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SOUTHSIDE

District readies parents

State letter concerns low PSSA scores

BY KRISTINE PORTER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Parents with children in fourth through ninth grades will soon be receiving a letter from the Bethlehem Area School District about the state-wide low PSSA scores.

Jack Silva, assistant superintendent for education and chief academic officer, told the school board the letter was ordered by the state secretary of education. Schools across the state saw declines in students' PSSA scores given last year. The math scores for eighth-grade students statewide dropped 43.7 percent. The only assessment area with a gain was in the English language arts (formerly called reading) among fifth graders. That was an increase of 1.4 percent.

"The 2015 PSSA's were so much different (like comparing apples to oranges) and so much more difficult," Silva said. The test was changed to be in line with the federal Common Core standards. Silva explained that the state program is called PA Core, but the two have similar standards.

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ANNUAL 9-11 SOFTBALL GAME



Police and firefighters offer a prayer and pledge allegiance before facing off.

Firefighters regain bragging rights

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Patriot Day is a sad day for many people, especially first responders. But Bethlehem's police and firefighters have an unusual and particularly American way of remembering the 9/11 tragedy. They play ball. Life goes on.

After a prayer in remembrance of the nearly 3,000 lives lost to terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001, police and firefighters square off for an annual softball game.

Though firefighters had won this contest for seven years in a row, Bethlehem police pulled off an upset last year. Could they do it again?

That seemed likely



Though they never played, the mounted police were the stars.

at the beginning of the game. After one inning, police were ahead 3-0, scoring three runs off five singles and a walk. Their secret was speed, both offensively and defensively. But that changed in the second inning, when R.J. Guerling turned a double play and firefighters began blasting away. The game was suddenly tied.

In the third, firefighters added two more runs, thanks to a 320-foot raging bull by Jeff Stiffinella that still has not landed.

"We got 'em right where we want 'em," joked police officer James Smith, who caught during the seven-inning game. He was right. Police scored two runs to tie the game in the fourth, and added another run in the seventh to give them a one-run lead.

But it would not last. With bases loaded, Jimmy Delgrosso hit a sharp single to send the runner on third home. Stiffinella, who had been on second, rounded the corner on third and

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How do you feel about the nuclear treaty that the United States has negotiated with Iran?



"I don't believe it's a good idea. I don't think giving nuclear capabilities to a country that backs terrorist organizations is a good move for national security."
Brett Carkeek
Willingboro, N.J.



"It's a wonderful thing. I'm all for it. It's a great compromise because we can't tell another nation what to do."
John Hebble
Byram, N.J.

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BETHLEHEM: ELIAS MARKET

The zoning case that won't go away

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nearly two years ago, the Pa. Supreme Court declined to get involved in the proposed business expansion of Elias Market, located on Linden Street in Bethlehem. That should have ended a case that spawned multiple zoning hearing board decisions, a lost transcript that required more hearings and numerous court reviews along the way.

Despite losing at every step, an increasingly small group of neighbors calling itself the Bethlehem Homeowners Association, has



PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Gus Elias is spending \$100,000 for improvements above and beyond the conditions imposed by the Zoning Hearing Board.

continued the fight with a litany of complaints to the city. That in turn has resulted in several enforcement actions, all of which have been dismissed.

The most recent rejection, which followed a special meeting Sept. 16, ended with a visit from six police officers. Yong Hao, one of the few remaining Elias opponents, lost his composure and began pointing at chairman Gus Loupos. Another opponent, Al Bernotas, is facing three counts of harassment for following an Elias delivery truck in April.

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How do you feel about the nuclear treaty that the United States has negotiated with Iran?



"On one hand, having nuclear capability is a great responsibility and nations should be able to protect their own people. On the other, America should use its power to keep the world at peace and avoid war."
Shiran Wang
Bethlehem



"It sucks! There is nothing in it for us. It just pushes war down the road. We will have war, but it will happen later."
Susan Weart
Denver, Colo.



"I think it's a great compromise. I'm afraid that some Republicans may use it to make other political figures look like villains."
Anna Mattison
Allentown



"I feel that it's probably best of the things we could do. If we didn't do it, we would not have any leverage."
Alice Duerr
Bethlehem

BASD

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Why the change?
According to Common Core's website, "We need college- and career-ready standards, because even in high performing states, students are graduating and passing all the required tests but still need remediation in their postsecondary work."
The website explains that the tests require students to truly understand critical ideas, not just be able to guess well. For instance, the video explaining the new tests uses an elementary math question to illustrate the difference. In the old test, a question about fractions would ask: "Which number names the point on the number line?" The new test says, "Drag each fraction to the correct location on the number line." The student has to use critical thinking in order to get the correct answer on the newer test.
"Standards from top-performing countries played a significant role in the development of the math and English language arts/literacy standards," states the website. The idea is to make American students more competitive

with students in other countries.

