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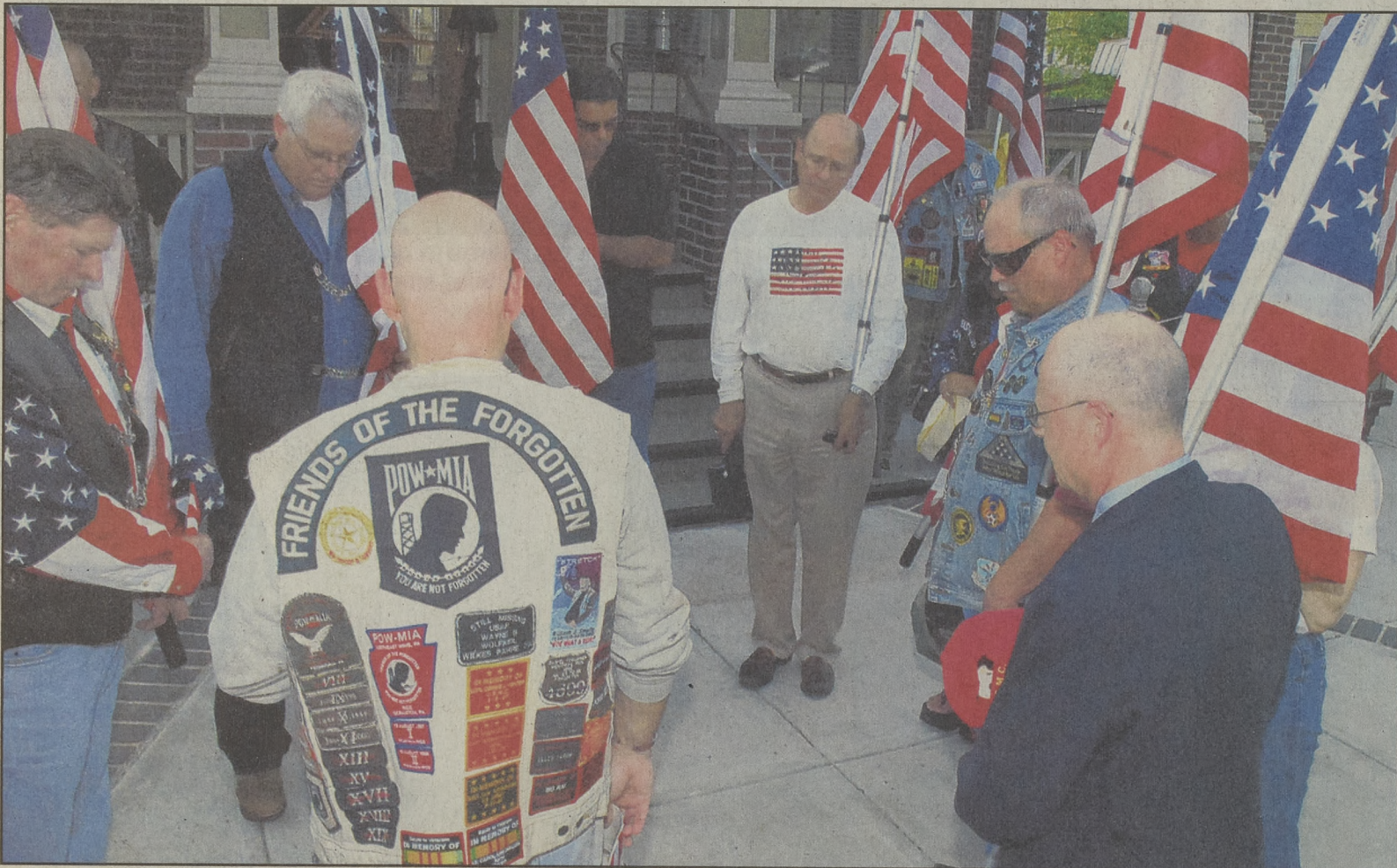
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Members of the Warriors' Watch Riders gather for a brief prayer prior to presenting the "colors" along Hellertown's Main Street. About two dozen riders attended to show their support, many coming from a distance of 25 miles or more.

'If you are well, then I am well'

Airman remembered for strength, kindness and independence



Airman Austin Gates-Benson

By JOSH POPICHAK
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

In spite of a violent late afternoon thunderstorm which prevented a military flyover of Hellertown from taking place, a May 14 remembrance service for Airman 1st Class Austin Harper Gates-Benson went according to plan, with dozens of mourners filing solemnly into Heintzelman Funeral Home to pay their final respects to the borough resident.

Gates-Benson, 19, graduated from Saucon Valley HS in 2008 and was on his first tour of duty as part of Operation Enduring Freedom when he died near Khyber, Afghanistan May 3.

He had only been stationed overseas for a few months, according to Hellertown resident Sandra Rivera, who is the mother of one of Gates-Benson's friends.

"We saw him on the day he deployed," she recalled, adding that Gates-Benson was always "very committed to his friends and his mother."

Sandy Massetti, of Hellertown, attended the remembrance service with Rivera and also recalled Gates-Benson's sense of duty and unwavering commitment to the causes in which he believed.

"He was a very strong, but soft and kind young man," she said. "I think he was very patriotic ...

from a young age," she added.

As a way of paying tribute to Gates-Benson's patriotism, on its front porch Heintzelman Funeral Home displayed a bronze sculpture which incorporates a gun, a pair of laced-up boots and a soldier's helmet.

"A Fallen Soldier Monument," by Richard Rist, also featured a bronze plaque which declares, "All Gave Some, Some Gave All, God Bless all that gave."

According to funeral director David Heintzelman, the sculpture is a tribute to all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both past and present, and will be dis-

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BASD Protect diploma's integrity

As many as 165 seniors may not graduate

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nearly 19 percent of Liberty HS seniors are in jeopardy of not graduating when diplomas are handed out June 3, according to Principal JoAnn Durante. They have failed either reading or math or both when they took the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams in their junior year and have not passed it since in spite of opportunities for special tutoring and chances to retake the tests Durante told Bethlehem Area School District Board members May 7.

There are 711 students in the Liberty senior class. Freedom HS Principal Michael LaPorta Jr. reported that 30 or 2.5 percent of his students are not proficient in reading or math, or both, and unless they meet the requirements they likely will not graduate June 2.

The educators cited differences in the ethnic mix and economic disparities between the student bodies of the two schools. They said that students and their parents have been warned since last year of the need to do the necessary testing to graduate.

Durante said that Liberty has a high transient See **BASD** on Page A3

'IT'S GOT GREAT BONES'

Steel stock house plans reviewed

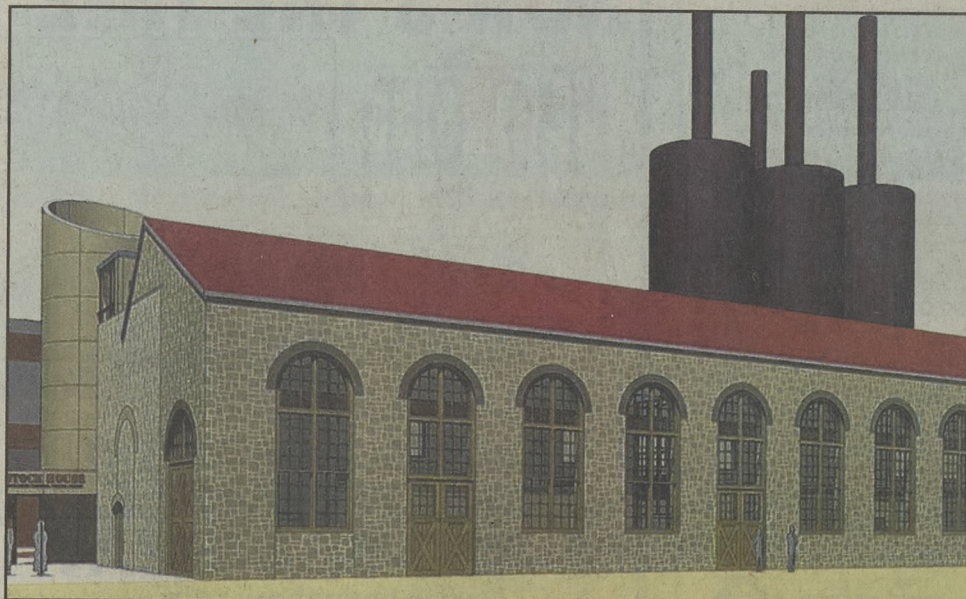
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Built in 1863, the stock house is the oldest remaining structure on the steel plant site. It was used to supply iron ore to the adjoining blast furnaces, and over its nearly century and one-half life span has undergone a number of modifications.

City officials and design consultants unveiled two proposed preservation concepts that would turn the former Bethlehem Steel stock house into a visitor center at a May 12 public meeting held in the Northampton Community College's Fowler Center.

Located immediately adjacent to the blast furnaces, the restored stock house is planned as part of the overall SteelStacks campus, where ArtsQuest has already begun construction on its performing arts center and PBS 39 is anticipated to break ground on its broadcast center this summer.

About 50 people attended, a number of them former steelworkers who are interested in seeing one-time steel plant structures integrated into the preservation of the Bethlehem plant's place in history. City planning director



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An artist's rendition of the concept that was more preferred by those in attendance shows the proposed entry, stair and elevator access addition on the west end of the stock house.

Darlene Heller informed those in attendance that funding for the physical assessment of the stock house and formulation of the preservation concepts had come from a Preserve

America grant. "We've done a lot of work; there are some great ideas here," Heller added. Representatives from USA Architects and John Milner Associates, Inc.,

architectural firms hired by the city to develop preservation and reuse plans, then outlined their analysis and recommendations.

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'If you are well, then I am well'



Warriors' Watch rider Paul Auckland from Sellersville traveled by motorcycle to express his support for Austin Gates-Benson's family and friends.



Ladder trucks from Se-Wy-Co and Nancy Run fire companies string the American flag across Main Street to honor Airman 1st Class Austin Gates-Benson.

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played at future services for veterans.

"I believe in that (quotation) so much, because they really gave," he said, referring to words on the bronze plaque.

Another adage seen and discussed at the remembrance service was "Si vales, valeo," a Latin phrase which means "If you are well, then I am well," which Gates-Benson was especially fond of, and which was printed on funeral home memorial cards distributed to mourners by Heintzelman.

For friends of Gates-Benson, most of whom hadn't seen him since his mid-February deployment, the reality of his death is still sinking in, but the special person he was in life will always be remembered.

"He really pulled the good out of people," said Sharon Bender, of Hellertown, who attended the service with her daughter Hillary, a classmate of Gates-Benson's at Saucon Valley HS.

Gates-Benson was "charismatic" and entered military service "with great intentions," she noted, adding that she'd been a teacher's aide in a high school classroom when he was a student there.

According to Hillary Bender, "he made a really big impression on everyone. Even if you only knew him for a week you remembered him."

Kelly Miller, who graduated from Saucon Valley the same year as Gates-Benson and also enlisted in the Air Force at that time, recalled him as "a good guy" with an independent streak almost everyone appreciated.

"He never really cared what everyone else thought," Miller said.

Miller, who is now stationed in Germany, added that "he never had a single enemy. He was just always there for everyone."

In addition to the mourners who paid tribute to Gates-Benson, a group of supporters known as the Warriors' Watch Riders paid their respects by forming a stationary colorguard along the sidewalk outside the funeral home while the remembrance service was held.

The Warriors' Watch Riders are volunteers from the region who support past and present military members by providing motorcycle escorts and raising awareness of the sacrifices made by all those who serve.

Local volunteer firefighters from Se-Wy-Co and Nancy Run companies also paid their respects to the former Civil Air Patrol member by hoisting the lifts on their ladder trucks high into the sky above Main Street and then unfurling a huge American flag from a wire strung between two buckets.

Gates-Benson, who would have turned 20 on June 17, will be interred privately at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, with full military honors, according to Heintzelman Funeral Home.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established by the Saucon Valley School District. Donations to the fund should be made payable to the district and can be mailed to Heintzelman Funeral Home, 326 Main St., Hellertown, PA, 18055.



In honor of Airman 1st Class Austin Gates-Benson, a folded flag in display case and "A Fallen Soldier Monument" were near the funeral home entrance. The plaque read, "All gave some; some gave all; God bless all that gave."



Two mourners share their grief outside the Heintzelman Funeral Home in Hellertown.

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Hellertown Zoning Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at 685 Main St.
Bethlehem City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Church St. *change of date - this meeting only*
Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority meeting, 7 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.
Fountain Hill work session, 7 p.m. at 941 Long St.
Freemansburg Parks and Recreation meeting, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.
Hellertown Borough Authority meeting, 7 p.m. at 685 Main St.

Thursday, May 20

The Sun Inn Brown Bag Lecture Series, now the Vernon H. Nelson Lecture Series, noon, Lanie Graf, "The Use of the Cittern in Moravian Worship," at the Sun Inn, 566 Main St. Call 610-866-1758.
Bethlehem Health Bureau walk at Rockland Park, noon to 1 p.m., start across from Just Born - Stefko Boulevard at Carlisle and Rockland streets. Parking is available along Rockland Street. Call 610-997-3562.
The Bethlehem Garden Club, 1 p.m. at Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road, "Roses: History and Care" with master gardener Doug Files. Open to the public. Call 610-954-5977 for more information.
Tunes at Twilight 6 to 8 p.m. Sun Inn Courtyard, Trouble City All Stars (reggae), rain location: McCarthy's Tea Room, 534 Main St. Call 610-841-5831.
Hanover Township fair, 6 to 9 p.m., Community Center grounds, 3630 Jacksonville Road. Call 610-866-1140.
Christ Lutheran Church family festival, 6 to 10 p.m., 69 Main St., Hellertown. Call 610-838-0400.
TheYWCA of Bethlehem will host a silent auction at 6 p.m. at the Banana Factory, 25 E. Third St. to benefit the adult day care center. Donations for the auction are being sought. Call 610-867-4669 for information.

Friday, May 21

Electronic (not electric) waste will be collected 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Memorial Pool parking lot, Illick's Mill Road. A fee will be charged to help cover costs. Call 610-865-7082.
Hanover Township fair, 6 to 9 p.m., Community Center grounds, 3630 Jacksonville Road. Call 610-866-1140.
Christ Lutheran Church family festival, 6 to 10 p.m., 69 Main St., Hellertown. Call 610-838-0400.
Pennsylvania Youth Theater (PYT) presents "Pinocchio," 7 p.m., Charles A. Brown Ice House, 56 River St. Call 610-332-1400.
Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts (LVPA) Artist's Café and Open Mike, 7:30 p.m. at both the school, 675 E. Broad St. and the Hard Bean Café, 201 E. Third St. Tickets available at the door.

Saturday, May 22

Electronic (not electric) waste will be collected 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Memorial Pool parking lot, Illick's Mill Road. A fee will be charged to help cover costs. For information, call 610-865-7082.
Fourth annual Alex's Lemonade Stand, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Bethlehem Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and Union Boulevard. Call 610-419-0112.
Liberty Bell Museum children's "Diary of An American Soldier" with Pip the Mouse and food samplings, 10 a.m., 622 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. Free but donations accepted. Reservations preferred. Call 610-435-4232.
Hanover Township fair, noon to 9 p.m., Community Center grounds, 3630 Jacksonville Road. Call 610-866-1140.
Pennsylvania Youth Theater (PYT) presents "Pinocchio," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Charles A. Brown Ice House, 56 River St. Call 610-332-1400.
Christ Lutheran Church family festival, 4 to 10 p.m., 69 Main St., Hellertown. Call 610-838-0400.
Concord Chamber Singers "Sounds of Spring", 7:30 p.m., St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 S. Broad St., Nazareth. Visit www.ccsingers.org

Sunday, May 23

Fourth annual Alex's Lemonade Stand, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Bethlehem Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and Union Boulevard. Call 610-419-0112.
Pennsylvania Youth Theater (PYT) presents "Pinocchio," 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Charles A. Brown Ice House, 56 River St. Call 610-332-1400.
St. Luke's Singers, 3 p.m., St. John's Windish Lutheran Church, 617 E. Fourth St. There is a fee. Call 610-868-3282.

Monday, May 24

VIA golf classic, 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. shotgun start, 235 Moorestown Drive, Bath. Fee. For information, call 484-893-5389 or visit ViaNet.org
First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors (last one until fall), 10 a.m., Stardust cabaret with Bob Cohen and accompanist Richard Groman; at the church, 2344 Center St.
Amnesty International USA, Group 347, 7 p.m. at the Moravian Church Christian Education Building, Main and W. Church streets. Call 610-866-2655.
Bethlehem Township Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, May 25

Bethlehem Health Bureau walk at Rockland Park, noon to 1 p.m., start across from Just Born - Stefko Boulevard at Carlisle and Rockland streets. Parking is available along Rockland Street. Call 610-997-3562.
Mayor's South Side Task Force meeting, 4 p.m. Call 610-865-4695
Heart valve disease seminar, 6 to 7:30 p.m. L.V. Hospital- Muhlenberg rooms C and D, 2545 Schoenersville Road (Routes 22 & 378). To register, call 610-402-CARE (2273).
Freemansburg Zoning meeting, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.
Hanover Township Supervisors meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Building at 3630 Jacksonville Road
Saucon Valley School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Audion Building, 2097 Polk Valley Road

Wednesday, May 26

Bethlehem Planning Commission meeting, 4 p.m. at City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Parking Authority meeting, 4:30 p.m. at 85 W. North St.
Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.
Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., 6 Danforth Drive, Easton. Call 610-252-5550.
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'Boutique' takes shape



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Starting on May 4, volunteers began preparations for the Boutique at the Rink annual sale for cancer June 2-5. Held at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, event's set-up, sorting of donations and display of merchandise require untold hours from many dedicated volunteers. **ABOVE:** John DeSanto, Jack Stolz and Marty Carhart install an event sign along Illick's Mill Road. All are members of an Air Products retirement group which provides community service.

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USA Architect senior partner Paul Swartz said that of the 12 different schemes 10 had been eliminated due to historic issues.

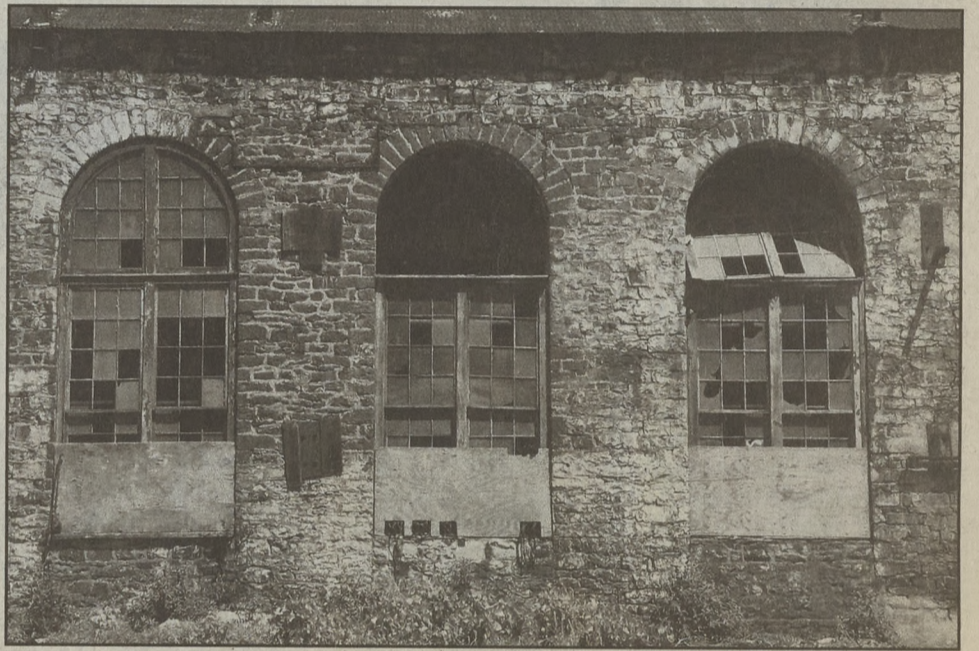
"It's got great bones," Swartz added and he opined that when renovated it would "essentially become a portal to not only Bethlehem, but the entire Lehigh Valley."

Swartz called the "high windows and metal roof in dire need of restoration." Swartz also said that plans would provide for reinstalling the interior mezzanine.

USA Architects' project manager Shyam Perangur then detailed differences between the two concepts, which mainly addressed the new additions under consideration at the north and western elevations that would provide main entry, stairways and elevator access to the upper level.

The first floor plan would include the main lobby, visitors center and ample restroom facilities that would be available during events at the Steel-Stacks campus. The second floor mezzanine would provide office space and would be set back from the larger windows to allow more natural light into both interior floors.

Architect Douglas Harnsberger of John Mil-



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Architect Douglas Harnsberger identified the three most important exterior architectural elements as the stone masonry, arched window openings and the roof.

ner Associates explained the process for obtaining approval from the National Park Service and Pa. Historical and Museum Commission to advance the preservation effort. Harnsberger said it was key to assess the "measures taken architecturally for historic preservation" through compliance with the Dept. of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Harnsberger identified the three most important defining features of the stock house as the stone masonry, arched window openings and the roof. He noted that original ink on linen plans provided detail

which had aided the architects in replicating the original architecture. Harnsberger indicated that when submitted for review by the state and federal preservation agencies, he hoped that the plan review would take about two months to be completed. He said the technical review submissions would be made concurrently to speed up the review process and would allow federal and state officials to work with each other.

Former steelworkers present expressed concerns about access and safety issues with the blast furnaces next door, while Southside businessman

and Segway dealer Bob Palik wanted to know about access to the elevated Hoover-Mason trestle that abuts the stock house.

Southside resident Michele Ryder wanted officials to make sure that displays be included to interpret the stock house's place in steel-making history.

