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## BASD Budget passes; no tax increase

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In the final school board committees meeting of the 2022-23 school year June 19, members passed the new budget with no tax increases for residents. This is the fourth year without any tax increases. Retiring Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy complimented and thanked the board saying, "You've passed a great budget."

The board then reviewed 38 separate topics that will be on the June 26 regular school district meeting agenda. The board does not meet in July so plans for the payment of bills, invoices and budget transfers to close the 2022-23 fiscal year was discussed. Many of the district's contracts are renewable at the end of each fiscal year, making it necessary to renew for the next school year before the summer July break. This includes contracts for copy machines, document imaging, website platform conversion, student lab computers, custodial and staff computers, Chromebook security, and getting rid / disposal of obsolete equipment. and educational plus renewal.

Also, vehicle and workers comp insurance, student accident insurance, medical and dental contracts. Con-

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**To open the celebration**, the audience stood to offer prayer in gratitude for the freedom that they enjoy as citizens of the United States. Our photo coverage continues of A2.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

# Juneteenth

## Celebrating freedom

BY DENNIS GLEW  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

**O**n the beautiful evening of June 17 approximately 75 people gathered in the Sculpture Garden next to Bethlehem's City Hall to celebrate the freeing of the last enslaved people in the United States in 1865 - Juneteenth as the occasion has been known since that date. Formally entitled the National Independence Day, Juneteenth became a national holiday in 2021.

Sponsored by the Bethlehem chapter of the NAACP, the celebration recognized, first, the cultural achievements of



**Three seniors** at Bethlehem high schools - Siddiq Small, Malachy Holmes, and Alvaro Davila - were awarded scholarships for college by the Bethlehem NAACP. Above, Malachy Holmes thanks the organization for its support. Standing with him is Thomacene Nickens, vice president of the Bethlehem Chapter.

Black Americans. Poetry was recited by Deidre Van Walters, several songs were presented by the Rev. Kari Holmes, and drumming was performed by Jennifer Swan. One of the challenges that the Black community faces was identified by Adirah Levy, a certified nutrition and wellness coach, who spoke at length about the problems of Black farmers and the importance of home-grown organic food to the Black community. At the end she distributed packets of vegetable seeds to audience members interested in cultivating their own gardens

## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What do you think is the best gift America could receive on its 247th birthday?



"Open borders. This is a melting pot. How can we be so prejudiced?"  
**Derek Cox**  
Bethlehem



"Another Statue of Liberty."  
**Ryan Ross**  
Bridgewater, NJ

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## Malaria spread to Pa. unlikely for now

In a recent health advisory, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) disclosed that five people have been infected with malaria in the United States within the last two months. These cases, four from Florida and one from Texas, mark the first instances of locally acquired malaria in the nation since 2003.

Amid rising concerns, Zachary Smith, a licensed pest control expert from PestDude.com, provides reassurances to residents in states such as Pennsylvania. According to Smith, the likelihood of malaria spreading in the short term is low, and the recent outbreaks are expected to remain



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The CDC has also acknowledged the potential risks associated with climate change. In the health advisory, it urged health care providers to consider malaria diagnoses in fever patients and to report cases to health departments.

localized. However, he also sounded an alarm regarding the long-term implications of climate change, which might make the United States more susceptible to malaria in the future.

Malaria, a mosquito-borne infectious disease, was nearly eradicated in the United States by the early 1950s. However, recent developments have reignited fears among citizens, particularly in states neighboring Florida and Texas.

Zachary Smith spoke about the recent outbreaks. "It's essential to keep in perspective that these cases are relatively isolated. The risk of malaria spreading to states like Penn- See **CDC** on Page A2

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BY DANA GRUBB

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“Time to reflect on what has happened the last several years and space to reflect in open and honest conversation.”  
**Allison Markie**  
Bethlehem



“I think we could give each other patience, which I think has been lacking for the last couple of years.”  
**Joshua Shaup**  
Bethlehem



“A senate and house to agree on some things. There's too much politics and not enough agreement.”  
**James Ross**  
Bridgewater, NJ



“Some reflection on where we're going, how we got here, and how we could build a better future for everyone including people who are under-served.”  
**Megan Maxwell**  
Philadelphia

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tracts for professional social work services and curriculum that had been previously reviewed will be on the June 26 agenda.

Lastly, vehicle maintenance, purchase as well as transportation agreements, and vehicle leases will be on the agenda.

The board agreed that these 38 topics often behind the scenes but are essential features of a complete education. School Director Winston Alozie pointed out that “It costs money to educate kids.” The board will have its regular school board meeting on June 26 7 p.m. at East Hills MS.

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**JUNETEENTH: CELEBRATING FREEDOM**



**Rayah Levy, a candidate for the board of the Bethlehem Area School District, listened while her sister-in-law, Adirah Levy, advocated for Black farming and a healthful diet based on grains. Seated behind the speaker are (right) Esther Lee, president of the Bethlehem NAACP, and Thomacene Nickens, vice president.**



**Jennifer Swan's unobtrusive drumming throughout the event responded to the emotions of the moment – joyful, calm, or intense, as the occasion required.**



**The Rev. Kari Holmes sang a hymn of thanksgiving for the many blessings that Black Americans have received.**



**At the conclusion of the celebration audience members chose seed packets to take home and plant. From left to right: Hariah Koehler, Kiara Redmond, who is standing in front of her aunt, Barbara Redmond, secretary of the Allentown NAACP, Rayah Levy and Jessica Lee (back to camera).**

**CDC**

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sylvania is minimal at this juncture. The current surveillance and control measures are capable of containing it.”

He further explained that multiple factors contribute to the containment. “We have better health infrastructure, surveillance, and public awareness compared to the past. These play a significant role in ensuring that any outbreak does not turn into an epidemic.”

However, Smith also warned against complacency. While the immediate danger

appears to be contained, he emphasized the growing threat posed by climate change. As temperatures rise, the environment becomes more hospitable for the mosquitoes that carry the malaria parasite.

“The reality is that climate change is making the United States warmer, and this has implications for mosquito-borne diseases like malaria,” Smith commented. “As conditions become more favorable for mosquito breeding, we might see malaria re-establishing itself in areas where it was once eradicated.”

The changing climate conditions also mean

that the disease could find new territories. This means that states which haven't traditionally been affected by malaria might face risks in the future.

“The cases in Florida and Texas should serve as a wake-up call. They are a reminder that things can change and that we need to be prepared for the long term,” Smith added. He urged for investment in research, enhanced surveillance, and public education to mitigate the risks in the future.

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it urged health care providers to consider malaria diagnoses in fever patients and to report cases to health departments.

People, on their part, can also play an essential role in combating the spread of malaria. Smith emphasized the importance of community involvement. “Community engagement is vital. People need to be informed and take measures such as eliminating standing water, using mosquito nets and repellents, and staying vigilant,” he noted.

As the situation evolves, it's important to stay informed through reliable sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and to heed the advice of experts in the field of disease control and prevention.

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**CELTIC CLASSIC TALENT:** The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) is excited to announce the performer line up for the 2023 Celtic Classic happening Sept. 22 – 24. Five stages of world-renowned Celtic entertainers will fill downtown Bethlehem with the sounds of tin whistles, fiddles and of course bagpipes! There are many new names this year coming from Isle of Man, Scotland, Ireland and Texas. For more information on the Celtic Classic and other CCA events, visit: [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org) or contact [info@celticfest.org](mailto:info@celticfest.org).

**ARTSQUEST MOVIES:** ArtsQuest is excited to showcase movies for everyone to enjoy at both the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinema and the Levitt Pavilion. With an array of special screenings and film series from showcasing Hollywood classics and indie darlings, a Saturday night Animé series to Cinema Significa, there's something for every filmgoer to enjoy.

The Summer Classic Series presented by Fulton Bank shows movies every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. until Aug. 2. The Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks Free Family Movie Series presented by UGI Utilities Inc., shows family friendly movies every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Levitt Pavilion. Before the showing, at 6 p.m., the Banana Factory has a specially selected pre-movie craft for all ages, so come early! Families are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Additional information including show dates and times can be found here <https://www.steelstacks.org/events/films/>.

**MUSIKFEST APP:** The free Musikfest app powered by PNC, is now available for iOS and Android devices. This popular app is crucial for fest goers attending the nation's largest non-gated music festival with 15 free stages.

The app, like in previous years, allows guests to navigate need-to-know information such as hundreds of musical performances, dozens of food vendors/artisans, access to exclusive sweepstakes and real time updates that include special giveaways, pop-up performances and more. The app also includes an interactive festival map.

The 2023 free stage performances schedule will be continually added to the app throughout the summer leading up to the festival, with the ability to search for specific bands so you don't miss them. Download the Musikfest app now with Apple or Android. Musikfest starts Aug. 4 through the 13 with preview night on August 3.

Visit [Musikfest.org](http://Musikfest.org) for more information and purchase tickets to headliner concerts at the Wind Creek Steel Stage at PNC Plaza.

**MENTOR PROGRAM:** At a launch event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley new mentoring program, "Sports Buddies," players from local professional basketball team, Lehigh Valley Legends, were among the first athletes to step up to the plate and register to become volunteer "Bigs," Feb. 15 at Hopps at the Paddock, South Whitehall.

"We appreciate your time and support in helping to defend the potential of Lehigh Valley youth. We are excited to make a positive impact in the community with our new mentoring program — Sports Buddies!" BBBSLV Associate Program Director, Kisten Wisdo wrote in a news release.

Lehigh Valley Legends Chief Operating Officer James Stewart continues, "One of the biggest aspirations of our organization is to help the youth within our community. Our partnership with BBBSLV and their 'Sports Buddies' program will provide an invaluable service for our youth."

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## Council offers thanks to area police

BY BILL LEINER JR.  
Special to The Press

Allentown Police Chief Charles Roca responded to a letter Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Manager Melissa Wehr, after approval by council, sent to numerous surrounding police departments thanking them for the work in keeping their communities safe.

The letter was sent to commemorate National Police Week 2023. National Police Week was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962. The week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Roca responded with a touching response on

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behalf of the women and men of the Allentown Police Department. He noted police officers in any community risk their lives daily to promote and provide safety to others. In his department's case, he said his officers put their lives on the line every day to keep Allentown safe.

Roca is a graduate of Louis E. Dieruff High School and a graduate of the Lackawanna College Police Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from King's College, Wilkes Barre. He closed his letter to Hanover with thanks for their continued support of police and public safety.

In other business at the

June 21 meeting, Wehr requested council set up capital budget meetings July 19 and, if needed, July 20, to discuss capital plans and expenditures for 2024. She also reported Lehigh County Authority is providing grants to assist residents in paying water bills through the Lehigh County Authority Hardship Program. Visit [dollarenergy.org](http://dollarenergy.org) for details.

Wehr said the River Central Comprehensive Plan was to be discussed at the June 26 council workshop meeting. The River Central members are Hanover Township and Catasauqua Borough, in Lehigh County, and East Allen Township and

Northampton and North Catasauqua boroughs, in Northampton County. To access the comprehensive plan, visit [planrivercentral.org](http://planrivercentral.org).

It was reported there were 21 fire calls during May, including a mulch fire and a vehicle fire. Total fire calls, year to date, for the fire department is 128.

Council authorized the release of the final payment for the Allendale sewer replacement project to Wexcon Inc., Mohrsville, in the amount of \$116,127.43.

After the meeting, Wehr noted the township continues seeking a part-time code enforcement officer. If interested, call the township office or visit [hanleco.org](http://hanleco.org) to apply.

## County council approves landscape grants

BY CHRISTINA SANTO  
Special to The Press

Northampton County Council has approved \$1 million of livable landscape grants.

The livable landscape grants program aims to protect the "county's natural features by assisting municipalities and organizations to acquire, restore and enhance permanently protected lands to conserve natural resources and provide outdoor recreation for future

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generations."

Moore Township was awarded \$47,500 to put toward professional services to create a comprehensive parks, recreation and open space plan.

There was \$75,000 awarded to Hellertown and Wilson boroughs to implement the first phase of a passive recreation park and reconstruct tennis and pickleball courts.

The city of Easton re-

ceived a \$187,500 grant to acquire 1.2 acres of land for future urban park and regional trailhead development, with the potential for trail connections.

