

Hall to coach Liberty

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Brandon Hall doesn't see his new coaching gig as much pressure, more so as an honor.

After sitting out last season on the sidelines, it didn't take long to lure the 43-year old South Mountain social studies teacher back to the wrestling room.

Hall was approved by the Bethlehem Area School District Monday night to become the fifth head coach in Liberty wrestling history. He takes over for the legendary Jody Karam, who resigned this summer after a 26-year stint as LHS boss, walking away as the winningest coach in program history with a 362-150-1 record.

Those are big shoes to fill for a program that was routinely one of the best coached wrestling teams in PA.

It may even be an odd feeling returning to the mats at first, as Hall was an assistant at Freedom for eight years, and then eventually took over for Jeff Karam when he left for Bethlehem Catholic. Hall was the head coach at Freedom for eight years before the school decided to go into a different direction at the end of the 2018 season.

After enjoying a year away from the day-to-day rigors of coaching, the Liberty position was too good to pass up for the Bethlehem resident.

"This was a great opportunity and this is in my community," Hall said. "That's important to me. It's really exciting given the history of the program. To only have four coaches in program history and then I get to be the fifth. It's an honor."

Hall was 112-78 during his time at Freedom, coaching five district champions, four state medalists and two regional champions. In 2015, FHS had its best year, going 24-0 in the regular season before finishing 25-2.

Hall plans to speak with Jody Karam at some point about all things Liberty, but he'll focus his attention on putting together a staff and meeting the wrestlers on Thursday.

"There's a phenomenal sense of community at Liberty and there's great support here by the administration," said Hall. "I spent a lot of time thinking about how things ended at Freedom and I've always focused on how I can be better each day. I just want to continue the great tradition of Liberty wrestling. They do things differently here with how they train that isn't replicated in many places. This is important to a lot of people in the community and I'm excited about that."

Becahi latest to fall to Eagles

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Things did not go great for Bethlehem Catholic last Friday night in Nazareth. As the fourth quarter slowly came to an end, Becahi's lead drummer from the band performed a solo act in the stands, which was the most entertainment fans got in the final stanza. A week after pummeling Parkland, Becahi fell flat in a 27-13 defeat to the undefeated Blue Eagles (5-0).

It was a loss that left head coach Joe Henrich visibly frustrated on a night where the offense was held to 90 yards rushing and the defense finally broke down late in the second half.

"The whole thing was disappointing," Henrich said. "I don't know where we were. We had some opportunities early, but we just played like a disaster. Nazareth was hungrier, faster, they got off blocks better than us, they tackled better than us. As good as we played against Parkland, this was the polar opposite."

After the Hawks (3-2) took the lead in the first quarter following a two-yard TD run by Malik Thomas, Nazareth came back with 27 un-



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Becahi's Malik Jabeir Thomas finds running room during the Hawks loss to Nazareth.

answered points.

The Blue Eagles led 14-6 at halftime, but saw their offense sputter on many drives throughout the night, thanks in part to the Hawks defense that picked off quarterback Anthony Harris twice inside Becahi territory.

Becahi's defense is

what kept them in the game for so long, until things finally broke loose in the fourth quarter, when Harris rushed for an 11-yard score with 9:28, followed by a two-yard Tyler Rohn rushing TD less than two minutes later to ice the game.

Harris finished the

night with 188 yards through the air and 101 yards on the ground and two scores. It wasn't his best night, but he still caused plenty of problems for Becahi with his ability to extend plays and break tackles.

Becahi quarterback Jared Richardson couldn't get much going

through the air, finishing the night 10-of-22 for 157 yards and two interceptions.

With a winless Whitehall (0-5) squad coming to town Saturday night at BASD, Henrich hopes it'll be an opportunity at redemption for his squad.

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Parkland ends skid vs. Liberty

BY CJ HEMERLY
Special to the Press

Not a lot went right for the Liberty football team last weekend against Parkland. There was some hope and confidence after the Hurricanes tied the game on a second quarter touchdown, but the Trojans wound up scoring the next 28 points to win an Eastern Pennsylvania Conference South Division game last Friday night at Bethlehem Area School District stadium.

"We just got outplayed tonight in all facets of the game," said head coach John Truby. "We were right there in the third quarter but we can't make the mistakes we did to beat good teams like Parkland. We have to play better than this."

The game didn't start the way the offense had hoped as Liberty (2-3 overall, 0-3 EPC) had two turnovers on its first two possessions, an interception and a fumble in back-to-back drives. But the defense stepped up and held firm, forcing Parkland (3-2, 2-2) into

three-and-outs on both ensuing possessions and the first three of the game altogether.

The Trojans broke the scoreless drought on their final drive of the opening quarter thanks to a two-yard touchdown run by Isiah Rico, who took the last three carries for 17 yards.

But the Hurricanes responded right away with a scoring drive of their own on the ensuing possession. They ran 14 plays through the end of the first quarter and into the beginning of the second, which was capped by a two-yard touchdown run by John Vazquez to tie the score at 7-7 2:37 into the second period.

"I thought that drive showed our grit," Truby said. "We weren't playing well up to that point with turnovers, but to bounce back after a scoring drive against us showed some grit."

The Liberty defense would once again force a three-and-out by Parkland on its next possession after the Hurricanes touchdown, but then

they would also not get a first down of their own in their next drive.

And that's where the game changed.

The Trojans put together a 10-play drive, including a 23-yard pass play on the first play, and ended with a 10-yard touchdown pass to take back the lead at 14-7 with 1:55 left. Liberty would get an interception thanks to Ta'kwan Moseley right before half, but the score remained 14-7 heading into halftime.

Liberty would go three-and-out on the opening third quarter possession and then Parkland scored five plays later to go up 21-7. Two punt blocks recovered for touchdowns highlighted the second half miscues for the Hurricanes.

"That's where the game really got away from us," said Truby. "We have to be more sound on special teams and can't let plays like that happen."

Liberty hits the road to play at Emmaus on Friday night.



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QB Dallas Holmes, right, hands off to Bailey Weaver during the Hurricanes loss to Parkland last week.



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Lily Judge of Freedom, left, battles with Liberty's Lindsey Hefferman during last week's game at BASD.

Freedom girls top LHS

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Haley Gschrey's penalty kick put Freedom on the scoreboard first and that's where they stayed clinching a 2-0 victory over city rival Liberty last Thursday at Liberty.

"There was a handball in the box, and I put it to the right bottom corner. The keeper almost had it, though," said Gschrey.

Leading 1-0 at the half, the Pates came back with more attack, signaling the Hurricane defense to step up the pressure.

"It happens every

game that usually someone's just on me, so I have to play my game and keep focusing on where the player is and who to play on and off of," Gschrey said. "Our attack was better [in the second half]. We had most of the possession."

The last five minutes, however, was all Hurricanes for the most part, when they had an opportunity on a corner, but with 35 seconds left in regulation, it was Gschrey who scored again.

"My coach screamed at me to take it to the corner, but I wanted one

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Liberty boys knock off Freedom in soccer

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In the 92nd minute of the Liberty-Freedom boys' soccer game last week, Liberty midfielder Chris Schray's first thought after scoring the game-winning goal was "Where should I go?"

His Hurricane teammates took care of that as they swarmed Schray after their 1-0 victory over the Patriots in double overtime last Thursday at Liberty.

"[Freedom was] really pushing and really attacking, so I knew we were not going to get many chances, and I knew we needed to capitalize on the chance we get," said Schray. "Bryce [Nunes] had a great pass to me that allowed me to beat the defender for a time and I just saw the goal wide open."

Patriot pressure was most evident from the beginning of the second half and on.

"I'm not gonna' lie, it

was pretty stressful, but Liberty-Freedom game is always one team on the back foot, one team on the front foot, back and forth," said Liberty goalkeeper Blake Koski.

Freedom missed two scoring chances with Koski on the ground and another that Koski batted away.

"I made a few mistakes back there but luckily I have wonderful teammates around me to help me out- Max Molloy, Jordan Jupina, Riley Burke, and Chris

Matz," said Koski. "They were all extremely solid tonight. Clean sheet goes to them. I think we were very, very solid, defensively."

Momentum shifted to Liberty with 15:00 left in the second half, and then back to Freedom seven minutes later.

"I don't mind oppositions keeping possession because possession doesn't win games, so as long as we can be stout defensively and be clinical on counterattacks, we will do well," said

Liberty coach Ian Larimer.

Hurricane forward Hatungimana Salem re-entered the game shortly before regulation ended and gained possession but time ran out before he was able to get a shot off.

"We have steadily continued the theme of defending well, but we need to be more clinical in the final third," said Larimer. "Too often we leave chances on the table, too many opportunities in front of goal,

and we cannot squander them. We do not concede goals. That is our objective and it seems to pay off."

Freedom bounced back from the loss with a 3-0 victory over Pleasant Valley on Monday.