"I'm interested in the steel site," she said adding, "my whole family worked at the steel."

No cost estimates have been made and city officials are discussing ways in which to obtain funding for the project, according to Heller.

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population which contributes to a high dropout rate.

These students failed

to pass the state's graduation exam, which, for the first time, is being used to decide who gets to claim the title of high school graduate. Last year, the school board voted to award diplomas to those students who have the

necessary credit hours from regular classwork and who pass the PSSA reading and math tests.

According to Durante, she will let students retake the exam until they pass. If after the students have had several chances at

the exam and they still fail, they will be denied the diploma at the graduation ceremony.

"We have tutored around their schedules," Durante explained. "We have to go to them; they haven't come to us."

The two principals said that some at-risk students are currently in classes that if passed could qualify them to graduate. Success in CAT or compulsory analysis testing and GAT or Geometry Algebra PSSA courses could get the students their diplomas.

"I don't care how many times they take it [the CAT or GAT tests]," Durante said.


School board member William Burkhardt is in favor of not granting diplomas.

"They don't deserve a diploma if they haven't taken advantage of all their options," he said.

"We must preserve the integrity of the diploma," Durante said. "Every effort has been made to get them proficient."

School board member Irene Follweiler seconded Durante's comment.

"As long as you and your staff have done all you can do ... ok," she said. "I want them to graduate because they deserve it."



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DUIs

Freemansburg police arrested 33-year-old Trevor Curtain, of Grigio Place in Easton, for driving under the influence around 1:45 a.m. April 27. An officer observed Curtain driving at a high rate of speed and pulled him over. He allegedly smelled of alcohol and his eyes were glassy, and he failed a field sobriety test. He was taken to the DUI Center for processing.

Around 3:25 p.m. May 9 police arrested Susan Nocera, 49, of the 3800 block of Carter Street in Bethlehem. Officers allegedly witnessed her drive through a stop sign and pulled her over. She smelled strongly of alcohol and was determined to be intoxicated by means of field sobriety tests.

Both are charged with DUI.

STATE POLICE

Disorderly conduct

Colonial Regional Police arrested Peter Messina, of Glendale Avenue in Bethlehem, around 10:45 a.m. April 28.

According to police, Messina caused a scene at the Stoke Park Road PNC Bank while arguing over a policy. He became irate and yelled at bank employees, and when leaving tossed aside the door so hard it caused a crack in a foyer wall, causing more than \$900 in damage.

Messina is charged with disorderly conduct and criminal mischief.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE PRESS!

By PAT KESLING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Guests agreed that Bethlehem brothers Clifford "Tip" Mowrer and Gordon "Gordy" Mowrer were among the finest examples of dedicated community servants. The brothers were toasted and roasted April 26 during a party to honor them for a total of 100 years of membership in Rotary International of Bethlehem at Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem.

Rotary's main objective is service to youth and the needy with the motto "Service Above Self." The organization donates funds to many nonprofit organizations, including Sand Island, the Bethlehem Area Public Library and Burnside Plantation to name a few. Gordy and Tip have each served as club president and district governor.

Applause and nodding of heads came from the audience of nearly 200 when Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan toasted Gordy by calling him a mentor and saying the best advice he gets is when Gordy puts his hand on his shoulder during rough times and says, "This too shall pass."

Master of ceremonies was David Devey, former headmaster of Moravian Academy.

Roasters for Tip were William Latshaw, George Mowrer, Gordon's son, and Robert Weed. Roasters for Gordy were former Bethlehem Mayor Ken Smith, Ham Malek and Callahan.

Older brother Tip, after service in the U.S. Army, had a 34-year career with the Hampson Mowrer Kreitz Agency where he rose to vice president.

George Mowrer teased him saying, "When it came to Bethlehem Steel executives, he always seemed to know before

Their cups runneth over

Mowrer brothers honored at Rotary roast



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Brothers Gordon Mowrer and 'Tip' Mowrer share some laughs as the barbs fly in their direction.



George Mowrer, Gordon Mowrer's son, roasts his uncle 'Tip' Mowrer calling him "a cool uncle who treated him like a grown-up."



Former Bethlehem Mayor Ken Smith roasts former Bethlehem Mayor Gordon Mowrer by reading a bogus proclamation that named a day in Mowrer's honor.

any of them who was getting promoted. He'd be right there selling them more insurance."

George also said the little known fact about Tip was his admiration

for George Washington, with whom he shared a love of cigars, and for John Wayne.

Tip also served as director of Lafayette Bank

and Ambassador Bank; was a trustee of Northampton Community College; served as school board director for the Bethlehem Area School District and Beth-

lehem Area Vocational-Technical School and chairman of the Senior Alumni Council of Lehigh University.

Gordy is past president of the Hampson Mowrer Kreitz Agency, past president of the Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce, former Mayor of Bethlehem and retired pastor of Advent Moravian Church. He is a current Bethlehem City Council member and is a trustee of the Laros Foundation, a charitable group based in Bethlehem.

Both Tip and Gordy are well known for being the sons of Clifford Mowrer Sr., the owner of "The Cup," now Bethlehem Dairy Store. Latshaw, Tip's roaster, carried "The Cup" theme further, saying, "Tip has a heart filled with the milk of human kindness."

Gordy was mayor when plans for Bethlehem's downtown were being formulated.

Callahan said, "Anyone who walks down Main Street today should thank him. He made it a different and better place."

Gordy has been busy for nearly a year, writing a book, "The Comeback Kid: What You Don't Know About Mayor Mowrer." It is set for publication and sale locally in June.

Members of the planning committee for the roast/toast were Maureen O'Meara, Diane Donaher, Debra Nonnemacher, Bernadette Holland, Catherine Rapose, Bill Hoppe, Al Philpotts, Ron Searfoss and Ron Horvath.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Rotary Foundation and the DAR House. Tip and Gordy's mother, Margaret, was an active DAR member and their father was a dedicated Rotarian.



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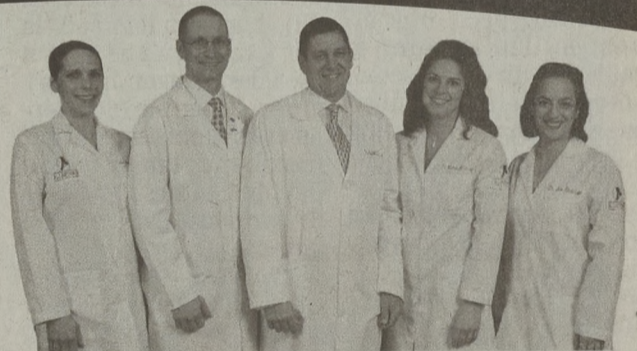
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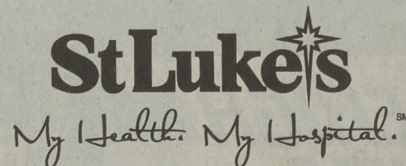
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CITY POLICE Weapon possession

Police arrested Jovanie Alverado, 21, of Broadway, after receiving a report of two young men exchanging a firearm near the Montclair Avenue Aharts Market around 4:20 p.m. May 6.

According to police, a citizen observed a young white male handing a pistol to Alverado and placed the call. Police found the men and performed a search, finding the .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol in Alverado's waistband.

Alvarado is charged with possessing firearms without a license and persons not to possess firearms due to a prior felony conviction. He was transported to Northampton County Prison on \$250,000 bail.

Public drunkenness

Police arrested a man at the Westgate Mall for public intoxication around 9 p.m. May 7.

According to police, Robert James Young, 58, of Grove Road, was leaning against a wall because he was unable to stand on his own. His blood alcohol content was allegedly greater than .2, or more than twice the legal limit.

Police said Young had been drinking Listerine.

Burglary

A resident in the 1300 block of Fritz Drive reported a burglary from her home around 1:15 a.m. May 13.

According to police, the victim returned home from a visit to New York, where she had been since April 30. There was no indication of how entry was gained but a number of items were taken.

One 32-inch television, one 42-inch television and one 55-inch television were reported missing; all together at a cost of about \$5,000. Two DVD players were also removed.

Police said those responsible also stole a number of lotions with a total worth of about \$50.

Robbery

A man wearing a red hoodie robbed the 1426 W. Broad St. 7-Eleven at gunpoint around 10:30 p.m. May 6, police said.

The suspect took an unspecified amount of cash and fled the scene on foot. He is described as Hispanic, 18 to 24 years old, and also wearing a black "beanie" and glasses. Police ask anyone with information to call Investigator Brad Jones at 610-865-7146 or the tip line at 610-691-6601.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

A bulldozer operator with J. L. Watts levels the sub-base of the athletic field in the southeast corner at Broughal MS. Six inches of top soil followed by a layer of sod will finish the play surface.

Broughal field work nears completion

Work on the new Broughal MS athletic field should be completed by the end of May, according to D'Huy Engineering site project manager Steve Garner. Segmented gravity retaining walls have been constructed around the southern end of the new field, which Garner said has saved the Bethlehem Area School District hundreds of thousands of dollars over using poured reinforced concrete retaining walls. Grading and compaction continue prior to 6" of top soil being

spread over the sub-base, which also contains a drainage system underneath. Garner says that the field will receive a sod covering and should be ready for full-time use at the start of the 2011-12 school year after being allowed to take hold for a full season of growth. Work remains for all new sidewalk to replace the old along Martell Street, Packer and Brodhead avenues.

'User friendly' ordinance proposed

BETHLEHEM ZONERS

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Are you a good neighbor? Everyone is concerned about what goes on in his own back yard. Zoning is the way municipalities specify what neighbors may or may not do.

Bethlehem Planning Director Darlene Heller unveiled an ambitious new zoning ordinance in a Power Point presentation to city planners and the public May 13. Heller's main goal is to make it easier for city residents to be good neighbors. "It's user friendly," she explained, stating that the new ordinance is easier to follow and understand. In her summary, she said it provides for more appropriate, yet flexible, development. It maintains existing, healthy neighborhoods. Finally, it makes provisions for environmentally sensitive lands.

Perhaps the biggest change is something Heller calls a "work force housing

initiative," designed to encourage more affordable housing. In certain areas, this will permit an increased density for developments with more than 20 units.

The ordinance makes it easier to solve the parking problem that often plagues businesses and residences. It provides for "shared parking," in which a church or neighbor could agree to allow parking.

To encourage open space, this proposal will permit cluster development in rural residential areas. It will encourage tree conservation as well. It will prohibit construction in the "flood fringe" unless there has been a building or parking lot there within the past 10 years.

For businesses, a "green component" will allow businesses using solar panels or wind turbines to operate slightly larger buildings.

In response to questions about a time frame, Heller indicated she will conduct workshops with the public, elicit presentations from dif-

ferent interest groups and post the proposed ordinance, her PowerPoint and new map on the city web page.

"When it goes to the planning commission depends on public interest," she concluded.

Planning Commission chair Larry Krauter asked Heller why the old paint mill, off Mauch Chunk Road, is zoned industrial when Monocacy Creek, a Class A wild trout stream, runs along its border.

Heller explained that the new industrial classification "is more flexible" in its permitted uses. Krauter gently cautioned her, "You need to keep that in mind."

Before this proposed zoning ordinance becomes law, it must be recommended by the Planning Commission and City Council.

In other matters, planners unanimously agreed to permit Eileen MacMullen to convert her commercial condo unit in Payson House, located at 77 W Broad St., into a "live work unit." The front of the unit, which faces

the Sun Inn Courtyard, must be kept commercial.

They also approved the Silk Mill plan for a four-story apartment building, containing 90 units, at 238 W. Goepf St. There will be 151 apartments at this site with 260 parking spaces.

The plan proposed by Silk Mill Partners was a stucco and brick veneer building with a gable roof. Planners note that the Zoning Hearing Board had approved a flat roof and brick exterior.

Planner Katie Lynch noted, "We want the outside look to be as authentic as possible."

The Silk Mill was represented by Mickey Thompson, who also serves as solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board.

"Our intent is not to do a switcheroo," he said, adding it is no problem to match the existing buildings.

Planners ultimately gave the Silk Mill a green light, but insisted that the new building be flat-roofed, all brick exterior, and match surrounding buildings. Planner James Fiorentino voted against the plan.

BRIEFLY

YWCA

Silent auction set for May 20

The YWCA of Bethlehem will host a silent auction at 6 p.m. May 20 at the Banana Factory, 25 E. Third St. The second annual event will benefit the adult day care center for individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia and developmental and physical disabilities.

Donations for the auction are being sought. Call 610-867-4669 for information.

RECYCLING

Electronics set for May 21-22

Electronic (not electric) waste will be collected from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 21 and 22 at the Memorial Pool parking lot, Illick's Mill Road. A fee will be charged to help cover costs, both in terms of extracting components from electronic equipment that can be used and properly disposing of those elements that are potentially harmful to the environment.

For information, contact the Bethlehem Recycling Bureau at 610-865-7082.

LVOAF

Picnic planned for June 5

Lehigh Valley Oldtime Athletes and Friends annual picnic will be held from noon to 5 p.m. June 5 at the Mack Trucks Local 667 picnic grove, located across the street from the Mack Trucks world headquarters building, Mack Boulevard, Allentown.

Men age 35 or older are invited to share memories, cold soda and refreshments, all included in the cost. Proceeds benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission. For information and tickets, call 610-435-7668 or visit www.loaf.org.

HOMEBASE

Skateshop to host May 30 event

Homebase Skateshop, 14 W. Fourth St., is celebrating its eight year anniversary. It has partnered with Red Bull and 5Boro Skateboards of New York City for the Red Bull Manny Mania regional qualifying contest. The Bethlehem-hosted all-day event for local skateboarders and their families will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. May 30 at the Banana Factory, 25 West Third St.

For a complete listing of the events and for more information, visit www.Homebase610.com, www.5Boro.com or www.RedBullSkateboarding.com.

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CHRISTMAS CITY
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The non-postage 2010 Christmas City Seal contest theme is the 1810 Goundie House, in recognition of the building's 200th anniversary. The Federal style brick Goundie House, 501 Main St., was the home of Bethlehem's brewmaster John Sebastian Goundie. The building is owned and operated by the Historic Bethlehem Partnership.

Artists may submit up to three entries in any two-dimensional color art medium. The committee will be looking for holiday decor, such as candlelit windows and snow, in the scene. The design should be kept simple since it will be reduced to stamp size, about 1-1/2 x 2-1/4 inches. It may be horizontal or vertical in design. Entry forms are available at the Lehigh Valley Chamber's Bethlehem office, 561 Main St., Suite 200 or call 610-841-5835 or e-mail lynnl@lehighvalleychamber.org. The deadline is May 28.

The Citizens Christmas Seal committee will select one entry for the 46th annual seal. Last year's winner was Peter Treiber of Bethlehem. The seal portrayed a snow-surrounded Central Moravian Church at dusk as seen from the Smithy.

UNITED WAY
Program honors
local leaders

The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley will honor local leaders, congratulate commendable programs, recognize volunteers, and celebrate the results of the first year of its 2009-11 Community Impact investments May 19 at the Zoellner Arts Center in Bethlehem beginning at 5 p.m.

In addition to the report to the community by United Way President Susan Gilmore, the organization will hold its annual business meeting conducted by United Way Board Chair Dolores Laputka for the election of new board members. The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Community Awards.

The program will conclude with the Liberty HS Singers, after which everyone will be invited to view the "Unseenamerica" display of photographs by the children of Central ES in Allentown as part of a collaboration between ArtsQuest's Banana Factory and United Way's Women's Leadership Initiative.

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Week of the Young Child marked

By CANDICE WILLIAMS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton and Lehigh county officials joined local United Way representatives April 8 to recognize National Week of the Young Child at the Moravian Book Shop in Historic Downtown Bethlehem.

Founded 40 years ago by the Association for the Education of Young Children to recognize the importance of early childhood education, the national organization today boasts more than 100,000 members, Mary Widmer, Director of Success by 6, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, said.

Lehigh County Public Affairs Officer Kathleen Parrish, who represented County Executive Don Cunningham who was out of the country, and Northampton County Deputy Director of Administration Thomas C. Harp each read proclamations honoring the event.

Guest speaker Denise H. Continenza, Family Living agent, Lehigh County Cooperative Extension, Allentown, charmed attendees with a fun-filled interactive lecture on stress reduction and management.



PRESS PHOTO BY CANDICE WILLIAMS

Presenting the proclamation marking Week of the Young Child April 8 are Mary Widmer, director of Success by 6, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley; Carol Obando-Derstine, executive director of the Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley; Kathleen Parrish, Lehigh County public information officer and Northampton County Deputy Director of Administration Thomas C. Harp.

Continenza said parents need to take time to relax, even under the most stressful of circumstances. To demonstrate how parents may carry heavy burdens, Continenza asked guests to hold marshmallows on their outstretched palms to emphasize how even something as light as a marshmallow over time can become burdensome and heavy.

"You are under stress and no wonder," Continenza said. "The pressure to manage kids, household tasks, work and perhaps aging parents can be overwhelming at times."

Men and women take on many jobs in today's society, she said. They are not only husbands and wives, parents and employees; they are also housekeepers, shoppers, cooks, carpenters, taxi

drivers and more! "As people try to keep up with the demands, they often show signs of stress," Continenza added.

Guests agreed stress-induced symptoms include exhaustion, forgetfulness, tension, neck and shoulder pain, and even at times irritability.

Continenza said there are basically two ways to manage stress and stay

healthy: Take care of oneself and change the way one looks at those things that can cause stress.

She offered behavior modification suggestions such as setting limits on volunteering; letting one's supervisor know what basic responsibilities one has at home; and trying, although all in the audience agreed this one is easier to say than do, trying not to bring work home.

Continenza said relieving stress at home can be as challenging. She suggested working parents try to reduce excessive noise; become more flexible about time management, and interestingly enough, suggested folks change their work clothes when they walk in the door.

Continenza suggested parents try to set aside time to exercise. "Exercise helps our bodies and minds to relax," she said. And, she suggested that parents ask themselves when they get upset over some issue, "Will this matter in five years?"

Guests agreed that dealing with everyday stresses is challenging, but all agreed that not trying doesn't make sense either.

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Volunteer Center honors its local 'champions'

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hawk Mountain's Susan Wolfe received special recognition from the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley for her extraordinary success in running the internationally known conservation organization's volunteer program.

At a "breakfast of champions" ceremony April 7 at Bethlehem Township's Candlelight Reception and Conference Center, Wolfe received the "Excellence in Volunteer Management Award" for her management of more than 200 volunteers.

"The volunteers further our mission," said Wolfe who lives in Kempton. "They enable us to provide many educational services to the general public and to school groups."

She said that Hawk Mountain sends educational teams to selected schools, including some in the Bethlehem Area School District to teach about raptors.

Wolfe said that the volunteers under her management work about 12,000 person-hours per year, which she said is equivalent to seven full-time staffers. She started working at Hawk Mountain in 1982 and in 1987 accepted a position as part of the staff.

Amy Burkett of PBS 39 and Bob Martin, as the "roving reporter," co-hosted the awards.

Among the many volunteers recognized for their work was Notre



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Just Born Candy Co. former President and Chief Operating Officer Sam Torrence and his wife, Betsy, present the Partners in Volunteerism Award to Bill and Carol Vervoorn, who volunteer at Camelot for Kids.

Dame HS senior Stephen Prager, who himself has juvenile diabetes. He has volunteered for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Prager also received a scholarship from the Sandy Kelly/UPS Youth Volunteer Scholarship organization. The honor student plans to attend Dartmouth College.

The Volunteer Center of Lehigh Valley also recognized Liberty HS senior Alexander Ascencio for volunteering with St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network.

Also recognized was Melissa Hornick, a senior at Nazareth Area HS, who volunteers with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. She received the Society of Volunteer Administrators' Youth

Scholarship. Just Born Candy Co. former President and COO Sam Torrence and his wife, Betsy Torrence, presented the Partners in Volunteerism Award to Bill and Carol Vervoorn, who volunteer at Camelot for Kids.

Bethlehem Area Public Library volunteers Alverta Serfass and Kathy Weil were each presented with a certificate of appreciation for their work with the library. Serfass became the library's first volunteer in 1966 after she helped form a human chain to move books by hand from the library's old location at West Market and New streets in Bethlehem to its current building on West Church Street.

Among the many other

volunteers recognized were Anne Sawyer and Carol Soloman for their service at Turning Point. "I just let them know they are not alone," said Sawyer referring to the children at Turning Point.

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley provides refuge to children who have been victims of abuse. It provides services in Lehigh and Northampton counties to more than 5,000 victims of domestic violence each year.

The mission of the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley is to mobilize the community to care for one another through a centralized network of volunteer placement and promotion.



Liberty HS senior Alexander Ascencio volunteers with the St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network. "Roving Reporter" Bob Martin, who helped with master of ceremony duties "interviewed" Ascencio.



Notre Dame HS senior Stephen Prager received a scholarship from the Sandy Kelly/UPS Youth Volunteer Scholarship organization.



The Volunteer Center recognized Alverta Serfass for her long service as a volunteer with the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Serfass has been volunteering since 1966.