In other business, council will vote on an amendment to the code of ethics, regarding a gift ban, at a future meeting.

The amendment states, "No county employee or official shall accept or solicit cash or cash

equivalent, a gift or other item of more than de minimis value or admission to a recreational event," among other items, with limited exceptions.

Limited exceptions, as detailed by the amendment, include ordinary social hospitality, plaques, certificates or similar items, food or refreshments of de minimis value and unsolicited promotional items, such as pens, notepads, mugs and calendars.

## Coroner's office addresses staffing needs

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"With the growth of the office, the busyness of the office, that continues to get increasingly

busier, this Operations Manager Position will allow us to move forward and be more mod-

ernized with the office and the direction I want to take it in", is how Lehigh County Coroner

Daniel Buglio described the significance of commissioners passing Bill 2023-22 June 14, allowing the creation of a new position in his office.

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Moravian minister



The Rev. Richard Landis Bruckart, 68, of Bethlehem, died June 22, 2023, in his home after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Lancaster, he was a son of the late James Orlando and Thelma (Landis) Bruckart. He was the husband of Jill (Boettcher) Bruckart for 47 years.

He was a 1972 graduate of Moravian Academy. He graduated in 1979 from Moravian College, where he was a member of the college choir and of the Beta Lambda Chi fraternity. He was a 1982 graduate of the Moravian Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Divinity degree.

He was the pastor for 41 years at various Moravian churches in the Lehigh Valley and Lititz, and in Riverside, New Jersey. He was the administrator at Hope Conference and Renewal Center. He was in denominational leadership on the Moravian Eastern District Executive Board for 12 years.

He was a woodworker and rehabbed two homes and a wooden boat. He made glass stars.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Rachel Bailey and her husband Joshua and their children Sebastian and Morgan of Lancaster; and Allison Lauderman and her husband Brian and their children Jackson and Matthew of Emmaus; a sister, Karen Naisby and her husband Henry of Coopersburg; and a stepmother, Colleen Bruckart of Moorestown, New Jersey.

Contributions may be made to Hope Conference and Renewal Center, 15 Ridgeway Ave, Blainstown, NJ, 07825.

**Edward M. Bolcar Sr.**

Bethlehem Panthers member



Edward M. Bolcar Sr., 94, of Bethlehem, died June 19, 2023, at his daughter's residence. Born in Cementon, he was a son of the Michael and Mary (Nederostek) Bolcar. He was the husband of Irene V. (Kereczman) Bolcar for 73 years.

He was in the 28th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, during the Korean War.

He was an overhead crane operator for Bethlehem Fabricators for more than 28 years. He then worked in facility services for Moravian College for more than 29 years until he retired. He was awarded the 1997 Employee of the Year at Moravian College.

He was a member and a custodian with the Bethlehem Panthers AA. He was a member of the National Sokols and a former member of the Tri-Boro Sportsman Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Veronica E. (Bolcar) Pavelko of Bethlehem Township; two brothers, Joseph (Marie) Bolcar of Bethlehem and Thomas (Dorothy) Bolcar of Bath; and two grandchildren, Jeffrey (Jen Fitzko) Stofanek and Alexandra Bolcar.

He was predeceased by a son, Edward "Eddie" M. Jr.; a brother, Michael; and a son-in-law, Paul Pavelko.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 4250 Crums Mill Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

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

**Thomas Edward Skopal Sr.**

Acopian Technical Company retiree



Thomas Edward Skopal Sr., 84, of Bethlehem, died June 19, 2023. Born in Chicago, Ill., he was a son of the late Edward R. Skopal and Sarajane (Baker) Skopal, who died during childbirth, and the late Rita V. (Peebles) Skopal. He was the husband of the late Patricia A. (Bates) Skopal for 40 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Drexel University.

He was employed by Acopian Technical Company for more than 40 years and retired as the vice-president.

He was a ham radio operator license for which he first qualified as a teen.

He is survived by a son, Thomas Edward Jr. and wife Christy; a daughter, Karen McLaughlin and husband Robert; five grandchildren, Katherine "Katie" McLaughlin, William "Liam" Skopal, Carlyn "Cari" McLaughlin, Marcus "Marc" Skopal and Josephine "Josie" Skopal; ived five siblings, Sister Mary Skopal, S.S.J.; Patricia Grant and husband Richard; Edward Skopal and wife Patricia; James Skopal and wife Georgia; and Joan Skopal; his late wife's cousin, Barbara Creegan, and family; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Catherine Coleran.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, or to Miller-Keystone Blood Center.

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**Peter F. Russo**

of Russo Associates



Peter F. Russo, 80, of Bethlehem, died June 17, 2023. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was a son of the late Francis and Elvira (Gallo) Russo. He was the husband of Catherine J. (Dillon) Russo for 59 years.

He worked in numerous divisions of Singer Corp. for 31 years before he retired. He then started Peter F. Russo Associates LLC.

He was a parishioner of Notre Dame of Bethlehem R. C. Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Peter of Sellersville, Michele Phillips (Robert) of Perkaspie and Michael J. (Chandra) of Valdosta, Georgia; a sister, Theresa Beck (Charles) of New Bern, N.C.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one more expected.

Contributions may be made to Notre Dame of Bethlehem R. C. Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem; or to the American Cancer Society.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

"I'm thankful to be part of a team," said John Morganelli, Jr. who helped partners Heather McFadden and Christopher Morganelli with the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

**Morganelli Properties' new location**

In April, Morganelli Properties held an open house to celebrate its fifth anniversary and grand opening ribbon cutting at its new location on Linden Street across from Liberty HS. The building was most recently home to Nuts About Ice Cream and was the one time iconic Kostas Drug Store. Michael Edder of Patriot Contracting called the renovations a total rehab with numerous refrigeration systems having to be removed. He noted that a number of



Mortars and pestles from the building's days as a drugstore decorate the new conference room.

artifacts from the drugstore days had been uncovered, many of which have been incorporated into the décor including stools from the soda fountain counter. "This is history and we needed to keep it," said partner John Morganelli Jr.

"We're excited by our future," said Christopher Morganelli, with is a partner with his brother John broker Heather McFadden

Guests enjoyed refreshments, live music and a food truck's offerings.



Morganelli Properties principals Christopher Morganelli, Heather McFadden and John Morganelli Jr. pose on the soda fountain stools that remain from the days of Kostas Drug Store.



Renovations exposed drugstore owner William Kostas' initials on a basement column.



Family, friends and professionals from the real estate field enjoy conversation and refreshments at the grand opening.



Tim Harakal provided music entertainment.

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Buglio continued, "This is going to be a huge help to staff and the residents of Lehigh Co and beyond for us to continue to do rapid response."

Chair Geoff Brace said, "This will give you the opportunity to spread out the on-call hours in your office, which is a 24/7 operation. And this is a reminder that your office

is always required. That somebody has to be available to respond. The burden that you and the other on-call staff face does need to be spread-out, and this will help in that endeavor."

With the passage of this legislation, a new position of Grade 21 is added for an operations manager, with overtime funds being transferred to fund this new position.

The following bills received first reading:

Approving a sublease agreement with Stinky Pigs LLC, which would allow for the county to enter into a lease with the Velodrome portion of the Bob Rodale Cycling and Fitness Park and provide food to its customers. Commissioner Zakiya Smalls is the sponsor.

Commissioner Ron Beitler disclosed that he would abstain from the bill due to a business relationship with the company.

Commissioners Dave Harrington and Zach Cole-Borghy sponsored a bill allowing a "recidivist study which will give us a baseline to let us know how we are doing, insofar as preventing people from committing crime after they gone through our criminal justice system."

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. July 12 at the county government center, 17 South Seventh St.

BBBSLV is looking to pair approximately 263 young athletes with sporty mentors.

All are welcome to apply at [bbbs.tfaforms.net](http://bbbs.tfaforms.net).

**MUSIC IN DIMMICK PARK** - Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce and Steel Club. Food trucks and adult beverage vendors. Live music: 6 to 8 p.m. Sponsor: Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc. Brian Dean Moore, July 16; Lucky 7, August 27. Dimmick Park, 570 Durham St., Hellertown.

**BAPL BOOK SALES:** Noon to 8 p.m. July 12 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 15. Main Library basement, 11 E. Church St. 50 shoppers at a time max. Follow COVID protocols. Next sale: September 20 and 23. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org)

**2023 BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 15 and 16. Market to go to pick up pies, strudels, and desserts: July 17. General Admission, Family Packs, Blueberry Brewery Tasting Tent admissions and packages. Burnside Plantation, 1461 Schoenersville Rd. Food; live music; blueberries and desserts, 4-H education, Colonial cooking and gardening, brewing demos, pony rides, kids activities, petting zoo, Read to Therapy Dogs, canine agility demonstrations, baking and pie-eating contests, chair caning, Tasha Tudor Society Story Walk, Second Saturday Spinners, NMH tin melting, and pottery wheel demonstrations by Daniel Jenkins. Docent tours: visit the 1748/1818 house, colonial garden and summer kitchen, 1841 barn and an unusual high horsepower wheel. Information: Call 610-691-6055 or visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/blueberry-festival/>

### Wednesday, July 5 to Saturday, July 15

**Teen Ensemble Camp at Touchstone Theatre**, Mondays-Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m. with a performance for friends/families at 7 p.m. July 15. S 341 E. Fourth St. Cost. Visit [www.touchstone.org/arts\\_in\\_education/teen-ensemble/](http://www.touchstone.org/arts_in_education/teen-ensemble/)

### Wednesday, July 5

**Wednesday Bluegrass Jam Session.** Rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Join or just listen. Free. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/> to reconfirm.

### Thursday, July 6

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**Tunes At Twilight;** along Main, Broad St. Visit [www.visithistoricbethlehem.com/events/series/tunes-at-twilight/](http://www.visithistoricbethlehem.com/events/series/tunes-at-twilight/)

### Friday, July 7

**First Friday- Southside Arts District.** Visit <https://southsideartsdistrict.com/first-friday/>

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**Corpora Gallery, Charter Arts school,** 321 E. Third St. Dates through Dec. 10 by appointment; call 610-868-2971, ext. 3185. Visit [www.CharterArts.org](http://www.CharterArts.org) for events and information.

**Elm Street Jazz Workshop** rehearsals, 9 a.m. Director: Allan Meyerson. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

### Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9

**Steelworkers' Archives** walking tours every Saturday and Sunday till December. Former steelworkers lead sidewalk and Hoover-Mason Trestle tours through the Bethlehem Steel plant site. Tours start at 11:30 a.m. rain or shine from plaza of the National Museum of History, 602 E. Second St. Free parking in lot across the street. Cost for ages 13 and up. Online scheduling is online only: visit [www.steelstacks.org](http://www.steelstacks.org). Information: call 610-861-0600 or visit [www.steelstacks.org/event/13703/steelworkers-archives-walking-tours/](http://www.steelstacks.org/event/13703/steelworkers-archives-walking-tours/)

### Saturday, July 8

**Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc.** Program: It's About Time - George N3qsd. 7:30 p.m. Nancy Run Fire Company,

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# And this is white privilege

BY DENISE CONTINENZA  
SPECIAL TO THE BETHLEHEM PRESS

Recently, I spent time catching up with an old friend. Mark was a blast from our past when we lived in New Hampshire. We met through a young adults' Christian fellowship group at church 35 years ago and became instant friends. But life got in the way and separated us geographically and socially while life experiences divided us philosophically. Yet, through it all, we remained friends and usually connected by phone several times a year.

I always preface our calls with, "Mark, let's talk about our lives. Our jobs. Our families. No politics or religion." Mark is always agreeable to this, at least to start. However, within minutes, we end up segueing into some debatable or potentially controversial issue.

I timed it on this last call. We hit on a hot topic within 90 seconds of talking about our jobs (Mark is a permanent substitute teacher in his local school district). "So, guess what the big catchphrase in school is now? White privilege! What is that? I don't have more privileges as a white guy than anyone else."

Although I could feel my hair beginning to stand on edge, I kept my cool. I put on my educator hat and used this as a teachable moment.

