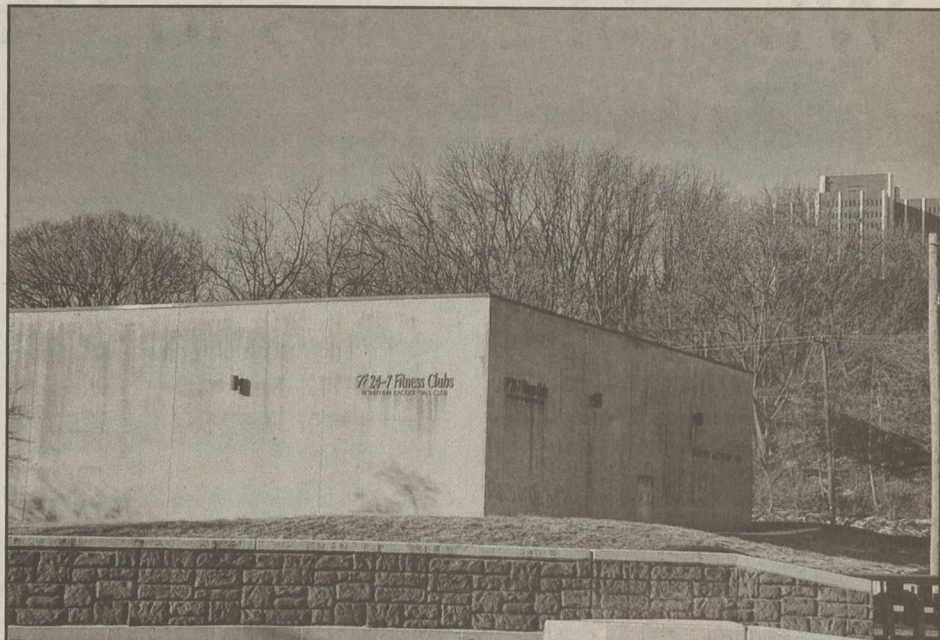
"This unique program will feature expert facul-

ty from Moravian College as well as nationally recognized clinician-scholars from St. Luke's University Health Network," said Hauth.

The building will include specially-designed classroom and laboratory spaces for the master's level program in athletic training and other health care professions. In addition, the facility will include research laboratories for collaborative projects with faculty, students and employees of the St. Luke's network.

"We are currently designing and programming the overall space utilization of the building and hope to complete the renovation by December 2015, at which point SLUHN would begin to utilize the facility," said Mark Reed, vice president for administration at Moravian College.

"The project will include the complete renovation of some spaces, and more modest renovations and repurposing of other spaces," Reed said. "St. Luke's University



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Former 24-7 Fitness Club, 1441 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem, is to become center for sports medicine in partnership between St. Luke's University Health Network and Moravian College.

Health Network will lease approximately 9,000-square-feet of space from the college," said Robert Martin, Senior Vice President for Network Development, St. Luke's University Health Network.

The remaining space will be used to support academic programming developed by the college in conjunction with SLUHN.

"The space will house a comprehensive sports medicine program that will include orthopedic

surgeons, primary care sports medicine physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers and other sports medicine specialists," Martin said.

The center will be open to the general public as well as the faculty, staff and students of Moravian College.

St. Luke's University Health Network is a non-profit, regional, nationally recognized Network providing services at more than 200 sites, primarily in

Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Schuylkill, Bucks, Montgomery, Berks and Monroe counties in Pennsylvania and in Warren County, N.J.

Moravian College is a private coeducational liberal arts college, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees, in Bethlehem. Moravian, which traces its founding to 1742, is recognized as the United States' sixth-oldest college and the first to educate women.

Jaindl purchases Iron Run building

David Jaindl has announced that the Jaindl Land Company has acquired two properties in a transaction with Lehigh Hanson, the successor of Lehigh Portland Cement.

Lehigh Hanson will lease back for 10 years 55 percent of the Jaindl 7660 building, 7660 Imperial Way, a 124,408-square-foot building in the Iron Run Corporate Center, I-78 and Route 100, Upper Macungie Township.

The second property in the Jaindl acquisition was 1900 Sullivan Trail in Forks Township, north of Easton. It is formerly the headquarters of Gen-

eral Crushed Stone. The 22,000-square-foot structure requires total renovation or removal. The property is composed of more than five acres of commercial land in one of the fastest growing corridors in Northampton County.

