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## TRAVEL

### August Passport

Lehigh Valley history at your fingertips

BY STACEY A. KOCH  
LVP editorial assistant

Hey, Lehigh Valley enthusiasts, history buffs and lovers of learning — August is for you!

During the weekends this month, several historical sites in the area and beyond are participating in the Lehigh Valley Passport to History program. That's right — you have eight days to come learn the amazing history that is, at some locations, right in your backyard.

"Lehigh Valley Passport to History is a partnership of historic sites and resources in and around Pennsylvania's Lehigh and Northampton counties. Let our group connect you with historical activities, events, tours and exhibitions throughout the Valley," the Passport to History website states. "Passport to History Month is a celebration of local history, stories and the community that bring Lehigh Valley history to life. Each weekend in August, participating historic and cultural sites will open their doors to the public with tours, activities and programs for visitors of all ages."

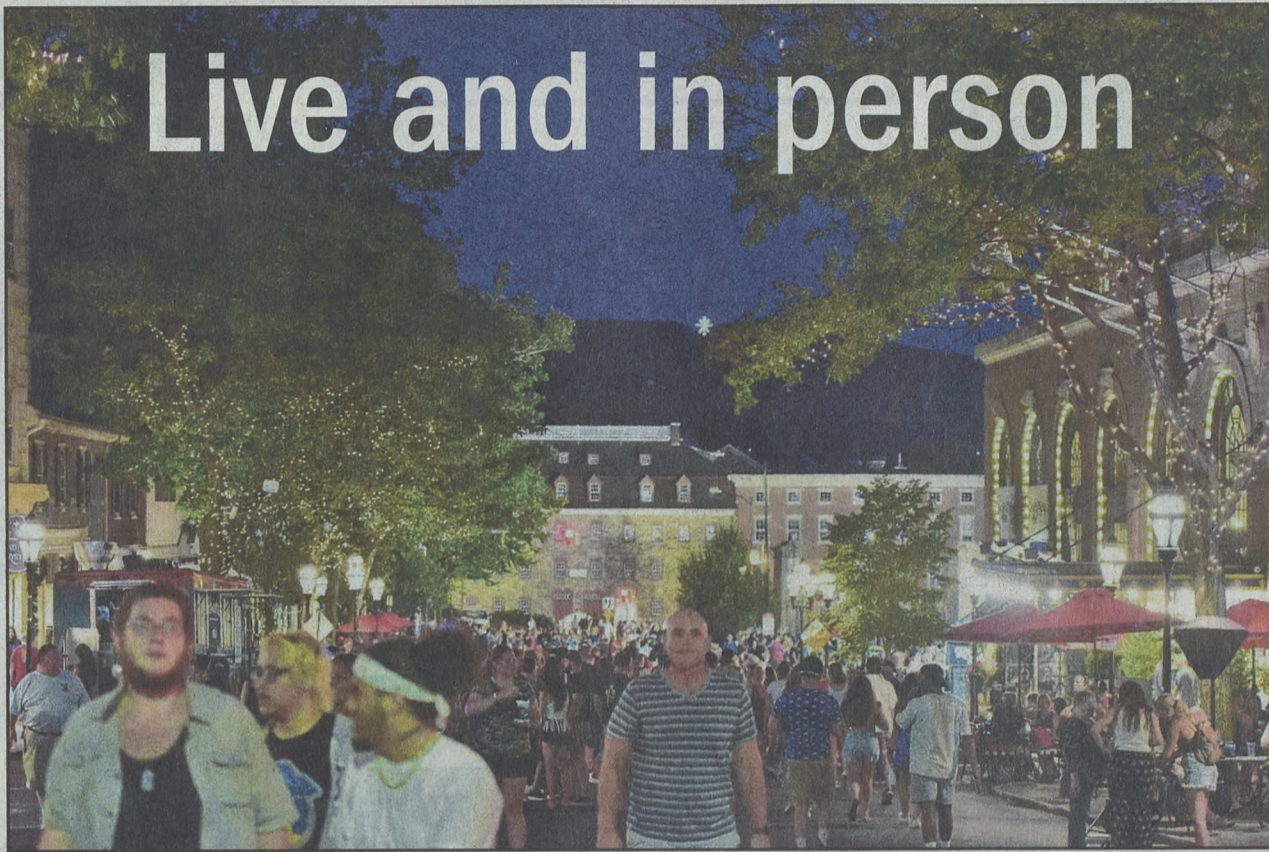
In addition, child-friendly tours and children's activities and games will be available. As a parent of a 4-year-old, who is very energetic, I appreciate when businesses and organizations keep in mind youngsters need a bit more interaction and fun incorporated with the learning.

The following list contains the sites currently participating.

- Aug. 14 and 15**
- Whitehall Historical Preservation Society, Whitehall
  - Horner's Cemetery, Northampton (Saturday only)
  - George Taylor House, Catasauqua (Sunday only)
  - 1803 House, Emmaus
  - Alburdis Lock Ridge Historical Society, Alburdis
  - Emmaus Historical Society, Emmaus
  - Forks Township Historical Society, Easton
  - Lower Macungie Historical Society, Emmaus
  - Williams Township Historical Society, Easton (Saturday only)
  - Quiet Valley Living

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## MUSIKFEST 2021



### Live and in person

The Star of Bethlehem on South Mountain provides the perfect backdrop to Musikfest activity on Main Street opening night. More photos on A2, A3, A4, A10.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

## Long-time sponsors honored

BY LORI PATRICK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The streets are once again filled with sounds of music from Bethlehem's Historic Moravian District and the Southside Arts District. The official Musikfest opening ceremony was held Aug. 6 on the Air Products America-platz at Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks.

After being forced to 'fest' virtually online in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions, there was an extra celebratory feeling as the public was invited to congregate and enjoy everything Musikfest offers the region and the thousands of visitors to the area attending.

Musikfest is enjoying its 38th year, with over 320 performers, 17 stages, 30 food and drink



PRESS PHOTO BY LORI PATRICK

Fulton Bank's Senior Market Executive Chris Brown said, "We look forward to everyone having a great time and enjoying Musikfest this year". Fulton Bank is a recipient of the 2021 "Marcincin" award.

vendors, crafters and several fun activities.

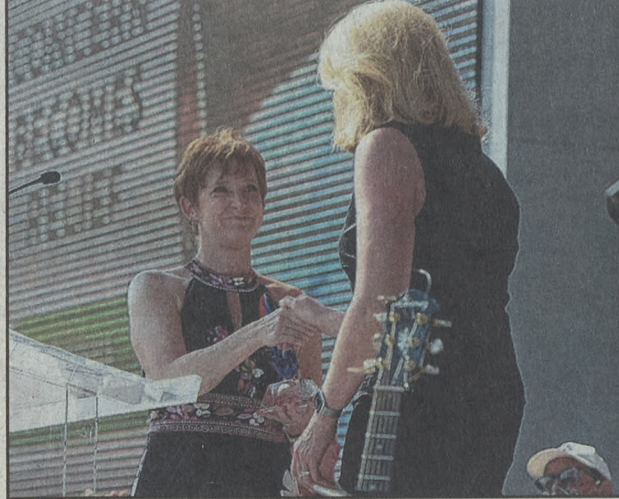
Opening the ceremony with a prayer and goodwill message, Senior Pastor Hopeton Clennon of Central Moravian Church recognized the many city and state officials and leaders for their presence and support, helping to bring this year's festival together on a shortened timeline.

President and ArtsQuest CEO Kassie Hilgert went on to make mention of the City of Bethlehem departments, including, police, fire, EMS, health department and Northampton County Emergency management.

"We have sought their advice and council regularly for the last 18 months as we have navigated through the pandemic. See **FEST** on Page A2



Accepting the 2021 "Marcincin" award from Vicki Doule' for dedicated supporter Via Media of Musikfest is Divisional Vice President Dan Walsh.



Highmark-0260 Regional Manager, Community Affairs Jane Brooks shakes hands with Vicki Doule' after being called to receive the 2021 "Marcincin" award on behalf of Highmark Blue Shield.

## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What is your favorite food when you attend Musikfest?



"The lamb gyros."  
Lindsey Walker  
Swiftwater



"Tropical noodles."  
Maamoon Hamdan  
East Stroudsburg

PEOPLE SAY  
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**PEOPLE SAY**

BY DANA GRUBB

What is your favorite food when you attend Musikfest?



"The Aw Shucks corn on the cob."  
**Philip Caola**  
New Brunswick, NJ



"Either Aw Shucks corn or fried Oreos."  
**Laura Benak**  
Bethlehem



"Aw Shucks corn."  
**Cheryl Gorski**  
King of Prussia



"Gyros."  
**Tim Shaw**  
Bethlehem



**PRESS PHOTOS BY LORI PATRICK**  
Allentown performer Seth Witcher plays and sings "The Star Spangled Banner" at the ArtsQuest Musikfest opening ceremony, helping to kick off the 2021 season of 'Festing.'



**Senior Pastor Hopeton Clennon** of Central Moravian Church delivers the opening prayer. Pastor Clennon offered a message of goodwill and hope.



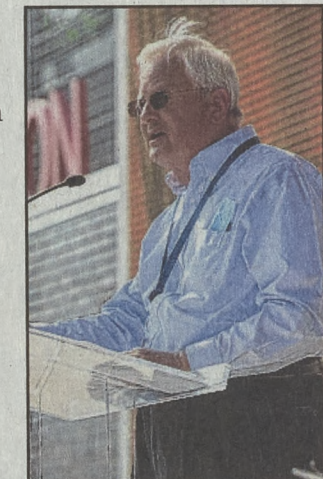
**State Senator Lisa Boscola** delivers a spirited message for the opening of Musikfest.



**Kicking off the official start** of festivities. President and CEO of ArtsQuest Kassie Hilgert presides over the opening ceremony Aug. 6.



**Chair of ArtsQuest Board of Trustees Vicki Doule** talks about the importance of their sponsor partnerships, leading to recognizing three of them with the 2021 Marcincin Award.



**Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez** speaks about the enormity of Musikfest's importance, stressing that the festival brings \$70,000 to the city's economy.

**VALLEY**

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Historical Farm, Stroudsburg (Saturday only)

**Aug. 21 and 22**  
• Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, Bethlehem

• Historic Easton Cemetery, Easton

• Jacobsburg Historical Society, Nazareth

• Moravian Historical Society, Nazareth

• Slate Belt Heritage Center, Bangor

**Aug. 28 and 29**  
• Coopersburg Historical Society, Coopersburg

• National Museum of Industrial History, Bethlehem

For further information on Passport to History, visit [lvhistory.org](http://lvhistory.org). On this website, you will find additional details on the specifics of what each site is offering, maps, cost (if any), hours and more.

For example, on Aug. 7, Horner's Cemetery was open for free tours. While visiting this cemetery, attendees heard stories of the community's ties to Gen. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

Then from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 15, the George

Taylor House will have a special sale - get two for the price of one - on house tour tickets. There will also be other activities outside of the house, such as garden tours and interactive demonstrations by re-enactors dressed in colonial attire, which are free.

Come out to Jacobsburg Historical Society noon-4 p.m. Aug. 21 for a community picnic with free hot dogs and craft demonstrations, in addition to free tours.

And from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 29, National Museum of Industrial History will have half-off admission for tours. A special feature will be a demonstration using an 1800s printing press noon-3 p.m. My son was a big fan of this museum.

Also, be sure to check out the Lehigh Valley Passport to History Facebook page to stay up to date on what's happening.

Take some time this month to get out and explore the many historical homes, markers, farms, artifacts and other sites available.

There sure is a lot to learn and enjoy.

**FEST**

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igated difficult business decisions with public health as our top priority," she said. "Their support allowed us to press on with confidence on this impactful community festival that we are starting today."

Hilgert mentioned the 2021 Musikfest Poppies poster created by Mandy Martin. The original will be auctioned off at Musikfest.org at the end of the festival, with auction proceeds supporting the fund for racial justice and equity with the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Hilgert mentioned the partnership with New Bethany Ministries' "Poppies of Remembrance, Lanterns of Hope" This effort supports those who were touched by COVID-19 as a frontline worker, or persons who lost someone to the pandemic or knows someone struggling with recovery.

Paper bag lanterns can be purchased for \$9

for a set of six. The intention is to place them lit at homes on the last weekend of Musikfest. ULINE provided the bags for this effort.

Buildings throughout the Lehigh Valley will be lit in red to commemorate the event and pay tribute to those in mourning or recovering. Proceeds will support the ongoing efforts of both ArtsQuest and New Bethany Ministries.

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez spoke of the long history of Musikfest and gave examples of its growth and importance by numbers. He said Musikfest will attract over one million visitors and pump a great deal of money into the local economy. He gave a warm thanks to everyone involved, from the management, officials, volunteers and attendees.

Hilgert mentioned that it is Donchez's last year as mayor during Musikfest, which led to a standing ovation.

State Senator Lisa

Boscola enthusiastically wished everyone a great 'fest' and said she has been a huge fan of the event over the years.

Chair of ArtsQuest Board of Trustees Vicki Doule presented the Marcincin Award handcrafted by Arts Quest Glass Studio in recognition to longtime business supporters. There were three recipients of the Marcincin: sponsor since 1993, Via Media; banking partner for over 20 years, Fulton Bank; and supporter for 19 years, Highmark Blue Shield.

"The Lehigh Valley is a vibrant community of arts organizations, dynamic festivals and treasured theaters," Hilgert said. "Our arts industry was hit particularly hard by the pandemic. We thank you for being here. We also encourage you to go support all of the amazing arts organizations, festivals and artists throughout the Lehigh Valley."

She thanked all involved.

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**You should know about ...**

**CITY POOL POLICIES:** Outdoor pool daily passes are now available to Bethlehem Township residents. Daily admission will be available Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to close. Residents can purchase the passes at the Community Center front desk with valid ID. No passes will be sold at the pool gate. Bethlehem Township, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem.

The City of Bethlehem Clearview, Memorial and Yosko pools are open to city residents only. Season pass holders are admitted from noon to 1 p.m. daily; non-pass admissions for City of Bethlehem residents are from 1 to 7 p.m. Access is contingent upon available capacity. Bethlehem pools have daily capacity limits. Visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/ Pools> for more information.

**POETRY CONTEST:** Celtic Cultural Alliance announces its annual Celtic Poetry Contest for writers of all ages. Original poems should reflect the Celtic culture, arts, history or literature. Personal anecdotes of family memories or of traveling experiences are encouraged. Poems must be neatly written or typed in any style or length by one author. Three categories: grades three to six, seven through 12 and adult. Winning entries will be read at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26 at Celtic Heritage Hollow. Email entries to [mmulligan@celticfest.org](mailto:mmulligan@celticfest.org); subject: Poetry Contest; or by mail to Celtic Cultural Alliance, Celtic Poetry Contest, 902 Fourth Ave., Suite 2, Bethlehem, 18018 by Sept. 1. Those selected will be notified before Sept. 19.

**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM:** Free breakfast and lunch for Bethlehem children age 18 and under are available 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays through Aug. 19. Pick-up sites are 1330 Church St., Fountain Hill; 1425 Livingston St., Marvine E.S.; 114 W. Morton St., Broughal M.S.; 1260 Gresham St. (Lincoln E.S.); Lynnfield Community Center, 1889 Lynfield Drive; Bethlehem Area Public Library (south side), 400 W. Webster St.; and Moravian Village, 561 E. Market St. For more information, visit [www.basdschools.org/dining](http://www.basdschools.org/dining) or call 1-866-348-6479.