The BASD letter destined for the parents asks them to explain to their children that "the transition to the new, more rigorous standards will take time ... results are meant to establish a baseline." The letter encourages parents and children to understand that the test scores will improve as the students "become more familiar with the new standards."

BASD school board member Eugene McKeeon asked Silva which he thinks is the better indicator of success in post-secondary education, the college boards or the state testing.

"They're both supposed to show a student's college readiness," Silva said. But he said he thinks the college boards are the better indicator.

Silva said in the letter to parents, "Please know that the BASD views PSSA scores as a small, frequently overrated, measure of a student's true ability. The BASD has expressed serious concern over the heightened emphasis upon state testing as well as the validity of the PSSA itself to the Pa. Department of Education and Pa. State Legislature."

ELIAS

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"It just needs to stop," noted Elias' next door neighbor, Kathy Capuano. In an email before last week's hearing, Bethlehem Homeowners claimed that Elias intends to purchase her property so he "can spread this malignancy further." This was news to Capuano. She denied that her property is for sale or that she has been approached.

Her grandfather, John Jamon, originally purchased what is now known as Elias Market in 1929. It was part of an 18-acre orchard that sold locally grown apples, cherries, peaches, plums, and pears. His market, called Jamon Orchards, was sold to the Pichel family after his death in 1978, and Kathy Capuano worked there. In 2006, the Elias family took title, minus the orchard. Many of the homes surrounding the market were originally part of that orchard.

Capuano was one of a large group of neighbors who now support Elias Market.

"We go outside and enjoy our yard," she said in an interview after the hearing. "There's no extra noise. I can't believe selling flowers on macadam bothers anyone."

Anna Stofko, a Northampton County retiree, spoke after the hearing of Elias' generosity to her church.

"He is always giving us fruit and vegetables," she said.

Appeasing neighbors

At his business on the Friday after the hearing, Gus Elias was pushing a wheelbarrow full of chrysanthemums while simultaneously haggling with a Chinese restaurant owner over the price of a boxful of cucumbers. Elias wanted \$22, but the restaurateur only wanted to pay \$13.

"Look at these!" Elias said as he opened the box. "These are the Ferraris of cucumbers!" Each swore the other was putting him out of



The Elias Market sells chrysanthemums along the east side of the store, facing Linden Street.

business, but then they shook hands at a price of \$18.

Elias, who started his business in Bethlehem with just two people, now has 35 employees. In a world of chain markets, this is a rare family business that flourishes by offering quality produce at low prices.

"This business is going to my children," he explained. "I want my neighbors to be happy, too."

Years ago, while the zoning case was winding its way through the courts, Elias had an open house for neighbors who were upset over his expansion, which essentially consisted of improvements to what was then an unsafe loading dock. He had hoagies and drinks for everyone, and wanted to hear their concerns. But few people came.

Undaunted, Elias has continued to do what he can to appease neighbors. He is spending \$100,000, above and beyond what is required by the zoning hearing board, for improvements to make everyone happy.

"I don't like to have enemies," he said.

One of the improvements he is making is a \$55,000 trash compactor to prevent garbage from flying out of a dumpster.

"I'm trying to do the right thing for everyone," he said.

Elias was cited by Zoning Officer Suzanne

Borzak for selling flowers on the paved area of the business next to Linden Street.

"Selling flowers on the paved area?" scoffed Capuano, who noted that her own grandfather sold pumpkins there as long ago as 1979.

"I'm so sick of this situation," she added, complaining about the way "grown adults treated the board members and zoning officer."

'Muzzling'

"They shut us down," complained Bernotas. Solicitor Terry Faul had ruled that the neighbors lacked standing in an enforcement matter, which Bernotas called "muzzling." He said the city put on a weak case that would have been much stronger had opponents been allowed to participate.

Bernotas had offered to share his evidence with Assistant City Solicitor Matt Deschler, but after several canceled meetings, Bernotas was told there would be no meeting. According to Bernotas, Deschler was directed not to meet with him.

"Enforcement is so lax in this town you can put a battleship through it," Bernotas complained. He went on to say Elias is just his "whipping boy," and that his real venom is directed at the zoning hearing board.