Purchase price for the two properties was \$8,400,000. Tom and Debby Skeans of Sperry Van Ness-Imperial Realty represented buyer and seller in the transaction.

SVN Imperial will be represent Jaindl in leasing the Jaindl 7660 building, the new name for the Iron Run office building, and providing property management services. SVN

will also represent Jaindl in the sale of 1900 Sullivan Trail as a redevelopment opportunity.

The Jaindl 7660 building, which is on 10.13 acres, will be upgraded and repositioned as a Class A multi-tenant office building. There is strong interest in the 14,000-square feet available on the first floor. The top floor offers one of the only large floor plates of quality space in the region. There, 30,000-square-feet of office space is available. It is divisible to as low as 5,000-square-feet.

New exterior and interior improvements will include a new entry and

lobby, interiors and glass-wall entries to some suites. The building offers key card access and ample parking.

The Iron Run Park is home to several national tenants such as ADP and Hartford Insurance. Clear Channel has just announced the company plans to locate nearby.

Jaindl Land Co., the Jaindl Companies has commercial land development and sustainable crop agriculture covering more than 12,000 acres of real estate and farmland in a four-county region. The company is known for its integrated turkey production that



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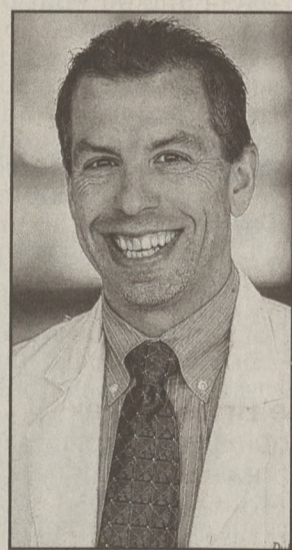
Physician joins Good Shepherd

Wayne Dubov, MD, a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, has joined the staff of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network as medical director, acute rehabilitation consultative services.

Dr. Dubov provides inpatient consultations at acute-care hospitals and sees outpatients at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation - CedarPointe, Allentown.

He previously worked for Good Shepherd from 1992 - 2003, followed by 12 years at OAA in Allentown.

Dubov received a medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn. He completed his residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School, Newark.



Dr. Wayne Dubov

Lehigh Valley Hospital to add inpatient rehab in Salisbury

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is opening an inpatient rehabilitation facility for adults 18 years and older this summer inside the Kasych Family Pavilion's South Tower at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township.

The 34-bed facility will occupy the sixth and seventh floors of the tower, which was expanded last year. Patient rooms in the facility will be private.

The inpatient rehabilitation facility is expected to bring more than 125 new jobs to LVHN. Qualified candidates are urged to consider those jobs when they are posted at LVHN.org-careers.

"This new facility will allow us to continue to address the needs of our

community," said Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN president and chief executive officer.

"By providing short-term intensive rehabilitation, we're ensuring a seamless continuum of care for patients without leaving our health network. In addition, having the unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest allows patients access to our specialists should any additional medical problems arise."

The inpatient rehabilitation facility will provide a minimum of three hours of intensive, specialized rehabilitation therapy almost every day for an average of two weeks for patients whose conditions require such care. People recovering from conditions such as stroke, neurological disorder,

orthopedic injuries, amputations, post-surgical conditions or other debilitations are most likely to use the unit.

"Our inpatient rehabilitation team will strive to help each patient regain function and return to the highest level of independence," Nester said.

The new unit is said to be a key component in Lehigh Valley Health Network recently being named a Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO).

Being an ACO means LVHN will be held accountable for coordinating care provided to more than 32,000 Medicare beneficiaries. LVHN estimates indicate that 75 percent of the recipients of our inpatient rehabilitation services will be Medicare patients.

WDIY receives FCC approval to triple its station wattage

WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, wdiy.org, has received approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to triple the station's effective radiated power from 100 watts to 300 watts.

The increase is expected to expand the station's primary service area by about 250 square miles, enabling WDIY to reach an additional 135,000 people, fully reaching the entire Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas.

The FCC's approval is a "game changer" for the station, according to Wagner Previato, WDIY Executive Director.