**Wednesday, August 11**

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

Kellyn Foundation's mobile locally grown fresh produce market, Mechanic Street 3 Lot between Taylor and Polk streets, 3 to 6 p.m. weekly.

**August 12 to September 19**

Jan Crooker and Kristine Miller-Siple: Still Life Paintings. Sponsored by Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission. Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.bfac-iv.com](http://www.bfac-iv.com). Bethlehem Town Hall Rotunda Gallery, 10 E. Church St. Artist reception: 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 19.

**Thursday, August 12**

Free lunch bags for 18-year-olds and younger. 10 to 11:30 a.m. through Aug. 19. 400 Webster St. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-08-05/](http://www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-08-05/)

TBA, seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Saturday, August 14**

Bethlehem Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and West Broad Street.

**Sunday, August 15**

Music in the Park with Social Call. 6-8 p.m. Morris J. Dimmick Park, 570 Durham St., Hellertown. Adult beverages by Black River Farms and Lost Tavern Brewing.

**Monday, August 16**

Free lunch bags for 18-year-olds and younger. 10 to 11:30 a.m. through Aug. 19. 400 Webster St. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-08-05/](http://www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-08-05/)

**Tuesday, August 17**

Seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Wednesday, August 18**

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

Kellyn Foundation's mobile locally grown fresh produce market, Mechanic Street 3 Lot between Taylor and Polk streets, 3 to 6 p.m. weekly.

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**MEETING BOARD**

**You should know about ...**

**MASKS:** Due to rising COVID-19 cases in the City of Bethlehem and Northampton County, masks will be required to be worn inside all city of Bethlehem buildings, regardless of vaccination status. This policy is in effect as of Aug. 9, until further notice.

**VACCINATIONS:** The City of Bethlehem Health Bureau holds vaccination clinics every week in City Hall. Visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) to register for an upcoming clinic; or call 610-865-7083.

**Wednesday, August 11**

Northampton Co. Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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**MUSIKFEST'S OPENING WEEKEND**



**Above:** Bright lights fill the night sky at one entrance to Plaza Tropical.



**Left:** Main Street is packed with festgoers carrying their Musikfest mugs.

**PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB**

More photos on A4

*'Simply Linny' to close event*

The ArtsQuest Foundation will host Simply Linny, an exclusive Musikfest VIP experience honoring Bethlehem philanthropist Marlene 'Linny' Fowler, on the festival's closing night Sunday, Aug. 15. This event, presented by Cornerstone Advisors, will take place in Terrace 2 of the Wind Creek Steel Stage for headlining act Black Violin.

"In keeping with ArtsQuest's flexibility throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the ArtsQuest Foundation has adapted its known Linny Awards event to the Simply Linny event," said Executive Director of the ArtsQuest Foundation Selena Lavonier. "The foundation will keep its tradition of honoring Linny Fowler's legacy outdoors, under an open tent, where guests can come together and celebrate the arts. It is important to keep customs alive in this ever-evolving landscape."

Marlene 'Linny' Fowler worked tirelessly to elevate the Lehigh Valley's arts



Nicole Petreachagias assembles a gyro at Theo's Gyros on Main Street.

organizations and artists through her volunteerism and support. ArtsQuest Foundation supports the hundreds of arts, culture and education programs offered by ArtsQuest to the greater Lehigh

Valley region each year. This year's Simply Linny event supports ArtsQuest Foundation's mission and is replacing the 2021 Linny Awards. The Linny Awards are planned to return in 2022.

For tickets, visit [artsquestfoundation.org](http://artsquestfoundation.org). To become a Simply Linny event sponsor, please contact Selena Lavonier at 610-332-1345 or [slavonier@artsquestfoundation.org](mailto:slavonier@artsquestfoundation.org).

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- JULY 25 - THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS
- AUGUST 1 - SHAWN LALLY (O PIECE BAND)
- AUGUST 8 - THE SWINOTIME BOLLS
- AUGUST 22 - TOOKANY CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND
- AUGUST 29 - SCOTT MARSHALL & THE HILLBILLY SOULS
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AREA DEATHS

Mary Elaine (Woodford) Nelson

musician; Grace Church, DAR member



Mary Elaine (Woodford) Nelson, 75, of Center Valley, died July 23, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Sanford, New York, she was a daughter of the late Percy and Beatrice (Lamoreaux) Woodford. She was the wife of Dean Nelson for 53 years.

She earned a bachelor's degree at State University of New York, Potsdam.

She was a musician and taught piano and violin lessons for many years.

She was a member of Grace Church, Bethlehem.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of Viking Lodge 735. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Stephen and David; a daughter, Deborah Nelson and her partner Mark Miller; eight siblings, Marjorie, Stanley, Myrtle, Donald, Mildred, Muriel, Maxine and Daniel; and three grandchildren, Brandon, Lillian and Noelle.

Contributions may be made to Grace Church of Bethlehem, 521 E. Locust St., Bethlehem, Pa 18018.

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

Donald Allen Sigley

Steel security foreman; funeral home employee



Donald Allen Sigley, 84, formerly of Emmaus, died in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, July 2, 2021. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Sterling and the Stella (Place) Sigley. He was the husband of the late Marlene (Schwartz) Sigley for 63 years.

He was a corporate security foreman for and retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp. after 29 years. He then worked 25 years for Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

He is survived by a daughter, Lori Lucas and her husband Jim of Wellington, Florida; a son, Donald Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Pensacola, Florida; four grandchildren, Jason, Travis, Dylan and Lauren Ramsey and her husband Rhett; friends; and relatives.

Contributions may be made to either Cancer Center of the Lehigh Valley (give.lvhn.org), the Alpha 1 Foundation (alpha.org) or to Trustbridge Hospice of Palm Beach County (trustbridge.org).

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Andrew John Slivko

Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church member



Andrew John Slivko, 66, of Bethlehem, died July 28, 2021. He was a son of the late Andrew and Irene (Kereczman) Slivko.

He was a Seabee in the U.S. Navy. He retired from Just Born after 26 years.

He was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church where he helped to make pierogies, assisted with baking, and sol parish goods.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Ellen Nelson (Gerald); his godfather, Michael Slivko; cousins; and friends.

Contributions may be made to Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church and/or The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042.

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MUSIKFEST'S OPENING WEEKEND



Doors tribute band Light My Fire drew a large audience at Zinzenplatz.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Joe and Ginger, from Ginger and the Schnapps, performed at Hotel Bethlehem Platz on opening night.

'FEST NOTES

It's obvious that the public's safety at Musikfest is a priority. At opening night on the Northside I noticed a city ambulance strategically placed to respond to medical emergencies and police on foot and mounted patrol throughout the various festival areas interacting with the public.

Dana Grubb

The Musikfest Inclusion Zone provides a quiet place for kids who need a break from the sights and sounds of the Fest. Located in the theater of the Artsquest building on First Street, the lights are dimmed, a soft floor area has soft toys, a yoga ball and a reading corner. A soothing ocean scene plays on the screen above. Parents can relax in the cozy auditorium seats. The Inclusion zone is open noon to 10 p.m Monday through Friday.

Lani Goins



The Large Flowerheads perform the Sonny and Cher hit, "I've Got You Babe," at Festplatz on opening night.

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Back-to-school health program Aug. 18

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital will present tips and advice to help children start the school year healthy and have a great year learning and thriving.

Join the virtual event 5:30 p.m. Aug. 18 to learn about:

- Mental and emotional well-being and what parents can do to foster resilient thinking and reduce anxiety.
- Reopening schools. Learn what it means for you and your child this school year, including how to prevent COVID-19 spread in school.

The presenters will be Sanjeev Vasishtha, MD, LVPG Pediatrics and Hatim Omar, MD, LVPG Adolescent Medicine

To register, go to lvhn.org/because-they-re-kids and click on the "Register" button.

Registrants may also have to download the webex app.

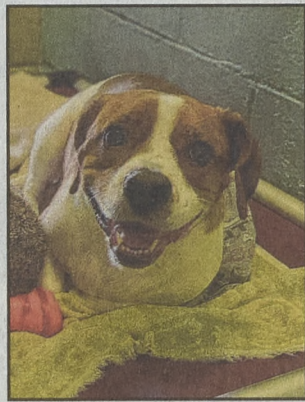
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## BOARD

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Hellertown Borough Water Authority Board, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

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

### Thursday, August 12

Bethlehem Authority, 3:30 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.  
Bethlehem Planning Commission, 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St. Masks are mandatory Visit <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/125827021> or via phone at: +1 (872) 240-3212. Access Code: 125-827-021 or attend in person. Questions, comments may be submitted 24 hours in advance of hearing to [planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov); must include name and phone number. Visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Planning-Zoning>

Hanover Twp. (NorCO) Recreation Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road. Zoom information, visit <https://hanover-twp-nc.org/>

### Monday, August 16

Historic Conservation Commission, 6 p.m. live and virtual via GoToMeeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/559365045> or via phone: +1 (646) 749-3122; access code: 559-365-045. Submit questions, comments, name and phone number 24 hours in advance via email to [planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov). Visit [bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Planning-Zoning](http://bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Planning-Zoning) for more information.

Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Fountain Hill Zoning Board, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.  
Hellertown Council, 6:50 p.m. 685 Main St. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91030170372?pwd=QWQxNzFOT3J5L3FqR1h2ZjZkdzNGFwUT09>

### Tuesday, August 17

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Current and recent meetings are located on line at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UI0JADKaRE1W3xw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UI0JADKaRE1W3xw).

Freemansburg Council workshop if needed, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.



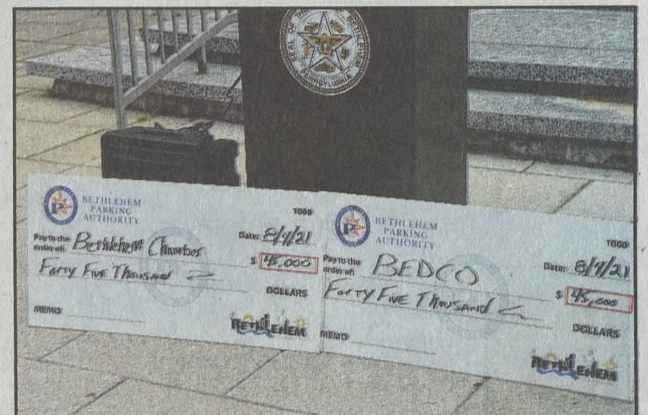
PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Mayor Robert Donchez and Bethlehem Parking Authority executive director Steve Fernstrom display both \$45,000 checks along with representatives from both the Chamber of Commerce and BEDCO (Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation).

## A monument to giving

Under a multi year agreement borne out of the most recent parking meter increase in 2019, both the Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation were recipients of \$45,000 each from the Bethlehem Parking Authority Aug. 4. Mayor Robert Donchez and Bethlehem Parking Authority executive director Steve Fernstrom delivered ceremonial checks at a brief announcement held at Payrow Plaza. "The partnership between the Bethlehem

Parking Authority and the City of Bethlehem should be commended," said Donchez to several representatives in attendance from both recipients. "It brings so much energy, vibrancy and engagement with the downtown," added Fernstrom. The donation to the Chamber of Commerce will cover additional Christmas season expenses, event sponsorships, and economic development activities. BEDCO's share will be used in the Southside Arts District for operational costs and projects.



The Bethlehem Parking Authority provided \$45,000 checks to the Chamber of Commerce and BEDCO.

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**Nellie Fly's News Scoop**

Nellie Fly is the world's smallest reporter. Today's Kid Scoop page has an article by her called, "Five-Year Old Saves Lemur."

Read the article and answer the questions below.

Who is the article about?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did he do?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where did the event in the article take place?  
\_\_\_\_\_

When did the event take place?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How was the lemur saved?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Lemur Rescue**

Replace the missing words in this news story.

- raccoons.
- awarded
- critter
- spotted
- asked,
- calmly.
- experts
- leaped
- missing
- believe

**Lookalike Lemurs**

Can you find the lemur that looks different from all the others?



**Monkeys in the Mirror?**

Are ring-tailed lemurs monkeys? Clip this coupon and hold it up to a mirror to reveal the answer.

It's an easy mistake to think lemurs are monkeys. They have many things in common. Both belong to the primate order which is made up of monkeys, prosimians and apes. Lemurs are prosimians which literally means "before monkeys."

**THE FLYSPECK FLYER**

**Five-Year Old Saves Lemur**

By Nellie Fly  
STAFF REPORTER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – In October of 2020, five-year-old James Trinh spotted a lemur in his school's parking lot. He pointed and said, "There's a lemur! There's a lemur!"

At first the adults didn't believe James. The school often had visits from skunks, coyotes and raccoons.

The director of the school asked, "Are you sure that's not a raccoon?"

The five-year-old started leaping and leaping into the school's playground. This was definitely not a raccoon.

In the playground, the animal leaped into a playhouse to hide. James knew just what to do.

"Call the Zoo!" he yelled.



Everyone said James was right. This little animal was a lemur named Maki that was brought from the San Francisco Zoo.

The Zoo and local animal control came and coaxed Maki into a cage to take him back to the Zoo. He went quite happily.

James was awarded a lifetime membership to the Zoo, where he will be able to visit Maki often.

**Maki Mystery**

San Francisco Zoo workers are not sure how Maki got out. There were signs that someone had broken into the primate enclosure. Was Maki stolen? Or did he escape during a burglary? The police have arrested a suspect and are working to find out what happened.

Maki was 21-years old when he got away, making him one of the older lemurs at the Zoo. He might have been easily captured because he was older and slower than the other lemurs.

How many lemurs can you find on this page?

There are nearly 100 types of lemurs. The smallest is the pygmy mouse lemur which weighs just one ounce!

**Extra! Extra! Animals in the News**

Look through today's newspaper. How many pictures, photos or articles about animals can you find? Discuss why each animal is in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Read from a variety of text including newspapers.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

**Ring-Tailed Lemur Facts**

Which of these statements about ring-tailed lemurs are true? Do the math to find out. If the sum of the math problem is even, the statement is true.

The lemur's tail is longer than its body.  
2 + 8 + 2 =

Lemurs like to bask in the sun in the morning.  
6 + 6 =

Ring-tailed lemurs come from Madagascar.  
7 + 3 + 8 =

A group of lemurs is called a troop.  
8 + 9 + 3 =

Male ring-tailed lemurs put smells, from glands in their bottoms, on their tail and wave it at rivals. It's known as 'stink fighting'!  
3 + 3 + 3 + 1 =

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums to twenty.

**Double Double Word Search**

- PROSIMIANS
- DIRECTOR
- BURGLARY
- CRITTER
- EXPERTS
- MONKEYS
- PRIMATE
- LEMUR
- MOUSE
- PYGMY
- MAKI
- APES
- TAIL
- BASK
- EASY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

S Y E K N O M M A D  
A R R O T C E R I D  
E A E P Y G M Y M E  
T L A T A I L A O X  
A G S G T A K A U P  
M R Y S P I K A S E  
I U L E M U R N E R  
R B S K S A B C S T  
P R O S I M I A N S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY**

**Lemur Fact and Opinion**

Look through the newspaper for five words that would describe a fact about lemurs. Then find five items that describe your opinion about lemurs.

Standards Link: Differentiate facts and opinion.

**Why should you never trust lemurs?**

ANSWER: They have tall tails.

**Write On! That's Strange**

What is one of the strangest things you have ever heard about? Write about it!

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Heat practices have started across the state.

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**COLLEGE**

Two athletes make their decisions.

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Trevor Lenig

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The Press family of newspapers is looking for freelance writers to cover sports in our areas.