In emails to Mayor Bob Donchez and city council, he has referred to the board as a "newly formed Gestapo unit" intent on muzzling city residents. He slammed board members, who are paid \$25 a month for a night of hearings that can easily go on for five hours, for their occupa-

tions. Unlike a city council or the planning commission, a zoning hearing board is a quasi-judicial body with a court reporter in which sworn testimony is taken in support of or against a zoning appeal. Those who desire to speak must demonstrate standing, which generally applies to the property owner and those within a certain radius of the property. In a zoning enforcement decision brought by the city, it is unclear whether anyone beyond the city itself and the property owner have standing, a point that Bernotas conceded.

While claiming that his ire is directed mainly at the zoning hearing board, Bernotas continued his complaints about the Elias expansion. To prove his contention that the business is involved in wholesale distribution, he followed an Elias truck from Bethlehem to Allentown in April, stopping where the truck stopped and taking pictures. A spooked driver called Elias, and a private criminal complaint charging three counts of harassment against Bernotas is scheduled for November. He disputes allegations that he directed profanities at the driver, and vowed he will continue following the trucks because "my name is Al Bernotas."

Will Bethlehem appeal the dismissal of the latest zoning enforcement notice?

"We're having a meeting to discuss the zoning hearing board decision," said Darlene Heller, who heads the city's planning and zoning departments.

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Wednesday, Sept. 23

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up), program: Major David Cedeval and Gramps ventriloquist ministry, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road, Call 610-867-4681.

Lehigh Valley Health Network film screening, "N.E.D. (No Evidence of Disease): The Movie"; free and open to the public. 6 p.m., Kasych Family Pavilion Education Conference Center 6, 7 and 8, at Lehigh Valley Hospital—Cedar Crest, Allentown.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and up, program: "Others Trade for Hope" 10:45 a.m.; lunch, noon to 1 p.m. (cost). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Friday, Sept. 25

Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival, opens with sponsors reception at 4 p.m.; closing time: 11 p.m. Through Sept. 27. Visit www.celticfest.org for information and schedules.

2015 South Bethlehem Historical Society annual meeting, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Northampton Community College, 511 E. Third St. Visit <http://southbethhist-soc.org>.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival, Showing of the Tartan, 11 a.m.; parade opening ceremonies, noon. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Through Sept. 27. Visit www.celticfest.org for information and schedules.

Las Vegas Sands and Clean the World needs volunteers to build hygiene kits with soap, shampoo and other hygiene supplies for people in need, including Bethlehem. All day; parking lot tent at Third and Foundry, behind SteelStacks and PBS 39. To sign up for a two-nd one-half-hour shift, visit BethlehemCTW2015.eventbrite.com.

Steeple and Steel tours, Steelworkers' Archives Inc. and the South Bethlehem Historical Society, 9:30 a.m. (Fritz Memorial United Methodist Church) and 1 p.m. (Cathedral Church of the Nativity). Depart from St. John's Windish Church, 617 E. Fourth St. Reservations are required; visit www.steelworkersarchives.com or call 610-861-0600.

Free needlecraft sessions; bring patterns, needles or crochet hooks. 1 to 3 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Registration required; visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 224. Additional sessions every second Thursday and fourth Saturday of each month through December.

Salvation Army flea market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 521 Pembroke Road. Proceeds benefit world missions. Call 610-867-4681.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival, Showing of the Tartan, 11 a.m.; parade opening ceremonies, noon. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.celticfest.org for information and schedules.

Diocese of Allentown - Pope Francis' Papal Mass: noon; and World Meeting of Families mass, 4 p.m.; free, open to the public; outdoor screen, Levitt Pavilion, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Food, family activities. Visit www.ArtsQuest.org or call 610-871-5200 or 610-332-1300, or visit Facebook.com/ArtsQuest and Twitter.com/ArtsQuest.

Railroad Historians of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society 39th annual Lehigh Valley Regional Train Show and Expo, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road, Easton, 18045. Raffle, door prizes, refreshment. Cost. Information: call Jim at Century430@hotmail.com or 610-737-3431.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Salvation Army, Calling All Bridge Players program, 9:30 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Free needlecraft sessions; bring patterns, needles or crochet hooks. 1 to 3 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Registration required; visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 224. Additional sessions every second Thursday and fourth Saturday of each month through December.

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Sam Royer's Homes for Heroes provides a \$500 check, along with some delicious food.

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scored the winning run.