Nathanael Rivera, Sebastian Ramirez, and Tye Roemersma had goals for the Pates on assists by Daniel Ramirez, Peter McGibbon, and Taher Kitabwalia.

Matthew Thomsen made seven saves.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD

The Freedom Patriots discuss their races with coach Bob Thear last Tuesday after their cross country meet against Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg North, and East Stroudsburg South.

FHS girls win three

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Freedom's girls' cross country team ran their way to three victories on their home turf, defeating Stroudsburg, 25-30, East Stroudsburg North, 15-48, and East Stroudsburg South, 23-36.

Lauren Charboneau placed second overall but first for the Patriots in 20:26.

Eliza Fihlman finished in 12th place in 22:59, and Julia Heine-man came in 15th in 23:12, also for the Pates.

"I usually run my first mile a lot faster than my other two. My second mile is usually my slowest and as soon as I get to the last mile, I start going faster and gradually picking up," said Fihlman. "I passed people before the stretch to the finish and then there was one girl ahead of me that I was right behind."

Liberty's girls defeated Stroudsburg, 20-43, East Stroudsburg North, 15-50, and East Stroudsburg South, 19-52.

Emily Jobs came in third overall and first for the Hurricanes in 21:11, followed by Belle Weikert who was fourth overall in 21:19.

Camryn Bortz placed seventh in 21:34, Jessica Farrell was eighth in



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Eliza Fihlman helped to pace the Freedom Patriot girls to wins over Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg North, and East Stroudsburg South in cross country last Tuesday.

21:51, Madison Drager came in 10th in 22:10, and Evelyn Sharkhan was 11th in 22:58.

"I felt pretty good. Emily helped me a lot with pacing, so the first two miles were pretty good, the third mile I felt tired but she really helped me push to the end and finish strong," said Bortz. "Each course is different...It's a little strategic, figuring out where to pick it up, where to slow down, where to pick people off."

"I think we have a

really good team. We work together, but it's also fun to compete with each other and push each other. The third mile is where I have to find it within myself to keep going."

Bethlehem Catholic lost to Stroudsburg, 19-43, but won against East Stroudsburg North, 15-50, and East Stroudsburg South, 26-29.

Margaret Burke placed fifth overall and first for the Hawks in 21:21.

FHS notches a sweep

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Freedom's boys' cross country team, host of last week's meet, swept Stroudsburg, 27-28, East Stroudsburg South, 16-43, and East Stroudsburg North, 34-44.

Freedom's Alex Hume took second place overall and first for the Patriots with a time of 17:42.

"I was behind the Stroudsburg kids and passed them halfway through the second mile. Once I beat them, I tried to keep a steady pace and keep ahead of them," said Hume. "Passing someone definitely feels great, especially when I was behind them most of the race. It was a great burst of energy."

Eric Mann was sixth overall and second for the Patriots with a time of 18:12.

"I took a somewhat aggressive start but not too hard," said Mann, a junior and first-year runner. "The last mile, I was really gassed, so it was hard to finish strong, but I did my best at the end. It was hard down in the valley, but then I picked one of the

Liberty kids off. I ran as hard as I could to get the best time."

Matt Parkin came in ninth overall in 18:18, and Alex Heidemann finished in 11th place in 18:31.

Liberty's boys also beat Stroudsburg, 25-32, East Stroudsburg South, 16-47, and East Stroudsburg North, 15-47.

Liberty's Cole Frank was the overall winner of the meet with a time of 17:24.

Casey Frank came in fifth overall and second for the Hurricanes with a time of 18:06.

Philip Bezas placed seventh overall in 18:15 followed by teammate Andrew Layne who was eighth in 18:15.8. Gavin Evans-Gartley came in 15th in 18:50, and Jacob Orrico was 20th in 18:58, all for the Canes.

"Today we went out a little bit slower because we've sacked three races in seven days, so we were trying to be conservative on the front end and then do negative splits for miles two and three," said Bezas. "Through mile one, our top seven did a really good job of staying in a pack. Casey and I pretty

much ran all three miles together and then at the end, he pushed it.

"We've been working hard since August. A goal that we have is to try and go to states as a team, so if we could make that happen, that would be great. We've been training really hard."

Bethlehem Catholic tied with East Stroudsburg North, 28-28, but the tiebreaker gave the Timberwolves the win. Becahi lost to Stroudsburg, 17-44, and East Stroudsburg South, 25-34.

Becahi's Matt Millen placed 12th overall and first for the Hawks in 18:42. Daniel Smith was second for the Hawks and 19th overall in 18:56.

"I felt really good coming out," said Millen. "I paced myself off of two Stroudsburg guys. They were keeping a nice, light pace, so I kept 10 or 15 yards behind them. In the third mile, I picked it up and got one place higher than last week. I'm running my paces now from my last three races last year so I think I'll be able to hit below 17:56 this year."

'Canes eye D-11 berth

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Liberty will be looking to lock up a playoff berth this week, as the Hurricanes are sitting on the cusp of a District 11 spot with seven games to play.

The Hurricanes (8-3) have split their last six games after a 5-0 start, suffering one goal defeats to Easton (9-1), Pocono Mountain East (10-0-1) and Parkland (9-0).

All three of those teams, along with Emmaus (10-0), have already clinched district berths and are in the top tier of teams in the area.

Liberty hopes that they can join them in that category, despite their recent string of narrow defeats.

"We took a lot away from the losses respectively and it taught us the resilience we need to be able to get back to work and bounce back," said head coach Jill Dorn. "Our Parkland loss taught us that we are fighters but we came up short. We have cleaned up some little things and tried to hit home the importance of the speed at which we make decisions, but also having the patience to execute those decisions at the right time."

GIRLS

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more because I was having a rough game so I tried dribbling through everyone and I shot," Gschrey said. "It was really crazy because all the Liberty fans were screaming so a lot of



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Becahi's Grace Downey looks to get control of the ball during the Hawks game with PV.

With Allen (1-9), Pleasant Valley (3-8) and East Stroudsburg North (1-9) on tap for this week, it's safe to say that Liberty won't have a problem clinching a playoff berth.

Dorn just wants the group to keep progressing, because those matchups with the top teams will come again.

"When we combine everything together I have no doubt that between myself, the staff, and the team that we will all be in a prime position come playoff time," said Dorn.

Freedom (4-8) looks like they'll be out of the

playoff mix, barring a late season push. The Pates snapped a five-game skid last week with a 6-0 win over Pocono Mountain West, but have matchups with PME and Bethlehem Catholic this week.

The Hawks (6-5) have played tough as of late, dropping a pair of 2-1 affairs to Stroudsburg and PME, while picking up a 3-1 win over East Stroudsburg South last week.

They face Parkland, Freedom and Nazareth this week with the hope of solidifying their chances of clinching a District 11 spot.

try to go out to the sides more because we have fast girls on the sides so we figured if we set balls up we could get them," said Patriot holding mid Lily Judge. "It's awesome. It feels so intense but our girls work really well as a unit."

Next Week: Bethlehem volleyball roundup

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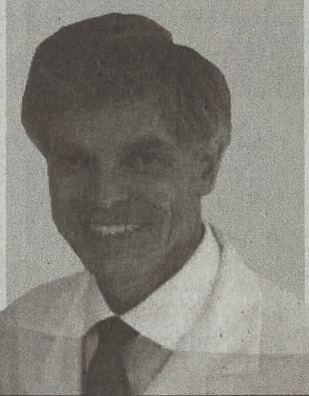
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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Of the four current outsiders, who has best chance to sneak in a last-minute win?

GODSPEAK: I pulled Clint Bowyer's name out of the hat, which is the easiest way to choose in this situation.

KEN'S CALL: Kurt Busch, easy. He won the Roval pole last year and finished fifth. He's capable if the car's capable.

Will Martin Truex ever become NASCAR's all-time winningest Junior?

GODSPEAK: No, but on the Junior performance scale, Truex is capable of 40 or so.

KEN'S CALL: He's one away from Junior Earnhardt's 26 career wins, but only halfway to Junior Johnson's 50. He finishes somewhere between them, at about 35.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

ALEX BOWMAN VS. AUSTIN DILLON:

The two made contact during a pinball restart. Dillon thought it was done on purpose and spun Bowman, who is fighting to advance in the playoffs.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: After the race, Bowman had a lot to say, but this is printable. "He (Dillon) just races dumb," Bowman said. The next race at the Charlotte Roval will offer many payback opportunities.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR CHARLOTTE

WINNER: Martin Truex Jr.

REST OF TOP 5: Chase Elliott, Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, William Byron

FIRST ONE OUT: Daniel Suarez

DARK HORSE: Erik Jones
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Truex just sweeps Round 1. Truex was on the way to victory last year before he was spun out in the final turn.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Things take a turn this week. A right-hand turn, no less.