According to Merriam-Webster (2022), white privilege describes social and economic advantages that white people have based on their race. I told Mark I also had a hard time wrapping my head around the concept. I could not understand why anyone thought I had more rights and opportunities simply because I was white. But then I had an epiphany. This one experience gave me a life lesson on white privilege and also pained me to feel very helpless. So maybe telling this story could enlighten not only Mark but the many other people who struggle with racial injustice.

One day after work I stopped to order some books for a work event. After placing the order, I started browsing the bookshelves and found a novel I

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wanted. I bought the book and started toward the store's exit. The back story is that I had recently gotten a designer purse as a gift, and there seemed to be a security chip in the lining. When I go through a particular venue's security checks, it sets off alarms. As the red lights flashed and buzzers hummed, I stopped and began to open my purse and bag. Two managers were walking swiftly in my direction, and I started (with a bit of dry humor) explaining about my handbag's little demon. The one manager raised his hand and waved me off. "That's fine, ma'am." Both managers continued past me and converged upon a woman exiting the store at the same moment. The woman was flustered and said, "I didn't take anything. I swear. I didn't take anything!" This distraught woman happened to be African American and dressed pretty casually. I quickly intervened and tried to explain that I was the one who had set off the bells and whistles. The managers dismissed me again. They continued to search the woman's bags, so I tried one more time to state my case. This time I was told to leave.

Here is where I struggle. I did what the managers told me to do. I left. I lingered a while behind a display outside the store to witness the rest of the debacle. The managers eventually let the

distressed woman go, convinced she did not steal from their store. I felt like I should have done more. I was angry at the store staff and myself. It was just assumed that a white woman dressed professionally could not possibly have shoplifted. Still, the black woman was presumed to be a prime suspect. I got to my car and sadly acknowledged that I had just experienced white privilege.

Mark was silent on the other end of the phone. With a sigh of disbelief, he said things like this should not happen. But they do, I told him. We never have to worry about entering a store and being identified as a potential thief. Many people of color have told me they must proceed with so much caution in public. They feel as if they are guilty until proven innocent in many situations.

In her 2020 paper, Ann Gleig describes how white privilege is not an individual experience but rather a structural phenomenon rooted in our country's historic legal and social processes. As such, white people are still benefiting from structures put in place long before they were even born.

As our conversation drew to a close, Mark and I once again found our common ground. Even though we often start at different angles when discussing an issue, we do two things: We agree to disagree and find a place where we can exist in harmony. In this case, we ended with this thought: Live by the golden rule. Treat others as you wish to be treated. That is the path to social justice.

We need to acknowledge that some groups of people, specifically people of color, have historically had more hurdles to overcome and more barriers to face than most white people. Acknowledging the existence of white privilege should not cause shame, denial or apathy. While it is a deeply-rooted systemic issue, having these difficult conversations is the first step to increased understanding and justice.

*Denise Continenza is the Communities That Care mobilizer for Whitehall-Coplay and Catasauqua.*

## Fall running festival open for registration

The Bethlehem Running Festival presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network is scheduled for Oct. 21 and 22. The Festival will feature a 5K, 10K, and half marathon that will start at the SteelStacks and take runners through the city on courses designed by "The Mayor of Running," Bethlehem's own Bart Yasso.

On Saturday, the 5K will start at 7:30 a.m., followed by the 10K at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, the Le-

high Valley Orthopedic Institute Half Marathon will begin at 8 a.m.

The Festival, organized by The RUNegades, will be the first major, multi-day running festival in Bethlehem since the Runner's World Half and Festival last ran in 2019. At its peak, that event drew over 8,500 runners to the city.

The American Cancer Society is the Festival's charitable partner, and will hold its 12th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at the SteelStacks shortly after Saturday's 10K.

Race organizer Michael Ragozzino of the RUNegades said Bethlehem is the ideal setting

for a running festival. "It has everything runners want in a weekend running getaway — great courses, shopping, dining, history and charm." Bruce Haines, owner of Aardvark Sports Shop, the official running store of the festival, concurs. "We anticipate this event will be a vital part of the race calendar moving forward, and a focus of the Lehigh Valley running community."

The Festival is made possible by title sponsor Lehigh Valley Health Network, which also partners with the RUNegades for their Jim Thorpe Event. "LVHN really cares about the health of the community," Rago-

zzino said. "They really wanted to make this happen."

LVHN Senior Vice President of Operations Bob Begliomini said, "Lehigh Valley Health Network values our partnerships within the community, and we are excited to be the title sponsor for the Bethlehem Running Festival. We are proud to offer the highest quality care and training through the Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute to ensure participants have a safe and successful race. We can't wait to see the excitement the festival will bring to the Bethlehem community in the fall."

Register at [www.runbethlehem.com](http://www.runbethlehem.com).

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**NOTE: Last day for payment of school real estate taxes is 12/31/2023.**

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**Sunday, July 9**

**Taco Fest.** Live music, SteelStacks Chihuahua Beauty Contest at 2 and 5:30 p.m., gameshows Visit [www.steelstacks.org/festivals/tacofest/](http://www.steelstacks.org/festivals/tacofest/)

**Live in the Garden free concert.** Dave Neith Orchestra. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Rose Garden bandshell, Eighth Avenue and Union Boulevard. Visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Events/Recreation-Events/Arts-in-the-Park>

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**Wednesday, July 12**

**Book sale: Cash and credit cards.** Noon to 8 p.m. Indoor book sale in Main Library basement. 50 shoppers at a time max. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/bapl-book-sale-3>

**Karaoke with Bobby James.** Free. 1 to 3 p.m. Singles and couples welcome. Lehigh Valley Active Life, 1633 W Elm St. Allentown. Call 610-437-3700. Visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

**Bernie Fritz Night,** 6 to 8 p.m. Bernie Fritz Park, Memorial Ave. Free kids bike helmets and bike safety checks, arts, crafts, games.

**Sensory Friendly: The Princess and the Frog,** Sensory Friendly Family Film. Designed for children and adults living with autism. Talking and walking permitted. Stimming (self-regulation behavior) is encouraged. Free Tickets: visit [www.steelstacks.org/event/14110/sensory-friendly-the-princess-and-the-frog/](http://www.steelstacks.org/event/14110/sensory-friendly-the-princess-and-the-frog/)

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**Yesterday:  
Famous  
giveaways  
at the  
ballpark**

BY JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

Did you ever attend Bat Day? Whether it was the Phillies, Mets, or Yankees, it was a popular fan giveaway item that began in the 1960s. Even though it arguably was the most coveted item, most teams have discontinued the promotion due to the violent reaction from the fans. In the mid-70s, the Phillies gave away the item sporadically. In this week's version of my Yesterday column - reminiscing about sports and pop culture back in the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and sometimes beyond - I will look at various fan giveaways over the years as well as other promotional items. We all would pester our parents to take us to a Phillies game for that giveaway item. In addition, I'll look at some pop-culture giveaways items and some other items. And do you remember records on the back of cereal boxes, and McDonald's football cards?

We Wanted Those Giveaways: Looking back at the Phillies older days prior to 1970, they didn't list their promotions on their schedule. Pocket schedules were a hot item in the 70s.

When the Vet opened in 1971, the promotions featured T-shirt day, bat day, batting glove day (that was a favorite one to have), helmet day, cap day, poster day, and ball night.

In addition, there was the Old Timers Day, along with Ladies Night, College Night, Family Day, and Teen Night. The Phillies held a home run derby in which local celebrities and personalities participated.

Back then, the reverse side of the pocket schedule, there were instructions on how to order tickets from the Phillies (over the phone, of course) as well as ticket outlets from Allentown to Atlantic City. Legendary sporting goods outlet Witwer-Jones in Allentown was a popular outlet.

In the latter years, there have been hat giveaways for Father's and Mother's Day as well as a traditional golf hat.

Hard to Find Giveaways: Through the 70s, the Phillies had more elaborate and unique promotional items for the fans.

I remember getting a pair of flip-up, outfielder sunglasses (don't remember the year). They never quite worked the way I wanted them to work, and I knew the See **DAY** on Page A8

**Wanderers set to make run at title**

BY PETER CAR  
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The Wanderers are on a roll in NORCO League and they hope that trend continues toward the playoffs where they hope to get a shot of redemption after last year's opening round defeat.

The team enters the postseason with a 7-2 record and will look to make up for a disappointing ending from

last summer's exit.

"As always, our goal is a championship and a regional tournament berth," said Wanderers' manager Paul Walsh. "This particular roster is filled with guys who have had a lot of high school playoff success over the last few years. They are hungry to win it all, and that's our goal."

After a 1-1 start, the team won six straight

games, giving up nine runs in the process to push them to the upper tier of the standings, before losing to top-seeded Northampton last week 3-0.

With Northampton and Birches battling with the club for the top spot this season, the hierarchy has been set. After winning the league crown in 2021, falling short last year after Liberty's run to the state

finals may have been anti-climactic, but the club seems primed to make up for it this time around.

"It was another difficult year in terms of getting backed up because of Liberty's playoff run," Walsh said. "We have 12 players from Liberty's varsity roster this season. With such a condensed schedule, it is critical for the guys to build chemistry as soon

as possible. Having a lot of the Liberty players has certainly helped with this as those guys have played together for a long time."

The NORCO tournament began this week with the two division winners earning byes, followed by the next best six teams with .500 records.



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**Soccer Fun**

The soccer fun continued last week with Bethlehem Soccer Club's last of three, free clinics with the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem. All the kids received a T-shirt and also got to keep their soccer ball. Some even

took home donated cleats. A great time was had by everyone involved and big thanks go out to the Boys and Girls Club as well as all the BSC coaches and travel players who donated their time to coach and mentor the kids.

**Hurricanes sweep week in summer hoops**

BY PETER CAR  
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Another week of the Lehigh Valley Summer League wrapped up and Liberty came away as the big winners from last week's action.

The Hurricanes knocked off Reading last Tuesday 49-46 and then topped rival Freedom 61-51 on Thursday night to improve to 7-4.

Jake Pukszyn had 10 points against Reading, while Blake Hargrove led the team with 18 in

the win over Freedom. Last week's complete results are below:

- June 29**  
**Small Division Schools:**  
Salisbury 49  
Roberto Clemente 31  
Drew Petrie 14 pts  
Bethlehem Christian 55  
Upper Perkiomen 49  
Gabe Transue 27 pts  
Catasauqua 47  
Lehigh 42  
Aiden Riley 12 pts  
**Large Division Schools:**  
Emmaus 60  
Quakertown 50  
Jameetric Harris 18 pts  
Muhlenberg 52

- Easton 49  
Mike Miller 17 pts  
Whitehall 44  
Allen 39  
A.J. Hines 17 pts  
Parkland 76  
Reading 67  
Nick Coval 27 pts  
Liberty 61  
Freedom 51  
Blake Hargrove 18 pts  
Notre Dame GP 40  
Central Catholic 34  
Isaiah Miles 13 pts  
Saucon Valley 50  
Southern Lehigh 41  
Eli Miller 11 pts  
Executive Education 81  
Palmerton 27

- Rylan Muniz 24 pts  
**June 27**  
**Small Division Schools:**  
Salisbury 52  
Lehigh 33  
Drew Petrie 22  
Roberto Clemente 66 (OT)  
Bethlehem Christian 60  
Robert Baker 19  
Upper Perkiomen 2  
Catasauqua 0  
**Large Division Schools:**  
Muhlenberg 41  
Dieruff 31  
Shermar Killen 10  
Executive Education 75  
Freedom 52

- Gabe Hornberger 23  
Northampton 50  
Southern Lehigh 29  
JJ Kolumber 14  
Emmaus 58  
Palmerton 39  
Jameetric Harris 12  
Liberty 49  
Reading 46  
Jake Pukszyn 10  
Parkland 68  
Nazareth 55  
Robbie Ruisch 13  
Allen 41  
Bangor 34  
Manny Polanco 14  
Quakertown 69  
Whitehall 50  
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# North Bethlehem tops East Side Memorial

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Well before North Bethlehem Little League majors (12U) took the field to play East Side Memorial in the second round of the District 20 all-star tournament, manager Colin Hutchinson knew his players had put their last game behind them.

