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The moon casts a glow on the crows who have settled for the evening in the treetops along the Monocacy Creek.

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SKATEPLAZA

More benefits than costs?

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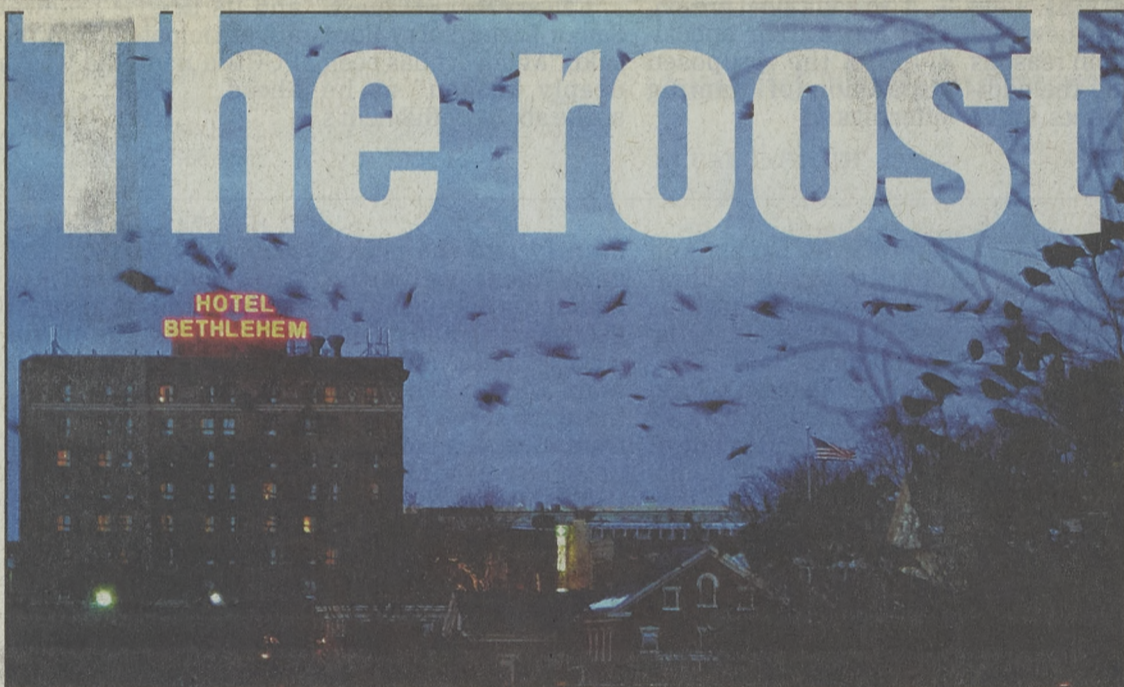
This winter's massive snowfall has not put the July 2010 grand opening of Bethlehem's Skateplaza behind schedule.

The culmination of years of community input, town meetings and fundraising events, the \$1 million world class, multi-use 40,000-square-foot city park is currently looking for about \$700,000 to complete Phase 2, said Mark Atkinson, Southside Recreation Coordinator. Phase 1 funding is completed. As part of the Phase 1 design, there are two alternate obstacles that will be built, but only if funding is available.

It is hoped that a business or corporation will see the marketing potential for the Skateplaza located between Steel and Daly avenues across the street from the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem and purchase naming rights to complete the 750-foot long Skateplaza, said Atkinson.

While other municipal skateparks are closing due to high maintenance costs and tight city budgets, Atkinson said he sees this city park as being a source of revenue and of communi-

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In early December the crows roosted in the area of the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. Eventually they moved the roost to the trees above the Monocacy Creek.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher wrote, "If men had wings and bore black feathers few of them would be clever enough to be crows." And so it seems here in Bethlehem where the crow roost has decided to make Bethlehem its bedroom, that is the case.

The city is using deterrence methods to try to relocate the birds to a more convenient place but has been met with the roost growing bigger by the month. The ideal solution is to appreciate the amazing, gregarious, natural phenomenon and enjoy the crows.

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'New jobs, investments, revenues'

Panel hears testimony on Sands adding table games

By DANA GRUBB
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Recognizing that it takes six to nine months for table games to be approved and ready for play, Sands President Robert DeSalvio, during his testimony at a public hearing March 11, expressed the hope that the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem would have 89 games operational by July 1.



Standing before a Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board panel in Bethlehem's Town Hall to hear public comment on the Sands request to add table games, DeSalvio outlined the Sands proposal for PGCB Chairman Gregory Fajt and Commissioner Kenneth Trujillo. Citing new jobs and "new investment in Bethlehem," DeSalvio made his pitch, saying it was necessary to add the games in order for "Pennsylvania to remain competitive in the marketplace."

Table games proposed by the Sands include poker, blackjack, craps, roulette,

Pai Gow and Sic Bo, among them.

DeSalvio told the regulators that adding the table games would create an additional \$26 million investment by the Sands, and that 285 trained dealers would be needed among the approximate 393 full-time equivalent positions that would be created by the much more labor-intensive games.

In response to questions from Fajt, DeSalvio explained revisions to the existing casino floor plan and said table games would be available for both non-smoking and

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Carol Dague

ShareCare board president
Moravian Village chaplain

Q&A

BY JULIA SWAN



Q What is ShareCare and when did it come into being?

A ShareCare Faith In Action evolved from an incorporated nonprofit organization called In-Home Respite Care Service and was incorporated in 1996 as part of a network of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a national organization first begun and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. ShareCare is a nonprofit network of trained volunteers from faith groups and the wider community that provides free compassionate and practical services to the elderly and those with special needs to enhance their dignity, independence and quality of life.

Q How many churches are involved and how many volunteers?

A We have 22 faith communities involved; 12 hold full membership and 10 are supporting members. We have 304 volunteers who gave more than 7,500 hours of service, which included more than 3,700 trips, in 2008-09.

Q What exactly do the volunteers do for the people they serve?

A Trained and insured volunteers help improve the quality of life and promote independence by helping with transportation and door-to-door escort, minor chores and light housekeeping, friendly visitation, shopping, yard work and respite care. BenefitsCheckUp, a one-stop service to research potential eligibility for benefits, is also available through ShareCare. Most importantly, ShareCare volunteers, who represent all ages and a variety of backgrounds, offer friendship and caring to all those they serve.

Q How do you find out who needs help from Share Care?

A Every faith community that is a member of ShareCare has a coordinator who links the needs of its members to the services ShareCare provides. In addition, anyone in the community may call ShareCare directly to ask for services. A person requesting help is interviewed and is then matched with a volunteer.

Q How can someone become a volunteer? Do they have to be a member of one of the participating churches?

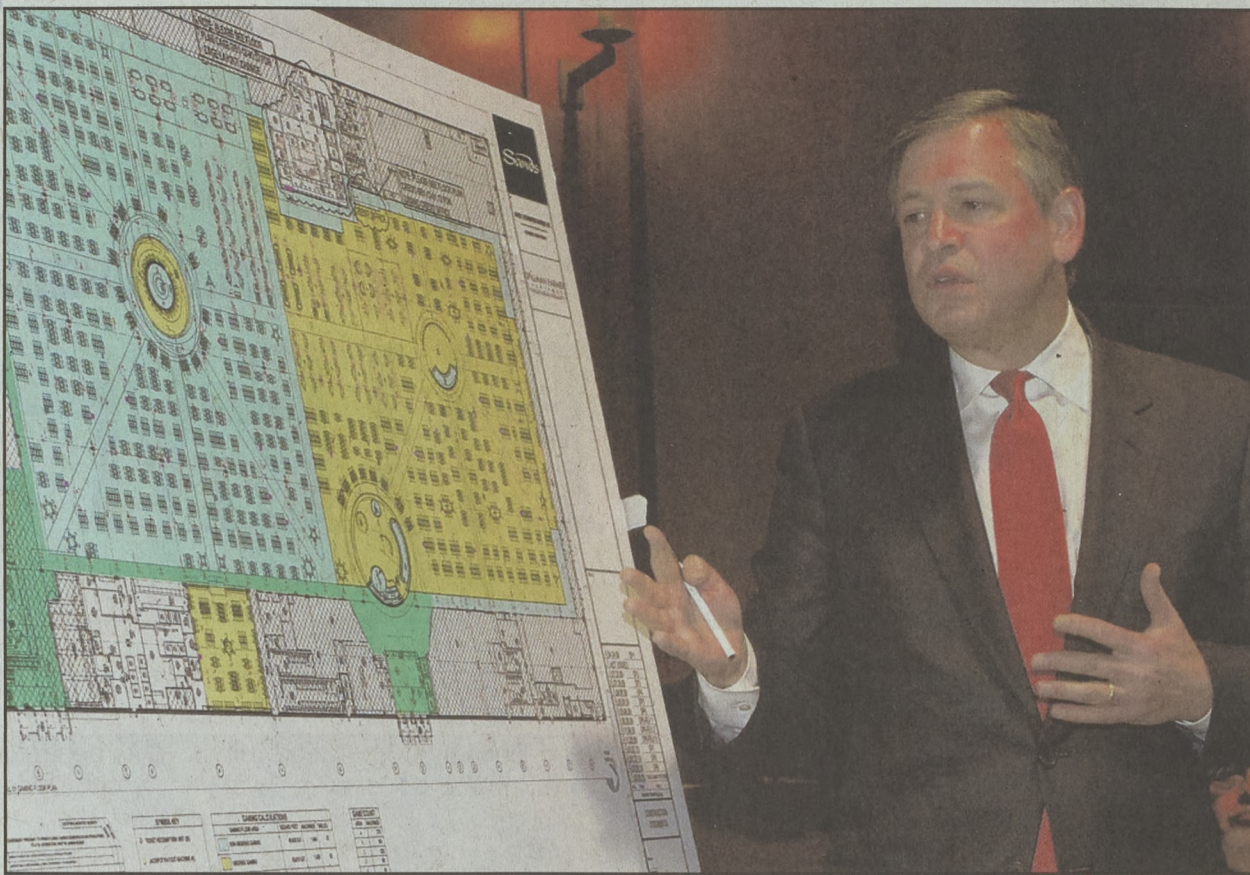
A Anyone can be a ShareCare volunteer; it is not necessary to be a member of a faith community. The only requirements are a compassionate heart and the willingness to give some time to a person in need. Any person interested in volunteering or in inquiring about services may call ShareCare at 610-867-2177 or visit our Web site at www.sharecarefaithinaction.org.

Q How did you get involved with ShareCare?

A My involvement began in 1991 when I became a member of the In-Home Respite Care Board of Directors and has continued until the present. I have served as president of the ShareCare Board for a number of terms. When I was the pastor of College Hill Moravian Church, I considered ShareCare to be a vital part of our pastoral care ministry, as well as an avenue for our members to utilize their gifts of compassion and caregiving. I also feel strongly that ShareCare provides an excellent way for the people of the Lehigh Valley to improve the quality of life here, especially in these difficult economic times.

Q Is there anything else our readers should know about this organization?

A Like most nonprofit organizations, ShareCare relies on grants, donations, bequests and fundraisers to support our budget; only 15 percent of which is used for administrative costs. We are grateful to the faith communities which support our annual bowl-a-thon (held at Town and Country Lanes), and our annual ShareCare auction at the Best Western Conference Center in Bethlehem, (to be held April 18 — tickets are available). The communities also provide the many volunteers who raise funds by handing out towlettes at the "Potty Platzes" at Musikfest and CelticFest! In addition we have been aided by community businesses and organizations which donate items, purchase advertising and give us free office space.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Sands president Robert DeSalvio explains how the Sands gaming floor plan will be reconfigured to add 89 table games if approved.

GAMES

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smoking guests.

Fajt also asked for an update on the "hot topic," making reference to recent rumors that the casino was for sale and the Sands response that construction at the site would restart soon.

DeSalvio answered that "mobilization to move forward" on the hotel tower is underway and that "construction will begin very shortly on that project."

When questioned by Trujillo about the impact of table games, DeSalvio said it would also bump slots gross terminal revenues by 3 to 5 percent.

Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan was among seven presenters who spoke in favor of the Sands proposal to add table games. Callahan called "new jobs, new investment and new revenues" the main reasons for supporting the addition of table games. Callahan also expressed his approval of the casino's new timeline concerning completion of the 300-room hotel.



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Commissioner Kenneth Trujillo, Director of Hearings and Appeals Linda Lloyd and PGCB Chairman Gregory Fajt listen to public comment at the March 11 hearing.

Joseph Kricks, president of the faith-based Share the Power, said he "cares deeply about Bethlehem" and expressed his concerns about the "significant amount of personal harm" gambling can cause for those who become addicted.

Calvary Baptist Church Senior Pastor Larry Burd said, "My heart has been deeply broken" as he spoke about Bethlehem's

"rich moral and spiritual history." "Can you see why a gambling casino in this community is out of character for this city?" Burd asked of the casino regulators.

Decisions on the Sands' request to add table games and its license renewal are anticipated from the PGCB during the weeks ahead.

Two additional presenters stated their opposition to the proposed expansion of gaming offerings.

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ty-building.

The tourism aspect of this Skateplaza is a big benefit, said Andy Po, member of the Skateplaza's design team and owner of Bethlehem's Homebase Skateshop. "Every summer nomad skaters, pro teams and contest circuits travel from DC to Philly to New York and pass right over the Lehigh Valley — now they will have a reason to come here and visit our wonderful city."

The Bethlehem Skateplaza is raising money for its construction through community donations, applying for

applicable parks and recreation grants, local business sponsorships and corporate advertising dollars.

The Skateplaza is looking for non-tax dollars for its funding and is one of the project ideas eligible for a \$250,000 grant as part of the Pepsi Refresh Project. Voting for all projects competing for grant money ends March 31.

Some of the \$250,000 would go toward the last two alternate obstacles in Phase 1 and the rest would be put toward Phase 2, said Po. At this time, the project is in eighth place out of 1,000 projects.

"To be in the top 10 of this contest up against some noble causes is amazing — but then again, our Skateplaza will do a lot of good for a lot of kids and the community; more than just giving people a place to be active," Po said of the competition.

To cast a vote, go to www.refresheverything.com/bethlehems skateplaza.

The construction and design of the Skateplaza will keep maintenance costs manageable and security a priority.

To prevent wear and tear, Atkinson said the plaza will have steps, benches and railings and ramps made of concrete with reinforced steel. To the non-skater it will look like City Hall's plaza. However, the Skateplaza will be gated and have security cameras and rules posted for safety and insurance purposes, Atkinson added.

Po said having the com-

munity and the police department partnering with the people using the Skateplaza should reduce security concerns. "There is no way to keep anything 100 percent secure from vandalism or inappropriate behavior but there are ways to curb it. I would like to see an ongoing partnership with the City of Bethlehem, the community and the people using the Skateplaza. ...Skateboarders naturally police their own spots from problems in their own way, but if the police make the plaza part of their regular patrol that will send a message to anyone thinking of causing trouble they should think twice."

Atkinson also said liability and vandalism issues are not any more a concern at the Skateplaza than they would be at any other city park.

But in the discussion of the Skateplaza's design, Atkinson said there were those concerned citizens who raised liability issues. Atkinson, who organizes many events for Southside youth, said he tends to downplay those concerns.

Atkinson said city parks have always had to contend with personal injuries. Someone could twist an ankle playing tennis or basketball and the city's insurance would need to cover these accidents, he added.

In 2003, the city closed its Bayard Park skate park because the insurance company would not insure it. When the city changed insurance companies, one which insured

skate parks was selected. According to council minutes concerning insuring skate parks, the insurance policy requires skate parks to be designed and built by a professional, jumps cannot be over five feet and there must be fencing, locks and maintenance logs.

Po said he is excited that the Skateplaza is happening and that he has been part of the design team that will build a safe skate park. In addition to Po, insured and licensed architect designers are David Hornung Architects, Van Cleef and Simone Collins. F.A. Rohrbach is the construction company.

"All those working together make the Skateplaza as safe as any other plaza or park facility," Po said.

Part of the South Bethlehem Greenway Project, the Skateplaza's future events include farmers' markets, art shows and seating for traveling action sports contests.

According to the Skateplaza's Web site at bethlehems skateplaza.com, the Skateplaza, "will provide a safe place for skaters and BMXers to perform and be capable of supporting national skate and BMX events. For non-riders, the plaza will provide seating to watch the action, gather for fellowship or simply relax outdoors."

There's still a lot of work to do before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, said Po. "I'll keep doing whatever I can to see that day come to pass."

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GOT NEWS?

Bethlehem area clubs, organizations
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Wednesday, March 17

Celtic Sunrise acoustic trio St. Patrick's event noon to 2 p.m., Hauptert Union Building. Celtic Sunrise is an acoustic trio that plays lyrical ballads and hard-driving fiddle tunes from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton and Brittany.
 Hellertown Borough Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., at 685 Main St.
 Freemansburg Borough Parks and Recreation meeting, 7 p.m., at 600 Monroe St.
 Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority meeting, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Fountain Hill Borough Council work session, 7 p.m. at 941 Long St.
 South Bethlehem Historical Society talk, "Silk: A Lost Industry" by Martha Capwell Fox, 7 p.m., Victory Firehouse, Second and Webster streets. Call 610-868-3372.

Thursday, March 18

The Sun Inn Brown Bag Lecture Series, now the Vernon H. Nelson Lecture Series, noon, Darlene Heller, Bethlehem director of planning and zoning, and "Bethlehem's New Historic Comprehensive Plan and Greenway Project and other City Initiatives." Call 610-866-1758.
 Northampton County Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. in room 3116 of the Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton
 The Bethlehem V-Day Volunteers present a reading of "The Vagina Monologues" at 7 p.m. at The Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. Call 610-868-1035 for information and ticket prices.

Saturday, March 20

St. John's Windish Lutheran Church youth group tricky tray basket social, noon to 2 p.m., 617 E. Fourth St. Easter-themed basket donations accepted until March 17. Call 610-868-3282.
 VIA free special needs youth basketball clinic, registration at noon; clinic 12:30 to 2 p.m., St. Anne's, 450 Washington St. Call 484-893-5389 or e-mail gstano@vianet.org to pre-register.
 Miller-Keystone Blood Bank blood drive, 12:30 to 3:15 p.m., Traditions of Hanover, 5300 Northgate Drive. Call 610-484-893-6689 for information.
 Holy Ghost R.C. Church annual spaghetti dinner, 5 to 7 p.m. at 417 Carlton Ave. Fee. Call 610-867-9382 for a reservation.
 SouthSide Film Institute presents the Irish movie "The Wind That Shakes the Barley" at 7:15 p.m. at Victory Firehouse, 205 Webster St., Bethlehem. Fee.
 The Bethlehem V-Day Volunteers present a reading of "The Vagina Monologues" at 6:30 p.m. at The Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St. Bethlehem. Call 610-868-1035 for information and ticket prices.

Sunday, March 21

Annual Lehigh Valley National Teachers of Singing benefit vocal recital, 2:30 p.m., Peter Hall, Moravian College. Tickets are available at the door. Fee. Email rhaber@northampton.edu for information or call 610-861-4541 ext 1171
 The Bethlehem V-Day Volunteers present a reading of "The Vagina Monologues" at 4 p.m. at The Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. Call 610-868-1035 for information and ticket prices.

Monday, March 22

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 a.m. "Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine" with Dave Molony, practitioner; 11:15 a.m. "What's Happening in Lehigh Valley Real Estate" with Prof. Sankar Sastri, owner; at the church, 2344 Center St.
 BASD Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at East Hills School auditorium, 2005 Chester Road
 Bethlehem Township Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Amnesty International USA, Group 347, 7 p.m. at the Moravian Church Christian Education Building, Main and W. Church streets. Call 610-866-2655.

Tuesday, March 23

South Bethlehem Historic Conservation District meeting, 7 p.m. in room 25 at Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St.
 Hanover Township Supervisors meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Building at 3630 Jacksonville Road
 Saucon Valley School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Audion Building, 2097 Polk Valley Road

Wednesday, March 24

Bethlehem Commission meeting, 4 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.
 Bethlehem Parking Authority meeting, 4:30 p.m. at 85 W. North St.
 Via All-Star Banquet, 6 p.m. at Freedom HS's gym. Call 484-893-5389 or e-mail gstano@vianet.org
 Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.
 Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, gtaylor@tnonline.com or fax 610-625-2126.



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Allied Building Corporation will move its headquarters to 574 Main St., the former Weinland's Hardware Store and AlphaGraphics Print Shop. Due to a fire that severely damaged the building a few years ago and HARB standards for the historic downtown, the building is a reproduction of the 165-year-old structure that occupied the corner of Main and Broad streets. Allied will occupy the second and third floors as office space in June. The first floor will have a soon-to-be-announced high-end retailer.

Allied moves to historic corner

By CAROL SMITH
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Mayor John Callahan welcomed the arrival of Allied Building Corporation to the former Weinland's Hardware Store and AlphaGraphics Print Shop at 574 Main St. March 11.

Anthony Scarcia Jr., president and chief operation officer of Allied Building Corporation, which is a commercial construction company, said Allied expects to move its corporate office of 12 full-time employees and 13 field staff to the second and third floors of the building in June. Allied, an award-winning construction management firm that is a leader in Sustainable Design and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, is currently based in the Stabler Corporate Center in Center Valley.

"The decision to acquire the building was easy, but the relocation

was more difficult," said Scarcia of the corporation's move to downtown from its rural Center Valley headquarters six miles away. Ashley Development's Lou Pektor sold the property to Scarcia.

Scarcia said the first floor and basement space are being considered by a number of high-end retail tenants. The building's first floor is approximately 1,400 square feet and a 900 square-foot basement was added to the building. Bathroom facilities and storage space will be located in the basement.

Scarcia plans to invest \$450,000 on interior renovations and pursue LEED certification for the red-brick three-story building, which needed to meet HARB standards due to its location in Bethlehem's historic district. The building was severely damaged by fire a few years ago and much of the facade couldn't be salvaged so the building is a reproduction of the original 165-year-old structure.

Financing for the construction project includes a \$37,500 Fund for Revitalization and Economic Development (FRED) loan, a \$170,000 SBA 504 loan and a \$200,000 Small Business First Loan. The City of Bethlehem's Office of Economic Development and Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp. (LVEDC) coordinated the financing package.

Calling the corner of historic Bethlehem's Broad and Main streets the "epicenter of the Lehigh Valley, Callahan said it was important to have office workers closer to the retail stores and restaurants that will now be Allied's neighbors.

Other Allied projects include the Ben Franklin Tech Ventures incubator space on Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus, the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park office building in LVIP VII and the Sovereign Bank Regional Corporate Center.

Study to review Gracedale's operations
 Should Northampton County be in nursing home business?

By CAROL SMITH
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Should Northampton County be in the nursing home business? While many Northampton County officials and taxpayers say the county has a moral obligation to maintain a skilled-nursing residence, others want to know why it is costing the county millions of dollars each year to operate the 790-bed facility which employs more than 850 full- and part-time employees.

In reality, in light of county budget shortfalls, the trend is to sell these facilities. Carbon County's board of commissioners expects to raise between \$8 and \$10 million with the sale of their Weatherwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, which is a 200-bed facility on 17 acres in Weatherly. Fifty Pennsylvania counties once operated nursing homes; but that number has decreased to 31, according to an article in StandardSpeaker.com.

Northampton County Council has authorized the Stoffa administration to proceed with a study to review Gracedale's finances and trends in the nursing home business. With the study in hand, most likely by the end of this year, council members will be in a better position to evaluate the county's options for keeping or selling the

facility.

At a recent Finance Committee meeting, Ross Marcus, the county's director of human services, reviewed Gracedale's budget with council members. Council received a more optimistic picture of Gracedale's finances. "It's not as pessimistic as initially portrayed, but we'd like to see better numbers and we're hoping to produce those better numbers," said Marcus.

In 2009, the county's \$6.3 million contribution to Gracedale's \$64 million budget included \$3.9 million to capital expenses for such projects as the leaking windows and heating and air-conditioning repairs. In 2008, this contribution was \$381,000. The \$4.5 million window project, which limited the number of available beds to 675 beds, is expected to be finished shortly.

Built in the 1960s, Gracedale, which is located on 365 acres in a rural landscaped setting in Nazareth, is one of the state's largest nursing home facilities.

For many years, Gracedale had made money for the county. But the facility's increasing operating costs due to the aging buildings and the need for paying overtime because of a shortage of qualified nursing personnel coupled with declining revenues due to decreases

in the federal and state reimbursement payments for Medicare and Medicaid make a financially self-sustainable county nursing home difficult to achieve.

Pennsylvania has a large senior citizens' population and a large percentage of Gracedale's residents use Medicaid to pay for their health-care needs. On the other hand as those seniors get older there are more services available to allow them to age in place.

Currently, there have been more incentives for private nursing homes to take Medicaid patients, and therefore, less demand for Gracedale's services, said Marcus, but in the future, if the demand for a public nursing home such as Gracedale returns, there will be a need to serve these people who have no other place to go.

While it might be too much to expect in this economy of rising health care costs for a nursing home to make money for the county, there are ways to reduce operating costs, such as reducing the number of beds. Marcus said the study should demonstrate if there is still a need for Gracedale and, if there is a need, strategies for lowering its costs and getting the county contribution to an acceptable level.

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Then Jesus Came!

There was such a good response to last week's "When Jesus Comes" column that I decided to preach Sunday on the title of that song "Then Jesus Came!" I mentioned that there was great spiritual darkness in Israel, but "Then Jesus Came!" He came, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying... The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up" (Matthew 4:14-16). Sin, disease, and bondage to Satan saturated society, but then Jesus came and read Esaias's prophecy, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Then Jesus proclaimed, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:18, 21). "And great multitudes came... lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others... and he healed them" (Matthew 15:30).

In Mark 9:14-27 we read of a father whose son was possessed by a demon that tried to kill him repeatedly by throwing him into the fire and water. Then Jesus came and set the son free!

A man was full of leprosy and consequently a hopelessly outcast of society. Then Jesus came "and touched him... And immediately the leprosy departed from him" (Luke 5:12-13).

Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector for Rome, was a lonely man hated by the Jews and a man with deep spiritual needs. Then Jesus Came! Zacchaeus discovered that Jesus knew his name and everything about him resulting in the conviction and repentance of his sins, and a changed life.

The last verse of this song, "Then Jesus Came," says, "So, men, today, have found the Savior able. They could not conquer passion, lust and sin. Their broken hearts had left them sad and lonely, Then Jesus came and dwell, Himself, within." Have you found it so?

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Robert Keane McFall

Robert Keane McFall, 83, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 24, 2010. Born in Corning, N.Y., he was the son of John H. (Jack) McFall and DeSeilles (Keane) McFall. He was the husband of the late Jane Benedict McFall for 42 years.

He graduated from Corning Free Academy in 1944, attended Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. and Alfred University.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 in Europe.

He was employed for 34 years as a civil engineer at the New York State



Department of Transportation in Hornell, N.Y. until retiring in 1987.

He was a communicant of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Hornell, N.Y.

He served as a Little League coach and a basketball coach at the YMCA in Hornell.

He is survived by a daughter, Laurie (Bernard) Brandstetter of Bethlehem; two sons, Timothy of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Jonathan and his wife Nancy of North Plainfield, N.J.; and two grandchildren, Robert Brandstetter of Bethlehem and Alexander McFall of North Plainfield, N.J.

He was predeceased by a brother, John "Mick" McFall.

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

Shirley F. Mongeon

Bethlehem Garden Club member

Shirley F. Mongeon, 74, of Hanover Township, died Feb. 23, 2010, in her home. Born in Buffalo, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Norman and Mildred (Pitkin) Brisk. She was the wife of Donald L. Mongeon for 42 years.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Buffalo State University.

She taught third grade for 10 years in Green Acres School, Tonawanda, N.Y.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem.

She was a former treas-



urer of the Bethlehem Garden Club and chairperson of the Scholarship Committee for the American Association of University Women. She was member of the Historic Bethlehem Partnership and Burnside Crafters.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Jeannine and her husband Richard d'Anjou and Sharon and her husband Jason Peer and their three children, Simon, Margot and Owen Peer; and a brother, Bradley Brisk Sr.

Contributions may be made to the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia Chapter, 321 Norris-town Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19440.

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

Cheryl E. Haldeman

of Bethlehem

Cheryl E. Haldeman, 53, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 28, 2010, in Manor-Care II. Born in Allentown, she was the daughter of the late Burton and Jean (Gombert) Walck. She is survived by a daughter, Amanda Halde-

man of Blakeslee; a sister, Lucille A. and her husband John Lightcap of East Allen Township; and a brother, Bruce N. Walck of Ojai, Calif.

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

Phyllis A. Hamm

Formerly of Bethlehem

Phyllis A. Hamm, 65, of Allentown, formerly of Bethlehem, died Feb. 26, 2010, at Green Meadows, Allentown. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late Woodrow and Margaret (Ruth) Longenbach. She was the wife of the late Thomas A. Hamm.

She was a mail clerk for Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenburg Campus, Bethlehem for 10 years before retiring in 2005. Prior to that, she worked for Valley Printing, Forks Township for eight years. Before that, she worked in the cafeteria of the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

She was a member of Christ United Church of Christ, Schoenersville.