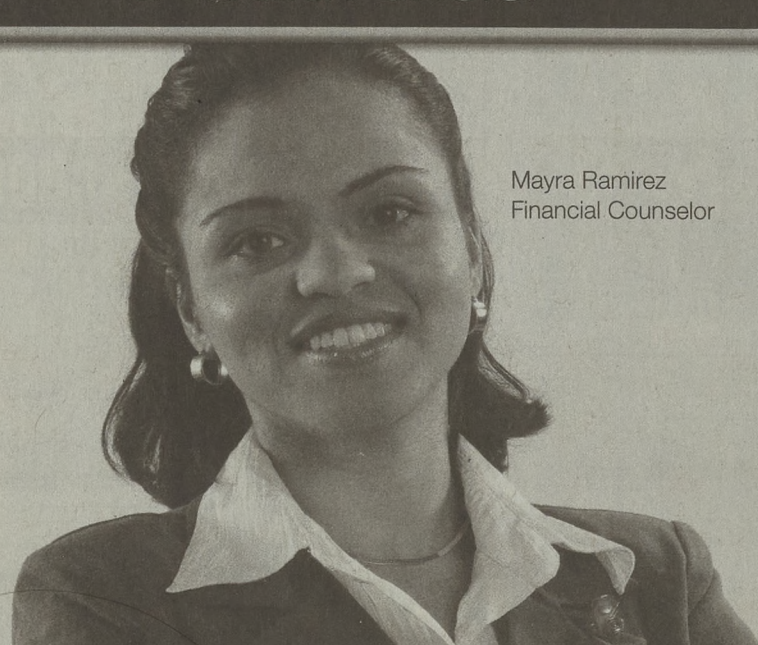
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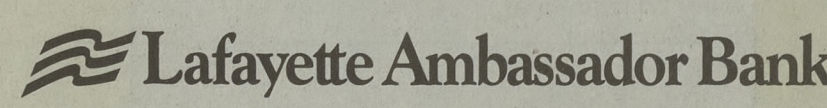
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Sun Inn 'Meltdown' exceeds expectations

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Truffles made with Irish loin bacon and peanut butter, espresso beans in raspberry dark chocolate and dark chocolate peppermint brownies could be tasted while sipping chocolate martinis at the "Chocolate Meltdown" April 11 at the Sun Inn, Bethlehem.

The name "Chocolate Meltdown" came from a contest held on Facebook. Kelly Drust won two tickets to the event for her entry.

"It was a great idea because they're melting down the history of chocolate," Drust said.

While enjoying these tasty creations, participants could watch a video on 18th century chocolate-making provided by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Bucky Szulborski, secretary of the board of directors for the Sun Inn Preservation Association, and Chef Michael Adams, of The Farmhouse restaurant, who caters all affairs at the Sun Inn, came up with the idea of the "chocolate meltdown" as a fundraising event for the Sun Inn.

"The money raised exceeded our expectations," Szulborski said.

When Adams heard that a chocolate event had been offered at the Sun Inn in the past, he immediately thought it should be done again.

"We should do the event and get as many businesses in the area as involved as possible," Adams said.

Each of the local businesses participating had a table with chocolate creations. Each participant had a card stamped at each table and entered it for the door prize. John Bachert won the door prize, a \$50 gift certificate to Shula's Steak House.

Nancy Light won a



PRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Linda Shay Gardner, from left, Dina Hall and Gail Lehman, all of Bethlehem, discuss the new line of brownies from the Backdoor Bakeshop.



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silent auction for an exclusive evening at the Sun Inn with dinner for six prepared by Chef Adams.

Several local businesses saw it as an opportunity to test a new line of chocolate items. Some interesting creations were available.

Chef Kelly Thomas Shay of McCarthy's Restaurant and Tea Room

at Donegal Square created "Paddy's Peanut Pig Truffle," the truffle with Irish loin bacon and peanut butter.

Among the other truffles Adams created were "Lorna Doone's Highland Ladie Confection" made with shortbread, scotch whiskey and walnut treacle, and "Hawaiian Punjab Truffle" made with

coconut curry. The Back Door Bakeshop introduced a new line of brownies including "Brew Works Insidious Stout Brownies," "Port Wine Brownies" and "Dark Chocolate Peppermint Brownies."

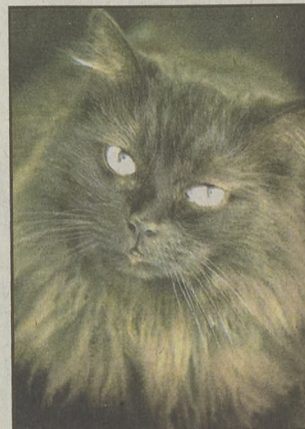
Keystone Home Brew added chocolate to items they make in their classes. They had a few varieties of chocolate cheese as well as a "Raspberry Chocolate Wheat Beer." Granny Schmidt's, with everything made from scratch, brought chocolate pecan cheesecakes. In addition, Mama Nina's Foccheria had some of their garlic bread that can be smelled all along Main Street, as well as chocolate cannoli.

The Wired Gallery & Cafe had Espresso Beans in Raspberry Dark Chocolate with a Wired Gallery & Cafe card. In addition, Alando, which will be opening inside the Wired Gallery & Cafe this summer, had samples of some of the dishes they will be serving.

Shuze handed out gift cards to their store with, what else, a chocolate high-heeled shoe.

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



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When I prayed and asked the Lord to forgive me of my sins, I got the bailout! Hallelujah! I'm free from my debt! Now I'm singing, "He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay; I needed someone to wash my sins away. Now I sing a brand new song—Amazing Grace. Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay."

There is more good news. God has a bailout for you! You just have to apply as I did.

LVC TRACK Hawk relay sets school record

By KATIE MCDONALD
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One-for-two wasn't bad for Becahi's 4x8 boys relay team at the LVC championships last week.

Seeded first, Jake Hungarter, Rob Leeson, Collin Roszyk, and Jon Merwine were also trying to break their school record.

The Hawks were successful at the latter, but finished second behind Parkland by 1.2 seconds.

"It was basically back and forth between us, Parkland, and Nazareth," said Roszyk, a sophomore. "I was pretty nervous. This was my first big meet."

Roszyk was sidelined for some of the regular season after being tripped

during the first meet of the year.

"When Jon crossed the finish line, Rob said we broke the school record, and then Coach Yeager finalized it," Roszyk said.

Merwine, the anchor and only senior of the four, arguably held the highest hopes of winning the LVC title in the 4x8.

"At first, he was disappointed, but when he found out we broke the school record, his whole mood changed," said Roszyk. "We were seeded first, and had a giant target on our back."

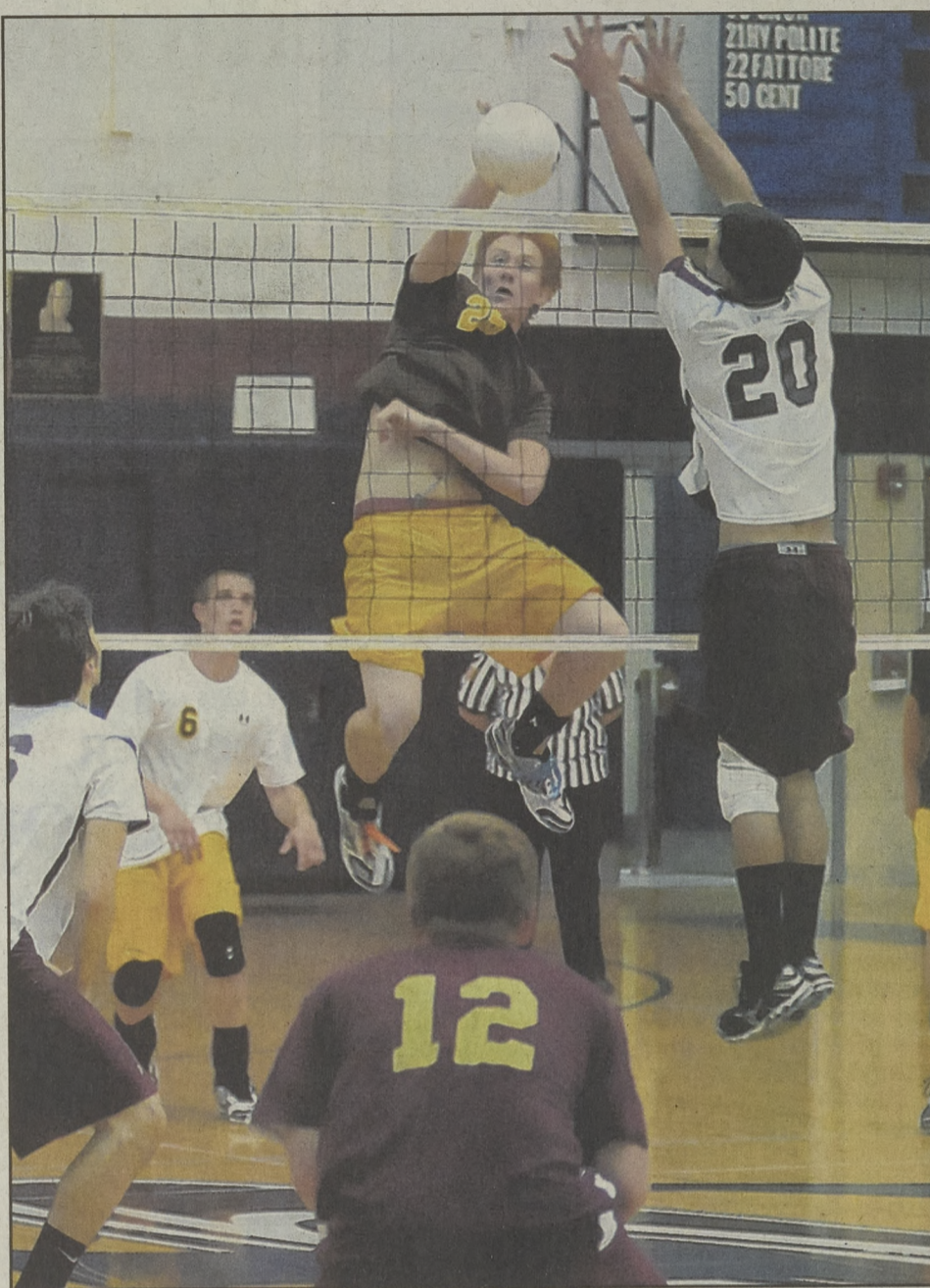
In individual events, Merwine also placed second in the 1600, again behind Parkland, but this

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PRESS PHOTO NANCY SCHOLZ

Jon Merwine was part of the Becahi 3200 relay team that set a school mark, but will now be looking for a gold medal at districts.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Kyle Michalski of Becahi spikes past a Whitehall player during the semifinals Monday night. The Hawks moved on and will play Parkland for the title.

LVC VOLLEYBALL Hawks advance

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic coach Mike Zile knew that if his team didn't qualify for the Lehigh Valley Conference playoffs, that his Hawks would have a long layoff in between the end of the regular season and state play.

Becahi doesn't have the luxury of being in Dis-

trict 11's 3A bracket.

Being a 2A school gives Becahi nobody to compete against in district volleyball, so Monday night's five-game (17-25, 25-20, 21-25, 27-25 and 15-13) win over Whitehall in the LVC semifinals solidified at least one more meaningful game for the Hawks.

Becahi (14-3) will take

on top-seeded Parkland (15-1) tonight at 6 p.m. in the LVC championship at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

The Trojans dispatched Emmaus (11-4) in a three game sweep (25-21, 25-13 and 25-22) during Monday's first round of action.

Now, the battle for the LVC crown will pit the

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BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

LHS in LVC race; Hawks wait

By PETER CAR
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One Bethlehem team is engaged in the Lehigh Valley Conference playoffs, while another Bethlehem team is gearing up for next week's district playoffs.

Liberty's (15-5) contest against Easton (15-5) in the semifinals was rescheduled to 4:30 p.m. today because of the weather, but the Hurricanes are hoping to be sitting at the king's table Thursday, when the LVC championship is slated for a 7 p.m. start at Coplay's Sammy Balliet Stadium.

The Hurricanes earned the

second-seed in the four-team LVC format after knocking off Easton 2-1 last week, following a gem-like performance by Colin Gotzon, who struck out 13 batters to push the Hurricanes into the East Division title.

Top-seeded Parkland (15-5) takes on Emmaus (12-8) in tonight's 7 p.m. LVC nightcap.

On the other hand, Bethlehem Catholic (13-7) is just playing the waiting game, like most teams prepping for districts.

The Hawks finished the season with a 4-2 stretch, including four-straight, one-run contests, two of which Becahi came away with wins.

"We're just trying to stay sharp at this point of the season," said Hawks head coach Mike Grasso. "We went back into our regular routine this week. Getting everyone healthy and focused is what we're hoping to achieve."

Becahi had a scrimmage with Nazareth slated for this week, but Grasso is also thinking about where the Hawks may be seeded in next week's District 11 3A race.

The Hawks figured to have as high as a three-seed coming into this week, but league playoffs can change things once

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Matt Albright got the win against Freedom last week.

Pates end season

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom wrapped up its season last week, defeating one rival 5-4, and losing to the other by the same score.

The Patriots took an early 3-0 lead against Becahi in the first inning.

"Our motto is to strike early," said Freedom shortstop Tiara Santi. "It was one hit after the other."

Santi had an RBI single against the Hawks.

"It was the first time we beat them twice in one season. It felt amazing," Santi said.

Becahi also scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, but

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Taylor Mihalik hauls in a high pitch during last week's game against Freedom.

LHS girls beat FHS, win in LVC playoffs

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Four runs in the top of the seventh inning was just what the Liberty Hurricanes needed to top Freedom 5-4 last week to close out the regular season and get ready for the LVC and District 11 playoffs.

"We just started hitting with runners on base, and Taylor Mihalik and Katie Souders had clutch hits," said Liberty outfielder, Dior George.

At the time, the Hurricanes trailed 3-1. After Liberty took the two-run lead, the Patriots scored one run in the bottom of the seventh.

"We were nervous, but we all had the feeling that

we had it," George said. George went 1-for-3 and had two stolen bases against the Patriots.

Earlier last week, the Hurricanes lost a 2-0 lead after three innings when Easton scored six runs in the fourth. The Red Rovers held on for an 8-6 victory.

"Sara Rasley had a grand slam. That's what started it," said George. "We fought hard the whole game, but we started too late. We realized that we come so close, but we get up on the fence too late. We have to start earlier."

George hit a triple to left centerfield, and had a

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INSIDE SPORTS

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SOCCER

The District 11 soccer playoffs get underway this weekend.



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THEY SAID IT

"We looked a little slow in the beginning, but as the game went on, we got better and sharper. I think we adjusted to what they were doing in the end, but winning that fourth game was big."

MIKE ZILE
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SCHEDULE

LVC BASEBALL
At Sammy Balliet
May 18
Emmaus vs. Parkland; Liberty vs. Easton
May 19
LVC finals

LVC SOFTBALL
At Pates Park
May 17
Emmaus 4, Nazareth 6; Liberty 9, Easton 0
May 20
LVC finals

LVC VOLLEYBALL
At Liberty
May 17
Emmaus 0, Parkland 3; Becahi 3, Whitehall 2
May 18
Becahi vs. Parkland

DISTRICT SOCCER
3A
May 19
(8) Easton vs. (9) Stroudsburg; (6) Eastburg S. vs. (11) Pocono East; (7) Bangor vs. (10) Liberty.

May 21
(1) Emmaus vs. winner of Easton-Stroudsburg; (4) Whitehall vs. (5) Nazareth; (3) Parkland vs. winner of Eastburg-Pocono; (2) Pleasant V. vs. winner of Bangor-Liberty

May 25
Semifinals at Whitehall
May 27
Finals at Whitehall
2A
May 19
(8) Pen Argyl vs. (9) Palisades; (7) LV Christian at (10) Salisbury.

May 21
(1) Northwestern vs. winner of Pen Argyl-Palisades; (4) Central vs. (5) Wilson; (3) Saucon V. vs. (6) Becahi; (2) So. Lehigh vs. winner of LVC-Salisbury.

May 25
Semifinals at Emmaus
May 27
Finals at Emmaus

LVC LACROSSE
At Nazareth
Boys finals
May 17
Central 3, Emmaus 16
Girls
Parkland 5, Nazareth 21; So. Lehigh 5, Emmaus 12

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Liberty's Rachel Hoffman (#10) and the rest of the Hurricanes will take on Bangor in the opening round of districts.



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Becha's Abby Guman, left, and the Hawks will be in the 2A district playoffs and take on Saucon Valley to open up the tournament.

DISTRICT 11 SOCCER

Emmaus tops in 3A; Hawks open vs. Saucon

By PETER CAR
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You'd expect that the recent stretch of games that Emmaus had to go through just to get into and win the Lehigh Valley Conference championship last week would be enough for some reprieve in the District 11 3A tournament.

Not so. Emmaus may have gotten the top-seed, but the Hornets also got some stiff competition if they want to make their way towards winning a district title and qualifying for states. Emmaus gets an opening round bye, but opens

the tournament on Saturday at 11 a.m. against either eighth-seeded Easton or ninth-seeded Bangor.

Whitehall and Nazareth will go at it on Friday in the four-five matchup, which should keep Emmaus on edge, should they come away from the weekend victorious.

"Being the top seed didn't really get us much of a break," said Emmaus head coach Rob Rooney. "The top half of the bracket has four of the top five teams in the LVC. Whoever reaches the final will have really earned it."

Parkland, the third-seed in the bottom bracket, and the penalty-kick loser in last week's LVC final to Emmaus, may have gotten the best consolation prize, as tenth-seeded Liberty is the only other LVC team in that bracket.

The Hurricanes take on seventh-seeded Bangor on Wednesday, with the winner taking on second-seeded Pleasant Valley on Friday.

That leaves Parkland waiting for a Friday matchup against either sixth-seeded East Stroudsburg South or eleventh-seeded Pocono Mountain East.

Clearly, an easier task than what Emmaus has to deal with.

"I'd like to see the district go away from a formula based on wins and losses and go to a system that rewards strength of schedule in some way," Rooney added.

Over in the 2A bracket, Bethlehem Catholic makes their first appearance since the 90s, as the Hawks earned a sixth-seed to open up with third-seeded Saucon Valley in the bottom bracket.

The winner will likely get second-seeded Southern Lehigh in the semifinals, who await either seventh-seeded Lehigh

Valley Christian Academy or tenth-seeded Salisbury.

"I don't think we can complain about where we're at," said Hawks head coach Gus Belaires. "Saucon is a good team, but I hope that our play in the LVC will have us ready for the tournament. I think our league is a little bit more physical and balanced, but you still have to go out and play."

Northwestern earned the top-seed after winning the Colonial League title last week. They await either eighth-seeded Pen Argyl or ninth-seeded Palisades.

Central Catholic and Wilson are in the four-

five battle, which could be a problem for Northwestern in the semifinals, should they meet the Vikings in that round.

Still, with two LVC teams in the 2A race, Belaires knows that playing in the LVC can only get you so far this late in the year.

"I think our girls were just happy to make districts based on the way we've been practicing lately," he said. "We need to get re-energized, because everyone wants to win now."

"The season has been a grind, but there's still more work to do."

Pates

Continued from page A11 by then, the Patriots had scored two more.

Santi said, "We got concerned, but we realized we needed to pick up our intensity and hold them down."

Later in the week, Freedom lost a 3-1 lead over Liberty when the Hurricanes scored four runs in the seventh inning.

"They had a few hits, but we didn't get routine plays done," Santi said.

Santi, a senior, will remember the season as a

success, despite the fact that the Patriots missed a district playoff spot this year.

"This was one of my favorite teams. Whenever something bad happened, we were all there to pick each other up. It was a strong sisterhood," she said.

LHS girls

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Liberty got revenge against Easton on Mon-

day night at Pates, though, in the LVC semifinals. The Canes blasted the Rovers 9-0, thanks to a six-run outburst in the sixth inning to put the game away.

Erin Wilson allowed

just four hits while striking out six.

Liberty will take on Nazareth, which defeated Emmaus 6-4, in the finals Thursday night at Pates Park.