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PHOTO COURTESY SARAH YERK

Members of the Stingrays swim team pose with the trophy after winning the Suburban League title.

# Stingrays win Suburban title!

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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The Bethlehem Stingrays outswam seven summer swim teams to clinch the Suburban League of the Lehigh Valley crown on July 24 at Lower Macungie Pool.

The Stingrays scored 1290.5 points, the Macungie Bears placed second with 1029.5 points, and Quakertown came in third with 1025.5 points.

Bethlehem's girls team had 12 first-place

finishes, and Bethlehem's boys team had five.

In individual girls events, Natalie Brezinsky won the 13-14 50 breaststroke in 34.08, the 100 IM in 1:06.56, and the 100 freestyle in 58.75.

Leah Onia was the winner of the 11-12 100 IM in 1:15.91, the 50 breast in 38.78, and the 50 backstroke in 35.50.

In the 8&U age group, Aly Yerk took first place in the 25 breast in 21.31 and the 25 back in 19.41.

**Top-5 results can be found on page A8**

LeLe Waldman took first place in the 8&U 25 free in 17.00.

Bella Heiserman won the 9-10 25 breast in 21.02.

In girls relays, Waldman, Sophia Heiserman, Evelyn Gould, Aly Yerk, and Aby Yerk won the 8&U 100 free relay with a

time of 1:21.13.

The Stingray girls also won the crescendo relay swum by Brezinsky, Talia Lehr, Lindsey Heiserman, Waldman, and Lena Blazure with a time of 1:59.71.

In individual boys events, Andre Negrón took first place in the 13-14 50 breast in 30.69.

In the 15&O age group, Patrick Gilhool won the 100 IM in 52.90, the 50 fly in 23.02, and the 50 back in 24.33.

The Stingray boys

won the crescendo relay with a combination of David Gabrielle, Addison Collins, Mario Negrón, Theo Collins, and Owen Story with a time of 1:50.06.

Other summer swim teams that competed were the Soleco Stingrays with 1009.5 points, the Lower Macungie Lazars with 785.5 points, the Whitehall Waves with 484 points, the Northampton Kids with 287.5 points, and Palmer-ton with 270 points.

# Taylor, Lenig get their senior season

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Traditionally, graduating high school seniors who compete on summer swim teams are granted that last summer before college to have one more summer swim season, but since last summer was a COVID one, Suburban Swim League of the Lehigh Valley extended that offer for this summer.

Taking the league up on the offer were Samantha Taylor and Trevor Lenig, both about to enter their sophomore year of college and both members of the Bethlehem Stingrays, formerly known as the Hanover Stingrays.

"I was really hoping they wouldn't cancel the season last year because it had already been two months of the lockdown, so I was like, I want to see my friends again. I was super upset because it was senior year, the last year of swimming so I wanted to have one more," said Lenig. "I'm really happy they let us come back. I'm having a lot of fun with it."

Lenig will be entering his sophomore year at Lafayette College, and Taylor will be entering her sophomore year at

Shippensburg University.

"I'm having a lot of fun and I'm excited, just because I was really sad that we didn't get our senior year because I've been swimming for Hanover/Bethlehem since I was six," said Taylor, who is also an assistant coach this year.

"I grew up through Hanover and it's super important to me. I was so excited when Evan (Koon) asked me to coach because I've always wanted to coach. I have the 11-12's during the second practice and then I have the 8 & under girls for the third practice, and I love it. They're such a fun age group."

Although Lenig is not a coach, he's happy to help when needed.

"I've kind of enjoyed parents coming up to me and saying, 'Can you help the kids get into their lanes?' especially with crescendos to keep them grouped up," he said. "It's been honestly a lot of fun. During middle school, I swam club only, and I feel like it made me better, but summer swim is just so much more fun. It's a totally different vibe."

Taylor and Lenig's last summer swim meet was

the Suburban Swim League Championships on July 24 at Lower Macungie Pool.

"I don't swim in college so it's been almost a year and a half since I swam, so it's an adjustment for sure," Lenig said. "One of my favorite things about swimming is racing people. Obviously coming back, it's taken longer to adjust, but I'll take pointers from any coach at any time."

Taylor is a member of the swim team at Shippensburg where the Raiders held virtual meets this season.

"It was good. It was fun," said Taylor. "We were going to have our PSAC meet the end of April, so we did a couple virtual meets, and then we went to York and swam the conference meet, so it was really exciting because it was the first competition I'd been at since high school states."

Bethlehem Stingrays coach Evan Koon was thrilled to have Taylor and Lenig back for one more summer swim season.

"Being able to have Sammy and Trevor swim with us this year was truly great," Koon said. "Their leadership of the younger swimmers and the team as a whole was a tre-



Sam Taylor and Trevor Lenig pose with the trophy after the Stingrays won the title.

mendous asset which will be missed. I hope they enjoyed being able to wrap up their summer swimming careers as Stingrays, and our team wishes them the best as they embark on their life journeys."

# Raysley takes over as FHS girls coach

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Steve Raysley, who has coached multiple sports at multiple levels, has been named Freedom High School's new girls varsity basketball coach, replacing Dean Reiman, who stepped down to concentrate on his AAU teams.

"It was a big decision

for my family because I was going to bring everybody with me," said Raysley, a Northampton resident who is married with two children. "I felt like there was a really solid culture at Freedom, after talking to the teachers and coaches."

Raysley, who played basketball and baseball for the Whitehall High School in the nineties,

appreciates how Freedom's athletic department promotes the playing of multiple sports for its student athletes.

"When I left the basketball court (in high school), I went to baseball, and everybody at Freedom's aligned on this, and that's important to me," he said. "My message to the girls is I want you to play multi-

ple sports."

Raysley's work in the health care industry has him even more adamant about kids playing multiple sports, and a month into his new coaching position, Raysley already sees some of his players involved in other sports this summer.

"This class has four seniors who are very capable, good juniors, and

emerging sophomores, and it's something I'm excited about, and I'm looking forward to the competition," he said. "I was fortunate that I went to Whitehall in an era when we were always in championship games, and I want to create that experience at Freedom."

# High school football is back across state

BY PETER CAR  
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Monday marked a special day on the sports calendar across the PIAA, as it was the first day that football programs could start their heat acclimatization period.

While the official practice schedule doesn't start until August 16, this week's prep work is geared as pre-season camp for most programs since opening night of the season is less than three weeks away on August 27.

Players must get three days of practices under their belts before contact drills start next week, but going through

week one activities is always a celebratory time on the calendar for teams heading into the season with optimism.

At Bethlehem Catholic, newly appointed head coach Kyle Haas, returns back at the school that he served as an interim coach back in 2016. While the faces have changed from the last time, the feeling of being back in the building and on the practice field remained the same.

"It's great to be back and start football again," Haas said. "It's definitely different going from 2016 where I knew all the players to now, where you really don't know many of the kids.

We were in the weight room with them everyday in the offseason to build some of that rapport and we had a really good offseason, but now the real work starts."

With Becchi's workouts held in the morning, the hot and humid conditions were exactly what this week was made for.

"We gave the players off last week and told them to stay in shape and be ready coming into this week," Haas said. "You could tell everyone didn't listen because some guys struggled, but I like the leaders on this team and I know they're going to get guys in line. We have

four Saturday afternoon games this season, so we know we're going to be playing in some warm weather. I think weather like this will only help them get better prepared."

On the other side of town, Freedom is practicing in the evenings to help accommodate coaching schedules, but it doesn't matter when the Pates get their time in. Head coach Jason Roeder has built one of the top programs in the area, as the Pates have played in four of the last five District 11 6A championships games.

That's why day one of the heat acclimatization period is just a fancier

way of calling it the start of the season.

"It's a year round process for our guys," Roeder said. "This was the first day of practice and we treat it like camp. With only one scrimmage we need every day and every rep for the guys to be ready."

Both coaches acknowledged the normalcy surrounding this year's start to the season compared to a year ago when the uncertainty with COVID hovered over them every day.

This year, even with the new concerns of the Delta variant, being back on the field with a full team was something to appreciate.

"It's been pretty normal for us," Haas said. "It's nice to see the kids back working together. Last year, we had so many restrictions with how many guys could work out at a time, it made things difficult. It waned on the coaches. This year, so far, it's normal."

Roeder echoed similar sentiments, but hopes things don't get worse.

"Our guys still social distance, but it's business as usual for the most part," he said. "We just hope it stays that way."



Abby Burnette will head to Hood College.

## Burnette heads to Hood College in Maryland

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom lacrosse player Abby Burnette considered attending college relatively close to home but decided on Hood College in Frederick, Md., where she will continue her academic and athletic career this fall.

"There are no more than 14 in a class, and it's very one-on-one with the professors," said Burnette, who is planning to major in elementary education and special education. "The area is beautiful, and Maryland is the home of lacrosse."

While Burnette played lacrosse for the Patriots, she was also on the swim team for four years.

"I feel like I'm a big team-oriented person, and swimming is very individual," she said. "In lacrosse, your team is all there supporting you."

For the first time in program history, Freedom's girls lacrosse team reached the District XI final.

"We really pushed each other to dig deep and fight, and it was an amazing experience," Burnette said. "I'll bring a lot of hard work and

support to my teammates [at Hood] no matter what."

Also new to the Blazers will be head coach Emily Barber.

"I'm very excited, and I love meeting new people on a whole new team with a new coaching staff and coaching style," said Burnette. "School will definitely be different because we haven't done real school in two years, but if I learned anything from my older brothers it's to ask professors for help and be aware of that if you need it."

## Kanyuk headed to UNC

BY PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic has been known for producing standout linemen in the past and that trend continues this season as upcoming senior Justin Kanyuk committed to the University of North Carolina recently on Twitter.

The 6-foot-7, 290-pound offensive tackle made the news official with his tweet.

"I would like to thank all the coaches who have recruited me, but after some long thoughts and talks with my parents and after a great official visit I have decided to continue my academic and athletic career at the University of North Carolina," Kanyuk announced on Twitter.

Kanyuk earned first-team Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Northampton Division honors last season and was a second-team all-state 4A selection.

UNC is led by head coach Mack Brown and finished 8-4 last year in the ACC, losing to Texas A&M 41-27 in the Orange Bowl.

### YOUTH RESULTS

The Press family of newspapers would love to print youth results from any teams and leagues in our coverage area.

This is especially true as youth sports look to return during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, when it comes to youth results we depend on parents and coaches to keep us informed.

If you're interested in getting your teams results printed in the Press, please contact Scott Pagel at spagel@

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When submitting results, you don't even have to be a writer, just the basics like score and game highlights need to be included. We'll be happy to turn the information into write-ups.

## Suburban Championship Results

Table with multiple columns listing various sports events (Swim, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Medley Relay, Backstroke, Butterfly) and their winners with times.

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Events are held live and virtually; refer to the BAPL calendar for details. All library locations to offer "grab and go" check-out; place books or other items on reserve and pick them up with your library card at the door or inside.

**Main library****Wednesday, August 11**

Storytime at the South Side Farmers Market. All ages. Tent along Greenway near Taylor Street. Visit [www.bapl.org/](http://www.bapl.org/)

**Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 21**

Amigurumi Japanese crocheted figures. Teen takeaway, grades six to 12. Pick up kits at Main while supplies last. Visit <https://www.bapl.org/events/japanese-crocheted-figures-amigurumi-teen-takeaway-kits-for-grades-6-12-at-main/>

Read to Dogs, 11 a.m. to noon. Must be readers. Registration required; call 610-867-3761, ext. 499. For information and to register, visit <https://www.bapl.org/events/read-to-dogs-at-main-3/>

**Thursday, August 12**

Memor writing for personal growth, noon to 1:30 p.m. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/memoir-writing-for-personal-growth-5/](http://www.bapl.org/events/memoir-writing-for-personal-growth-5/)

**Friday, August 13**

Every Picture Tells a Story. 11 a.m. Grades three to six. Porch near teahouse. Must wear masks. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/every-picture-tells-a-story-story-and-art-activity-event-for-grades-3-6-at-main-5/](http://www.bapl.org/events/every-picture-tells-a-story-story-and-art-activity-event-for-grades-3-6-at-main-5/)

**Saturday, August 14**

Free Comic Book Day at Main, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/free-comic-book-day-at-main/](http://www.bapl.org/events/free-comic-book-day-at-main/)

**SouthSide Branch****Monday, August 16 and Thursdays, August 12 and 19**

Free lunch bags for 18 year olds and younger. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Thursdays. 400 Webster St. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-07-08/](http://www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-07-08/)

**Wednesday, August 11**

Storytime at the South Side Farmers Market. At the tent along Greenway near Taylor Street. Visit [www.bapl.org/](http://www.bapl.org/)

**Thursday, August 12**

Healthy Pet, Healthy Family. Veterinarians Dr. Labi and Dr. Crawford. 7 to 8 p.m. Register at [www.bapl.org/events/categories/Healthy-Pet-Healthy-Family/](http://www.bapl.org/events/categories/Healthy-Pet-Healthy-Family/) A Zoom link will be sent in the a.m. of August 12

**Coolidge Branch****Saturday, August 14**

DIY Plush sloth, grades six to eight. noon-1 p.m. Must wear masks. Registration required. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/diy-plush-sloths-ages12/](http://www.bapl.org/events/diy-plush-sloths-ages12/)

Picnic in the Park storytime. Noon. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/picnic-in-the-park-storytime-at-coolidge/](http://www.bapl.org/events/picnic-in-the-park-storytime-at-coolidge/) for information.

**Wednesday, August 18**

Read to Dogs at Coolidge. Must be independent readers. 6-7 p.m. Must register: call 484-892-6276. Information: visit <https://www.bapl.org/events/read-to-dogs-at-the-coolidge-branch-2/>

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**MUSIKFEST AUG. 6-15****Simply Linny to replace 2021 awards**

Marlene "Linny" Fowler elevated many of valley arts organizations and artists through her volunteerism and support. To honor her legacy, the ArtsQuest Foundation will host the Simply Linny Musikfest VIP experience Aug. 15 at Terrace 2, Wind Creek Steel Stage. Presented by Cornerstone Advisors, the event honors the tradition of celebrating outdoors, under an open tent, where guests can come together and celebrate the arts, says Selena Lavonier, executive director of the ArtsQuest Foundation. The Linny Awards are planned to return in 2022.

The program includes an auction of a 2021 Musikfest poster signed by Wind Creek Steel Stage artists, dinner and drinks. Parking is included. Guests may stay for Black Violin's performance, which is followed by fireworks. Visit [artsquestfoundation.org](http://artsquestfoundation.org) to purchase tickets. To be an event sponsor, call Selena Lavonier at 610-332-1345 or email [slavonier@artsquestfoundation.org](mailto:slavonier@artsquestfoundation.org).

**'Fest App available**

Download the free Musikfest app, powered by PNC; includes everything guests need to know to enjoy the festival's hundreds of musical performances, dozens of food vendors/artisans and a wide variety of family activities. Included are musical performance schedules by date and venue, set alerts, notifications, feature, festival updates in realtime, Spotify playlists, interactive festival map and built-in GPS, parking, general information and search options.

The app is downloadable from the Apple and Google Play app stores. For more information, visit [musikfest.org](http://musikfest.org).

**Cards accepted at Musikfest**

Musikfest accepts credit/debit cards at official food and beverage vendors throughout the Historic Moravian District festival grounds. Beverage stations include Coca-Cola booths, beer trucks and festival bars serving mixed drinks.

Cash may be converted into recyclable and reloadable Cash-Cards at several festival locations. The cards are usable during the 10 festival days only on festival grounds. Cash will still be accepted on the SteelStacks campus, SouthSide Arts District.