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2019 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

- Feb. 10:** Clash at Daytona (Jimmie Johnson)
- Feb. 17:** Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
- Feb. 24:** Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Brad Keselowski)
- March 3:** Pennzoil 400 at Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
- March 10:** TicketGuardian 500 at Phoenix (Kyle Busch)
- March 17:** Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Kyle Busch)
- March 24:** STP 500 at Martinsville (Brad Keselowski)
- March 31:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas (Denny Hamlin)

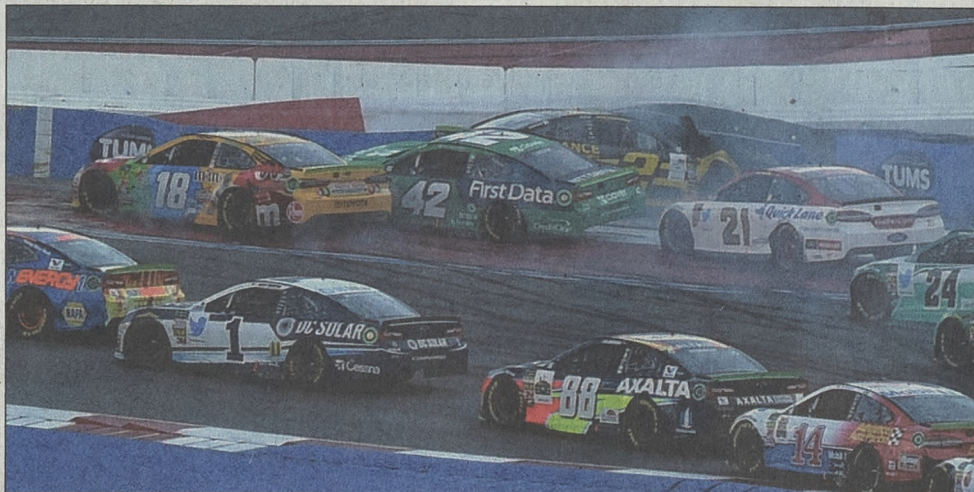
- April 7:** Food City 500 at Bristol (Kyle Busch)
- April 13:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Martin Truex Jr.)
- April 28:** Geico 500 at Talladega (Chase Elliott)
- May 5:** Dover 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)
- May 11:** Kansas 400 (Brad Keselowski)
- May 18:** All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kyle Larson)
- May 26:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Martin Truex Jr.)
- June 2:** Pocono 400 (Kyle Busch)
- June 9:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Joey Logano)
- June 23:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (Martin Truex Jr.)

- June 30:** Camping World 400 at Chicagoland (Alex Bowman)
- July 7:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (Justin Haley)
- July 13:** Quaker State 400 at Kentucky (Kurt Busch)
- July 21:** Foxwoods 301 at New Hampshire (Kevin Harvick)
- July 28:** Gander Outdoors 400 at Pocono (Denny Hamlin)
- Aug. 4:** Go Bowling at Watkins Glen (Chase Elliott)
- Aug. 11:** Consumers Energy 400 at Michigan (Kevin Harvick)
- Aug. 17:** Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at Bristol (Denny Hamlin)

- Sept. 1:** Southern 500 at Darlington (Erik Jones)
- Sept. 8:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis (Kevin Harvick)
- Sept. 15:** South Point 400 at Las Vegas (Martin Truex Jr.)
- Sept. 21:** Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond (Martin Truex Jr.)
- Sept. 29:** Bank of America 400 at Charlotte
- Oct. 6:** Delaware 400 at Dover
- Oct. 13:** 1000Bulbs.com 500 Talladega
- Oct. 20:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas
- Oct. 27:** First Data 500 at Martinsville
- Nov. 3:** AAA Texas 500
- Nov. 10:** Can-Am 500k at Phoenix
- Nov. 17:** Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami

CHARLOTTE

THREE THINGS TO WATCH



Brad Keselowski (2) runs into the tire wall in Turn 1, igniting a huge pileup late in last year's Roval race at Charlotte. [AP/MIKE MCCARN]

1. Roval madness

Race 3 of the playoffs will take place on Charlotte Motor Speedway's 2.28-mile Roval road course. Last year's inaugural race was pure chaos when Brad Keselowski's crash in Turn 1 sparked a huge pileup. "Last year I thought we were going to be all right and finish OK, but then we all decided to follow everybody else off a cliff," Kyle Busch said. "It was pretty ugly." Ryan Blaney won in '18 when the two lead cars crashed.

2. Four will go

After the checkered flag drops on the Roval, four drivers will be eliminated from post-season play. William Byron sits on the cut line, 12th in points. Alex Bowman and Clint Bowyer are ready to pounce. They are only two and four points behind Byron. Byron has a chance to improve his standing because 10th-place Blaney is only six points ahead and 11th-place Aric Almirola is just one up.

3. Roval consensus

The Roval seems like a good place to host a playoff cutoff race. "I don't know that I'm looking forward to the Roval," Ryan Newman said. "I don't really know anybody that actually is, except for maybe Martin Truex." Truex Jr. has banked two playoff wins. Bowyer seems to have the right attitude. "It's gonna be fun for everybody involved," he said. "It's do-or-die time. It's the playoffs."

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RICHMOND

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Opposite directions

Martin Truex Jr. and Erik Jones went in opposite directions in Race 2 of the playoffs. Truex has back-to-back victories while Jones, who was hoping to points-race his way to Round 2, was disqualified following post-race inspection (rear wheel alignment). Jones got one point.



Martin Truex Jr. struggles to lift the winner's trophy after his victory at Richmond Raceway. [AP/STEVE HELBER]

2. Passing carefully

Truex had to pass his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch in the closing laps to secure the Richmond victory. JGR finished first, second and third. "Martin, the car, the combination thereof. Us, the combination of, just lacked a little bit," Busch said.

3. Hey, Bubba

Lost in the NASCAR playoff madness has been the improvement of Bubba Wallace and the No. 43 Chevy. Wallace was third at Bristol and finished 12th at

Richmond. Daniel Suarez led all non-playoff drivers with a ninth-place finish, just ahead of Jimmie Johnson.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Is Truex Jr. peaking too soon?

In traditional sports, you could make a case for such a thing, especially if there's a chance at burning through the energy and adrenaline you may need later. But not in racing. You take every win that's available, regardless of whether you've already clinched a trip to the next playoff round. There are plenty of advantages to such a thing, but mostly, it comes down to a racer's desire for trophies — a desire that usually dates back to grade school.

How's the dream coming?

It's a bit mean, but we love chaos, and we've therefore always pulled for a winless Cup Series champ. Six winless drivers made the playoffs, and five could advance to Round 2. Kyle Larson (eighth) and Ryan Newman (ninth) lead the way heading to Charlotte.

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NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Martin Truex Jr.	2141
2. Kevin Harvick	2120
3. Kyle Busch	2117
4. Brad Keselowski	2106
5. Denny Hamlin	2105
6. Joey Logano	2101
7. Chase Elliott	2088
8. Kyle Larson	2076
9. Ryan Newman	2065
10. Ryan Blaney	2059
11. Aric Almirola	2054
12. William Byron	2053
13. Alex Bowman	2051
14. Clint Bowyer	2049
15. Kurt Busch	2039
16. Erik Jones	2008
17. Daniel Suarez	700
18. Jimmie Johnson	666
19. Paul Menard	608
20. Chris Buescher	579

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Bank of America 400

SITE: Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval (2.28-mile road course)

SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m.), qualifying (NBCSN, 4:30 p.m.). Saturday, practice (NBCSN, 2 p.m.). Sunday, race (NBC, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m., green flag, 2 p.m.)

XFINITY: Driver for the Cure 250

SITE: Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval

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Pete's Top-10: Harris leads the charge

BY PETER CAR
pcar@tronline.com

As we arrive at mid-season of the poll, it's become quite clear that Nazareth is one of the most fun teams to watch in the area, as well as the top squad.

The Blue Eagles made plenty of mistakes in last week's win over Bethlehem Catholic, but still walked away with a convincing win. It shows that even on a bad night, the Anthony Harris-led squad is a problem for teams to handle.

The Blue Eagles have another hurdle this week taking on Parkland, but unless someone finds a way to stop Harris, nobody will be taking down the Blue Eagles.

Easton is also making strides in the poll as they pulled off a 27-26 win at Emmaus last week, but now enters the hard part of its schedule down the stretch with Central, Freedom, Bethlehem Catholic, Parkland and Nazareth to round out things. The Rovers are good, but nobody really knows how good yet.

In the Colonial league, Southern Lehigh still is king for now and there's a new team in the poll from the north just in time for a pivotal showdown this week.