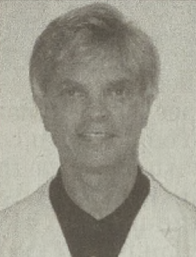
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LVC TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS

Team scores

1. Parkland (P) 156, 2. Whitehall (W) 114, 3. Nazareth (Na) 60, 4. Easton (Ea) 58, 5. Freedom (F) 43, 6. (tie) Bethlehem Catholic (BC), Dieruff (D) 42, 8. Liberty (L) 41, 9. (tie) Allen (A), Northampton (No) 40, 11. Allentown Central Catholic (ACC) 38, 12. Emmaus (Em) 28

Individual results

100 - 1. Andre Williams (P) 10.7, 2. Matt Haas (P) 11.2, 3. Darius Webb (F) 11.3, 4. Joseph Williams (A) 11.3, 5. Eric Fiore (W) 11.4, 6. Marcellus Kyte (A) 11.5;

200 - 1. Haas (P) 22.0, 2. Williams (A) 22.3, 3. AJ Kelly (ACC) 22.8, 4. Fiore (W) 22.8, 5. Luke Uliana (L) 22.9, 6. Kadeem Pankey (Ea) 23.0;

400 - 1. Christian Malone (W) 50.3, 2. Andrew Bridgeforth (Na) 50.7, 3. Pankey (Ea) 51.5, 4. Jared Newton (D) 51.8, 5. Rob Leeson (BC) 52.3, 6. Garcia Leo (L) 52.5;

800 - 1. Bernard England (Ea) 1:58.8, 2. Steven Leonhardt (W) 1:59.1, 3. Steven Werley (P) 1:59.3, 4. Jake Hungartner (BC) 2:00.0, 5. Tyler Caul (E) 2:00.4, 6. Tiffone Porter (D) 2:01.1;

1600 - 1. Leonhardt (W) 4:26.7, 2. Jon Merwine (BC) 4:27.4, 3. Austin Semmel (P) 4:30.7, 4. Nate Palmer (F) 4:30.9, 5. Josh Ebert (F) 4:31.2, 6. Matt Kacyon (W) 4:31.7;

3200 - 1. Kacyon (W) 9:45.3, 2. David Strauss (P) 9:50.4, 3. Palmer (F) 10:01.1, 4. Luke Munyan (Na) 10:04.3, 5. David Figueroa (D) 10:08.1, 6. Brian Borosky (L) 10:12.4;

110 hurdles - 1. Williams (P) 14.5, 2. Webb (F) 15.1, 3. Jason Solensky (P) 15.4, 4. Conner Tench (P) 15.5, 5. Tygen Warren (A) 16.0, 6. Jarad Queen (Ea) 16.0;

300 hurdles - 1. Solensky (P) 40.2, 2. Tench (P) 41.4, 3. Brian Houdek (ACC) 41.9, 4. Aris Rosario (A) 42.2, 5. Queen (Ea) 42.4, 6. Thomas DiBucci (Em) 43.3;

400 relay - 1. Parkland (Rico Goldstone, Haas, Ryan Wetherhold, Williams) 42.4, 2. Allen 43.9, 3. Whitehall 44.1, 4. Freedom 44.6, 5. Central Catholic 44.9, 6. Dieruff 45.0;

1600 relay - 1. Parkland (Solensky, Haas, Werley, Goldstone) 3:26.2, 2. Easton 3:29.0, 3. Dieruff 3:30.0, 4. Nazareth 3:31.6, 5. Bethlehem Catholic 3:32.9, 6. Allen 3:33.6;

3200 relay - 1. Parkland (Werley, Semmel, Ben Yonak, Nick Tacca) 8:03.5, 2. Bethlehem Catholic 8:04.7, 3. Nazareth 8:07.6, 4. Easton 8:08.6, 5. Liberty 8:24.5, 6. Dieruff 8:33.9;

Long jump - 1. Goldstone (Parkland) 22-8, 2. Jarrod West (Liberty) 22-0, 3. Marsh Scippio (Em) 21-10, 4. Adam Bridgeforth (Na) 21-3 3/4, 5. Zach Winter (W) 21-0 1/2, 6. Al

Blount (BC) 20-11;

High jump - 1. Jon Hender-shot (Na) 6-4, 2. Chris Astacio (W) 6-0, 3. Conor Ewell (ACC) 6-0, 4. Talon Hoffert (D) 5-10, 5. Marsh Scippio (Em) 5-10, 6. David Giering (D) 5-8;

Triple jump - 1. Adam Bridgeforth (Na) 43-9 1/4, 2. Kris Joint (P) 43-4 1/4, 3. West (L) 42-4, 4. Astacio (W) 41-11 1/2, 5. Dante Basta (No) 40-6, 6. Winter (W) 40-3 1/4;

Pole vault - 1. Andrew Beers (W) 13-6, 2. Alex Merida (Ea) 13-0, 3. Brandon Williams (Na) 13-0, 4. Eric Hunter (No) 13-0, 5. Adam Director (W) 12-6, 6. Josh Kerbaugh (No) 11-6;

Shot put - 1. Justin Kulhamer (No) 46-4, 2. Larry Hanig (BC) 44-5, 3. Alex Jacob (W) 43-7 1/2, 4. Tyler Bauer (No) 42-7, 5. Andrew Sandt (W) 42-2, 6. Pete Miller (Em) 41-11 1/2;

Discus - 1. Andy Cook (Em) 137-4, 2. Brad Shaffer (ACC) 134-0, 3. Brandon Zeiner (W) 132-2, 4. Chris Hanuschak (P) 127-2, 5. Joe Graham (L) 124-9, 6. Robert Demyan (L) 120-3;

Javelin - 1. Bauer (No) 168-9, 2. Steffon Kellman (D) 159-7, 3. Zeiner (W) 158-3, 4. Dakota Kelly (P) 154-10, 5. Sam Pany (P) 153-7, 6. Phil Cygan (F) 1488-7.

GIRLS

Team scores

1. Liberty (L) 135, 2. Easton (Ea) 80, 3. Nazareth (Na) 75.5, 4. Allen (A) 64, 5. Parkland (P) 62, 6. Whitehall (W) 60.5, 7. Emmaus (Em) 60, 8. Bethlehem Catholic (BC) 51.5, 9. Northampton (No) 34, 10. Dieruff (D) 29, 11. Freedom (F) 25.5, 12. Allentown Central Catholic (ACC) 25

Individual results

100 - 1. Danielle Smith (W) 12.3, 2. Iris Burch (D) 12.9, 3. Elisha Robinson (A) 12.9, 4. Kianna Patterson (Ea) 13.1, 5. Amanda Denger (Na) 13.1, 6. Kelsey Gregory (W) 13.1;

200 - 1. Smith (W) 25.0, 2. Burch (D) 26.2, 3. Kiana Farra (Ea) 26.5, 4. Alyssa Cardillo (BC) 26.5, 5. Lauren Gonzalez (L) 26.7, 6. Patterson (Ea) 26.9;

400 - 1. Kenesha Brown (Ea) 57.8, 2. Gonzalez (L) 58.4, 3. Burch (D) 59.1, 4. Jasmine Inman (Ea) 1:01.3, 5. Kat Noack (L) 1:01.7, 6. Gayle Bonizwa (Ea) 1:02.2;

800 - 1. Hannah Fuller (Na) 2:21.4, 2. Gabby Cocco (ACC) 2:21.7, 3. Annie Arroe (BC) 2:22.7, 4. Amy Darlington (L) 2:24.8, 5. Abigale La Bar (Na) 2:25.0, 6. Tara Ghorm (D) 2:28.0;

1600 - 1. Darlington (L) 5:06.4, 2. Amanda Faust (Em) 5:06.7, 3. Fuller (Na) 5:10.2, 4. Jess Cygan (L) 5:12.8, 5. Christina Faust (Em) 5:14.0, 6. Brianna Faust (Em) 5:15.1;

3200 - 1. A. Faust (Em) 11:13.6, 2. Cygan (L) 11:21.2, 3. C. Faust (Em) 11:35.3, 4. Vrinda Jagota (L) 11:41.7, 5. Caitlin Perry (No) 11:49.4, 6. Lydia Brough (Em) 11:54.4;

100 hurdles - 1. Dominique Best (A) 15.3, 2. Denger (Na) 15.5, 3. Elizabeth Walker (Ea) 15.9, 4. Sarah Garner (W) 16.1, 5. Alex Carter (L) 16.2, 6. Rynne Pagliaro (P) 16.9;

300 hurdles - 1. Danger (Na) 47.6, 2. Walker (Ea) 48.4, 3. Erica Shumock (L) 49.1, 4. Faith Robinson (Ea) 49.3, 5. Scott Serenti (L) 49.6, 6. Mary Tajiri (P) 50.1;

400 relay - 1. Allen (Warren, Best, Newman, Robinson) 50.2, 2. Easton 50.9, 3. Liberty 51.2, 4. Parkland 52.7, 5. Freedom 53.0, 6. Bethlehem Catholic 53.1;

1600 relay - 1. Eason (Far-rar, Walker, Graham, Brown) 4:02.1, 2. Liberty 4:08.5, 3. Bethlehem Catholic 4:10.4, 4. Freedom 4:15.7, 5. Allen 4:17.5, 6. Parkland 4:19.8;

3200 relay - 1. Bethlehem Catholic (Arroe, Braun, Schadt, Balogh) 9:42.9, 2. Emmaus 9:43.7, 3. Liberty 9:44.1, 4. Easton 10:14.3, 5. Central Catholic 10:26.5, 6. Parkland 10:36.1;

Long jump - 1. Best (A) 18-6 3/4, 2. Cardillo (BC) 17-2, 3. Brooke Hamscher (W) 16-10 1/4, 4. Robinson (L) 16-8 1/2, 5. Jess Fritsche (P) 16-2 1/2, 6. Michaela La Bar (N) 15-11 3/4;

High jump - 1. Lindsey Stitzer (Na) 5-2, 2. Kayla Howland (L) 5-2, 3. Alyssa Kresge (Na) 4-10, 4. Hailey Cintron (A) 4-8, 5. Five tied at 4-8;

Triple jump - 1. Robinson (L) 35-1 3/4, 2. Shanteal Styles (A) 33-7 1/2, 3. Jasmyn Butryn (L) 33-1 1/2, 4. Jane Lukas (Na) 32-11 1/4, 5. Faosat MuF-tau-Lediju (W) 32-6 3/4, 6. Amanda Reichenbach (ACC) 32-4 1/2;

Pole vault - 1. Hamscher (W) 11-0, 2. Adrianna Bozik (No) 9-6, 3. (tie) Julie McIntyre-Molloy (A), Sarah Peppe (BC) 9-0, 5. Brianna Musselman (F) 9-0, 6. Maria Yezzo (No) 8-6;

Shot put - 1. Erinne Schmalzer (W) 37-7 1/2, 2. Monica Hagenauer (P) 36-2, 3. Kyan Villalobos (Em) 34-4 1/2, 4. Kelly Brown (BC) 33-10 1/2, 5. Marisa Repash (L) 33-9, 6. Rosie Farrell (F) 32-10 1/2;

Discus - 1. Courtney Snis-cak (P) 114-10, 2. Repash (L) 111-6 1/2, 3. Jennifer Schmidt (No) 99-4, 4. Farrell (F) 98-2 1/2, 5. Gracie Hargrove (L) 98-0, 6. Oksana Wittbrodt (P) 93-0;

Javelin - 1. Villalobos (Em) 114-7, 2. Marisa Caulkins (P) 105-10, 3. Erika Morgan (Na) 100-11, 4. Abbey Harris (P) 100-7, 5. Chelsea Hall (No) 99-6, 6. My Khuu (A) 96-8.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Liberty's Alex Carter and the 'Canes will next take part at the district meet.

Liberty takes first

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls track and field team defended its LVC title with another LVC championship last week at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown.

Amy Darlington and Jasmine Robinson were first place winners for the Hurricanes. Darlington won the 1600 with a 5:06.4 finish, and Robinson won the triple jump. Jess Cygan took second place in the 3200. Lauren Gonzalez placed second in the 400, Kayla Howland placed second in the high jump, and Marissa Repash placed second in the discus. Erika Shumock took third place in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Despite Liberty's 135-point team victory, Becahi scored an upset in the girls 4x8 relay when freshman, Jenny Schadt, passed runners from Emmaus and Liberty in the last 100 meters for the Hawk win.

"We were pretty far ahead when I gave up the lead to Christina Faust and Amy Darlington," Schadt said. "I just kind of decided I really wanted to win it, and I saw my teammates all screaming, and I wanted to do it for them. In the last 100 meters, I got them. It was really hard."

Schadt's teammates are Annie Aaroe, Sarah Faust, and Rachel Balogh. Aaroe said, "We were hoping we would come in second or third, so we just wanted to try and stay with Liberty and Emmaus for as long as we could."

Aaroe had a good, clean start for the Hawks with no trouble getting out. At the hand-off to Braun, Becahi was second behind Emmaus. Braun started to take a lead, and Balogh furthered that lead.

Aaroe continued, "I was really scared because we didn't know what potential Jenny had, and we saw Liberty and Emmaus gunning for her. I was running down the stretch with her, and I put all my energy into screaming so she wouldn't let up. Then, she passed them both."

In individual events, Alyssa Cardillo took second place in the long jump, Sarah Peppe placed third in the pole vault, and Aaroe placed third in the 800.

Boys

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time, behind by only .7 seconds. Ironically, the Becahi senior not only broke the school record, but it was that of Coach Yeager's son, Eric.

"If it had to be anyone,

I was glad it was Jon," Coach Yeager said.

Becahi's Larry Hanig also placed second in the shot put.

Freedom's Darius Webb took second place in the 110 hurdles, and third place in the 100m. Nate Palmer also placed third in the 3200 for the

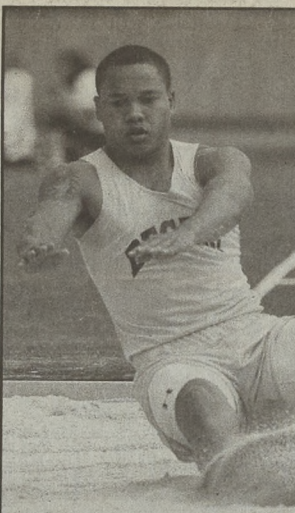
Patriots.

Liberty's Jarrod West took second place in the long jump, and third place in the triple jump.

In team results, Freedom's boys placed fifth, Becahi's boys placed sixth, and Liberty's boys placed eighth.



FHS' Darius Webb was second in the hurdles.



Becahi's Al Blount was sixth in the long jump.

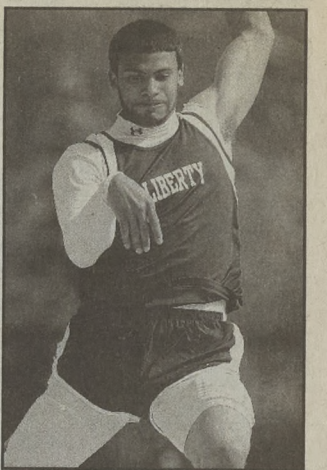


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Liberty's Jarrod West was second in the long jump.

Baseball

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the seeding meeting takes place over the weekend.

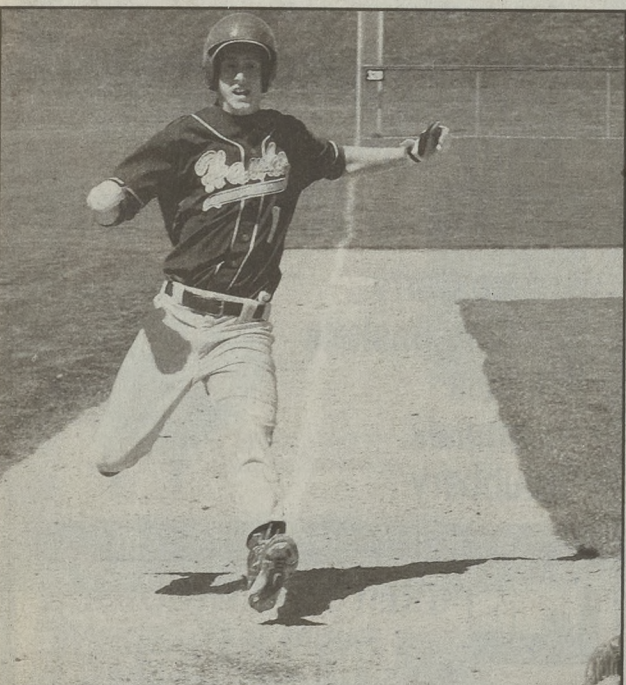
Liberty also knows that their district hopes can be certainly strengthened with a promising performance this week.

The Hurricanes went into districts last year as the third-seed, following a semifinal exit from the LVC playoffs by Parkland.

That turned out to be the beginning of the end for Liberty, as they fell to Northampton in the first round of districts.

Hopefully, a better run this week translates into a more promising performance next week.

Freedom (9-11) lost their final three games of the season, all to division foes Easton, Becahi and Liberty to end their hopes of qualifying for districts.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Andrew Mergel gets ready to score during a recent game. Mergel and the Hawks are waiting for the District 11 tourney to begin.

Vball

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defending champion Trojans against a Becahi team that they handled in four games earlier this season.

"We played them tough in that contest," said Zile about their April 27th encounter with Parkland, which the Trojans snuck by with consecutive two point wins in the first two games that evening. "We just need the same type of enthusiasm and desire that we had against Whitehall to have a chance."

Becahi's desire came out in game four Monday with the game tied at 24. The Hawks took three out of the next four points for a 27-25 win, which laid the ground work for a commanding 15-13 win in the decisive fifth game.

"We looked a little slow in the beginning, but as the game went on, we got better and sharper," Zile said. "I think we adjusted to what they were doing in the end, but winning that fourth game was big."

Parkland never seemed

rattled in their three-game series with Emmaus.

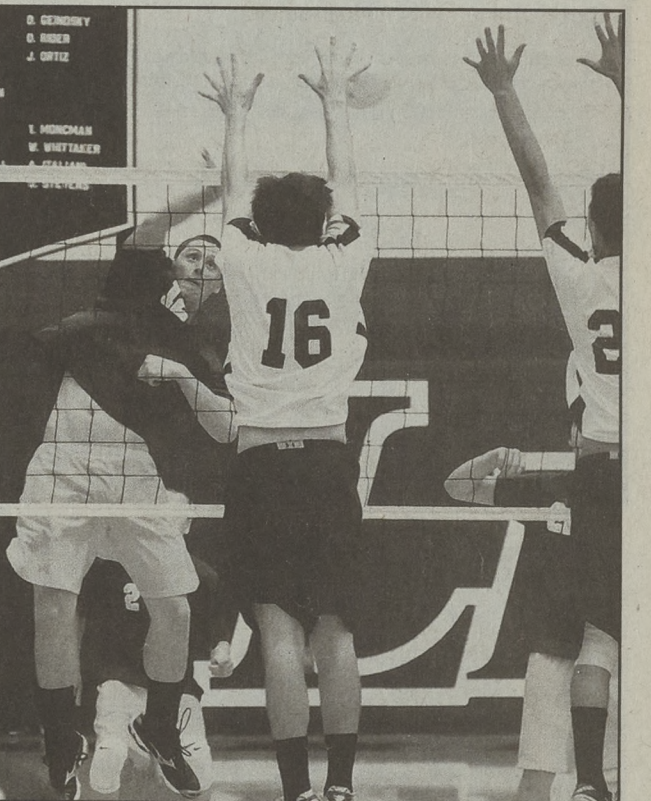
The Trojans opened up decisive leads in the first and second games at the seven-point mark. With Emmaus trailing 7-6 in both games, Parkland would storm ahead to a 14-8 lead in game one and open up a 20-9 lead in the second game before.

Those runs helped solidify coasting wins before they mustered out a three-point victory in the final contest.

"A lot of times, it takes us awhile to get into a rhythm," Trumbauer said. "I told our guys in the huddle before hand to start slow and usually around that point of the game, we start to take over."

With the Trojans winning the LVC title last year, their hopes of repeating are expected, but Trumbauer also wants this new group of players to taste postseason success.

"This isn't the same team from last year and we have a lot of new kids," he said. "It's nice to repeat, but I want this group to get it. Becahi is going to play us tough and that's what



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Becahi's Robert Kueny and the Hawks advanced past Whitehall to face Parkland in the finals.

we expect at this point of the season."

District pool play will take place next Wednesday with finals to follow on Thursday.

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'Equity' bake sale benefits Turning Point

On April 20, AAUW-Bethlehem and its Student Affiliate group at Moravian College raised \$200 for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley at a bake sale with a twist. Recognizing that, on average, women earn 23 percent less than men for equal work, female buyers of baked goods were charged 77 cents while males paid one dollar for

an equal portion. Seniors Colleen Siti (far left) and Celeste Rosati present the donation to Turning Point's Executive Director Nancy McCullar. April 20 is Pay Equity Day — the date that represents the amount of time that a woman must work into the year to earn what a man has earned by Dec. 31 of the prior year.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE
Police Captain George J. Boksan

Bethlehem Twp. officer honored with Ogden Award

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In 1771, Northampton County Deputy Sheriff Nathan Ogden was killed while attempting to execute an arrest warrant. He is the first known law enforcement officer to make the ultimate sacrifice for his community in America. In his memory, the Northampton County Chiefs of Police Association annually honors a police officer who distinguishes himself and his profession.

This year's recipient is Bethlehem Township Police Captain George J. Boksan, a 30-year veteran. Chiefs from around the county applauded as Boksan was presented a trophy that depicts a police officer holding a child in his arms. This ceremony was conducted at Northampton County's 911 Communication Center. On display at the May 12 event was a long rifle from that period.

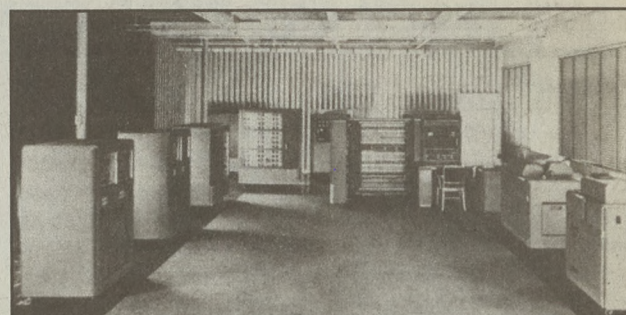
"I didn't expect to see you here," joked Roy Seiple, who chairs the chiefs association. "We both graduated from college together with [District Attorney] John Morganelli. Two out of three's not bad."

Nathan Ogden is the first known law enforcement officer to make the ultimate sacrifice for his community in America.

Boksan is married and has a son who will attend grad school at Penn State this fall. Boksan and son are both graduates of Moravian College.

In 1998 during a public meeting, he used an automatic external defibrillator to revive a heart attack victim. He has worked as patrolman, detective and captain.

The presentation this year, and for the last eight years, is made during National Police Week. William Hillbrand, a Northampton County Emergency Management Planner, pays for the trophy every year out of his own pocket. His father and grandfather were cops.



The IBM 701 (1952) came in 11 pieces. It was IBM's first production computer.

May 19 to 25 IBM: 'Think'

By KAREN M. SAMUELS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fifty-eight years ago this week, International Business Machines (IBM) introduced its first electronic computer model, the 701 Electronic Data Processing Machine System. The computer was composed of 11 pieces that could send binary bits of information from one unit to another, faster than one-millionth of a second. The storage unit held 72 cathode-ray tubes.

Information was entered into the computer through punched paper cards (the size of traffic tickets). The computer was created at Columbia University's Watson Laboratory at a cost of \$3 million. The computers were rented for \$16,000 per month by large organizations such as the U.S. Weather Bureau, Social Security and General Electric.

William McClelland, the IBM chairman of the Mathematics Planning Group, said of the 701, "I think the thing that is most important about the 701 is that it got IBM into the computer business. And I think we all realized at that point in time that this was a new business — and its potential was fantastic."

With the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, the 701, first known as the "Defense Calculator," could address defense needs. The field of aviation engineering required the analyzing of huge amounts of data. It was used to solve problems in aircraft design and calculate rocket and missile performance.