She is survived by a son, Arthur T. and his wife Stacy of Northampton; a sister, Linda and her husband Elmer Dunbar; and four brothers, William, Russell and his wife Dorothy, Donald and Ronald Longenbach, all of Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Hospice c/o Schisler Funeral Home Inc., 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.

Arrangements were made by Schisler Funeral Home Inc., Northampton.

Dorothy A. Zieger

BASD secretary

Dorothy A. Zieger, 85, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 24, 2010, in the Moravian Village Health Care Center. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Kapotch. She was the wife of the late William S. Zieger.

She was a secretary for the Bethlehem Area School District for many years. She worked for Kent State University and Bethlehem Steel Corp.

She was a member of the University Parish of



Holy Ghost, Bethlehem. She is survived by two sons, Wayne and his wife Jane of Bethlehem and Craig and his wife Carole of Bethlehem; three grandchildren, Hope, Chris and Emily; a great-granddaughter, Skye; a sister, Marie Metzgar of Macungie; nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Lehigh Valley Unit, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017 or the V.N.A. of St. Luke's Hospital, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Laura J. Gebert

OLPH member

Laura J. Gebert, 89, formerly of Wind Gap, died Feb. 23, 2010. Born in St. Paul, Minn., she was a daughter of the late Paul C. and Lillian (Remson) Maylone.

She was the wife of the late Lawrence Gebert, who died in 1961.

She owned and operated a stationery service and supply company in Irvington, N.J., for many years before retiring.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual



Help Church, Bethlehem Township.

She is survived by three daughters, Laura Eidsvaag of Calafon, N.J., Kate and her husband Martin Clark of Nazareth and Elizabeth and her husband Richard Wallner, of Saco, Me; and seven grandchildren, Matthew Wallner, Samantha Eidsvaag, Caitlyn Clark, Jessica Wallner, Joshua Eidsvaag, Jacob Clark and A.J. Wallner.

Contributions may be sent to Walden III Assisted Living, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091.

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

Barry R. Fritchman

Essroc employee

Barry R. Fritchman, 68, of Palmer Township, died Feb. 24, 2010. Born in Easton, he was a son of Margaret (Lehr) Fritchman and the late Russell Fritchman. He was the husband of Dorothy Fritchman for 27 years.

He was an industrial electrician at Essroc Cement Corporation before retiring due to ill health.

He was a member of Dryland United Church of Christ.

He was a union representative at Copley Cement, served as an elder in the United Church of Christ and sang with the Brothers in Harmony barber shop chorus.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by nine children, Rebecca and her husband Ronald



Knecht of Bethlehem, Barry Jr. of Allentown, Scott Arndt of Wind Gap, Wayne and his wife Michele Fritchman of Bethlehem Township, Gail and her husband Michael Ventin of Nazareth, Kevin of Palmer Township, Keith and his life partner Dr. Patrick Neibauer of Quakertown, Susan and her husband Scott Helm of Palmer Township, and Patricia and her husband John Trapani of Bethlehem; a brother, Lee and his wife Genevieve Fritchman of Bend, Ore.; father-in-law, Glenwood Rissmiller of Nazareth; and 10 grandchildren, Danielle and Jessica Knecht; Felicia, Kristen, and Alex Arndt; Amanda Ventin; Melissa and Emily Helm; Anthony and Mara Trapani.

Contributions may be sent to Dryland U.C.C. Church, 4415 Newburg Rd., Nazareth, PA 18064.

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Dorothy M. Anders

First U.C.C. Hellertown member

Dorothy M. Anders, 86, formerly of Lower Saucon Township, died Feb. 27, 2010, in Alexandria Manor, Bethlehem. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Miles E. and Hilda (Remaley) Kramer. She was the wife of the late Woodrow H. Anders.

She was a member of First United Church of Christ, Hellertown.

Surviving are a son, Woodrow of Bethlehem; and two brothers, Miles in Texas and Kenneth in California.

She was predeceased by a son, Miles.

Contributions may be sent to the First United Church of Christ, 501 Northampton St., Hellertown, PA 18055.

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Pip the Mouse, pastor receive awards

Zion United Church of Christ, the "Liberty Bell" church, 650 E. Hamilton St., Allentown, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with Boy Scout Sunday on March 7. Pip the Mouse (Elaine Charron of Coopersburg) was made an Honorary Boy Scout. The Rev. Robert Stevens, middle, was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his support of the Boy Scouts. Minsi Trails Council board advisor Gerry Still, right, of Bethlehem, presided.

Moravian College names dean's list

Several area students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Moravian College, Bethlehem. The following students have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Jordan Adams, Howard Aubrey, Joseph Begany, Shane Bernier, Christina Bonavita, Kayla Borger, Kate Bruening, Jennifer Buck, Stephanie Cangelosi, Lauren Corrow, Jessica Cortes, Julia Damiani, Steven Delturk, Jacob Donchez, Nicole Erney, Maryellen Foley, Shawn Forouraghi, Michelle Fraser, Amanda Giangioffe, Chrystie Giangioffe, Andrew Giesler, Naomi Gonzalez, Rachel Gunderson, Jessica Hardy, Erinn Hess, Kelly Holder, Kara Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Joshua Kaminski, Jennifer Kerchner, Christopher Kieszek, Meredith Kluk, Katelyn Koplin, Zachary LaBar, Tracy Lentz, Michael McClarin, Kevin Miller, Katherine Murnin, Gillian Raines, Molly Rambo, James Ravelle, John Reese, Joseph Reynolds, Alyson Rice, Jill Rice, Maggie Riegel, Jacob Schweitzer, Justin Serfass, Kyle Shollenberger, Luke Skutches, Allison Story, Camille Urbano, Marisa Vargo, Cindy Weimer, and Caitlin Worrich.

Professor and student seek war truth

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, associate professor of religion, and James Lavoy, class of 2010 (Greentown, Pa.), a political science and social theory major, will participate in the first Truth Commission on Conscience in War, New York City, March 21 and 22. After hearing testimony from recent veterans, religious leaders, ethicists and legal experts, the Commission will compile a report that will be delivered on Veterans Day this November.

The public is invited to attend the March 21 hearing, when the documentary Soldiers of Conscience will be shown and experts will provide background information. Commissioners and testifiers will meet in a private session on March 22 to discuss the public hearing testimony and identify strategies for pursuing the goals of the commission. Later this spring, Soldiers of Conscience will be shown on the Moravian campus, and an open forum will follow.

Professor has photos in Philadelphia exhibit

Thomas Shillea, director of art programs at Northampton Community College (NCC), has two photographs in the current Philadelphia Museum of Art exhibit, "The Platinum Process: Photographs from the 19th to the 21st Century." The photographs are a portrait of Lynell Wilcha and "Kitchen Still-Life." The exhibit will be on view through May 23 in the Julien Levy Gallery at the Perelman Building of the museum.

Student receives design award

Mandee Taylor, a communication design major at Northampton Community College (NCC), received a gold ADDY award from The American Advertising Federation for a poster she designed for the college's Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration.

Taylor, a 2008 graduate of Nazareth HS, created her work under the direction of Traci Anfuso-Young, adjunct professor of digital design and typography and Tom Shillea, director of the fine arts program.

2010 Sports Hall of Fame names inductees

The Lehigh Valley Recreational Sports Hall of Fame 2010 inductees ceremony will be held March 19 at the Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown. A social hour begins 6 p.m. followed by a country style dinner at 7 p.m. Sports author Evan Burian of Emmaus is master of ceremonies. Bethlehem inductees are Frank Banko, Al Blount Jr., Charley Brown, Rich DeSantis, Mike Drozd, Artie Owens, Frank John, Shawn Fears and Nick Theodoru. Hellertown inductees are Kim Brown and Bill Poretta.

There will be a sports and Tricky Tray/Chinese auction. There is a fee. Tickets are available at the Rough Rider Athletic Club, 311 Mulberry St., Catasauqua or call 610-797-2542 or 610-297-0669 or e-mail joezembra@msn.com.

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STATE POLICE

Drug possession

Colonial Regional Police and Northampton County Drug Task Force officers arrested Mitchell Melendez Jr., 28, of Easton, for possession of narcotics around 8:30 p.m. March 5.

According to police, an ongoing investigation led to a deal at a gas station parking lot in Lower Nazareth Township. Melendez delivered marijuana and cocaine on two previous dates, and an undercover officer made the arrest for the third delivery: one-half ounce, or \$750 worth of cocaine.

Melendez allegedly also had an additional 14 ounces of marijuana in his car at the time.

Melendez is charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver and delivery of a controlled substance. He was committed to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$25,000 bail.



Mark Erle, chairman of the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity, dedicates 1448 James St.

A new day, a new home

By LINDA ANTHONY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

With her daughter, Angelica, at her side, Elizabeth Morales humbly accepted a home dedicated to her by Habitat for Humanity.

On a day that couldn't have been any brighter than the high noon sun, representatives of Habitat for Humanity, Bethlehem Area Moravians, family and friends joined to see and participate in the dedication of 1448 James St. in Bethlehem to Morales.



Elizabeth Morales holds the Bible given to her by her family mentor Connie Scott.

She came to the United States from Puerto Rico five years ago. She put 300 hours into the project prior to the day of dedication, March 6. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing ministry which draws the community together in partnership for people in need and builds and renovates decent, affordable housing.

This year, Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley is celebrating its 20th anniversary of helping the community grow and improve.

AREA POLICE

DUI

Police arrested Steven Brett, 23, of Easton, for driving while intoxicated around 2 a.m. March 6.

Police said Brett was observed driving west on Constitution Boulevard speeding with his high beams turned on and did not turn them down as he approached the police unit.

Officers allegedly detected the smell of alcohol on Brett, who then failed field sobriety tests. He was taken to Bethlehem DUI Center for processing.

CITY POLICE

Assault

Three teenagers, arrested weeks ago for attacking a 17-year-old on a school bus, compounded their actions March 6 by attacking the boy again and threatening him.

According to police, these three youths, ages 16, 14 and 14, were acting in vengeance for their earlier arrest. They allegedly trounced the boy and said if he testified against them they would assault him and his family.

Now two of the youths are charged with physical harassment while one of the 14-year-olds is also charged with criminal mischief, criminal conspiracy, terroristic threats and retaliation against witness victims.

Theft

Police arrested two men for theft following a traffic violation on Hickory Street around 1:45 a.m. March 5.

According to police, a 1996 Saturn was observed going the wrong way on a one-way street and was

CITY POLICE

pulled over. Officers then observed copper downspouts — common targets for theft — in the vehicle. The downspouts in question were allegedly taken from residences on Millard and Edgeboro streets.

Brett Melton, 29, of West Walnut Street, and Joseph Jecha, 23, of Orefield, were arrested and sent to prison. Melton is charged with theft, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief. Jecha is charged only with theft.

DUI

Susan Ann O'Donnell, 42, of Easton Avenue, was arrested on several vehicle-related charges around 12:10 a.m. March 5.

According to police, another woman driving near East Garrison and New streets was struck from behind by a vehicle which then departed the scene post-haste. The victim followed the offender, O'Donnell, to a tavern on Main Street and called police.

O'Donnell was allegedly intoxicated. She is charged with DUI, careless driving and accident involving an attended vehicle.

Burglary

Residents in the 2600 block of Meadow Lark Way reported a burglary at their home around 3:30 p.m. March 5.

Police said a sliding glass door at the rear of the home was smashed and used to gain entry. The door itself was worth about \$700, police said.

Items taken include a Compaq Presario computer, fax machine, cordless telephone, a Smith & Wesson .22 caliber pistol and a number of minor items.

Taken together, the victims lost about \$2,000 worth of belongings. Police said a small black car was seen in the area.

DUI

Penelope Anne Predmore, 36, of Carlisle Street, arrested weeks ago on a public drunkenness charge, is now facing an additional alcohol-related charge, according to police.

The police report indicates that around noon March 9 Predmore arrived at Magisterial District Judge Patricia Romig-Passaro's Stefko Boulevard court to pay her public drunkenness fine reeking of booze. When asked about the smell, she said, "I know I stink, but I did not drink today." She was also having trouble keeping her balance.

Because she drove to the court in an intoxicated condition, police charged her with DUI.



Construction chair Charles Schnauer presents a key to Elizabeth Morales during the dedication of her Habitat for Humanity home at 1448 James St., Bethlehem.

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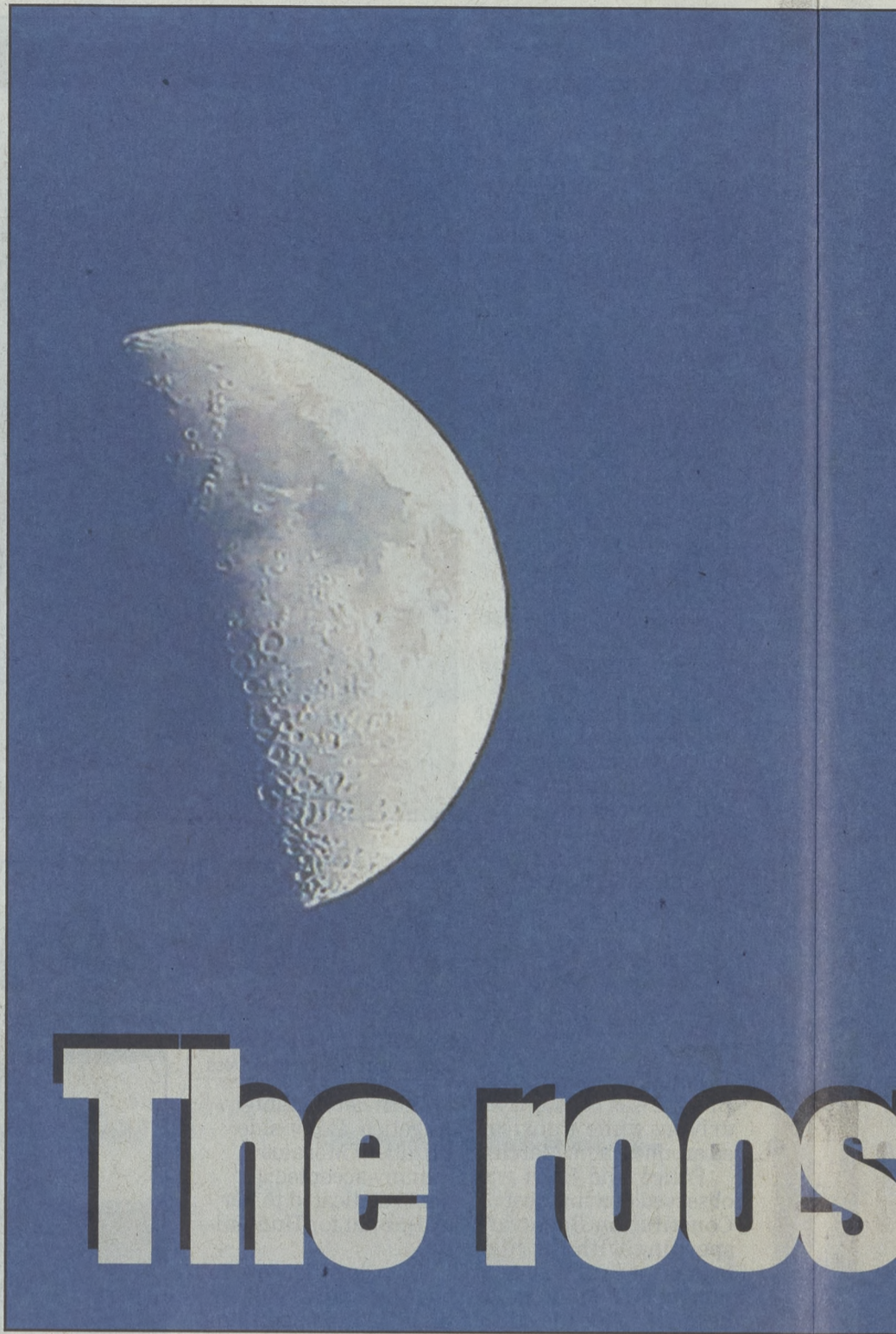
Crows vie for position in the branches of the trees top as they settle in for the night during the roost which brings thousands of crows to Bethlehem.



Crows are among the most intelligent songbirds, according to Cornell University ornithologist Dr. Kevin J. McGowen.

As evening approaches, the sky in West Bethlehem shows signs of the roost as families start to gather at staging areas where they will spend time prior to heading to the roost for the night which is currently located along Monocacy Creek in the area of Union Boulevard and behind the Hotel Bethlehem.

To learn more about crows go to www.birds.cornell.edu/crows/.



A crow soars above Main Street in Bethlehem as the early February moon adorns the West Bethlehem.

The roost

By LINDA ANTHONY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

As evening approaches, the sky in West Bethlehem shows signs of the roost as families start to gather at staging areas where they will spend time prior to heading to the roost for the night which is currently located along Monocacy Creek in the area of Union Boulevard and behind the Hotel Bethlehem.

It starts with hundreds of crows and ends with tens of thousands as they perform a magnificent display of aerial feats and play a game of chase prior to settling in for the night on the many treetops that line the creek. This coming together of the roost can be best witnessed from the Broad Street Bridge.

"The reason for the roost is an interesting question; conclusions are still out," says Dr. Kevin J. McGowen, research associate at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in New York, who has been studying reproductive and social behavior of American crows in the Ithaca area since 1988.

"Crows and ravens get together in large flocks during the off-season," McGowen says. "Some of these get-togethers can be pretty spectacular. What happens is the birds that live in a given area tend to get together and you also get a bunch of migrants. There is protection from predators, mainly the Great Horned Owl and people. Those are the two biggest dangers to the birds and in a group there is protection against that. There is also the possibility of information transfer within a roost where crows can get information about 'where is good food' if they haven't been finding it themselves."

McGowen explains the intricacies of the roost using the analogy of humans at a football game when they don't know where the entrance is.

"We see movement all funneling into one place and we follow them," he says. "And that's probably what crows do as well. Other crows can lead you to places you didn't know about."

"Those things certainly occur in the roost, but the possibility of some other social interaction is real and it's hard to get a good handle on," McGowen

continues. "We don't know what they are talking about, but they certainly do a lot of talking."

"You see a lot of things that you don't normally see, such as chases and aerial displays. What is all about we really don't know. A number of possibilities come to mind but they are really hard to figure out. It may be a sense of trying to figure out where the grand scheme of things."

"Crows make a number of life history decisions. They're not just like robins who leave their parents right away and go off and try to breed. They stay with their parents for a number of years."

"You sort of have to make a decision; if you're a wimpy little crow, then maybe you should stay with Mom and Dad," McGowen says. "But how do you know if you're a little wimpy crow if all you have is a little sister. You have to go out in the world and see what's going on. It's just helpful for them to be in a group like that so they understand their capabilities that might influence further life history decisions."

It's also possible the birds are finding mates during the roosting season.

"Crows mate, basically form pair bonds, and at a certain time of year, again unlike the robins who only mate in the spring," McGowen explains. "And if they mate in November, they may find a new mate in December. In the areas where I've studied, they do mate for life. We have a pair that got together in 1999 and they are still together."

There is no average life span for a crow in the wild, though in McGowen's study there are several males coming up on 17 years old. Males tend to live a little longer than the females primarily because the females do all the incubating so there's a higher chance they'll get killed on the nest.

So how far do crows fly to join one particular roost? There is no real good data on the miles but there are several estimates from various studies and they sort of jive with what McGowen has personally seen and estimated. It could be as far as 10 miles, depending entirely on landscape and roosting sites. Probably most of them come from within 10



moon adorns the winter sky. Eventually the crow will join thousands as they roost in tree tops in



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A crow takes refuge in a tree in West Bethlehem following a heavy snow.

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"Crow roosts tend to be somewhat historical," McGowen says, "so here in New York there is data from about 100 years ago that showed some of the big places where there are crow roosts. Rochester and Ithaca had crow roosts in those spots as well 100 years ago."

Usually a crow roost moves through the course of a season. Researchers are not sure the reason, however, crows can be disturbed and moved as officials are trying to do here in Bethlehem. McGowen says it's relatively easy to do but it's like a wrinkle in a carpet: You can move it around and it's not going to go away.

As the roosting season comes to a close those who have been awed by the birds will miss the spectacle they've had the privilege to watch for the past few months. For those who have found them an annoyance, they will get a reprieve for the spring and summer months.

"The thing that I've discovered through following marked individuals, for what will be my 22nd year of banding coming up, is that all animals have interesting life stories," McGowen says. "Crows have one that's remarkably similar to people more than any primate. They have extended family, stay with their parents for a long time and they know each other as individuals. They have a home base that they defend against all comers. They like to get into crowds and go do other things somewhere away from home. They live in crow neighborhoods and they like to be together. Crows don't like to do anything alone or quietly. They're just boisterous and the thing is, people like to get a bad attitude about stuff and crows have a couple of strikes against them because they are black and somewhat noisy."

"Then there's that damn movie 'The Birds' that people always think about and make allusions to and I would love to erase that out of the lexicon because everybody says it's 'spooky and scary. No it's not. It's remarkable. For me, anytime you see that many animals in one spot, it's impressive and something of a phenomenon to be admired."



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PRESS PHOTOS BY CANDICE WILLIAMS

Moravian Book Shop senior book buyer Susan Fisher seeks the latest in author trends to please the book shop's customer base.

Come on by ... Moravian Book Shop

By CANDICE WILLIAMS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

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Installation set for March 21

Christ Church U.C.C. will install the Rev. William J. Kuntze as the senior pastor at 4 p.m. March 21 in the sanctuary, 75 E. Market St. Kuntze, an ordained United Methodist minister, has been senior pastor of the church since Jan. 1, 2010.

The Rev. Alan Miller of the Penn Northeast Conference, United Church of Christ will preside over the celebration. The celebration will feature the musical ministries of Christ Church directed by Barry Holben.

Christ Church ministries include Saturday morning soup kitchens, Monday evening emergency shelter for women and children and services at the Salvation Army of Bethlehem.

Rev. Kuntze was executive director of New Bethany Ministries, a faith-based agency serving the Lehigh Valley's homeless, chronically poor and mentally ill citizens for 10 years. Kuntze was also ecumenical director for the Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

The community is invited. To participate in the reception, call 610-865-6565 or christ@christucc.org.

SUN INN
Lecture series starts March 18

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

The spring series begins at noon March 18 with Darlene Heller, director of planning and zoning, City of Bethlehem, speaking on "Bethlehem's



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Bethlehem Catholic HS will hold its eighth annual auction, Our Magic Knight, A Merry Auction Evening 6 p.m. March 27. Executive committee members who planned the event include Rayann Vasko, operations; Christine Chew, director of institutional advancement; Pat Brewer, co-chair; Deborah Huff, assistant director; Lori Mergel, chairperson; Sharon Jo Kovacs, decorations; and Maura Roszyk, sponsorships. Other committee members are Loretta Leeson, events; Dana Overby, acquisitions; Chris Borger, advertising; Pamela Wilson, marketing and Sue Stone, class donations.

Magic Auction night is March 27

Saturday evening, March 27 at 6 p.m., Bethlehem Catholic HS will hold its eighth annual auction, Our Magic Knight, A Merry Auction Evening. This adventure will take guests back in time to medieval days when kings and queens reigned and knights fought for the hands of beautiful maidens.

The evening consists

of a social hour followed by a buffet dinner with open limited bar. Silent auction items will be available for bid throughout the evening. The evening culminates in the live auction conducted by a professional auctioneer, followed by the Magic Knight raffle drawing.

Bethlehem Catholic's theater troupe will entertain with selections from

"Camelot," the school's spring musical. For the second year, senior Luis Perez will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Auction chairperson Lori Mergel promises the evening will be one of merriment and good cheer where guests have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. The auction committee has been working diligently since September to make this auction truly spectacular.

Other executive committee members include Pat Brewer, co-chair; Sharon Jo Kovacs, decorations; Loretta Leeson,

operations; Rayann Vasko, acquisitions; Maura Roszyk, sponsorships; Chris Borger, advertising; Pamela Wilson, marketing; and Sue Stone, class donations.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit students through science laboratory renovations and athletic facility upgrades.

Reservations will be accepted until March 26 at noon.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Debbie Huff in the Advancement Office of Bethlehem Catholic, 610-866-0791 ext. 23.

New Historic Comprehensive Plan and Greenway Project and other City Initiatives." The noontime Vernon H. Nelson Lecture Series continues with "Ghost Chicks" April 15 and "The Use of the Cittern" May 20 at the Sun Inn, 566 Main St., Bethlehem.

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

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

MORAVIAN ACADEMY
Open house set for March 20, 27

Moravian Academy will hold two admissions open houses for the 2010-11 academic year.

The Upper School event will be held 9 a.m. to noon March 20 at the Merle-Smith campus, 4313 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem. Parents will receive information about enrolling grade nine through twelve students.

To register or for information, call 610-691-1600 or e-mail daxford@moravianacademy.org.

The Lower School and Middle School event will be held 9 a.m. to noon March 27 at the Church St. campus, 422 Heckewelder Place, Bethlehem. Parents will receive information about enrolling pre-K through grade eight students.

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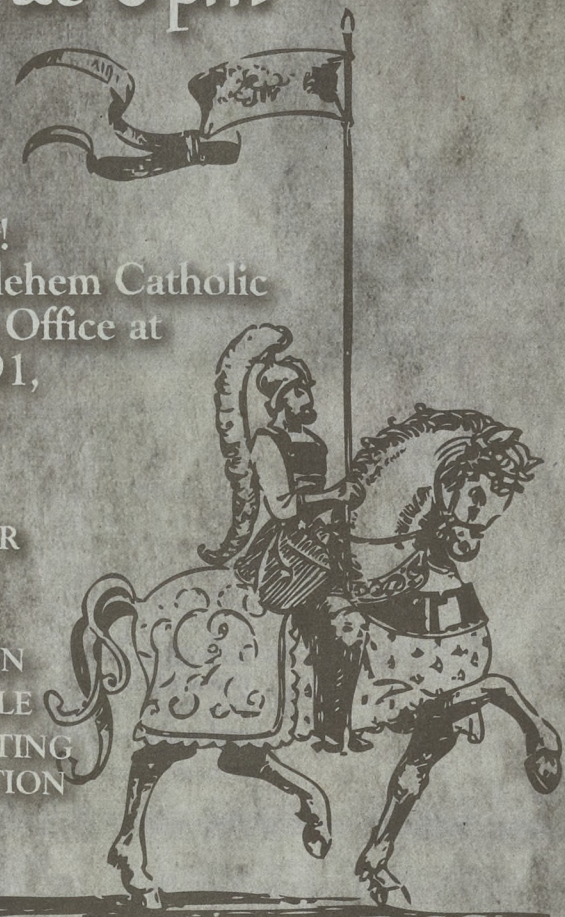
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Local scores below average

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"We want to have fewer kids in red and yellow than the state does," Margaret Barilla told the Bethlehem Area School District School Board as she set the goals for the Pa. System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests which start April 7. Barilla, who is a BASD consultant for curriculum and instruction, addressed the Curriculum Committee at a meeting March 5.

The chart she projected compared BASD's record in 2009 with statewide scores for the same grade levels and subjects tested, which had test results depicted in a rainbow of colors: red — below basic requirements; yellow — at basic requirements; green and blue for proficient and advanced respectively.

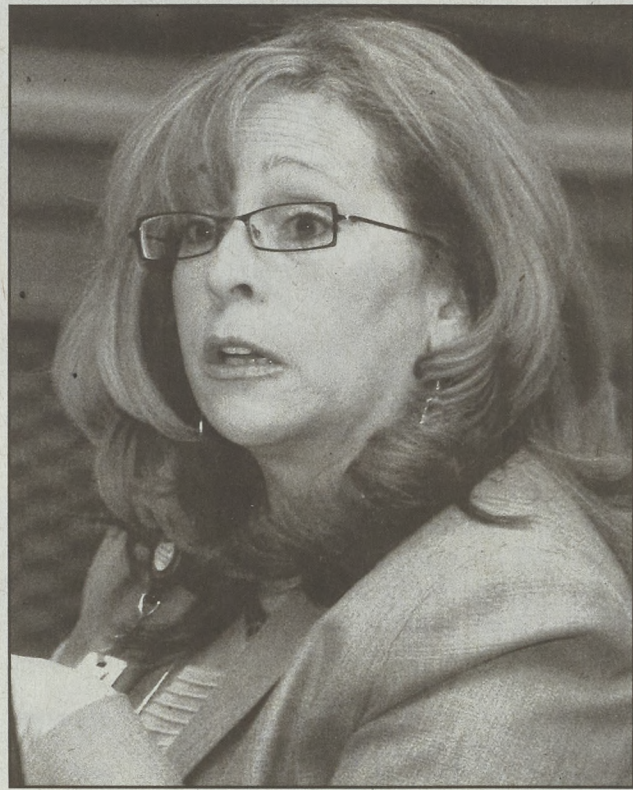
Last year, in math 70.4 percent of BASD's students met or exceeded proficiency levels; or about 30 percent of them were below proficiency levels. During the same period, 73.4 percent of students from across the state who took the same test met or exceeded expected proficiency levels.

Test results for the 11th-graders also showed that BASD's seniors in 2009 lagged behind the state's average; 48.6 percent for BASD and 55.7 percent for the state.

While the statistics show that BASD's students at 70.4 percent are below state averages, they nevertheless exceeded the official goal of 56 percent proficiency in math that was expected. In 2011, the goal will be bumped up to a still unimpressive 67 percent math proficiency.