Firefighters won the game, but it was something of a Pyrrhic victory. Raven, George and Pharoah – the horses who make up the mounted police force – had already stolen the show as kids flocked to them.

This year, Homes for Heroes supplied all the food and even provided a \$500 check to be split between the two departments.



Officer Stephanie Molnar waits for her.



Officer Jim Smith takes a mighty rip.



R.J. Guering is a power hitter, but also managed to turn a double play.

Bridge restoration project approved

BY MICHELLE MEEH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Members of city council voted Sept. 15 to approve the restoration of Fahy Bridge, which will include PennDOT improvements to New Street and installation of a sidewalk and light-

ing. Once the sidewalk is complete, the city will be responsible for routine maintenance.

Also, council members considered a proposed lease agreement with the Friends of Beth-

lehem Mounted Police, which will be voted on at the Oct. 6 meeting.

The proposal would include the mounted police using land south of Illick's Mill in Monocacy Park, with eventual

construction of a facility to house horses and horse trailers.

According to the proposed lease, the Friends of Bethlehem Mounted Police has a mission to support and promote the City of Bethlehem's Mounted Unit.

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Nathan A. Toland

UPS driver

Nathan A. Toland, 31, of Bethlehem, died unexpectedly Sept. 12, 2015, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Paul and Joan (Bartley) Toland Jr.

He was a driver for United Parcel Service.

He was a member of Teamsters Union Local #773. He was a member of the Guthsville Rod and Gun Club.

He played guitar, drums and saxophone.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandmother, Henrietta Toland.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Paul Toland, and George and Billie Bartley.

Contributions may be made to an animal shelter of one's choice.

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

Gertrude Fehnel

Fehnel's Used Cars

Gertrude Fehnel, 92, of Bethlehem Township, died Sept. 11, 2015, at VNA Hospice House, St. Luke's, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem Township, she was a daughter of the late Claude W. and Edna S. (Smith) Fox. She was the wife of the late Norman S. Fehnel.

In her earlier years, she was a domestic relations and probation secretary for 20 years for judges Barthol and Woodring at Northampton County Courthouse, Easton. She and her late husband operated Feh-

nel's Used Cars, Bethlehem Township, for many years.

She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hecktown.

She was the last of her family.

Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, c/o the funeral home, 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, PA 18069.

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

Marjorie Rogers

Calvary Baptist member

Marjorie A. Rogers, 86, of Freemansburg, died Sept. 10, 2015. Born in Freemansburg, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Edna (Horn) Berger. She was the wife of the late William E. Rogers Sr.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Easton.

She was a past president of XYZ Senior Citizen Group at Trinity U.C.C.

She is survived by sons Kenny and his wife Lynn and Kelly and his wife Cheri, all of Freemansburg; five grandchildren, Sherry and her husband Gordon Waldhausen and their

children Cole, Neil and Henry; Amy; Katie and her husband Joshua Rymon and their son Ian; Laura and her husband Stephen Rohrbach; and Joshua Rogers; a brother, Edward and his wife Nancy Berger of Freemansburg; and a brother-in-law, Richard and his wife Caroline Rogers of Allentown.

She was predeceased by a son, William E. Rogers Jr., who was survived by his wife, Sandra; and a sister, Doris Kramer.

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

Ann S. Brittain

formerly of Bethlehem

Ann S. Brittain died Aug. 30, 2015. Born in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of the late William Johnston Stephens and Elizabeth Ann Kift Stephens of Hilton Head Island, S.C. She was the wife of David M. Brittain for 43 years.

She grew up in Bethlehem, attended Ellis School, Pittsburgh, and graduated in 1968 from Shipley School, Bryn Mawr.

She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Monmouth College, Ill., and a master's degree in psychology from Fairfield University.

She worked at Gainfield Elementary, Regional School District 15, for 37 years before she retired in 2013. She

was the school psychologist on the special education team.

She volunteered with Youth and Family Services for both Southbury and Middlebury, Conn.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth (Libby) Ann Brittain of Los Angeles; two brothers, William K. and his wife Madelyn Stephens of Charleston, S.C. and Peter J. Stephens of Orlando, Fla.; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to Friends of Middlebury Dog Park-Ion Bank, Middlebury, Conn.

Arrangements were made by Munson-Lovetere Funeral Home Inc., Southbury, Conn.

Kenneth P. Easterday

awarded Purple Heart, Silver Star

Kenneth P. Easterday, 93, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 4, 2015, at Fellowship Terrace, Whitehall. Born in Cherryville, he was a son of the late Barton and Anna (Heiny) Easterday. He was the husband of the late Florence (Owens) Easterday for 70 years.