"We are now on our way to reaching our potential of being the Lehigh Valley's true source for local radio programming and NPR news," said Pre-

viato. "The power increase and enhanced technology will provide better reception to our current listeners while reaching a significant number of new ones. The combination will ensure a brighter future for WDIY in terms of service to the community as well as financially."

Previato said that WDIY's programming is a reflection of the greater Lehigh Valley's need for news, public affairs programming and music. Expanding the reach of the station's signal will allow thousands more to be engaged, informed and entertained by WDIY's diverse mix of programming, he said.

"This year, we are observing our 20th anniversary, and the power increase gives us

all the more reason to celebrate. We'll finally be able reach most corners of the Lehigh Valley as well as parts beyond," he said.

WDIY's service area includes a population of about 407,000. The increase is expected to boost this to approximately 545,000.

The power increase will require replacing the station's antenna and transmitter. The cost of the improvements could run as high as \$120,000.

The station plans to start a search for grant funding and start a "Power Increase" Capital Campaign.

"It is now time to make WDIY a stronger station, and one that will be better prepared to serve the Lehigh Valley for another 20 years," Previato said.

Miers Insurance names manager

Rocky Gencarelli of Bethlehem has joined Miers Insurance as their Group Employee Benefits Manager.

He will be responsible for managing the sales and service of the agency's employee benefit and individual life and health insurance products as well as developing new business opportunities.

Gencarelli has had nearly 15 years of sales and sales management experience with nearly 10 years in employee benefit program design and consultation.

He is a graduate of Freedom High School and The Pennsylvania State University Smeal College of Business.

Gencarelli is on the Healthcare Legislative Committee of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and is secretary of the Northeast Lehigh Valley Association of Health Underwriters.

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Rocky Gencarelli

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF RONALD W. HOKE, SR., a/k/a RONALD W. HOKE, a/k/a RONALD WILLIAM HOKE, Deceased, late of Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
JOHN M. MACK, a/k/a JOHN MACK,
 Executor
 c/o his attorney:
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, Esquire
 Address: 20 North 5th St., Suite #1
 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406
 Feb. 11, 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF WEN J. FUH aka WEN JEN FUH, deceased, late of 5061 Covenant Court, Allentown, PA.
 All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the Administrator or his attorney named below:
 Administrator: **CHUNG CHUN FUH**
 c/o Feldman Law Offices P.C.
 221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
 Allentown, PA 18104
 Attorney: **SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, ESQUIRE**
 Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
 221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
 Allentown, PA 18104
 Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Self-Service Storage facility Act, Pennsylvania Statutes, Title 73, Chapter 26 1901 et seq., a public auction will take place on **2/26/2015**, at the below Listed Public Storage facilities, for the following units. The contents of which shall be sold to satisfy the Owner's lien.
 1. Public Storage located at 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA. 18052 (610)770-0773, **TIME: 11:00 AM**

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D0150	JAMILA RODRIGUEZ
D2188	SHANNON CROSBY
D2280	BIANCA CLARK
D2295	KATHERINE SANCHEZ
E0312	SHANE GRAHAM
E0318	JAY NICHOLSON
E0320	AUDREY ANDERSON
E0338	BRIAN RAY
E0400	MARIBETH HENKEL
F0559	LISA WILLIAMS
F0567	KEVIN MULCAHY
G0750	LEONARD STEWART
G0804	RICKY BARKSDALE