The 701 served scientific applications as well as commercial applications. The design for the 701 was inspired by IBM's close relationships with the scientific community. The Applied Science Division, headed by Cuthbert Hurd, employed field men who worked directly with scientific institutions such as Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Institute for Numerical Analysis, Northrop Aircraft Incorporated and MIT.

As a demonstration of the 701's "brain power" in carrying out thousands of operations per second, it solved a partial differential equation, involving 8 million separate steps in a few minutes. A human, with the use of a desktop computer, would need seven years to reach the same solution.

The 701 was the first computer to translate from one language to another. It was considered a spectacular achievement when the 701 could translate 250 Russian words into English, at a demonstration in 1954.

IBM established an office in Bethlehem, at 456 Main St. in 1938. Initially IBM just served large corporations in

the Lehigh Valley area, Bethlehem Steel Corp., Mack Trucks Inc. and Air Products & Chemicals Inc., which arrived in the area in the late 1940s. At the time the office opened, IBM offered punch card tabulating machines and the calculators to organize the data on the punch cards.

A tragedy occurred during the first year the office opened. Andrew Carnegie Whitfield, nephew of Andrew Carnegie, the famous steel industrialist, was assigned to the Bethlehem office. A few weeks before he and his new wife, Elizabeth Halsey, were to move to Bethlehem, Andrew disappeared.

The handsome 28-year-old was a graduate of Princeton and an accomplished pilot. He was last seen departing in his small Taylor Cub monoplane from Roosevelt Field on Long Island. Whitfield and his plane remain missing to this day.

IBM maintained a close relationship with Lehigh University through the office in Bethlehem. Starting in the 1940s, the student paper, "The Brown and White" mentions frequent collaborations between the two, such as student field trips to the IBM office, job placement services for graduates and the donation of IBM PC computers to the college.

IBM worked with Bethlehem Steel from the 1930s until the steel company's demise in 2003. Initially Bethlehem Steel purchased IBM punch card tabulators to track orders and payroll. In 1937, IBM President Thomas J. Watson Sr. was earning \$25,000 more a year (\$419,000) than Bethlehem Steel president Eugene Grace.

IBM improved upon the 701 with higher capacity models. In 1960, IBM produced the solid state 7000 series computers, relinquishing the vacuum tubes to history. That year the microchip was invented by Jack Kilby and Robert Noyce, making it possible to build a computer small enough to fit on a desk.

In 1975, the 5100 was released, known as "Project Mercury." It was IBM's first portable computer and sold for \$10,000. IBM's first personal computer was available in 1982 for \$1,565. In 2005, IBM sold its personal computer business to Lenovo of China.

Watson, who led IBM from 1914 until 1956, said, "What every business needs is more people who think." He ordered signs written with the word "THINK!" to be displayed in every IBM office, worldwide.

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ALEX'S LEMONADE Carnival set for May 22, 23

The fourth annual Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer will be held 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 22 and 23 at the Bethlehem Rose

Garden, Eighth Avenue and Union Boulevard. There will be raffles, live music, character meet-and-greets, games and activities and food for sale. The Fun Bus and Stubby the Helicopter will be on-site.

For information, call 610-419-0112.

FOOD BANK Concert set for May 22

The Concord Chamber Singers and director Blaine Shover are holding their annual spring concert to help raise money for the Nazareth

Area Food Bank. "Sounds of Spring" is at 7:30 p.m. May 22, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 S. Broad St., Nazareth.

On the program are Broadway show tunes, modern madrigals and classical anthems.

The Nazareth Area Food Bank has been pro-

viding food for Greater Nazareth area families for 25 years. The non-perishable food items are donated by individuals, area churches and schools, with the remainder bought with monetary donations by individuals, area businesses, service clubs, member

congregations of the Nazareth Area Ministerium and money raised through benefit concerts.

For advance purchase tickets and information, visit www.ccsingers.org or www.LVArtsBoxOffice.com.



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Ron Croom of Bethlehem Brew Works, Samantha Schwartz, Downtown Bethlehem Association manager, and Rob Potts and Kevin Drake, community volunteers, at the WDIY radio station display May 6 at Tunes at Twilight. The Large Flowerheads rocked the crowd with their renditions of hits from the groovy 1960s.

Tunes at Twilight continues May 20

The DBA and the L.V. Chamber's free Tunes at Twilight series, held at the Sun Inn Courtyard, continues at 6 p.m. every Thursday during May and June. The next program May 20 features reggae by the Trouble City Allstars. The rain location is McCarthy's Tea Room, 534 Main St.



Loretta Hein, assistant manager of the Historic Bethlehem Visitor Center and museum store, displays some of the goods and tours available for purchase at the center's 505 Main St. location during the May 6 Tunes at Twilight.

BETHLEHEM Wine fest set for May 22, 23

The Star of Bethlehem organization will hold a wine festival from noon to 5 p.m. May 22 and 23 for ages 21 and older. The outdoor, tented Riverside Wine Festival will be held at Sand Island.

The admission fee includes entrance to the Riverside Courtyard, a program guide, live entertainment and access to the marketplace and food vendors.

Participating wineries include Amore Vineyards and Winery, Antler Ridge Winery, Blue Mountain Vineyards and Cellars, Cherry Valley Winery and Franklin Hill Vineyards. Proceeds benefit the Star of Bethlehem festival.

For more information, visit starofbethlehemfestival.org.

LIBERTY BELL Pip the Mouse is May 22 host

The Liberty Bell Shrine Museum and Pip the Mouse will host "Diary of an American Soldier with Pip the Mouse" at 10 a.m. May 22. The event continues until noon at the museum, located at historic Zion's Reformed Church, 622 W. Hamilton St., Allentown.

Children will have an opportunity to learn about a soldier in the American Revolution through diary excerpts of his life based on an actual memoir. They will be able to examine the parts of the soldier's uniform and touch items that a soldier would carry, including a musket.

The importance of Memorial Day and of the veterans who served our country in American wars, patriotic songs and making a diary will be

highlighted.

There will be samplings of food similar to what a Revolutionary War soldier might have eaten, including shrewsberry cakes, beef jerky, cheese, dried apples, cornbread and apple cider and water. Pip the Mouse will participate.

Walk-ins are welcome. Reservations are encouraged. Call 610-435-4232 for information. The program is free, but donations are appreciated to help defray the costs of the program.

NEW BEGINNINGS Concert to be held May 23

The St. Luke's Singers, directed by Floyd Schlegel, will present a concert at 3 p.m. May 23 at St. John's Windish Lutheran Church, 617 E. Fourth St. The concert, to be held in the Kaiser auditorium, is part of the church's 100 anniversary celebration, "New Beginnings." Refreshments will be served following the performance. Free parking is available across the street.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the church office at 610-868-3282.

SUN INN Lunch lectures continue in May

The Sun Inn Brown Bag Lecture Series has been renamed the Vernon H. Nelson Lecture Series in honor of the late Rev. Vernon H. Nelson, whose lecture on the Sun Inn in 1971 inspired Hughetta Bender to save the Sun Inn.

The noontime Vernon H. Nelson Lecture Series continues with "The Use of the Cittern" May 20 at the Sun Inn, 566 Main St., Bethlehem.

Attendees are invited to bring their own lunch; coffee service is provided free of charge. Arrangements have been made with Lombardi's Deli for a special lunch deal. Call Lombardi's Deli at 484-895-3717 the morning of the program to have a lunch available for pick-up at the deli. Lombardi's Deli is located in the Payson Building off the Sun Inn Courtyard.

The program is open to the public and is free for SIPA members. A minimum dollar amount donation is asked of non-members. For information, call 610-866-1758.

CELTIC CLASSIC Kilt Crawl set for June 6

The 2010 Kilted Celtic Crawl to benefit the 22nd annual Celtic Classic weekend will be held June 6 on Main Street. The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) is spearheading the event. On-site registration begins at 10 a.m. at Walnut and Main streets. There will be pipe bands and a 1 p.m. parade to the Southside, a pub crawl starting at the Steelworker's Memorial and a return to Main Street for a final pub stop.

There is a registration fee. The first 400 participants to register by May 28 will receive an official 2010 Kilted Celtic Crawl T-shirt. Individuals (non-team) who raise the most pledge money will be eligible for prizes which include IronPigs tickets and a kilt. For information, to register or to donate, go to www.celticfest.org or call 610-868-9599.

STATE POLICE Camp Cadet planned June 20

Pa. State Police Troop M Bethlehem will hold the 26th annual Camp Cadet June 20 at Camp Fowler in Orefield. Funded solely by donations from area police, civic and business groups, the camp is for all youth ages 12 to 14 years old.

Counselors are law enforcement personnel from the State Police Troop M, local police departments and civilian police personnel.

Eighty cadets will experience a free week-long, overnight program about becoming a law enforcement officer.

Cadets will participate in softball, basketball, rifle and soccer competitions. Champions will be given trophies during the Camp Cadet graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. June 26.

Applications may be obtained at TroopMcampcadet.org or the nearest state police barracks.



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Artist's Cafe set for May 21

Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts' (LVPA) annual Artist's Cafe and Open Mike, "Bohemia," will feature original work from the school's visual art department at 7:30 p.m. May 21. There will be artworks displayed at the Fowler Art Gallery and The Second Stage Theatre at the school, 675 E. Broad St. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

There will be live music, refreshments, artist demonstrations and an artist "talk back" to end the evening. There will be a shuttle bus between the school and The Hard Bean Cafe, 201 E. Third St., for the seniors' art show's closing night.

L V HARMONIZERS
Concert to be held May 21, 22

The Lehigh Valley Harmonizers barbershop chorus presents the music of Frank Sinatra at 7:30 p.m. May 21 and 22. The concert will be held at Moravian College's Foy Hall on the south end of Main Street.

May 21 special guests will include Allentown's William Allen HS chorale. On May 22, Freedom HS's Les Chanteurs will take the stage.

Both nights will feature local quartets 2nd Generation, My Better Half and All In Good Time. The out-of-town guest quartet is Bigtime from Manhattan's Big Apple Chorus.

There is a fee. Call 800-482-1548 or visit www.lvharmonizers.com for information.

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'School House Rock Live, Jr.'

First production offered at new Broughal auditorium

By **CONNIE ZAKSZESKI**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Who: Students of Broughal MS
What: "School House Rock Live, Jr."
When: May 22, 7 p.m.
Where: Broughal MS, 114 West Morton St.

This week the curtain opens at the new Broughal MS with the production of "School House Rock Live, Jr." After performing for the student body during the week, the cast will entertain the public Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m.

The show is based on the popular Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs.

The play features Tom, a new school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching and tries to relax by watching TV, when various characters come to life and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through songs like "Just A Bill" and "Conjunction Junction."

Sixteen cast members plus a stage crew are directed by Jodi Trostle.

"Our cast has been rehearsing since January and has worked incredibly hard," Trostle says. "Most have never been involved in such a big undertaking and have risen to this commitment with grace and ease."

"We have such talent here," she adds, "and I am honored to work with these enthusiastic, creative, energetic hearts and minds. It's truly a privilege."

Trostle expressed her thanks for the support of the administration and parents, who gave the school the opportunity to reopen the drama program.

This first drama production in the new auditorium will be dedicated to



The proud cast of "School House Rock Live, Jr." outside the entrance to the new Broughal auditorium.

PRESS PHOTOS BY CONNIE ZAKSZESKI



Jody Trostle, director of the show, uses her experience to guide the students for a successful performance.



Megan Abrams, a junior at Lehigh University and a member of the Lehigh Dance Team, volunteers her time to instruct cast members.

Helen Kaleyias. Kaleyias was much loved by the students and directed some of the previous Broughal drama productions.

Sets of seats from the former Broughal build-

ing plus a memorial plaque have been placed in the auditorium. A special time for the dedication will take place before the performance.

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Standing on the ledge or the bridge?

By DOROTHY GLEW

Special to the Bethlehem Press

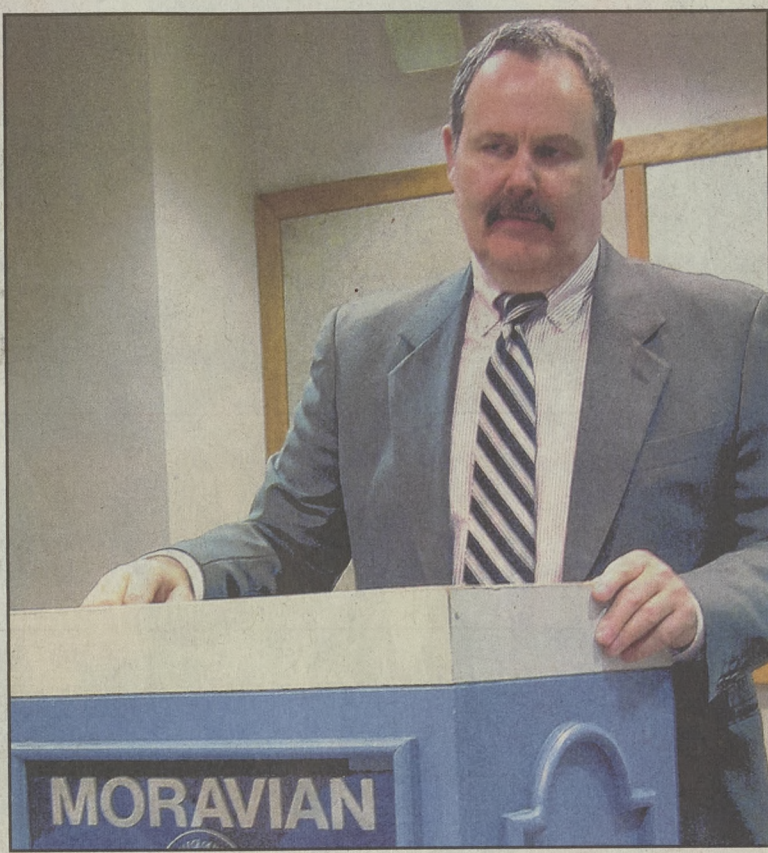
For Jim Lyons it was a chance to visit his alma mater; for the Moravian students, faculty and administrators in the audience, it was an opportunity to hear some straight and sobering talk about the environment from the senior vice president for conservation policy at the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation is the nation's largest conservation organization with over 4 million members and supporters. In recognition of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Moravian College sponsored numerous events relating to the environment, and Lyons's presentation was part of the monthlong "Earth Matters" celebration.

For over 40 years Lyons has been a key player in environmental affairs including recent efforts to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling. He has supported legislation to restore America's great bodies of water, such as the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes, and he has defended the nation's major environmental protection laws. He has lobbied and testified before Congress, written numerous reports and books on national resource policy, and worked with citizens' organizations across the nation attempting to combat environmental degradation and pollution problems.

Lyons has also campaigned to protect public lands in the West from the damage caused by mining, a phenomenon he has witnessed firsthand. Shortly after graduating from Moravian College in 1976, he spent time in the Appalachian coal fields of southwestern Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

He said he saw the effects of strip mining in the area — polluted streams, rock and mudslides caused by the uncontrolled blasting of rocks, and assorted public health problems. Coal operators were able to ignore environmental regulation because of their close association with the coal regulators, and anyone who took them on was subjected to intimidation. Decades later, coal operators are still bending the rules, causing environmental problems while compromising mine workers' safety.

As Lyons observed, Earth Day celebrates mankind's connection to the planet. Though nature gives us peace, more and more we live in a man-made world. In perhaps his most poignant observation of the evening,



PRESS PHOTO BY DOROTHY GLEW

Moravian College Earth Day speaker Jim Lyons predicts that more natural gas will be developed as a fuel in this country because it is cleaner and less expensive than many alternatives.

Lyons declared that we are no longer connected with nature, and we have passed this on to our children.

There are so many sources of entertainment indoors, television and computers chief among them — that young people are spending less and less time outdoors. In the last 20 years the amount of time that children play outside has declined by 50 percent.

Recalling the profound influence that nature had on Rachel Carson, the famed author and environmentalist, Lyons wondered out loud what she would make of our world today. How, Lyons asked, can we save what we don't know? Lyons is currently spearheading the National Wildlife Federation's most important campaign — passing comprehensive legislation to combat global climate change.

Americans, he asserted, are addicted to fossil fuels. We have built our economy on them, and we have resisted diversifying and designing things that require less energy. Moreover, we produce only a fraction of the

oil we consume; in fact it costs one billion dollars a day to meet our oil needs. A group of Iraq and Afghan war veterans, called Vote Vets, has asserted that our dependence on foreign oil is a threat to our national security in that some of the billions of oil dollars we spend abroad have been used to blow up our military vehicles.

The worst consequence of our fossil fuel addiction is global warming, Lyons warned. Between 1970 and 2004, carbon emissions grew by 70 percent. We are already seeing the unfortunate consequences of this phenomenon. NASA has declared that this decade is the warmest on record.

Even without an understanding of the science, we can see evidence of global warming: the Polar Ice Cap is shrinking, which in turn threatens the polar bear with extinction; sea levels are rising, threatening coastal areas; the coral reef is bleaching and dying from rising temperatures.

For all that, Lyons argued, we can counter the damage by driving invest-

ment toward clean energy. We need to replace fossil fuels with cleaner energy sources and adopt land policies that protect forests which hold carbon. The Center for American Progress has asserted that we can create 1.7 million jobs in clean energy with half the money we spend on oil. Lyons argued that we need to put a framework in place that will "jump start" us to set a cap on carbon and put a price on it.

China wants to be the leader in clean energy technology, he asserted. Right now it is the clean energy giant, with the United States spending half of what China is spending to develop clean energy technologies. We have already lost a decade by our inaction, and now the rest of the world is waiting for the United States to act.

On the positive side, the number of people who benefit from the status quo is shrinking, and a clean environment and a good quality of life go hand in hand. We don't lack solutions, Lyons argues, but, rather, the political will to take aggressive action. What will give us the motivation we need, what as Lyons put it, will get us "off the ledge and over the bridge" will be our commitment to our children's future. He believes that in the end Americans will do what benefits their children.

In the question and answer period that followed the presentation, when someone asked how to "speak to folks who are not in the choir," Lyons responded that there is no value in talking to them. Rather, we need to look to leaders in various sectors.

For example, the Christian Coalition is supportive of the need to take action and has been an influential voice among Evangelicals. Likewise members of the military have been bringing people around to the need for change, and labor unions recognize that their future depends on environmental change.

When asked about the role of nuclear power in cutting carbon emissions, Lyons replied that, while it provides clean energy from a carbon standpoint, it will not be a big part of the solution to our pollution problem because nuclear power plants are very expensive and take a long time to build. Likewise, clean coal technology is too expensive to be much help. On the other hand, natural gas is cleaner than the other fuels, and we have much more of it than we thought. Lyons predicted that we would see more of it being developed in this country.

EARTH DAY 2010

BEIJING BLOGGER

Meet the parent, and the brother



Brandon Taylor Press columnist

****Editor's Note:** This is the third in a three-part series about the Beijing Blogger's mom and brother's recent visit to China.

Six months, four weeks — roughly 210 days. That's how long it had been since I'd given my mom a hug or high-fived my brother Michael. But after months of planning and waiting, they arrived in Beijing for a 10-day tour of the Chinese

capital in early April, with me as their tour guide.

While touring Tiananmen, traversing the Great Wall, and eating authentic Chinese cuisine had taken up the majority of their stay, I tried to weave in visits with my friends here in Beijing.

On the first weekend of their stay, I wanted to take my mom and brother to the perfect Peking duck restaurant. So I called my American friend Ken McManus, inviting him to join us.

Ken is a Beijing restaurant connoisseur. Be it Western or Chinese, he knows the best spots. But his expertise isn't just limited to eating establishments — Ken has been a great mentor and friend, offering various tips along the way to make life in China more doable. Having lived in China for almost eight years himself, there's very little he doesn't know about the Asian country or Beijing in particular.

We all had a great time over dinner — Ken got to meet some of my family whom I'd often talked about and my mom got to put a name to a face of someone I often mentioned when calling home. She later told me she was glad to know I had someone "to take care of me" should anything serious happen. But I like to think I'd be able to take care of myself, having lived here for almost a year.

I also wanted my mom to meet my former Chinese housemate, Vivian. Vivian was always ready to lend a hand in helping me practice my Chinese around the apartment, laughing at my funny pronunciations but encouraging me to keep trying.

She also liked to cook and would prepare tea and other Chinese remedies when I was sick during the winter. Although she was too busy to get dinner the week my mom visited, she went out of her way to stop by the hotel to say hello, bringing small gifts for my family.

As if visiting the Great Wall and numerous temples of old weren't enough, my mom had to see one other landmark during her visit — the Beijing Review complex where I work. My colleagues had eagerly awaited my mom's and brother's visit.

Family is important in China, and meeting one



PRESS PHOTO BY BRANDON TAYLOR

Meeting some good friends — Michael and Mary Ruth Taylor meet Vivian and Bill, two friends of Brandon Taylor. The Chinese do not use English last names.

of the foreigners' family is a real treat for the Chinese. My bosses and colleagues asked about their trip so far, insisted that my brother and I must be twins (a remark I grew tired of by the end of their stay), and commented on what a nice co-worker I was. One of my bosses made green tea for my mom and brother, and even invited them out for lunch the next day, which we had to decline due to more sightseeing.

But of all the people my mom met, I think she was most impressed by the dinner at an authentic German restaurant [in Beijing] with my girlfriend Layla.

I knew the dinner would go over well — Layla is German-born Chinese (her parents are both Chinese, but she was born and raised in Germany). She speaks German, English, Mandarin and Cantonese fluently. My mom is a German teacher. And of course, they both noted how terrible my German speaking abilities are, despite having lived with a German teacher my whole life. But it was fun, and we got to have a great German meal, which Layla approved as authentic.