"I'm glad we came in after that Penridge beating," Hutchinson said after North Bethlehem's 11-1 victory over East Side on June 30 at North Bethlehem. "The boys came together. I knew it at the beginning of practice. I could just tell. I wouldn't say we were gonna win, but I could just tell there was something about them, the way they warmed up together, the way they hit in the cage together. It said a lot about them, and I was pretty impressed with them."

After North Bethle-

hem's Jayden Brujan scored the game's first run on a wild pitch, East Side Memorial had back-to-back singles with Kaleb Quinones and Loamy Molina advancing on a throw-in from right field.

North Bethlehem catcher Daniel Hintenoch saved a run when Quinones tried to steal home on a wild pitch and was called out, and North Bethlehem pitcher Eli Miller got out of the inning on two consecutive strikeouts.

"You've just got to believe in yourself, and just do it," Miller said. "The four-seam was really doing it because it was getting in there. You've just got to gain it back from the other day."

North Bethlehem's bats, along with smart base running, put four more runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning, highlighted by Devin Ortiz's



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD  
North Bethlehem 12U celebrates a win over East Side Memorial.

RBI double to center field.

"It was a fastball. I really just had to get the bat around and make contact and get on base," Ortiz said. "I stole home and my brother (Jayden) stole home."

North Bethlehem scored a total of five runs on wild pitches.

"The Ortiz brothers are super smart baseball players. They know exactly what to do, and we

have Jacob Bauman who took a nice steal too, and so did Cameron Fredericks," said Hutchinson. "They're just smart baseball players."

Bauman's bases-loaded triple to center field was the crushing blow for East Side Memorial, who scored its only run in the fourth inning on Jeremy Pimentel's hard hit RBI single to center.

East Side Memorial drew two early walks

in the fifth inning before North Bethlehem's Dalton Sherry took the mound in relief of Miller.

"When I pulled [Eli] out and went to go talk to him at second base, I said, 'Guys get paid millions of dollars to do what you did today. You had no outs, and you had a guy on second and third, and you got the next three out,'" Hutchinson said. "That's big time, and that says a lot about a kid."

Miller went on to deliver at second base, turning a double play with first baseman Devin Ortiz.

"I felt like I kind of blew that zero run, but I got back in the game after that," said Miller. "It was a short line drive that I picked up, and I tagged the runner who was going to second, and then I made the throw to first, and it was pumping me up from when I

got taken out."

Ortiz also recalled the play that caught him somewhat by surprise.

"It was a little weird how close [Eli] was, so I expected him to throw to second, but he didn't throw hard because he was close, so it was like a normal play, and I just had to catch the ball," said Ortiz.

North Bethlehem's victory was its first all-star win as a District 20 Little League team since Northeast, North Central, and City Line merged with North Bethlehem three years ago.

Also on June 30, Lehigh defeated Hellertown/Lower Saucon, 8-0, setting up a showdown between the city rivals.

"It's a crosstown rival," said Hutchinson. "I grew up thinking Lehigh was the big horse that we had to take down all the time, so I'm excited to play them."

## 12U all-stars open up tournament play

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Little League's District 20 majors (12U) all-stars opened tournament play on June 23 with six teams looking for their first wins to maintain position in the winners' bracket of the double-elimination series.

Lehigh scored a 16-3 victory over Northwest, Southern Lehigh was a 10-0 winner over East Side Memorial, and Penridge topped Hellertown/Lower Saucon, 8-2.

North Bethlehem drew a bye on June 23 but hosted Penridge on

June 28 after two weather-related postponements.

"Penridge came hitting," said North Bethlehem manager Colin Hutchinson after his team's 10-0 loss. "There's not much we could do. We had a few little errors, but Penridge put the ball where it dropped in. That was tough. They're a good team."

Penridge took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on Weston Ritter's RBI double to center field and Connor Lowe's RBI ground out.

In the bottom of the second, North Bethlehem pitcher Joseph

Raneiri had a one-two-three inning, including two strikeouts with one on three straight pitches.

Penridge scored two more runs before Eli Miller relieved Raneiri on the mound.

"Today we kept Raneiri at 64 (pitches) because we would want to throw him again on Sunday," Hutchinson said.

North Bethlehem's Dalton Sherry led off the fifth inning with a bunt single, followed by Jayden Ortiz's base hit to center, and Raneiri reached first base on a fielders choice.

"Dalton Sherry laid down a beautiful bunt.

Everybody was so excited. We needed that to feel better, and then we got another hit right after that, and I thought things were going to come around," said Hutchinson. "I'm glad our kids kept their heads up even though we were getting beat on pretty good. That says a lot about us, I guess. I was proud of them."

Also on June 28, Southern Lehigh won its game against Lehigh, 8-4, and East Side Memorial was a 9-8 winner over Northwest, eliminating Northwest from the tournament.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD  
North Bethlehem's Joseph Raneiri heads to first base during an opening round loss against Penridge on June 28.

## DAY

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pros had an easier time with them.

Over the years, I remember the Phillies giving away a jacket, and a patch. There also was an equipment bag day, photo album, and a flag day. They all may be hard to find today.

Along with the regular bats, the Phillies introduced a bottle bat, which was a safer item. During 1976, the Phillies unveiled their Bicentennial hats, and that was a giveaway item.

There also was the popular camera night, where fans stood behind roped-off areas on the field to take pictures of their favorite fans. Were you ever there?

In addition, the team introduced their "Businessperson's Special," which became a popular afternoon game as the last day before a road trip. There also were the appearances of Karl "The Great" Wallenda, who made his famous walks across the top of the Vet.

If I missed any giveaways, please let me know.

Those Tastykake Pocket Schedules: One of my favorite items to always pick up was the Tastykake pocket schedules that had the home games on a red side and the road games

on a blue side.

I tried to collect as many as I could, and they were in my wallet.

There's a Prize Inside: Back in the 70s and 80s, there were an abundance of cereals that were adapted from pop culture and they had a short shelf life. In a number of them along with the traditional ones, there was a prize inside the box.

Some of the better prizes were plastic Navy frogmen found inside Kellogg's Corn Flakes, a Harlem Globetrotters T-shirt offer from Count Chocula, a skele-saurus inside Fruity Pebbles, a Star Trek badge inside Sugar Smacks, Stark Trek iron-ons inside Cheerios, a Beatles rub-on inside Rice Honeys, a whistling pop inside Corn Pops. There also were actual 33 records you could play from pop-artists (The Jackson 5, Bobby Sherman, and The Archies to name a few) on the back of some boxes (remember them or do you have any?).

As far as pop-culture cereals at the time, there was Pac-Man, Ghostbusters, Sir Grapefellow, Dunkin' Donuts, Mr. T, C-3PO, Gremlins, G.I. Joe Action Stars, and the Smurfs.

I do remember trying a number of those, and had Corn Pops on a

regular basis.

Hard to Believe Harry: In the words of the late, great Richie Ashburn, it is hard to believe that Carly Simon recently turned 80. Simon hit the top of the charts in 1972 with "You're So Vain." She also had the soundtrack for the Heinz ketchup commercial in "Anticipation" that was one of the bigger commercials of the decade.

McDonald's Takes A Snap: Through the 60s, 70s, and the 80s, McDonald's had their share of giveaways from erasers, rulers, stickers, and figures.

But do you remember when McDonald's issued a set of football cards in 1986? They made a 24-card set for 27 of the 28 NFL teams, a 25-card set of the Dallas Cowboys and a 30-card "McDonald's All-Star" set for a total of 703 different cards to collect.

Another Classic Game: In 1977, the Snap n' Spin baseball game hit the market.

It was fully assembled in the box, and basically was a pinball game. There were various scoring features and as many as four players could be involved. It was among several games in the 60s and 70s that followed the pinball format.

## Lehigh LL blanks NB

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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In Sunday's District 20 majors (12U) all-star elimination game, Lehigh's Coltin Brozino and North Bethlehem's Joey Raneiri turned the Little League showdown into a pitchers' duel, but it was Lehigh who survived to see another game with a 3-0 victory on July 2 at North Bethlehem.

"We all know, in Little League, you can never have enough runs, so we knew we had to go back out the next inning and keep pitching strikes and play good defense," said Lehigh manager Mark Pavlish. "These guys were giving us a dog fight here. The pressure was still on."

Mason Marisofski's RBI single scored Paxton Pavlish to give Lehigh a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but that's where the score remained for four more innings.

"It was a fastball right down the middle," Marisofski said. "I was getting nervous. I wasn't ready for that (close of a game)."

Raneiri delivered strikeouts to open and

close the inning and forced three straight ground outs in the second, two fielded flawlessly by second baseman Jayden Brujan.

Brozino then struck out all three North Bethlehem batters in the bottom of the second.

"I usually throw a fastball, curveball, and my fastball was on today, and they just could not hit it," Brozino said. "I was feeling very good."

In the top of the fourth inning, Marisofski had his second base hit, but Brujan fielded another grounder to end the threat.

"Beautiful stuff," said Hutchinson. "We had it."

In the bottom of the fourth, Brozino gave up a walk but struck out three more batters.

"I thought he pitched great," said Pavlish of Brozino. "I know when he's locked in. We can rely on him for anything, and that's what he did. He stepped up, he pitched a really clean game, and that's exactly what we needed."

With two outs in the top of the fifth in-

ning, Vaughn Emerich reached first base on an error, and Max Milia also reached first on an error as Emerich scored Lehigh's second run.

Brozino's two-out RBI double in the sixth inning scored Miguel Medina who plated the last run of the game.

"I wanted to get a hit really bad, and I was just really early, so then I was kind of thinking, get a base hit, base hit, and score the runner," Brozino said.

In the bottom of the sixth, Emerich made a stop at second base on a hard hit ball by North Bethlehem's Connor Laubach.

"I was upset for them," said Hutchinson of his team. "They held it together. These kids united pretty well, and [Friday's] win was big. That night was big for them against East Side, and then we came in here, and we were alive. I didn't know what was gonna happen. I thought our top five, six guys, when they came back around to see their second at bat, I was like, this is our shot."

Myles Longacre & Sam

## HOOPS

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Wilkin 17 each  
2023 Lehigh Valley Boys Summer High School Basketball League Standings:  
Small Division Schools  
Bethlehem Ch. 9-2  
Upper Perki 8-4

Salisbury 8-4  
Leighton 5-6  
Catasauqua 3-9  
Roberto Clem 2-10

Large Division Schools  
Parkland 11-1  
Executive Ed. 10-2  
Emmaus 9-2  
Wilson WL 9-2  
Whitehall 8-2  
Central Cath 9-3  
Reading 8-4  
Liberty 7-4

Muhlenberg 6-4  
Northampton 6-4  
Notre Dame GP 6-5  
Dieruff 5-6  
Easton 5-7  
Freedom 5-7  
Quakertown 5-7  
Exeter 4-7  
Allen 4-8  
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So. Lehigh 2-10  
Saucon Valley 1-9  
Palmerton 1-10  
Bangor 0-11

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Little League's District 20 minors (10U) all-stars opened tournament play on June 24 with four teams looking for their first wins to maintain position in the winner's bracket of the double elimination series.

Penridge scored an 11-7 victory over Southern Lehigh, and Lehigh

was a 34-0 winner over Northwest.

North Bethlehem drew a bye on June 24 but hosted Penridge on June 30 and lost, 16-0.

Also on June 30, Lehigh topped Hellertown/Lower Saucon, 13-0.

On July 1, North Bethlehem and Northwest fought to stay alive in the tournament when they faced off at North Bethlehem, while South-

ern Lehigh and Hellertown/Lower Saucon battled at Hellertown.

North Bethlehem was a 21-6 winner over Northwest, and Southern Lehigh was a 8-2 winner over Hellertown/Lower Saucon.

Northwest and Hellertown/Lower Saucon were eliminated from the tournament, which continues this week.



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The Parkland boys volleyball team won this year's PIAA Class 3A state championship. The Trojans beat Shaler High School 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-17) in the state title match Saturday, June 10, at Penn State University. The team went 23-0 in the 2023 season and brought home the program's second state title under head coach Scott Trumbauer, whose 2015 team also earned state gold.

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# Wreathes announces 2023 theme

Each year, millions of Americans come together to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom. This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place in local, state and national cemeteries in all 50 states — most recently at 3,702 participating locations — as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Each year, a new theme is chosen to help volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities. Today, the national nonprofit announces the theme for 2023 is “Serve and Succeed.”