So, let's see this week's picks:

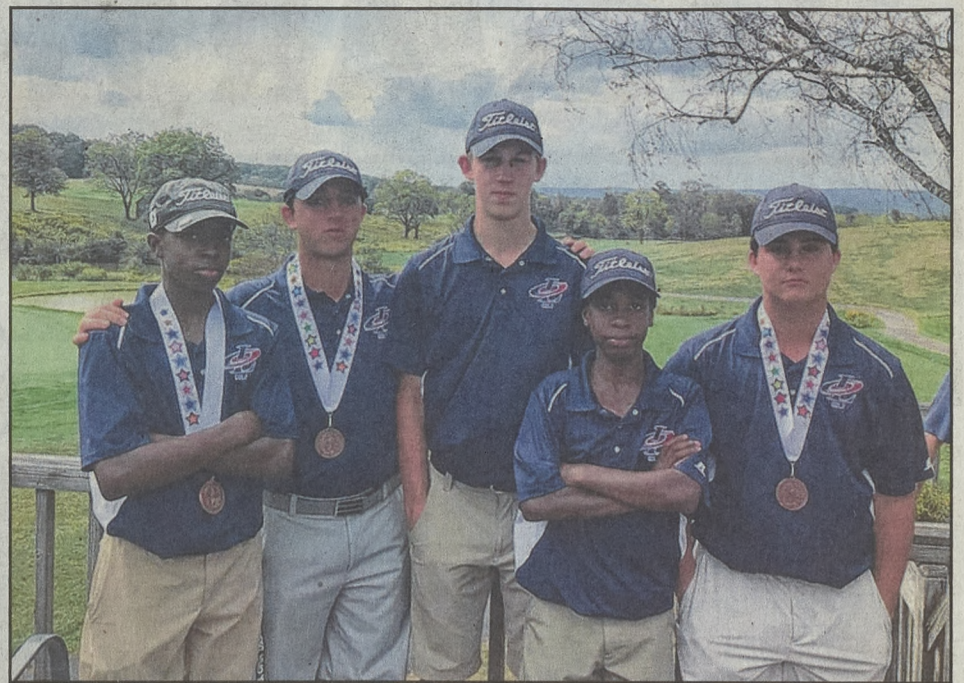
- 1. Nazareth (5-0)**
Last week's rank: #1
With Anthony Harris under center, it'll be hard for anyone around here to beat Nazareth.
The Pick: Nazareth 31 - Parkland 14
- 2. Freedom (4-1)**
Last week's rank: #2
Pates get an easy one this



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Anthony Harris and the Eagles are at the top of the poll again after a win over Becahi

- 3. Easton (5-0)**
Last week's rank: #4
Rovers keep grinding and climbing up the poll.
The Pick: Easton 27 - Central Catholic 14
 - 4. Bethlehem Catholic (3-2)**
Last week's rank: #3
Hawks were not happy with last week's performance. Expect a better result this week.
The Pick: Bethlehem Catholic 35 - Whitehall 24
 - 5. Parkland (3-2)**
Last week's rank: #6
Can Parkland pull an upset this week?
The Pick: Nazareth 31 - Parkland 14
 - 6. Emmaus (3-2)**
Last week's rank: #5
Tough loss last week to Easton, but Liberty might be the remedy.
The Pick: Emmaus 28 - Liberty 17
 - 7. Southern Lehigh (5-0)**
Last week's rank: #7
Spartans keeping their foot on the gas.
The Pick: Solehi 28 - Northern Lehigh 7
 - 8. Central Catholic (3-2)**
Last week's rank: #8
Vikes get close in these big games, but just don't have enough.
The Pick: Easton 27 - Central Catholic 14
 - 9. Northwestern (4-1)**
Last week's rank: #9
Tigers shouldn't have problems with Palmerton this week.
The Pick: Northwestern 38 - Palmerton 20
 - 10. East Stroudsburg South (5-0)**
Not ranked
Cavs enter the poll just in time for the premier matchup of the week in the EPC North.
The Pick: ESS 30 - Northampton 27
- Teams that dropped: Liberty
Teams that entered: ESS
Last week's record: 6-1
Overall record: 30-7



PRESS PHOTO BY MIKE HAINES

Liberty's Matthew Vital, Joey Altemose, Ryan Evans, Michael Vital and Jimmy Barker all competed in the EPC golf tournament on Monday afternoon at Olde Homestead. The tournament was won by Emmaus' Michelle Cox who shot a 74. Northampton's Nate Wheeler was the top boy to edge out Emmaus' Aiden LeBlanc. Liberty took second place as a team.

GOLF

'Canes take second

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

Liberty's golf team has a successful day the East Penn Conference (EPC) golf tournament, and they also took a step toward the upcoming district tournament.

The Hurricanes finished second at the EPC tournament behind Emmaus and they also qualified as a team for the district tournament. As a result of Moravian Academy winning the Colonial league title, Liberty was able to notch a district spot.

Jimmy Barker fired a 3-under 76 for a third-place finish and Matt Vital took fifth overall in the individual competition, as the duo is exempt from the district qualifying round at Old Homestead Monday. Joey Altemose took 12th place overall.

"We had a pretty good day," said head coach Steve Bradley. "We had a great finish to get a district spot as a team, and it was big to have two golfers exempt."

"Jimmy Barker really has been hitting the

ball well, and all of our golfers are in a good position to get through to districts in the qualifier Monday.

"These guys are coming on strong at the right time of the season."

Emmaus' Michelle Cox was the overall winner with a 74. Northampton's Nate Wheeler won a playoff and was the highest boy finisher with a 75.

Freedom was led by Jake Haberstumpf who shot an 86.

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"I can't be more disappointed in the way we played, but the one thing I know is we will be ready to go this week," said Henrich. "I know we have a good team. I know we'll be better and I have absolute confidence in these kids that they'll bounce back."

Freedom (4-1) bounced back from their defeat to Nazareth the week before with a 49-26 win against Whitehall last week.

The Pates jumped out to a convincing 35-0 lead at halftime to invoke the mercy rule. They might be in a similar situation this week when they host Pocono Mountain West (1-4) Friday night at BASD Stadium.



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Axel Vega and the Pates got by Whitehall.

Moravian falls to Johns Hopkins

The Moravian College football team fell to No. 21 Johns Hopkins University, 41-0, in Centennial Conference action at Homewood Field Friday evening as the Blue Jays played their 50th career Friday game while the Greyhounds played for just the second time in program history on Friday night.

Local standouts included: senior running back Roberto Diez (Freedom HS) led the Moravian offense with the first 100-yard game of his career as he ran

for 105 yards on 21 carries. Freshman quarterback Sherwin Stewart (Stroudsburg HS) ran for 17 yards on six carries while freshman running back Carrington Smith (Easton, Pa.) had eight yards on four attempts.

Diez caught one pass for 13 yards while junior wide receiver Nick Petros (Liberty HS) had one reception for eight yards.

Junior defensive back Jackson Buskirk (Whitehall HS) had six tackles with one for loss while junior defensive

lineman PJ Weierbach (Bethlehem Catholic HS) added six stops with two for loss and one sack. Sophomore linebacker Noah Breidinger (Emmaus HS) each had five stops.

The Greyhounds are scheduled to return to action on Saturday, September 28 when the squad hosts Ursinus College in a Centennial Conference contest kicking off at 1 p.m. at Rocco Calvo Field in Bethlehem.

DARTS

Suburban Dart League Standings	
Bath Lutheran	6 3 .667
Emmanuel	6 3 .667
Salem UCC	4 2 .667
Star of Bethlehem	4 2 .667
St. Stephen's	2 1 .667
Dryland	5 4 .556
Farmersville	4 5 .444
Light of Christ	4 5 .444

Ebenezer 3 6 .333
St. Paul's 2 4 .333
Christ UCC 2 7 .222
Star of Bethlehem sandwiched 4-2, 4-1 wins around a 6-4 loss to Bath Lutheran. Leading hitters included Bill Hoke Sr. 6-12, Kyle Taylor 6-13, Scott Hoffer 6-14 for Star of Bethlehem, while 'DJ' Dan Stillwell 6-12, Mike Barbarics 5-9 HR, Scott Henninger HR for Bath Lutheran.

Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Standings Week 1-2	
College Hill	4 2 .666
East Hills	4 2 .666
WS Edgeboro	4 2 .666
Holy Cross	3 3 .500
Holy Trinity	3 3 .500
St. Peters	3 3 .500
Bethany UCC	3 3 .500
Schoenersville	2 1 .666
Christ UCC	2 1 .666
Fritz Wesleyan	2 4 .333
Christ Lutheran	2 4 .333
First UCC	2 4 .333
Trinity UCC	2 4 .333

RESULTS 9/16
Holy Cross v.
First UCC 7-2, 2-1, 2-4
Holy Cross - Brian Himmelwright 5-11
Christ Lutheran v. East Hills 4-3 (15), 3-5, 3-4 (10)
Christ Lutheran - Bob Fileseta 9-16 Bob Ziegenfuss 6-12
East Hills - Jim Koehler 6-12
Byron Bachman 5-12 Greg Costa 5-12 Phil Hegedus 6-15
Fritz Wesleyan v. WS vs. Edgeboro 0-5, 9-5, 1-2
Fritz Wesleyan - Joey Kirk 5-12
WS Edgeboro - Nelson Hoff 6-11 Marty Talpas 5-12
Trinity UCC vs. Schoenersville 2-4, 4-1, 1-4
Schoenersville - Bud Walker 8-14
Trinity UCC - Annmarie Scholl 4-9 Jimmy Klotz 3-9
Holy Trinity vs. College Hill 1-7, 3-9, 6-0
Holy Trinity - Kevin Ashner 7-12
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Hall and Oates perform their hit songs on Sunday at The Great Allentown Fair. One of those songs, "Adult Education" was written by Darryl Hall as an ode to his high school days at Pottstown's Owen J. Roberts HS. The eight-member band opened with "Man-Eater." The show rounded out a week of acts that fortunately had no rain, making it comfortable for the outdoor venue.

G. Love, a hip-hop band celebrating its 25th year, opened for Hall and Oates at the Great Allentown Fair.



The fair was in full swing with beautiful weather and the duo band of Brooks and Dunn for their near capacity country music show Aug. 29. The band played popular songs, including "Mama Don't Get Dressed Up For Nothing" and "Brand New Man."



Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong (D) tries to flatten more grapes than Selena Robinson from 100.7 LEV Mornings during the 2019 Allentown Fair Celebrity Grape Stomp Sept. 1. The match between the Movers and Shakers team and the Media team was held at the Centennial Stage, with Armstrong's side winning the blue ribbon.

Bethlehem resident Kate Kollet enjoys herself as she competes in the Barnyard Olympics Pedal Tractor Pull. She scored fourth in the adult competition.



Nazareth resident Jamie Brozman pushes herself hard to score a second place ribbon in the Pedal Tractor Pull. Cheering her on, at right, are her children Olivia and Ethan.



We saw you at

The Great Allentown Fair

The 2019 Great Allentown Fair was blessed with fair weather Sept. 1. Attendees hopped aboard thrill rides, feasted on funnel cake and other goodies, or just soaked in the music, prize-winning entries, and vendor booths, along with the rest of the sights and sounds of the iconic annual event. The young and young at heart also participated in family-friendly contests like the "Barnyard Olympics" and "Pedal Tractor Pull."

PRESS PHOTO BY LANI GOINS

The ZuZu Acrobats performed 24 shows at the Allentown Fair this year. According to their publicity, "The Zuzu African Acrobats perform traditional Kenyan acrobatic skills set to high energy beats." During the second part of their show, the acrobats invited several audience members onstage, and formed human pyramids with one or two of the volunteers at a time. After the performance, the group posed for pictures with individual members of the audience, young and old, thrilling them by lifting them for the photos. James Goins of Bethlehem was one of the children invited to go onstage with the group, and you can tell by his incredibly happy smile how much he enjoyed it.



PRESS PHOTO BY VALERIE COURRIER

Participants show off their ribbons at the end of the Barnyard Olympics. Joining them in their celebratory photo op in back, at right, is 2019 Allentown Fair Queen Alya Blatt and Fair mascot "Moo Donna," as well as 2019 Fayette County Fair Queen Jessica Wolfe at center, left.



Ethan Brozman from Nazareth "moos" his way to second place in the Barnyard Olympics.



Olivia Brozman from Nazareth is determined to gain ground while hauling weights during the Pedal Tractor Pull competition.



The Lou Franco Project plays classic rock at Harvest Patio Sept. 1. The Lehigh Valley-based band includes award-winning guitarist Lou Franco, drummer Dave Becker, and Brad Van Etten on bass. Information: loufrancoproject.com

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Mimi Lang of Bethlehem is no stranger to demonstrations, having attended her first during the time of the Vietnam War. Poor health didn't keep her away from the Climate Strike, but she did bring along a walking stick that conveniently turns into a stool.

Tara Zrinski, a member of the Northampton County Council, delivers a strong address.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

Strike!

Young and Old Rally Against Climate Change

BY DOROTHY GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Anyone driving past the main branch of the Bethlehem Area Public Library Friday afternoon would have been taken aback by the crowd that had assembled at Payrow Plaza. Many of the approximately 150 people were holding signs addressing the issue of climate change. In addition to local climate activists, there were some parents and their children. There was also a sizeable group of students from Lehigh University

who were representing multiple clubs on campus concerned about climate change.

Anita Forester, a Northampton Community College professor, arranged the demonstration and other groups got on board.

Multiple speakers addressed the crowd. Ashley Barasso, a student at NCC and president of the Climate Action Network at the college's Bethlehem campus, articulated the demands of climate change activists. She wrapped up her presentation with the observa-

tion that "together we have the power to make change, and it all starts here today."

Tara Zrinski, a faculty member at NCC, is also a member of the Northampton County Council. Her interest in climate change is reflected in the fact that she has been appointed to serve as council liaison on recycling and solid waste.

Several speakers urged the audience to take action against climate change. Among the suggestions were "go vegan," or at least cut back on meat con-

sumption, control the human impulse to be wasteful, stop using fossil fuels, move toward 100 percent renewable energy, post on social media about the climate situation, plant your own food and call your elected officials.

Some speakers led the crowd in chants, such as "What do we want! Climate justice. When do we want it? Now!"

All in all, it was a spirited event attended by people of all ages who are quite concerned about our planet and its inhabitants.



A large group of students from Lehigh University hike from campus to Payrow Plaza, responding collectively to a leader's chants calling for action on the climate crisis.



Rebecca Salasburger-Frank, one of the leaders of the Lehigh students, addresses the crowd about the concerns she shares with many other young people.



Cattle raised for meat are one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas. A meatless diet would alleviate America's climate crisis.



Sharon Davis and many others see the climate crisis in personal terms.



Students at Lehigh are organizing to promote a green campus.

Students left no doubt about their reasons for attending the strike.



Danielle Hanson (left), Logan Farinhas, Chelsea Hill and Asher Glynn and his 4-year-old son, Josiah, turn their signs toward the traffic turning from New Street onto Church Street. Many drivers honked their support.



Stefan Christiansen is only 5 years old, but he doesn't hesitate to take the microphone and tell the crowd why He came to the strike: he wants clean air.



Northampton Community College

Bookcase class begins Sept. 26

"Build a Bookcase" at the Fab Lab at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 26 through Nov. 21, Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St.

Participants will be guided by a master furniture-maker in building a small (approximately 36" wide x 45" tall) bookcase with three shelves below and three small drawers across the top. Topics include mortise and tenon joints, dadoing and rabbeting, drawer joinery and customizing. There is a fee. For more information, call 610-332-8665. To enroll, visit www.northampton.edu/fablab.

Spartan Sprint Sept. 28

Northampton Community College will hold its sixth annual Spartan Sprint 5K run/walk at 10 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the Bethlehem Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road. Proceeds will go into an NCC fund that assists NCC students who have financial difficulties.

There will be music, refreshments and a raffle after the race. Strollers and leashed pets are welcome. Awards will be given to top male and female finishers in each age bracket.

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in Room 114, College Center. There is a fee. To register, visit northampton.edu/Spartan-sprint-5k.htm.

Moravian College College gets high ranking

Moravian College has been ranked number 136 in the U.S. News & World Report 2020 rankings of National Liberal Arts Colleges and number 60 in Top Performers on Social Mobility in a Sept. 9 release. The Princeton Review, Forbes, Money Magazine and the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings for 2020 were among media outlets recognizing Moravian.

The U.S. News rankings compare bachelor's degree granting institutions from across the U.S. on 15 diverse measures of academic quality. The 2020 rankings include 223 national liberal arts colleges - 199 private and 24 public. Fewer than half of the nation's higher educational institutions - about 1,400 colleges and universities - are ranked in any category by the publication.

GUEST VIEW

Vote 'yes' on victims' rights guarantees

BY BRICE FRASSINELLI
Special to the Bethlehem Press

We've watched enough crime dramas to know that those accused of a crime must be given their "Miranda warnings."

"You have the right to remain silent; whatever you say can and will be used against you in a court of law ..." etc.

Critics often complain that victims and their families are accorded no similar protections, but that, of course, is an oversimplification.

Nonetheless, when you and other voters go to the polls in Pennsylvania on Nov. 5, you will be asked to approve a constitutional amendment that spells out the rights of crime victims.

Pennsylvania already has a durable Crime Victims' Act, which has been in place since 1998, and within this act is a "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights."

So you are probably wondering, why if we already have these protections, this constitutional amendment is needed. The problem revolves around specifics and enforcement.

The Crime Victims' Bill of Rights provides them with a right to receive basic information about services available to them and the right to be notified of major proceedings in their case.