And having met all my friends, seen all the temples and ancient structures there were to see, and eaten as much rice and food boiled in oil as they could tolerate, my mom and brother's trip came to an end.

It seemed like only yesterday I was saying good-

bye to them at Newark Airport to take my journey back to China in September, and now here I was, bidding farewell. There were tears all around as we said goodbye.

As I made my way to the Beijing-bound train terminal I thought back to the day I picked them up at the airport. I had been eager to show them my home away from home, Beijing, and everything that made me want to stay here. In those 10 days, I'm sure I did just that because soon after arriving home my mom sent me an e-mail telling me what an amazing time she and Mike had — and she also mentioned things she wanted to see on China Trip 2011.

It had been one thing to tell them all about Beijing and China through e-mails and phone calls home, but to show my mom and brother firsthand was truly rewarding.

And having successfully hosted two family members, I can now work out any "technical difficulties" for my dad's visit in July.

Brandon Taylor is a language consultant/foreign expert for the Beijing Review, an English language weekly newsmagazine in Beijing, China. He is a former correspondent for the TIMES NEWS. Read Brandon's blog at <http://www.btay200.blogspot.com/>. He can be reached at btay200@gmail.com.

BY DANA GRUBB

How would you like to see the issue of illegal immigration handled in Pennsylvania?



"I think America conceptually is for everybody. If you break the law as an illegal, you shouldn't be deported, but you should return back through the system. If you want to have this grandiose dream, then you have to put in the work to do it. We should be making new options for these people."

Tanner Bibau Bethlehem



"Frankly, it comes under federal law. I think in many cases they're filling jobs that Americans don't want to do. I think they should find an avenue for them to stay here, as long as you're not violating people's rights."

Kim Jamison Hanover Township



"I don't think you can control that. It's like profiling somebody based on their ethnic background. There are more important things to address."

Michelle Helfgott Parsippany, N.J.



"To fix what we do here, we need to change the work environment in Mexico. We need to promote more humane treatment of workers in Mexico so they want to stay and work in their own country where their roots are."

Kelsey Kirkwood West Chester



"Before you can implement anything, the locale needs to be analyzed. Some local economies could collapse. So, to implement any law to ask them for their papers is absurd. America is the melting pot and implementing anything that restricts a person from pursuing what our ancestors did, is wrong."

Dan Murphy Burlington, Vt.

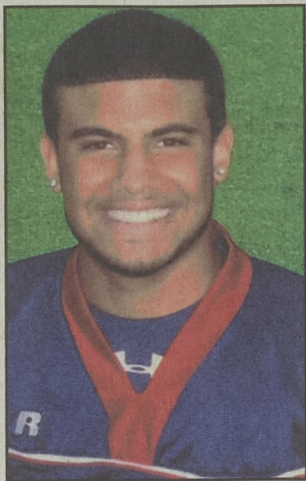


"To me it seems to be more of a federal issue than a state issue. It's foolish to talk about illegal immigration in Pennsylvania because you're crossing state borders with federal borders. It would be a bad thing if Pennsylvania went the way of Arizona."

Kurt Kohut Bethlehem

Jarrood West

Liberty HS



Grade: 12
Family members: Dad, Warren; Mom, Jamie; sisters, Briana and Kaylin; brothers, Aaron and Isaiah
Favorite subject: Math
Activities: Basketball, football, track, student government, four years
Next steps: Play football at Stanford University
Career Goals: Graduate from Stanford with a degree in sports law
Heroes: Michael Jordan
Hobbies: Sports, hanging out with friends
Volunteer/community work: 145 hours of community service
Likes: Sports, girls, barbecue ribs
Dislikes: Being late to events
Greatest accomplishment (so far): Full scholarship to Stanford University

Advice for peers: The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY JOSH POPICHAK

St. Theresa Student Council members with their parents at the end of their day's project.

Giving back to the community



Lisa Holub hands the shovel to her son Brandon Holub to shovel mulch.

St. Theresa School Student Council members participated in a service project to weed and mulch the area around the Hellertown Borough Hall in Hellertown April 10. Twelve Student Council representatives, four parents and two teachers all helped each other weed plants, shovel mulch into wheelbarrels, and spread mulch around the trees, plants and bushes. This event was one of many service projects the St. Theresa Student Council has participated in this year. They annually participate in the program "Tidy for the Almighty" during Advent and Lent in which students clean pews and floors, dust, vacuum and wash what is needed in the church. Throughout the years, Student Council collects money for organizations and causes such as, Holy Childhood Association, Rice Bowl, and money for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This was the first time St. Theresa School volunteered for a project with Hellertown Borough. "The students did such a fantastic job cleaning up the area. We look forward to participating in this cleanup again next year," said teacher Marybeth Okula.



Breanne Toolan watches Maddie Mondschein measure up to Jeremy Kuba.



Madison Wilson and Brynn Bambu spread mulch.

BECAHI NOTES

Wrapping up the year

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end at Bethlehem Catholic. With only eight more school days left for seniors, it's a bittersweet moment. As seniors make their final memories at Becahi and get ready to embark on a whole new chapter in their life. Underclassmen also get ready to move up another level in high school as they get closer to the end. As everyone gets ready for the summer there have been so many activities going on such as prom, seventh grade field day, the annual band trip, and also students doing very exciting things.

This year's prom took us to Paris. The magical night was held at the Grand Eastonian Suites Hotel. The night consisted of dinner, dancing and making memories to last a lifetime. Our safety was the number one priority to our school and the Wednesday before prom students watched a mock drunk driving accident. Students learned the dangers of drinking and driving as they watched a classmate die in a car accident that also severely injured others. It left a bitter taste in your mouth.

Once at prom, you were taken away by the beautiful colors and beauty of everything. After dinner the prom king and queen were announced. The prom king was drum major Adam Reifsynder and queen was cheerleading captain Emily Schmidt. They shared their first dance as students watched, and then the dance floor opened to

other students and everyone danced the night away.

Seventh grade field day is a tradition at our school. Every year seventh-graders from feeder schools come to Bethlehem Catholic High School. Selected seniors help school staff members Dan Kendra and Karen Reeding organize events and make sure the visitors have as much fun as possible. Participants raced and competed against each other and got to see what Bethlehem Catholic is all about.

This year Bethlehem Catholic band, jazz band and band front went to Myrtle Beach to celebrate and compete in the Festival of Music. Band members have been preparing for this competition for three months and were ready to put their skills to the test. The concert band and band front took first place honors. We congratulate band front director Rita Prugar, band director Cristine Eich, and most importantly, all band members who put out much effort.

Bethlehem Catholic congratulates Gabe Zurek for his Freddy award nomination for lead actor; this is Gabe's second time being nominated in this category. Also at the Freddy Awards will be a Becahi alumna Brittany Doyen, who will be choreographing the opening number of the awards show this year.

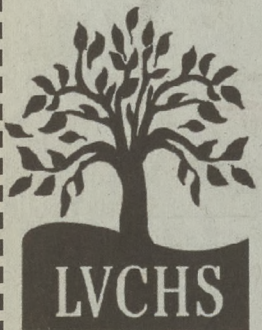
Congrats to John Petruzzelli on becoming our school's new principal for next year. Finally, congrats to senior Sarah Livengood who won third place, Senior High Division, in the 2010 Pa. Pro-Life Essay Contest, sponsored by the Pa. Pro-Life Federation. With the year wrapping up it's good to see students moving in a positive direction.



Jodie Risper
Press writer

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Becahi marks Earth Day 2010



Becahi sophomore Grady Barth gives a positive review of the Air Products hydrogen-powered bus after a short ride. "I thought it was awesome," said Barth, who noted that it ran well, was quiet and gave a smooth ride.

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Catholic HS celebrated Earth Day with its own Eco Week, which was punctuated April 21 by several Air Products presentations and one by Hawk Mountain volunteer Brian Ferrence.

Becahi environmental science and biology teacher Jennifer DeMarco coordinated the activities.

Four presentation stations, each providing educational information or demonstrations, gave students a look at how various actions can impact the ecosystem everywhere, as well as providing a look into the future of transportation using hydrogen technology.

Ferrence related how an individual species in Pennsylvania such as the white pine tree, when threatened by the terminal bud beetle, can affect not only the migratory patterns of birds, but also the economy by a declining lumber production that this Keystone species produces.

Air Products staff made three separate presentations, with a hydrogen-powered Chevy Equinox and commuter bus the most popular, especially the short bus rides taken by a number of students, who learned that hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, is clean burning and carbon free, and when processed in a fuel cell creates water as its emission.

Students also learned about liquid nitrogen and its effects and benefits through a demonstration by Air Products employees Raymond Williams and Dave Kish.



Hawk Mountain volunteer Brian Ferrence, a retired teacher from Slatington, discusses migratory patterns of birds that pass through Pennsylvania following the 8 a.m. opening.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Bethlehem Catholic students surround a hydrogen-powered Chevy Equinox as Air Products employee Nick Mittica explains how hydrogen is converted into electricity in a fuel cell to power the vehicle. The car has a range of 120 to 150 miles per fill-up and the only byproduct produced is water.

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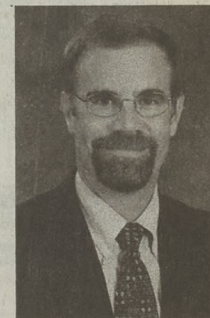
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Shad up!

Not too late to catch the elusive Delaware River fish

BUD'S VIEW
By Bud Cole



After this year's annual Forks of the Delaware week-long Shad Fishing Tournament concluded May 1, only a few fishermen continued to pursue the migrating shad.

Most of the boats and fishermen that plied their skills during tournament week with the goal of collecting some of the tournament prize money took their boats home and resumed their daily schedules.

But there are still plenty of shad in the Delaware River waiting to use their powerful muscles and forked tails to keep the diehard shad fishermen from reeling them into their nets.

Each year, I donate a half-day shad fishing trip to the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association's auction. The auction is held the last day of the winter Harrisburg Outdoor Sports Show, largest show of its kind in the United States. Money raised during the auction is used by the writers' association for grants to youth programs and scholarships to students pursuing outdoor-related careers.

This year's auction winner, Cindy Stemmler of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, joined me May 4 for an afternoon of shad fishing. Cindy is an emergency room nurse and 4-H leader who is married and has two daughters. She is an avid outdoors' person who enjoys fishing for bass and trout, but this was her very first shad fishing adventure.

Our first tug on the line turned out to be a male shad. It was caught using a charrtreuse and black shad dart as we were slowly trolling up and down the river. The strong male shad, called a buck, kept Cindy busy for about 10 minutes before it finally succumbed to the net.

Twelve out of our 17 hooked shad were reeled toward the boat and netted. Not too shabby for less than four hours on the Delaware. The other five shad were



PRESS PHOTO BY BUD COLE

Cindy Stemmler of Orwigsburg admires her first American shad during a fishing excursion with the writer on the Delaware River, north of Easton.

long-distance releases, a term used by many anglers to jokingly describe the fish that win the tug of war. The setting sun put an end to our shad fishing adventure.

The American shad, largest member of the herring family, is the most abundant of the anadromous fish species found along the United State's east coast. Anadromous fish are those that spend most of their lives in the ocean and breed in fresh water. The American shad, sometimes called the poor man's salmon or tarpon, has been an important species dating back to the Native Americans.

Historical accounts point out that shad were an important source of food for the Moravian settlers of Bethlehem. The abundant spring shad migration sustained many until crops could be planted and harvested.

Local folklore tells of the shad being stacked so tightly together in the Lehigh and Delaware rivers that a person could walk across either river on the backs of the shad.

My grandfather was quite a character and would often tell this shad fishing tale: "My buddy and I caught so many shad that we pulled the oars into the boat and let the shad row. Get it? The shad row.

Shad eggs, called roe, considered a delicacy, are often found on fine restaurant menus.

Female shad produce from 200 to 250,000 eggs in one year. Young shad are very important ecologically because they provide food for many recreational game fish. These fry - small two- to three-inch-long young shad - head down the rivers in fall on their way to the ocean

to continue their natural life cycles.

Unlike a Pacific salmon, the mature American shad's spawning migration does not always end its life. About 10-20 percent of the spawning Delaware River shad survive to spawn a second time. Go catch them before their upriver migration ends.

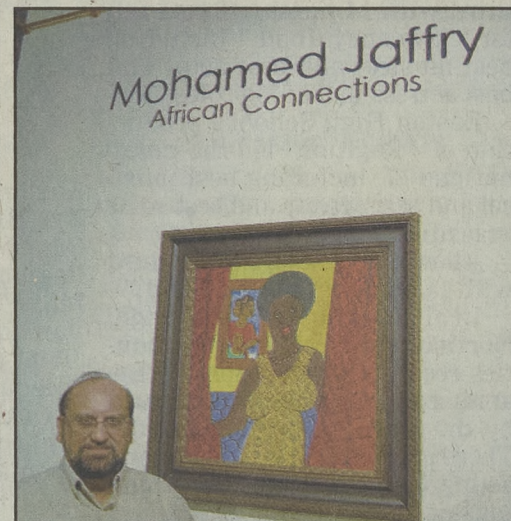
Remember, especially for women: You can give a man a fish and he will have food for a day. But if you teach him how to fish, you can get rid of him for weeks at a time.

That's the way I see it!
Email comments and questions to: bbbcole@enter.net. To schedule programs, hikes and birthday parties, call 610-767-4043.

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

"African Connections": The exhibit by Mohamed Jaffry, above, with "Jambo" ("How Are You" in Kiswahili) at the May 7 First Friday reception, continues through May 30 at Home & Planet, 25 E. Third St., Bethlehem. The vibrant work of the self-taught artist and painter, born in Tanzania and living in Allentown, was inspired by his maternal grandfather who designed traditional African khangas, colorful garments worn by women and occasionally men throughout Eastern Africa. Information: 610-866-7370



PRESS PHOTO BY DIANE BAKOS

No dummies: The Pennsylvania Youth Theatre production of the original 1930's era stage version of "Pinocchio," continues through May 23 at the Charles A. Brown Ice House, Sand Island, Bethlehem. Tristan Mitchell, above left, is one of two youths who plays Pinocchio, and David Wrigley, above right, portrays Geppetto. Ticket information: 610-332-1300

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New Orange Blossom Special

Get on board with book about the Auto-Train

Literary Scene

By ARA BARLIEB
Special to The Press

"Officially, Amtrak claims the train is three-quarter-mile long," writes Wally Ely in his book, "Images of Rail Auto-Train," "made up of 18 passenger cars and 33 auto carriers, plus two engines."

"These numbers qualify it for the 'longest passenger train in the world,' Ely continues. "Auto Train carries about 650 passengers plus 330 automobiles on a full trip."

The book from Arcadia Publishing (\$21.95, 128 pp., 200 photographs) is a long-time train lover's account of the origins of Auto-Train Corp., 1971 until filing for bankruptcy in 1981, and Amtrak's Auto Train 1983 to the present day.



PRESS PHOTO BY ARA BARLIEB

Wally Ely displays his book, "Images of Rail Auto-Train."

"Subjects I write about all come to me because I know a lot about a topic," Ely says.

"Image of Rail Auto-Train" by Wally Ely, is available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon and www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Ely's father worked on trains, and Ely, retired from the banking industry and

now a producer at RCN, is a volunteer and past president of WK&S Railroad, Kempton, Berks County, which offers seasonal weekend excursions on what is known as its Hawk Mountain Line.

Auto Train, running daily between Lorton, Va., just south of Washington, D.C., and Sanford, near Orlando,

Fla., is the only train operating in the United States that ferries both passengers and their automobiles.

It crosses through five states in just 16 hours, sparing its riders the challenge of 1,000 miles of interstate driving, numerous roadside meals and rest stops, and at least one-night's stay in a motel.

"I was travelling on it about four or five years ago," Ely says.

"I went into the gift shop at the terminal, looked at the magazine and book rack, and there wasn't anything. Nothing about railroads. I thought there should be something. If nobody has written it, then I'm going to."

"I went to Arcadia Publishing," he says. "I told them, 'I have an idea for a book that would fit into your train series.'"

Ely, 73, collaborated with the late Robert Ott on a book about Dorney Park for Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series.

"That book is now in its eighth printing," says Ely.



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Veterans' benefit: Anne Hills sings and plays songs from "Points of View," her most recent CD on West Chester-based Appleseed Recordings, in a benefit for Veterans' Sanctuary at 2 pm. May 23 at the facility's 24 S. Fifth St., Allentown, location. The Bethlehem-based, nationally-acclaimed singer-songwriter has been described by The AllMusic Guide as "one of contemporary folk music's premier vocalists." Ticket information: 610-439-8479

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Parkland receives 16; Emmaus, 14 in 2010 high school Freddy Awards

Parkland High School has the second number of most nominations in the 2010 Freddy Awards with 16 nominations for its production of "Aida," including best musical and best actor and best actress in leading roles.

Emmaus High School tied for third with 14 nominations each for "Sweeney Todd," including best musical and best actor and best actress in leading roles.

Easton High School's production of "Ragtime" led the nominations 17, including best musical and best actress and best actor in leading roles.

Allen High School tied for third with 14 nominations for "Rent."

In all, 29 schools from Lehigh, Northampton and Warren counties received nominations in the annual awards program sponsored by the State Theatre of Easton. There are 21 categories, including acting, dancing, scenery and lighting.

State Theatre Executive Director Shelley Brown and Ed Hanna, WFMZ-TV meteorologist, announced the nominees during the television station's noon May 12 news broadcast.

The Freddy Awards, in its eighth year, will be presented at 7 p.m. May 27 at the State Theatre and broadcast live on Channel 69.

Here, in alphabetical order are the nominations by school:

Allentown Central Catholic: 1; Bangor Area: 1; Belvidere: 1; Bethlehem Catholic: 1; Blair Academy: 3; Catasauqua: 1; Dieruff: 2; Easton Area: 17; Emmaus: 14; Freedom: 4; Hackettstown: 7; Liberty: 6; Moravian Academy: 5; North Warren Regional: 9; Northampton: 1; Northern Lehigh: 1; Northwestern Lehigh: 3; Notre Dame: 7; Parkland: 16; Phillipsburg: 1; Pius X: 1; Salisbury: 1; Saucon Valley: 7; Southern Lehigh: 8; Warren County Tech: 1; Warren Hills: 2; Whitehall: 3; William Allen: 14; Wilson: 2

Here, are the nominations by category:

Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra: Bangor, "White Christmas"; Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Freedom, "The Sound of Music"; Liberty, "Guys and Dolls"; Moravian Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Kristen Fish (Evelyn Nesbit); Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; Steven Etienne (Ephraim); Northern Lehigh, "Lucky Stiff"; Courtney Blocker ("Time Like This" Solo Dancer); Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; Danielle Renner (Bambi Bernet); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Chelsea Muhl (Mimi Marquez)

Outstanding Use of Costuming: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; Liberty, "Guys and Dolls"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Parkland, "Aida"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Male Ensemble Member: Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Steve Rosenkrantz (Tobias Ragg); Liberty, "Guys and Dolls"; Jamie Alderiso (Benny Southstreet); Phillipsburg, "Guys and Dolls"; Danny Larsen (Nicely-Nicely Johnson); Salisbury, "State Fair"; Thomas Walters (Hoop-La Barker, Lem, Judge Heppenstah); Warren Hills Regional, "Thoroughly Modern Millie"; Stephen Scovell (Ching Ho); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Carlos Andino Jr. (Angel Schunard); Wilson Area, "Godspell"; Abdul Sesay (Abdul)

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Female Ensemble Member: Catasauqua, "The Sound of Music"; Natalie Leggett (Liesl); Dieruff, "The Wiz"; Julicia Jones (Eveline); Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Kristen Fish (Evelyn Nesbit); Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Margaret Wilson (Lucy, Beggar Woman); Parkland, "Aida"; Nell



Komlos (Nehebka); Pius X, "Bye Bye Birdie"; Sierra Altenbach (Mrs. Mae Peterson); Warren Hills Regional, "Thoroughly Modern Millie"; Samantha Frost (Muzzy VanHossmere); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Jessica Spielman (Joanne Jefferson)

Outstanding Achievement in Lighting: Blair Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Freedom, "The Sound of Music"; Parkland, "Aida"; Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"; William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"

Outstanding Chorus: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Freedom, "The Sound of Music"; Parkland, "Aida"; Whitehall, "Fiddler on the Roof"; William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Wilson Area, "Godspell"

Outstanding Small Ensemble Performance: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Ronny Wilson, Chelsea Reed, "Our Children"; Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Christopher Cain, Masia Ravare, "The Wheels of a Dream"; Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; Andrew Anzel, Tanner Hayes, Brian Petty, Steven Etienne, Chris Ciavatta, Tyler Mahler, "We've Gotta Make It Through the Winter"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Briana DeFilippis, Hannah Whitehead, "In His Eyes"; Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Patrick Moran, Stephen Prager, "Agony"; Parkland, "Aida"; Josh Rice, Morgan Reilly, Kiri Tamte-Horan, "A Step Too Far"; William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Alayna Danni, Jessica Spielman, "Take Me or Leave Me"

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Masia Ravare (Sarah); Liberty, "Guys and Dolls"; Courtney Haines (Miss Adelaide); Moravian Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Sara Price (Queen Aggravain); Parkland, "Aida"; Kiri Tamte-Horan (Amneris); Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"; Anne McEnerney (Alice Miller); Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; Samantha Palumbo (Carmen Bernstein); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Alayna Danni (Maureen Johnson)

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role: Bethlehem, "Catholic Camelot"; Gabriel Zurek (Lancelot du Lac); Blair Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Chris St. John (Prince Dauntless); Liberty, "Guys and Dolls"; Sean Manion (Nathan Detroit); Northwestern Lehigh, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Jarrod Walczar (Sir Harry); Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Patrick Moran (Cinderella's Prince); Parkland, "Aida"; Kyle Pierce (Mereb)