The inspiration for this year’s theme came while discussing the significance of 2022’s theme, which was “Find a Way to Serve,” and the need to continue to stress the importance of service and the positive ways it can impact lives. Wreaths Across America plans to focus on the storylines of veterans and military families who have found success through their own service, while also highlighting local volunteers across the country and the success that comes from serving their communities. The organization will continue its commitment to supporting and bringing attention to the needs of our veteran community while also showcasing

the continued contributions of those who serve. “There are many ways to serve your community and country, and just as many definitions of success,” said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. “We hope through focusing on those stories of success we will help change the dialogue around what it means to serve your country.” In 2022, more than 2.7 million veterans’ wreaths were placed by volunteers on headstones at 3,702 participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for our freedoms, with each name said out loud. Wreaths Across America

volunteers work year-round to ensure military laid to rest are remembered, their families and living veterans are honored, and the next generation is taught about the value of freedom. This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023. It is a free event and open to all people. For more information on how to volunteer locally or sponsor a wreath for an American hero, please visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). To follow stories throughout the year from across the country focused on this theme, please use the hashtag #ServeAndSucceed.

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# Heavenly birthday

June 25 would have been my adoptive mom's 85th birthday. I had really hoped she would live as long as her late Aunt Jane, who made it into her nineties. After all, she did not get to raise children until she was in her thirties, which was considered to be pretty late back then. But that was not to be.



By Lani Goins

A few days before her birthday, my youngest son James brought me his big Snoopy doll, and said "Nammy loved Snoopy." I said she did, and we talked about a few more things (Ziggy, tigers) that she loved. She earned the moniker "Nammy" when my daughter was a toddler and couldn't say "Grammy." Only my children called her that. My niece could not manage to say "Nammy" as a child, so to her she was "Mimi."

There were some things that bothered me in the time she was in the hospital. First, the staff called her Betty. Her full first name was Betty Jane. She was named for her mother, who went by Betty, and her Aunt Jane. But she preferred to be called B.J. No one brought it up until after she passed, and a priest came to give her last rites.

My first thought was he was a little late. My second thought was annoyance, because he messed up and called her C.J. though the whole thing. Afterward, we laughed about it. My mom was not particularly religious anyway. She converted to Catholicism when she married my late father, because she was expected to.

The other bothersome thing was her eyes. It was the first time I had been with someone when they were newly dead. My mom had very pale blue eyes. I arrived at the hospital about 30 minutes after she died, and her eyes were open. They hadn't really clouded at all, and they looked like the unmoving eyes of a doll. That bothered me a lot. I don't know why, but it disturbed me enough to look into it.

If the eyes aren't closed before rigor mortis sets in, they have to be forced shut. I won't go into detail, but bless the funeral workers who have to close dead people's eyes.

Although, Mom probably would have found my discomfort amusing if she could have seen it. So Happy Birthday Mom. This is probably the last I will mention her, except for little anecdotes in the future.

## SCHOOL NEWS

COMPILED BY LANI GOINS

**BASD IS HIRING:** BAVTS is hiring part time Instructional Aides and Substitutes. BASD is seeking a Federal Program & Grant Coordinator. For these and other open positions, visit [basdschools.org](http://basdschools.org)

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**CHARTER ARTS DESIGN CAMP:** The Lehigh Valley HS for the Arts will hold a design camp, Camp Thingabob, with the theme Under the Sea. Students will learn to create props and costumes. For students entering grades 7-9, incoming 6th graders will be considered. Camp runs from July 17-21, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, visit [charterarts.org](http://charterarts.org)

**CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE:** Representative Susan Wild invites students in middle and high school to join the Congressional App Challenge. If you are interested in Computer Science and Coding, and are a current middle or high school student, visit [wild.house.gov/services/congressional-app-challenge](http://wild.house.gov/services/congressional-app-challenge) to learn more.

**FREEDOM BAND SHIRTS:** The Freedom HS BAND and Orchestra is selling T-shirts. Visit [SportsCenter-USA.et](http://SportsCenter-USA.et) and choose Freedom Band Collection. Orders close July 21.

## GRADUATIONS

### Alvernia

Alexa Diaz and Sean Schirripa, of Bethlehem, graduated from Alvernia University on May 13, 2023, at the Alvernia Stadium, Reading. Both earned Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees.

### Muhlenberg College

Five Bethlehem area residents graduated from Muhlenberg College on May 21 at the PPL Center, Allentown. They are Caleb Tereska, Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts, Finance and Accounting majors; Isabella Trauger, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts, Public Health and Economics majors; Jaleal McGill, Bachelor of Arts, Art History major and Studio Art minor; Riley Sweitzer, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts, Media and Communication major and a business-administration minor; and Caley Tereska, Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology major.

### East Stroudsburg University

Several local residents earned degrees from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania during three commencement exercises on May 5 and May 6.

The graduates are, from Bethlehem: Michael Almack, Gunner Anglovich, Jonathan Anthony, Natalie Biery, Erinni Binikos, Olivia Blackstone, Annette Bon Lore, Isaiah Brabham, Matthew Brogan, Jessica Brunell, Rachel Cain, Alejandra Castaneda, Madeline Comp, Rebecca Coriell, Tyler Cramsey, Kathleen Dubicki, Samantha Engelhardt, Taj Falconer, Hannah Gold, Tatiana Guzman-Carides, Timothy Hanks, Kristen Hassler, Kelsey Hoffner, Timothy Jones, Mikayla Jones, Kayla Jones, Lindsey Joseph, Bridget Keglovics, Christina Lessig, Thomas Manos, Anna Marando, Meredith McCormick, Ashley McMullen, Sarah Memon, Ariana Ortiz, Jailene Ortiz-Gordils, Yadshira Pagan Ortiz, Sarah Pammer, Rheannon Parker, Melissa Pertschuk, Benjamin Piripavel, Eissie Powell, Augustus Reed, Galina Reilly, Christina Remache, Maribel Rivera, Jaylene Rodriguez, Jorge Rojas, Zyan Rosado, Steven Rose, David Schultz, Kalityah Scott, Jaden Seaforth, Jessie Stavrou, Tyler Szaro, Tyler Tasillo, Daeshawn Teague, Yesenia Torres, Bradley Turocy, Brendan Ungar, Nicholas Voorhees, Mackenzie Warnke, Shania Womer, Akari Yamamoto and Ryan Zeiner.

from Fountain Hill: Kelsey Morrison and Zachary White; and from Freemansburg: Tatyanna Davis-Headley and Raechel Locadia.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

HCC approved revised plans for the former Grace Mansion at 114 W. Fourth St. that include relocating and repurposing the existing brick garage at left.

# Grace Mansion project is revised

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission reviewed and approved two projects presented by architect Christine Ussler at the June 19 meeting held in the Rotunda.

Accompanied by developer Dallas Basha, Ussler from Artefact Inc. built on HCC input from prior meetings for the former Grace Mansion at 114 W. Fourth St. While continuing to restore the Queen Anne style residence, the applicants design proposal for the property includes a second story studio apartment addition on the mansion's west side, relocating and repurposing an existing brick garage, enclosing the mansion's back porch, and building a 3-story apartment building with six apartments at the rear of the property.

In order to create an off-street parking area, a 32-foot section of a stone wall along Martel Street would be taken out and incorporated into the new construction. A flagstone courtyard is to be adjacent to the front of the relocated garage.

HCC members agreed that the project follows the historic guidelines. The

## BETHLEHEM HCC



From left, developer Dallas Basha and architect Christine Ussler present a revised proposal for the former Grace Mansion at 114 W. Fourth St.

applicants are to return with additional details and construction material samples. "It's a good project," remarked Vice Chairman Craig Evans.

Former Bethlehem Steel President and Chairman Eugene Gifford Grace and his family lived in the historic residence from 1902-06 and the garage was likely constructed at that time.

Representing 125 E. Third St., Ussler was granted another certificate of appropriateness for continued renovation of the front facade of 125 E. Third St. After selective demo of the area around the heavily-al-

tered first floor storefront, Ussler reported there was nothing historically original left of the circa 1910 Classic Revival building.

Her proposed wood and composite material cornice and sign panels for above the previously-approved storefront windows and entrance door pay homage to architectural design elements of that era. Marble tile cladding was approved for the knee wall and column.

The three-story residential over commercial building is owned by Chad Jarrah.

Two signage proposals were successful.

Contractor Ali Nastah from FX Company scored a COA for permanent window signage for Lite Smoke Shop at 507 E. Fourth St. Prior to approval, Nastah agreed to reduce the size of the logo and other type as well as moving them up toward the top of the shop window. Chairman Gary Lader suggested business hours should be displayed on the entrance door glass instead of the logo.

The applicant was asked to provide the historic officer with a scale drawing of the final sign design for review.

The 2.5-story wood building is owned by Richard Cantelmi.

Business owner Andrew Underwood received approval for his hanging and window signage proposal for Donards Donuts at 3 E. Fourth St. Besides the black, white and yellow company logo, colorful window graphics of a donut and macaroons were okay'd.

A two-sided, two-panel hanging sign with black iron bracket was approved with the stipulation it be attached to mortar joints. The top panel reads "Nitro Cold Brew & Espresso" and

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Christine Ussler from Artefact, Inc. won additional approval for storefront renovation for 125 E. Third St.



New signage for Lite Smoke Shop was approved for 507 E. Fourth St.



Contractor Ali Nastah from FX Company, LLC presents a signage proposal for the Lite Smoke Shop at 507 E. Fourth St.



Martel Street, (East) Elevation  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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Artefact, Inc. rendering of proposed new construction for behind the historic Grace Mansion at 114 W. Fourth St.

**YOUR LOCAL WEATHER**

7 Day Forecast

Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Forecast							
Conditions	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy
Temp	90 / 69	91 / 68	87 / 67	83 / 66	84 / 68	83 / 65	80 / 64
Wind	3-6 mph NW	2-8 mph SE	3-10 mph S	6-9 mph ENE	8-9 mph SE	2-8 mph S	4-8 mph WSW

**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 90°, humidity of 52%. Northwest wind 3 to 6 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 94°. The record high for today is 98° set in 1955. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 69°. Southwest wind 2 to 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 50° set in 1922. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 91°, humidity of 55%. Southeast wind 2 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly clear with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 68°. South southeast wind 3 to 8 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 87°, humidity of 62%. South wind 3 to 10 mph.

**Weather Trivia**

What clouds are low, fluffy and associated with sunny spells?



Answer: Cumulus clouds.

**GRADUATIONS**

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**Kutztown University**

Several area residents were awarded degrees for the 2022 fall semester and 2023 winter session. Students who have requested privacy (FERPA) are not listed publicly.

They are, from Bethlehem: Katherine S. Anderson, Bachelor of Arts in History/Paralegal Studies; Jakeline Cano, Bachelor of Science of Business Administration in Management (Summa Cum Laude); Erica Ann Carr, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animated Arts; Emery E. Elton, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (Cum Laude); Juliana M. Maffea, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (Summa Cum Laude); Sean Michael Murtha, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Erin L. Rizzetto, Bachelor of Arts in Art History (Summa Cum Laude); Tony Santuan Williams, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art (Summa Cum Laude); Jaymee Lee Griffin, Master of Education, Initial Certification Pre-K-4; Kristin Letty Kaleyck, Master of Business Administration; Sarah Jane Lambert, Master of Education, Initial Certification Pre-K-4; Keegan R. Lerch, Master of Education in Music Education; Scott J. Matthews, Master of Business Administration; Emre P. Shively-Ertas, Master of Science in Computer Science; and from Freemansburg: Isabel Ellett of Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

**DeSale University**

DeSales University recently conferred degrees to several local residents. The new graduates and their degrees are Jamie Dickey, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts in biology; Beyza Eren, Bachelor of Arts in biology; Fernando Ramirez, Bachelor of Arts in biology; Kalsang Yangla, Bachelor of Arts in biology; Erin Jackson, Bachelor of Arts in business

administration and marketing; Juliana White, Bachelor of Arts in business administration; Alexandra Wismer, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts in business administration; Shea Elliott, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts in theology; Jared Gunkle, Bachelor of Arts in TV/film; Jason Kovacs, Bachelor of Science in computer science; Robert Fiedler, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science in finance; Daniel Lynn, Bachelor of Science in health care administration; Nathaniel Righi, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science in management of information technology; Sarah Keary, Bachelor of Science in marketing; Jareb Keyock, Bachelor of Science in marketing and health care administration;

Bradley McAllister, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science in marketing; Nicole Somers, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science in medical studies; Molly Buehler, cum laude, Bachelor of Science in psychology and biology; Nina Morris, Bachelor of Science in psychology; Lores Reyes-Arias, Bachelor of Science in psychology and Spanish; Daniele Repsher, Bachelor of Science in sport and exercise physiology; Nikolett Aravich, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Ashley Riegel, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Gabriela Roman, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Robert Hinchin, MBA in finance; Tara Reilly, MBA in management; Ryan Bartelt, MBA in project management; Caitlin Gillard, master of education in higher education; Matthew Woodward, master of education in higher education; Aliana Martinez Lopez, master of education in secondary education and Wyatt Evans Gartley, Master of Science in cyber security, all of Bethlehem;

Magdalena Schutler, master of education in secondary education and Matashwarie Gomanie Bachelor of Science in marketing, both of Fountain Hill; and Thalia Roe, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science in nursing, of Freemansburg.