It also gives them, among other things, support at court proceedings, the right to be restored to pre-crime economic status through compensation and restitution, return of stolen items and a remedy if their rights are violated. Approval of the constitutional amendment would fortify these rights.

The legislation had strong bipartisan support in the General Assembly, with the House passing the measure 190-8 and the Senate approving it 50-0.

This is called "Marsy's Law, named for Marsalee Nicholas, a California college student who was murdered in 1983 by her ex-boyfriend. A few days after her death, her mother and brother walked into a grocery store, where they were confronted by Marsy's accused murderer. Marsy's family had not been notified of his release on bail. Marsy's offender continued to harass the family throughout the judicial proceedings until he was ultimately found guilty and sentenced.

Marsy's brother, Henry T. Nicholas III, has made it his mission to ensure that what happened to his family does not happen to others. Nicholas, a billionaire businessman who co-founded Broadcom, and a friend were charged with drug trafficking last year in Las Vegas.

Both are taking a plea deal, which means they will not have any jail time. Nicholas and co-defendant, Ashley Christine Fargo, will enter pleas to two felony drug possession charges and will make a \$1 million donation to an unspecified Las Vegas drug treatment and rehabilitation program, according to a prosecutor in the case. The pleas mean there is evidence to convict them, but they are admitting no wrongdoing.

Despite his legal troubles, Nicholas' efforts have been successful in having Marsy Law legislation pass in a number of states, including Pennsylvania, although the state supreme courts in Kentucky and Montana invalidated the passage of constitutional amendments in those states on technical issues.

The Kentucky high court ruled last year that the full legislative proposal needed to be submitted to the voters, not just a summary. Montana's court said legislators did not follow proper procedure. Pennsylvania advertises the entire "plain-English statement" of the proposal in general circulation newspapers throughout Pennsylvania and it is available online, but voters will see just a 73-word, one-sentence summary of a yes-or-no question.

Pennsylvania's victims advocate, Jennifer Storm, said her office will be able to ask the court for reconsideration of a victim's rights if it comes to that. "We could ask for another court hearing so the victim can put their restitution request on the record." Most importantly, she added, it will allow victims to have their voices heard. "It's not going to probably change the sentence. It's not going to change the outcome, but it's honoring that sliver of a role that we give victims in our justice process," Storm said.

Not everyone agrees, including the Pennsylvania American Civil Liberties Union. The organization's legislative director, Elizabeth Randol, said, "Marsy's Law will fundamentally alter our criminal legal system and See **VIEW** on Page A16

It's a back to school party

Xariz Family Worship Center held a Back to School party in the parking lot at 81 E. North St. in Bethlehem Aug. 17. Festivities included face painting, a coloring station, a D.J., a raffle, and a bouncy house. Children were given backpacks (while they lasted), bags filled with school supplies, and snacks. There was also a station of shoes and clothing for children and adults. Volunteers from the worship center staffed the stations, and made sure every family knew what was being offered. There was also a raffle of more supplies for the children. Pastor Wanda Felix called the raffle winners, commenting in both English and Spanish.

The worship center also holds food giveaways at the parking lot; contact Pastor Wanda Felix for more information at info@xfwc.org.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

Aaliyah Ortiz of Whitehall has her face painted by volunteer Terry Ann.



Nancy Marical, church volunteer, helms the School Supplies Station.



Children line up for the bouncy house.



Volunteers Rosa and Anelis show a young participant a colorful selection of shoes.



Pastor Wanda Felix calls the raffle winners as volunteers Annette and Eliezar assist her.

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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 76°, humidity of 47%. West wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high temperature for today is 92° set in 1970. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 59°. South southwest wind 4 mph. The record low for tonight is 33° set in 1963. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 77°, humidity of 55%. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be clear, overnight low of 56°. Northwest wind 2 to 7 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny, high temperature of 75°, humidity of 46%. Light winds. Friday night, skies will be mostly clear, overnight low of 57°. Light winds. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 56%. South southwest wind 1 to 5 mph.

Weather Trivia

What is a tornado family?

Answer: A series of tornadoes produced by a single supercell.

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VIEW

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threaten long-established constitutional protections for the accused, including the presumption of innocence, the right to a speedy trial, the right to confront one's accuser and the right to effective assistance of counsel."

I disagree with the ACLU's viewpoint

and urge a "yes" vote on the question. Here are some of the main points that the ballot measure would give victims: They would be treated with fairness and respect, allow for the timely prosecution and prompt conclusion of a case, consideration of a victim's safety when setting bail and release conditions, giving reasonable and timely notice of proceedings, allowing victims to be heard at proceedings, informing victims of anything to

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Lehigh Valley front and center in the battle of the bugs



Editor's Note: It's been a five-year battle and counting in the Lehigh Valley region. It's residents, business owners and farmers versus the Spotted Lanternfly. The invasive species has caused damage to homeowners' ornamental trees and plants, vineyards, orchards and nurseries.

At the front lines of the fight has been The Pennsylvania State University's PennState Extension, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and you. Information and updates: extension.psu.edu/spot-ter-lanternfly-agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spot-ter-lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx

Spotted Lanternfly pinned down in PSU LV community art project

GALLERY VIEW

BY ED COURRIER
 Special to The Press

Isabé Dixon, a visiting artist at Penn State Lehigh Valley, recently hatched "Spotted Lanternfly Zones of Syncopation."

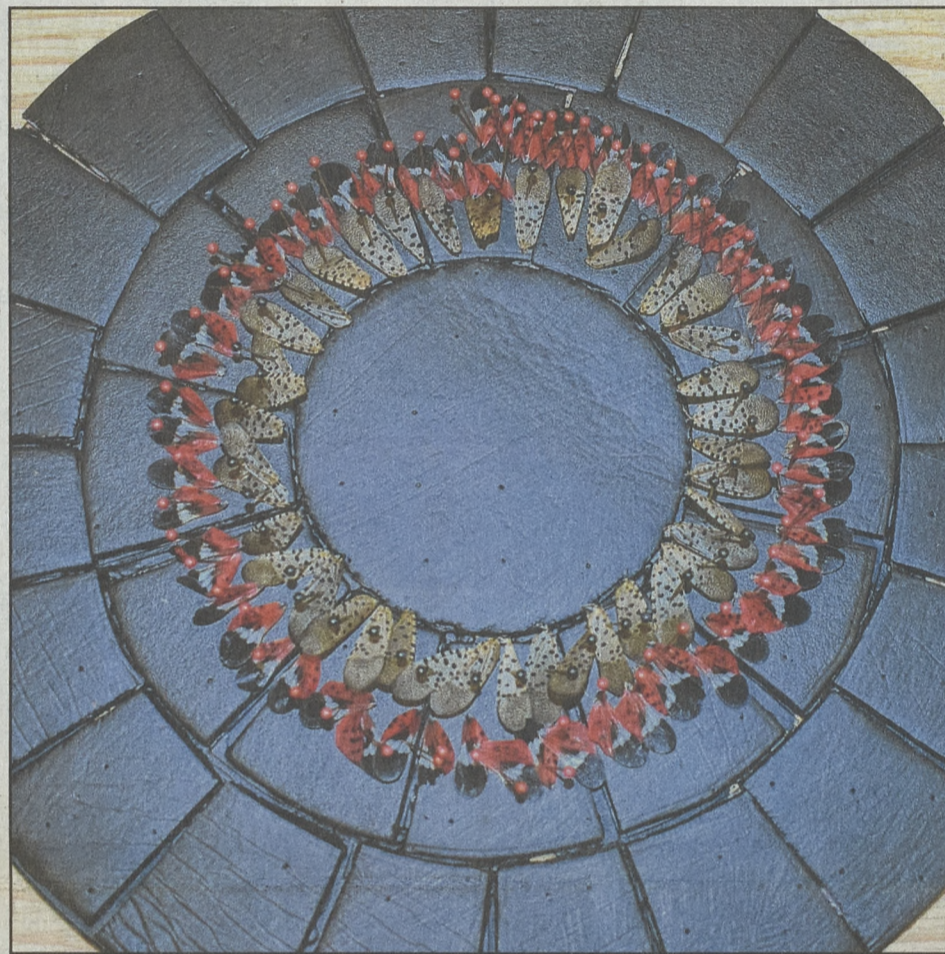
Dixon is recruiting area organizations to help with what's billed as a "Community Public Art Project."

Dixon, a Virginia-based multidiscipline artist, has a background in working with insects. She first considered using bees for her project.

After being told about the Spotted Lanternfly infestation in Pennsylvania and, more recently, in New Jersey and some other nearby states, Dixon concluded that the colorful, non-native pest should be the theme for the installation.

The project can be seen as raising awareness about the Spotted Lanternfly infestation in the region.