He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe and Africa during World War II, and flew more than 50 missions with the 344th Bomber Squadron. He was awarded a Purple Heart and a Silver Star.

He was an associate engineer for the production line with Western Electric / Lucent Technologies for 35 years.

He played harmonica.

He is survived by three sons, Kenneth P. Jr. and his wife Patricia of Exton, Terry L. and his wife Linda of Denver and Brian and his wife Gwen of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Virginia Owens of Fullerton; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, Glenn; and a grandson, Jeffrey.

Contributions may be made to AseraCare Hospice, 5920 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown, PA 18106; or to Fellowship Community, 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052.

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

Nerida Lassen

home health attendant

Nerida Lassen, 69, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 11, 2015, at her home. Born in Carolina, P.R., she was a daughter of the late Felipe Rivera and Maria Diaz. She was the wife of the late Ernesto Lassen Colon.

She was a home health attendant for many years.

She is survived by a son, Angel Manuel Lassen of Bethlehem; two daughters, Maria Annette Lassen of Bronx,

N.Y. and Eileen and her husband Manuel Villegas of Bethlehem; four brothers and sisters, Estaban Rivera, Rosa Lydia Fonseca, Josefina Thomas and Juan Orta; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased a brother, Jose Domech.

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

Jeanette Lenhart Schultz

caregiver

Jeanette Lenhart Schultz, 85, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 10, 2015.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Edwin C. and Anna Bowdy Lenhart. She was the wife of the late John H. Schultz for 56 years.

She was a volunteer caregiver at a hospital in Simsbury, Conn.

She is survived by a grandson, Scott; a granddaughter, Erika; their mother Jacques-

lyn; a daughter-in-law, Meg; a niece, Judy; and a nephew, Gary.

She was predeceased by a son, Stephen Schultz; and a sister, Lois L. Howe.

Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were made by Joseph F. Reichel Funeral Home Inc., Nazareth.

John Gall

St. Peter's member

John Gall, 95, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 10, 2015, in Holy Family Manor. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Frank Sr. and Theresa (Scharnitz) Gall. He was the husband of Virginia (Klotz) Gall for 74 years.

He was in the U.S. Army and was a World War II veteran.

He worked for 36 years at the Bethlehem Steel Company until he retired.

He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by

a daughter, Pam Burns of Northampton; two granddaughters, Fayth and her husband Steven Johnston of Houston, Texas and Heather Burns of New York City; and two great-grandchildren, Cole and Lilah.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Karen.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, Tenn. 38101-9908.

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

Zachery Anthony

SVHS graduate

Zachery Anthony, 21, of Lower Saucon Township, died Sept. 6, 2015, at his residence. Born in Allentown, he was a son of Michael D. Luffy, and Nicole C. Anthony, with whom he resided.

He was a 2012 graduate of Saucon Valley HS.

He played ice hockey with the Bethlehem Blast.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Faith Luffy, at home; maternal grandparents, Sandra Rodgers of Hellertown and David Anthony of Lake

Wallenpaupack; maternal great-grandmother, Pauline Anthony of Allentown; paternal grandparents, Charles and Linda Luffy of Johnston; and an uncle, David Anthony Jr. of Hellertown.

Contributions may be made to Zach AB scholarship fund, Lehigh Valley Phantoms Youth Hockey, c/o the funeral home, 326 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055.

Arrangements were made by Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc., Hellertown.

Donald M. Cole

layout operator

Donald M. Cole, 87, of Bethlehem and formerly of Orefield, died Sept. 7, 2015, at ManorCare Health Services II, Westgate, Bethlehem. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Stanley Cole and Carolyn (Reinhard) Knepper. He was the husband of Ellen I. (Ruch) Cole.

He was a layout operator for the former Western Electric Corporation, later AT&T, and Lucent Technologies, Allentown, for 37 years until he retired in 1987.

He was a member of Nativity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown.

He was a member of Ranger Lake Rod and Gun Club, Coplay. He was a former member of St. John's U.C.C., Howertown, where he was on the church council. He was a member of the board of directors of Greenwood Cemetery, Howertown. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of Amer-

ica. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Lynn and her husband Theodore Lopsonzski of Orefield, Tippi and her husband Thomas Williams of Bethlehem and Carol Zambelli of Long Island, N.Y.; a son, Donald M. Jr. and his wife Kimberly of Orefield; six grandchildren, Kelli and her husband Senator Jake Corman, Thomas and his wife Julie Williams, Casey and his wife Kristen Williams, Michael Zambelli, Cocco and her husband Richard McGuire and KaeDee and her husband Dr. Thomas Nowakowski; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Donald Z. Cole.

Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, 4004 W. Tilghman St., Allentown, 180104.

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

Susan E. Hackman

German teacher

Susan E. Hackman, 68, of Lower Saucon Township, died Sept. 12, 2015. Born in Philadelphia, she was a daughter of Levis and Florence (Urian) Patten. She was the wife of Herman R. Hackman Jr. for 44 years.

She was a graduate of Olney HS, Philadelphia. She graduated from Penn State, where she had earned a degree in German education. She earned certification in mathematics from Temple University.

She taught German in the Hatboro Horsham School District; and German and mathematics at St. Basil's Academy, Philadelphia.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Karl and Dawna Bruce, his fiancée; and a sister, Jane (Patten) Lechner.

Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

Raymond S. Bennett

electrical contractor

Raymond S. Bennett, 89, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 12, 2015, in St. Luke's Hospital. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Harry S. and Verna (Frankenfield) Bennett. He was the husband of Jean (Houser) Bennett for 63 years.

He was in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

He was a self-employed electrical contractor for 43 years until he retired.

He was a member of East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem, where he was a trustee and sacristan.

He belonged to the M.O.R.A. club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, David of Woodbine, N.J., and Karl and his wife Valerie of Kenosha, Wisc.; a daughter, Tracey and her husband Todd Stanton of Harrisburg; a brother, Harry and his wife Helen of Bethlehem; and seven grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Isabelle M. Bernard

Bethlehem

Isabelle M. Bernard, 88, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 12, 2015. Born in New Brunswick, Canada, she was a daughter of the late J. Philip and Anna (Tardif) Drapeau. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Bernard.

She was a parishioner of Notre Dame of Bethlehem R.C. Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Rachel and her husband Thomas Sacek of Bethlehem; and two sisters, Patricia Gyuk and Sylvia Levesque, both in Can-

ada. She was predeceased by four brothers, Adrian, Sylvio, Guy and Odilion Drapeau.

Contributions may be made to Notre Dame parish center fund, c/o the church, 1861 Catsauqua Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018, or to NAMI PA, Lehigh Valley 802 W Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018, or St. Luke's Hospice, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Joan H. Boor Paules

Sun Inn gift shop worker

Joan H. Boor Paules, 77, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 12, 2015, in St. Luke's Hospital-Anderson Campus, Easton. She was the wife of the late Richard C. Paules and the former wife of Peter T. Boor of Brookfield, Conn. Born in Chicago, she was a daughter of the late Douglas and Virginia (Tipson) Hendrickson.

She was a 1955 graduate of Easton HS. She graduated from Bucknell University with an elementary education degree.

She worked at the Sun Inn gift shop.

She was a volunteer at Kirkland Village and at First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem. She

was involved with Golden Retriever Rescue and Therapy Dog programs.

She is survived by three sons, David P. and his wife Alison of Bethlehem, Thomas A. and his wife Carrie of Columbus, Ohio, and Jonathan of North Attleboro, Mass.; and seven grandchildren, Patrick, Charles, Samuel, Matisse, Christian and Zachary Boor and Pieter and his wife Hannah Boor and their son Logan.

Contributions may be made to Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs at therapydogs.org.

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

Robert E. Serafin Sr.

Hotel Bethlehem security head

Robert E. Serafin Sr., 93, of Allentown, died Sept. 4, 2015, at the Phoebe Home, Allentown. Born in Plains, he was a son of the late John and Julia (Lewandoski) Serafin. He was the husband of the late Elaine (Hertus) Serafin.

He had 35 years of service with the army until he retired from the military. He was a medic and military police during World War II and was a criminal investigator during Vietnam and Korea, stationed in Thailand and Germany.

He was the head of security at the Hotel Bethlehem.

He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Berlinsville. He is survived by a

son, Robert E. and his wife Tina Serafin of Slatington; two daughters, Elaine and her husband John Haury of Port Orange, Fla. and Roberta and her husband Ronald Heiser of Slatington; a brother, John Serafin of Plains; four grandchildren, Jennifer Pugh-Stephens, Alyson Serafin, Shelby Serafin, and Kyle Heiser; and one great-granddaughter, Sarah Stephens.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Diana McCarthy; and a sister, Helen D'Agostino.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, c/o the funeral home, 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.