**HCC**

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the one under reads "Donuts over Macarons."

The applicant was instructed to provide a revised scale drawing with pinstripe and dimensions indicating

how high up the hanging sign will be.

The 4-story circa 1900 Italianate building is owned by Amicus Properties.

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## '21st Century Digital'

Marlow Rodale looks to future in Baum School of Art exhibit



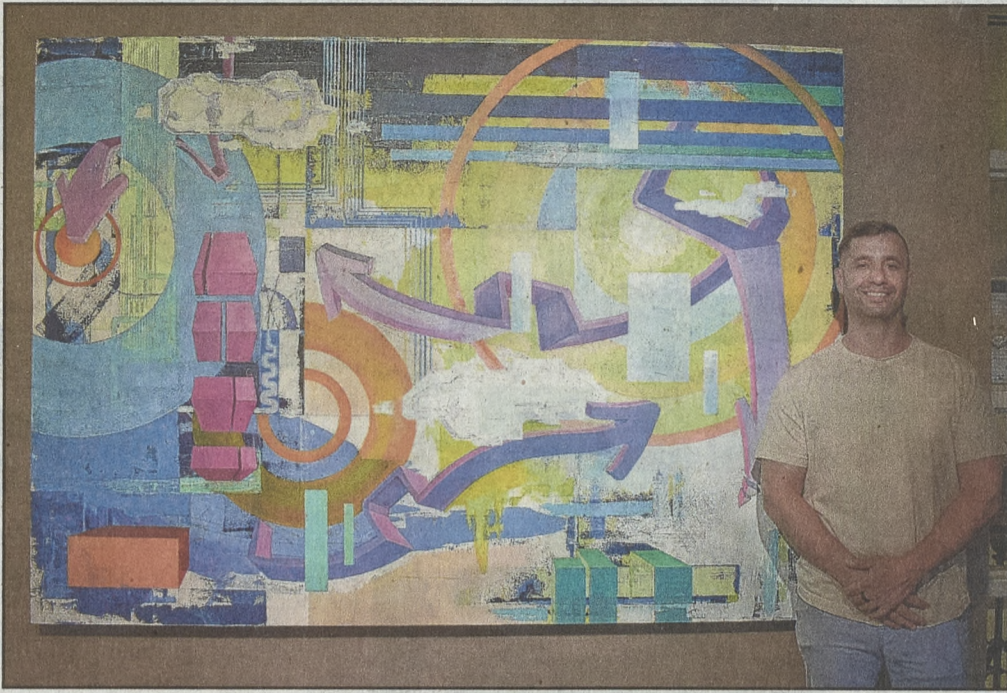
By Ed Courrier

"A lot of my art focuses on the intersection between this emerging digital world that we live in and our connection to it," says Marlow Rodale.

"21st Century Digital Boy" continues through Aug. 18, David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries, The Baum School of Art, Allentown.

Rodale's exhibition emphasizes the idea of evolution and defining his place in the evolving and shifting digital world.

In his oil paintings, Rodale looks to push the boundaries of contemporary art with geometric structures inhabiting imagined, surreal landscapes. The hybrid space that Rodale has created explores the area between



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Marlow Rodale with his "What if Everything Around You Isn't Quite as it Seems" (2023; oil on canvas, 60 in. x 84 in.), "21st Century Digital Boy," The Baum School of Art, Allentown.

virtual landscape and the real world.

"A lot of my art focuses on the intersection

between this emerging digital world that we live in and our connection to it," says Rodale, referring

to "What if Everything Around You Isn't Quite as it Seems" (2023; oil on canvas). See **VIEW** on Page B5

## Pines books 'The Wedding Singer'

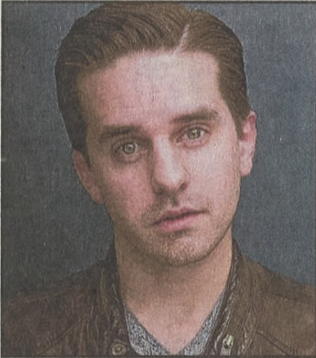


By Kathy Lauer-Williams

The Pines Dinner Theatre is booked for "The Wedding Singer," July 7-Aug. 20.

The musical is based on the 1998 film of the same title that stars Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore and Westchester native Christine Taylor.

The musical adaptation has music by Matthew Sklar, lyrics by Chad Beguelin and book by Beguelin and Tim Herlihy.



Michael Covell



Paige Horvath



Mason Wold

The musical revolves around the titular wedding singer who falls in love with a waitress he meets while singing at a wedding.

It's 1985 and a rock star

wannabe, Robbie Hart (Michael Covell), is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Robbie makes every

wedding as disastrous as his own.

Julia (Paige Horvath) a winsome waitress wins his affection, but as luck would have it, Julia is

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## 8 DAYS A WEEK Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**Straight No Chaser**, "The Yacht Rock Tour," 7:30 p.m. July 6, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. The a cappella group's "Yacht On The Rocks," an album of yacht rock classics, was released June 23. The album includes "Escape (The Piña Colada Song)," "Sailing," "After The Love Has Gone" and Kenny Loggins' "Heart to Heart." Straight No Chaser, founded in 1996 at Indiana University, includes Allentown native Jerome Collins and Forks Township native Walter Chase. The group has sold more than three million albums and more than 1.5 million concert tickets. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; 610-432-6715; <https://www.millersymphonyhall.org/>



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**Live Loud Tom Keifer**, 8 p.m. July 6, Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe. The concert features Tom Keifer Band, Winger and John Corabi. Keifer, of Springfield Township, Delaware County, was singer-songwriter, guitarist, front man of hard rock's Cinderella. In his band, Keifer is joined by Savannah Keifer, Tony Higbee, Billy Mercer, Jarred Pope, Kory Myers and Tanya Davis. Winger, a hard-rock band founded in 1987, is known for the hits, "Seventeen" and "Headed For A Heartbreak." The lineup is Kip Winger, vocals, bass; John Roth, guitarist; Reb Beach, guitar, and Rod Morgenstein, drums. Corabi had replaced Mötley Crüe frontman Vince Neil in 1992. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000; Penn's Peak box office, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe. Information: <https://www.pennspeak.com/events/all>; 866-605-PEAK (7325)

## 'Spider-Man': Could be 'Verse'



By Paul Willistain  
pwillistain@tnonline.com

"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" is a spectacular, frenetic and dizzying experience in the cinematic multiverse.

The sequel, a feature-length animated film about Miles Morales who transforms into Spider-Man, is a landmark work of art in the history of animation.

Look for an Oscar nomination in the animation film category for "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse." This shouldn't be surprising. "Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse" (2018) received an Oscar for best animated feature film.

"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" has a multiverse of directors: Kemp Powers (Oscar nominee, adapted screenplay, "One Night in Mi-



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Spider-Man (voiced by Shameik Moore), "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse."

ami," 2021; co-director, co-screenwriter, "Soul," (2020) and Joaquim Dos Santos and Justin K.

Thompson (each in feature directorial debuts with extensive credits for

animation production design, character design and storyboard artist).

As "Ah!mayZing!" as is the animation, that's nearly how disappointing is the story in "Spi-

der-Man: Across the Spider-Verse." The plot is confusing and seems like a rehash of "Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse."

The screenplay is by See **MOVIES** on Page B5



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**Rachel Marie**, Colleen Sullivan, 8 p.m. July 7, Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem. Boston-based and Bethlehem-raised Rachel Marie, above, released her album, "False Foundations," in 2018, and will preview her upcoming album, "My Sorry, Troubled Head," during the concert at Godfrey's. Her set list will be the track list from the new album, said to infuse the singer-songwriter-guitarist's her folk roots with indie rock and synth-pop influences. Colleen Sullivan, a Bloomfield, N.J., native, is a singer-songwriter whose music spans alternative, Americana and acoustic pop rock. Sullivan plans to release her debut album in 2023. Tickets: Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem; 610-867-2390; <https://godfreydaniels.org>

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In most parts of the country, July is the month when blueberries ripen. Do the math to discover some blueberry facts. If the answer is an even number, that fact is TRUE.

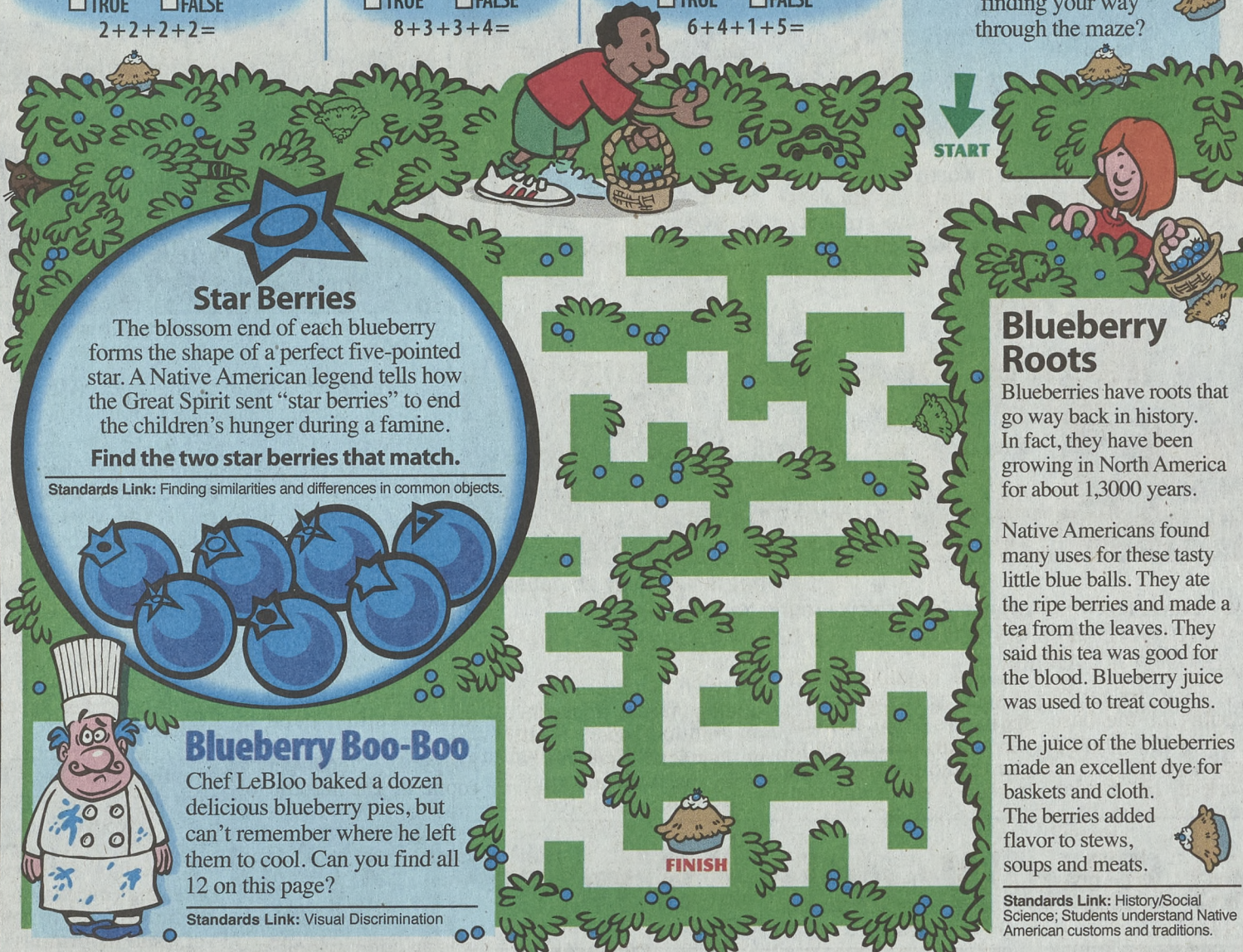
Blueberries do not ripen after they have been picked.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
 $2+2+2+2=$

Blueberries are good for your heart.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
 $8+3+3+4=$

A single blueberry bush can produce up to 6,000 berries in one year.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
 $6+4+1+5=$

### Berry Challenging

Billy and Betsy are picking blueberries. But what's this? There is more than just blueberries in the bushes. Can you find a **car**, a **bird**, a **shoe**, a **crayon**, a **fish**, a **cat** and a **glove** while finding your way through the maze?