**Inclusion Zone at Alehouse Cinema**

The Inclusion Zone is open Aug. 6 through 15 in ArtsQuest's Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. The sensory-supportive space will provide services, tools and amenities for those with sensory-processing difficulties of all ages and abilities.

Host group Accessible Festivals is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring programs are accessible to all abilities. The company provides consultation and training to volunteers and professionals in the live event industry, while educating the general public about the value of inclusion and accessibility through innovative programs, events and experiences.

**Send us your event photos**

We invite you to send us photos from your event. Here's what we need:

1. Well-lit and in focus photos only
2. Send high resolution jpeg files
3. A general caption answering the who, what, when, where, why and/or results of your event.
4. A specific caption for each photo identifying those in the photo and what they are doing if it isn't obvious (3 and 4 may be combined if you send one image).
5. You may not want to use last names of children.

Send copy and images as email attachments to: [gtaylor@tonline.com](mailto:gtaylor@tonline.com).



PRESS PHOTOS BY TAMI QUIGLEY

**Volunteers welcome** and register participants at the Annual Bill Sugra Memorial Golf Outing, marking the 19th anniversary of 9/11 Aug. 28, 2020 at Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem Township. Greeting golfers are, from left, Tripp Sell and Reagan Sell, children of Sugra's sister Tracy Sell and her husband Steven; Sandy Fischl; Carol Collins; Mickey Jarvis; and Linda Sell, grandmother of Tripp and Reagan. The golf outing was stopped for about an hour due to stormy weather then resumed and the sun returned.

**Friday, Aug. 27 at Green Pond Country Club****Sugra golf outing's 20th, final year**

**BY TAMI QUIGLEY**  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

To many, it may seem unreal that this September will mark two decades since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 that shook the heart of America.

For the family of Bill Sugra, who lost his life at age 30 working in the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, that tragic and surreal day is never far from thought.

But the family has drawn light from the darkness of that day, raising \$1,011,902 over 20 years to distribute to those in need through The Bill Sugra Memorial Fund For Needy and Disadvantaged Peoples – "Making A Million Dollar Difference" – as the Sugra family describes it. As part of that total, \$127,300.00 is being awarded this year.

The annual Bill Sugra Memorial Golf Outing is the cornerstone of the organization's fundraising efforts, and, after 20 years, will tee off for the final time Friday, Aug. 27 at Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem Township.

Bill's parents, Bill Sr. and El Sugra and sister Tracy Sell launched the fund. The golf outing is truly a family event,

including Tracy's husband Steven and their young children, Reagan and Tripp.

El Sugra said the fund began Sept. 12, 2001, when an eighth grade student at St. Thomas More School, Allentown, sent a note to now recently retired pastor Msgr. John Murphy suggesting proceeds from the school's annual walk-a-thon be set aside for the Sugras in case they found Bill and needed the money for his hospital bills. The Sugras have been St. Thomas More parishioners since 1973.

"On that very day The Bill Sugra Memorial Fund was born, not only for our family, but for others," El Sugra said.

"The golf outing has become our family, so this will be very emotional and bittersweet," El Sugra said of the upcoming final event. "We have had such an overwhelming response to this golf outing."

The enthusiastic response to the final outing has resulted in 144 golfers set to hit the greens at a noon shotgun start. Children will participate in the Lehigh Valley First Tee Program, a junior golf morning event where children receive instruction from PGA

professional volunteers.

New this year is a morning golfing event that came about through Tom Santangelo, a Theta Chi fraternity brother of Bill Sugra at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Santangelo had previously played in the golf outing and wanted to participate in the last one, but the field had filled by March because of the heightened interest in this being the last event. So Santangelo and approximately 40 fellow fraternity brothers and others from the waiting list will tee off in the morning.

Santangelo had pledged a semester before Bill Sugra at IUP. "Bill was a very good friend and fraternity brother. It is so amazing what you all have done to honor Bill in such a tragic situation," Santangelo told the Sugra family. "He was an amazing brother to all of us. Back in 2015, I was able to take my family to the 9-11 memorial reflecting pools and found Bill's name and paid my respects."

While the Sugra family chairs the event, they will be joined by much appreciated co-chairs Jim Finnegan and Chris Birkhead. Msgr. Murphy will offer the prayer.

The day will wrap up with a dinner at Green Pond that includes a raffle and silent auction.

This year's title sponsors are Jim and Lynne Finnegan and HaTrick Technology Solutions LLC.

Platinum sponsors are Robert and Kristen Bennett, The Sell Family, I.B.E.W. Local Union 375, Plumbers Local Union 690 and One Financial Services – Jack Marrone.

Past grant recipients include Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, Allentown Symphony Association, Greater Lehigh Valley Muscular Dystrophy Association, Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Liberty Bell Shrine, Lutheran Congregational Services, Meals on Wheels Lehigh County, Meals on Wheels Northampton County, Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley Inc., Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Sacred Heart Hospital, Special Olympics Lehigh County, The Salvation Army Sunday Dinner and Third Street Alliance for Women and Children.

The fund will continue after the golf outing ends. Contributions can be made through the fund's website <https://billsugramemorialfund.com/>.



**Gathering before the start** of the 2020 golf outing tournament are, from left, El Sugra, mother of Bill Sugra; Jo-Ann Kelly; Chuck Kelly; Bill Sugra Sr., father of Bill Sugra; Doe Levan; and Nate Snoko. "Each and every foursome is very special to us. We are so blessed with the continued love and support," El Sugra said that day.

MAMA'S MUSINGS  
 Summer blues  
 (not really)

As I have said before, I'm a winter girl. So the summer months are not my favorite. This July I had the opportunity for extra hours at my day job. I jumped at it. Then I had a "what was I thinking?" moment.

I know what I was thinking, and it was income. Considering my writing job and going to school, it might have been a really bad idea. Oops.

But things turned out okay. School overlaps only the last two weeks in July, and one of my professors posted assignments early. Except the assignments can't be worked on until the semester starts. Another "Oops," but at least I can get a head start on studying.

I tend to overthink things. Which leads to a lot of senseless worry. I could almost call it a hobby. Except "my hobby is senseless worry" doesn't sound good.

I say senseless worry because my imagination goes into overdrive and works against me when I worry. I am trying to stop that. Some of my solutions are yoga, reading, and putting everything on my calendar. I also count out loud, and remind myself to breathe. It helps.

Another thing that helps is finding the good in each day. My kids bring me joy. So does my work. That's not a bad place to be.

So while I will never prefer summer over winter, I have found things to like—heat waves and late-night fireworks aside. It's turning out pretty well. So Happy Summer!



By Lani Goins

COMMUNITY UPDATE

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**VACCINATIONS AND TESTING:** Lehigh Valley Hospital-Coordinated Health Allentown Hospital (LVH-CHA) remind Northampton County residents that the drive-through center at 3100 Emrick Blvd. in Bethlehem Township offers both testing for COVID-19 and vaccinations. Hours of operation are Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 10:00AM – 2:00PM and Tuesday/Thursday from 2:00PM – 6:00PM. Vaccinations are by appointment only and are only available for Northampton County residents ages twelve and over. Patients can choose from all three available vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. Pfizer and Moderna require two shots administered three weeks apart, Johnson and Johnson requires only one dose.

To make an appointment for a vaccine at the COVID-19 testing site use one of the following options:

- Schedule at the LVHN website at [LVHN.org/appointments](http://LVHN.org/appointments).
- Schedule on the MyLVHN patient portal, at [MyLVHN.org](http://MyLVHN.org).
- Call 833-584-6283 (833-LVHN-CVD). The COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

A physician's order is not required for a COVID-19 test. The drive-through site is open to everyone, but only residents of Northampton County will have the cost of testing covered by the County if they do not have health coverage. All testing will be through HNL Lab Medicine unless insurance requires an alternate laboratory. Participants should bring a photo ID and their insurance card, if they have one, with them to the testing site.

**CORNOR'S REPORT:** Between January 1st and July 18, 2021, the Northampton County Coroner recorded 172 COVID-19 related deaths in Northampton County (143 Residents/29 Non-Residents). The last COVID-19 related death was recorded on July 14th. As of May 3, 2021, the Lehigh County Coroner reported 66 deaths of Northampton County residents. Between the two counties, 209 deaths of Northampton County residents from COVID-19 have been reported this year.

In 2020, the Northampton County Coroner reported 403 COVID-19 related deaths (359 Residents and 44 Non-residents). The Lehigh County Coroner reported 118 deaths for a total of 477 COVID-19-related deaths for Northampton County residents in 2020.

**EVICITION BAN:** The CDC issued a new limited eviction moratorium order Aug. 3 which covers counties experiencing substantial or high levels of community transmission of COVID-19 through Oct. 3. This order applies to the County of Northampton which has recently seen an uptick in cases.

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and county partners have programs in place to assist residents to remain in their households while alleviating the financial burden on landlords. The Community Mediation and Eviction Diversion Program (CMED) mitigates evictions and reduces the burden on the local court system. Housing services are free to low-and-moderate income households and owners of rental units housing low-and-moderate income tenants. The CMED program can also help with utility payments.

24-hour Emergency hotline: 610-252-9060  
 Office of Veterans Affairs: 610-829-4875  
 Contact Information for the CMED Program:

For residents who live in Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township, contact New Bethany Ministries at 610-691-5602 x217.

For residents of all other municipalities, contact Third Street Alliance at 610-438-1763

For residents who are fourteen days or less away from losing their residence and have either a Notice to Quit or a Lockout Order Notice: Call 211 to be connected to the Northampton County Tenant Eviction Assistance program seeking rental assistance.

CELTIC FEST SEPT. 24-26

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

Fest opens Sept. 24

Celtic Classic runs from Sept. 24 through Sept. 26 in downtown historic Bethlehem. For information, schedules, directions and volunteer opportunities, log on to [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org), visit on Twitter (@CelticClassic) and friend the event on Facebook ([facebook.com/CelticClassic](https://www.facebook.com/CelticClassic)).

Pet reminder

Celtic Fest advises no animals except animals that are specifically trained to aid a disabled person defined under the American Disabilities Act should be kept at home. Noise, crowds and hot pavements might be too much for them. Visit <https://www.celticfest.org/>

Soda bread cvontest

There will be a Irish Soda Bread Contest, sponsored by King Arthur Flour, for amateur bakers on September 25 at this year's Celtic Classic. Entries will be scored on taste, overall appearance, creativity and texture by judges Patricia Rice, owner of Victorian Delights and superintendent of the Farm to Table stage at The Great Allentown Fair; President Ken Walsh of the Lehigh County Division 1 Ancient Order of the Hibernians; and Kim DeLuca, a nurse and amateur baker. There is no entry fee. The winning contestants will be awarded gift certificates in the amounts of \$75, \$50 and \$25 (adults) and a \$40 gift certificate, \$25 gift certificate and a King Arthur tote bag (youth under 18). For registration (by September 11) and other information, visit [www.celticfest.org/celtic-classic-irish-soda-bread-contest/](http://www.celticfest.org/celtic-classic-irish-soda-bread-contest/) or email [mmulligan@celticfest.org](mailto:mmulligan@celticfest.org).

MUSIKFEST'S OPENING WEEKEND



PRESS PHOTO BY LORI PATRICK

**Singer-Songwriter-Guitarist Phillip Phillips** performs on the Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza on Musikfest's opening night. Phillips came to fame as the 11th season winner of the ABC television singing competition show "American Idol." His popular songs include "Home," which is the best-selling individual song in "American Idol" history, "Gone, Gone, Gone" and "Magnetic." Phillips has a rootsy, folk rock sound and often told stories that related to songs performed. He said early in the performance that he felt a little nervous, since this was his first time back on stage after the forced hiatus during COVID, but stressed he felt great to be here for the crowd who came to see him play. Phillips encouraged the show attendees to participate in the song "Home" that revealed an undeniable energy toward inclusiveness and healing after a very difficult period historically.

Hughes appointed to fill Weber's seat

HELLERTOWN

BY CHRIS HARING  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hellertown Council gained a new member Aug. 2, as four applicants for the vacant seat created by the resignation of Phil Weber joined the evening's meeting to be interviewed. Only one would ultimately be nominated for the interim term, which expires Dec. 31. Council members asked questions of each applicant, asking for opinions on topical items such as the recent Hellertown Pool controversies, among other queries.

Kevin Smith, who retired from the Pennsylvania state police as a sergeant in March and is currently employed by the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit as a school resource officer, was the first potential addition. The former Navy sailor and Army National Guardsman described himself as "relatively new to the Hellertown community," moving to town permanently in January 2020, although he said he'd been familiar with the borough for the last five years on a "part-time basis."

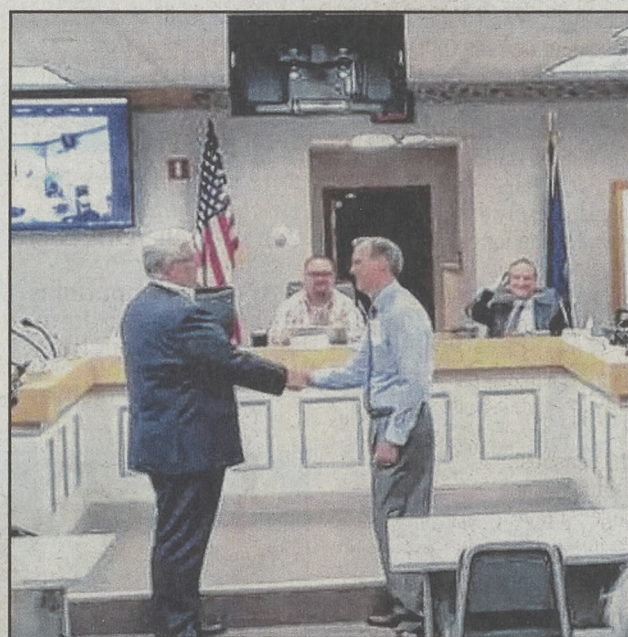
Andrew Hughes, a former interim council member who once before occupied a vacancy in 2018, was next. The corporate vice president at New York Life moved to the borough with his wife in 2016, he said, and highlighted his several certifications as an information technology security expert. A former United States Marine and chief deputy sheriff of Berks County, Hughes is also treasurer of the Hellertown Library.

Third was former council president and longtime Hellertown resident Tom Opsatnick, who said he applied because he "felt a calling to serve the people of Hellertown one more time." Opsatnick, who was on the council between 1998 and 2007 until he was voted out of



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**Andrew Hughes** was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Phil Weber's departure and will serve through the end of 2021. He said he intends to run for reelection this November as a Republican.



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

**Mayor David Heintzelman** swears in newly-appointed council member Andrew Hughes at Borough Hall.

office, said although he had "no agenda, no axe to grind," he felt there was business he left undone and wanted to leave on "(his) terms."

Richard Weddigan, a former junior council member in 2014, was last to stand before council. Mayor David Heintzelman applauded the Northampton Coun-

ty EMS contractor for "coming to almost all of the meetings and being a good listener," and council president Thomas Rieger added, "there's some things that you've brought up that have improved things over the last couple of years."

Smith admitted he has not been attending council meetings

frequently, but said he has been "following updates" on them. Only he and Hughes, who said he plans to run as a Republican, indicated interest in running for the following two-year term this fall. Hughes said he views council as community service and not "a political soapbox or... stepping stone," while Smith said he did not want to be " beholden " to any political party.

Ultimately, only Hughes saw a motion made for his appointment, and he was approved by a unanimous vote.