POLICE

Arson

Police reported an incident of arson in the 1700 block of Lynfield Drive around 3:30 a.m. Sept. 12.

According to police, a Honda van was set ablaze and "burned to a crisp."

Mischief

A resident of Michael Street reported damage to local property by hoodlums. Literally.

Police said three males wearing hooded red sweatshirts were seen using baseball bats to break car windows.

This transpired around 2 a.m. Sept. 12. The males allegedly fled the area in a black car. No other descriptions were given by police.

Drug bust

Police arrested a 17-year-old male at Liberty HS Sept. 17 after teachers allegedly discovered a large quantity of narcotics in his backpack.

The arrest was made shortly before noon.

The Morning Call reports Police Chief Mark DiLuzio and Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy agree the quantity - 285 packets of heroin and 43 bags of cocaine, and other paraphernalia altogether worth more than \$3,000 - indicate transportation on another person's behalf rather than some sale happening in the school.

As the investigation continues, the suspect is charged with possession of controlled substances, paraphernalia, and intent to deliver. A recent transfer to the school, he also faces near-certain expulsion, Roy said.



Valerie Moyer and Rob Glackin are among a handful of King's Men protesters at Cupid's Treasure, a Stefko Boulevard business.

PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Protesters picket Stefko Boulevard adult book store

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Cupid's Treasure, a Stefko Boulevard adult book store, has been receiving attention from a group intent on forcing the business to close. The King's Men, a Catholic pro-life group promoting "masculine spirituality," has been

picketing the store. Founder Mark Houck credits his group with shutting down 12 sexually oriented businesses.

"We've had patrons come to us and thank us for doing this," Houck said. "They are grateful."

Calling pornography an "evil in our society,"

Houck was particularly upset that a sexually-oriented business is located across the street from Valley Farm Market, where it can be seen by children.

"This brings sexual deviance to the community," he insisted.

The King's Men was sued by Adult World, an

other sexually-oriented business in the Quaker-town area, following a similar protest in which it was alleged that protesters sprinkled holy water and buried medals on the property. A federal court dismissed the lawsuit.

NorCo Sheriff completes training program

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Northampton County Sheriff David J. Dalrymple has completed a national executive development program at the National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI) held in Aurora, Colo., between Aug. 31 and Sept. 4.

The NSI is the only national executive development program

designed for sheriffs. This no-cost program is co-sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

Dalrymple joined 26 other sheriffs from across the country for training on contemporary challenges facing America's sheriffs to-

day. In light of those challenges, the sheriffs explored the role of the local sheriff in providing effective leadership for the public good in such areas as public safety, criminal justice system policy, community relations and organization effectiveness and efficiency.



Dalrymple

POLICE

Theft

A Fifth Street construction company reported the theft of nearly \$2,900 worth of equipment around 6 p.m. Sept. 14.

According to police, the gear was unsecured in the bed of a truck parked on the street in front of the business and was taken within a half-hour around 10 p.m. the prior evening.

A wheelbarrow, air compressor, pipe saw, portable generator and hammer drill are all reported missing.

Police said a bicycle was left at the scene.

CITY

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The group seeks to promote public safety and security, improve civic pride and raise awareness of the Bethlehem Mounted Police and to enlarge and strengthen the services of the City of Bethlehem Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit.

Resident Linda Freedman expressed concern about the impact of horses in the park. The proposed area, below the ice rink, is near a nature trail and is a habitat for butterflies, she said. "There are better places," she said. "Please don't take this space away."

The area is also near a traditional sledding hill, which could be affected by the construction and storage of horse trailers. "I'd hate to see that come to an end," Freedman said.

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BRIEFLY SANDS

Hygiene kit project set for Sept. 26

Las Vegas Sands is joining with the international nonprofit Clean the World to build 200,000 hygiene kits in one day. The kits will provide soap, shampoo and other hygiene supplies to people in need in each of the four areas where Las Vegas Sands operates, including Bethlehem.

Locally, volunteers are need to assemble 25,000 kits on Sept. 26 in a parking lot tent at Third and Foundry, behind SteelStacks and PBS 39.

Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and a raffle ticket for prizes. To sign up for a two-and one-half-hour shift, visit BethlehemCTW2015.eventbrite.com.

BETHLEHEM

Poetry reading deadline Sept. 25

Bethlehem will be participating in the National Favorite Poem Project. All ages are invited to submit their favorite poem, in any language, by Sept. 25.