All 7,869 BASD students in 2009 as a group scored a combined "basic" and "advanced" score of 70.4 percent, with girls slightly edging out the boys 70.5 percent to 70.4 percent.

The highest math scores went to Asian students who scored over 17 percent better than the overall student average



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Doris Correll, Bethlehem Area School District's Coordinator of English Acquisition, explained the standardized testing procedures for evaluating progress for students in the English Language Learners program.

— 87.6 percent proficiency in math. Of that number, Asian students had 20 percent in the green "proficiency" range and a

whopping 68 percent in the blue "advanced" range, far outperforming any other demographic.

"White non-Hispanic" students came in at 80.8 percent proficiency, "black/African American non-Hispanic" students scored 59 percent and "Latino/Hispanic" students scored 55.5 percent proficiency. Students in the English language learner program scored 40.1 percent in math proficiency.

BASD students also lagged behind the state in reading and science.

Dates of the upcoming PSSA tests are: math and reading and PSSA-M 20 percent in the green "proficiency" range and a

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Students have unlimited time to take each test, according to Barilla. School guidelines to parents include the sugges-

tion that parents "encourage your child to use the test-taking strategies that they have learned throughout the year."

In a related matter, Thomas Persing, acting BASD superintendent, asked Barilla to work on "staff development" to address the problem of 66 percent of the middle school teachers who are not certified to teach math to their students.

Persing emphasized the teachers were "not incompetent — they are not math certified."

According to Barilla, the middle school teachers will get instruction in Algebra I and Algebra II.

Doris Correll, who runs the English Language Learner (ELL) program, for BASD briefed the school board on requirements to give ELL students a standardized English proficiency test.

In other curriculum-related business, Barilla provided the school board with information on the state's planned "Keystone" exam, a means by which school districts will in the future be able to test seniors before they graduate. This issue of state-provided standardized tests to determine if students are eligible to graduate is but one of several political problems faced by state and federal education authorities when trying to improve the performance of reluctant school districts.

The Keystone final exam idea has been modified to meet the concern of many school boards' mistrust of higher authority. Under the new regulation, students can meet graduating requirements through any or a combination of these options: Keystone final exam; independently validated local assessments or an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examination.

The Keystone examination development schedule has field tests slated for some disciplines as early as this fall with its availability to districts scheduled for 2011.

Northampton Community College Clean Manufacturing Workshop

The Emerging Technologies Applications Center (ETAC) is offering a free, one-day workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. March 26.

The workshop will be in Alumni Hall, room 130 on the main campus. The workshop covers concepts, skills and benefits of clean manufacturing for small to mid-sized manufacturing firms. To register, contact Cindy Young at 610-332-6103 or Mike Vasilik at 610-861-5596.

Trail of Tears exhibit opens

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Trail of Tears: the Journey of Survival and Success, will open April 1 in the student life center (second floor) at the Green Pond Campus.

Trail of Tears is a national, traveling exhibit that brings to life several events and historical accounts depicting the American Indian, past and present. Cherokee, Iroquois, Seminole and Navajo cultures will be explored. There will be historical illustrations, photos, literature, video documentaries, and authentic artifacts. The Trail of Tears refers to the forced relocation of tens of thousands of Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles and Choctaws from their homelands in the southeastern United States to the present-day Oklahoma in 1831. The free exhibit is open to the public.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit www.northampton.edu.

Moravian College Jewish holiday celebrated

More than 30 students and faculty members joined the new Hillel Society chapter to celebrate the traditional Jewish holiday of Purim. The festivities were held at the International House suite inside the HILL in association with the residents of the International House. Chapter president Gregg Steinman, class of 2012, dubbed the event "IHOP" (for International House of Purim.) Purim celebrates how Queen Esther saved her people from catastrophe at the hands of Persian vizier Haman.

Hillel is a national organization that celebrates Jewish identity through a global network of college campuses. Moravian Hillel plans to meet again for a Passover Seder this spring, Sukkot in the fall, Shabbat services and other events.

Celtic Sunrise to perform

Celtic Sunrise performs from noon to 2 p.m. March 17 in the Pavilion at the Hauptert Union Building. Celtic Sunrise is an acoustic trio that plays lyrical ballads and hard driving fiddle tunes from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton and Brittany. The program is sponsored by Office of Institutional Diversity and Student Affairs, Goal 6-Aesthetic Appreciate Committee.

Kashi Johnson, guests to perform

Guest artisans from Moravian College and Lehigh University will join Kashi Johnson at 7:30 p.m. March 18 in the Pavilion of the Hauptert Union Building. Johnson is an Equity actress, director, producer and associate professor of theater at Lehigh University, where she teaches courses in performance, African-American theater, and hip hop theater.

Women's History Month marked

A multicultural reading and discussion group will be held 4 p.m. March 24 in the AfterWords Café, Reeves Library. The work of African-American author and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston, one of the pre-eminent writers of 20th century African-American literature, will be the subject. Photocopied texts and refreshments will be provided. The English department, Friends of Reeves Library and the Office of Institutional Diversity are sponsoring this event.

Moravian College is located at 1200 Main St. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.



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Board waives traffic light

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

By MALLORY VOUGH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Representatives from TD Bank were on hand at the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors meeting March 9 to discuss a waiver that the Planning Commission had recommended for approval the night before.

The bank, which was once Commerce Bank, is located at the intersection of Stoke Park Road and Route 512. In 2008, representatives were given approval with the condition the traffic signal would be re-timed to accommodate the added bank traffic prior to occupancy. John Harter, P.E., of Atlantic Traffic & Design Engineers Inc., told commission members the re-timing would no longer be needed.

TD Bank had hoped this condition would be waived so a certificate of

occupancy could be obtained and employees could begin training at the site, according to Peter Lehr of Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino.

Planning Commission members recommended approval of the waiver with the condition a traffic impact study be conducted a year after the bank is open to verify the numbers.

Jim Milot of Hanover Engineering thought the verification study should be done at 12 months, which is also during the bank's 18-month maintenance period.

"If re-timing needs to be done, they have six months until the end of the maintenance period to fix the problem," said Milot.

Supervisor Stephen Salvesen did not agree. "I don't believe any-

thing settles within a year," said Salvesen. "The re-timing should be at the discretion of the township manager or Hanover Engineering. I don't think we'd know the true impact within a year's time."

Salvesen added that future developments would impact the traffic signal, but the bank should still be responsible for re-timing the signal.

Chairman John Diacogiannis disagreed with Salvesen.

"I believe it's reasonable to wait a year," Diacogiannis said. "Hopefully the bank does well and a year will show us the true impact."

Diacogiannis added that the bank should not be held responsible for future developments, but only for its traffic.

Harter and Lehr also agreed to keep \$2,500 in

escrow as another way to reassure Hanover Township the bank will re-time the signal in 12 months if it is needed.

Members of the Board of Supervisors approved the waiver with the conditions a PennDOT-approved "Do Not Block Intersection" sign would be installed and a traffic impact study be conducted on or before April 1, 2011.

A letter must also be sent to James Broughal of Broughal & DeVito stating the bank is in agreement with all of the conditions and that they are officially agreeing to keep \$2,500 in escrow to pay for re-timing the signal.

Salvesen voted "no." Supervisor John Nagle was absent from the meeting.

The next Board of Supervisors' meeting is set for March 23 at 7 p.m.

Planners recommend traffic light waiver

By MALLORY VOUGH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

TD Bank representatives were on hand at the Hanover Township Planning Commission meeting March 8 to request a waiver.

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representatives were given approval with the condition the traffic signal would be re-timed to accommodate the added bank traffic prior to occupancy. John Harter, P.E., of Atlantic Traffic & Design Engineers, Inc., told Commission members the re-timing would no longer be needed.

A traffic impact study was conducted in 2008,

according to Harter, and standards from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) were followed.

"After we conducted the new study in October 2009 and utilized Synchro, it showed that the signal would only need to be re-timed one second," Harter explained. "We don't feel it's practical to re-time the signal for one second."

Planning Commission members unanimously recommended approval to waive the traffic signal re-timing condition with the new condition the bank would conduct a verification study 12 months after occupancy.

The next Planning Commission meeting is set for April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

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Nicky's Place ready to host

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Officials at St. Luke's Hospital recently dedicated Nicky's Place, a renovated Cape Cod home in Fountain Hill located across from the hospital, which will provide accommodations for parents and families with newborns in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

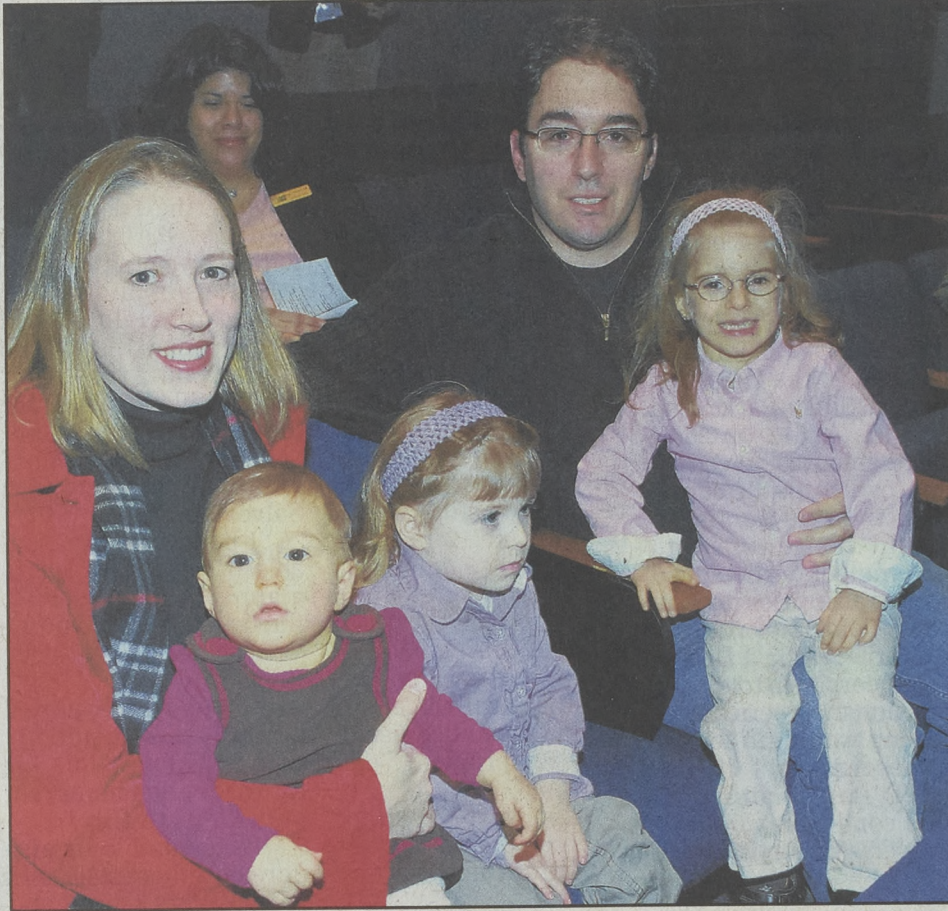
The two-bedroom frame home was being used by St. Luke's physicians who needed a place to rest, when Chuck McIntyre, chairman of the McDonald's Lehigh Valley All-Star Football Classic, approached the hospital with an idea to provide a "home away from home" for NICU families.

McIntyre, who owns six area McDonald's, said that the funding equaling half of the project's roughly \$100,000 remodeling cost was contributed from two years worth of proceeds from the All-Star Classic. Other funding came from doctors at the hospital and the St. Luke's Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Neonatologist Andy Unger said that the hospital's 23 NICU beds in Bethlehem and six NICU beds in Allentown handle about 500 patients annually.

"We could probably use a small hotel," said Unger, who added that he thought Nicky's Place would be full the minute it opened.

Unger explained that two-thirds of the NICU patients were born premature and that the remaining one-third were both premature and suffering medical problems.

"We need moms and moms' milk to be close to baby," he said. "When you have a sick baby, you don't need logistics issues.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Rob and Jen Avitabile from Easton attended the ribbon cutting for Nicky's Place with their children Ava, Viola and Ivy. Ava spent six months in St. Luke's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and Viola briefly, when they were born. The Avitabiles spent time in a small room in the hospital near the NICU and were happy to learn that more comfortable provisions for family accommodations were being provided.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The small frame Cape Cod structure that is now Nicky's Place.

Babies do better if they are closer to their families."

Unger also praised the ongoing role played by the Comfort Suites Hotel in Bethlehem for its assistance in helping families with NICU babies.

St. Luke's Hospital housekeeping services will maintain Nicky's Place, which will be run using policies developed for Ronald McDonald House. Guests will be limited to a five-day stay and may return for an additional stay after taking a break to allow other families to use the facility.

EASTER CALENDAR

Saturday, March 20

Hanover Township Northampton County residents' Easter egg hunt, noon to 1:30 p.m., Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road. This is for ages up to 8 years old. Space is limited. To pre-register or for information, call 610-317-8701.

Hellertown Area Library teen advisory board's Easter egg hunt, 1 p.m., library grounds, 409 Constitution Ave. for ages 2 to 7. Registration required. Call 610-838-8381.

Thursday, March 25

Wesley Methodist Wesley Circle Of Friends egg hunt, 10 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall, 2540 Center St., for toddlers and up. Call 610-865-5715.

Friday, March 26

Bethlehem Township Easter egg hunt, 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Ages toddler through elementary are welcome. Call 610-332-1900.

Saturday, March 27

Breakfast with the Bunny at the Banana Factory, 9:30 a.m. 25 W. Third St. Tickets are required. Call 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org.

City of Bethlehem residents' Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. on the lawn at Memorial Pool, Illick's Mill Road. The hunt is for children 3 to 8 years old. Participants should bring their own baskets or bags. Rain date is April 3. Call 610-865-7081 for information.

Calvary United Methodist Church Easter egg hunt, 10 to 11:30 a.m., ages 2 to 10. 4411 Green Pond Road, Easton. Call 610-253-2731.

Sunday, March 28

Fountain Hill, noon; Easter Bunny arrives at 12:15 p.m. at Stanley Avenue Park behind the Wawa for children 10 years old or younger. Pre-registration and pass pickup is required. Stop at the Borough office, 941 Long St. by March 19. Call 867-0301.

Saturday, April 3

St. John's Windish Lutheran Church Easter egg hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9 a.m. to noon for St. John's members, children and grandchildren only. 617 E. Fourth St. Call 610-868-3282.

Saucon Valley Jaycees breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9 a.m. March 27, Dewey Social Hall, 502 Durham St., Hellertown for small up to pre-teen children. Fee. Reservations and information, call 610-625-2990.

Sunday, April 4

Central Moravian Church's Scripture egg hunt at 10 a.m. on the green outside the Old Chapel, 73 W. Church, for toddlers on up. Call 610-866-5661.

To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, gtaylor@tnonline.com or fax 610-625-2126.

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The Bach Choir of Bethlehem presents "Bach, Brass and Beyond: A Choral Celebration" March 21 in First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.

To Bach and beyond

Brass, Barber, LV premiere pace Bach Choir concert

By JANE KNOTEK
 Special to The Press

The 112-year-old Bach Choir of Bethlehem, the oldest Bach Choir in the United States, observes the 325th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) with "Bach, Brass and Beyond: A Choral Celebration" at 4 p.m. March 21 in First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem.

A 12-piece brass ensemble of Philadelphia Brass and Bach Festival Orchestra artists, organ and percussion will accompany the Choir for the concert.

Bach Choir artistic director and conductor Greg Funfgeld will give a pre-concert lecture at 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Funfgeld will discuss some of the music to be performed and will give suggestions on how to listen to the pieces.

For the first 100 years, the Bach Choir sang the works of Johann Sebastian Bach almost exclusively. As the choir reached its centenary, it was decided to expand the repertoire to include pre- and post-Bach compositions.

The new repertoire, which shows Bach in the context of his predecessors and contemporaries, expands the Bach experience for audience, singers and musicians.

"This gives an ever-evolving, more complete picture of Bach and who Bach was," Funfgeld says.

The decision culminates in the first-ever Bach Choir concert to feature a mainly brass accompaniment.

Opening the program is Giovanni Gabrieli's (c. 1553-6-1612) "In Ecclesiis (In Churches Bless Ye the Lord)" for chorus, organ and brass. The polychoral motet is in 14 parts with an organ-basso continuo. The brass ensemble is featured in Gabrieli's contrapuntal "Canzoni 27 and 28" from "36 Canzoni."

"Philadelphia Brass prides itself on achieving a vocal blend, sonority and singing quality in musical lines. What better inspiration could there be than collaboration with the Bach Choir?" asks trumpeter Larry Wright.

That collaboration is evident in Heinrich Schutz's (1585-1672) "Psalm 100" as the brasses double the voice parts which are sung antiphonally. The composer challenges the participants to "sing" the music together as if they are a combined set of instruments.

"Nu Komm der Heyden Heyland (Come, Redeemer of Our Race)," a Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654) work for brass, follows.

The first half of the program ends with Bach's Cantata BWV (Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis or Bach Works Catalogue) 118, "O Jesu Christ, Mein Leben's Licht (O Jesus Christ, My Life's Light)."

The second half opens See BACH on Page B3

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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St. Patrick's Parade Poster Boy: Christopher Horn, a son of Carol and Jim Horn of Orefield, North Whitehall Township, and third grade student at St. Joseph the Worker School, Orefield, is the winner of the 2010 Allentown St. Patrick's Parade Poster Contest. Horn's artwork is on the inside cover of the parade program book. Horn and his family will ride in a convertible in the parade, which starts at 1:30 p.m. March 21 in Allentown's West End. The parade theme is "Remember the Famine." Spectators may bring a canned food item or items to place in collection baskets along the route.

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Where the action painting is: An exhibit of action painting by Emmaus area artist Barnaby Ruhe, above, continues through March 28 in the Gallery at Home & Planet, 25 E. Third St., Bethlehem. Ruhe did live portrait paintings March 5 during First Friday at the Southside store.

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

Catasauqua

'The Sound of Music'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
 Special to The Press

Editor's Note: With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals, Focus continues its third annual preview series.

"The Sound of Music" includes younger students playing the roles of the von Trapp children when it takes the stage at 8 p.m. March 25, 26, 27 and 2 p.m. March 28 at Catasauqua High School, 2500 W. Bullshead Road, Allen Township.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's final musical, "The Sound of Music," opened on Broadway in November 1959, starring Mary Martin and Theodore Bikel. Music is by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and the book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. The 1965 movie starred Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer.

Well-known songs include, in addition to the title song, "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain."

The musical begins when Maria Rainer, a young nun in an Austrian convent, is sent to serve as governess for the widower Captain von Trapp's seven children so she can learn about the real world before taking her vows.

Through music, Maria brings warmth to the von Trapp home. Her delightful ways quickly win over the hearts of the children, and eventually the heart of the Captain.

Students from Catasauqua Middle School include: Janelle Roth (Louisa), Patric Corrocher (Kurt), Britnea Schneider (Brigitta), Autumn Nester



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Catasauqua High School's "The Sound of Music" cast includes, from left, top row, Selma Sabbagh (Elsa Schraeder, Friday, Sunday shows), Jorge Mendez (Max Detweiler), Melissa Donchez (Elsa Schraeder, Thursday and Saturday), and, front row, Jen Archbold (Maria Rainer) and Kyle Suydam (Captain Von Trapp).

(Marta) and Nicole Gianetti (Gretl). This is director Robert Fahringer's 33rd musical in as many years at the Catasauqua High School.

Tickets: at the door. Information, reservations: 610-697-0111



Northwestern Lehigh High School's "Once Upon a Mattress" cast, from left, includes Hayley Walczner (Princess Winnifred), Kailee Fisher (Queen Aggravine), Dylan Rex (Prince Dauntless) and Chris Wharton (King Sextimus).

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Northwestern

'Once Upon a Mattress'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
 Special to The Press

Editor's Note: With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals, Focus continues its third annual preview series.

"Once Upon a Mattress" brings it's huge bed piled 20 mattresses high to the stage at 7 p.m. March 25, 26, 27; 2 p.m. March 27; and 3 p.m. March 28 at Northwestern Lehigh High School, 6493 Route 309, New Tripoli.

The musical, an adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea," opened off-Broadway in May 1959, moving to Broadway the same year. The music was written by Mary Rodgers with lyrics by Marshall Barer and the book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer.

The musical is based on the search for a girl worthy of marrying Prince Dauntless (Dylan Rex). Sir Harry (Jarrod Walczner), who can't wed the expecting Lady Larkin (Kayla Olson) until the Prince is wed, convinces Queen Aggravine (Kailee Fisher) to allow him to search for a girl suitable for the Prince.

In an attempt to keep Prince Dauntless to herself, Queen Aggravine puts all the prospective girls through impossible tests. When Princess Winnifred the Woebegone (Hayley Walczner) from the marshlands shows up, the Queen designs a test of Winnifred's sensitivity. If Winnifred is unable to sleep because of a pea placed under 20 mattresses, then she will be sensitive enough to marry Prince Dauntless.

The cast includes Jake Hoover (Jester) and James George (Minstrel).

This is the ninth musical Bill Mutimer has directed at Northwestern Lehigh High School.

Tickets: at the door. Information, reservations: 610-298-8661

Prudent pruning along Wisteria Lane

One of the most commonly asked questions about wisteria is the lack of flower production. Without the large drooping clusters of violet blossoms in the spring, wisteria can appear as a tangle of twisted green stems and foliage of little landscape value.

There are several causes for the lack of flower production on this twining vine.

In very cold climates the flowerbuds, which form in fall, may be winter-killed.

Plants raised from seed do not flower for many years, often 20 or more years.

To bloom well, wisteria must not be shaded for more than a minor part of each day. They grow but will not flower in the shade.

The production of excessive vegetative growth induced by faulty pruning and over-fertilization limit the development and formation of flower buds.

To flower freely, seedling plants must be old enough, and vegetative growth must not be more than moderate. Unfortunately, the usual means tried to curb excessive growth, heavy pruning in winter or spring, is self-defeating. Such

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treatment merely encourages vigorous shoot growth, as does fertilizing and watering.

Plants that are still growing into their allotted space will require adequate water and fertilizer during this growth period. Train selected shoots along wires or other supports in the directions you wish them to assume as part of a framework of permanent branches.

Branch spacing of 1-1/2 to 2 feet along the main stems is about right. Prune in summer and in winter.

Summer pruning consists of cutting off the ends of all side shoots just beyond the sixth or seventh leaf as soon as that leaf develops, and of cutting the ends off shoots that develop from the cut-back side shoots, immediately after they have developed their first or second leaves.

Allow one strong leader shoot to grow from the end, or from near the end, of each main framework branch without cutting it. Stretch the leader shoot along the wire or other

support in the position you wish the branch to be.

In late winter, cut the leader shoots back to two-thirds or one-half of their lengths (the more drastic treatment is for weak shoots) and cut side shoots that were pruned the previous summer back to within an inch or two of their bases.

In this way, the permanent branches will be extended each year by one-half or more the length of the annual growth of the leader shoots, and side shoots will be converted into short flowering spurs instead of developing into hopeless tangles.

Once the vine has occupied its allotted space, follow the same pruning practices, except in winter prune the leader shoots in the same way as the side shoots, by cutting them back to within an inch or two of their bases. Once the plant is established in the space, do not use fertilizer unless shoot and foliage growth begins to decline, and water only during periods of severe drought.

Overgrown plants can be returned to blooming with drastic pruning. In winter, prune away all except a framework of the most advantageously placed stems. Choose those

that best fill the area that you have in mind. Shorten the other branches drastically by removing any that are obviously crowded. The finished product will look like a skeleton of its former self. It should consist of an open framework of fairly well spaced branches. The drastic pruning will stimulate vigorous growth.

Treat this new growth in the manner described for young wisteria vines that have not been neglected or are just getting established in the garden. If there are too large gaps between the old framework branches, train into them shoots selected as leaders, treating them in the manner described for younger vines.

For answers to your garden questions, call the Lehigh County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-391-9840, or Northampton County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-746-1970, and ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Volunteers staff phone lines several days a week, Monday - Friday.

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Sometimes it takes a setback to appreciate life

Margaret is an active 76-year-old woman who doesn't let age slow her down. At least, not if she can help it.

But sometimes all the determination in the world won't let us do what we want to do. Sometimes, we can't even do the simple things we take for granted.

Margaret usually spends her days doing church work, visiting with friends, or baking a cake or casserole for someone in need of a little bit of help.

She's always been one who gives help, not one who needs it.

On a morning when she was rushing around to get ready to leave the house, her active life suddenly changed while she was doing the most routine task-making her bed.

"My foot got tangled in the bedclothes at the bottom of the bed and I suddenly found myself on the floor unable to get up," she said.

She had broken her hip and the recovery was long and painful. "I have to admit it changed my entire disposition. I felt miserable and I acted miserably to everyone. I just laid there day after day feeling sorry for myself," she wrote.

She said it was a group of church women who were able to turn her attitude around. "They weren't even from my church but they often came to visit me during my long recuperation," she said.

Margaret told me she became a lot more tolerant of her situation and a lot happier when she learned to focus on what she could do, instead of what she couldn't do.

"I learned we take a lot for granted. We never appreciate being able to walk until we can't do it anymore," she said.

The same week I heard from Margaret, I also received an email from a reader named Bonita with a somewhat similar story. She said she recently had arthroscopic knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus.

"As I took some rest from the knee exercises and the few household chores I could manage yesterday, I picked up the newspaper to read and relax. I came upon your article that said, 'Every Moment of Life Is Special.' I couldn't move on to other reading until I read it one more time. I just stopped, put the paper down and thought about how true your message is and how I can apply that to my own life," she wrote.

"Sometimes we need to meet a crisis in our lives to truly appreciate ourselves, those around us, and just where we've been, where we are, and where we are going in life. The article was a reminder not to take anything for granted in life and appreciate the 'now,' she added.

Although I've never

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met her, I've enjoyed emailing back and forth with Bonita because she seems to have some good, homespun wisdom. She said she learned that even the "incidental" in life are not to be overlooked.

She's right when she says a crisis is often one of life's great teachers.

Sometimes, it does, indeed, take a setback for us to appreciate what we have.

We don't regard being able to walk as a gift, until we can't do it anymore.

We don't think about the gift of movement and how intricate and miraculous our bodies are - until we lose what we took for granted.

I seldom rejoice when I can jump from a boat, dance to a beat, or join in an exercise class. I take that movement for granted - until an injury or age-related problems make me aware of something that hurts when I move.

Like many other women, I complain that my legs are too heavy. Instead, I should be thankful that I have sturdy legs to help me enjoy life.

Bonita is right when she pinpoints that it's often a health crisis that makes us appreciate movement we used to take for granted.

I complain a lot about having to wear glasses. I always seem to be losing them, either temporarily or for good. Last week, I lost another expensive pair.

But I stop my complaining when I realize how lucky I am that those confounded glasses enable me to see.

I just talked with an acquaintance who was complaining because she has to have cataract surgery. Yet, cataract surgery is one advancement that allows so many of us to retain our gift of sight. Best yet, many emerge from the surgery not having to wear glasses at all.

Medical advancements make it possible for us to lead better, longer lives. But we don't think about that either, until something stops working. Then we ask: "Why can't they fix it?"

We never think how good it is to be able to hear all sounds, until we find our hearing isn't as good as it used to be.

As we age, our appreciation for things great and small seems to grow with each advancing year. Maybe that's because we are more likely to experience setbacks as we age.

But I like to think it's because we grow wiser as we grow older.

When you think about it, advanced age is a gift, too.

As they say, it sure beats the alternative.

Prevention and cures for poison ivy

Q. I used to get poison ivy a lot when I was a child. As an adult, I can't remember getting it. Do you develop an immunity to poison ivy?

Most people have some level of sensitivity to toxic plants. It's the world's most common allergy.

Sensitivity to poison ivy, oak and sumac tends to decline with age. People who got rashes as children usually see their sensitivity decrease by early adulthood. People who were once allergic to poison plants may even lose their sensitivity entirely later in life.

The irritating substance is the same for each plant, an oily sap called urushiol (*u-ROO she-ol*). If the saps gets on your skin, a rash will usually begin to appear a day or two later. The skin will become swollen and red. Then, small blisters will begin to form, and the skin will itch. The rash will begin to go away after about a week.

If you contact a poison plant, use soap and water to wash yourself, your

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clothing and anything else that may have touched the plant such as garden tools, walking sticks, golf clubs or camping gear. Rubbing alcohol is an effective solvent for urushiol, which can remain active for a long time.

To treat an itchy rash, you can use calamine lotion, hydrocortisone creams and oral antihistamines. Cool showers, wet compresses and oatmeal baths relieve symptoms.

Get medical attention if you are feverish, your condition is not improving, the rash is widespread, blisters are oozing pus, or the rash is in your eyes, mouth or on your genitals. Prescription medication may be needed to reduce the swelling and itch.

The best prevention methods are avoiding poison plants, covering up when you know you might be exposed, and applying an over-the-counter prod-

uct that contains bentoquatam, which helps prevent urushiol from penetrating the skin. Aluminum chlorohydrate, which is in deodorants, can prevent urushiol from irritating the skin.