After Hughes was subsequently sworn in by the mayor, Rieger encouraged the three applicants who weren't selected to apply to fill two current vacancies on the Planning Commission. Applicants for the vacancies should submit letters of interest to borough manager Cathy Hartranft by Sept. 10, according to an Aug. 3 post on the borough's Facebook page. Rieger also pointed to other opportunities to serve the borough, such as on the Civil Service Commission. "I encourage everybody, don't go anywhere," he said.

In other busins, Rieger, citing recommendations from "council leadership along with our labor attorney and staff," proposed changes to the borough COVID-19 mitigation policy due to what he called "recent virus breakthroughs in the Hellertown workforce." Beginning Aug. 3, he said, all unvaccinated staff, visitors, vendors, guests and subcontractors would be required to wear a mask when entering Hellertown municipal building.

Borough employees who wish to remain mask-free would be required to show proof of vaccination by the morning of Aug. 5, he added. Council member James Hill was the only 'no' vote on the motion.

**Smoke Alarms at Home**

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

**SAFETY FIRST**

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom.
- They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Several hundred local residents have been named to the Northampton Community College dean's list for the spring 2021 semester.

The Bethlehem area students are: Katelynn Acevedo, Ariana Alejandro, Natalie Altimore, Cathina Alves, John Alves, Maria Andrade, Tyler Arnold, Frank Ascione, Luke Assande, Jesiel Aviles, Yolanda Aviles, Mery Azar, Amanda Babacz, Craig Baenziger, Lauren Ballerini, George Barakat, Brianne Barney, Cecilia Barron, Alexandria Bartynski, Katrin Baylor, Aubrey Beardall, Jeffrey Beck, Daniel Belles, Manuel Bermeo, Miranda Best, Lynn Bilyk, Kim Bjorheim, Thomas Blair, Ryan Blandford, Carlos Bonilla, Samuel Boor, Benjamin Bovard, Jiselle Bracero, Hayley Brewbaker, Colleen Brida, Brent Brown, Jordan Brown, Sarah Brown, Connor Bruder, Jessica Brunell, Isabelle Burnett, Jenna Buskirk, William Byrnes, Zachary Cabrera, Samantha Caccamo, Ashleen Cacciatore, Samuel Cadiz, Ashley Cain, Bryce Calloway, Angelina Calomino, Moises Canales, Jakeline Cano, Michael Capuano, Katelyn Carman, Evelyn Carpenter, Devan Carrodo, Victoria Carter, Gaspere Catanzaro, Abigail Catera, Elizabeth Causton, Jorge Chiclana, Sabrina Chookol, Gabriella Ciaccio, Jessica Clapso, Andrew Colon, Robyn Confalone, Hannah Cooper, Monea Cooper, Angela Corcoran, Lauren Corona, Rachel Costello, Anastasia Cotto, Kelly Cressman, James Crilly, Jayda Cruz, Tamara Cruz, Veronica Cruz, David Darlton, Wyatt Davidick, Desiree Davila, Harley Davis, Khimberlie De Pena Cabral, Isabella DeJesus, Ashleigh Denby, Abraham Dimmitt, Rebecca Docteroff, Emily Doddy, Grace Domyan, Michael Donchez, Jennifer Dornbach, Logan Down, Jonathan Drago, Colton Drexler, Joseph Duell, Nghi Duong, Kyle Duplaga, Eboni Duplessy, Brandy Duso, Kimberly Dwyer, Christian Echeverri, Alyssa Edmund, Ami Egan, Salma Elwaz, Sami Elwaz, Ashley Eskaff, Hector Espinoza, Jazlynn Estrada, Mackenzie Evans, Sabrina Evans, Courtney Everitt, Iqra Fakhruddin, Alexa Fancera, Tami Faust, Felicia Fehr, Merrill Fennell, Robert Fiedler, Jadalise Figueroa, Migdalia Figueroa, Nyla Figueroa, David Fishkind, Jason Flanagan, Aurie Freitag, Conner Gangwer, Jennifer Garcia, Karen Garcia, Erin Garvey, Ariana Gashi, Michael Geer, Ayla Genesky, Lewis Gentle, Danielle Goff, Anya Gonzalez, Gabriel Gonzalez, Marla Gonzalez, Gabrielle Gonzalez-Rowley, Eathan Gottshall, Hannah Gowdy, Morghan Green, Alexandra Grollier, Carly Grozier, Grace Gundrum, Sarah Gunkle, Selena Gunns, Eileen Hamilton, Nayeli Hance, Sydney Harayda, Evan Hardwick, Wanda Harris, Mikayla Hartley, Clare Hasselbusch, Rebecca Hawk, Kylie Hayes, David Heater, Eman Helmy, Alexis Hernandez, Megan Hetherington, Demetria Hicks, Kelsey Hoffner, Yonnette Hollingsworth, Cade Horwath, Thaddeus Howland, Lillian Hubbard, Leah Humes, Bailey Hutchinson, Omalys Irizarry Mercado, Abtein Jaeger, Taneisha Jenkins, Rosalinda Jimenez, Alysha Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Caitlin Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Tremaine Johnson, Ricardo Jones, Darwin Jorge, Sulayman Joseph, Veronica Joyce, Melissa Kacar, Ariel Kageni, Julia Kammeter, Nicole Karlowicz, Anthony Kassis, Natasha Katchur, Ravneet Kaur, Shivraj Kaur, Michael Kearns, 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Isabelle Cincera mans the Kona Ice truck. The 2020 Parkland HS grad attends Northeastern University in Boston. Kona Ice is based in Fogelsville.



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## 'Christmas in July' delivers sunshine to Young cancer warriors

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley brought abundant sunshine to the families of cancer warriors with their Christmas in July event July 24 at Pavilion No. 3 in Upper Macungie Township's Grange Park.

"It's just a really nice afternoon in the park for a lot of deserving families," said Executive Director Michelle Zenie. While PCFLV usually hosts a family party every summer, this is their first "Christmas in July" themed event.

"We probably will make it an annual event," she envisioned. Activities included games, art projects, and appearances by Mulan, Ariel and Minnie Mouse, plus some elves. Each child battling cancer and their siblings brought home Christmas gifts.

The families, arriving from all points of the compass, also enjoyed pizza, pretzel bites and the event favorite, shaved ice.

Looking like a fuzzy snowdrift, "Caesar," a therapy dog owned by Dan Serbia from Alburty, provided comfort to those attending the event. The 12-year-old White Magic Samoyed found plenty of comfort as McCoy Rapa from Schnecksville and John Notchey from Bethlehem scratched his back. McCoy is diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and John with Stage 2 Hodgkin's

lymphoma. Both have responded well to treatment.

"They have been very good to us," said John Notchey, a Liberty HS senior, referring to PCFLV.

Gregory Smith, diagnosed with germinoma brain cancer in 2016, and two of his siblings, Alyssa and Peter, celebrated a Smith family sweep of a game of bingo. All three Schnecksville residents got to pick their prizes, with Gregory choosing a kazoo. The Smiths also cautiously celebrate four years without a sign of cancer.

The Latimer and Carter families drove down from East Stroudsburg to attend with AJ Latimer, who is on maintenance treatment for T-cell leukemia. Jasmin Boyd traveled from Mt. Pocono to volunteer. She has been battling leukemia for two and a half years.

The Stravinski family brought Madeline, their leukemia warrior, and her brother, Austin, up from Green Lane to participate.

The foundation successfully pivoted to virtual programming for the families they serve during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"The hardest part for us was fundraising," said Zenie, as she explained that virtual fundraising efforts weren't as successful as previous in-person ones had been. The executive director expressed hope and optimism that, as COVID restrictions

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According to volunteer Jasmin Boyd, the tree she created for the PCFLV event is inspired by the one from "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The Mt. Pocono resident decorated it with colorful flowers and leis to reflect the "Christmas in July" theme. She has been battling leukemia for two and a half years.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Northeast MS team takes top prize

The Manufacturers Resource Center (MRC) of Allentown recently announced the winning teams of the What's So Cool About Manufacturing? (WSCM) student video competition. Northeast Middle School of Bethlehem, PA, earned top nod to garner the 2021 Outstanding Overall Program Award for their winning video project highlighting staff and operations at Kitchen Magic, a premier kitchen remodeling company based in Nazareth, PA.

Each student team scripts, shoots, edits, and produces a short video that documents their experience, highlighting what's "cool" about manufacturing. Twenty area manufacturers partnered with the students to introduce and inspire careers in manufacturing.

William Childs, Creative Director, Kitchen Magic, said, "I had the pleasure of working with the students from Northeast Middle School, along with their teacher, Rachel Shook. I came away very impressed with the dedication and passion they all showed working on this project for the MRC. All of us here at Kitchen Magic want to congratulate them on their impressive win."

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Four-legged snowdrift named "Caesar" enjoys having his back scratched by McCoy Rapa, left, and John Notchey. Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, McCoy will enter kindergarten at St. Joseph the Worker School in Orefield. John, a senior at Liberty HS, is dealing with Stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.



The Stravinski family picks up gift bags by the summer-themed Christmas tree at Grange Park in Lehigh County. In front, from left, are Austin and his sister Madeline. Madeline has been diagnosed with leukemia, but is doing well. Behind them are their parents, Josh and Susanne. The Stravinskis live in Green Lane.

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**PCFLV Executive Director** Michelle Zenie and volunteer Varun Pandian by the Reindeer Games tent. Pandian is a junior at Parkland HS and serves on the PCFLV teen board.



**Bingo winners** Collin, Gregory and Alyssa Smith hold up their prizes. The two younger Schnecksville residents attend Circle of Seasons Charter School in Fogelsville. Gregory, diagnosed with germinoma brain cancer in 2016, will be a freshman at Parkland HS.

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 continue to ease, there will be more opportunities to find support for their organization with in-person fundraisers.

PCFLV is a local non-profit which provides financial, social and emotional support and programming for local pediatric cancer families. With offices at 2132 S. 12th St., Suite 401, Allentown, the foundation is a short distance from Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, which provides pediatric oncology care.

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**Cole Nass attempts** to land a ring on the reindeer antler hat his dad, Mike, is wearing. The family resides in the College Hill area of Easton. Cole's sister Madelyn is battling leukemia as she enters third grade.



**Volunteer Emily Turek** from Whitehall calls out bingo numbers while cancer warriors and their siblings compete.



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## 38th Musikfest continues in-person

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The 38th edition of Musikfest continues in-person through Aug. 15 in downtown and southside Bethlehem.

Musikfest was mostly virtual in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

Officials of Musikfest say that for 2021, ArtsQuest continues to follow the latest CDC, state and city health department standards.

Headliners on the Wind Creek Steel Stage, which is for the most part a ticketed venue, and hundreds of free performers on stages, plus food vendors, continue.

Musikfest 2021 began Aug. 5 with a preview concert by Darius Rucker, originally scheduled for 2020.

Wind Creek Steel Stage headliners for 2021 have included Phillip Phillips, Aug. 6; Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Aug. 7; Sam Hunt, Aug.

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2021 Musikfest poster is by Mandy Martin of Sellersville.

## Colin Hay Band



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Colin Hay Band, Althea Grace, 7 p.m. Aug. 11, Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza. Gates open at 6 p.m. Colin Hay, renowned globally as songwriter, lead vocalist and guitarist for the Australian pop band, Men at Work ("Down Under," "Who Can It Be Now?," "It's A Mistake," "Overkill"), has since become a solo artist, touring with his own Los Angeles-based band and as part of Ringo Starr's All-Starr Band. The Scottish native's latest recording, released Aug. 6, "I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself," features 10 versions of the title song, as well as "Waterloo Sunset," "Wichita Lineman," "Norwegian Wood," "Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying," "Can't Find My Way Back Home," "Across The Universe" and "Many Rivers To Cross."

## Hector Tricoche



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Hector Tricoche (above), Michael Stuart, Mako Swing, 7 p.m. Aug. 12, Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza. Gates open at 6 p.m. The concert is free. A deejay from La Mega kicks off the night, followed by urban merengue band Mako Swing. Then, vocalist Michael Stuart takes the stage, followed by Hector Tricoche. Known as one of the "Original Salsa Kings," Tricoche is an international musician of Puerto Rican descent who sings in the genre of Latin pop and salsa. Tricoche performed with the Tommy Olivencia Orchestra for six years before embarking in 1990 on a solo career. Tricoche sang the hit, "Lobo Domesticado," on the 1987 chart-topping album, "30 Aniversario," which celebrated Olivencia's three-decade anniversary as a bandleader. Tricoche has released nine albums in the United States, and more internationally.

## Zedd



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Zedd, 8 p.m. Aug. 13, Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza. Gates open at 7 p.m. Zedd, a Grammy Award-winning DJ and producer, made his debut with "Clarity" in 2012. His latest single, "Get Low," with Liam Payne, is described by Entertainment Weekly as a "sizzling summer jam." Earlier this year, Zedd recorded "Stay" with Alessia Cara for his first No. 1 on Top 40. The Russian-born and German-raised artist collaborated with Foxes on "Clarity" and Hayley Williams on "Stay The Night." In 2015, his "True Colors" debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200 Albums chart and No. 1 on the Dance-Electronic Albums chart. Its lead single "I Want You to Know," featuring Selena Gomez, spent four weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Dance-Electronic Songs chart. In 2016, Zedd released "Starving," featuring Hailee Steinfeld and Grey.

## The Wood Brothers



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The Wood Brothers, Parsonsfield, Big Sky Quartet, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza. Gates open at 6 p.m. "Kingdom In My Mind," The Wood Brothers' seventh studio release, follows 2018's "One Drop Of Truth," which went to No. 1 on the Billboard Heatseekers Chart and garnered the band its first Grammy Award nomination for Best Americana Album. The group has toured extensively in the United States and Europe, including Red Rocks, Bonnaroo, XPOntential, with its live sound heard on "Live At The Fillmore" (2019). The band's brothers Oliver and Chris Wood are joined by Jano Rix. "Kingdom In My Mind" includes "Little Bit Sweet," "Cry Over Nothing," "Little Blue," "Little Bit Broken," "A Dream's A Dream," "Don't Think About My Death," "Alabaster" and "Satisfied."

## Black Violin



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Black Violin, The Contact Collective, 7 p.m. Aug. 15, Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza. Gates open at 6 p.m. Black Violin is led by the classically-trained string players Wil B., viola, and Kev Marcus, violin. Joining them onstage is DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. The group has collaborated with Kanye West, Aerosmith, Wu-Tang Clan, Wyclef Jean and Alicia Keys. Black Violin's most recent album, "Take the Stairs" (2019), includes "Showoff," "One Step" and "Impossible is Possible" and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Classical Chart, No. 1 on the Billboard Classical Crossover Chart, No. 7 on the Billboard Top New Artists Chart and No. 9 on the Billboard Hip Hop and R&B Chart. Its last album, "Stereotypes," hit No. 1 on Billboard's Classical Crossover chart and No. 4 on Billboard's R&B Chart.

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## Here's the dish on returning that dish

Dear Jacquelyn, Recently, I went out to dinner with friends. Everything was going smoothly up to when our dinner was served. My steak was served rare, but I ordered it well-done, so I sent it back. Sending food back always creates an awkward, uncomfortable situation. Some people have no problem sending dishes back at a restaurant, but I stress over it. How should you send food back at a restaurant without making things awkward?

Dear Reader,

Having a meal pre-

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By Jacquelyn Youst



pared properly is always ideal, but sometimes things can go awry.

If there's something off about your food, or it's just not what you expected, make sure to speak up as soon as you can. The longer you wait, the more awkward things can get.

It's a bit impolite to consume the majority of a dish and then relay negative feedback. If you wait until the end of

the meal, the staff has no opportunity to fix it and make it right for you.