All sales are subject to cancellation. Public auction items, rules, and regulations will be made Available prior to the sale. **Date of Publication: 2/12/2015 & 2/19/2015**
 PS Orange co, Inc., 701 Western Ave. Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080, Bond No. 6004928.
 Feb. 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees hereby announces that the Community and Government Relations Committee has rescheduled the cancelled January 26th meeting to February 23 at 6:00 p.m. in TC203 Don Mershon Conference Room on main campus, Schnecksville, PA.
 Feb. 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED
 Sealed bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., February 19, 2015 for the following:
Coarse Paper
Custodial & Maintenance Supplies
Floor Supplies
General Office Supplies
 Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., November 7, 2014.
 All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the eSchoolMall easyBid application process at www.eschoolmall.com; the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission. Bid instructions and specifications can be obtained from Ms. Kay Paul at 610-799-1337 or paulk@lcti.org. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2015.
 Patricia T. Bader, LCSJPB Board Chairperson
 Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDITIONAL USE HEARING 7:30 P.M.
 Notice is hereby given that a Conditional Use Hearing will be held by the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue to review Appeal No. CU-15-6819. Mr. James Poma of Cornerstone Consultant Co., LLC requests permission for temporary flower sales at the South Mall which requires Conditional Use Review pursuant to Section 807.C of the Zoning Ordinance. The lot is located at 3300 Lehigh Street in a C-3 General Commercial Zone.
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 Feb. 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BIDDERS
 Sealed Proposals will be received by North Whitehall Township, at the Municipal Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037, until 10:00 AM, prevailing time, February 26, 2015, at which time bids for the Ironton Rail-Trail Project Phase II will be publicly opened and read aloud. Online sealed bids shall be submitted by way of the PennBid Program. Paper bids will not be accepted for this Project. All documents and solicitation details are available online at no cost at PennBid.com.
 The Work to be performed for the Ironton Rail-Trail Project Phase II consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and appurtenances for the construction of approximately 6,525 L.F. of a stone surface hiking and biking trail with the following amenities: fencing, gates, signage, pavement markings, gabion retaining walls, wooden pedestrian boardwalk, wooden pedestrian bridge and other related items.
 The Bid for the Ironton Rail-Trail Project shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the Bid. All Bids shall be effective for 60 calendar days from the date of the Bid opening, and the Project must be completed within 150 calendar days after the contract time commences. If the award is delayed by a required approval of another Government agency, the sale of bonds or the award of a grant or grants, the Owner shall reject all bids or award the Contract to the lowest responsible bidder within 120 days of the date of opening. The successful bidder will be required to provide Construction Performance and Payment Bonds equal to 100% of the contract amount as specified in the contract documents.
 Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that employees and applicants for employment shall not be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, natural origin, or handicap.
 A non-mandatory prebid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2015, at the Municipal Building. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference. ENGINEER will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as ENGINEER considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference.
 The North Whitehall Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the Contract in the best interest of the Township.
 Jeff Bartlett, Township Manager
 Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRUST NOTICE
ANDREW J. KATRINAK Deceased. Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. **THE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST OF ANDREW J. KATRINAK AND VERONICA B. KATRINAK** dated December 19, 1997. Barbara Ann Verser and Andrew Katrinak, Trustees, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Trust of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
BARBARA ANN VERSER AND ANDREW KATRINAK, TRUSTEES
 c/o R. NICHOLAS NANOVIC, ESQ.
 NORRIS, MCLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.
 1611 POND ROAD, SUITE 300
 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104
 or to their attorney:
 R. NICHOLAS NANOVIC, ESQ.
 NORRIS, MCLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.
 1611 POND ROAD, SUITE 300
 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104
 Feb. 11, 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF DIANE G. WEBER late of Center Valley, Upper Saucon Township, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Stephen B. Lance
 c/o Judith A. Harris, Esquire
 Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
 1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
 Allentown, PA 18104-2258
 or to his attorney:
 Judith A. Harris, Esquire
 Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
 1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
 Allentown, PA 18104-2258
 Feb. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETING
 The Whitehall Township Civil Service Commission has a meeting scheduled on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room at the Whitehall Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall, PA 18052.
 Feb. 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of determining properties in Whitehall Township to be available for Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA. All interested parties are welcomed to attend.
 /s/Dennis C. Hower
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
 Feb. 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF HOMER D. GEHMAN, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
Karen L. Rushatz, Sharon D. Fritch & Kathy A. Sabo, Co-Executors
 c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
 537 Chestnut Street
 Emmaus, PA 18049
 or to their attorney: **John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire**
 537 Chestnut Street
 Emmaus, PA 18049
 Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF CAROL ANN WILSON, a/k/a, CAROL A. WILSON, late of Easton, Forks Township, County of Northampton, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Robert James Wilson, Jr., a/k/a, Robert J. Wilson, Jr.
 c/o Judith A. Harris, Esquire
 Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
 1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
 Allentown, PA 18104-2258
 or to his attorney:
 Judith A. Harris, Esquire
 Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
 1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
 Allentown, PA 18104-2258
 Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JAMES L. KUHN, deceased, late of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Tammy L. Harris, Co-Executor
Theresa M. Harris, Co-Executor
 c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
 Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
 Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
 119 E. Main Street
 Macungie, PA 18062
 YOUNG & YOUNG
 Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
 Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
 19 E. Main Street
 Feb. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF MILDRED J. WESTGATE a/k/a MILDRED WESTGATE, late of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:
KENNETH H. WESTGATE, JR., Executor
 c/o WILLIAM P. LEESON, ESQUIRE
 or to:
LEESON, LEESON & LEESON
 70 East Broad Street
 P.O. Box 1426
 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426
 Feb. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1120
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15 §602.2.A OF THE EMMAUS BOROUGH CODE, REMOVING A RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING SIGN ON THE PUBLIC STREET LOCATED IN FRONT OF 811 CHESTNUT STREET AND CHAPTER 15 §403, ESTABLISHING PROHIBITED PARKING ON RAILROAD STREET WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS.
 The Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager
 Feb. 11