If you don't have a skin-barrier product with you before going where there might be poison plants, spray deodorant on your arms and legs, but don't get any on your face.

Here are some misconceptions:

Poison plant rashes can't be spread from person to person.

The rash will only occur where the plant oil has touched the skin, so a person with poison ivy can't spread it on the body by scratching.

The fluid in blisters is not plant oil and cannot spread the rash.

Here are ways to identify these toxic plants:

Poison Ivy: Poison Ivy is found throughout the United States except Alaska, Hawaii, and parts of the West Coast. It grows as a vine or shrub. Each leaf on poison ivy has three smaller leaflets with

smooth or toothed edges. Leaves are reddish in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. Poison ivy may have white berries.

Poison Oak: Poison Oak grows as a low shrub in the eastern United States, and in tall clumps or long vines on the Pacific Coast. Poison oak has fuzzy green leaves in clusters of three; they are lobed or deeply toothed with rounded tips. Its leaves resemble the leaves of an oak tree. Poison oak may have yellow-white berries.

Poison Sumac: Poison Sumac grows as a tall shrub or small tree in bogs or swamps in Northeast, Midwest, and parts of the Southeast. Each leaf has clusters of seven to 13 smooth-edged leaflets. Leaves are orange in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. Poison sumac may have yellow-white berries.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezers.com

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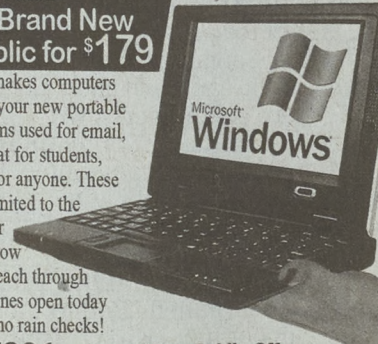
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Service will be daily with Boeing 717 aircraft. AirTran will provide an early-morning departure from LVIA and an evening return, allowing passengers to connect with AirTran flights to destinations in the United States and the Caribbean.

In addition to the

Atlanta service, AirTran will add additional service to its Orlando route, taking it from four times a week to daily service.

"When AirTran began its service to Florida last spring we were told that a strong response from the greater Lehigh Valley Region could result in more service including Atlanta," said George F. Doughty, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

"We are certain that the region will love AirTran's low fares and great

service to many very popular destinations for both business and leisure travel," he said.

Service between Allentown and Orlando will increase to daily during the summer months, also beginning May 4.

In addition to AirTran, LVIA is served by Air Canada, Allegiant Air, American, Continental, Delta, Direct Air, United and US Airways. LVIA serves a 12-counties with a population base of 3.6 million.

St. Luke's - Allentown opens Wound Management Center

St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus, 17th and Hamilton streets, Allentown, has opened a new Wound Management Center to address a growing population of patients with non-healing wounds attributed to diabetes, vascular problems and other underlying diseases. The center began seeing patients in mid-January, but was officially opened at a ceremony March 4.

The Wound Management Center is on the Ground Floor of the East Tower and is part of the expansion of the Allentown Campus that opened in September 2008.

"I find it very exciting to open another new area of this hospital," said Frank Ford, president of St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus. "And, when we open our retail pharmacy in April, our patients will receive treatment and be able to fill prescriptions in one place."

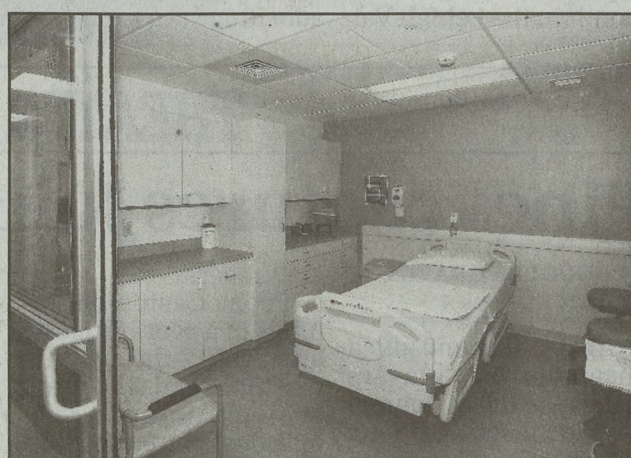
"Wound care is a complicated process, but we hope to provide easy access and a seamless transition of care," said Jack Bruno, DO, VP of Medical Affairs at St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus.

Wound Management Centers are at St. Luke's Union Station, Bethlehem; St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital; and St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital, Coaldale.

"The certified wound specialists and experienced nursing staff at St. Luke's Wound Management Centers work with each patient for the best results possible," said Jay B. Fisher, M.D., board cer-



Lorianne Smith, RN, BSN, Manager of St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus Wound Management Center. PRESS PHOTO BY SHERI BAYNE



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Patient care room at St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus Wound Management Center.

ified Vascular Surgeon and Medical Director.

Specialists at St. Luke's Wound Management Centers are trained to manage non-healing wounds in a team approach that includes board-certified general surgeons, trauma surgeons, vascular and plastic surgeons, infectious disease physicians, podiatrists, certified wound specialists (CWS) and certified wound, ostomy and continence nurses, according to Joanne Labiak, RN, BSN, CWOCN, CWS, Director of Wound Management for St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network.

At the Allentown location, the Wound Management Center is adjacent to the Hyperbaric Medicine Department. Hyperbaric oxygen can be used to treat a number of different conditions, including problem wounds, bone infections, the effects of Radiation as well as emergency cases, said Robert Toth, RRT, CHT, coordinator of the hyperbaric medicine program. St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus recently added a second hyperbaric chamber in order to treat the increased volume of patients generated from the wound center.

Role expanded at National Penn

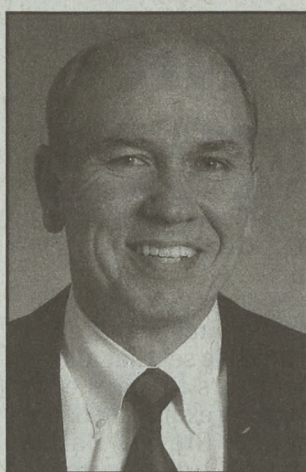
National Penn Bancshares, the fourth largest bank holding company based in Pennsylvania, has announced that Scott L. Gruber, executive vice president, has been promoted to group executive vice president and head of National Penn's Corporate Banking areas.

Gruber is responsible for the company's profitability and administration of Corporate Banking, including Middle Market Lending, Cash Management and Government Banking, Commer-

cial Real Estate Lending, SBA Lending, and International Services. Gruber reports to Scott V. Fainor, president and CEO of National Penn.

Gruber joined National Penn Bank in 1997 as vice president and regional commercial lending manager of the bank's Lehigh Valley Division. He was named executive vice president in 2002.

Gruber received a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance from The Pennsylvania State University



Scott L. Gruber

and an MBA in international business from St. Joseph's University. He also graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Youth hoodies top the list

The following recalls were issued March 7 - 11 by federal and state agencies:

Boys' Sweatshirts: Brand Evolution is recalling Locks All Over Boys' Hoody, All Over Skaters Boys' Hoody and Rock Mask Boys' Hoody sold at Burlington Coat Factory and other stores. The hoodies have drawstrings through the hoods that pose a strangulation hazard. The recalled boys' hooded sweatshirts come in three styles: All Over Locks style MSK7SK3400B in white with colored printed padlocks in sizes S, M, L and XL; All Over Skaters style SKATBS7K302B in white with red and orange skaters in S, M, L, and XL; and Rock Mask Hoody style KROCKF7K300K in solid black with imprint in sizes 4, 5, 6 and 7. Consumers should remove the drawstrings from the garment or return the garment to the place of purchase for a refund or credit. Consumers can also contact Burlington Coat Factory, www.burlingtoncoatfactory.com; or Brand Evolution, 877-330-3911.

Girls' Jackets: Regaliti, Inc. is recalling Girls' Hooded Jackets with Drawstrings sold at

CONSUMER RECALLS

Burlington Coat Factory November 2007 - September 2009. The jackets have a drawstring through the hood, which can pose a strangulation hazard. This recall involves girls' cropped jackets in a velvet-like material with a hoodie that has a drawstring. The jackets were sold under the Betty Blue brand name in pink, red, blue and brown, and in children's sizes small through XL. Betty Blue Girls is printed on the hangtag on the neck. Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the jackets or return the garment to Burlington Coat Factory or Regaliti for a full refund. Consumers can also contact Burlington Coat Factory, www.burlingtoncoatfactory.com; or Regaliti, 212-840-0202.

Girls' Hooded Jackets: Byer California is recalling Girls' Cargo Pocket Jackets sold December 2008 - September 2009. The drawstrings on the neck and waist of

the jacket can pose a strangulation or entrapment hazard. This recall involves girls' brown cargo pocket jackets sold in sizes small through extra-large. Style number 2029G1J is printed on the tag inside the jacket. Consumers should remove the drawstring or return the jacket to the store where purchased for a full refund. Consumers can also contact Burlington Coat Factory, www.burlingtoncoatfactory.com; or Byer California, 800-998-2937.

Charm Bracelets: Children's winter and holiday-themed charm bracelets are being recalled because they contain high levels of cadmium. Cadmium can be toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. They were sold between 2006 and March 2009. This recall involves Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer brand children's Christmas and winter-themed bracelets. The two styles involved in this notice are the Bumble Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Consumers should immediately take this recalled jewelry away from children and dispose of the jewelry.

BACH

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with the Marcel Dupre (1886-1971) "Poeme Heroique" for organ, brass and percussion, including field drum.

"Mutations from Bach (on 'Christ, du Lamm Gottes-Christ, Thou Lamb of God') commemorates the 100th anniversary of composer Samuel Barber's (1910-1981) birth. The West Chester native's contemporary arrangement is his homage to Bach.

The highlight of the concert is the Lehigh Valley premiere of the "Apparebit Repetina Dies (The Great Day of the Lord Will Suddenly Appear)." Composer Paul Hindemith (1895-1963) based the work on a medieval poem about the judgement day. It is rarely performed because of its technical difficulty.

Funfgeld said that he

has heard the "Apparebit" only once in his life. Except for a lone trumpet player, none of the musicians has ever performed the work.

Each verse of the "Apparebit" starts with a different letter of the alphabet, making an acrostic. The lyrics are written in couplets beginning with successive letters of the 23-character Latin alphabet.

In the first two of the four movements, one hears the opposition of damnation and eternal glory as the women sing in dialogue with the men; and the brass plays in dialogue with the choir.

The third movement's vision of hellfire has French horns recalling the sound of Cerberus, the three-headed hound that guards the gates of Hell. The pointed message of the text is: the way you live your life will determine your outcome

at death.

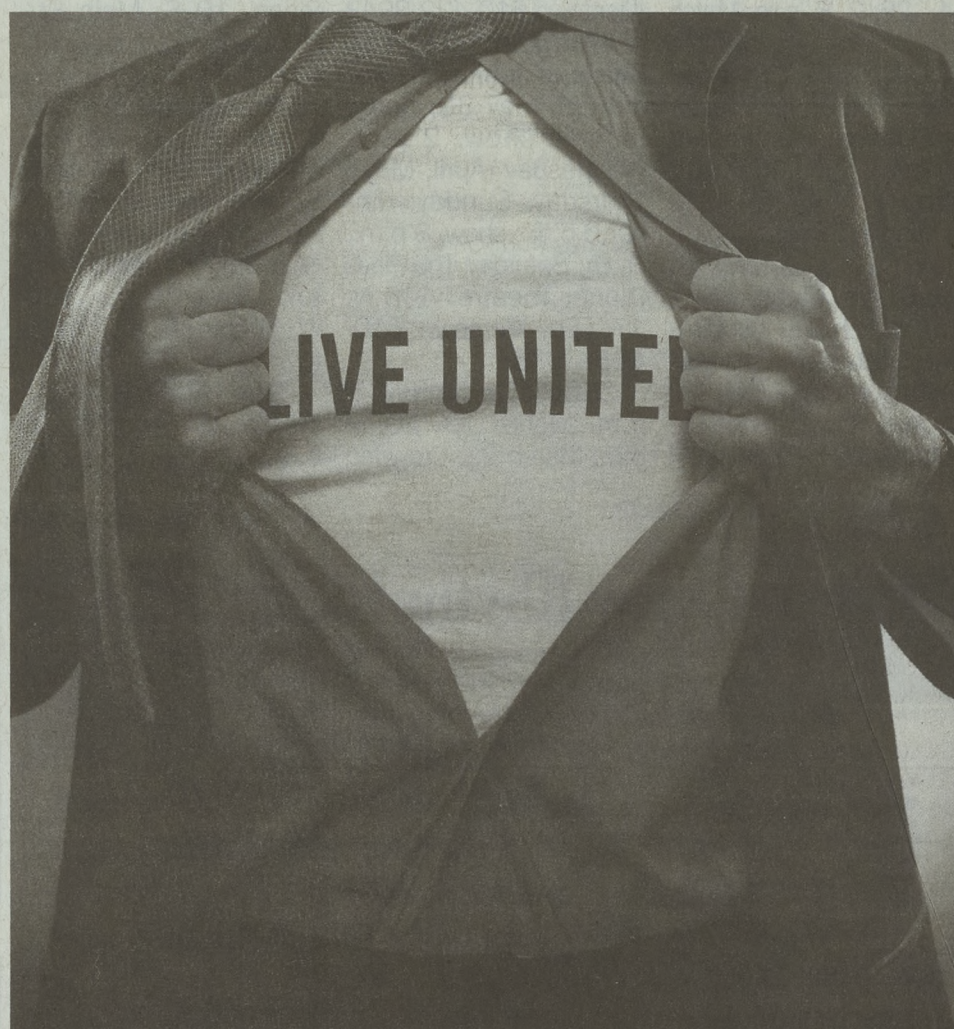
The final movement resolves the fury with a quiet Bach-style chorale.

The concert concludes with the first two movements of the Bach Cantata 137 "Lobe den Herren (Praise the Almighty)," with chorus, trumpets, organ and tympani.

At the end of the concert, the audience is invited to join the choir and brass ensemble in singing John Rutter's festive arrangement of "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

Notes Funfgeld, "Music of Bach and hymns like 'Lobe den Herren' are things of great value that have a profound impact on humanity forever. This is not fad music; it is music of eternal value artistically and spiritually. This is music that will last and will impact lives forever."

Information: 610-866-4382



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Fundraiser to put 'Hexe' on the map 'Remember' when?

By RYAN SABO
Special to The Press

A fundraiser for the independent film, "Hexe," will be held at 8 p.m. March 20 at Spanky's Pub, 4630 Umbria St., Manayunk. Bands performing include Allentown's Black and Blonde (formerly Black Edward), Philly's Nobody Yet and Twenty30.

Jessica Ryan Blumberg is the writer/film-maker of "Hexe," with filming expected to begin this month in the Lehigh Val-

ley, Bucks, Berks, Philadelphia and Lancaster areas. Hexe is a Pennsylvania-German word for witch derived from the German word hexen.

The horror film, set in Lancaster County, is about a fictional Amish coven hell-bent on fulfilling an ancient prophecy via conspiracy, murder and deceit, according to Blumberg.

Blumberg, soon after moving to Pennsylvania several years ago, noticed hex signs, or barn signs, adorning area barns.

"It is believed that these hex signs have a hidden meaning that is known only to the privileged few in the Amish-Pennsylvania Dutch community," Blumberg said. "So are the Amish-Pennsylvania Dutch milking cows by day and doing magic spells by night?" she wondered.

"Why do they hang the hex signs? What do they know and what are they trying to ward off? That is what made me write this story," she said. Blumberg assembling

area actors and film crew, including Rachel Bianco (Maci), Bethlehem; Shelby Pantaja (Sarah), Allentown; Kerry Reid (Uncle Milton), Allentown; assistant director Rachel Gordon, Allentown; cinematographer Brian Nykvist, Allentown; location scout Eric Uhler, Nazareth; and web designer-set photographer Jesse Simmers, Bethlehem.

Ryan Sabo is co-producer and director of audio-sound design for "Hexe."

"Remember Me" is memorable. Robert Pattison, an executive producer of the film, eclipses his "Twilight" fame, proving his acting prowess is deeper than white pancake facial makeup.

Pattison is one reason to remember to see "Remember Me," an emotionally-charged drama with a surprising — make that shocking — beginning and ending. We won't play spoiler here.

Tyler (Pattison) is an aimless college-age student estranged from his Wall Street executive father (a fine Pierce Brosnan) and still mourning the death of his brother.

He's a help to his mother (Lena Olin) and a caring big brother to his little sister, Caroline (delightful Ruby Jerins), an 11-year-old student at a private school. He and his sister like to hang out at the Alice in Wonderland sculpture in New York City's Central Park.

His room-mate (Tate Ellington) urges him to introduce himself to Ally (Emile de Ravin), a New York University student. She and her policeman father (always solid Chris Cooper) are still coping with the loss of her mother. Ally and Tyler bond clumsily and completely.

Complicated relationships with fathers and the impact of terrorism on daily life (as in the recent "Dear John"), cruelty among elementary school female students, and moving from apathy to action are themes sounded in the film.

For the role, Pattison, whose fierce good looks recall Marlon Brando, James Dean and Elvis Presley, is grungy, unshaven and wears disheveled clothing. Yes, he utilizes his dark, heavy eyebrows and downcast look to emphasize a brooding presence.

DeRavin ("The Hills Have Eyes" and TV's "Lost"), who is like a young Jennifer Jason Leigh, is believable.

The screenplay by Will Fetters gives a sense of real conversation between twentysomethings, here, Ally and Tyler, with nervous syntax, sidelong glances and awkward hand gestures. The other main characters are similarly deftly sketched. The

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



philosophical spine references a quote attributed to Ghandi: "Whatever you will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it."

Director Allen Coulter ("Hollywoodland" and TV's "The Sopranos," "Sex and the City") has created a mini-classic about contemporary American society. You won't forget "Remember Me."

"Remember Me": MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned). Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13) for violence, sexual content, language and smoking; Genre: Drama, Romance; Run time: 1 hr., 53 mins.; Distributed by Summit Entertainment.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "Remember Me" was filmed in New York City and environs.

Box Office, March 12: "Alice in Wonderland" kept four new challengers at bay, continuing at No. 1 with an impressive \$62 million, for \$208.6 million after two weeks.

"Green Zone," starring Matt Damon, was a distant No. 2, opening with \$14.5 million. "She's Out of My League" opened at No. 3, with \$9.6 million. "Remember Me" opened at No. 4 with a disappointing \$8.3 million.

5. "Shutter Island," \$8.1 million, \$108 million, four weeks; 6. "Our Family Wedding," opening, \$7.6 million; 7. "Avatar," \$6.6 million, \$730.3 million, 13 weeks; 8. "Brooklyn's Finest," \$4.2 million, \$21.3 million, two weeks; 9. "Cop Out," \$4.2 million, \$39.4 million, three weeks; 10. "The Craziest," \$3.6 million, \$33.3 million, three weeks

Unreal: March 19: "The Bounty Hunter" stars Gerard Butler as a bounty hunter on the trail of Jennifer Aniston as his ex-wife and a reporter. Soon, the two become the object of a chase by "Sopranos"-style New Jersey mobsters.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" is based on writer Jeff Kinney's web-comic about a seventh grader's daily life chronicled in a diary his mother makes him keep. After debuting in 2004, it became a daily online comicstrip and series of novels said to rival "Twilight" in popularity.

"Repo Men" stars Jude Law, Forest Whitaker and Alice Braga in a science fiction story about the sale of artificial organs. If you can't keep up the payments, parts of you could literally be repossessed.

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

THEATER REVIEW

Pines captures Johnny Cash's 'Fire'

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to The Press

An exciting and gifted ensemble of players brings the life of Johnny Cash to the stage in "Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash," through May 30 at The Pines Dinner Theatre, Allentown.

Even those not familiar with the Man in Black will enjoy the non-stop music tribute created by Richard Maltby Jr., which ran on Broadway.

In the Pines' production, under the able direction of Oliver Blatt and the music direction of Stacy Bechtel, the talented troupe showcases 36 of Cash's biggest hits.

The three-woman and three-man ensemble harmonize magnificently when they team for sever-

al numbers. From Cash's beginnings in a poor but close-knit family through his rebellious and wild years to his mature and deeply religious but troubled spiritual side, the Pines' players perform the tribute with sympathy, humor and a sense of tragedy.

The defining Cash classic, "Folsom Prison Blues," sung by Ryan Paul Kelly, and the Cash novelty hit, "A Boy Named Sue," sung by Brandon Woods, are high points in the two-act show.

Jeff Mindock's strong-voiced "Ragged Old Flag" and "Man in Black" expresses Cash's deep sense of patriotism and his abiding empathy with the sorrows of his fellow man.

For sheer range of

voice and character-defining facial expressions, Stacey Yoder's performance is delightful. Her rendition of the title song, "Ring of Fire," is perfect. Her Minnie Pearl skit is straight out of the Grande Old Opry.

Amber Kerestes delivers "We Got Married in a Fever" with spice and sauciness suitable for any dinner theater crowd.

Greta Kleckner's strong voice and her mastery of the wink and come-hither look is delightful.

The versatile instrumentalists are led by Bechtel, bass; Blatt, keyboard; Nate Drukenmiller, electric guitar; and Steven Kramer, drums.

Drukenmiller steps out for a couple of cool solo riffs. But it's 13-year-old fiddle player William

Dixon's solo that really wows on a rollicking "Orange Blossom Special" as he heats up his circa-1923, German-made violin.

Yoder's skill with minimal space creates a believable set that allows the actors to move easily during exuberant dance scenes. Steven Dallas Young's lighting keeps the drama believable.

Bechtel's sense of the dramatic is evident in the finale when the cast, singers and musicians alike, line the stage front with guitars in a closing flourish.

There are good menu choices, with delicious entrées prepared on-site in the Pines' kitchen by chef Randy Cressman and served by an alert and pleasant staff.

LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

"An American Tragedy," 8 p.m. March 24 - 26; 2, 8 p.m. March 27; 2 p.m. March 28, Dorothy Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3333
"Annie Junior," 7 p.m. March 19; 1 p.m. March 20; 6 p.m. March 26; 1 p.m. March 27, "Scrambled States of America" before March 19, 20 shows, Civic Theatre School, Civic Theatre of

Allentown, 19th Street Theatre, 527 N 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943
"Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash," through May 30; noon, dinner; show, 2 p.m. Wednesday (April, May), Thursday, Sunday; dinner 6 p.m.; show, 8 p.m., Friday, Saturday, The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333
"Shore Insanity," 8 p.m. March 19, 20; 2 p.m. March 21, Crowded

Kitchen Players at McCoolle's Arts & Events Place, 10 S. Main St., Quakertown. 610.395.7176
The Associated Mess, 8 p.m. March 28, Theatre 514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943; 8 p.m. March 23, High Gravity Lounge, Allentown Brew Works, 812 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-433-7777
"The Little Mermaid," March 23 - May 8, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday,

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. on certain dates, Act 3 Children's Theatre Company, Schubert Theatre, Labuda Center for the Performing and Fine Arts, DeSales University, Center Valley. 610-282-3192
"Til Death Do Us Part: Late Nite Catechism 3," 7:30 p.m. March 17-19; 2, 6 p.m. March 20, 21, Acopian Ballroom, State Theatre, 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132

Gypsy Rhythms Saturday, April 10 at 8pm
Sunday, April 11 at 3pm
Memories of Hungary and Eastern Europe come together on this program to bring you the toe-tapping excitement of a folk performance. Featuring Laurence Kaptain on a Hungarian folk instrument called the cimbalom. **Come for a free Lecture/Demo on Thursday, April 8**

The Metropolitan Opera HD LIVE
The Met: Live in HD 2009-10 Season
Thomas' HAMLET
Saturday, March 27th at 1pm
Opera Talk: March 25th at 5pm
Encore:
Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30pm

Chamber Music Series Friday, March 26th at 7:30pm
Lukens Piano Trio featuring David Molten on cello, Kristin Ditlow on piano and Michael Locati on violin. Live Chamber music performance with exquisite sensitivity and exhilarating thrills of energy. \$20 Gen. Adm./\$10 Student

jazz Upstairs
a jazz cabaret at symphony hall
Friday, March 19th at 7:30pm
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The film, "Storyteller and Oracle," by Marcie Farwell, above, is in the "Archetypes: These Role(s) We Wear" exhibition by One Stone Collective through March 26 at Shuze, Tallarico's Chocolates, Marla Duran, Home and Planet and Cleo's, all Bethlehem.



PRESS PHOTO BY SHERI BAYNE

"Calles de la Habana Calles de la Habana (Street photography of Havana)" by Maurice Harmon, above, continues through April 30 at Fox Optical, Bethlehem.

8 DAYS A WEEK

YOUR LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

By ALEXANDRA RACINES
Special to The Press

ART EXHIBITS

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM

Fifth and Court streets, Allentown. 610-432-4333

Artventures, 1 - 4 p.m. Sundays: Art Project, Compliments; Featured Artwork: Daniel Garber, "Springtime Tohickon," Crayola Learning Center

Lehigh Valley Going Green, through May 30, Rodale Gallery

The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design, through May 30

The Founding of the State of Liberty Spiritual: Violet Oakley's Studies for the Governor's Reception Room Murals, through May 16, Payne Gallery

AMERICA ON WHEELS

5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200

Imagineering at Its Best: Cool, Crazy and Creative, through April 17: 11 concept, custom cars circa 1940-61

ART GALLERY AT FALK'S

1418 Main St., Hellertown

Betty Knesevitch: Watercolors, through March 31

BANANA FACTORY

25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300

The Vanishing Face of America: Works by Raymond Scigiano, through March 21, Banko Family Gallery

Christina P. Day: Chores: A Contemporary Discourse on Domesticity, through March 31

Heather Sincavage: Evolving Archetype Visual Arts Series, through March

Loie Glasser: Sit Down: Sculptural Art Chairs, through April 4, Hallway to the Arts

Lynne Dian Gulezian: All Roads Home, through April 18, Crayola Gallery

Lydia Panas: Family Pictures ... Untold Stories, March 27 - May 23; Reception 6 - 9 p.m. April 2, Banko Family Gallery

BAUM SCHOOL OF ART

510 Linden St., Allentown. 610-432-0032

Adult Students, through March 26, David E. Rodale Gallery, Rodale Family Gallery

BETHEHEM ROTUNDA

City Hall, Bethlehem

Bethlehem Fire Department Memorabilia, through March

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE

100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-606-4666

Remy Miller: Theme and Correspondence, March 18 - April 16, Lachaise Family Gallery

DICK BLICK

South Mall, Lehigh St., Salisbury Township

Karen Steen, through March

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

2344 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-867-5865

Art Explosion, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. March 19

FOX OPTICAL AND GALLERY

28 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-2400

Maurice Harmon: Calles de La Habana, through April 30

GOUNDIE HOUSE

505 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055

Roll Out the Barrel: Bethlehem Brews History, through Aug. 8

HELLER HOMESTEAD ART GALLERY

1890-92 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township

Stephanie Faleski, Animal Portraits and Oil Paintings, through March 28

HOME AND PLANET

25 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-866-7370

Barnaby Ruhe, through March 28

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700

Sculpting, 9:30 a.m. Mondays

Ceramics, 9 a.m. Tuesdays

Studio Arts, 9:30 Tuesdays

Arts and Crafts, 9:30 a.m. Wednes-

days; 9 a.m. Thursdays

Art Perspective Quilting, 8:30 a.m. Thursdays

Knitting, 9 a.m. Thursdays

Parkland Art League Exhibit, All Members' Art Exhibit, through March 30

Art Water Media, 1 p.m. Thursdays through March

Art Painting, 9:30 a.m. Fridays through March

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3414

Art, Architecture, Design, Juried Student Exhibit, through March 26, Girdler Gallery, University Hall, 29 Trembley Drive, Bethlehem

Heather Sincavage: Evolving Archetype Visual Arts Series, through March

Friends of Lehigh Libraries: The Royal Society and the Origins of Scientific Communication, through May 26, Linderman Library

Howard Finster, Charley Kinney, Echo McCallister, Purvis Young, through June 19, Dubois Gallery, Maginnes Hall

Margaret Bourke-White: Insect Studies; Lewis Baltz: San Quentin Point portfolio, The Gallery at Rauch Business Center, through June 19, 621 Taylor St., Bethlehem. 610-758-3615

LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL

Suite 201, 840 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-437-5915

Melissa Perhamus, through May 1

LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM

432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074

Oil; Celebrating the Story-Progress from Petroleum, through May 9

The Civil War: America at the Crossroads, through July 11

Energy Past & Present: Creating, Conserving, and Consuming, through Jan. 31, 2012

LIBERTY BELL SHRINE

Zion's Reformed Church 622 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232

100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, through May 8

LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY

3540 Brookside Road, Lower Macungie Township. 610-966-6864

Maur Levan, through March

MACUNGIE INSTITUTE

510 E. Main St., Macungie. 610-966-7830

Parkland Art League Exhibit, Kathryn LaRose, through March 31

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-861-1365

Celebrating Moravian Women, through March 28, H. Patty Eife Gallery, Hauptert Union Building

Art Faculty Show, March 18 - April 18, Payne Gallery

MUHLBERG COLLEGE

Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3100

Seth Cluette, Steve Peters, Steve Roden: Sound in Space, March 17 - April 17, Martin Art Gallery; Reception: 4:30 - 6 p.m. March 22

Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube, March 17 - April 17, Galleria Lobby

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE Communications Hall, Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5546

Don Voisine, through March 31: New Arts Program Exhibit

ONE STONE COLLECTIVE

E. Third St., Bethlehem

Archetypes: These Role(s) We Wear, through March 26, Shuze, Marlan Duran, Home & Planet, Cleo's and Tallarico's Chocolates

Heather Sincavage: Evolving Archetypes Visual Art Series, through March

STATE THEATRE

Alvin A. Butz Gallery, 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132

Marta Whistler: Medium Works, through April 11

TC SALON

61 W. Walnut St., Bethlehem. 610-865-9811

Kim Robertson, Rhonda Long, through April

THE MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY

Masonic Building, 22 S. Third St., Easton

Beyond Mother Tongue: A Daughter's Awakening; through June 30

TIMEZONES GLOBAL GOODIES AND FRAMING GALLERY

7 E. 3rd St., Bethlehem

Selections from the Scholastic Art Show, through March 31

TOUCHSTONE THEATRE GALLERY

321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-1689

Claire Marcus, Michelle Neifert, Chris Neyen: Luminations: Visual Expressions in Color, through April 30

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE

803 N. Wahneta St., Allentown. 610-782-8391

Donna Haney, Mallory Zondag, Westminster Village Art Walk, through April 9

CINEMA

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1208 Brookside Road, Wescosville. 610-395-3613

"Passion of the Christ", 6 p.m. March 19: Family Film Night

CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN

19th Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888

"The Last Station", 7:30 p.m. March 17, 18

"The White Ribbon", coming soon

DESALES UNIVERSITY

Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley. 610-282-1100

Student Film Festival, 8 p.m. March 25 - 27

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Hauptert Union Building, Bethlehem. 610-861-1365

"Crude: The Real Price Of Oil", 7:30 p.m. March 18, Prosser Auditorium

"Nuovomundo: The Golden Door", 7 p.m. March 25, Prosser Auditorium

MUHLBERG COLLEGE

2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467

Israeli Movie Night, 7:30 p.m. March 17, Hillel

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7432

Movie Madness, 7 p.m. March 26

VICTORY FIREHOUSE

205 Webster St., Bethlehem

"The Wind That Shakes the Barley", 7:15 p.m. March 18: Third Thursday Film Club, Southside Film Festival

CONCERTS

BEETHOVEN WALDHEIM CLUB

1984 Waldheim Road, Hellertown. 610-838-9059

Seamus Kennedy, 8 p.m. March 20

CEDARBROOK FOUNTAIN HILL ANNEX 724 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem

Flutations, 2:30 p.m. March 20

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE 100 College Drive, Allentown. 800-360-1222

Dave Roper Trio, 7:30 p.m. March 26, Alumnae Hall Auditorium

CROCODILE ROCK

520 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-434-4600

Keller Williams, 8 p.m. March 20

Carnifax, Darkest Hour, Stick to Your Guns, Stray from the Path, The Ghost Inside, Unearth, Veil of Maya, 5 p.m. March 21

The Hollow, 6 p.m. March 22

Seven Mary Three, 7 p.m. March 25

Black Water Rising, 6 p.m. March 26

Charm City Devils, Pop Evil, 7 p.m. March 26

Third Eye Blind, 7 p.m. March 27

DESALES UNIVERSITY McShea Student Union, 2755 Station

Avenue, Center Valley. 610-282-1100

Burning Bridget Cleary, 7 p.m. March 17; Rutgers Association of Philippine Students, 2 p.m. March 18; International Week. Wednesdays in the Commons

EPISCOPAL HOUSE

1440 Walnut St., Allentown

Recordante Recorder Choir, 1 p.m. March 21

The Maestro Ensemble, 1 p.m. March 21

EVERGREEN CLUB

215 Hartz Road, Fleetwood

Spring German Dinner Music Show, 7 p.m. March 23

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ALLENTOWN

Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman Street, Allentown. 610-395-3781

Meditative Lenten Organ Recital, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through March 30

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

2344 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-867-5865

Bach, Brass and Beyond: A Choral Celebration, 4 p.m. March 21: Bach Choir of Bethlehem

GODFREY DANIELS

7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390

Michael Manrig, Jamie Willard, 8 p.m. March 18

Anne Rabson, 8 p.m. March 19

Eilen Jewel, Dave Fry, 8 p.m. March 20

Blues Jam, 8 p.m. March 24. Free

Peppino D'Agostino, 8 p.m. March 26

Toby Walker, 8 p.m. March 27

Songwriters' Workshop, 8 p.m. March 30. Free

HARD BEAN CAFE

201 E. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-419-9833

Open Mic Nights, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700

Chorus, 9:30 a.m. Mondays

Orchestra, 9 a.m. Thursdays

Drumming, 10 a.m. Thursdays

Jazz Band, 9 a.m. Fridays

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3414

Dolce, Glee Club, Lehigh University Choir, 8 p.m. March 26, 27: "Musical Myth and Magic"

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Bethlehem. 610-861-1300

Celtic Sunrise, noon March 17: Celebrating Irish Culture, Pavilion, Hauptert Union Building

Michael Accurso, baritone; **Justin Holguin**, flute, 7:30 p.m. March 19, Peter Hall: Student Recital

Escher String Quartet, Benjamin Hochman, piano, 8 p.m. March 19, Foy Concert Hall: Beethoven, String Quartet No. 14 in C Sharp Minor, Op 131; Dvochak, Selections from "Cypresses," Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major, B. 155. Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem

Jeffrey Bell, tenor; **Albert Lazaro**, guitar, 7:30 p.m. March 20, Foy Concert Hall. Student Recital

Moonhee Hwang, piano, 7 p.m. March 21, Peter Hall

MUHLBERG COLLEGE

Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467

Alon Goldstein, 8 p.m. March 19: Piano Series

Paul Windt, violin, 8 p.m. March 26: Faculty Recital

Louis DeLeo, tenor, 8 p.m. March 27: Student Recital

PENN'S PEAK 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe. 866-605-732

ENGAGEMENT

Eck-Weiss

Emmaus grad plans summer wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eck of Macungie announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Mark Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weiss of Allentown.

Lisa is a graduate of Emmaus High School and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and a master's degree as a reading specialist from Kutztown University. She is a literacy facilitator for the Allentown School District.

Mark is a graduate of Dieruff High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in German from Bloomsburg University and is pursuing a master's degree in secondary education at East Stroudsburg University. He is a German teacher for the Allentown School District.

The couple is planning a summer 2010 wedding.



Lisa Marie Eck and Mark Weiss



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King and Queen of the Green

Sean and Wendy Ferguson were crowned King and Queen of the 2010 Allentown St. Patrick's Parade at the Coronation Ball held March 12 in the Fearless Fire Company Ballroom, Allentown. The Allentown St. Patrick's Parade starts at 1:30 p.m. March 21 in the city's West End. In addition to parade poster contest winner Christopher Horn, other winners were Destiny Nagle, eighth grade student, and Maura Benner, second grade student, both St. Ann's, Emmaus, who tied for second place; and Therese Bajo, first grade, St. Paul's Allentown, who placed third. Parade events information: 610-443-0429.

By ALEXANDRA RACINES
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BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

Lehigh Valley Mall, Grape Street and MacArthur Road, Whitehall. 610-264-0238

Aspiring Writers Group, 7 p.m. March 17

Notre Dame Elementary principal, teachers, 6:30 p.m. March 19: Children's Story Time

The Easter Bunny's Secret, 1:30 p.m. March 20

Fiction Book Group, 7:30 p.m. March 23: "Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky" by Chris Greenhalgh

Promenade Shops, 2960 Center Valley Parkway, Upper Saucon Township. 610-791-3261

The Foodies' Cookbook Group, 6 p.m. March 18

If You Give a Pig a Pancake, 10 a.m. March 20: Children's Story Time

Mara Rockliff, 6 p.m. March 22: "The Busiest Street in Town" reading, book signing

Bethlehem Writers' Group, 7 p.m. March 23

Southmont Center, Route 33 and Freemansburg Avenue, Bethlehem Township. 610-515-0376

Spring Stories, 10 a.m. March 19: Children's Story Time

Max and Ruby, 10 a.m. March 23, 26: Children's Story Time

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

11 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-867-3761

Norbit the Neuron, 7 p.m. March 17: Brainy Story Time

Brain Awareness Day, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 20

Southside Branch, 400 Webster St., Bethlehem. 610-867-7852

Spring Party, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. March 22

BORDERS BOOKSELLERS

Whitehall Mall, MacArthur Road and Grape Street, Whitehall. 610-432-5520

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living, 7 p.m. March 17: Sign Language Group

New Moon, 10 p.m. March 19: DVD Midnight Release Party

Anita S. Hirsch, 1 p.m. March 20: "Wildwood-By-The-Sea: Nostalgia and Recipes" discussion, book signing

Kelly Ann Butterbaugh, 3 p.m. March 20: "Upper Saucon Township and Coopersburg," discussion, book

Literary Scene

signing CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

321 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem. 610-865-0727

Philia Book Group, 11 a.m. March 18

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH HALL

State and Main streets, Coopersburg

Kelly Ann Butterbaugh, 1 - 4 p.m. March 21: "Upper Saucon Township and Coopersburg"

EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

11 E. Main St., Emmaus. 610-965-9284

Literary Lunch, noon March 20: "Heat" by Mike Lupica

Teen Read, 7 p.m. March 24: "I Am The Messenger" by Marcus Zusak

GODFREY DANIELS

7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-2390

Kathy Long, 2 p.m. March 21: Children's Sunday Series, Lehigh Valley Storytellers Guild

LIBERTY BELL SHRINE

Zion's Reformed Church 622 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-435-4232

Joshua A. Fink, 10:30 a.m. March 20: "From Fast-nachts to Easter Eggs: Lenten and Easter Traditions of the Pennsylvania Germans" lecture, workshop.

LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY

3450 Brookside Road, Macungie. 610-966-6864

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!, 10 a.m. March 20: Mo Willems Children's Story Time. Registration required

Cinderella Around the World, 6:30 p.m. March 22: Children's event. Registration required

MORAVIAN BOOKSHOP

428 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5481

Kids' Story Time, 10:30-11 a.m. March 17, 24: Kids' Story Time: Jane Clugston

Matt Alexander, 6 - 7:30 p.m. March 18: "Forget the Job, Nail the Interview" book signing

Mystery Book Discussion Group, 10 a.m. March 19: "The Catch" by Archer Meyer

Storytime & Craft, 11

a.m.-noon March 20: Act III Children's Theatre of DeSales University, "The Little Mermaid" preview

Karen Jett, 6 - 7:30 p.m. March 25: "Grow Your People, Grow Your Business" book signing

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Hauptert Union Building, Bethlehem. 610-861-1300

Faruq T. N. Iman, 7:30 p.m. March 16: Workshop, "Using the 'N' Word: It's psychosocial and Health Effects," UBC Room, Hauptert Union Building

Kashi Johnson, 7:30 p.m. March 18: Spoken Word Café, Pavilion, Hauptert Union Building

Alan Jennings, 7 p.m. March 25: "Conversations with Community Leaders," UBC Room, Hauptert Union Building

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467

Marie Howe, 7:30 - 9 p.m. March 18 reading, book signing

PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Main Building, 4422 Walbert Avenue, South Whitehall Township. 610-398-1361

Book Quest, 7 p.m. March 17: "Devil in a Blue Dress" by Walter Mosley

Knitting Circle, 1:30 p.m. March 25

SOUTHERN LEHIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

3200 Preston Lane, Center Valley. 610-282-8825

Jazz Appreciation Group, 7 p.m. March 17

Southern Lehigh Public Library Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. March 17: "The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher" by Debby Applegate

Read Around The World, 7 p.m. March 23: Children's Event

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

44 E. Market St., Bethlehem. 610-867-4741

Bonaventure Reading Group, 6 p.m. Wednesdays

WILDFLOWER CAFÉ

316 S. New St., Bethlehem. 610-758-8303

Poetry Slam, 8 p.m. March 27: The Great White Caps, Cheers Elephant

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8 DAYS

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38 Special, 8 p.m. April 17

Spyro Gyra, 8 p.m. April 23

Tim Gillis, Dave Rehrig, 1 p.m. April 27, 28: "Branson Fever." Sold Out

The Nelson Riddle Orchestra, 1 p.m. April 29. Sold Out

Mel Tillis, 8 p.m. April 30

King Henry and the Showmen, 1 p.m. Tuesdays - Thursdays, through May: "Oscar Goes to Hollywood." No show May 27

James Otto, 8 p.m. May 2

Dennis DeYoung, 8 p.m. May 7

John Michael Montgomery, 8 p.m. May 16

Air Supply, 8 p.m. May 21

Get the Led Out: Led Zeppelin tribute, 8 p.m. May 22

The Harry James Orchestra, 1 p.m. May 26, 27. Sold Out May 27

April Wine, Winger, 7:30 p.m. June 18

Sammy Kershaw, 8 p.m. July 23

Skid Row, Firehouse, 8 p.m. July 30

The Outlaws, 8 p.m. Aug. 21

Norris and James, 1 p.m. Sept. 21, 22: Let Your Love Begin at Home

King Henry and the Showmen, 1 p.m. Tuesdays - Thursdays Sept. 29 - Oct. 21: "Back in the USA"

Dick Fox's Golden Boys: Fabian, Frankie Avalon, Bobby Rydell, 8 p.m. Oct. 8

Blood, Sweat and Tears, 8 p.m. Oct. 14

America, 8 p.m. Oct. 22

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, 1 p.m. Oct. 26, 27. Sold Out Oct. 27

Ryan Pelton: Elvis Tribute, 1 p.m. Nov. 6. Sold Out

The Sammy Kaye Orchestra, 1 p.m. Dec. 8; 9: Christmas Show

PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY

2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-5000

Billy Bauer Band, 12:15 p.m. March 23

STATE THEATRE

453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132

Linda Eder, 8 p.m. March 19

Emil Stucchio and The Classics, Kenny Vance and The Planotones, Kid Kyle, Lenny Dell and The Demensions, The Duprees, 7:30 p.m. March 27

ST. JOHN'S UCC

139 N. 4th St. Emmaus. 610-965-9158

Dottie Ryes, Herb Santee, 10 a.m. March 24

SYMPHONY HALL

23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715

Rick Chamberlain, 7:30 p.m. March 19: Jazz Cabaret

Community Music School, 1:30 p.m. March 21, Rodale Community Room

Bryan Adams, 8 p.m. March 23

Lukens Piano Trio, 7:30 p.m. March 26, Rodale Community Room

Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra, Rick Chamberlain, trombone, 7:30 p.m. March 27: Mike Krisukas, "Lazy Dogma - A Piece for Trombone, Orchestra and Subconscious Protagonist"; Mozart, "Symphony 35 in D, K. 385, 'Haffner'"; Prokofiev, "Classical Symphony"; Tchaikovsky, "Serenade for Strings." Music at Wesley

THE FUNHOUSE

5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem

Jumbo Racket, 10 p.m. March 17

Family Junction, 10 p.m. March 18

Blonde On Bethlehem, 8 p.m. March 19

J. Wok and the Pedestrians, 10 p.m. March 20

P. Thiessen Band, 10 p.m. March 22: Open Jam Nite

A.J. and the Bear, 10 p.m. March 23

Tavern Tan Band, 10 p.m. March 24

Rumplestiltskin, 10 p.m. March 25

The Great White Caps Surf 'N U.S.A., 10 p.m. March 26

The Beings, 10 p.m. March 27

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7432

Drumming Circle, 9:30 a.m. March 20

VARGTIMMEN KING KOFFEE

506 Chestnut St., Emmaus. 610-965-3257

Open Mic Nights, 7 p.m. Wednesdays

WESLEY CHURCH

2540 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-865-5715

Linaría Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. March 19, Frances Duffy, harp; Robin Kani, flute; Adriana Linares, viola; Grandjany, Koechlin, Ravel, Rohozinsky, Vellones

Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, 7 p.m. March 20

WILDFLOWER CAFÉ

316 S. New St., Bethlehem. 610-758-8303

Open Mic Nights, 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays

Blame Yourself, Hannah Grazer, Claire Kimock, Nick Wilson, 8 p.m. March 20

Hank Pate, Undivided Attention, 8 p.m. March 26

DANCE

BALLET GUILD STUDIOS

556 Main St., Bethlehem

Dance-a-Thon, 4 - 8 p.m. March 20

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE

100 College Drive, Allentown. 800-360-1222

Spring Dances, 8 p.m. March 26, 27, Samuels Theatre

DESALES UNIVERSITY

Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley. 610-282-1100

Dance Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m. March 19, 20; 2 p.m. March 21

Dinner Dance, 7 p.m. cocktails; 8 p.m., dinner March 20, Billera Hall Ballroom

Kathak: Indian Classical Dance, 7 p.m. March 23: Won Joung Jin, Hurd Room, DeSales University Center

FEARLESS FIRE COMPANY

Starlite Ballroom, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown. 610-390-7550

USADance, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Open Dance Sessions

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700

Line Dance, 10 a.m., 1:45 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m. Saturdays

Cardio Dance, 10 a.m. Tuesdays

King Henry Dance, 1 p.m. March 17

Bill, Donna Arnold Dance, 8 p.m. March 20

PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY

2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-5000

O'Grady Quinlan Irish Dance Academy, 1 p.m. March 17

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7432

Contra Dance, 3 p.m. March 27

EVENTS

ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS

Agri-Plex, 302 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-7541

St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30 p.m. March 21, through West End

Lehigh Valley Motorcycle Extravaganza, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. March 20; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 21

Antiques in the Lehigh Valley, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 27; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 28

AMERICA ON WHEELS

5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200

Museum Advocacy Day, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 24

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Communications Hall, Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. 610-861-5546

Lehigh Valley Green Building Expo, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. March 20, College Center; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 21, Spartan Center

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposal will be received by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Macungie Township of the First Class, of Lehigh County, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062 on or before 3:00 PM April 7, 2010 for the following contracts:

- Ultra-thin Friction Course (Nova-Chip) In-place on specified roads
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Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Lower Macungie Township in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price for the individual contract. Bid forms are available FOB the Township Building for a non-refundable fee of \$5.00.

Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at 3:05 PM on April 7, 2010. Any bids received after 3:00 PM will be returned unopened. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid" and include the contract number and description. The successful bidder will be required to provide contract security in the amount of 100% of the contract within 10 days of the award of contract.

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LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
 Bruce Fosselman, Manager
 3400 BROOKSIDE ROAD
 MACUNGIE, PA, 18062

Mar. 17, 24

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

- For locations call 610-559-3245
- Wednesday, March 17:** Happy St. Patrick's Day- Apple and parsnip soup, corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, Emerald Isle salad, rye bread with margarine, chocolate mint pie.
- Thursday, Mar. 18:** Beef Wellington, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, chilled apricots.
- Friday, Mar. 19:** Cream of mushroom soup, fried haddock sandwich, lettuce, tomato, tartar sauce, cole slaw, chilled applesauce.
- Monday, Mar. 22:** Calves' liver with onion gravy, mashed red potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll with margarine, apple cinnamon bread pudding.
- Tuesday, Mar. 23:** Sweet 'n sour pork, white rice, asian vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, chilled peaches.
- Wednesday, Mar. 24:** Apricot chicken, whole grain brown rice, broccoli cuts, whole grain bread with margarine, angel food cake with strawberry topping.
- Thursday, Mar. 25:** Chicken corn chowder, beaked meatlof with gravy, scalloped potatoes, red beets, wheat bread with margarine, tapioca pudding.

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

OFF TO A GREAT START ACROSS

- 1 "Singin' in the Rain" film studio
- 4 News bits
- 9 Chronicles
- 15 Oom- (tuba sounds)
- 19 38-Down, in Durango
- 20 Skater Hughes
- 21 Wheel cover
- 22 Writer Dinesen
- 23 Migraine, e.g.
- 26 "It's worth —"
- 27 Slightly tart brew
- 28 "Bus Stop" playwright William
- 29 Like ruled notepaper
- 31 Business sch. subject
- 32 1960 Sam Cooke hit
- 37 Deep desire
- 38 Knife of infomercials
- 41 Syrup source
- 42 Some wind instruments
- 43 Hopeful
- 44 — and turn
- 48 Pigeon noise
- 50 "You — kiddin'!"
- 51 Band with the 1986 hit "Tuff Enuff," with "the"
- 57 "There was — woman who lived ..."
- 58 2009 "American Idol" runner-up Adam
- 59 Braying animal
- 60 Tomcat, e.g.
- 61 Buzzy insect
- 63 "Do — favor ..."
- 64 "Let's see ..."
- 65 "This — recording"
- 68 Drastic actions
- 74 German or French article
- 75 Communist Mao — tung
- 76 Impair
- 77 Add- (peripherals)
- 78 Actor Damon
- 79 Vast age
- 80 Pudding option
- 83 — Domingo
- 84 1954 film starring Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson
- 89 "— guest" ("Help yourself")
- 90 Just dandy
- 91 Fractions of mins.
- 92 Rustic hotels
- 93 Not likely
- 95 "King Kong" film studio
- 97 Repairs
- 99 Victrola mfr.
- 102 Roald Dahl kids' book
- 107 With 118-Down, anonymous guy
- 108 Cato's 403
- 109 Day division
- 110 Secluded
- 114 "Pet" plant

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- 115 Nickname of baseball's Ted Williams, with "the"
 - 119 Actor Sean
 - 120 Be very mad
 - 121 Siouan tribesmen
 - 122 Reverse of WNW
 - 123 City of Iowa
 - 124 Like beer or bread dough
 - 125 Prevent, legally
 - 126 Unfamiliar
- DOWN**
- 1 Multicolored
 - 2 Crete locale
 - 3 Latter-day Saint
 - 4 "Spring — the air"
 - 5 Successor of Roosevelt
 - 6 Cedar Point's lake
 - 7 Parrot types
 - 8 "Keep it down"
 - 9 Lend — (help)
 - 10 Poke
 - 11 Pro hoopsters
 - 12 Duke's NCAA div.
 - 13 "— -di-dah!"
 - 14 Form a word
 - 15 Lounges with ivory-ticklers
 - 16 Celestial body
 - 17 Rigid contact
 - 18 Pilot's place
 - 24 Silver of film

- 25 Austrian "a"
- 30 — Jima
- 33 "I'm — here!"
- 34 Aspect
- 35 "Shape — ship out!"
- 36 Sept. clock setting
- 38 Element #79
- 39 Prefix for "equal"
- 40 Sch. in Manhattan
- 43 Queen, e.g.
- 45 Resistance unit
- 46 U-boat, e.g.
- 47 Smile evilly
- 49 Barack and Michelle
- 51 Celebrated
- 52 Have — to grind
- 53 Lightning bits
- 54 Inuit's ride
- 55 Horse-pulled cart
- 56 Theories
- 61 Sarajevo site
- 62 Before, to a sonneteer
- 64 Fowl female
- 65 Rial earner
- 66 Brief tussle
- 67 — Martin (car make)
- 69 Heaps
- 70 Apple Store computer
- 71 Neck backs
- 72 Old Dead Sea kingdom
- 73 Sch. in Amherst

- 79 Giza natives
- 80 Rikki- — -tavi
- 81 Non-Rx
- 82 Kramer of sitcomdom
- 83 Tax form IDs
- 84 Israel's Begin
- 85 Trout — (nut-crusted fish dish)
- 86 Dix or Knox
- 87 Transgress
- 88 Halt
- 89 — Puff (facial sponge)
- 94 — chi
- 96 Earth tones
- 98 Has being
- 99 Putrid
- 100 Brie or feta
- 101 President Jackson
- 103 Spacex of "Carrie"
- 104 Artist Claude
- 105 Apple-cheeked
- 106 Day before Sat.
- 107 Winter mo.
- 111 Speck
- 112 Jelly or jam alternative
- 113 Talk like Daffy Duck
- 114 Tax season VIP
- 116 "Big Top — Wee"
- 117 Grassy area
- 118 See 107-Across

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See crossword answer on page B10

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 RHNP TB KCTEP ERVBBWOIM BTWSE, XTVWG
 LTV EHL ECP XHE H BOMCK HKKPIGHK?

See cryptogram answer on page B9

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals Y

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

- For locations call 610-782-3254
- Wednesday, Mar. 17:** Salisbury steak with gravy, parsley new potatoes, creole zucchini, whole wheat bread, apple.
- Thursday, Mar. 18:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, angel food cake. **BB:Turkey**
- Friday, Mar. 19:** Baked Pollack, rice florentine, Mediterranean medly, Italian bread, banana.
- Monday, Mar. 22:** Lasagna roll with marinara sauce, carrots, roll, diced peaches.
- Tuesday, Mar. 23:** Beef stir fry, rice, oriental vegetables, rye bread, fruited yogurt.
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Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	3	2	1	8	4	9	5
4	8	5	6	7	9	2	1	3
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Difficulty Level ★★★

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL HEARING NOTICE

COPLAY BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING, BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
The Coplay Borough Council will hold a public hearing on the Borough's Draft Comprehensive Plan at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the regularly scheduled Borough Council Workshop Meeting.

Mar. 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE
PASSED ORDINANCES

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010, held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:

ORDINANCE NO. 2819

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #10-05 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (ADMIN)

The above Ordinances are available for review by the public in the Administration offices at Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mar. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids will be accepted by Lehigh Career & Technical Institute for the following consumable instructional supplies:

- Culinary Arts
Early Care & Education of Young Children
Electrical Technology
Electro-Mechanical Mechatronics Technology
Electronics Technology
Landscape Construction/Environmental Design
Painting & Decorating

Sealed bids will also be accepted for the following:

- Chassis Dynamometer
Digital Imaging System
Haas CNC Lathe
Hamech 3-Stage Propane Lift Truck #G30HT-16
Tractor-Loader-Backhoe
Programming Services to add New Operational Parameters into Invensys Building Control System

Bids will be received at the Business Office, 4500 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078 until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. For further information and specifications, inquire at the above address or call 610-799-1337 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Randy Hensinger, Bus. Adm./Board Sec. Mar. 11, 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE
INVITATION TO BID

The Township of Lower Macungie will receive sealed bids for the provision of Open Channel Flow Meters and Appurtenances. The work will include furnishing five (5) area velocity flow meters, as well as the provision of adequate start-up and training support. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the Township of Lower Macungie Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania, 18062-1428, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. All bids shall be sealed and marked, and addressed as follows:

PROPOSAL FOR: TOWNSHIP OF MACUNGIE
PROVISION OF OPEN CHANNEL FLOW METERS AND APPURTENANCES (2010)

Contract Documents for the work to be completed may be obtained at the office of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Westcosville, PA 18106-9797, upon request and payment of a plan deposit of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per set, refundable as provided in the Instruction to Bidders, Section 10 of the Contract Specifications.

Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Lower Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of the General Conditions.

The Township of Lower Macungie reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all Bids and to accept any Bid which is in its best interest.

Township of Lower Macungie
Bruce E. Fosselman, Township Manager

Mar. 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Weisenberg, Lehigh Co., PA at 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA until 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 8, 2010 for the following:

- 500 Ton #8 Aggregate, 1.0% Washed
300 Ton #57 Aggregate, 2.0% Washed
500 Ton #2A Aggregate
100 Ton #3 Aggregate
100 Ton #1 Aggregate
100 Ton R-5 Rock
1,000 Ton Type 2 Anti Skid
150 Ton UPM Cold Patch
500 Ton 9.5mm Wearing Course
500 Ton 19.0mm Wearing Course
Hauling per Ton, Triaxle
Hauling per Hr., Triaxle
500 Gal. Rubberized Crack Seal, in place
10,000 Gal. Diesel Fuel with Winter Additive, Automatic Delivery
2,000 Gal. Fuel Oil, Heating, Automatic Delivery
500 Gal. Gasoline, 89 Oct., lead free, will call for delivery
50 Miles Dbl. Yellow Line Painting, per Pub. 408

All quantities more or less. Liquidated damages apply at the rate of \$200.00 per calendar day. Proposals must be upon the forms furnished by the Municipality. A Performance Bond or certified check in the amount of 100% of the contract shall be furnished by the successful bidder with 20 days after the contract is awarded. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Phone 610-298-2352 to obtain bid forms.

Weisenberg Township, 2nd Class
Donald P. Breininger, Sec.

Mar. 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE
AUDITOR'S REPORT

LOWHILL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2009 1,005,341

Table with 2 columns: RECEIPTS and REVENUE RECEIPTS. Includes items like Taxes, License & Permits, Fines & Forfeits, Interest, Rents & Royalties, Intergovernmental Revenue, Charges for Services, Unclassified Revenues, Other Financing Sources.

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCES 1,860,775

Table with 2 columns: EXPENDITURES and TOTAL EXPENDITURES. Includes items like General Government, Public Safety, Public Work Sanitation, Public Work Highway, Recreation, Community Development, Employer Benefits, Refunds & Transfers.

CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2009 1,088,795

ASSESSED VALUATION OF TOWNSHIP 94,795,500

We the Board of Auditors of Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania hereby certify this report to be the best of our knowledge, information and belief.