The majority of the time, returning or exchanging food and beverages is a perfectly acceptable move and, provided you do so politely, your wait staff will be more than willing to accommodate.

Although you can technically send a dish back and simply say, "I didn't like it," you're better off giving specific reasons. This helps you and the chef.

The key is to be up front with the server and specific in terms of what exactly you didn't like. The description of the item may need to be tweaked in the future.

Being discreet and respectful is also a part of good manners. Many people worked hard to bring this dish out to you. As long as it is done in a respectful manner, you should feel comfortable asking for a dish to be remade.

Respectfully yours,  
Jacquelyn

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## Will you take the secret 30-day challenge?

When I gave a talk to a women's church group about the sacredness of marriage, I used my own marriage as an example. I told them that while I've always been a prayerful person, that intensified when I married David.

"I spend a lot of time on the knees thanking God for bringing David into my life," I told them. "Then there are the times I'm throwing my hands up in the air, saying, 'Why me Lord? Why me?'"

The women laughed because they recognized what is essentially the pattern of many marriages.

If one is honest, no marriage exists without conflict of some kind. It's how we handle the conflict that makes all the difference in the world.

A while back I took a class on conflict resolution. What they taught was especially helpful in marriage as well as on the job. While some of the techniques were common sense, I think all participants walked away with a better sense of how to successfully resolve conflict without hard feelings.

In other words, it's not about winning a dispute. It's about paving the way for a better relationship. That's certainly important in marriage.

Ever since taking the class, I've been careful not to use inflammatory words in trying to resolve as conflict. Words like "wrong" and "It's your fault" are judgmental and do nothing to advance your cause.

We were told to use "I words," not phrases like, "You always do that." I words focus on your feelings, not an attack on the other person.

Some people resort to yelling to make a point. When the other person doesn't see their viewpoint, they yell louder. That never resolves anything because we hear the loud voice, not the message.

Words are weapons. They can wound or they can soothe. Which would you rather?

I recently listened to a talk given by Gary Chapman, author of "The Five Love Languages."

He made the point that when couples are dating they shower each other with flattering words. They often mention what they love about their sweetheart, complimenting how they look and the pleasing things they do.

Chapman says that doesn't continue after years of marriage.

Maybe it's because couples start to take each other for granted. Maybe it's because the problems and stresses of life divert attention away from pleasing a spouse.

Whatever the cause, we tend to stop our loving behavior.

"When was the last time you said 'I love you' to your partner?" Chapman asked.

His next question: "When was the last time you paid a sincere compliment to your spouse?" When was the last time you noticed and mentioned all the little

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things your spouse does for you?"

As I listened to the broadcast, I thought David and I have no problem with the questions. We both are quick to share things we appreciate in each other. We definitely do it own a daily basis.

The other night when we went out for dinner on David's birthday, there was a torrential rain as we were leaving the restaurant without an umbrella. But instead of making a wild dash for the driver's seat, David took time to open the passenger door for me, the same way he always does.

I told him how I appreciate that about him.

He often tells me how much he appreciates the warmth and spark I bring to each of his days.

Chapman asked listeners to take a secret 30-day challenge. He challenges us to give our partner loving compliments for 30 days in a row.

But we weren't to mention we were doing it as part of Chapman's challenge or it wouldn't have the fullest effect.

Oh, that's easy, I thought. I'm sure David and I already do that. But then Chapman gave the second part of the challenge. For 30 days we were not to say to others one negative thing about our partner. Don't share anything that would put your partner in a negative light.

Well now, that's harder for me. I sometimes tell my best friend about my frustration with David's meddling in my kitchen.

For instance, when I was gone he went into my cupboard and threw away several good casserole dishes, thinking there was no reason to have more than one or two. He doesn't understand recipes call for specific sizes based on how much you're making.

I had to go out and buy new replacements.

He's a minimalist and likes what I view as empty cupboards. I tell him to go clean the garage and leave my kitchen things alone.

But a few weeks later he took every pot and pan out of the cabinets and lined them up in single file on the floor.

He said I have too many and should give some to Goodwill. I actually started praying out loud to keep from screaming.

Of course I shared my frustration with my daughters and best friend.

Well, that means I flunked the 30-day challenge.

I'm trying all over again but I think I'll flunk again because now he's throwing out my plastic containers.

How about you? Can you succeed in the 30-day challenge?

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

## COVID-19 concerns mother about son's friend

**Q:** My 14-year-old son was invited to go to a water park by a friend and I just learned neither the friend nor any of his family have been vaccinated for COVID-19. Our family is all vaccinated. It makes me nervous. Is it safe to let him go?

The panel agrees that this is a challenging time and there are a lot of conflicting messages out there. As of the deadline for this column, everyone age 12 and up is eligible to get a free vaccine against COVID-19.

"The world is moving towards everyone being vaccinated," said panelist Mike Daniels.

The panel suggests talking with a doctor about your concerns, especially if your son has any underlying conditions.

The most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines recommend anyone who is fully vaccinated wear a face mask in public indoor settings in counties of substantial or high transmis-

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By Kathy Lauer-Williams



sion.

"Everyone has feelings about this issue and each person has to make their own decision," said panelist Joanne Raftas. "We have to respect that unless we are willing to cut off all relations with people."

Panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo said that not all experts are in agreement and some individuals think it's a privacy issue.

Children have always been at risk of catching contagious diseases from other children, the panel said.

"How many times has a child with a runny nose been brought to school?," asked Raftas.

"We used to joke about everyone in school sharing colds," added Daniels.

Panelist Pam Wallace wondered how crowded the water park is and

suggested that might be a deciding factor.

Raftas said that parents can't protect a child from every risk.

"If you don't have a gun in your house and your 14-year-old goes to a friend's house, you do not know if the other house is safe. I think having a gun in the house is a lot more unsafe than not having a shot," Raftas said.

Raftas noted that children under 12 are not vaccinated and there will likely be many younger children at the water park.

"Your son's friend is more at risk than your son," Raftas said.

However, if anyone experiences flu-like symptoms, they should quarantine and get tested.

**This week's panel:** Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Chad Stefanak, school counselor; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist; Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, former

teacher and school administrator, and Joanne T. Raftas, registered play therapist and counselor.

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## Don't be lax in regimen of fiber, exercise

**Q.** What is the definition of constipation?

The clinical definition of constipation is any two of the following symptoms for at least 12 weeks (not necessarily consecutive) in the previous year:

- \* Straining during bowel movements
- \* Lumpy or hard stool
- \* Sensation of obstruction or incomplete evacuation
- \* Fewer than three bowel movements per week.

Those reporting constipation most often are women and adults age 65 and over. Constipation is one of the most common gastrointestinal complaints in the United States.

Common causes of constipation include: insufficient intake of fiber and liquids, lack of exercise, medications, older age and abuse of laxatives.

The most common cause of constipation is a diet low in fiber and high in fats. The bulk and soft texture of fiber help prevent hard, dry

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stools that are difficult to pass. Fiber is the part of fruits, vegetables, and grains that the body cannot digest. Many of the refined and processed foods that we eat have natural fiber removed.

Many seniors eat a low-fiber diet that causes constipation. Some lose interest in eating and choose convenience foods low in fiber. Others have difficulties chewing or swallowing. This leads them to eat soft processed foods low in fiber.

Liquids add bulk to stools making bowel movements softer and easier to pass. People who are constipated should drink about eight 8-ounce glasses of liquids a day. Avoid drinks with caffeine and alcohol because they dehydrate.

Not enough exercise can lead to constipation,

although doctors do not know why. If you want to move your bowels, move your body.

Some medications can cause constipation, including: pain medication (especially narcotics), antacids that contain aluminum and calcium, blood pressure medications (calcium channel blockers), anti-parkinson drugs, anti-spasmodics, antidepressants, iron supplements, diuretics and anticonvulsants.

Aging may affect bowel regularity because a slower metabolism results in less intestinal activity and muscle tone.

Laxatives usually are not necessary to treat constipation and can be habit-forming. The colon begins to rely on laxatives to bring on bowel movements. Over time, laxatives can damage nerve cells in the colon and interfere with the colon's natural ability to contract. For the same reason, regular use of enemas can also lead to a loss of normal bowel function.

Most people with constipation can be treated with changes in diet and exercise. A diet with 20 to 35 grams of fiber each day is recommended.

Other changes that can help include drinking enough liquids, engaging in daily exercise, and reserving enough time to have a bowel movement. In addition, the urge to have a bowel movement should not be ignored.

For those who have made diet and lifestyle changes and are still constipated, doctors may recommend laxatives or enemas for a limited time.

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# Ginger and the Schnappes revive entertainment era

BY DAVE HOWELL  
Special to The Press

You might wonder what happened to music that has style and elegance. You might picture countless nightclub scenes in classic films, where jazz and swing mixed together effortlessly, and women cared about their elaborate fashions. And you might wonder what would happen if all that could be brought into the contemporary scene.

Ginger and the Schnappes recreate that spirit, although the group is less formal and more fun, and you don't have to don formal dress to see the band.

Ginger and the Schnappes performs at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14, Musikfest Cafe, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, during Musikfest 2021, Bethlehem. The concert is free.

The group has just released its first CD, "Social Music" (Mixon Brew Music), which contains 10 original compositions.

Vocalist Ginger Brew calls the group "a jazz cabaret band that swings. We can play for swing dances or as a listening band."

Guitarist Joe Mixon says, "We are working to be a little broader in our choice of music, but the core is still that Great American Songbook sound."

With Ginger backed by five of the Lehigh Valley's leading jazz musicians, you will hear many standards. But the band also plays originals, with music by Mixon and words by Ginger. The songs take a wry view of modern life.

In concert, the group might even do Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues," Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" or a Beatles' tune.

The CD, "Social Music," reflects this variety.

"This is music for every occasion, for everybody," says Mixon. "We are not pigeonholing jazz as a niche. You might like it even if you don't like jazz."

"Our songs are accessible, although they are musically sophisticated and not simple. I think of it as social music. All the social melodies out in the air," Mixon says. The CD's title is from a term Miles Davis once used to describe his own music.

The song "309" on the CD refers to Route 309,

as the local answer to "Route 66."

"Veut Faire La Fete," which is "We Want to Party" in French, channels traditional New Orleans.

"Prosecco" has "a feel for the mambo."

Others, like "A-Strollin' on By," "Drunk and Dreamy" and "Double Stop," reflect the imagined drama in Ginger's life.

"I want songs that are well-crafted, like a jazz tune or a song for a musical. And I want fantastic words. You've got to understand the words," says Ginger, adding, "My mother was a librarian and my grandmother was a poet. There was no mumbling in my house."

Offstage, Ginger is Mary Ellen Williams, a See **GINGER** on Page B4



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Ginger and the Schnappes, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14, Musikfest Cafe, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks.

## MUSIKFEST

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8; Shinedown, Aug. 9 (previously-purchased tickets were honored), Jimmie Allen, Aug. 10, and continue with Colin Hay Band, Aug. 11; Hector Tricoche & Michael Stuart, Aug. 12; Zedd, Aug. 13; The Wood Brothers, Aug. 14, and Black Violin, Aug. 15.

The fireworks display is scheduled between 9:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. Aug. 15.

There are more than 300 free performances at Musikfest for 2021, including Igor and the Red Elvives, Jimmy and the Parrots, Philadelphia Funk Authority, The Sofa Kings, Seth Witcher, Sunny War and We Banjo 3.

Musikfest for 2021 is again in Bethlehem's Historic Moravian District and SouthSide Arts District.

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Garden State Radio, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.; 9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Aug. 11, Wells Fargo Festplatz, Musikfest.

# Tune in Garden State Radio

BY TALIA COLLINA  
Special to The Press

The upbeat and, primarily, cover band, Garden State Radio, is making its fourth return to Musikfest.

Garden State Radio performs 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Aug. 11, Wells Fargo Festplatz. The concert is free.

It promises to be an exciting evening, complete with riveting vocals, mash-ups and medleys, and a light show to accompany the songs for a dramatic touch.

The group, founded in 2013, in, of course, the "Garden State," New Jersey, began playing local gigs and soon expanded to larger venues and events, traveling to several neighboring states,

including Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The group of young performers books approximately 200 shows a year at festivals, corporate and municipal events and private events such as weddings.

"For the year moving forward, we're really moving into a wedding world while, in the past, that really wasn't our lane. Now, with all the changes in the world, we're mainly only doing some bigger events and weddings," says Ryan Kelly, drummer and the band's only original band member.

Garden State draws crowds of all ages with an impressively diverse set list. The four lively musicians, in addition to Kelly, are Hannah Peterson,

Matt Williams and Mike Gleisberg. They typically include fun throwback classics while incorporating more modern hits in the repertoire.

"We always try to keep current with what's going on in the music world, especially stuff that fits Hannah's [lead vocalist] style and our overall vibe. We're always trying something new," says Ryan.

Concerning Musikfest, Ryan says, "The energy is different there. It's so big and positive. It's just super-powerful when you step on that stage at Musikfest. It's different than a lot of other festival or concerts that we get to be a part of. It physically feels different. So, we're all looking forward to experiencing that again."

# THEATER REVIEWS

# Greg Wood does 'An Iliad' at PSF

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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It's called "An Iliad." It's not "The Iliad." "An Iliad," which concluded a two-week run Aug. 1, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, and streamed online, is much more.

In the one-person performance by Greg Wood, it's transcendent.

A key scene is when Wood (The Poet) recites a litany of the names of wars presumably all of the wars in human history.

Wood enunciates the wars deliberately, slowly and sensitively, pausing ever so briefly for effect.

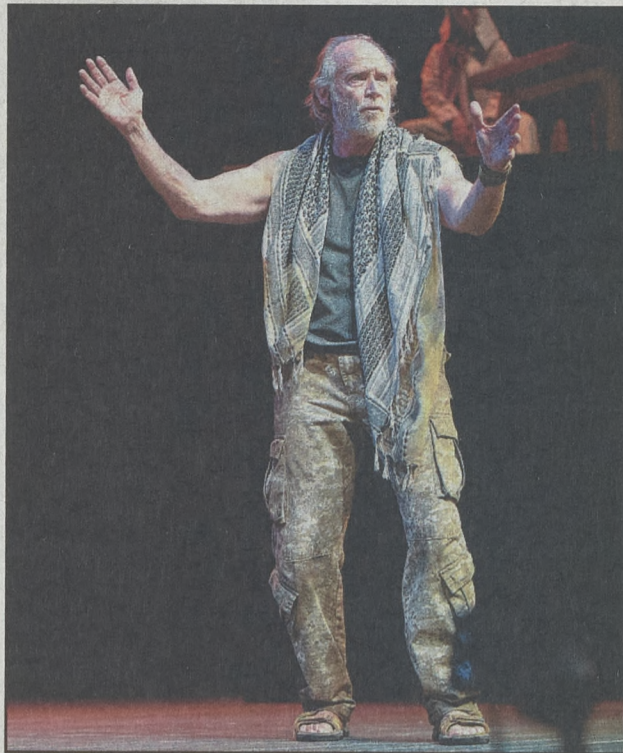
The effect is devastating. You could hear the quiet drop in the Labuda theater when "An Iliad," in its Lehigh Valley premiere, was seen July 24 for this review.

"An Iliad," by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, is based on Homer's "The Iliad," translated by Robert Fagles.

"The Iliad," an ancient Greek epic poem which is attributed to Homer, was written circa 8th century BC and, along with Homer's "Odyssey," is among the oldest works of Western literature.

"An Iliad" proves to be the very definition of a tour de force performance. Wood is up to the challenge.