Outstanding Use of Scenery: Freedom, "The Sound of Music"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Northwestern Lehigh, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Parkland, "Aida"; Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; Whitehall, "Fiddler on the Roof"

Outstanding Choreography: Dieruff, "The Wiz"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; Parkland, "Aida"; Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"; Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; Whitehall, "Fiddler on the Roof"

Vic Kuma Award for Outstanding Solo Vocal Performance: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Masia Ravare, "Your Daddy's Son"; Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Chelsea Reed, "Back to Before"; Emmaus,

"Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Sydney Chan, "Epiphany"; Liberty, "Guys and Dolls"; Courtney Haines, "Adelaide's Lament"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Rob Gerold, "The Confrontation"; Parkland, "Aida"; Morgan Reilly, "Easy As Life"; William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Alex Michaels, "One Song Glory"

Outstanding Stage Crew (In honor of Captain Christopher Seifert): Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Moravian Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Parkland, "Aida"; Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"; Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"

Outstanding Production Number: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; "Till We Reach That Day"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; "God, That's Good"; Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; "Social Dance"; Parkland, "Aida"; "The Gods Love Nubia"; Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; "In the Same Boat (Complete)"; William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; "La Vie Boheme, I Should Tell You"

Outstanding Featured Performance by an Actor: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Christopher Cain (Coalhouse Walker, Jr.); Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Teddy Swanson (Anthony Hope); Northampton Area, "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum"; Joey Jobs (Miles Gloriosus); Parkland, "Aida"; Ryan McCarty (Zoser); Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"; Drew Parton (King Kaiser); Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"; Matt Wekheiser (Alan Swann); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Jimmy Ragan (Mark Cohen)

Outstanding Featured Performance by an Actress: Allentown Central Catholic, "Wonderful Town"; Maggie McCloskey (Ruth); Blair Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Asia Bryant (Queen Aggravain); North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Briana DeFilippis (Emma Carew); Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Samantha Prentice (Witch); Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Shannyn Rinker (Cinderella); Warren County Technical School, "Sally Blane, World's Greatest Girl Detective"; Katelyn Morgan (Tia Esmerelda); Whitehall, "Fiddler on the Roof"; Beth Ann Krall (Golde)

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role: Belvidere, "Fiddler on the Roof"; Justin Kiefer (Tevye); Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Ronny Wilson (Tateh); Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Sydney Chan (Sweeney Todd); North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Rob Gerold (Henry Jekyll, Edward Hyde); Parkland, "Aida"; Josh Rice (Radame); Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; Matthew Moisey (Lt. Frank Ciolfi); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Alex Michaels (Roger Davis)

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Chelsea Reed (Mother); Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Mrs. Witter (Mrs. Lovett); Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; Christian Demnitz (Milly); Moravian Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Sam Steele (Princess Winnifred); Parkland, "Aida"; Morgan Reilly (Aida); William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"; Chelsea Muhl (Mimi Marquez)

Outstanding Overall Production by a Smaller School: Hackettstown, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"; Moravian Academy, "Once Upon a Mattress"; North Warren Regional, "Jekyll & Hyde"; Northwestern Lehigh, "Once Upon a Mattress"; Notre Dame, "Into the Woods"; Saucon Valley, "My Favorite Year"

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical: Easton Area, "Ragtime (School Edition)"; Emmaus, "Sweeney Todd (School Edition)"; Parkland, "Aida"; Southern Lehigh, "Curtains"; William Allen, "Rent (School Edition)"

Why are kids bored?

I'm always careful with language.

My thinking is there are so many worthwhile words to express thoughts that there is no need to resort to profanity.

So, imagine my surprise when my grandkids went running to their mother to say, "Nonna said a bad word."

The "bad word," I was told, was the word stupid. "We don't use that word in this house," said my daughter, Andrea. "It's not nice to say someone is stupid."

I wasn't calling anyone names. I was simply stating that it was stupid of me to keep losing my glasses. I can never go anywhere without the big hunt for the right glasses. When I go to the Big Judgment in the Sky and have to account for how I spent my time on earth, I'm sure I'll have to account for wasting years of my life hunting for glasses.

"Well, please don't say the word 'stupid' or my kids will think it's all right," retorted my daughter.

Some words grate on us like fingernails on a blackboard. Obviously, hearing "stupid" distresses Andrea.

I have my own word that sends me up a wall and motivates me to get on my personal pulpit. I can't stand to hear the words, "I'm bored."

My grandkids have more special playthings than a FAO Swartz Superstore. They also have enough electronics to keep an entire generation of kids busy for a year, or until a blackout - whichever comes first. To accommodate their musical instruments, ping-pong table, pinball machines, closet full of games and their own media center, my daughter and her husband built a special playroom downstairs.

Andrea keeps the kids busy with swim team, tennis tournaments, music lessons and sports. One would think they would need a breather from all that - down time to just do nothing.

Oh, no. If any of the kids find themselves idle for more than a few minutes, they start uttering the phrase that sets me off: "I'm bored."

The grandkids have learned not to say that around me. If it slips out, they look at me anticipating a negative reaction and they always get it.

A few weeks ago my husband and I went with our dance group on a cruise to Mexico, Belize and Honduras. We had just boarded the huge ship and were following the recommendation to walk around and see what the ship had to offer.

In the game room, we found two young teenagers trying to play mahjong. A companion stopped to ask them what kind they were playing. "We're not," answered one girl. "We're just trying to stop from being bored."

Incredibly, passengers were only on that magnif-

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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icent ship for an hour or two. We had not yet left the harbor. There was so much to see in the water, along the Tampa coastline and on the ship itself. But before we left port, the kids were already bored.

I had an uncharitable thought. I wanted to throw them overboard.

Someone else probably would have listened to the teen's "I'm bored" lament and not thought anything of it. But I couldn't help thinking it's a sign of the times.

I figured the girls probably missed being able to text their friends, telling them how deprived they were not to have video games or Internet on board unless they paid \$75 an hour.

I hear many parents lament the fact that their kids only want to sit in front of their video games. And I've heard some interesting stories about "teen deprivation."

One man, who volunteered at an outdoor camp for kids, said some of the youngsters are stunned when they learn there would be no television, cell phones or personal electronic games at camp. Instead, they would be learning about nature, the outdoors and how to sail and kayak.

"They grumble a lot but by the end of the week they all have a good time. But I'm amazed how disconnected kids are from anything that isn't a PC game," he said.

Those of us who grew up playing outdoors and never wanted to come inside for the night when our parents called us have a hard time understanding why so many kids opt to stay indoors with their computers and PC games.

My grandson, Cameron, is being punished for deliberately not working up to his potential in school. His punishment is total loss of his PC and all his electronic toys.

To find something to do, Cameron had to resort to playing outdoors with his friends for the first time in years. Ever since he discovered the world of computer games and technology, he stopped playing outdoors.

Now, he is utterly amazed to learn how much fun it is to run like the wind while playing flashlight tag and other outdoor games.

His mother says he's much happier now that he's playing outdoors with friends instead of playing solitary games inside. Even his schoolwork is improving.

Oh, yes, baby. It's a wide, wonderful world out there.

Those who learn to explore it will never be bored.

Maybe we should tell that to the legions of school kids about to complain about boredom during their summer vacation.

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Art Perspective Quilting, 8:30 a.m. Thursdays
Knitting, 9 a.m. Thursdays
Acrylics, 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays through June 30
Basic Oriental Painting, 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays through June 30
Parkland Art League Exhibit: Chris Elias, Connie Peters, Iva Worthington, through May 31

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3414
Catherine Higgins: Art Honor Thesis, through May 28, Girdler Gallery, University Center, 29 Trembley Drive, Bethlehem. 710-758-3615
Art, Architecture, Design Faculty Exhibition, through May 30
Friends of Lehigh Libraries: The Royal Society and the Origins of Scientific Communication, through May 26, Linderman Library
Howard Finster, Charley Kinney, Echo McCallister, Purvis Young: Outsider Art, through June 19, Dubois Gallery, Maginnes Hall
Margaret Bourke-White: Insect Studies; Lewis Baltz: San Quentin Point portfolio, through June 19, The Gallery at Rauch Business Center, 621 Taylor St., Bethlehem. 610-758-3615

LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL
Suite 201, 840 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-437-5915
Maryann Riker, through June

LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM
432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074
The Civil War: America at the Crossroads, through July 11
Energy Past & Present: Creating, Conserving, and Consuming, through Jan. 31, 2012

LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY
3540 Brookside Road, Lower Macungie Township. 610-966-6864
Barbara Martyska, through May

LUTHER CREST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall Township. 710-391-8202
Parkland Art League Exhibit: Lee Everett, Mary Ellen Stoyanov, through June 30

MACUNGIE INSTITUTE
510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830
Parkland Art League Exhibit: Kay Stauffer: Creative Designs and Paintings, through May 31

MERCANTILE HOME
526 Northampton St., Easton. 610-258-4046
Hand Picked, through May 30
Outside In, through May 30: Matt Adrian, Christina Empedocles, Jessica Marquez, Kelly Neidig, Natalie Tyler

MONSOON GALLERY
11 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-866-6600
Captured: the Photographers of Laini's Little Pocket Guide to Bethlehem: Laini Abraham, Jamie Cabreza, Louis Capwell, Jess Cutic, Jay de Jesus, Marty Desilets, Christa Timko, Steve Williams, through June 30

MORAVIAN ARCHIVES
41 W. Locust St., Bethlehem. 610-866-3255
The Health of Thy Countenance, through Sept 21: 250th anniversary of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467
Senior Art Exhibit, through May 22, Martin Art Gallery

Rachael Fiori: Sun-bleached and Sea-soaked, through May 22, Galleria Lobby

NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS
30 Belvidere St., Nazareth. 610-759-8590
Richard Begbie: Up Close and Personal, through May 28

SNOW GOOSE GALLERY
470 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-974-9099
The Art of the Miniature XVIII, through June 12

SOUTH BETHLEHEM FIRST FRIDAY
Fox Optical, Home and Planet, Timezones Global Goodies and Framing Gallery

South Bethlehem Photography Contest, Show, through May 29

SWAIN SCHOOL
1100 S. 24th St., Salisbury Township. 610-433-4542
Benjamin Walbert: Building Projects
Photos, through June 1
TC SALON SPA
61 W. Walnut St., Bethlehem. 610-865-9811
Michael Sandy, through June

THE MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY
Masonic Building, 22 S. Third St., Easton
Beyond Mother Tongue: A Daughter's Awakening, through June 30

TOUCHSTONE THEATRE GALLERY
321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-1689
Tim Davies, Marie Guglielmo, Erin Zeller: "Pantheon of Rock", through July 15

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE
803 N. Wahnetta St., Allentown. 610-782-8391
John Gaydos, Andrea Gaydos Landau, Chris Landau, through May 20, Westminster Village Art Walk
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
3700 Mechanicsville Road, Whitehall Township. 610-432-4339
Parkland Art League Artist of the Month: Catherine Rhoades: Acrylic paintings, through May 31

CINEMA

ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY HALL

23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715
"Armida", 6:30 p.m. May 19: The Met: Live in HD, Encore Performance
"Lost: Behind the Scenes", 7 p.m. May 21

CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN
19th Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888
"A Prophet", 7:30 p.m. May 19, 20, Theatre514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown
"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo", coming soon

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
501 Chestnut St., Emmaus. 610-996-6591
Donald Misera, 7 p.m. May 19: Slideshow Presentation of Tour in Afghanistan 1963-1964

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7432
Movie Madness, 7 p.m. May 28

VICTORY FIREHOUSE
205 Webster St., Bethlehem. 610-704-8574
"An Everlasting Piece", 7:15 p.m. May 20: South Side Film Institute Third Thursday Film Club

CONCERTS
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THEATER REVIEWS

'Pan'-ing for satyr at Touchstone

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Naming a stage show "The Pan Show" is just asking for it from snarky theater reviewers.

After all, the Pan of the show's title was regarded as a god of theater criticism.

Well, that's way above my pay grade.

Touchstone Theatre's title choice for its world premiere show represents a devil-may-care attitude as bold as the musical itself, which is so over-the-top as to be a one-show Fringe Festival that has landed in South Bethlehem.

"The Pan Show," continuing through May 22, is an original collaboration between James "jp" Jordan, Touchstone's "jp" of all trades (designer, composer, director, actor), and Christopher Shorr, Moravian College Theatre Com-

pany artistic director.

It's a satirical take on a satyr. Yes, "The Pan Show" is very satirical.

Touchstone's Pan, true to mythical form, has the hairy legs and hooves of a goat, the upper torso of a man and a set of goat horns on his head. In reimagining the myth, Pan is transplanted to the 21st century where he's the god of sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll.

As played by Jordan, Pan lumbers about the stage as a kind of bow-legged Joe Cocker meets Meatloaf. He's more rock roadie than rock god. That pan flute just doesn't have the sonic nor sexy clout of a Fender Stratocaster.

Jordan, wordless save the occasional baleful bleat, gives a remarkable — and alternately frightening and funny — performance as Pan the Man-Goat.

This being contempo-

rary and not ancient Greek celebrity, Pan has a personal assistant, Daphnis, played by Zach Kanner with an entertaining mixture of Ben Stiller in "Zoolander" and Tim Curry of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Pan, robust lad that he is, is undone by love, namely Dynatite, with Emma Chong in full-bore Asian stereotype mode that some might find ethnically objectionable.

Touchstone founder Bill George appears as a sagacious Zeus brandishing a mustache that would make Yosemite Sam envious.

Adam Kissinger plays multiple roles with a deft flair for defining and separating each.

Cathleen O'Malley and Jen Jaynes also appear in multiple guises. They sing, dance, cavort and contort (especially O'Malley) with fearless and convincing

creativity.

The rollicking, ram-bunctious, ribald musical comedy ransacks genres from hip-hop to punk rock to disco to Broadway rock musical to 1960's surf music and 1950's pop for its inventive 11 song and dance numbers.

The one-hour and 45-minute show (with no intermission) presented with minimal staging and props is framed with frequent use of video narration by Mr. Patel (Sunder Dayal), which is really a whole show, or film, in itself.

"The Pan Show" brings a bit of pandemonium to Touchstone and the Lehigh Valley theater scene, with a show that is as edgy (profanity, including the f-bomb, sexual anatomical references and a fair amount of bare female and male flesh) as it is experimental.

Boys in the 'Hood'

At first, Russell Crowe is not the Hollywood image of Robin Hood we've become accustomed to. Even Kevin Costner in "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) is closer to the Errol Flynn image in "The Adventures of Robin Hood" (1938) often associated with the mythical outlaw of England's Sherwood Forest.

You won't find Russell Crowe in tights, green cloak and a jaunty cap. Crowe, with the physique of a World Wrestling Entertainment performer and apparently an attitude to match (at least when the media gets to asking questions he dislikes), is more like one of the boys from the Hood, a more urban kind of guy rather than one prone to sitting in trees.

And yet, at least in the latest interpretation by director Ridley Scott, Crowe is really quite perfect to portray Robin Hood, here depicted as a fierce fighter if not straight out of Compton, then that ancient hood depicted in "Gladiator" (2000), that other well-known Scott-Crowe collaboration.

So, while the history surrounding Robin Hood may be circumspect, or downright suspect (Robin Hood was mainly celebrated in ballads, plays and poems with scant historical basis that there ever was such a figure), "Robin Hood" as a movie succeeds. This is epic entertainment.

"Robin Hood" takes up where the Crusades leave off, apparently plunging England into an economic morass that can only be righted, so the king believes, by plundering his own people. Meanwhile, France, in D-Day in reverse, is ready to strike England.

The movie has a formalistic approach, with numerous title cards, and bookended introduction and conclusion (that shouts sequel) as those of movies in Hollywood's studio heyday. Scott builds rather slowly and deliberately from the screenplay by Brian Helgeland ("Mystic River"). And, if the various ruling leaders and court attendants are difficult to sort out, by the time the movie's action scenes kick in, we are on Robin Hood's side and nearly hissing his foes.

Crowe proves a sympathetic Robin Hood, a gruff-voiced rebel of few words, with a kind and loyal side to those kind and loyal to him. He returns the favor. If not, look out. Crowe bears close watching. His is a very satisfying performance.

As Marion, here a widow, Cate Blanchett is as always marvelous onscreen, with a steely gaze and strong bearing that only ever so gradually melts in the presence of Robin Hood.

The romance between Robin and Marion is handled beautifully.

Max Von Sydow as Marion's father is a charming delight as the movie's moral compass.

The supporting characters portray the villainy as harshly as pos-

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



sibly without become caricature.

The quick-edited battle scenes — and there are many — are masterfully staged. By the time they arrive, the viewer is emotionally invested enough to not care whether Robin Hood was real or myth. "Robin Hood" doesn't steal from the audience.

"Robin Hood": MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned). Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13) for violence including intense sequences of warfare, and some sexual content; Genre: Action, Drama; Run time: 2 hrs.; Distributed by Universal Pictures.

Credit Readers' Anonymous: Parts of "Robin Hood" were filmed in the mythical outlaw's lair, Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, England.

Box Office, May 14, "Iron Man 2" made it two in a row at No. 1 with \$53 million and \$212 million, two weeks.

"Robin Hood" opened at No. 2, with a solid \$37.1 million. "Letters to Juliet," starring Allentown native Amanda Seyfried, opened at No. 3, with only \$13.7 million. "Just Wright," starring Queen Latifah, opened at No. 4, with a disappointing \$8.5 million.

5. "How to Train Your Dragon," \$5.1 million, \$207.7 million, eight weeks; 6. "A Nightmare on Elm Street," \$4.7 million, \$56.1 million, three weeks; 7. "Date Night," \$4 million, \$86.6 million, six weeks; 8. "The Back-Up Plan," \$2.4 million, \$34.2 million, four weeks; 9. "Furry Vengeance," \$2.3 million, \$15.1 million, three weeks; 10. "Clash of the Titans," \$1.2 million, \$160.1 million, seven weeks

Unreel: May 21:

"Shrek Forever After," Rated PG: Mike Myers is back to voice Shrek, who makes a deal with Rumpelstiltskin that goes terribly wrong. Shrek is no longer king and must restore not only his kingdom, but his true love, Fiona (Cameron Diaz). The voices of Eddie Murphy as Donkey and Anntonio Banderas and Puss in Boots are also back.

"MacGruber," Rated R: Will Forte plays MacGruber, an ex-special agent back in action to stop his archenemy Dieter Von Cunth (Val Kilmer). The movie, based on a "Saturday Night Live" sketch, also stars "SNL"'s Kristen Wiig and Maya Rudolph.

Hear Paul Willistein's movie reviews on Lehigh Valley Arts Salon, 6 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio. Read previous movie reviews at www.tnonline.com. Email Paul Willistein at: pwillistein@tnonline.com and on Facebook.

GO WITH YOUR PALS

PYT brings classic 'Pinocchio' to life

By DIANE BAKOS
Special to The Press

"Can we see it again, Mom?"

That should be music to the ears of the cast of Pennsylvania Youth Theatre's (PYT) "Pinocchio," continuing through May 23 at the Charles A. Brown Ice House, Sand Island, Bethlehem, especially since the request came from a six-year-old boy who usually wouldn't trade any indoor activity for climbing trees or playing in dirt.

It's easy to see why he's so enthusiastic. The PYT version of the childhood classic is replete with animals that talk and sing, circus and musical acts, gymnastics, dancing, puppets (including marionettes and shadow creatures) and costumes so colorful they'd make the folks at Crayola (dare I say it?) green with

envy.

This is a pre-Disney "Pinocchio," first staged more than 60 years ago as a Works Progress Administration theater project. The United States was in the throes of the Great Depression and Yasha Frank's script reflects that: Pinocchio can only become a "real boy" if he manages to overcome human greed.

Two groups of more than 40 actors each alternate performances, the "Wish" and "Dream" casts. All of the narration is in rhyme. Geppetto is a tall, lanky, lonely man and Muhlenberg College graduate David Wrigley makes him move in a loose sort of herky-jerky fashion reminiscent of a marionette.

Tristan Mitchell, who plays Pinocchio in the Wish cast, looks eerily wooden with his "jointed" arms and legs. When he first

appears (in a rather clever way, I might add) and staggers about the stage, his flailing arms and awkward first attempts at speech quickly have you believing he is indeed a puppet somehow come to life.

Alisa Hardy as Geppetto's Cat is perfect as she grooms herself and crankily demands her overdue dinner. Her antics as she and the Mice torment one another have the audience howling.

Some of the younger actors could speak a little more slowly and clearly, but overall their enthusiasm and energy carries the day. Several have stand-out singing voices, as well, including Colleen Brida, the Wish Cast's Fox.

Likewise the adults: I would have loved to have heard Gina Hardy, as the Blue-Haired Fairy Queen, and Carly Bayer, as her

attendant, Sapphire, sing another number or two. It was hard to get enough of the robust Robert Hercik, even though he played multiple characters, including The Puppeteer and The Ringmaster.

PYT's first effort at theater-in-the-round pays off nicely, with the circular two-tiered stage and colorful streamers draped from the ceiling giving you the feeling of being under the big top.

There are few slow spots in "Pinocchio." With so much going on in general that it's no wonder children might want to see the PYT show more than once. And there are many individual moments, such as the underwater scene that opens the second act that will leave adults ooh-ing and aah-ing.

LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," May 28, 29, June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13; 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Ilick's Mill Road, Bethlehem. 610-865-6665

"Pinocchio," 7 p.m. May

21; 2, 7 p.m. May 22; 1, 4 p.m. May 23, through May 23 Pennsylvania Youth Theatre's (PYT) at the Charles A. Brown Ice House, Sand Island, Bethlehem. 610-332-1400.