STEVEN LEVINE, TERRY NAUGLE, AND RICK STUBY
Mar. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF MYRTLE S. BARNEY, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Maxine B. Sestok, 2280 Summer Mountain Road, Palmerton, PA 18071

Executors, or to her attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Mar. 10, 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in the ESTATE of MARILYNN SCHANELY, deceased, late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The Register of Wills has granted Letters of Administration to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent are requested to make known, the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Stephen P. Hanchuruck, Administrator, 1 Arrowhead Lane, Branford, CT 06405 or his Attorney: Christopher M. McLean, Esq., Zator Law Offices, LLC, 4400 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104

Mar. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF ALVIN R. UNGER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Terry L. Unger, Executor, c/o Zettlemoyer Law Office, LLP, 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or to his attorneys: John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq., Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq., 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

Mar. 17, 24, 31

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF EMMAUS
SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2010 CURB AND CONCRETE CONTRACTOR

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Borough of Emmaus will receive sealed proposals for curbing and sidewalk in front of public or private property until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 5, 2010. Bids must be addressed to the Borough Manager, Borough of Emmaus, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. All bids, together with information to bidders and specifications must be enclosed in a sealed envelope endorsed "Proposal for Curbing and Sidewalk in Front of Public or Private Property". As a guarantee of good faith, each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the proposal, payable to the Borough of Emmaus. The Borough of Emmaus reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Mar. 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 4, 2010, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation, pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177) as amended, on behalf of the following corporate entity: The name of the corporation is: UNEEK SHEEK, INC.

JON A. SWARTZ, ESQUIRE
1605 North Cedar Crest Boulevard
Suite 514
Allentown, PA 18104-2351
Telephone: (610) 439-1000
Facsimile: (610) 439-1577
E-Mail: jswartz@swartllc.com
Mar. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 9, 2010, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation, pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177) as amended, on behalf of the following corporate entity: The name of the corporation is: THE VALERA AGENCY, INC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburtis Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, Pennsylvania 18011, will conduct a hearing to consider, and may enact, an ordinance entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-407 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES (RELATING TO ZONING-REGULATIONS FOR R-1 LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS) TO ESTABLISH DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS FOR TWO-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLINGS WHICH ARE PERMITTED PREEXISTING NON-CONFORMING USES, SO THAT A SINGLE LOT CONTAINING TWO OR MORE SUCH DWELLINGS MAY BE SUBDIVIDED IF, INTER ALIA, THEY SATISFY THE NEW DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS FOR TWO-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLINGS RATHER THAN THE DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS FOR "ALL OTHER USES"; AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP UNDER CHAPTER 21 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES (RELATING TO ZONING) TO PLACE IN THE C-1 COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY IN THE L-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE RESEARCH ZONING DISTRICT: (1) ALL OF 45 WEST PENN AVENUE, AND (2) ALL PROPERTY IN THE TRIANGULAR AREA BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE CENTER LINE OF WEST PENN AVENUE, ON THE SOUTH BY THE CENTER LINE OF WEST FRONT STREET, AND ON THE EAST BY THE CURRENT BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE L-1 ZONING DISTRICT AND THE C-1 ZONING DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 21-2002 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES (RELATING TO ZONING-FEES, CHARGES, AND EXPENSES) TO ESTABLISH A FEE OF \$40.00 FOR ZONING PERMITS.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburtis Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours. The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Executive Secretary at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability. David G. Knerr, Esquire, Solicitor

Mar. 10, 17

Sealed proposals will be received by the Lynn Township-2nd Class of Lehigh County at 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066 until 12:00 p.m., on March 29, 2010 for the following:

Table with 4 columns: Item Number, Quantity, Unit, Description. Lists items like #67 Stone, #57 Stone, #2A Stone, #8 Stone, #1 Stone, Type 2 Anti-Skid, 9.5 mm Super Pave Asphalt Mixture, 19 mm Super Pave Asphalt Mixture, Wearing Course, 25mm Super Pave Asphalt Mixture, Base Course, Cold Patch 484 State Approved, UPM Permanent Cold Patch or equal, B-1 Sand, Diesel Fuel, Double Yellow Traffic Lines.

Call Tammy White @ 610-298-2645 to obtain bid package. Proposals must be upon the forms furnished by the Municipality. The bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the bid, made payable to the municipality. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Tammy M. White, Secretary/Treasurer, March 10, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE
AUDITORS REPORT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Catasauqua Area School District from the auditors for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2009, was filed on March 10, 2010, in the offices of the Prothonotary at, Lehigh County Courthouse, Clerk of Judicial Court, Civil Department, 455 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA, 18101-1614 and the office of the Prothonotary, Northampton County Courthouse, Criminal Department, 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA, 18042 and will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof. The report is available for public inspection at the business office of the School District during normal business hours. Mar. 17, 24, 31

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Lowhill, Lehigh County at 7000 Herber Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 on Thursday, April 1, 2010 until 7:30 p.m. for the following:

100 Tons #3, 1700 Ton #8 stone 1.0% loss by wash, 1500 Ton #57 stone 1.0% loss by wash, 100 Ton #4 stone, 1500 Ton 2A Aggregate, 500 Ton 2RC, 800 Ton Type 2 Anti Skid, 400 Ton Superpave Asphalt mixture design 9.5MM, PG64-22, wearing course, 0.0 to 0.3 Million ESAL'S, SRL L, 1 1/2" depth, 300 Ton Superpave Asphalt mixture design 19.0MM, PG64-22, binder course, 0.0 to 0.3 Million ESAL'S, 1 1/2" depth, 40 Ton 484 Cold Patch. All prices are to be F.O.B. from quarry, hauling costs will be considered in the awarding of the bids. All Asphalt Materials must be in accordance with PENNDOT specifications. 7500 Gallons Diesel Fuel (Winter Blend), 900 Gallons 89 Octane unleaded Gasoline delivered as needed "PUB 408/2000-Revision 9 shall apply".

Forms for responsible bidders may be obtained by calling 610-395-0744 or 610-298-2607. All amounts are more or less. Proposals must be upon the forms furnished by the Municipality. The bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the bid, made payable to the municipality. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Lowhill Township, 2nd Class, Lucille C. Hahn, Sec. Mar. 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby provided pursuant to Sections 609(b)(1) and 610(a) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended, that Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua (hereinafter, "Council") will hold a public hearing on April 5, 2010, commencing at 7:00 P.M. at the Borough Hall located at 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of taking public comment and input concerning the adoption of the following proposed Ordinance amending the Borough of Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance, codified at Chapter 280 of the Catasauqua Code (hereinafter, "Zoning Ordinance") as more particularly hereinafter summarized.

Council intends to consider passage of the proposed Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance at a public meeting to be held on April 5, 2010, commencing immediately upon conclusion of the above-referenced public hearing. Said public meeting shall take place at the Borough Hall located at 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania.

The following constitutes a summary of the contents of the proposed Ordinance prepared pursuant to Section 610(a) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended:

The title of the proposed Ordinance is: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO EXPAND THE DC ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING ATTACHMENT #2 'TABLE OF PERMITTED USES BY DISTRICT PRIMARILY NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS' TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN USES IN THE DC ZONING DISTRICT."

Section 1 of the proposed Ordinance is a Statement of Legislative Findings which, among other things, recognizes the need to promote and allow smart growth policies within the Borough by allowing innovation and mixed forms of development by reclassifying the zoning district for certain property to more accurately reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

Section 2 of the proposed Ordinance amends the Borough's Official Zoning Map (hereinafter, "Map") to change the zoning classification of certain properties in the Borough from the TC Town Center Zoning District to the DC Downtown Commercial Zoning District. A copy of the proposed Map amendment is attached to the Proposed Ordinance as Exhibit "A".

Section 3 of the proposed Ordinance sets forth amendments to Section 280-25.A. of the Zoning Ordinance to specify those uses permitted and not permitted in the DC Zoning District.

Section 4 of the proposed Ordinance establishes the effective date as immediately after enactment by Council and Mayoral approval. Section 5 repeals all other ordinances in conflict to the extent of any such conflict, except that the Waterfront Overlay District shall remain, and Section 6 is a savings clause which preserves the balance of the proposed Ordinance if a part thereof is deemed invalid.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance and Map amendment may be examined and or obtained at the Borough Hall located at 118 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. In addition, and in accordance with Section 610 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended, attested copies of the proposed Ordinance have been filed in the Lehigh County Department of Law (Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, PA) and The Catasauqua Press newspaper.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA
BRIAN K. MCKITTRICK, PRESIDENT
Mar. 17, 24

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in. Includes words like ITEMS, ANNALS, PAHS, SARAH, HUBCAP, ISAK, TERRIFIC, HEADACHE, ATRY, LEMONTEA, INGE, LINED, WONDERFUL, WORLD, GINSU, SAR, OBOES, ROSEY, TOSS, COO, AINT, FABULOUS, THUNDERBIRDS, ANOLD, LAMBERT, ASS, MALE, BEE, MEEA, HMM, ISA, EXTRAORDINARY, MEASURES, DES, TSE, MAR, ONS, MAIT, EON, TAPIOCCA, SANTO, MAGNIFICENT, OBSESSION, BEMY, AOK, SECS, INNS, UNAPT, RKO, MENDS, RICA, FANTASTIC, MR, FOX, JOHN, CDIII, HOUR, ISOLATED, CHIA, SPLENDID, SPLINTER, PENN, SEERED, OTOES, EISE, AMES, YEASTY, ESTOP, NEW

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Deadlines adjusted for Holiday Weeks

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of airports from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 AIRPORT ROAD, BATH, PA 18014, who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien. Space Number: 209 PAMELA HOVDEN Mar. 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING HEARING BOARD AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeals: APPEAL 10377 - JOSEPH & CHRISTINE DE-VINE, 5391 ANDREA DR., ALLENTOWN, PA 18106 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 E. HARRISON ST., EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicants are proposing to construct and operate a Child Day Care Center from the property located at 10 E. Harrison St., Emmaus, PA 18049. Applicants are requesting a variance to Z.O. Section 306(2) an interpretation of or variance to Z.O. Section 516 relating to flood plain area. Site is located in a R-L zoning district. James L. Farnsworth, Zoning Officer Mar. 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

The North Whitehall Township Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to review and make recommendations on the items listed below.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA.

1. Community Fire Co #1 of NWT Request for Rezoning, NWT-10-008, Parcel ID 5468 3977 4252, 2.55 acre, currently zoned AR, parcel along Old Packhouse Road.

2. Community Fire Co #1 of NWT - Final - Lot Line Adjustment, NWT-10-009, 3 Lots, Parcel ID's 546839774252, 546839774252, 546838342969, south of Ritter Court, west of Route 309 and north of Old Packhouse Rd. 90-Day Deadline starts 1/26/10, 90-Day Deadline 4/25/10.

3. Prioritized list of Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Guide/Model regulations for Smart Growth.

Any other items that may be discussed at the discretion of the Planning Commission. Mar. 17

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Horan's time isn't up yet

As I drove home from Hershey on a rain-soaked highway last Saturday night, my iPod shuffled to a trio of opera-type songs from Muse's new album 'The Resistance.' The classical style of opera, mixed with modern rock fusion seemed to be a fitting melody to another concluded weekend from the PIAA wrestling championships.



PRESS PASS
by Peter Car

The symmetry of music made me reflect at the moment and realize how quickly hours and days go by.

My Saturday started at 6:30 a.m. and didn't conclude until I plopped myself down on my favorite pillows at 1 a.m. Sunday morning. For as long as the day seemed, it ended so quickly, just like the three-day event at the Giant Center.

The same rationale also stems to wrestlers at Hershey, who seem to be seniors only when they're juniors, thanks to their continuing recurrences in the state's grand stage.

Time may go by quickly for the coaches and workers of the event, but wrestlers have an expiration date on their athletic convoys.

That's why when you hear underclassmen talk about how the experience from Hershey can prep them for next season, you tend to get cliché answers.

Try asking Nazareth's Zach Horan that same question.

The Blue Eagle junior lost his third-straight championship match in Hershey, falling to Mitchell Port of Bellefonte 6-3 in the 125-pound finals. As tears soaked up from the eye's of senior Anthony Marino after he lost in the 119-pound finals for Liberty, you felt a bit more sorrow for Horan.

I've never been a fan of showing those emotions in the public spotlight, but after witnessing Horan lose another final, I understand where these kids are coming from.

At these fragile ages of their life, wrestling, for many, is what they predominantly live for.

Their notoriety and public perception can be based off one's heroics or failures, which is certainly unfair.

That's why when Horan walked off the mat following another silver-medal finish at the state tournament, the emotions of another failure at gold were too overwhelming.

The tears couldn't come out faster - as the long walk from the mat to the Giant Center tunnel isn't a pleasant one when thousands of spectators are piercing you with their eyes and judgment.

Horan sat in the back for a long time. He was by himself at times. He had moments with his coaches and possibly concluded the mourning when his father nestled next to him in a cramped corner of a

See **Horan** on Page A15

STATE WRESTLING



Kyle Dehaut lost to Cody Wiercioch of Charleroi 8-3 at 152.



Randy Cruz fell in the finals to David White of Athens 5-3 at 112.

Unhappy Endings

Dehaut and Cruz both fall in 2A state finals

By **JOE PLASKO**
jplasko@ttonline.com

HERSHEY - Randy Cruz and Kyle Dehaut shared a golden dream as they entered this year's PIAA State Wrestling Championships.

Reality almost matched their dreams, as the Bethlehem Catholic duo reached their respective Class 2A finals before settling for silver last weekend at the Giant Center.

Both made strong runs at becoming state champions, coming close to joining the Golden Hawks' elite list of 12 PIAA titlists, the last being Ziad Haddad in 2008.

Cruz, a sophomore who finished the year at 37-6, cruised through the 112-pound bracket, pinning Charleroi sophomore Aaron Toth in 1:23, then knocking off Towanda junior Cody Wheeler 7-2 and Benton freshman Colt Cotten 9-2 to advance to the finals.

Waiting for Cruz in the title tilt was Athens senior David White, a fifth-place state medalist from last year.

The first period was scoreless, with White fighting off an early Cruz shot, then Cruz shrugging

off two takedown attempts by White.

White began the second period on the bottom, but Cruz worked an arm bar to crank White to his back for a two-point near-fall and a 2-0 lead.

Cruz escaped to open the third period for a 3-0 lead and continued to press the action, shooting in on White.

With time running out, however, White countered a Cruz shot and took Cruz to his back for a takedown and three back points. The five-point move bailed out White and dealt Cruz a heartbreaking 5-3 defeat.

"I'm definitely disappointed in this loss, especially since I was winning with 19 seconds left in the match," said Cruz afterward. "I know it will motivate me for the next two years."

"I'm mad that I did all the work and he scored points off it," he added. "Even though I lost, I was glad that it was this way. I did everything I do to win, and I wrestled the way I usually do and went down swinging, instead of changing my style."

Bethlehem Catholic Coach Jeff Karam agreed that Cruz stayed true to See **2A** on Page A15

2009-10 PIAA Wrestling Finals Results

CLASS AAA Team Scoring	CLASS AA Team Scoring
1. Central Mountain 89, 2. Blue Mountain 78, 3. Central Dauphin 74, 4. Council Rock South 51, 5. (tie) Cumberland Valley 45, LaSalle 45, 7. Canon-McMillan 43, 8. (tie) Bethlehem Liberty 41.5, Nazareth 41.5, 10. Derry 37.5.	1. Benton 93, 2. (tie) Shady Side Academy 64, Schuylkill Valley 64, 4. Reynolds 53.5, 5. Ridgway 47.5, 6. Athens 47, 7. Montoursville 44.5, 8. Burrell 43, 9. Westmont-Hilltop 42, 10. Juniata 41.
Championship matches	Championship matches
103 — Connor Schram, Canon-McMillan dec. Austin Miller, Hempfield (Dist. 3), 2-1 UTB.	103 — Zain Retherford, Line Mountain dec. Brad Farley, Bermudian Springs, 6-2.
112 — Jimmy Gulibon, Derry Area dec. Corey Keener, Blue Mountain, 12-5.	112 — David White, Athens dec. Randy Cruz, Bethlehem Catholic, 5-3.
119 — Nico Megaludis, Franklin Regional dec. Anthony Marino, Liberty, 8-4.	119 — Mason Beckman, Reynolds dec. Michael Rhone, Benton, 2-0.
125 — Mitchell Port, Bellefonte dec. Zach Horan, Nazareth, 6-3.	125 — Tyler Small, Delone Catholic dec. Coltin Fought, Benton, 10-4.
130 — Steve Spearman, Erie McDowell dec. Tyler Buckman, Central Dauphin, 7-6.	130 — Joe Spisak, Bolling Springs dec. Frank Martellotti, Shady Side Academy, 4-3.
135 — Josh Dziwka, Council Rock South dec. Shawn Greevy, Cumberland Valley, 1-28.	135 — A.J. Schopp, Tyrone dec. Luke Frey, Montoursville, 4-2.
140 — Josh Kindig, Blue Mountain dec. Lorenzo Thomas, Central Catholic, 8-3.	140 — Colin Shober, Schuylkill Valley dec. Seth Beltz, Juniata, 11-4.
145 — Andrew Alton, Central Mountain dec. Aaron McKinney, West Allegheny, 23-8, 5:46.	145 — Nick Carr, South Fayette dec. Jordan Moss, Sharon, 6-3.
152 — Dylan Alton, Central Mountain dec. Shane Springer, LaSalle, 11-4.	152 — Cody Wiercioch, Charleroi dec. Kyle Dehaut, Bethlehem Catholic, 8-3.
160 — Marshall Poppelman, Central Dauphin pinned Troy Reaghard, West Allegheny, 3:02.	160 — Eric Hess, Benton dec. Dirk Cowburn, Coudersport, 1-0.
171 — Kenny Courts, Central Dauphin dec. Tristan Warner, Cumberland Valley, 6-4.	171 — Matthew Cunningham, Shady Side Academy dec. Nathaniel Brown, Lewisburg, 2-1.
189 — Jamie Callender, Council Rock North dec. Andre Petroski, Springfield, 7-5 OT.	189 — Stephan Ceremuga, Commodore Perry dec. Travis Chesla, Towanda, 5-4.
215 — Spencer Myers, Selingsgrove dec. Zachary Nye, East Pennsboro, 5-3.	215 — Eric Layton, Lackawanna Trail pinned Matt Mongera, Seneca, 3-16.
285 — Evan Craig, Abington Heights pinned Zach Corl, Central Mountain, 2:45.	285 — John Rizzo, Richland dec. Joe Chittester, Ridgway, 3-2.

'Canes get 3 medals

Marino loses in 119 finals

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HERSHEY - Anthony Marino said he wasn't scared of anyone at the PIAA 3A wrestling tournament last weekend at Hershey's Giant Center.

Marino proved that in heart, but fell short in terms of the score. The Liberty senior was one of three Hurricanes to leave Hershey with a medal, but he also left the most disappointed.

Marino lost in the 119-pound finals to defending state champion Nico Megaludis of Franklin Regional 8-4 Saturday night to end his wrestling career as a Hurricane.

Even though a state championship loss became the final result of the 2009-2010 wrestling season for Liberty, Marino knew the possible consequences when he dropped from his original 125-pound category before the individual postseason took place.

"I knew he was down there when I dropped weight," said Marino. "I

knew I had to wrestle the best guy out there and I think I did that, but I wasn't going to run from anybody."

The Bloomsburg-bound Marino knew the task would be tough against Megaludis, who won the 112-pound state title last year, and whose only career loss came in the state semifinals as a freshman.

However, Marino let it all hang out in finals, scoring a reversal on the seemingly invincible grappler from District 7 in the second period to take a 3-2 lead.

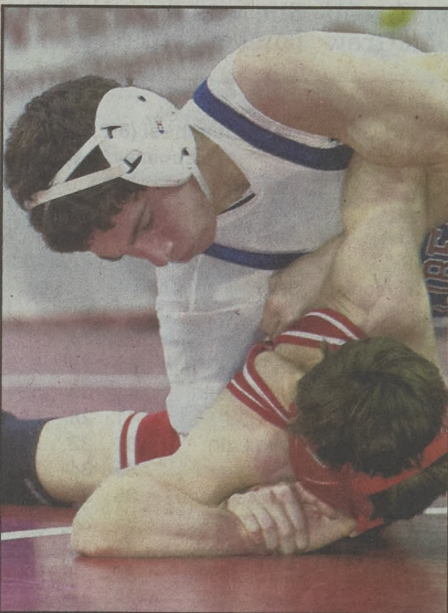
Unfortunately, Megaludis (36-0) scored an escape before the second ended to draw it even at 3-3. He then scored two takedowns in the final period to capitalize his second straight undefeated season.

"He ran into the only kid who can beat him and I'm very proud of the run he made," said head coach Jody Karam. "He just ran into a very talented oppo-

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Anthony Marino made it to the finals but fell in the 119 finals.



Anthony Cabrera ended his season with a fifth-place finish at states.



Devon Lotito had a strange ending to his wrestling season.

STATE BASKETBALL

LHS edges Penncrest



PRESS PHOTOS ROB MERCHANT

Dante Holmes puts up a shot during Saturday's game against Penncrest. The 'Canes play again on Wednesday.

By JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

In the past two weeks, Liberty's boys basketball team has experienced its share of unusual heroics and circumstances in its quest to advance and stay alive in the PIAA tournament.

A week ago, Liberty received a needed lift from Brandon Holland - normally not a major offensive contributor to their offense - to take the District 11 Class 4A title from Whitehall in a 55-37 blowout and advance to the first round of the state playoffs.

This past Saturday afternoon, they once again needed some heroics to fend off some unusual circumstances in the final seconds of a 47-46 victory over Penncrest before a sellout crowd at Freedom High School.

With the win, the Hurri-

canes (23-5) moved into the second round of state play and will face District 3 fourth-seed, York (24-6), at Reading's Geigel Complex tonight.

In the game's final minute, Liberty's Darrun Hilliard gave the Hurricanes a 47-44 lead on a layup in a contest that was tightly played between both teams. Penncrest (24-6), District 1's seventh-seeded team, answered back when Andrew Radomicki sank two free throws with five seconds to play that brought the score to 47-46.

With 1.9 seconds left in the game, Liberty's Darrun Hilliard failed to convert the front end of a 1-and-1, and Penncrest's Rodney Duncan grabbed the rebound. Duncan heaved a desperation three-pointer and appeared to be fouled by Liberty's Dante Holmes in the process.

But, a foul wasn't whis-

led, and Liberty's post-season possibilities remained intact.

Against Penncrest, though, it certainly wasn't easy. Penncrest moved out to a 17-8 lead behind their guard-lead dribble-drive offense after the first quarter, but Liberty responded behind Hilliard (game-high 19 points) and trailed 21-20 at halftime.

Behind Hilliard, Holland, and Jarrod West, Liberty took a 38-35 lead into the fourth quarter, and the Hurricanes had enough gumption in the final minutes to pull out the victory. Hilliard had six of his 19 points in the final stanza.

As a result, Liberty has a return date with York, who bounced them from the tournament last season. The Hurricanes will be looking to advance into the third round of the tournament, an area that has been an abyss for them. Over the past four years,



Brandon Holland was the hero vs. Whitehall.

the Hurricanes have failed to muster enough strength to advance themselves.

"We all want to play York," said West. "They beat us last year, but they lost their two big men. We're probably bigger than they are, but we know we have to work."

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Moncman bows out as Liberty football coach

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Liberty's Tim Moncman announced his resignation last week as head football coach of a program he's guided for the past decade.

The most visible leader of the Hurricanes football program has finally left the program after months of speculation regarding his pending future.

Moncman completed one of the best revivals of any recent sports program in District 11, and perhaps the state.

His total win mark combined for an 88-36 record, as well as winning three District 11 titles and Liberty's famed state championship in 2008, where they defeated Bethel Park in overtime 28-21.

The Hurricanes reached the state finals in 2005 and 2006 as well to encompass a six-year span, dating from 2004-2008, where the team went 62-9.

Moncman did not return phone calls regarding his resignation, but his email sent out to various media outlets indicated that he was resigning his duties as head coach due to family reasons, primarily regarding his 4-year-old son A.J.



Tim Moncman leaves a Liberty program that has had a lot of success, especially over the last seven seasons.

A.J., who is blind and suffers from a degenerative eye disease, Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, will be entering kindergarten next year making him a top priority in Moncman's life.

Back in December, Moncman made public remarks about his unhappiness with the Bethlehem Area School District's support of the program and lack of money the district was willing to infuse into the football program.

Moncman also applied for the then vacant head coaching position at Palisades. That job has been

filled by former Wilson coach Jim Brady.

"I know Tim was frustrated with some things, but I really didn't know where his head was before resigning," said Liberty athletic director Sam Seneca about whether he saw this imminent move. "He helped change the morale of the whole school. When you have a run like he did for those six or seven years, it really gets the whole community involved."

"He was the backbone of it and did a fantastic job."

There will certainly be plenty of interest for taking over the Liberty position and Seneca has already received several phone calls regarding the job.

The school district will post the position soon and Seneca and company will take a few weeks to determine viable candidates.

He did not say whether Liberty would lean toward an in-house candidate or an external force, but pronounced that he would keep all options open.

"We'll do what's best for the school and football team," Seneca said.

College: Hill finishes season

Youngstown State freshman diver Casey Hill was selected as the Horizon League Women's Diver of the Week for the period of Nov. 16-22.

Hill earned the accolade for the first time in her young career by notching two first-place finishes at the Radford Invitational where the Penguins finished third among seven teams. The Bethlehem native registered the school's fifth all-time best performance off the one-meter board with a score of 250.90. She also posted a score of 233.18 from

the three-meter board, extending her event-win streak to eight this season.

The last YSU diver to earn weekly honors by the conference was Kelly Reese in November 2006.

At the 2010 Horizon League Championships at the Flames Natatorium in Chicago, Hill finished fourth in the one-meter diving competition.

Hill was fourth among 16 competitors in the one-meter finishing with a score of 263.65. Green Bay's Lauren McGrew

won the event with a score of 283.80. She was the highest placer among the five freshmen at the meet.

Hill ended the meet strong placing fourth in the three-meter dive on Saturday.

In the team competition, YSU placed sixth with a score of 259.5. Green Bay won with an impressive score of 804, outdistancing Milwaukee by 89 points.

Hill finished fourth in the three-meter dive with a score of 252.85 points. She was less than one point out of first place.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help girls team won the CYO title.

OLPH takes CYO girls title

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help's girls basketball team clinched the CYO District 1 championship on Sunday with a 29-27 victory over Notre Dame.

"I told the girls to have fun, go out and play, no pressure," said Our Lady coach, Mark Fabey.

Notre Dame had defeated the Cougars twice during the regular season.

"They were the heavy favorite," Fabey said. "We practiced for this, for three weeks, actually. We worked hard. We made plays designed to play

against them."

Notre Dame began to chip away at Our Lady's lead with three minutes to go in the fourth quarter, pulling within four points, then three, and then two with 15 seconds to play before time ran out.

Receiving gold medals and a first place trophy for the Cougars were Felicia Rodriguez, Alyssa DiSante (4 points), Samantha Cabone (4 points), Nicole Lacherza (13 points), Gabriella Altmire (8 points), Lexi Fabey, Dana Williams, Brianna Abbott, and Christina DiStefano.

Coach Fabey was assisted by George Lacherza and Mike Cabone.



St. Anne's captured the CYO boys title.

St. Anne's wins CYO boys

By KATIE MCDONALD
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St. Anne's boys basketball team clinched the CYO Division 1 championship with a 57-43 victory over Holy Family on Sunday, Feb. 28, at Bethlehem Catholic High School.

The ten-man, all eighth grade team finished the regular season undefeated with a record of 14-0.

St. Anne's took an early lead against Holy Family and were ahead by 23 points at halftime. St. Anne's biggest challenge came in the semifinal round of district playoffs the day before, winning a narrow victory over St. Jane's, 46-42.

"St. Jane's came to play. They played very hard. They were ahead most of

the game. At one point, we were down by eight," said St. Anne's coach, Ron Donchez.

The final four minutes proved to be the turning point for St. Anne's.

"The boys focused in on what it takes to win, and we made the plays we needed to," Donchez said.

Receiving gold medals and a first place trophy for St. Anne's were John Donchez (2 points), Ed Hudak (16 points), Colin Dugan (6 points), Derek Hontz, Nicholas Karabin (12 points), David Donchez (7 points), Danny Miller (2 points), Rich Taglang (2 points), Matt Simko, and Preston Rusin (8 points).

Coach Donchez was assisted by Ed Hudak and Logan Bender.

SUBURBAN DART LEAGUE

Salem Luth (6-4) at St. Stephens (4-3 10in, 8-5)
SS — Don Smith 7-12, Travis Beahm 7-14, Evan Talabar 5-13 HR, Ryan Hoysan HR.
SL — Bill Hoch Jr. 7-15, Tim Eichman 6-13, Bryan Frankenfield 5-14.

St. Pauls (4-0, 9-3, 7-1) at Bath Luth.
SP — Dave Clark 9-13, Rich Kern 7-13, Vince Ventruero 5-11 HR, Zach Kern HR.
BL — Wendy Yacone 4-12.

Dryland (4-2, 6-4) at Christ UCC (3-1)
D — Rich Dern 5-12, Jim

Goldman 3-6, Lou Deryarics HR.
C — Mark Fujita and Gary Hunsicker 7-13.