Wood enters the stage to a loud percussive sound and is silhouetted by stark white light emanating from a doorway. It's as if Wood is the storyteller traveling through time to tell us a tale of woe, which is our tale of woe, which is humanity's tale of woe.



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Greg Wood (The Poet), "An Iliad," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

Wood is stage center on the bare stage (the "Ghost Light" is left on), which has a scaffold, a table, and the theater's unadorned back wall as its setting.

To the audience right on a stage tower is Liz Filios (The Muse), composer and sound designer for the production.

Filios plays all manner of interesting instruments, in empathy and counterpoint to the storyteller and other characters in the 90-minute (with no intermission) play, which is directed by Wood.

Not only is the set stark, the monologue is stark and often gut-churning in the detailed description of man's inhumanity to man. Those familiar with Ancient Greek history know the details, which

do not have to be repeated here.

How anyone can memorize the amount of monologue that Wood delivers effortlessly as if doing a play-by-play of a sports competition is beyond me. It's nothing short of Homeric, or more aptly, Olympian.

Costumes are coordinated by Rebecca Callan. Lighting designer is Alyssandra Docherty.

"An Iliad" stretches the boundaries of theater itself, as well as the performance practices of the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Wood gives a profound performance of a profound play about a profoundly disturbing subject. War is the ultimate tragedy of the human condition.

Information: [www.pashakespeare.org](http://www.pashakespeare.org); 610.282.WILL [9455]

# GINGER

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former family physician who with her husband owns the Historic Bethlehem property rental company Dr. & Sir LLC. The first cut on the CD, "Chrome Dome," celebrates her husband Jay Brew.

"I see myself as a character, I like to act out the songs. At shows, I try to be very engaging and very theatrical, reaching out," says Ginger, a fan of vintage clothing, which she wears onstage. "It's part of my personality, an excuse to put out the really dramatic stuff."

Ginger, who has sung throughout her life, began taking vocal lessons from Mixon. Their daughters had attended the same grammar school.

Mixon invited Ginger to the "Jazz Jam" at SteelStacks. The group formed around the "Jazz Jam" house band of Mixon, bassist Brian Bortz and drummer Vern Mo-



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"Social Music," Ginger and the Schnappes' first CD.

bley, with the addition of keyboardist Patrick Kerren and sax player and flautist Dan Twadell. Williams and Mixon also perform as the duo Ginger and Joe.

They began performing as Ginger and the Schnappes in 2018 at parties in Dr. & Sir rent-

al properties. The name Ginger was inspired by Williams' red hair. "Schnappes" is a Pennsylvania-Dutch sounding reference to their Lehigh Valley roots, although with their wide range of music, not much of it sounds "Dutchy."

# 'Charlotte' a classic at PSF

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to The Press

When a new piglet, Wilbur (Kellan McMichael) shows up in the barn, he faces a bewildering mix of falsely solicitous friendships, and some true friends who are determined to save his life.

Sad and joyful while teaching valuable life's lessons, Joseph Robinette's adaptation of E. B. White's "Charlotte's Web" is a top-of-the-list classic by the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival's Young Company, concluding July 31, Air Products Open Air Theatre, DeSales University.

Wilbur (McMichael) is delightful as a trusting, naive new kid trying to make friends while making sense out of life.

His best friend turns out to be that lowliest and despised of creatures, an erudite arachnid named Charlotte (Megan Castellane).

Castellane's tender portrayal of a literary web-spinner is lovely to witness as she, while foreshadowing her fate, determines to help her friend even if it's the last thing she ever does. "I plan to help save Wilbur."

As characters go, few are more memorable than Templeton the Rat (Mark Yowakim). Yowakim seems perfect in the role as a free-loading but literate opportunist whose noble impulses (kind of) shine through when the chips are down.

Goose (Alaina Hurley) and Gander (Matthew Camardo) get

kudos for being the funniest couple in the barnyard. From their creative costuming (Amy Best) to their tendency to say words three times, these two are charming.

Fern Arable (Gabrielle Mosely) is the nicest kid in the world as she adopts Wilbur after saving him. Mosely is terrific as a kind-hearted and high-spirited little girl.

Fern's father, Arable (Gabe Moses), is likable as the pragmatic farmer with a runt "nothing but trouble" pig and as a dad with a soft heart.

Fern's younger brother, Avery (Katie McGlone), is totally convincing as a ram-bunctious 10-year who is just as likely to squish a spider as he is to pet a pig.

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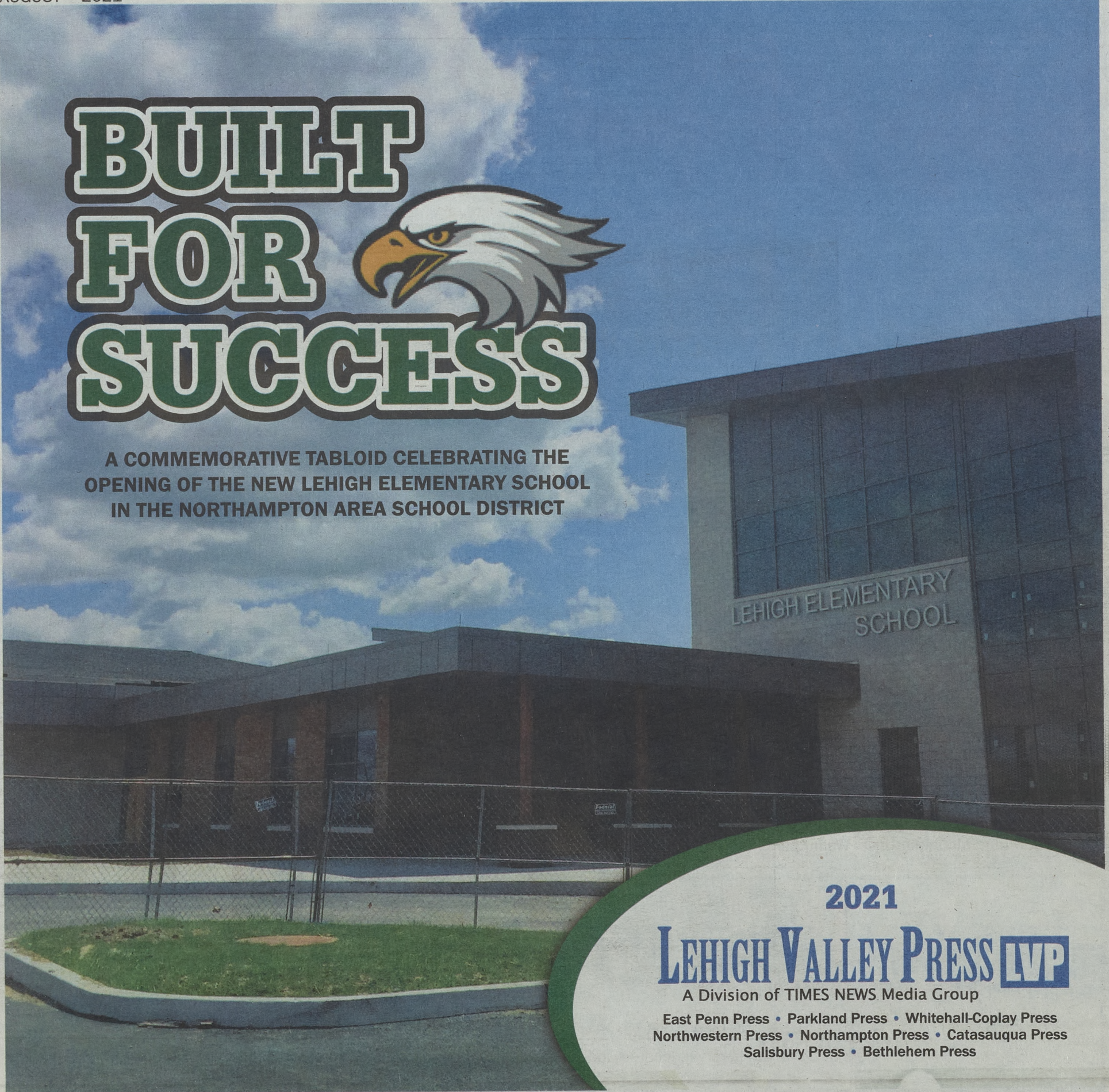
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Lehigh Elementary School Principal Cassandra Herr and Northampton Area School District Superintendent of Schools Joseph S. Kovalchik stand outside the new Lehigh Elementary School, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.

# Full STEAM ahead

## New Lehigh Elementary School set to welcome students

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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**T**he window of a conference room in the new Lehigh Elementary School has a beautiful view of Blue Mountain.

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new school is 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

Open houses for the public are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 14 and 5-8:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the new school, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.

Kindergarten through grade 5 orientation is 5-7 p.m. Aug. 19 at

Lehigh Elementary. The orientation provides opportunities for parents and guardians to meet Lehigh teachers, visit classrooms and tour the facility.

Lehigh Elementary School Principal Cassandra Herr and Northampton Area School District Superintendent of Schools Joseph S. Kovalchik sat down July 27 in the school's conference room to talk about the new building as construction crews put on the finishing touches.

Herr has been principal of Lehigh Elementary for four years.

"There are a lot of memories in that building," said Herr, glancing out the conference room window toward the old Lehigh Elementary School, which she attended. "The history of that building has been incorporated in the new building."

This includes a display in the

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"We actually have two STEAM labs. One is partnered with the technology curriculum. The other is to encourage cross-curriculum and provide a lot of hands-on for a lot of collaborative opportunities."

**Cassandra Herr**

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Congratulations on the opening of the  
new Lehigh Elementary School



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"It's a fully functioning building that can be used for multiple uses for the community and public."

**Joseph S. Kovalchik**  
Northampton Area School District  
superintendent of schools

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gymnasium-auditorium of enlarged archival photos of students from yesteryear, including some who attended the one-room schoolhouses that once dotted the landscape in the township.

"We've incorporated some of the old with the new to provide the best education opportunities," Kovalchik said.

The historic photos symbolize this.

To introduce the new Lehigh Elementary to parents and guardians of students who will attend the school, Herr is making in-person visits to township residences, delivering greetings and gift bags and asking if

parents have any questions. As of the July 27 interview for this article, Herr had visited 50 households.

"It's been a really nice way to establish relationships. It's been very well received," Herr said of her visits.

Planning for the new Lehigh Elementary School goes back at least to 2015. Discussions between the NASD administration, school board and stakeholders began in earnest in 2017 when a feasibility study by D'Huy Engineering Inc. concluded that renovating the old 88,000-square-foot school would cost \$31.9 million.

NASD school board members voted Oct. 23, 2017, to authorize the



Crews put finishing touches on the new Lehigh Elementary School, as seen in this July 27 photo.

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new school project.

Cost of the new 95,000-square-foot Lehigh Elementary School, including demolition of the old school, is \$35.7 million.

"We're going to be under budget," Kovalchik said.

Architect is KCBA Architects. Project engineer is D'Huy Engineering Inc.

Key to the new Lehigh Elementary are two STEAM — as

in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math — education rooms.

"We've made it a building for the current educational requirements that will last a number of years," Kovalchik said.

"We actually have two STEAM labs. One is partnered with the technology curriculum," said Herr, noting that Lehigh Elementary has a full-time technology

teacher.

"The other is to encourage cross-curriculum and provide a lot of hands-on for a lot of collaborative opportunities," Herr said.

One of the STEAM labs is linked to a TV studio. Students will make video announcements each school-day morning.

"The scripts are written by the students, and the announcements will be streamed to the classrooms," Herr said.

STEAM lab capacity is approximately 750 square feet.

"Everyone will have access to it," Herr said of the STEAM labs, adding, "It's peer-to-peer learning."

Rooms are set aside for art, music, gym, cafeteria and the library.

"We have some flexible seating in the library," Herr said.

The gymnasium, which has a stage, can be used for basketball, wrestling and concerts.

"That has much more purpose than use as a gym. It could be used for music programs, chorus, orchestra, band," Kovalchik said.

"The cafeteria is de-

signed for more efficient use," he added. "We tried to create spaces that are accessible to students at all times."

A southern-facing, turf-covered courtyard, which will be gated, is between two wings of the building. It allows for outdoor classroom teaching, lunch and events.

There are four classrooms for kindergarten on the first floor. There are four classrooms each for grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the second floor. There are seven classrooms for special education. There is one classroom for Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 use.

In all, there are 40 classrooms.

"You need additional space than you did years ago," Kovalchik said.

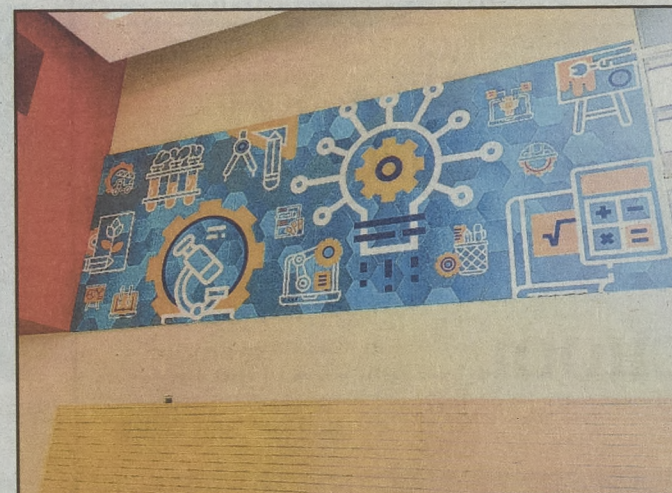
There will be no pre-kindergarten classes at Lehigh Elementary for the 2021-22 school year. There might be pre-kindergarten classes for the 2022-23 school year.

There are approximately 500 students enrolled for the first

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Construction signage along Blue Mountain Drive alerts passersby to the work underway at Lehigh Elementary School, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.





Left: An American flag is reflected in glass above the entrance to Lehigh Elementary School.