### Star Berries

The blossom end of each blueberry forms the shape of a perfect five-pointed star. A Native American legend tells how the Great Spirit sent "star berries" to end the children's hunger during a famine.

Find the two star berries that match.

Standards Link: Finding similarities and differences in common objects.



### Blueberry Boo-Boo

Chef LeBloo baked a dozen delicious blueberry pies, but can't remember where he left them to cool. Can you find all 12 on this page?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination

### Ask Barry Blue

To figure out the answer to this important question, number the parts of the sentences in order. Then, write the answer on the lines below.



Dear Barry, I have a plant with blue berries in my yard. Can I eat them?

- berries without
- can be poisonous. Do not
- touch or eat any wild
- mushrooms, some berries
- an adult's permission.
- are safe to eat but others
- Absolutely NOT! Like

### Extra! Extra! How Blue Are You?

If someone says he is blue, it usually means he is sad, not painted. Look through the newspaper and find pictures or words that mean the same as sad. Then cheer yourself up by finding a word that means the opposite of each sad word.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Students understand synonyms and antonyms.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the 1600s, when settlers arrived in North America from England, they had to find food. The Wampanoag people showed them how to plant corn and how to gather and use native plants. An important native plant was blueberries! These could be eaten fresh or dried and stored for the winter.

Unscramble the letters on the label of each jar to discover what kind of jam is inside it.

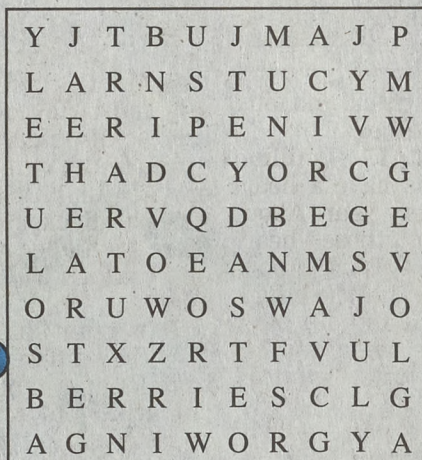


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions; spell common sight words.

### Double Double Word Search

- ABSOLUTELY
- AMERICA
- BERRIES
- DYE
- EAT
- GLOVE
- GROWING
- HEART
- JUICE
- JULY
- LEAVES
- RIPEN
- ROOTS
- SAFE
- YARD

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



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

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#### Round Off

Find ten or more numbers in today's newspaper. Round off each number to the nearest ten. If the number is more than 100, round off to the nearest hundred also.

Standards Link: Mathematics: Number Sense. Students round off numbers to the nearest ten or hundred.



What is the easiest way to make blueberries bigger?

ANSWER: Put them under a magnifying glass.

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**VIEW**

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vas, 60 in. x 84 in.).

"I like to create spaces in my work that engage you through perspective and color to give you a world to explore and meditate on the things inside of you, the concerns on your mind, the things that make you happy," Rodale says.

"So, that's why I avoid figurative work and stick to more abstract to allow the viewer to create their own story."

Composition and color are employed to guide viewers' eyes through his canvases.

"All art is a self-portrait," says Rodale, who studied computer science before he became a painter. "I love technol-

ogy, but have worked on farms and I love gardening." Through his paintings, Rodale connects natural beauty with the precision of science and technology.

Rodale found inspiration in the works of M. C. Escher and Salvador Dali.

Marlow Rodale, a Moravian Academy graduate, is the son of husband and wife photographers Anthony and Florence Rodale.

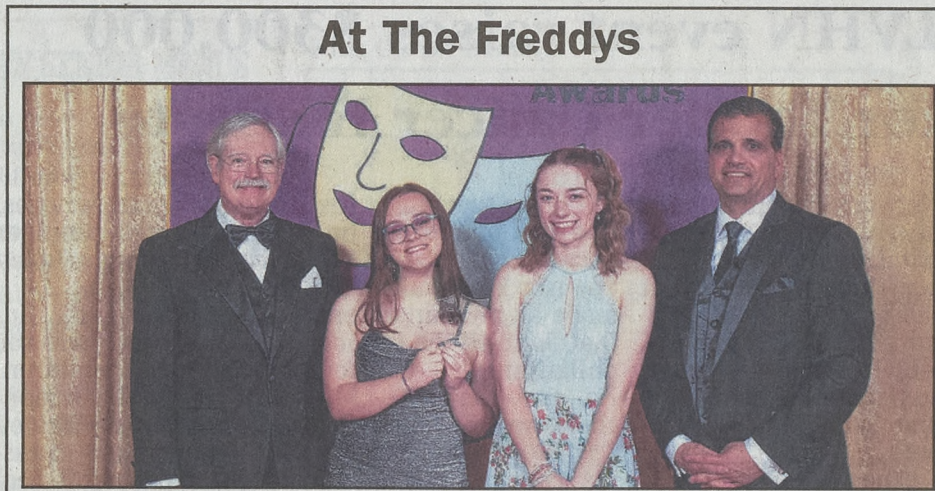
Marlow Rodale studied at Drexel University, before working in set design for film and music videos. He graduated from Kutztown University in 2009 with a degree in fine art and minor in political science.

Rodale works out of his home studio in Beth-

lehem.

Marlow Rodale, "21st Century Digital Boy," through Aug. 18, David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries, The Baum School of Art, 510 W. Linden St., Allentown. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday (beginning July 10, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday), closed Saturday and Sunday. Information: 610-433-0032; <https://www.baumschool.org/>

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**At The Freddys**

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Freddy Award presenters, freelance photojournalist Ed Courrier, representing Lehigh Valley Press, and Bob Begliomini from Lehigh Valley Health Network, with Outstanding Stage Crew recipients Gabby Finn and Annabelle Gormont. The award, given in honor of Captain Christopher Seifert, went to Bangor Area High School's production of "Anastasia." Courrier filled in at the May 25 Freddy Awards show televised live on WMFZ-TV from the State Theatre for the Arts, Easton, for Focus Editor Paul Willistein who was busy getting the latest edition out to press.

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about to be married to a Wall Street shark and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever.

The musical premiered on Broadway in 2006 and was nominated for five Tony Awards, including for best musical.

Pines Dinner Theatre has received a 2023 Travelers' Choice Award from travel web-

site Tripadvisor. Every year, the site recognizes destinations, based on reviews and ratings from customers over the previous 12 months.

Appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages are available for purchase ala carte.

**"The Wedding Singer,"** 12:30 p.m. dinner, 1:30 p.m. show, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday; 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. show, Friday, Saturday, July 7 - Aug. 20, The Pines Dinner

Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. Tickets: 610-433-2333; <https://www.pinesdinnertheatre.com/>

**NCC Summer Theatre's children's show:** Northampton Community College Summer Theatre's children's production is "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr.," July 5-29, Lab Theatre.

Based on the 2005 DreamWorks Animation film "Madagascar," the show follows a group of zoo animals who are unexpectedly shipped to Africa.

"Madagascar - A Musical Adventure Jr." has music and lyrics by George Noriega and Joel Someilan and book by Kevin Del Aguila.

The production is directed by Clair Freeman with musical direction by Chad Miller.

Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. The show is filled

with outlandish characters, adventures and an upbeat score, including the hit dance tune, "I Like to Move It."

Alex the Lion (Mason Wold) is king of the urban jungle and the main attraction at the Central Park Zoo. He and his friends have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided them.

**"Madagascar: A Musical Adventure,"** 10 a.m. July 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29; 1 p.m. July 7,

14, 28; 10, 11:30 a.m. July 19, 21, Lab Theatre, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. Tickets: 484-484-3412; <https://www.northampton.edu>

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Phil Lord (Oscar recipient, best animated feature film, "Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse"; screenwriter: "The Lego Movie," 2014; "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," 2009), Christopher Miller (Oscar recipient, best animated feature film, "Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse"; screenwriter, "The Lego Movie," 2014) and Dave Callahan (screenwriter: "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," 2021; "Mortal Kombat," 2021; "Wonder Woman 1984," 2020; "Zombieland: Double Tap," 2019; "The Expendables," 2020).

"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" has some emotionally-convincing scenes between Miles Morales (voiced by Shameik Moore) and his parents, Jeff Morales

(Brian Tyree Henry) and Rio Morales (Luna Lauren Velez), as well as between Gwen Stacy (Hailee Steinfeld) and her father George Stacy (Shea Whigham) and between Miles Morales and Gwen Stacy.

The plotline about Spider-Man's nemesis Miguel O'Hara (Oscar Isaac), Spot (Jason Schwartzman), as well as concerning Uncle Aaron (Mahershala Ali) is not clearly written, nor is a storyline about Peter Parker (Jack Quaid) and Peter B. Parker (Jake Johnson).

"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" seems overly-long with many of the action scenes repetitive. The film is said to be the longest feature animation film ever released in the United States.

The computer-generated animation in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" is incredible.

The animation combines numerous styles of animation. Fans of animation should definitely see the film.

Seeing "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" is like having the pages of a comic book flipped before your eyes, or comic-book page panels cascading in rapid succession. The effect of watching "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" is like being in a comic book.

Maybe I need to see "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" again and familiarize myself more with the characters and their back stories. However, after I saw "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse," I chatted with a comic-book collector and "Spider-Man" fan in the movie theater lobby. He thought that the movie is confusing.

The actors' character voices are terrific. In addition to the aforementioned,

the characters include J. Jonah Jameson (J.K. Simmons), Hobie Brown (Daniel Kaluuya), May-Quippy Spider-Person (Elizabeth Perkins), Doc Ock (Kathryn Hahn), Ben Reilly (Andy Samberg) and Lenny (Ziggy Marley).

Aaron Davis (Donald Glover) is inserted as a non-animation character.

The energetic synthesizer-programmed tech-music soundtrack by composer Daniel Pemberton (Oscar nominee, "The Trial of the Chicago 7," 2021) is also deserving of an Oscar nomination.

"Spider-Man: Beyond the Spider-Verse," third in the series, is to be released in 2024.

"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" will be of chief interest to fans of "Spider-Man" the comic book and the feature films, motion

picture animation and the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

I just wish there would be more clarity to the story line in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse."

Oh, well, "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" could be "Verse."

**"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse,"** MPAA rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested: Some material may not be suitable for children.) for sequences of animated action violence, some language and thematic elements; Genre: Animation, Action, Adventure; Run time: 2 hours, 20 minutes; Distributed by Sony Pictures Releasing.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** During the closing credits of "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse," it states "To be continued" and

"Miles Morales will return in 'Spider-Man: Beyond the Spider-Verse.'"

**At the Movies:** "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" was seen in the Dolby Cinema at AMC, AMC Center Valley 16.

**Theatrical Movie Domestic Box Office,** June 30 - July 2: Movie box office information was not available because of early deadlines for the July 4 holiday.