Salem UCC (6-3) at Messiah (6-0, 5-4)
M — Mark Wargo 9-15, Jeff Hasonich 7-12, Rick Hasonich 6-14, Norm Schoenberger 5-12, Todd Jones 5-14.
S — Bruce Roth 6-13, George Gaugler 5-12, Sherry Bush 5-13, Phil Roth 4-12 HR, Fred Toncik HR, Rodney Remaley HR.

Farmersville (2-0) at Nazareth UCC (4-3, 3-1)
N — Judy Hoffert 5-12, Joe Smith 4-11, Harold Wombold 4-12.
F — Robert Campbell 6-12, Dave Campbell 5-10, Keith Campbell 5-13.

Emmanuel (8-2, 5-4) at Ebenezer (3-1)
Em — Keith Vassa 5-10 HR, Jon Rice 5-12, Zack Hill 5-13, Jim Hill 5-14 HR.
Eb — Carrol Voortman 4-9, Seth Miller HR.

Standings		
St. Pauls	43	26 .623
Salem Luth	41	28 .594
Dryland	41	28 .594
Bath Luth	37	32 .536
Ebenezer	35	34 .507
St. Stephens	35	34 .507
Messiah	35	34 .507
Emmanuel	31	35 .470
Farmersville	31	38 .449
Naz. UCC	28	41 .406
Salem UCC	28	41 .406
Christ UCC	26	40 .394

Burcin looking forward to swimming at states

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For anyone swimming in the District 11 championships ten days ago, nerves came with the territory.

For Liberty breaststroker, Eric Burcin, the sophomore swimmer told himself to let it go, swim, don't think, and go fast.

"My coach [Reik Foust] taught me not to worry about

anyone else, and to just swim my own race. I knew my competitors were really good. I knew what they were going to do, and I knew what I had to do," Burcin said.

On March 6, Burcin placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.1. On March 7, Burcin learned that he had qualified for the PIAA State Swimming Championships, which are taking place this

week at Bucknell University.

"I was a little discouraged with my time, but I dropped two seconds. I was a little down on myself, but when I found out on Sunday that I made states, all the stress was lifted off my shoulders," said Burcin. "At first, I was in disbelief. Then, I told my family. They've been such big supporters of my swimming. They haven't missed a meet."

Burcin is one of two Hurricane swimmers who will represent Liberty and District 11 at the state meet. The other is senior, Patricia Leeson.

"I'm really looking forward to this. I wanted to go a little faster than I did [at districts], and I will [at states]. People have been telling me, whatever happens, happens. Don't think. Swim your own race. You made it. It's all you. Your

team helped. Personally, that's what's driving me, and nothing can go wrong," Burcin said.

Burcin and Leeson will be accompanied by Coach Foust and assistant coaches Jeff Matyus and Michele Montoro.

"For districts, we tapered. Now we have to re-taper. It's hard on the body. It's tough, but it's what I do, and I like doing it," said Burcin. "I'm in for a ride now."

Saucon's Oatis sets a record

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Saucon Valley swimmer Zach Oatis set the district record in the 200 freestyle last year, and decided he wanted to do it again.

"It's always pressure. It's never easy. I was just thinking about swimming it the way I wanted to — crisp turns and staying long and strong in the water," Oatis said.

That's just what the Saucon Valley junior did at the District 11 Class 2A championships ten days ago, breaking his own record with a time of 1:46.66.

"It was a good start, but it was a little slower than I wanted. I knew I was ahead, but not how far," Oatis said. "When I looked up at the scoreboard, I saw the clocks on the other lanes still ticking. That was an awesome feeling. [Teammate] Adam Peterson said, good job dude, and my coach [Ed Kolosky] was pretty thrilled."

The following day, Oatis broke another district record; this time, in the 500 freestyle, with a time of 4:49.17.

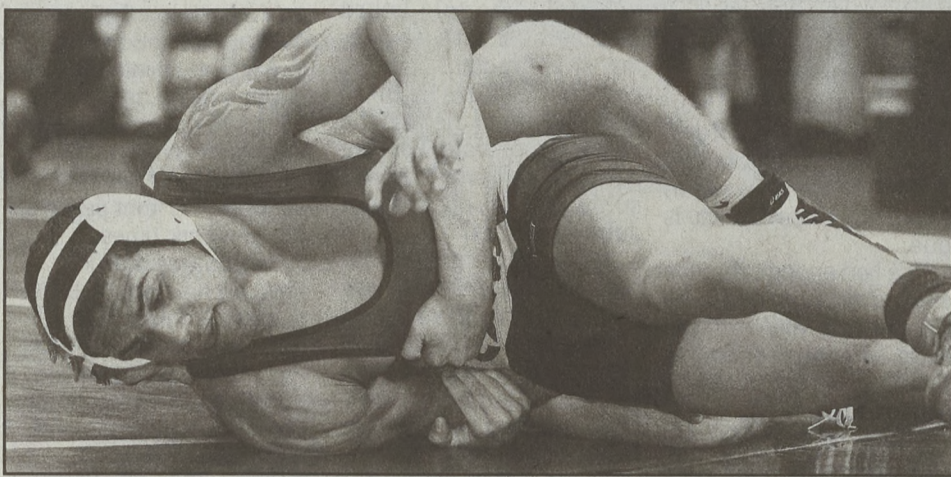
"It was definitely in my mind. I just focused on pacing it. I knew it would be a race with [Salisbury's] Keegan Collins. We knew whoever would win would take the record," said Oatis.

Collins was the defending district champion in the 500.

"Keegan took it out faster. I was at his hip. Off one of the turns, I saw myself creeping up on him. He was leading throughout, until the 250 mark. That's when I thought, this is it. I'm making my move," Oatis said. "I saw my coach with his hands above his head, cheering. It was an awesome feeling."

Oatis will compete in the PIAA State Swimming Championships at Bucknell University this week.

"It validates all the work we do. When you think about it, we train for so many hours, but our races only last a couple of minutes," said Oatis. "I have to thank my parents [Cynthia and David], especially my mom, for driving me to practice and cooking extra big meals for me in the morning. I couldn't have done this without them."



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Liberty senior Chris Pintado went 1-2 at states.

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ment and he's just very good. That's what it comes down to. You don't lose one bout in three years by just being good. It's a tough way to finish, but Anthony gave everything he had."

Marino finishes his season at 32-8 and concludes his career at Liberty as the all-time win leader at 128-22.

"He was the better wrestler tonight," said Marino regarding Megaludis. "It's disappointing to not get the gold, but I know it'll make me a better college wrestler."

Despite the silver finish to the weekend, Liberty had one of their best team performances of the decade, as junior Anthony Cabrera (103) finished in fifth place, while sopho-

more Devon Lotito (112) grabbed seventh place.

Senior Chris Pintado (189) also competed, but was eliminated on the second day of competition.

Cabrera, who reached the semifinals but lost to Hempfield's Austin Miller by a 3-1 margin, was upset about not taking a top four finish, but pleased about getting his first state medal.

"I came up a little short, but it ended good by getting a medal," said Cabrera, who knocked off Easton's Evan DiSora 3-0 in the fifth place medal round. "I'm happy I placed, but I know there's still more work for me to do. I'm just going to work harder this off-season to try and do better next season."

Lotito won his seventh place medal consolation by disqualification after Kevin Flack of William Tenant bit him on the arm to serve him a flagrant

misconduct and subsequent disqualification 2:47 into the bout.

It may have been a strange way to end things for the sophomore, but he was happy to just come away with some hardware.

"I'm really happy to leave with a medal," Lotito said. "It feels great to come out here and do well, especially to be out here with my teammates and seeing them place too."

"I know coach is proud of us and I'm happy with how we did as a team too." Liberty finished in eighth place as a team tied with Nazareth at 41.5 points.

Blue Mountain was the highest team to finish from District 11, coming away with 78 points for a second-place finish to team champion Central Mountain, who grabbed the top spot with 89 points.

2A

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his aggressive style. "The only thing you can tell him is not to shoot, but how can you tell him not to shoot," asked Karam. "That kid's (White's) best move is when you shoot on him."

"Randy's a great kid, and placing second in the state is not too shabby. I'm sure he'll be better than that in the future."

Dehaut, a junior 152 pounder who completed his season at 37-7, admitted that not many expected him to make it all the way to the state final, but he believed he could make a run. That belief paid off.

At states, Dehaut defeated Bedford junior Brian Gibbons 5-3, then flattened Carlynton junior Montana Trombetta in 3:11 before edging Burrell junior Travis McKillop 7-6 in the semifinals.

In the final, Dehaut battled Charleroi freshman Cody Wiercioch and jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a second period reversal. Wiercioch escaped to cut it to 2-1, then caught Dehaut by taking him down into a cradle, rocking Dehaut on his back for three nearfall points.

The five-point move allowed Wiercioch to surge in front and take command at 6-2.

Wiercioch started the third period on the bottom and scored a reversal when Dehaut tried to hit a momentum-turning Concrete Special headlock. Dehaut did escape, but Wiercioch walked away with the 8-3 decision.

"I thought I wrestled well before he caught me in that cradle," said Dehaut. "It was just one move. I got caught underneath. I thought I could scoot out, but he locked it up and I couldn't get out."

"I felt I was stronger than him. He's definitely a smart, talented wrestler, but he's not overpowering."

Like Cruz, Dehaut will use the experience as motivation, hoping he can reverse the outcome next year.

"I wasn't expected to make it this far, but I know what I can do," Dehaut stated. "Before I graduate, I want to be a state champion. This is just a minor setback. I'm not going to ease off the gas now."

Karam felt Cruz and Dehaut represented them-

selves well.

"They were the only District 11 kids in the (2A) finals," Karam mentioned.

Lewis tops in hurdles

The indoor track and field championship meet took place at Penn State on March 6.

Liberty's Stephen Lewis took the top spot in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 7.98. He was .12 behind the record set by Mike Wray of Central High School in Philadelphia in 2004.

Lewis also was in the high jump where he finished 12th with a jump clearing 6-2. The winning jump belonged to Marcus Blakely of Coatesville at 6-8.

As a result, Lewis made the all-state indoor team for both the high jump and the 60 hurdles.

Becahi's Jon Merwine took part in the 800 meter run and finished 21st in the finals with a time of 1:59.67. Luke Lefebure of West Chester was first in 1:53.94.

Alyssa Cardillo participated in the girls long jump and ended up in 21st with a distance of 15-5.5. Cheltenham's Brittney Howell won the event with a jump of 18-6.5.

Horan

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hallway late into the finals.

On a night where many dreams came true, Horan's nightmare recurred like an episode on Elm Street.

Silver medals can often be the worst prize in sports and Horan could attest to that. But when you sit back and think about how quickly time can pass us, one can only hope that Horan will walk away from his experiences at Hershey with a head held high. Losing three con-

secutive state finals is a position that nobody would want to endure, but it's one that truly unique competitors find themselves in.

At the end of the day, high school wrestlers are kids, not hardened gladiators. Their fragile psyches become apparent more often than not.

And as much as I've never enjoyed opera or crying, I understood both Saturday night.

Both can be soothing remedies for strenuous times and bring a sense of calm to one's inner-self.

Hopefully, Zach Horan feels that before his time is up.

LHS

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"We know York will be a big challenge for us," added Liberty head coach Chad Landis. "We're happy for the win to be able to move on. We could have done some things differently,

but someone has managed to pull us through the past few weeks.

"This was a tough battle with Penncrest, and all of those District One schools are tough. But these kids have picked each other up in the past few weeks, and they all have to keep working."

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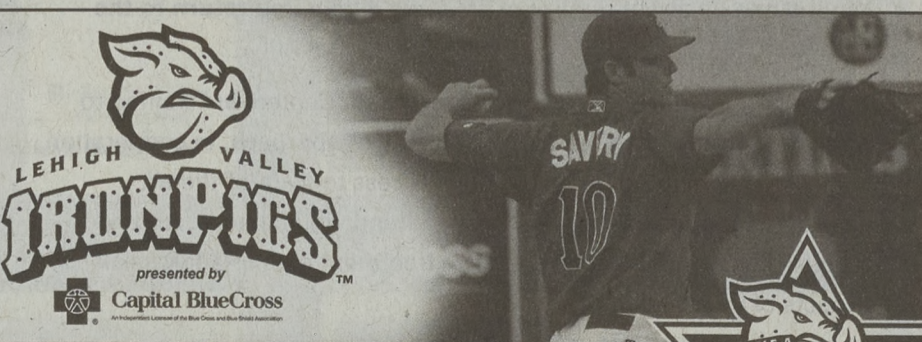
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Board opts not to hire coach March 17 to 23

Dallett Hemphill Wilson

By JOSH POPICHAK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

SAUCON VALLEY SD

Saucon Valley School Board's February decision not to hire John Seneca as the coach of the Panther girls softball team withstood a well-organized mass protest by players, coaching staff, district residents, and even Seneca family members, all of whom showed their support for their embattled friend and role model at a school board meeting held March 9.

Calling their decision not to hire Seneca "a personnel issue," board members and district Supt. Sandra Fellin reconvened in a last-minute executive session to discuss comments and criticism lodged against the board during what devolved into an hours-long public forum on the matter.

The impromptu forum followed an announcement by Fellin that the position of head coach would be reopened and posted for five days.

After the posting expires, Saucon Valley High School Principal Eric Kahler and district Athletic Director Robert Frey will conduct interviews with prospective candidates.

A new head coach should be in place in approximately two weeks' time, Fellin said.

Her announcement, which appeared to have

been expected, only stoked discontent among those who'd come to the meeting to voice support for Seneca, a coach with a longstanding relationship with Saucon Valley's softball program.

That relationship was called into question at the school board's Feb. 23 meeting, when board member Lanita Lum withdrew her support for Seneca — the administration's recommendation to be head coach — citing the fact that he would be coaching his own daughter.

There is presently no district policy barring parents from being appointed to paid coaching positions, even if they will be coaching their own children.

On Feb. 23 it was ultimately a split board which voted not to follow the administration's recommendation that Seneca be hired; however, the board approved hiring an interim head coach and the appointment of volunteer staff, in order to allow the softball season to begin on schedule.

At the March 9 meeting, a number of those in attendance, including several softball players, criticized board members for waiting until just before the start of the season to remove Seneca from consideration for the job.

"I just don't understand

this. I mean, you're all professionals (and) this isn't really well thought out," said Tim Murphy, who was appointed interim head coach for the girls' softball team while a replacement for Seneca is sought.

"Rethink this," he emphatically urged board members, as several members of the softball team consoled one another and one player stifled tears.

Lower Saucon Township resident John Garrity, whose daughter Colleen plays for the Panthers, asked board members to reconsider their decision "before any more damage is done."

"It's bad enough that it's come to this tonight," he said. "I think you're on the verge of just creating a division here that's irreparable."

Other visitors, some from outside the school district, praised Seneca's coaching abilities and mentorship of his players, which they said would be lost if he isn't installed.

Allison Raahs, of Lower Saucon Township, said that her daughter Adrienne played under Seneca for three years at Saucon Valley HS before going on to play softball at Gettysburg College, where she is currently a student.

According to Raahs, when Seneca began coaching softball at Saucon Valley, he took a team which was "a shambles" and had "no consistency from year to year," and helped turn it into a winning organization.

"What duties as coach has John Seneca failed to perform?" she asked board members. "I'd love to see you tonight admit that you've made a mistake...close the posting, and do the right thing."

The issues regarding Seneca's appointment were not entirely clear following the meeting, as board members, when pressed to disclose their decision not to hire him, repeatedly reminded those digging for answers that information regarding personnel decisions is confidential.

School board solicitor Ellis Katz was called upon at one point to validate this position, which he did.

However, some in the audience remained visibly

displeased by the lack of transparency.

Herb Payung, of Hellertown, was originally recommended by the administration to become assistant head coach of the softball team under Seneca; however, on Feb. 23 his nomination was scuttled along with Seneca's, and Payung voiced frustration over not knowing why.

"I would like to have that (reason) addressed to me privately," he told board members. "That's a smear on my character."

Before asking Fellin to contact him to discuss the matter in private, Payung said he believes "there's some bad blood against John (Seneca)."

After returning from their executive session, several board members briefly commented on their decision to forge ahead with the administration's recommendation not to rehire Seneca this spring.

"As a board we've not done a very good job on this whole situation," said board member Ralph Puerta. "We clearly waited too long. We did not explain ourselves. We haven't really lived up to our responsibility (to) you."

Puerta also apologized personally to Fellin, who he said has been "put...in a very difficult position" by the board.

A roll call vote on whether to hire the coaching staff originally recommended by the administration, including Seneca and Payung, produced a 6-3 result, with the majority voting against hiring them.

Those voting in favor of hiring Seneca and Payung included Puerta and board members Charles Bartolet and Sandra Miller.

Those voting against included Lum, board members Sandra Baxter, Sharon Stack, Edward Inghrim, Michael Karabin and board President Lachlan Peeke.

Karabin, who became choked up with emotion when he spoke about his decision not to support the hiring of Seneca, told audience members that the decisions made at the Feb. 23 meeting were not made "on the spur of the moment," contrary to popular belief.

"There was discussion prior to that with the superintendent," he stated.

By KAREN M. SAMUELS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Dallett Hemphill Wilson was mentioned in a previous "This Week in Bethlehem History" column as the man who succeeded at the impossible ... facilitating the building of the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. His brilliance and tenaciousness, demonstrated in that project, certainly predicted that Wilson was on the path to a highly successful career. However, his love life would interfere with his career and health and bring him unwanted notoriety. His marriage problems were repeatedly written about on the front pages of the New York Times.

Wilson was born in Philadelphia Dec. 3, 1879 to John S. Wilson and Catherine Dallett Hemphill. His father was the traffic manager and vice president of the Pa. Railroad Company. Wilson attended DeLancey Preparatory School in Philadelphia and the University of Maryland Law School. Upon graduation, he specialized in representing transportation companies as a solicitor. It was through his position with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. that he came to know Bethlehem. He resigned from the L.C. & N. to start a private practice in Bethlehem in 1913.

For two years, Wilson used the courts to get the Public Service Commission to grant an order to eliminate the dangerous railroad crossing in South Bethlehem. With this order, the building of the bridge was cleared to proceed. Wilson headed the campaign to raise \$1,198,000 to build the bridge.

Wilson invested in several Bethlehem companies, during his years in town. He was a partner in these local firms: the Times Publishing Co., Vanderstucken-Ewing Construction Co., Bethlehem Cleaning and Dyeing Co., Steel City Amusement Company, the Ross-Common Water Company, Bethlehem Trust Company and director of the Chamber of Commerce. He represented Charles M. Schwab and the Bethlehem Steel Company. Wilson was appointed as Bethlehem City solicitor (1918-1922) and U.S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Pa. (1918-1922).

In 1904, Wilson married Lila L. Bradbury. She was



Dallett H. Wilson in a photo used for the publication, "Men of Bethlehem, 1918" by Fred Shankweiler.

born in Maine, to James W., a successful attorney, and Eliza Bradbury.

Dallett and Lila had two children, Louise Wilson and James Bradbury Wilson. The family moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., when Wilson joined a firm of attorneys there. In 1910, Wilson met and had an affair with the married Esther Evans De Forest. They spent a month together at the Hotel Miramar, in Santa Barbara. Dallett and Lila Wilson were divorced that year.

Esther Evans, the daughter of Walter A. Evans, a wealthy lumber business owner from Mount Vernon, N.Y., was married in 1905 to J. Douglas De Forest, also an attorney. They resided at the Gotham Hotel in New York City. On her way to California to visit a friend, Esther met Wilson en route. In 1910, after Wilson and Evans divorced their partners, they married. They resided in Bethlehem from 1913 to 1922, then moved to hotels in New York City and Washington, D.C. After 18 years of marriage, the couple separated. Each lived in a separate hotel in New York City.

On March 22, 1928, Esther visited Dallett in his office on Fifth Avenue to discuss their separation agreement. Dallett left the door to his office open. His staff overheard a loud argument, then heard two shots fired. Wilson was found sitting in his chair with two bullet wounds, in his back and left arm. Mrs. Wilson was found by police in the adjoining room with the .32 calibre revolver on the table beside her. Upon questioning from the police, she admitted shooting her husband.

In the years prior, Esther Wilson had established a reputation as a big game hunter and explorer. She had traveled to the Arctic and had a large collection of wild animal skins. Mrs. Wilson was accustomed to giving lavish parties and the separation from her husband forced her to curtail her spending. During this period, her friends noticed that she became easily agitated. She had spent three months in a sanitarium just before the shooting incident.

Dallett Wilson survived his injuries and Esther Wilson was charged with felonious assault. She was defended by state Sen. Elmer F. Quinn and was freed on bail. Mr. Wilson testified at the trial, held in January 1929, that he believed his wife shot him by accident. Mrs. Wilson was found guilty of assault in the second degree. She was sentenced to serve time in the Women's Farm Colony at Greycourt, N.Y., and released in 1930. Dallett Wilson sued for and won a divorce in 1931.

Wilson then married Gertrude B. Rice of Freemansburg in 1931. They had a son, Robert S. Wilson in 1931. The family moved to Bethlehem in 1935.

On Nov. 26, 1937, Wilson died of a heart attack at age 57 in his office located in the Woolworth Building on Main Street in Bethlehem. Up until his death, he suffered a partial paralysis of his left side, caused by the bullet wounds. The disability limited his ability to practice law.

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Rotary aids Haiti relief

RIGHT: Bethlehem Rotary President George Hahalís and Dr. Ed Hart present a check for \$10,000 to District Governor Michael McCarthy. The Bethlehem Club recently raised funds through personal donations and will provide 10 shelterboxes for Haitian relief. The Rotary Club of Bethlehem joined fellow Lehigh Valley Rotarians and 2,100 club members in Rotary District 7430 to aid the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Within a few weeks, the district raised more than \$102,000 to purchase 102 ShelterBoxes to provide shelter and comfort to more than 1,000 Haitians. Each ShelterBox, a tough and reusable green plastic tub, contains a 10-person waterproof tent, sleeping mats, thermal blankets, mosquito nets, water purification system, stove, tools and even crayons for children. These survival items can sustain a family of 10 for at least six months. Trained Rotary disaster response teams were also activated and are still helping in the area. ShelterBoxes are also headed to Chile to aid victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami. District 7430's donation of 103 boxes will add to the 10,000 plus already in Haiti building tent cities, sheltering more than 100,000 people and providing a sense of community. For more information, go to www.shelterbox.org.



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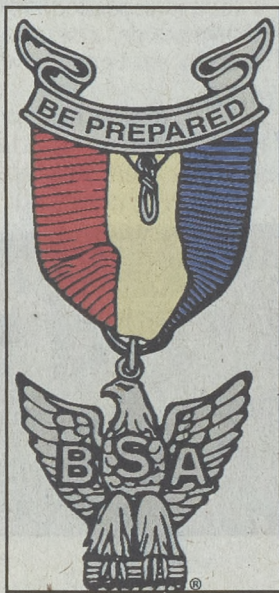
While many parents are proud when they can boast that their son is an Eagle Scout, the parents of Austin, Alex and Andrew Emmons have three reasons to be proud of their sons' accomplishments.

Between 2004 and 2009, all three boys, who attended Liberty High School and East Hills Moravian Church, earned their Eagle Scout award. Eagle Scout is the highest rank a scout can achieve.

"I know the values boy scouting instills in young men are paramount. It offers opportunities that I couldn't give," said Kathy Emmons, mother of Austin, Alex and Andrew. Mrs. Emmons, a Lower Nazareth elementary school teacher and former Girl Scout, also has a brother who earned his Eagle Scout award.

Alex, 23, and Andrew, 24, were on hand to share in brother Austin's Court of Honor ceremony at Rosemont Lutheran Church on Broad Street in December. Along with Austin, fellow Troop 318 member, C.J. Bonge, also received his Eagle Scout award. Bonge's grandfather was an Eagle Scout. The church is the troop's sponsor.

"Scouting is a multi-generational pursuit in



Eagle Scout merit award

badges available, 21 merit badges must be earned to qualify for Eagle Scout. A scout must also fulfill requirements in the areas of service, and leadership by completing an extensive service project that he plans, organizes, leads and manages. All these requirements must be met before the scout turns 18 years old.

To earn the Eagle rank takes much perseverance and comes at a time in a boy's life when there are a lot of other interests competing for their time and attention, said Sachs.

In 2009, 199 boys in the Minsi Trails Council, which covers Northampton and Lehigh counties as well as four other regions in eastern Pennsylvania, became Eagle Scouts, said Sachs. This number represents about 5 percent of the scouts in the local BSA Council, which serves nearly 27,000 youth.

BSA turns 100 years old this year and since its origin 2 million boys have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Austin agrees with the time pressures and the time constraints that almost kept him from getting to the Eagle Scout level, if not for his mother's persistence. His project to restore a garden area at East Hills Mora-

many families," said Don Sachs, director of marketing for the Minsi Trails Council. "It's more common than you think," he added of having more than one Eagle Scout in a family.

For 100 years, scouting has helped parents to develop values in their children.

"It teaches them a lot. It is a great experience," said Kathy Emmons. She said her primary role in the boy's accomplishment was one of pestering when she saw they were getting close to the age limit to leave scouting and were on the verge of giving up.

Out of the 120 merit



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Austin Emmons of Troop 318 received his Eagle Scout award at a December Court of Honor ceremony at Rosemont Lutheran Church on Broad Street. His brothers, Alex, left, and Andrew are also Eagle Scouts.

vian Church took two weeks in March 2008 to complete, then get the paperwork in and approved in June, just a few months before he turned 18. "Often it comes down to the wire," said Austin, who advises scouts to stay focused and get their project done as early as possible: "It's easier to progress in scouting when you are not worrying about juggling between social events and camp

outings." He does admit his time management skills improved, as well as his confidence in himself and his problem-solving abilities.

"I am proud to be an Eagle Scout," said Austin, who is grateful for his mother's efforts. "Without her support, it wouldn't have happened."

Brother Alex, who is three years older than Austin, adds that the spirit of sibling rivalry also

had its role. With two brothers achieving this highest of scouting ranks, "there was no way Austin wouldn't get it," Alex said.

While the brothers call it "sibling rivalry," Kathy said she viewed it as brothers helping each other.

As for now, Kathy is the keeper of the Eagle Scout badges. She hopes one day to show them to her sons' children.

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ABOVE: Gladys Sassaman in front of her home last May, just before going to her very first senior prom at her 14-year-old great-granddaughter's school in Northern Lehigh School District.

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Zoners reject request for enclosed patio

By MALLORY VOUGH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Richard Hawkes of Kim Street in Hanover Township left the March 11 Zoning Hearing Board meeting disappointed after board members denied his request to upgrade a patio in his backyard with screens, railing and a roof.

Hawkes and his wife Anne have lived in the single-family home since 1987. The stamped concrete patio was already installed when they purchased the house, which is located in an R1 - Suburban Residential District.

Mature trees in his backyard are the main reason for Hawkes wanting to fix his patio, which is completely open to the sky.

"My wife and I have been wanting to do something about

the patio for quite some time," Hawkes told board members.

Hawkes told the board that tree foliage, bird droppings, bugs and the rain were making it difficult for him and his wife to enjoy their patio.

"It's a nuisance we decided not to deal with anymore," Hawkes said.

Hawkes had a sketch of his plans available for the board. The patio would have a railing going around the perimeter with top to

Zoning Hearing Board members wanted to approve the variances for Hawkes and his wife, but were bound to what the ordinances state.

bottom removable screens and a peaked roof. Hawkes also planned to add a few more lights and possibly a fan to the seasonal patio.

Zoning Hearing Board members agreed the upgraded patio would be nice for the property and for the owners, but Hawkes' entire house is already in the rear yard setback, and a 2009 ordinance only allows retractable awnings and coverings.

Board member Vincent Hor-

vath asked Hawkes if he considered a retractable awning or covering.

"We have considered an awning, but the maintenance would be too difficult. It would need to be cleaned yearly," said Hawkes.

Hawkes added that the mature trees have been cut back, but they are so large that nothing has helped.

Zoning Hearing Board members wanted to approve the variances for Hawkes and his wife, but were bound to what the ordinances state.

Hawkes can appeal the decision at the Court of Common Pleas.

The next Zoning Hearing Board meeting is tentatively set for April 29 at 7 p.m.

Board approves laptop purchase plan

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"Why do we need these computers for elementary students?" asked Bethlehem Area School Board President Loretta Leeson of technology chief Frank Arbushites during the March 8 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Board members had just realized that school administrators plan to use \$600,000 of a grant to buy laptop computers for elementary school students.

The plan seemed to surprise the school board as member Judith Dexter read the documents supplied by Iris Cintron, the Minority Affairs and Governmental Programs and Grants administrator.

Cintron told the board that

she had provided this information to the school board in a previously released document; that \$600,000 would be used to buy technology.

Leeson told the Press that when she had seen that document, she thought that the intended purchase was to replace teachers' computers.

Arbushites told Leeson that the administration did plan to issue laptops to the elementary students which would augment the computer labs currently in the classrooms.

He said that the students would not be authorized to take the laptops home.

"This is a big-ticket item and the board wants a review of technology needs."