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council will be meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Bldg., 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. Feb. 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Township of Whitehall is soliciting sealed bids until February 18, 2015 (Wednesday) at 3:00 p.m.; bids will be opened February 19, 2015 (Thursday) at 3:15 p.m. for:
Contract No. 15-03 "RENTAL OF ASPHALT COLD MILLING MACHINE"
Forms can be obtained at the Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, fax request to (610) 437-6963 or via our website at: www.whitehalltownship.com, under Administration, then Purchasing tab.
MARY ANN MILLER, OPPO
Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE

LYNN SCOTT OLDT, a/k/a LYNN S. OLDT, a/k/a LYNN OLDT

ESTATE OF LYNN SCOTT OLDT, a/k/a LYNN S. OLDT, a/k/a LYNN OLDT, deceased, late of Macungie, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Lance Oldt, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay to: Lance Oldt c/o CRAIG B. NEELY, Esq., 209 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-928-1188.
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
February 18, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

The Upper Macungie Township Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, one mile west of Route 100, Breinigsville, PA, to review and make recommendations on the following:
#1901 **Hidden Meadows, Waiver Requests Only, Phase 1B-Final** Land Development Plan, located at along Werley Road south of Oakview Drive;
#2148 **National Freight, Inc.** - Preliminary/Final Lot Line Adjustment and Land Development Plan, located at 7652 & 7588 Penn Drive;
#2154 **Home Depot USA, Inc.**, Parking Lot Expansion - Land Development Plan, located at 8500 Willard Drive;
And any and all matters that may come before the Commission.
Makala Ashmar, Secretary
Work Session: Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7 P.M.
Feb. 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