"This is a different



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A foam-board mandala of Spotted Lanternfly wings made for the "Spotted Lanternfly Zones of Syncopation" community art project at Penn State Lehigh Valley, Center Valley.

way of looking at ecology and ecological balance," she said.

"In this instance, we are going to have to cre-

ate the balance because there is no balance at the moment. We have a huge amount of destruction on the agricultural

and tourist fronts." *Lycorma delicatula*, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly, is

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Ways to eradicate Spotted Lanternfly

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It unfortunately was a productive Summer of 2019 for the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), an invasive pest present in Pennsylvania and some other eastern states.

The SLF threatens grape production, tree health and can damage high-value ornamentals in home landscapes.

At stake are Pennsylvania's grape, tree-fruit, hardwood, nursery and landscape businesses, which generate agricultural crops and forest products worth nearly \$18 billion annually.

Native to parts of Asia, the SLF was identified for the first time in the United States in



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A swarm of Spotted Lanternflies on the bark of a tree.

Hereford, Berks County, in 2014.

To slow or stop the spread of SLF, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture imposed a quarantine regulating the movement of plants, plant-based materials

and outdoor household items out of the quarantine area.

These areas are, as of the publication date of this column, the counties of Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lan-

caster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill.

Residents living in infested areas are using a variety of methods to control SLF, including destroying egg masses, trapping them with sticky bands, eliminating one of their favorite host trees and using insecticides. SLF are particularly attracted to the Tree-of-Heaven.

The SLF uses piercing-sucking mouthparts to feed on sap in trunks, branches, twigs and leaves. The oozing wounds leave a greyish or black trail on bark.

As it digests the sap, the insect excretes a substance known as honeydew that, along with sap from the weeping wounds, can attract bees

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Wonder jazz: "Don Braden: Earth, Wind & Wonder," 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27, opens the "Jazz Upstairs" fall season, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. With Braden on saxophone and flute, his latest CD, "Earth Wind and Wonder," features his quartet performing jazz interpretations of songs by Earth Wind and Fire and Stevie Wonder. Braden, above, has toured the world leading his own ensembles, and as a sideman, including for Betty Carter and Wynton Marsalis. He has recorded 21 CDs, and for film and television shows. Braden gives master classes at schools and universities and runs education programs, including the Litchfield Jazz Camp, Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens, and the Harvard University Monday Jazz Band. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; millersymphonyhall.org; 610-432-6715

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The band is back: The Allentown Band, conducted by Ronald Demkee makes its annual September pilgrimage to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 37 S. Fifth St., Allentown, for a concert, 3 p.m. Sept. 29. The concert features guest soloists Patricia Risley, mezzo soprano, including "Vilyia" from "The Merry Widow" and "O mio babbino caro" from "Gianni Schicchi"; James Vaughen, trumpet, above, including "Trumpet Concert," by Franz Joseph Haydn, and Eric Gombert, organ, including "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor," by Johann Sebastian Bach. Vaughen attends the Curtis Institute of Music. Risley has sung at some of the most prestigious opera houses in the world. Gombert is Cantor at St. John's. The concert is free. Good-will donations accepted.

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So Thorogood: George Thorogood and the Destroyers' "Good To Be Bad Tour: 45 Years of Rock" stops at Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe, 8 p.m. Sept. 29. Doors open at 7 p.m. Thorogood, above, center, has sold more than 15 million albums, with the hits "I Drink Alone," "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer," "Move It On Over," "Who Do You Love" and "Bad To The Bone" and had more than 8,000 concerts since 1975. "My highlight is every night when I walk on that stage and play our hits for those happy people," says Thorogood, vocals, lead guitar, with Jim Suhler, rhythm guitar; Buddy Leach, saxophone; Bill Blough, bass guitar, and Jeff Simon, drums, percussion. Tickets: Penn's Peak box office, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe; pennspeak.com; ticketmaster.com; 800-745-3000



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Soloists, Allentown Band, in multicultural 'Arts at St. John's' concert

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS
Special to The Press

A multicultural program featuring outstanding soloists will mark the Allentown Band's concert, 3 p.m. Sept. 29, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 37 S. Fifth St., Allentown as part of the "Arts at St. John's" series.

A Curtis Institute trained trumpet player, an Allentown mezzo-soprano who has performed internationally and St. John's cantor highlight the program that includes selections from eight different countries, says Ronald Demkee, conductor of the Allentown Band.

"It's going to be a very nice program with a lot of varied styles," says Demkee. Countries represented in the program include Czech Republic, Russia, Italy, Austria, Germany, and Isle of Man.

Demkee says the concert will feature the St. John's organ played by



Patricia Risley



Eric Gombert

St. John's cantor Eric Gombert.

"We like to take advantage of any place that has a great instrument," Demkee says of the church's Skinner organ which has four manuals and 87 ranks. "We find the organ works well with the band. It's really another wind instrument."

The band and the organ will play Bach's "Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor." The audience can really appreciate the contrasting sounds of the organ and band, says Demkee.

The organ also is heard for Haydn Wood's "Mannin Veen (Dear Isle of Man - A Manx Tone Poem)." Demkee says four Gaelic songs from the Isle of Man highlight the organ's "big, powerful sound."

Demkee is excited to have James Vaughen, a student at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, join the band for Haydn's "Trumpet Concerto."

"Any time you can get a Curtis student, you know you're getting a quality musician," Demkee says.

The young musician has a connection with the Allentown Band.

A 2017 graduate of the University Laboratory High School, Champaign, Ill., Vaughen studied with Ronald Romm, who performed with the Allentown Band in last year's "Side-by-Side Concert" at Miller Symphony Hall.

Vaughen has performed as co-principal trumpet of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Youth Symphony Encore Chamber Orchestra and National Youth Orchestra. In 2015, he was featured on the "From the Top" radio program, broadcast nationally on NPR stations. In 2017, he was chosen as a National Young Arts Winner in Classical Music.

"I'm anxious to hear him," Demkee says,

Demkee also praises mezzo-soprano Patricia Risley, whom he calls a "world-class singer."

Demkee says Risley will demonstrate her versatility by singing contrasting styles of

pieces.

First, she will sing two operatic pieces, "Vilija" from "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehár and "O mio babbino caro" from "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini.

In the second half of the program, Risley will perform a medley of Barbra Streisand favorites, including "People," "Memories," "Don't Rain on My Parade" and "There's a Place for Us."

Risley, of Allentown, has sung at some of the most prestigious opera houses in the world, including Berlin Staatsoper Unter den Linden, Teatro Real (Madrid), Bayerische Staatsoper (Munich), Opera de Monte-Carlo, Innsbruck Opera, The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Houston Grand Opera, New York City Opera, Dallas Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Opera Colorado, Glimmerglass Opera and Utah Opera.

Locally, she has sung

with The Allentown Symphony, The Allentown Band, Satori and The Camerata Singers.

Demkee says the 40-member band will be showcased when it plays "Russlan & Ludmilla Overture" by Mikhail Glinka.

"This piece is a real tour de force," Demkee says. "It shows the technical proficiency of the band."

He also is excited to have the band return to St. John's for its "Arts at St. John's" series. The band has been performing in the long-running music series for the last four years.

"This a great space," he says of the church. "We really like playing there. It has beautiful architecture and the acoustics are fantastic. It's a wonderful concert venue."

There is no admission charge to "Arts at St. John's" concerts. Free-will donations are accepted. Information: allentownband.com.

GEEZER

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Provident Bank Foundation grants LCCC SEED program

The Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation has received a \$15,000 grant from The Provident Bank Foundation to support the Success, Engagement, Education and Determination (SEED) Program Scholarships for Students with Disabilities.

The SEED program was selected to receive the grant based on its impact on students and its mission to support students who need extra services transitioning from high school to college.

SEED offers intensive coaching, peer-support networks, and person-centered planning that increase capacity for success.

"The college's SEED program is truly that, a seed that plants the values of access and inclusion into our programs for students," said LCCC president Dr. Ann Bieber. "This comprehensive transition program gives students the intensive services they need to succeed in college."

SEED helps students overcome challenges such as anxiety, social awkwardness, high frustration levels, lack of organization and self-management issues, that if unaddressed can derail the best efforts to succeed as a college student.

The college received the check during a presentation

on Sept. 18 at the college's Schnecksville campus.

Funds from the grant are expected to make the program more accessible to students from low to moderate income levels, specifically graduates of the Allentown School District.

The goal is to ensure that students with disabilities have the same chance to maximize their potential as college students and as employees, regardless of their ability to pay-out-of-pocket. SEED students receive comprehensive intentional services in addition to taking academic classes.

Scholarship awards are for \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000, depending on the student's program track, impacting between six and 10 individuals.

SEED began in 2014 as a grant from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council. After the grant ended in 2016, LCCC established a student fee structure to cover program costs.