LORETTA LEESON

Leeson said that elementary students currently use laptops that are stored on a cart and that they are issued for use and then recovered by the staff. She said that Arbushites' request made sense because not all of the elementary schools have dedicated computer labs available to the students; the laptops would augment current assets.

"We have a great deal of faith in the current administration," Leeson said. "This is a big-ticket item and the board wants a review of technology needs. We want to know what we have in place and what our needs are."

At a previous meeting Arbushites had assured the school board that BASD's currently issued laptops have security features to help recover stolen laptops, but declined, since it was a public meeting, to specify what the specific features are.

He also assured the board that there is no potential for the remote spying as has been alleged in a lawsuit filed against Lower Merion School District near Philadelphia.

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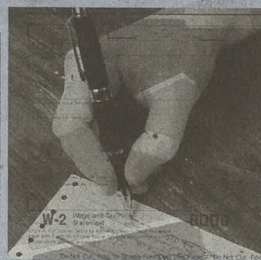
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ST. JOHN'S
Youth holds tricky tray March 20

St. John's Windish Lutheran Church youth group is sponsoring the seventh annual tricky tray basket social, noon to 2 p.m. March 20 in the church's Kaiser auditorium, 617 E. Fourth St. Baskets should be created with an Easter theme in mind. Basket donations accepted until March 17. Drawings begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door; participants must be present to win. The kitchen will be open for food purchases. Call 610-868-3282 for information.

Y & R
Split Rock trip set for March 25

Young & Restless travel group is sponsoring a March 25 trip to Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony. The trip includes the show "O'Malleys," which features favorite melodies and Broadway show tunes, buffet lunch, transportation and gratuities. For more information, contact 610-838-9472.

LV-NATS
Song recital to be held March 21

A gala vocal recital will be held at 2:30 p.m. March 21 in Peter Hall, Moravian College. Sixteen private vocal instructors from colleges and

independent studios will showcase their top two vocalists. The students will present selections from classical and popular repertoires. The singers will be in formal attire. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets will be available at the door. There is a fee. Proceeds benefit Lehigh Valley National Teachers of Singing Association (LV-NATS.) Call 610-703-2097 for information.

OLPH
Tricky tray, raffle benefit set

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Home School Association is sponsoring the 17th annual Tricky Tray/Gift Raffle 6 to 9 p.m. March 26, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 27 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 28. Drawings are at 3:15 p.m. March 28. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The event, at the Marian Inn at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3221 Santee Road, will have homemade baked goods and food for sale all weekend. For information, call 610-866-1094.

V-DAY
Reading set for March 19 to 21

The Bethlehem V-Day Volunteers presents a reading of "The Vagina Monologues" at 7 p.m. March 19, 6:30 p.m. March 20 and 4 p.m. March 21 at The Banana Factory, 25

W. Third St. Bethlehem. The benefit production is sponsored by Weight Watchers of Eastern Pennsylvania. The V-Day 2010 Campaign's local beneficiary is the YWCA of Bethlehem. The event emphasizes the global effort to stop violence against women and girls. For information and tickets, call 610-868-1035.

VIA
All Star banquet set for March 24

The Via All-Star Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. March 24 in the Freedom HS gymnasium, 3149 Chester Ave. The keynote speaker is former NBA player, Gerald Henderson. The banquet, hosted by Freedom, recognizes members of the Via All-Star teams, players of the year, teams of the year, awards scholarships for student athletes and inducts members into the Lehigh Valley High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Funds raised from the All-Star Basketball Classic and banquet benefit Via's employment programs and other services. For information, call 484-893-5389 or e-mail g.stano@vianet.org.

HCC
Photo exhibit starts March 29

The Hillcrest Camera Club will hold a members' photography exhibit from

March 29 through April 23 at the City of Bethlehem rotunda, 10 W. Church St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The opening reception will be in the rotunda from 2 to 4 p.m. April 11. Fifteen members from the Lehigh Valley and Warren County will show their works. The club competes in nature, pictorial and prints in both the Photographic Society of America international competitions as well as the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs competitions. Call 610-866-4485 for information.

SOUTHSIDE
Spring cleanup set for April 17

The South Side Task Force and Lehigh University will spearhead a South Side cleanup from 7:30 a.m. to noon April 17, rain or shine. There will be a continental breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. Volunteer teams will meet at Lehigh University's parking lots at Brodhead and Parker Avenues. Safety vests, tools, gloves, and bags will be provided. Teams will fan out to designated neighborhoods. Volunteers will include Lehigh students, NCC students, local business teams, residents, school children, and south side church and block watch members. Call 610-762-4707, 610-758-5119 or 610-0559 for information.

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The final presentation of the Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Lecture Series is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at Kirkland Village, Madison Avenue, Bethlehem. Retired Ambassador Peter Tomsen, former special envoy for Afghanistan, will be the guest speaker.

Tomsen served as George H.W. Bush's special envoy and ambassador to the Afghan resistance from 1989 to 1992 as principal deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and as ambassador to Armenia. Tomsen will discuss the challenges faced by special envoys and how special envoys resolve conflicts.



PRESS PHOTOS BY KATHY BYRNES

The Bethlehem Area Public Library held its second annual Family Fun Day Feb. 13 at the Main Library on West Church Street. The open house featured fun, games, giveaways, storytime, book signings and refreshments. Although snowy streets may have kept some from attending, those who did participate had a wonderful time. All proceeds benefited "Room To Grow" the library's capital campaign to refurbish the children and youth services area of the library. **ABOVE:** Sailor Miga of Hellertown delights in having her face painted. Members of the library's Teen Advisory Board helped coordinate the event and worked the craft booths and games.

YWCA

Dress distribution March 27

The YWCA of Bethlehem, in cooperation with Northampton County high schools and local corporations, will distribute prom dresses 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 27. The event takes place at the State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton. Female students must bring their high school identification. Only one female guest will be allowed. No children will be permitted. Personal shoppers will escort the girls as they select their dresses and accessories.

The YWCA also needs volunteers for set-up and the event, March 26 and 27. Gently used dresses, evening bags and/or jewelry may be dropped off at Mars, Inc., and Lafayette Ambassador Bank between March 18 and 25. Jon's Bridal by Suzanne has donated new dresses.

For information, call 610-867-4669.

BETHLEHEM

Vote now for Skateplaza grant

The City of Bethlehem Parks Department applied to the Pepsi Refresh project for a \$250,000 grant for the Bethlehem Skateplaza. This grant will be awarded to the proposal that receives the most votes from the general public. For the month of March, the public can cast their vote with each registered e-mail once a day.

To vote, go to www.refresheverything.com/bethlehem-skateplaza. Click on sign in and either create a Pepsi user name or sign in with a Facebook account. To create a new account, enter your e-mail address and click no, "I'm new here."

Follow the instructions to register your e-mail. Then click "Vote for this idea" on the right-hand side of the page.

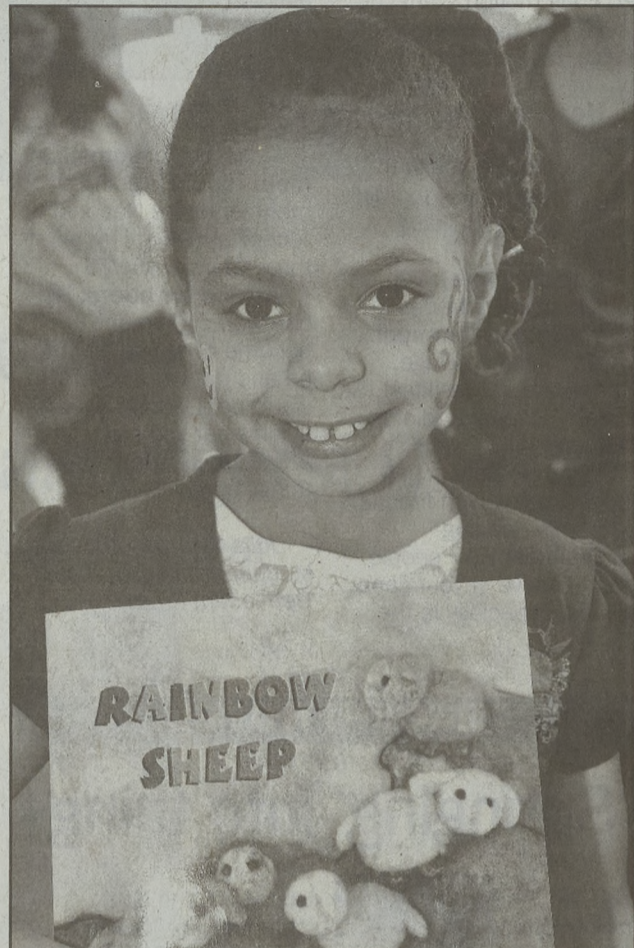


Alexa LaLuz learns how to felt wool to make a colorful wool bead.

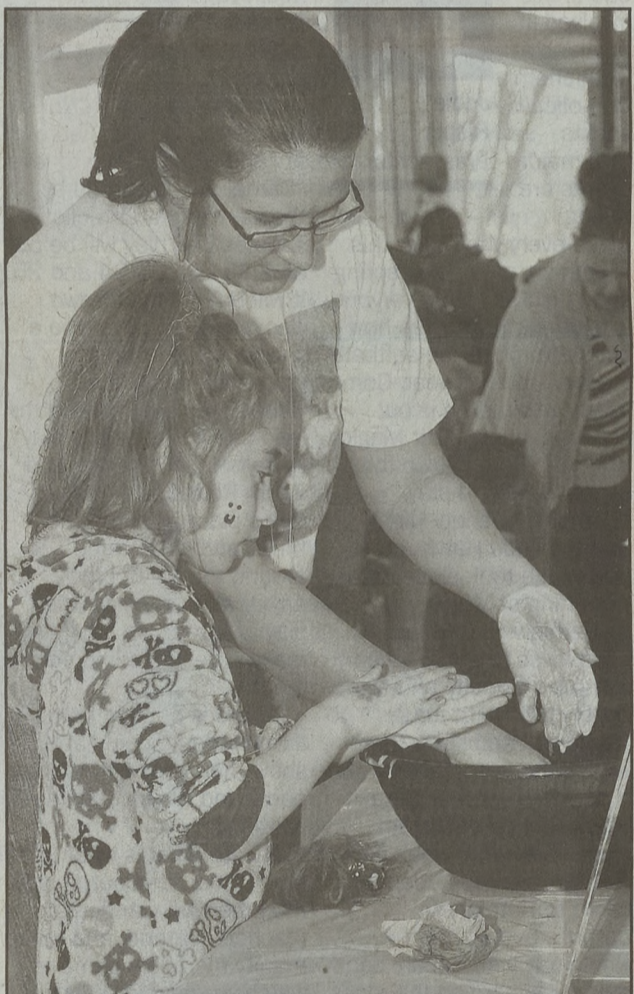


Jaedon Gladden tries his luck on the "Whacky Wheel of Library Whimsy."

Library hosts Family Fun Day



Brianna Singleton is thrilled to have an autographed copy of Kim Catel's "Rainbow Sheep."



Author Kim Catel was on hand to read and sign her books, which include "A Talent for Quiet" and "Rainbow Sheep." Catel helps Mya Bassett of Easton make a wool bead necklace.

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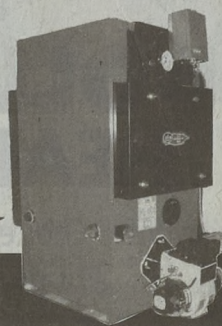


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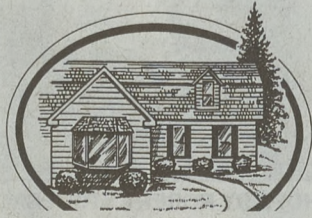
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Next steps: Attend college; attain my Eagle Scout

Career Goals: Computer, construction manager

Family members: Cindy Perez, mother; Luke Perez, brother

Heroes: Grandfather, Ben Carreras

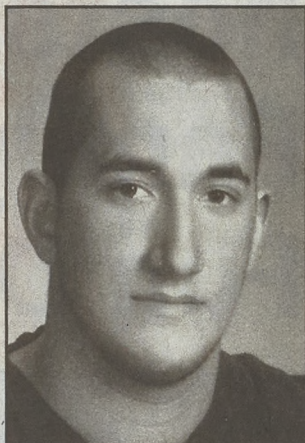
Hobbies: Video games, listening to music, football, woodworking, building things

Current job(s): Various jobs in building trades

Volunteer/community work: Kirkland Village, ShareCare at Musikfest, St. Luke's Hospital Radiology Department

Likes: Puzzles, challenges, being with friends, carpentry, reading

Dislikes: How people don't believe in your capabilities, especially in the



young

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Being a member of the National Technical Society for all three years at BAVTS

Advice for peers: Be hardworking, do and become what you want to be and not what others want; be a leader; always finish what you start. Always try and learn new things and skills.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Congressman Charlie Dent reads to all the fourth grade students at Freemansburg Elementary.

Learning about area history

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Congressman Charlie Dent, R-15th district, spent some time Feb. 18 with Freemansburg ES students reading about history and answering some of their questions.

Dent began his visit reading the introduction of "Tales of the Towpath" to fourth-graders.

Dent believes the book, and the program that goes with it, is a good way to introduce students to the American Industrial Revolution and all of the rich history of the Lehigh Valley, which he calls the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution.

According to Dent, the curriculum is a unique way to help the students understand how their community has had an impact on American industrial history, and also introduce them to the natural heritage, the natural beauty of the canal.

"Tales of the Towpath," written by Dennis Scholl, outreach coordinator for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, brings local history to life. Scholl was on hand at the school during Dent's visit.

"Tales of the Towpath" is about

85-year-old Finn Gorman who undergoes a mystical transformation back to his youth, Scholl explains. In his youth, Finn's family settled in Freemansburg and his father captained a canal boat with his sons.

Gorman relives two weeks of his youth that introduced him to life along the Lehigh and Delaware canals. His adventures lead him to other children whose fathers are involved in industries that are shaping America.

Gorman visits great lumber camps in the Pocono Mountains, coal mines near Mauch Chunk, the iron furnaces at Catasauqua and the huge farms of Bucks County that provided food for the entire region.

"I wrote 'Tales of the Towpath' as a means of reaching elementary school students who are not being taught local history as part of their social studies curriculum," Scholl said.

The curriculum for the "Tales of the Towpath" program is contained in an authentic replica of a trunk used by boat captains, constructed by students at Moravian Academy. Each trunk contains a variety of items talked about in the book,

like a conch shell horn and coal. Trunks also contain costumes from the time period and a copy of the book.

A pilot program began in several elementary schools in the Lehigh Valley last year. The book was released for public sale in February 2010.

Scholl is pleased.

"Students are enjoying the book and the introductions to the history of their communities," he said. "Thirteen of the 16 Bethlehem elementary schools are implementing the curriculum."

After Dent read to them, students asked the congressman questions.

Joseph Caraballo asked, "When did you decide to join politics?"

Vaughn Hayes asked, "How do you like your job as a congressman and why?"

Isaac Leslie asked, "Would you want to live in the time of 'Tales of the Towpath'?"

Christine Ortiz asked, "Why is history important for us to learn about?"

The question that every fourth-grader wanted answered was raised by Giselle Lopez, who asked, "Did you ever get in trouble in school?"

BECAHI NOTES

'Springing' into things

The month of March is a busy time for everyone involved in anything at Bethlehem Catholic. It seems that major events are taking place everywhere. For this month we are seeing spring sports kick off and everyone is extra excited to see how our state runner-up softball team will be this year. Coming up this month is our school auction, "Our Magic Knight." There is also the school's second play, "Camelot," Variety Night, and the Little Hawks concert which took place in the beginning of March.

Bethlehem Catholic's band loves to get involved in the community and also get involved with future "Bandos," and show them what band is all about. That is why we have our Little Hawks concert and program. It is a day when elementary school students come to Bethlehem Catholic and spend the whole day with Becahi band members learning the ropes of our program and showing them what things will be like next year. It is time for us to persuade them to come and join our band. During the time here instrumentalists learn three songs and band front (majorettes and silks) learns one routine. Then at six o'clock, the children and band performed together in front of parents and guests. The night was a huge success. Parents were blown away as they watched their children perform with high



Jodie Risper
Press writer

schoolers and do an outstanding job. Thanks to all the Becahi students involved, band director Mrs. Eick and band front director Mrs. Prugar and the students that took their time to make sure everything ran smoothly.

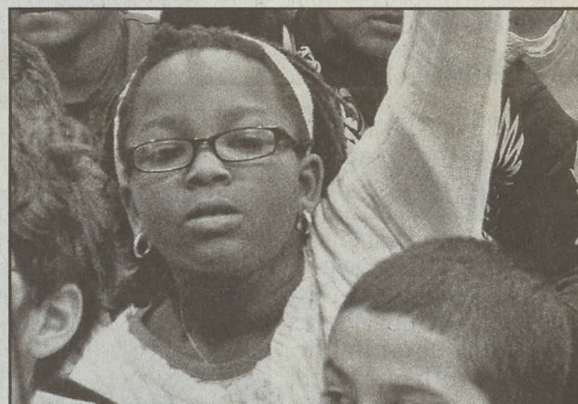
What a success! "Nun-sense" was a hit in February and you are sure to love "Camelot," presented by the Bethlehem Catholic Theater. The play will be put on April 16, 17, 24 and 25. It will be running for two weekends, which is also a first for our theater program. "Camelot" stars Gabe Zurek (who played the lead role in last year's play), Rebekah Eichelberger and Adam Reifsnnyder. The play takes place in medieval times and is centered around the life of King Arthur and Lancelot. The play is sure to be a hit so make sure you come check it out!

There is nothing better than students being able to show their talent off to their peers and letting them see a little glimpse of who they really are. That is what variety night is all about. It is a fun time when students, teachers, parents and community members come to watch students display their many talents. Variety Night is March 19 at 6:30 pm. Come and join the fun.

It's a "knight" you won't forget. This year's auction, "Our Magic Knight" will take place Saturday March 27 at 6 p.m. in the Bethlehem Catholic HS gymnasium and all are invited to come. It is a great time where parents and community members enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun that helps support our school. All are welcome.



Dennis Scholl, author of "Tales of the Towpath," with Congressman Charlie Dent, and Leigh Kuenne-Rusnak, principal of Freemansburg ES.



Olivia Brooks answers the question "What is Congress?" with "They are the people who make the laws." She later asked Congressman Dent "Are you scared of the Supreme Court?" She asked because they can change the laws.

MATHCOUNTS adds up

By ROBERT STONEBACK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Middle school mathletes from around the Lehigh Valley crunched numbers at the 26th annual MATHCOUNTS' competition held Feb. 7.

At the end of the competition, eighth-grader Michael Samuelson of East Hills MS won first place and Cathy Chen, an eighth-grader from Eyer MS, took home second place.

More than 30 schools competed in the event, which was held at Springhouse MS. Each school's team of two to eight students was coached by at least one of that school's teachers. The competition began with three timed written tests, the first two of which were completed by each student individually. The final written test had the entire team working together to answer questions.

The 10 students who performed best in this round moved on to the "countdown" phase of the competition. This event saw students competing in a one-on-one contest similar to "Jeopardy." Two students would be called up to a stage and given buzzers and asked to correctly answer a math problem dis-



PRESS PHOTO BY ROBERT STONEBACK

First place winner Michael Samuelson of East Hills MS with coach Nadine Novatnak and Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE) president Chris Belchshmidt.

played on a screen. The student who answered the most questions correctly out of three advanced to the next round.

Chen, having earned the highest score during the test portion, entered the countdown phase in first place but was ultimately defeated by Samuelson, who started in second place. As the top-ranking female competitor, Chen received tuition to Cedar Crest College for advanced math

courses.

Eyer MS's team, coached by Julie Hummel, was the top ranked team at this year's MATHCOUNTS due to its performance on the written portion. This qualified all of the team's members to advance to the MATHCOUNTS state competition, which will be held March 26-27 in Harrisburg. Also qualifying for the state competition are Samuelson as well as third place winner David Park

and fourth place winner Jinyoung Kim. Both Park and Kim are students at Springhouse MS.

East Hills MS, coached by Nadine Novatnak, was the second highest ranked team. Springhouse MS's team was ranked third with St. Thomas More in fourth, Pocono Mountain East in fifth and Southern Lehigh MS in sixth. Nazareth MS won the award for Best New School and Orefield MS was named Most Improved.

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Tea bagger's position on illegal aliens



Gordon Smith
Guest
columnist

I call illegal aliens just that. I don't call them undocumented workers or Future Citizens of America. To me, they are job-stealing, resource-sucking, often non-tax paying people who decided to bypass the process to come to this country legally. I was not born in this country. I saw the American Dream from my Canadian homeland. I immediately realized that this was the place I needed to be. I came here legally, started businesses, paid taxes and supported the communities I lived in.

Most importantly, I became an American citizen and gave up my Canadian citizenship. Every time I see an illegal alien or here stories of how downtrodden and abused they are, I want to vomit. There are hundreds of thousands of people on the waiting list to come to this country legally. To make room for those who are qualified and are legally applying to enter this wonderful country, here is my plan for illegals, based on staged implementation that minimizes the effect on the community and maximizes the savings to the taxpayer:

- If an illegal alien is in prison, deport him and his illegal family members immediately. If the illegal alien has been on death row for more than five years, then speed up the appeals process so that the person can be deported if they successfully appeal the sentence, or for those who fail at the Supreme Court level, have the sentence carried out.

- Illegals on welfare are sucking our country dry. Whether they are on welfare, WIC, food stamps or receiving free medical care, deport them. They are here illegally and need to go home.

- Illegals who are working off the books, either as day laborers working for cash or working for employers breaking the law, should be deported immediately. Those who knowingly hire illegals bypassing the W9 process and / or eVERIFY should be fined per the law (\$250 to \$2,000 fine for each unauthorized individual; \$2,000 to \$5,000 for each employee if the employer has previously been in violation; or \$3,000 to \$10,000 for each individual if the employer was subject to more than one cease and desist order).

- Illegals who used stolen identities should be deported.

- Illegals who applied for Social Security numbers and paid their taxes should be given a break. They must register with Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Services. They will be given three months to stay in the country to put their affairs in order. They must then leave the country and apply for legal immigration. Their names go to the bottom of the list. Those who did the right thing and applied for legal immigration should be fast-tracked through the verification process. If they are eligible to come to our country, let's get them here pronto. Once these people have been processed, the illegals who paid taxes and registered can be processed to come back to the U.S. as legal and welcome immigrants.

- As for anchor babies who are U.S. citizens because they were born in the United States, they can stay here. Their parents will still be deported. The anchor babies can stay with legal relatives in the United States or go with their parents back to the parents' country of origin. If they choose to leave the country, they remain American citizens and can return at any time.

I know that my suggestions above sound harsh. In fact, they are fair and compassionate when compared to the program President Eisenhower put in place. I understand that we will have to exempt a few illegal aliens from deportation as they face death in their homeland for political reasons. We can offer them political asylum. We can open up a closed military base here and let them stay there until their request for asylum is granted or rejected. If granted, they will be welcomed to the United States. If not granted, then they can leave the country and go to any country that wants them.

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A group of performers take part in a festival parade to the sound of wind instruments and beating drums at the Summer Palace as part of the Spring Festival.

BEIJING BLOGGER

Fireworks, festivals and tigers! Oh my!

A traditional Chinese New Year

The barrage started on a Friday morning — a few distant booms that soon led to louder explosions and fizzling sounds drawing nearer to my apartment. As the day progressed, so too did the frequency of the sounds, until night fell and a display of bright colors and lights were added to the fray. Fireworks.



Brandon Taylor
Press
columnist

It was Spring Festival in Beijing. Spring Festival, also called Chinese Lunar New Year, is roughly the equivalent of America's Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July and any other major federally recognized holiday combined. And I make this comparison not just on the festival's features compared to Western celebrations — gift giving, dressing up in traditional garb, eating large meals with family members and an almost unnecessary amount of fireworks — but on its length. The festival, from beginning to end, lasts two weeks.

The festival is a time to spend with family, with many Chinese traveling great distances from city to rural countryside to visit relatives they may not see throughout the year.

I decided to stay put in Beijing, since travel would be all but impossible due to a lack of availability and jacked up holiday prices. It was also my first Chinese New Year, and I wanted to be sure to enjoy the festivities in China's capital.

A few friends who'd experienced the festival over the years already decided to avoid the "mayhem," as they described Spring Festival, and were well on their way to foreign destinations (Europe and South America) before the first fireworks went off. Beijing and the surrounding countryside would become a "war zone" with non-stop booms, bangs and rocket fire.

To an extent, they were right. While the screech of rockets and cracking of firecrackers were continuous throughout the week, the major firework display came on New Year's Eve. I decided to go to my favorite summer hangout — Hou Hai, an open lake area surrounded by bars and restaurants. By the time I arrived, the show had begun.

All around, fuses were being lit and



The Chinese are celebrating the year of the tiger.



Temple festivals, similar to carnivals or fairs in America, are common during the two-week celebration.

people were running for cover, as rockets took skyward to burst into beautiful displays of red and white light. The absence of tall buildings allowed me to see fireworks flowering across the Beijing skyline. A few fireworks misfired, launching their payloads in my direction, causing temporary deafness. But it was worth it. It wasn't until people on the opposite side of the lake started firing rockets at

people on my side of the lake that I decided to take cover behind a few trees.

I've been to a number of Fourth of July fireworks shows, but the variety and volume of celebratory explosions was unlike anything I'd seen before. I later read that the fireworks display across Beijing, and China for that matter, is the largest uncoordinated fireworks event in the world.

As smoke and the smell of gunpowder filled the air, I made my way home, walking the roughly mile-and-a-half to my apartment under a firework-filled sky. Things didn't calm down until 5 a.m. Three hours later, the familiar sound of firecrackers could still be heard.

Aside from fireworks, miao hui, or temple festivals, are common during the two-week celebration. The festivals are like carnivals or fairs in America, complete with carnie-style foods-on-a-stick, entertainment and loud music, rides for kids and games where you can win large stuffed animals. Think Knoebel's Grove with 10 times the occupancy and games you can never win.

A festival worker dressed as Bugs Bunny was also there, something I found particularly odd since the new Chinese year is the year of the tiger. It seemed Tigger or even Tony the Tiger would have been more appropriate, despite their Western origins.

It wasn't until Monday evening that the fireworks began to calm down. But as close to overkill as the racket of rockets and smaller firecrackers became after a week, the celebration was well deserved. With more than 5,000 years of history and a plethora of inventions crucial to human civilization — paper, the compass, printing and gunpowder (ergo their obsession with fireworks, perhaps) — the Chinese have a lot to celebrate. And despite almost being hit with multiple fireworks and losing my hearing, if only temporarily, I was glad to celebrate with them.

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PEOPLE SAY ... BY DANA GRUBB

What do you think of the near 11 percent tax increase contained in the proposed BASD budget?



"I think they need to start doing more to show that they need the increase."
Sara Miller
Hanover Township



"I don't like it, but it's necessary. I don't believe in cutting the quality of the kids' education."
Palmer Zigmund
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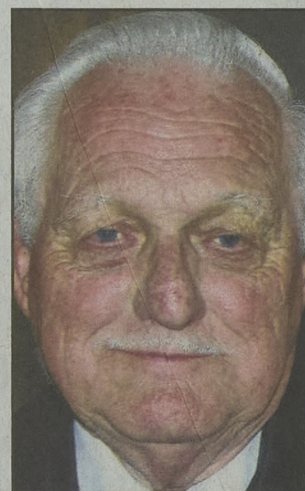
"I don't go for it. They want to raise the taxes, for what reason?"
George Hitcho
Bethlehem



"I'm not very happy with it. Everything seems to keep going up for senior citizens."
Hilda Hitcho
Bethlehem



"I think it's outrageous. Our governments think that when they run out of money that they can just keep coming back to the taxpayers. I feel like I'm paying plenty right now."
Walter Williams
Bethlehem



"I recently had occasion to visit the school in England where my father started school. Still in use, it was undoubtedly equipped with modern technology. We could learn something from Europe!"
Edward Tatham
Bethlehem



PRESS PHOTOS BY DON WENNER

Despite storm, festival a success

Despite cancellation of school and several rehearsals due to bad weather, the District Band Festival held at Fleetwood HS Feb. 13 turned out to be a success. This year's festival featured 148 musicians, representing 52 high schools. The event, which was to have started Feb. 10, with re-auditions and rehearsals,

was moved to Feb. 12 because of the snowstorm. As a result, band members missed out on two extra days of rehearsal time with guest conductor Daniel Neuenschwander, assistant professor of music at Kutztown University. The program, selected by Neuenschwander, provided a real musical treat for the

filled-to-capacity auditorium, made up of parents, friends and students. Selections on the program included "Fanfare and Allegro" by Clifton Williams, "Two Settings" by Percy Grainger (Australian Up-Country Tune and Handel in the Strand) and "La Oreja do Oro" (The Golden Ear) by Mariano San Miguel.



Freedom HS musicians Diana Jolly, clarinet; Erica Bechtold, tuba and Kristin Lambert, clarinet.



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- MADELYN KNAUER, 5 of Northampton
- ZACHARY BAUS, 4 of Macungie
- ADDISON KATZBECK, 3 of Northampton
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- PAUL RICHARD LUCAS, 4½ of Upper Macungie

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