"Rent," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday,

through May 23, Civic Theatre of Allentown, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943

"Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash," through May 30; noon, dinner, show, 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Thurs-

days, Sundays; dinner 6 p.m.; show, 8 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333

The Second City Touring Company Live, 7:30 p.m. June 3, Jewish Community Center Of Allentown, 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571

The Associated Mess, 8 p.m. May 25, Allentown Brew Works, 812 Hamilton St., Allentown; 8 p.m. May 30, Civic Theatre of Allentown Theatre 514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown; 610-433-7777, 610-432-8943

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ENGAGEMENT

Wagner-Wysoczanski
Northampton grad plan
New Year's Eve wedding

Charles and Gloria Wagner of Walnutport, Lehigh Township, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea, to Jack Wysoczanski, son of Jack and Ann Marie Wysoczanski of Mantua, N.J.

Andrea is a 1997 graduate of Northampton Area High School and a 2001 graduate of Muhlenberg College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in German and education. She received a Masters in special education from Lehigh University in 2008.

She is a German teacher at Pennbrook Middle School in the North Penn School District, Lansdale.

Jack is a 1996 graduate of West Deptford High School, West Deptford, N.J. He graduated with honors from The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering in 2000. He received a Masters of Business Administration from Villanova University in 2007.



Jack Wysoczanski and Andrea Wagner
He is a supply chain project leader for McNeil Consumer Healthcare, a division of Johnson & Johnson, Fort Washington.

A wedding is planned for New Year's Eve 2010 in Allentown.

ANNIVERSARY

Clark
Zionsville couple
celebrates 25th anniversary

Robin and Les Clark of Zionsville celebrated their 25th anniversary May 4.

The couple was married in Chestnut Hill Church, Coopersburg.

They are the parents of three children, Sarah, a junior at Bonaventure University in New York; Tyler, a freshman at Kutztown University; and Nate, a junior at Emmaus High School.

Robin and Les work for Buckeye Partners, L.P.



Robin and Les Clark

Statins have several benefits*Second of two parts*

Statins, which are also known as HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, are drugs that lower cholesterol by blocking the liver substance responsible for making cholesterol.

Statins may also help your body reabsorb cholesterol that has accumulated on your artery walls. Some of the best-known statins include simvastatin (Zocor), atorvastatin (Lipitor), lovastatin (Mevacor), pravastatin (Pravachol), rosuvastatin (Crestor) and fluvastatin (Lescol).

In addition to reducing cholesterol, there are other advantages to taking statins. Statins are known to prevent subsequent heart attacks and strokes in patients who've already suffered one of these cardiovascular events.

Increasing evidence suggests that statins are anti-inflammatory. This property helps stabilize the lining of blood vessels, which could help the entire body.

Stabilizing blood vessel linings reduces the risk of heart attack by preventing plaques on the linings from forming clots that can lead to a heart attack. Statins relax blood vessels, which lowers blood pressure.

Doctors are prescribing statins before and after coronary artery bypass surgery, angioplasty and some strokes because statins reduce the risk of blood clots.

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Other possible benefits of statins under study include:

Prevention of arthritis, bone fractures and osteoporosis;

Cancer prevention. Statins may lower the risk of colorectal and skin cancers. Researchers have found that statins may help control the start of tumors, their growth and the spread of cancer to other parts of the body;

Reduction in the risk of dementia and Alzheimer's disease;

Protection of the kidneys. Statins may help protect kidneys through their effects on cholesterol and blood pressure, and perhaps their ability to reduce inflammation;

Assistance in controlling the body's immune-system response after an organ transplant.;

Decreased risk of diabetes; and

Antioxidant properties of statins. Preventing oxidation of LDL cholesterol can decrease plaque formation.

Elderly people who've suffered a recent stroke benefit almost as much from treatment with a statin as do younger stroke patients.

An Israeli study found a 45 percent lower death

rate among those who took statins at least 90 percent of the time, compared to those taking the medications less than 10 percent of the time.

Treatment with rosuvastatin was found to reduce heart attack and stroke by 44 percent among participants who had normal levels of LDL cholesterol but elevated levels of an inflammatory marker called C-reactive protein (CRP).

A study found that relatively healthy people who took a statin were 43 percent less likely than those who took a placebo to get a blood clot known as venous thromboembolism. The kind of clot, which often develops in the legs, can be fatal if it travels to the lungs.

Statins may occasionally cause double-vision, eyelid-droop and weakness of the muscles that control eye movement.

Rare cases of memory loss have been reported in people taking statins.

There have been reports of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in people taking statins. There is no solid evidence that statins cause or trigger ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a serious degenerative neurological disorder.

Have a question?
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LVAC lets them judge cake**GOOD
CAUSE**

By TRACY ANTONIOLI
Special to The Press

The Lehigh Valley Arts Council is now officially old enough to drink, having celebrated its 21st birthday.

An event appropriate to the occasion was planned, with a day of education and celebration, "Growing Up Artfully," and a cake-decorating competition sharing the theme April 14 at Penn State Lehigh Valley, Stabler Corporate Center, Upper Saucon Township.

Dr. James Catterall delivered the keynote address, "Growing Up Artfully in a Left-Brain World," which outlined how arts education not only encourages brain development, but has shown to improve test scores.

Catterall, a professor of Urban Schooling at the University of California Los Angeles, is author of "Doing Well and Doing Good by Doing Art."

Several area schools were honored for their strides towards arts integration. Teachers from Muhlenberg Elementary School, Whitehall High School and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts accepted Arts in Education awards on behalf of their respective schools.

The awards themselves were works of art: hand blown glass trophies, created by glass artist James Harmon.

The day closed with a contest honoring the culinary arts. Celebrity chef Lauri Ditunno of Cake Alchemy, New York City, judged the cake-decorating contest.

Several local bakeries entered the contest, and were judged by Ditunno on detail and execution. First place was awarded to Colleen A. Laky, head chef and owner of Piece 'a Cake bakery, Macungie.

Ditunno, frequently featured on We TV's "Amazing Wedding Cakes," is an artist in her own right. Blown sugar ornaments are her specialty. She was inspired to learn this skill by glass artist Dale Chihuly.

"Cake sculpture is art," claims Ditunno, "but the cake has to taste good, too."

And it most certainly did. After the winner was announced the cakes were immediately cut and shared, much to the satisfaction of everyone present.

Alex's Carnival: The 4th Annual Community Carnival to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand will be held 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 22 and 23 in The Rose Garden, Ninth Avenue and Union Boulevard, Bethlehem.

Donate to Boutique: Donation drop-offs for the 36th annual Boutique at



PRESS PHOTOS BY TRACY ANTONIOLI

Lauri Ditunno, left, celebrity chef and owner of Cake Alchemy, New York City, and Colleen A. Laky, right, of Piece 'a Cake Bakery, Macungie, with Colleen's 1st place cake at the Lehigh Valley Arts Council's (LVAC) cake-decorating contest.

the Rink, June 2-5 at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem, are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mondays - Saturdays, and 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday only, through May 25.

Gently-used items, vintage and fine clothing, men's, women's and children's clothing, accessories, shoes, lingerie, jewelry, toys, linens and housewares are accepted. No furniture, computers, luggage, electronics and books are accepted.

Sale Days are Preview Night, 4 - 8 p.m. June 2; Full-Price Day, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. June 3; Half-Price Day, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. June 4; and Bag Day, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 5.

An estimated 300 volunteers are working on the annual event. Proceeds benefit The Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley (formerly The Wellness Community), the Cancer Center at St. Luke's Hospital and Hospice House of the Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke's.

Information: Jen Gibbs, 610-861-7555

Go Brite: The women's networking group, Brite Nite, next gets together 7 - 8:30 p.m. May 25 at The Shoe Box, 4787 W. Tilghman St., Allentown.

Brite Nite is open to the public and includes wine and cheese. Brite Nite will feature Lisa Mundy, owner and founder of The Shoe Box.

Mundy's store supports the non-profit Soles for Souls. Brite Nite participants are asked to bring a pair of men's, women's or children's shoes to donate.

Also, at Brite Nite, there will be a "Resourceful" spotlight presented by Laura Fleischer, owner of Face:Photography, featuring Jennifer Schleder, who will talk about Kelly Ann Rooney Memorial Foundation.

Information: Jennifer Maher, 610-462-3730
PSF Gala: Pennsylvania

Shakespeare Festival's (PSF) annual gala is June 5 in the Gerald A White Pavilion, DeSales University Center, Center Valley.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner, auctions, performances by PSF company members, presentation of the Will Shakespeare Award to honor The Rider-Pool Foundation, and a champagne reception. Dress is black tie optional.

Proceeds benefit PSF education and artistic programs.

Information: Jeanne L. Bitler, PSF director of development, 610-282-WILL, ext. 6.

Benefit for climb: Katherine DePaul of Phillipsburg, N.J., joins a team of 24 music industry professionals, humanitarian aid workers, cancer survivors and adventurers to support the Love Strength Hope Foundation's 2010 Mt. Fuji Rocks Initiative Aug. 21-29.

To raise the \$6,000 needed to participate in the climb, DePaul hosts a fundraiser 6 - 8 p.m. June 11 at The Martin Guitar Museum, 510 Sycamore St., Nazareth. The event includes a silent auction, light refreshments, and music by Kelly Planer and the Perks.

Walter Parks, guitarist for Richie Havens, is expected to attend Dick Boak, director of Martin Guitar Artists, will offer a guided tour of the Martin Museum during the event.

Silent Auction items include a men's Burberry watch, Coach purse, and two tickets, including a meet and greet, to Judy Collins' Nov. 12 concert at the State Theatre, Easton.

DePaul is managing director of Wildflower Records and manages Collins and other artists.

Information: 917-442-6526

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Lawrence Flynn with LVAC Arts in Education Award, accepted on behalf of Muhlenberg Elementary School, Allentown.



Kim Maniscalco with LVAC Arts in Education award, accepted on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts.



Danny Moyer with LVAC Arts in Education Award, accepted on behalf of Whitehall High School.



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Sweet Ovation

Left to right: Ross Born, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Just Born Inc., Bethlehem, and Cindy Glick, Corporate Affairs Manager, Just Born Inc., accept the Arts Ovation Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts from Allentown Arts Commission President Peter Lewnes and Arts Ovation Committee member Amy Meleck at the May 6 awards luncheon at the Holiday Inn Allentown.

\$700,000 grant to help LVIA reduce emissions at facility

John Hanger, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, presented the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) Authority with a check May 14 for \$700,000 as part of its "Clean Technology" initiative.

The money from the Alternative Fuel Transportation Grant will allow LNAA to purchase eight Preconditioned Air (PCA) units, eight electric ground support equipment (eGSE), purchase and install three eGSE rechargers to support the

new eGSE and six new hybrid vehicles to replace old fleet vehicles.

Emissions reductions will be achieved by avoiding the use of auxiliary power units (APUs) providing temperate air to aircraft at passenger boarding bridges; replacing old conventionally-powered GSE with new zero-emissions eGSE; and replacing old conventionally-powered on-road vehicles with new hybrid vehicles.

The program's primary focus is the air quality benefit of reduced emissions at Lehigh Valley

International Airport (LVIA).

"By reducing airport emissions through the electrification program, we are working to do our part to help move Lehigh County into an improved category as a 'maintenance area' for National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone," said David C. Haines, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority chairman.

It's estimated fuel consumption will be reduced by 65,865 gallons at LVIA, resulting in an annual fuel savings of \$164,163 for LVIA.

Orchard to urban heritage Schnecksville Fair theme

By BEVERLY GRUBER
Special to The Press

"Proud of Our Heritage: From Orchard to Urban" is the theme for the 2010 Schnecksville Community Fair June 21 - 26 at the fire company grounds in Schnecksville, seven miles north of Allentown along Route 309, near Lehigh Carbon Community College.

The fair was started as an event to bring the community together and 27 years later that still holds true. At the opening night ceremony at 7:30 p.m. June 21, five volunteers from the community will be recognized for contributing their talents over the years.

There are many areas that make up a good fair. We will highlight a few of them.

Agriculture: Agriculture is a big part in the 2010 edition of the fair. More than 175 different animals will be present to observe and at 7 p.m. each day, a different species will have a show in the 4-H pavilion. Come and observe our youth learn responsibility and caring as they feed, train and groom their animals.

Competitive and Educational Exhibits: More than 600 exhibitors have found out that it is both fun and profitable to

exhibit their achievements at the fair. Everything from baked and canned goods to sewing, quilting and artwork is eligible for prizes. All of the competitive and educational exhibits will be displayed in the main fire hall building. It is not too late to enter an item. Call 610-767-5026.

Commercial displays: Trucks, pet supplies, sun rooms and candles are just some of the products which will be showcased at the fair this year. More than 50 vendors will have products for sale.

Food: One of the main reasons people attend fairs is to eat. You'll find favorites like cotton candy, fresh-cut French fries, hand-squeezed lemonade, hot sausage and funnel cakes, to name a few. The Schnecksville Fair features 20 food stands plus the Fire Company Cafe which features full meals and daily specials. Be sure to "come hungry" and enjoy the great food.

Entertainment: New entertainment has been booked for 2010. It ranges from a comedy magic show by Tigger to the popular Great American Frontier Show with its Wild West flavor and the American Spirit Experience, which features animals, campfire cooking and antique costumes.

Back from last year will be the popular Brian Ruth and the Masters of the Chainsaw and the Grand Master Concert Organ from Allentown.

For the younger crowd, the "Wanna Be a Farmer" tent will be in operation with its agriculture education theme and 4-H will again have their petting barnyard.

Quarter Midget Racing will occur a the back of the Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday and 5 p.m. Saturday. You really should check this out. The participating youth really enjoy it.

The grand finale for the fair will be the fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

Carnival Rides: The carnival rides again will be provided by Jim Houghton Enterprises, Cochranville, Chester County. Twenty-two rides, many game booths and food concessions are part of this carnival. Rides are included with admission to anyone over 18 months of age.

So why not make some family memories? Load the kids in the car and plan to attend the 27th Annual Schnecksville Community Fair.

For more information and updates: www.schnecksvillefair.com

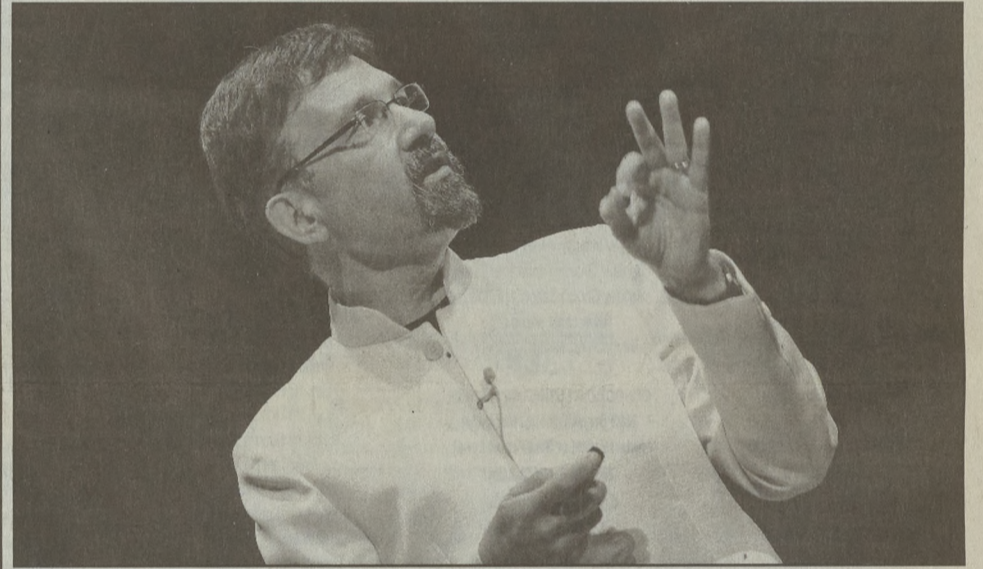


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Dr. Joseph Michelli addresses Ben Franklin Technology's annual exchange.

LCCC to host therapy parley

The 13th Annual Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) Conference will be held 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. June 5 at Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC), Route 309, Schnecksville.

Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) can receive PDUs at the conference. Topics include "Implementing Sensory Strategies in the Classroom" with Cristina Urban, MS, OTR/L; "Osteoporosis and the Geriatric Spine" with Tim Haring, PT and March Shander, OTR; "Treatment of the Medically Complex Client" with James Kehinde, PT/DPT

and Megan McLaughlin, OTR/L; and "You Bring Out the Music in Me" with Marcia O'Connor, COTA/L.

Luncheon presenter is Jeremy Dunlap, PT, MSPT, Clinical Program Manager at Accelerated Care Plus. Individuals will learn about a variety of therapeutic modalities, the latest equipment, and prospective future application. A COTA Care Award will go to the participant who shared a novel adaptive device or idea that has enhanced a client's functional ability.

The event is co-sponsored by Tender Touch Health Care, Genesis

Health Care Group, HCR ManorCare, Aegis Therapies, Supplemental HealthCare Services, and Therapists on Demand.

Proceeds benefit the COTA scholarship fund. Spaces are limited and seats are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration deadline is May 26. To register, call 610-799-1117.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact Cindy Rifenburg, MS, OTR/L, LCCC's Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy-Coordinator of Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, 610-799-1548.

Upside of recessions detailed

More than 600 technology entrepreneurs, business people, venture capitalists, economic developers, political leaders and regional influencers from Ben Franklin's 21-county service area attended Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania annual exchange May 12 at Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University.

The exchange combined the presentation of Ben Franklin's 16th annual Innovation Awards and executive networking sessions with a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Michelli.

According to Michelli, a recession led to the innovations which produced McDonald's, General Electric, Walt Disney and IBM.

Often, he said, abundance lulls business leaders into complacency. In rich economic times, leaders can prop up bad ideas with money and allow those ideas to languish well beyond viability. Conversely, scarcity drives creativity.

In emphasizing how innovators are the

lifblood of economic recovery, Michelli advocated high-quality, low-cost approaches for creating, testing and commercializing ideas.

Michelli authored "The Starbucks Experience: 5 Principles for Turning Ordinary into Extraordinary"; "The New Gold Standard," about service excellence at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel; and "When Fish Fly: Lessons for Creating a Vital and Energized Workplace," about the Pike Place Fish Market, Seattle, Wash.

Bicycle frames, riding toys, sweatshirts make latest list

The following recalls were issued May 9 - May 13 by federal and state agencies:

Bicycle Frames: Niner Bikes is recalling bicycle frames sold March 2008 - September 2009. A welding deficiency can cause the bicycle frames to crack along the welds of the front triangle of the bicycle. This can cause the rider to lose control and crash. The recalled bicycle frames include all Jet 9 models ranging sequentially from serial numbers P8001682 to P9400454. The frame is a full suspension model in the colors green, white or black. "Jet 9" and "Niner" are painted on the bicycle frame. Consumers should contact Niner Bikes, 877-646-3792, www.ninerbikes.com, for a replacement.

Riding Toys: Step2®

CONSUMER RECALLS

Company is recalling Push Around and Whisper Ride Buggies sold August 1999 - March 2010. A pin attaching to the yellow knob on the handle of the buggy can loosen, causing the handle to detach from the buggy. This poses a serious risk of injury. The Step2® Push Around Buggy™ and Whisper Ride Buggy™ are ride-on toys. The buggy comes in various colors; such as, orange, red, blue, pink and green. The buggies have a red "Step2" logo on the handle of the buggy. Only buggies with pins that have

yellow knobs are included in this recall. Consumers should contact Step2, 866-860-1887, www.step2.com, for a free repair kit.

Denim Shorts: The Children's Place Services Company LLC is recalling Denim Cargo Shorts sold at The Children's Place online store March - April 2010. The denim shorts' metal snaps could detach from the shorts, posing a choking hazard. This recall involves denim shorts sold at The Children's Place with item numbers 567844 or 567967 only. The item number can be found on a sewn-in label located on the side of the shorts. The shorts were sold in sizes 0/3 months to 12 months. E-commerce customers will be mailed a postage-prepaid envelope with instructions on how to return the shorts for a full refund.

Consumers can also contact The Children's Place Services, www.childrensplace.com, 877-752-2387.

Children's Sweatshirts: Junk Food Clothing Co. is recalling Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with drawstrings sold June 2006 - August 2009. The hooded sweatshirts have a drawstring at the neck which can pose a strangulation hazard to children. This recall involves all children's pullover and zippered hooded sweat shirts with drawstrings sold under the "Junk Food" brand name. These sweatshirts were sold in a variety of print designs and in children's sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. The "Junk Food" logo is sewn into the neck of the garment. Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings

from the sweatshirts. Consumers can also return the product to the store where purchase for a refund. Consumers can also contact Junk Food Clothing Co., www.junkfoodclothing.com, 877-458-5865.

Tommy Hilfiger U.S.A. is recalling Tommy Hilfiger Sweatshirts sold August 2009 - January 2010. The sweatshirts fail to meet federal flammability standards for wearing apparel, posing a risk of burn hazard. This recall involves Tommy Hilfiger brand children's sweatshirts sold in sizes 4 to 16. The sweatshirts have the letters "N.Y.C." and "Hilfiger College" printed on the front. Consumers should contact Tommy Hilfiger, 800-866-6922, www.tommy.com, to receive a full refund.

Children's Boutiques: Claire's Boutiques Inc. is

recalling "Best Friends" Charm Bracelet Sets sold February 2009 - January 2010. The heart lock charms attached to the bracelets contain high levels of cadmium. Cadmium is toxic if ingested by children and can cause adverse health effects. The "Best Friends" three bracelet sets are silver-colored chains with metal pendants containing one of the words "Best," "Friends" or "Forever" and heart lock and key charms with different colored stones. Consumers should return the heart lock charms or the entire bracelets to any Claire's for a full refund or replacement product. Consumers can also contact Claire's, www.claire.com, 866-859-9281.

For more information: www.recalls.org