"The Provident Bank Foundation is honored to help further initiatives that are making a difference in the lives of residents in our local area," said Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation. "We are pleased to support organizations that contribute to a sense of community and offer a diverse set



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From left: LCCC president Dr. Ann Bieber; Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation; college SEED students Ben Schorr and Lizzie Walters; Josephine Moran, executive vice president and director of retail banking, Provident Bank; Trevor Hart, vice president and market manager, Provident Bank, and Michelle Mitchell, director of the SEED program at LCCC.

of programs that make people healthier, happier and safer."

The goal of the Provident grant is to support organizations that have identified an immediate need in the community and for the individuals they serve. The Provident

Bank Foundation's funding directly supports efforts to enhance the quality of life in the New Jersey and Pennsylvania communities served by Provident Bank through three funding priority areas: community enrichment, edu-

cation, and health, youth and families.

Information on the SEED program: Michelle Mitchell, learning specialist and professor, mmitchell@lccc.edu, or LCCC.edu/SEED.

Good Shepherd event

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network hosts a Spinal Cord Injury Resource Fair, 1 - 4 p.m. Sept. 28, Good Shepherd

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Don Braden to preview tunes from album at 'Jazz Upstairs'

BY GEORGE VANDOREN
Special to The Press

Don Braden brings "Earth, Wind and Wonder" to the "Jazz Upstairs" series, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall.

Braden, adept on saxophone and flute, is a prolific composer, arranger and educator. He has toured worldwide with such jazz greats Kenny Barron, Betty Carter, Tom Harrell, Roy Haynes, Freddie Hubbard, Wynton Marsalis and Tony Williams, as well as with the Mingus Big Band, the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars, and the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band.

He has some 21 CDs as a leader with a list of sidemen that reads like "Who's Who of Jazz," including Christian McBride, Kenny Werner, Jeff "Tain" Watts, David "Fathead" Newman, Dave Liebman, Terell Stafford, Randy Brecker, Steve Turre and Jack Mc-

Duff.

Braden has composed music for ensembles, ranging from duo to symphonic orchestra; film and television, including Nickelodeon and CBS. He heads the Harvard Jazz Combo Initiative and is visiting professor at the Prins Claus Conservatory in the Netherlands.

Braden started on alto sax in elementary school. "Then I got a tenor [sax] in middle school," he says in a phone interview. "The bug bit me in high school. I started practicing a lot and played in a garage band. We played a couple gigs in the Louisville area.

"I studied with Jamie Abersold [arguably the best-known jazz educator in the United States]. He put me in touch with Mike Tracy and I learned all about straight-ahead jazz." Braden cites Isaac Hayes, Grover Washington Jr. and Stanley Turrentine as saxophone musician influences.

Joining Braden at Miller Symphony Hall are quartet members Art Hirahara, piano; Kenny Davis, bass, and Jeremy Warren, drums.

Hirahara is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and studied at the California Institute of the Arts and the Banff Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music. He has toured the world with jazz notables, including Stacey Kent, Freddy Cole, Rufus Reid, Dave Douglas and Hafez Modirzadeh.

Davis, a Chicago native, received a Bachelor's in Music from Northeastern Illinois University and a Master's in Music from Rutgers University. He is also an arranger with credits on Cassandra Wilson's Grammy-winning "Blue Light Till Dawn." He has performed with jazz artists Herbie Hancock, Dianne Reeves and Art Farmer, and was bassist for "The Tonight Show Band."

Warren hails from

North Little Rock, Ark. He received dual Bachelor's in Jazz Studies and Music Education from the University of Memphis and a Master's in Music from New York University. He teaches in the Plainfield, N.J., public schools. He has performed with Deanna Martin, Andy Milne, Lenny Pickett, John Scofield and Tom Scott.

Of the "Jazz Upstairs" concert, Braden says, "We'll be playing classic songs and jazz arrangements of familiar songs. We extend them and create something different.

"We'll play straight-ahead jazz with lots of swing and a lot of respect and reverence for the music.

"We're working on 'Earth, Wind and Wonder II,' so you'll hear some of those tunes."

Doors open at 7 p.m. for a free buffet, included with the ticket price. A cash bar is available.

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Mozart, Bach opens Sinfonia season

"We Love Mozart and Bach" opens the 2019-2020 season of the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown.

A snowstorm canceled a Mozart program in March by the Sinfonia. Dr. Allan Birney, Music Director of the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra, programmed two pieces from that program and added a third piece by J. S. Bach for the season-opening concert.

The program includes Mozart's "Symphony No. 17 in G," K. 129; "Violin Concerto No. 4 in D," K. 218, with violinist Rebecca Brown as soloist, and Bach's solo cantata No. 82, "Ich habe genug," with bass-baritone An-

thony Sharp.

Brown has been principal second violin of the Sinfonia for more than 30 years. She performs in the Bach Festival Orchestra, Satori and Allentown Symphony Orchestra.

Sharp is a graduate of Temple University and is a chorister with Opera Philadelphia.

Tickets, at the door, Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown; PASinfonia.org; 610 434-7811. Tickets for those 62 and older are available. Students are fee. A limited number of economy tickets for any age is available for seating in rear rows and must be ordered by phone by the Friday before the concert.

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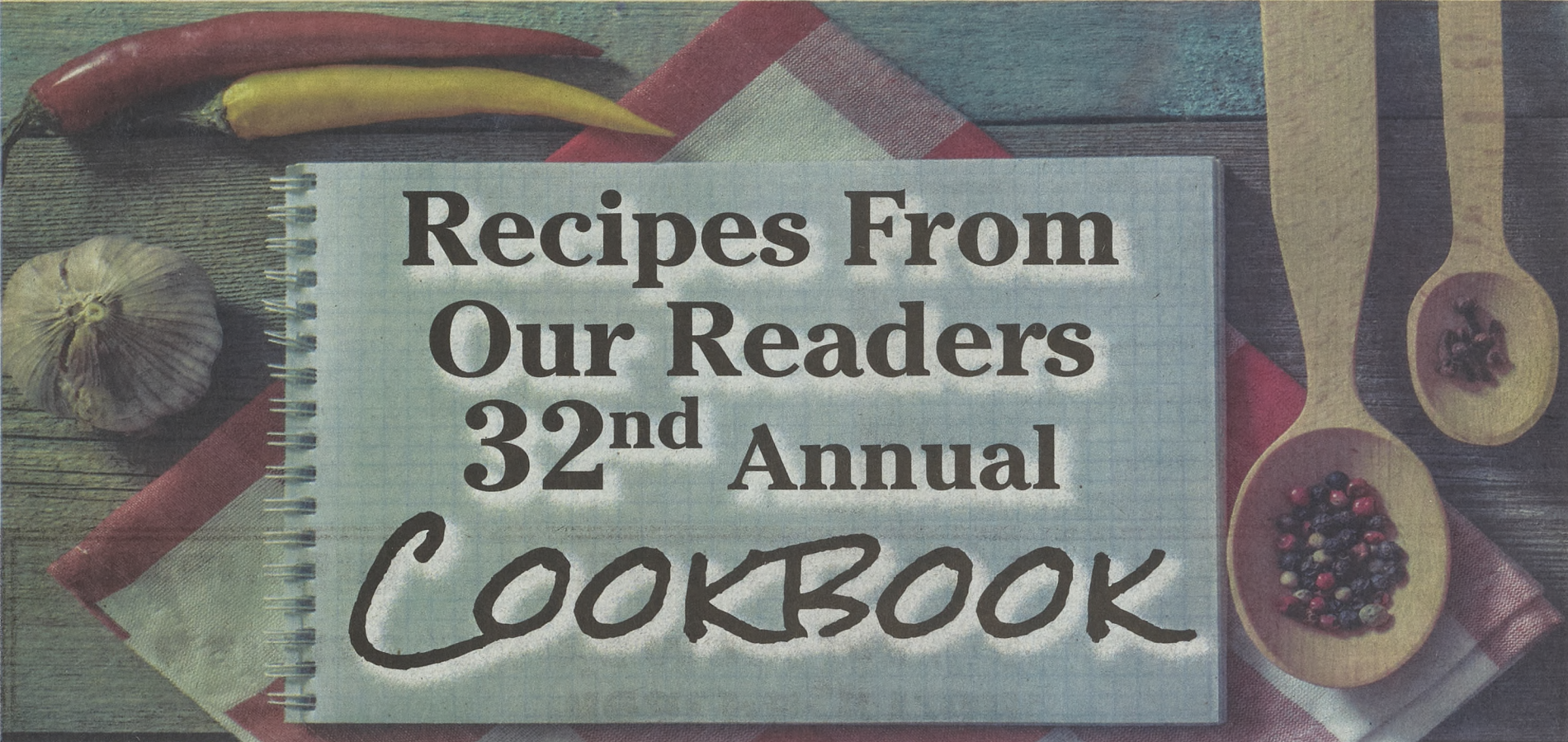
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