Zoning Appeal #02 15 002 of Dale and Beverly Kochard, 5950 Daniel Street, Allentown, PA 18104; requesting the following zoning relief to the Subject Property known as 5950 Daniel Street, Allentown, PA 18104:
1. Applicants seek recognition/registration of 3 separate existing non conformities pursuant to **Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance Section § 27-806.1, et.seq.** (2011 as amended) as follows:
a. The total number of Residential Accessory Structures on the property is currently 4 which exceeds the maximum limit of 2 buildings per lot pursuant to **Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance Section § 27-403.4.L.(2)(b)** (2011 as amended).
b. The total square footage of the Residential Accessory Structures exceeds the maximum of 1,000 square feet set by **Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance Section § 27-403.3.L.(2) (a)** (2011 as amended).
c. The principal structure currently encroaches upon the required Front Yard Setback of 35 feet by **Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance § 27-307.2.A.e.** (2011 as amended).
2. Applicants seek variances from the requirements of **Upper Macungie Zoning Ordinance § 27.307.2.A.f., § 27-403.3, and § 27-403.4.L(1)** to construct a new Accessory Structure (detached garage) that would encroach upon the required Accessory Structure Front Yard Building Setback. The Applicant proposed that such variance relief would be conditioned upon reducing the existing non-conformities upon the Subject Property by reducing the total number of accessory structures from 4 to 3 and would reduce the total square footage of all accessory structures to 1,124 square feet.
The Subject Property is located along Daniel Street near the intersection of Wolf Drive and is situated in the R2-Low Density Residential Zoning District.
Applicants must appear at the hearing.
All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Daren Martocci, Zoning Officer
Feb. 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on **Thursday February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:
THE HILLS AT WINCHESTER MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2011-103 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW
An application to develop the three tracts located at 3951 Walbert Avenue, 4131 Walbert Avenue and 1995 Brickyard Road containing a total of 111,7256 acres. The plan proposes to subdivide the tract into 257 lots. The western portion of the tract is proposed to be developed as an active adult community consisting of approximately 55.28 acres containing an existing farmhouse, 118 single-unit and 88 two-unit age-qualified dwelling units, a club house and commercial pad site, and 4 stormwater management facilities. The eastern portion of the tract is to be developed as a conventional residential community consisting of approximately 47,5528 acres containing 2 existing farmhouses, 42 single dwelling units and 3 stormwater management facilities. Two lots fronting Brickyard Road totaling 8,8928 acres, of which 8,6458 acres are to be dedicated to South Whitehall Township as open space. Public water and sanitary sewer, and 12,342 linear feet of new road (both public and private) are proposed. The subject property is zoned R2 Low Density Residential and RR Rural Residential, with the AAND-O Active Adult Neighborhood Development Overlay district located in the western portion of the tract. Jandl Land Company is the owner and applicant.
ZONING ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1
Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Section 12.39(h)(5) to correct a reference error; Amending Section 12.31(r) and Section 12.47 so as to reference the latest FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map; Amending Section 12.39(h)(2) to correct a reference error; and Amending Section 12.28(c)(14) to correct a reference error.
SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1
Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Section 11.7 through 11.21 Plan Review Submission Requirements; and Amending Section 11.6 Definitions as appropriate to the aforementioned amendments.
All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.
Gregg Adams, Planner
Community Development Department
Feb. 4, 11

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF EMMANUS, MACUNGIE AND ALBURTIS, AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF LOWER MILFORD AND UPPER MILFORD, TO CONSIDER UPDATING AND REVISING THE SOUTHWESTERN LEHIGH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; TO CONSIDER COORDINATION OF NEW PARTNER-SPECIFIC PLANS FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION, TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; TO DEVELOP A STEERING COMMITTEE; TO ENGAGE THE LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES; TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS BY EACH MUNICIPALITY TOWARDS THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT, THE APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANT FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT FUNDS AND BILLINGS OF MUNICIPALITIES; TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLANS, THE HOLDING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT." The proposed ordinance authorizes the Township to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Boroughs of Emmaus, Macungie and Alburtis, and the Townships of Lower Milford, Upper Milford and Lower Macungie, for the purposes of considering and adopting updates to the Southwestern Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan. The Board of Commissioners will consider the foregoing Ordinance at a public meeting on February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance and the Agreement are available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa, or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.
The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Renea Flexer, Township Secretary
Feb. 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED PROPOSALS will be accepted by East Allen Township until 12:00 p.m. on February 23, 2015 at the East Allen Township Municipal Building, 5344 Nor-Bath Boulevard, Northampton, PA 18067 for the following: "2015 Seal Coat".
92,990 S.Y. of Double Bituminous Seal Coat using a Polymer Modified Emulsion, CRS-2PM (E-3M) or RS-2PM (E-2M) and #8 Stone with a 1.0% Loss by Wash on various roads.
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All materials must meet PennDOT Pub. 408 Specifications and Standards. All Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified and must supply proof of prequalification.
Proposals must be on forms provided by the Township. Proposal forms, specifications and bid information can be obtained at the East Allen Township Municipal Building at the above address or by calling 610-262-7961, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A non-mandatory prebid meeting will be held at the Township Building at 1 PM on Feb 19.
All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid made payable to East Allen Township.
The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price within 20 days of the award of the contract.
The successful seal coat bidder will also be required to provide an additional maintenance bond in the amounts specified in the bid document which will be due upon completion of the work.
All bids will be opened publicly and read at approximately 12:05 p.m. on February 23, 2015 at the East Allen Township Municipal Building. The bids will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their regular scheduled meeting on February 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. The East Allen Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or portions thereof, and to delete projects and or portions of the project depending on budgetary constraints and also to waive any technicalities deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.
East Allen Township
Rose Wedde, Secretary
5344 Nor-Bath Boulevard
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Feb. 4, 11

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