**Unreel, July 12:** "Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One," No MPAA rating; Christopher McQuarrie directs Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson and Hayley Atwell in the Action, Adventure Thriller. Ethan Hunt must locate a dangerous weapon. *Movie opening date information from Internet Movie Database as of June 25 is subject to change.*

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## LVHN event raises \$300,000 for Topper Cancer Institute

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) raised nearly \$300,000 to benefit Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute at the fourth annual Celebration of Champions, which honors cancer survivors, caregivers and community members.

The evening's 37 sponsors and nearly 250 guests raised nearly \$300,000 for the Cancer Institute. Proceeds help advance cancer research and treatment, expand access to clinical trials and provide patient assistance funds.

Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer, thanked those in attendance at the May 20 event at the Renaissance Hotel in Allentown for their support, giving special recognition to Haldeman Lincoln as title sponsor and Joe and Maureen Topper as honorary chairs.

Suresh Nair, MD, Physician in Chief, Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute, spoke to the important role of philanthropy: "Your generosity enables us to recruit and retain the best and brightest colleagues, and bring the latest technology and treatment options to local patients."

Dr. Nair shared highlights from clinical trials at LVHN that are yielding results, from pancreatic cancer to melanoma.

During the awards ceremony, Paul Haldeman was honored as this year's Community Impact Champion; Amy Eagle Thompson was recognized as the Survivor Champion, and Stella Polit, RN, OCN, was the 2023 Caregiver Champion.

In the printed program, cancer survivors were celebrated, sharing stories of courage

and hope. Upon accepting his award, Community Impact Champion and Title Sponsor Paul Haldeman made an announcement that doubled the event's philanthropic impact. He and his wife, Michele, were committing \$250,000 to the melanoma cancer program at Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute.

Their gift will support patient education and treatment and research concerning melanoma, while increasing access to immunotherapy clinical trials and personalized vaccine trials.

Concluding the night's program, Dr. Nair recognized cancer survivors in the room and members of the Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute clinical team.

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Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) includes 13 hospital campuses, four in Allentown, two in Bethlehem, one in Easton, one in East Stroudsburg, one in Hazleton, two in Pottsville, one in Dickson City, and one in Lehigh Valley; 28 health centers; primary and specialty care physician practices; 20 ExpressCARE locations including the area's only Children's ExpressCARE pharmacy, imaging,

home health, rehabilitation and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred.

Specialty care includes: trauma care for adults and children, burn care at the Regional Burn Center; kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer, orthopedics, neurology, complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, and robotic surgery in 10 specialties.

Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute, Lehigh Valley Heart and Vascular Institute, Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence, Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute and Lehigh Valley Fleming Neuroscience Institute physicians provide the most advanced treatments.

Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute is a member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance (MSK Cancer Alliance), an initiative that helps community providers improve the quality of cancer care and offers access to MSK clinical trials.

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, the community's only children's hospital, provides care in more than 30 specialties and general pediatrics.

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest is ranked as the region's No. 1 hospital for nine straight years and has been recognized among Pennsylvania's Top 10 hospitals for nine consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report.

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - Cedar Crest, LVH - 17th Street and LVH - Muhlenberg are the region's only Magnet® hospitals for nursing excellence.



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From left: Gregory Roth and Scott Stoneback of The Media People with Platinum Award and Gold Award received in the 2023 Hermes Creative Awards Festival for Muhlenberg College Theatre & Dance Department production of "40 Years Of Excellence."

## Media People receives awards for Muhlenberg documentary

The Media People, the longest-running independent film and broadcast video production company in the Lehigh Valley, was recently awarded the Platinum Award and Gold Award in the 2023 Hermes Creative Awards Festival.

The awards were for the Muhlenberg College Theatre & Dance Department production of "40 Years Of Excellence."

The documentary project was made during 30 years of the Muhlenberg College Summer Music Theatre productions. The interviews and editing required one year to complete.

The film chronicles the start of the Summer Music Theatre with the arrival of Charles Rich-

ter and Curtis Dretsch, who started the theater program at Muhlenberg College in 1978. They retired in 2022 after 42 years. The Summer Music Theatre program concluded with their retirement.

The Platinum Award was presented in the "Public Relations" category. The Gold Award was presented in the "Documentary" category.

Scott Stoneback was the Producer and Director of the production. Gregory Roth of Emmaus was the videographer and non-linear editor.

The William B. Butz Memorial Fund, Inc. and The Media People, Inc. underwrote production costs.

Roth has worked for The Media People since 2012. He is an Adjunct Instructor at Muhlenberg College and assists with the Theatre Department's On-Camera Acting Class.

The Media People is celebrating its 48th year with more than 2,000 successful productions and has received more than 70 national and international awards.

There were more than 6,500 entries in this year's competition. The Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals administered and judged the event, which was held in Dallas, Tex.

**Information:** <http://www.themediapople.com/>

## Two LVHN hospitals get Leapfrog 'A' safety grade

Two Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) hospitals are receiving top marks for safety from The Leapfrog Group.

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - Cedar Crest and LVH - Muhlenberg received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2023.

"Our colleagues work tirelessly to keep our patients safe," said Bob Begliomini, PharmD, Senior Vice President, LVHN, and President, LVH - Cedar Crest.

"Everyone who works at our hospital should be proud of this accomplishment, because it shows our commitment to safety and high-quality care," Begliomini said.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization that grades hospitals in the United States for safety by using 30 national performance

measures.

"Receiving high marks for safety shows our community that high-quality care is the top priority at our hospitals," said Jim Miller, CRNA, Senior Vice President, Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence, and President, LVH - Muhlenberg.

"Our doctors, nurses and hospital staff are highly skilled and compassionate. Each is focused on delivering LVHN's promise to heal comfort and care, and that starts with safety," Miller said.

To grade each hospital, The Leapfrog Group examines errors, accidents, injuries and infections patients may encounter while in the hospital.

Leapfrog also examines the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. Each hospital graded by Leapfrog receives an "A," "B,"

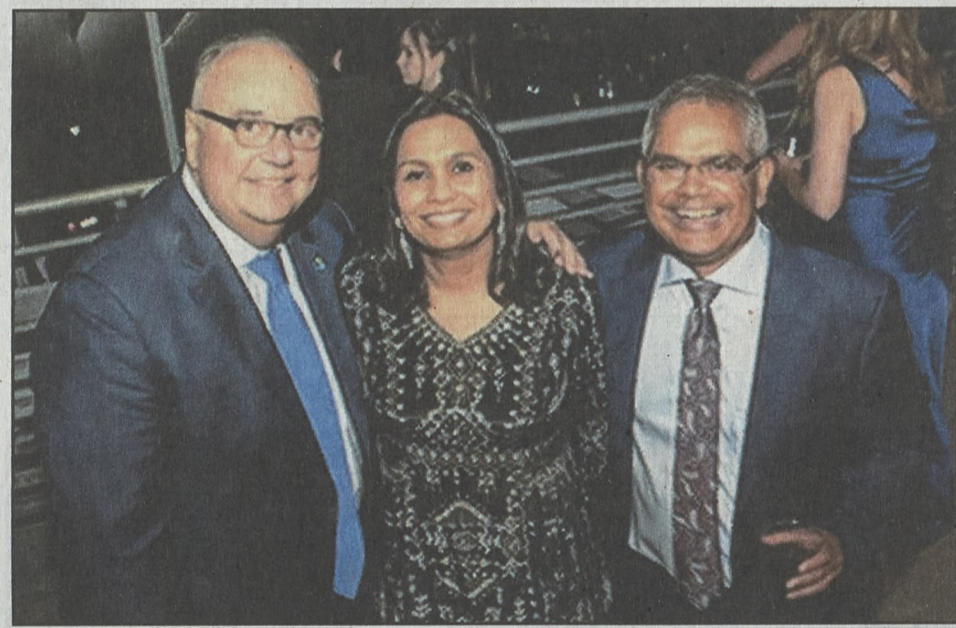
"C," "D" or "F."

"A main component of achieving high-quality, compassionate care is taking steps to protect patients," said Matthew McCambridge, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief Quality,

Patient Safety and Acute Care Continuum Officer, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN).

"Achieving an 'A' rating from The Leapfrog Group is a testament to our commitment to keeping our patients safe and providing the excellent care they expect and deserve," McCambridge said.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety grading system is peer-reviewed and transparent to the public. It is also the only safety rating system in the U.S. that exclusively measures how well hospitals prevent medical errors and harm to patients.



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Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Ranju Gupta, MD, President-Elect, LVHN medical staff; hematology-oncology, Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute, Suresh Nair, MD, Physician in Chief, Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute.

## Good Shepherd adaptive events

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation continues its series of free adaptive fishing and golfing events for people with disabilities.

For the second consecutive year, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation is offering the only events of their kind in the Lehigh Valley.

The events are open to those who are 18-years-old and living with a disability. Registration is required.

A team of recreational therapists from Good Shepherd, including Susan Bates, Linda Bollinger and Katrina Pidstawski, designed the sports offerings.

Adaptive fishing ses-

sions include 2-4 p.m. July 11 (rain date: July 14) and Aug. 1 (rain date: Aug. 8), Lehigh Valley Road Runners Club House, 1696 Park Drive, Allentown.

Participants must have a fishing license and are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles. Good Shepherd has a limited amount of adaptive fishing equipment available.

Adaptive golfing sessions include 1-2:30 p.m. July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19 at Allentown Municipal Golf Course, 3400 Tilghman St., Allentown. There are no rain dates.

To register: 610-776-3540; sbates@gsrh.org

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To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Retail Sales, LLC will sell at public lien sale on July 20, 2023, the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased spaces...

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA will receive sealed bids for the placement of Bituminous Seal Coat on various Borough streets.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids via PennBid for the Tighman Street and Snowdrift Road Radius & Pedestrian Improvements project.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR EMMAUS FACILITIES INVITATION TO BID

The Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA will receive sealed proposals for the Janitorial Services for various physical facilities, as detailed herein...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Eunice J. Buchanan deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of DIANNE L. WENDLING deceased, late of Schnecksville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Linda M. MacDonald, deceased, late of Wind Gap, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Patrick MacDonald...

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday July 25, 2023...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of ARLINE M. LAHN, deceased, late of Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Charles B. Bower, deceased, late of New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters: Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Estate of William C. Ward, Deceased, late of Salisbury Township, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CONCISE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

As per the requirements of the Township Code as amended, the following presents the financial statement of Lower Macungie Township for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Table with financial data including Assets and deferred outflows of resources, Liabilities, Revenues, and Expenditures. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources: 134,760,147.

Vincent Tranguch, Zoning Officer

July 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of FRANKLIN H. WENDLING, JR., a/k/a FRANKLIN WENDLING deceased, late of Schnecksville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF SHEILA A. LONG, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters: Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF John B. Foley, deceased A/K/A John Biddle Foley

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of SHIRLEY J. HERMANVITCH, deceased, late of Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF CAROLYN B. CRILLEY, deceased, late of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF SHARON FAYETTE RUF, late of Bethlehem City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 7/16/21. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of Carole Ann Beck, a/k/a Carole A. Beck, deceased, late of Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of James R. Miller, Sr., deceased, late of Bath, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF Hannelore F. Blew a/k/a Hannelore Blew. Late of N. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 3/30/23. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of Elaine E. Jones, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of John L. Spadaccia, deceased, late of Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

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ESTATE NOTICE Estate of Sandra J. Schaeffer, deceased, late of the Township of Lehigh, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of Larry S. Gates, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the below named personal representatives...

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ESTATE of Georgia C. Corvino a/k/a Georgia Corvino, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Estate of ALFRED A. SCHLERT, SR., late of the Township of Palmer, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased...

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ESTATE OF Dawn M. Wetzel, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the below named personal representative...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF Doris M. Betzenberger, deceased, late of Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF KAREN SUE MULDOWNEY, deceased, late of Lehigh Township, Danielsville, Northampton County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named...

If interested, forward a resume to EPCFA2010@gmail.com. If we feel you would be a possible candidate, we will contact you.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of Helen Weiknecht, deceased, late of 4391 Green Tree Lane, South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF THOMAS F. BURRELL, deceased, late of Washington Township, Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF LARUE S. SCHAFFER, late of the Borough of Coplay, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

60 SPECIAL NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of RALPH R. SLIFER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the person named below...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF THOMAS W. CAMPBELL, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below...

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