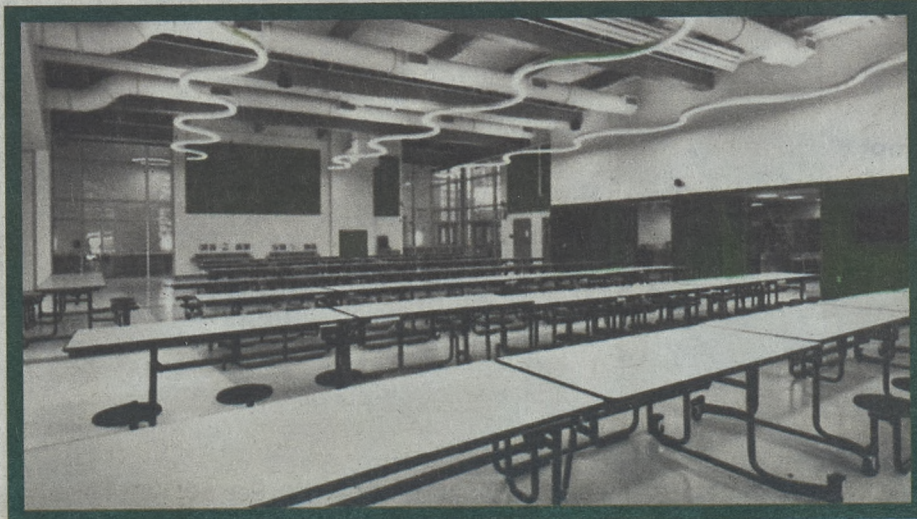
Above: This Lehigh Elementary School STEAM lab mural represents Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

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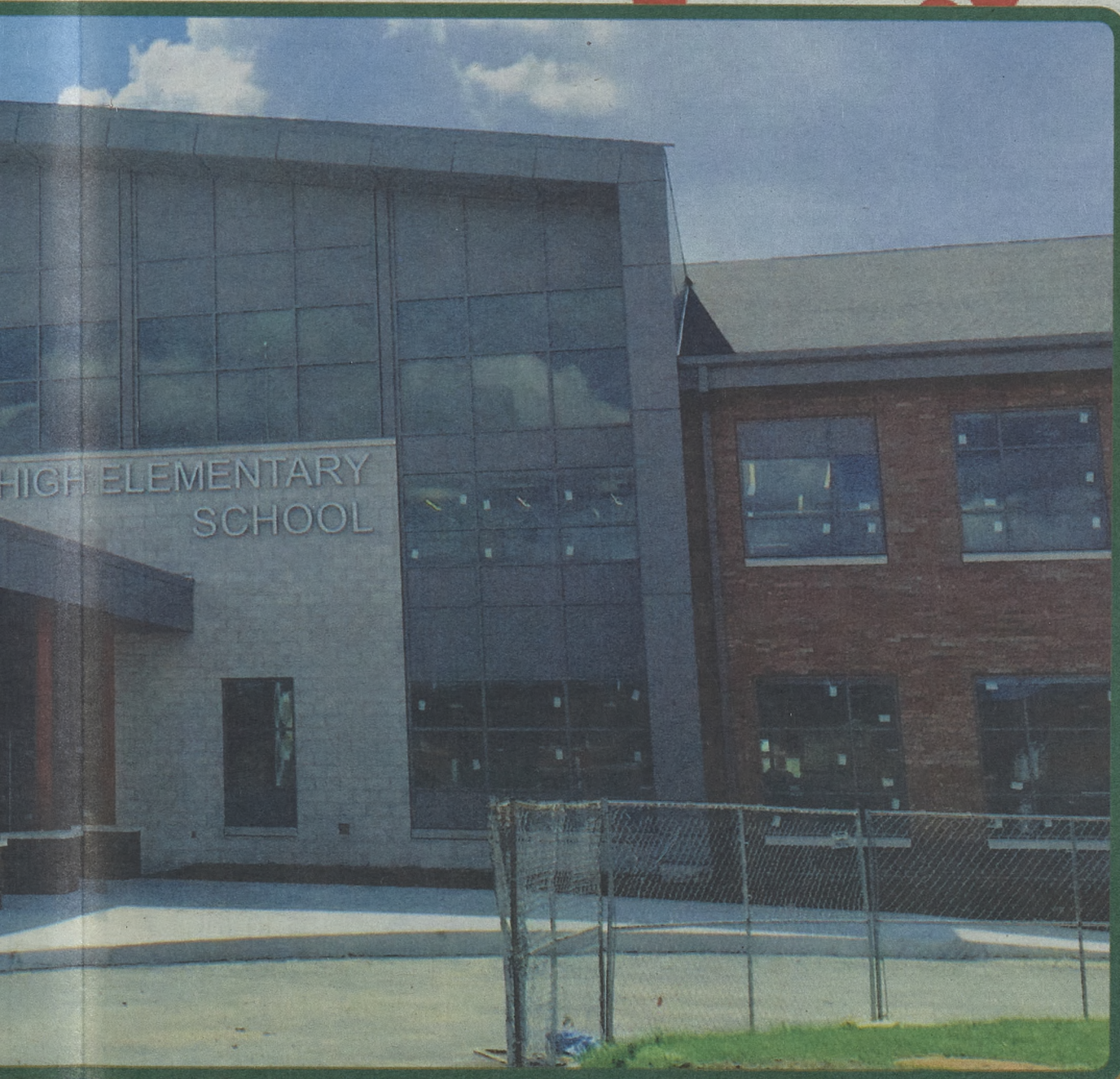


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One of two STEAM labs at the new school, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport, can be seen here.

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day of classes, Aug. 30, at Lehigh Elementary. Enrollment typically increases in August.

Lehigh Elementary has a staff of 50, including administrators, teachers, teacher aides, secretaries, cafeteria workers and maintenance workers.

Possible community uses at Lehigh Elementary could include an art exhibit, concerts, parent-teacher association meetings, fundraisers and sports.

"We have community access to all areas," Kovalchik said.

The school is designed with security and safety at the forefront. Each person must be buzzed in at the main entrance. At the front desk, a person's identification will be checked.

Only certain areas will be accessible during public use.

"The building can be gated off," Kovalchik said.

Community uses will be considered Aug. 30 and after. NASD has a request policy for building use.

"It's a fully functioning building that can be used for multiple uses for the community and public," Kovalchik said.

After the old Lehigh Elementary is demolished and the site is regraded, reseeded and redesigned, a baseball field and soccer field will be constructed for school and community use.

In the vicinity of the new school are basketball hoops. A new playground is in the back area, or eastern side of the campus, approximately between the new and old buildings.

Bus access and parents' vehicle access will be relocated. There are 12 buses that transport students to Lehigh.

Blue Mountain Drive, approximately between Cashew Drive and Cork Road, is being widened and also lowered about 2 feet to improve drivers' sight lines in the

vicinity of the school's entrance and exit.

The window views of Lehigh Township vistas from the new Lehigh Elementary are much improved, even if only a few hundred feet from the old Lehigh Elementary.

The old school had basement classrooms, including for arts, music, gym and the intermediate unit.

Some classrooms had no windows. Other classrooms had basement windows at ceiling height.

With the new Lehigh Elementary School, these and other subjects will be seen in a new light.

"There are lots of new memories to be made," said Herr, smiling and gazing out the window of the conference room in the new Lehigh Elementary School at the old Lehigh Elementary School and beyond to Blue Mountain, soon to be in full view.

## Lehigh Elementary School site at epicenter of NASD history

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**T**hings change. History remains.

Lehigh Elementary School is at the epicenter of Lehigh Township.

It's also at the epicenter of educational history in Lehigh Township.

"That site is approximately the geographic center of the township. That's why the school was built there in the first place," said Robert Mentzell, Northampton Area School District Board of Education director.

Mentzell is a resident of Treichlers, Lehigh Township, where he's lived for 40 years. He is a retired history teacher, having taught at Northampton Area High School from 1975 to 2013.

Mentzell did a presentation about the history of education in Lehigh Township at the April 29, 2019, groundbreaking ceremony for Lehigh Elementary School, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.

Mentzell wrote about the schools of Lehigh Township in the program for the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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An antique school bell, which hung outside an entrance to the old Lehigh Elementary School, is now displayed at the entrance to the new Lehigh Elementary School, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.

Contents of the time capsule from the old Lehigh Elementary School may be displayed in the new school's showcase. Items in the copper box include the school dedication program, a set of coins, a list of students and teachers and a Native American ax head found in Treichlers.

"They had student passes to ride the New Jersey Central from the station in Treichlers to the station in Northampton. They walked from there to the high school on Lincoln Avenue. This was in the 19-teens and 1920s."

**Robert Mentzell**

Northampton Area School District  
Board of Education director



Roy Maranki, left, and Robert Mentzell, Northampton Area School District Board of Education directors, stand outside the entrance to the new Lehigh Elementary School during an April 19 preview tour.

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ny for the new Lehigh Elementary School, to be held 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

The old Lehigh Elementary School opened Feb. 13, 1956. Ground-breaking was Feb. 12, 1955. The school cost \$655,000 to build. That's roughly \$6.3 million in 2021 dollars.

NASD Board of

Education President David Gogel was in the first kindergarten class at Lehigh Elementary School.

John Becker, NASD Board of Education director, also attended Lehigh Elementary School.

At one time, Lehigh Township had its own school district.

Lehigh wasn't the only township in what would become the Northampton Area

School District to have its own school district. In fact, every township, plus two boroughs, had its own school district in what became the 99-square-mile NASD.

There was Lehigh Township School District, Moore Township School District, East Allen Township School District, Allen Township School District, Bath Borough School District, Chapman Borough School Dis-

trict and Northampton School District.

The one-room school in Chapman is still standing. It was built of slate.

Lehigh Township had as many as 22 one-room schools, but at any one time, usually there were 10 one-room schools. One was Huth's School in Pennsville. The building was torn down. Huth's was believed to date to 1840.

The school districts

mostly consisted of one-room schoolhouses. Students were taught until the eighth grade, at which time they took a test to see if they were qualified to advance to what was junior high school and then to high school.

"If you scored decently on the test, then you were allowed to go on to a junior high school or high school level," Mentzell said.

Lehigh Township even had its own high school from 1907 to 1948. It's uncertain where exactly high school classes were held 1907-08. The Berlinsville School building, built in 1909, had one classroom for high school students and three classrooms for elementary school

students. There were, on average, 10 to 20 students per class. The building is the location of Teddy Bear Day Care, 4623 Lehigh Drive.

Some Lehigh students in the northwestern part of the township went on to attend Slatington High School. Some in the southeastern portion of Lehigh went on to then Northampton High School.

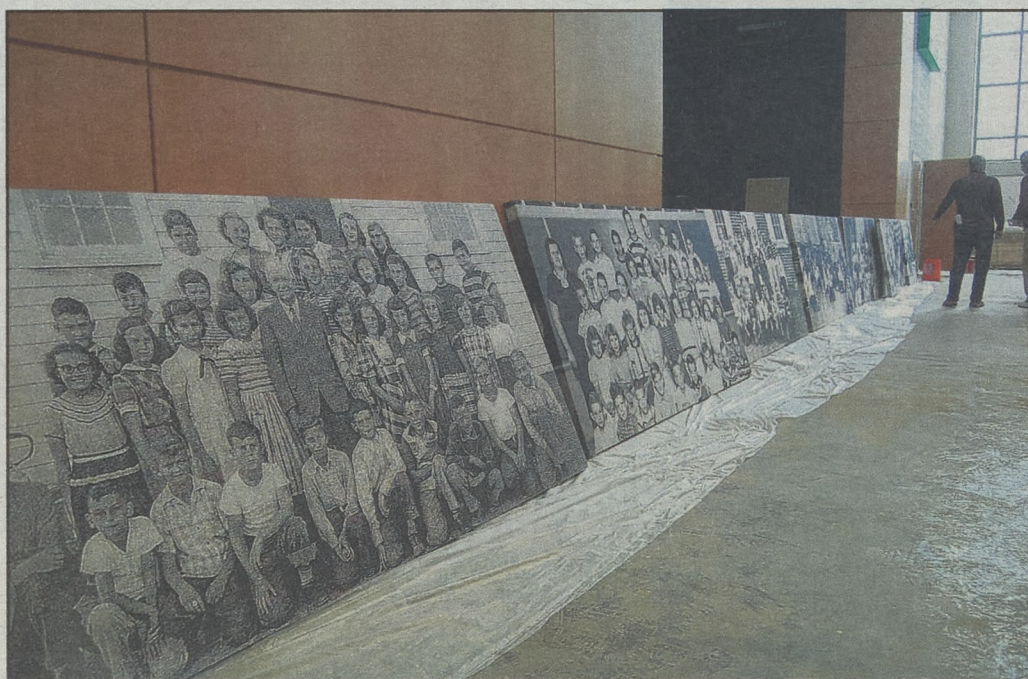
The Lehigh Township School Board had created a Lehigh Township School Authority.

In 1940, the Lehigh Township School Board considered building its own junior high and high school. The plan was never pursued,

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Photos of students at schools in Lehigh Township have been enlarged for display in the new Lehigh Elementary School.

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Left: Northampton Area School District Superintendent of Schools Joseph S. Kovalchik, right, prepares to lead an April 19 tour of Lehigh Elementary School for NASD school directors.

Below: Kovalchik speaks outside the entrance of the new school building, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.



From left, Jay Clough, principal, KCBA Architects, Lehigh Elementary School architect; Kovalchik; Cassandra Herr, Lehigh Elementary School principal; and Arif Fazil, principal, D'Huy Engineering Inc., project engineer, stand in the gymnasium-auditorium during the tour. Behind them are archival photos of former Lehigh Township students.



School directors walk in a first-floor hallway, where a staircase leads to the second-floor wing of the school.

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Work to widen Blue Mountain Drive will improve access to and egress from Lehigh Elementary School, on left, in Lehigh Township. The road project began in July 2021.



Construction work, roughly from Cashew Drive north to Cork Road in Lehigh Township, includes lowering Blue Mountain Drive by approximately 2 feet.

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possibly because of the advent of World War II.

There was discussion of Lehigh Township School District joining Palmerton Area School District.

Some students in what is now NASD attended Liberty High School or Nazareth Area High School.

In 1948, Lehigh Township School Board provided bus transportation to Northampton Junior High School and Northampton High School, located along Lincoln Avenue. The high school along Laubach Avenue opened in 1960.

"And they could ride the train," Mentzell said. "They had student passes to ride the New Jersey Central from the station in Treichlers to the station in Northampton. They walked from there to the high school on Lincoln Avenue. This was in the 19-teens and 1920s.

"The state recognized after World War II that students couldn't get a full education in a one-room schoolhouse. The state ramped up many of the requirements to encourage consolidation," Mentzell said.

In 1948-49, there were two-room schoolhouses, including Cherryville, Danielsville, Pennsville, Treichlers and Danielsville.

"In Lehigh Township, the one-rooms began to be closed. By the early 1950s, there was only one one-room schoolhouse, and the rest were two rooms," Mentzell said.

Lehigh Township School District ceased to exist Nov. 11, 1969. The Moore Township School District also was dissolved on that date.

The new entity was, at first, called Northampton Area Joint School District.

After its construction in 1955, there were renovations to Lehigh Elementary School in 1986 and 1999. For each year, there is a datestone.

Demolition of the old Lehigh Elementary School was to have begun sometime after Aug. 1. The datestones are to be saved. Each, several inches thick, may be displayed in the glass showcase built into the wall near the entrance to the new Lehigh Elementary School.

Contents of the time capsule from the old Lehigh Elementary School may be displayed in the new school's showcase. Items in the copper box include the school dedication program, a set of coins, a list of students and teachers and a Na-

tive American ax head found in Treichlers.

Lehigh Elementary School Principal Cassandra Herr is coordinating the contents that will be placed in a time capsule at the new elementary school.

In the new school's gymnasium-auditorium are enlarged archival photos of Lehigh Township students.

A framed montage of Lehigh Township one-room schoolhouses will be displayed in the new school.

The old red school bell that was mounted in 1955 at the entrance to the old Lehigh Elementary School has been affixed to the wall at the entrance to the new Lehigh Elementary School.

Ring out the old. Ring in the new.

Things change. History remains.



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Photos of one-room schoolhouses in Lehigh Township are displayed in a picture frame at the new Lehigh Elementary School, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.



Left: A two-story classroom wing is located to the right of the entrance of Lehigh Elementary School, 800 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport.

Above: The cafeteria and gymnasium-auditorium are to the left of the school entrance.

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The library is located under a slanted roof on the building's second floor.



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09/14 Vs East Stroudsburg N.  
09/16 Vs Dieruff  
09/18 At Whitehall  
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09/22 Vs Parkland  
09/24 At Pocono Mtn. East  
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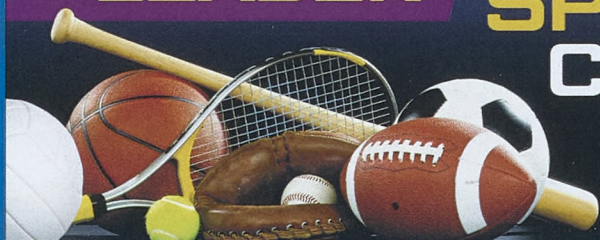
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