Fifteen readers will be chosen to participate in a public reading at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at the city hall rotunda, Payrow Plaza. Guests Teresa Donate, NCC professor; Winston Alozie, Boys and Girls Club director; Josh Berk, BAPL director; Joseph Roy, Bethlehem Area School District superintendent;



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Family, friends and members of the Bethlehem City Democratic Committee gather to remember former city councilman and city controller Dave DiGiacinto on Sept. 12, by planting a tree along the Southside greenway between Adams and Webster streets.

Remembering a public servant

The Bethlehem City Democratic Committee sponsored a tree planting recently, to honor and remember former city councilman and city controller Dave DiGiacinto. Known as "DiGi" to many friends and family, the 61-year-old DiGiacinto passed away unexpectedly this past January. Democratic committee chairwoman Olga Gonzalez remembered DiGiacinto for his many contributions to the city and party organization. The City of Bethlehem supported the initiative, which was attended by DiGiacinto's mother Anne, son Luke, former wife Kelly, and a number of DiGiacinto's friends.



A plaque will be installed next to the willow oak planted in memory of Dave DiGiacinto.

BRIEFLY

and Steve Samuelson, state representative will also read their favorite poetry at that time.

For information and submission procedures, visit <https://www.facebook.com/thefavoritepoemprojectbethlehem>

BETHLEHEM

Celtic Fest

seeks volunteers

The 2015 Celtic Classic has several openings, from stagehands to volunteer coordinators, for individuals and groups to volunteer for the 2015 event. There is a new program for organizations to fundraise at the festival. This year's hours and dates are 4 to 11 p.m. Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 27.

Highlights will include the opening reception at 4 p.m. and the Haggis Bowl 2015 at 5 p.m., both Sept. 25; the showing of the tartan at 11:30 a.m., the parade opening ceremonies at noon, and the massed bands at 6 p.m., all on Sept. 26.

For information, email volunteers@celticfest.org, info@celticfest.org, call 610-868-9599 or visit www.celticfest.org.

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A lady in Scotland became greatly concerned about her sinful state. She was so troubled one night she couldn't sleep. She paced the floor. Then she sat down and wrote in her diary: "Next week I will get saved." Two days later she became violently ill and then delirious. Before she died her mind cleared long enough for those around to hear her mutter: "I am **one week too late!** I am lost!"
A young lady in New York attended a revival meeting with her parents. A Christian aunt became greatly burdened for her. During the altar call she went to her niece and urged her to get right with God. The niece refused. Later that evening they started home and were involved in an accident. The young lady, thrown violently against a telephone pole, was instantly killed. She was **one hour too late!**
God says, "**NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation!**" (2 Corinthians 6:2). I urge you to go to www.naog.ws/theway.htm and read how Jesus is The Only Way to heaven. Then pray and accept Him as your Savior. Don't delay. The Bible warns, "**Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth!**" (Proverbs 27:1). You may not have another month, week, or hour in which to receive Jesus! Do it **Now** before it's **Too Late!**

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MILLER-KEYSTONE

Blood donation challenge set

Miller-Keystone Blood Center will host a blood donation challenge throughout September to recognize Pediatric Awareness Month.

Blood donors will receive a water bottle and be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets to the Hearts of Gold Gala Nov. 14 at Metro Beauty Academy, 4977 Medical Center Circle, Allentown.

Donation locations include 1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 1300, Allentown, and 1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem.

HOLY GHOST

Fall fair, market set for Oct. 17, 18

A fall fair and flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 and from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 18 in the parish hall at Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Church, 417 Carlton Ave.

The free admission event is open to the public.

There will be home-made items including strudels, rolls, pierogies, jams, jellies, spaghetti sauce, apple butter, candy and more for purchase on both days; and hot food for sale on Saturday.

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

New fire marshal in Bethlehem Twp.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

There's a new marshal in town – fire marshal, that is. Marty Zawarski, president of Bethlehem Township's Board of Commissioners, swore Angela Kelly in at the board's Sept. 8 meeting. A cum laude fire science graduate of Columbia Southern University, Kelly has been employed by Bethlehem Township since January 2014. She also serves as assistant commercial construction official, fire inspector and is the emergency management coordinator. Local fire marshals are authorized to investigate fires, obtain and execute search documents, take evidence and detain and question in the process of establishing origin and cause. She resides in Perkasie with her husband, Jason, who is "very proud of Angela for all she's accomplished." She's been a firefighter there since 1997 and also sits on the township's zoning hearing board. "This is a large community that's experiencing a lot of growth," she said of Bethlehem Township. "I hope to be a part of it."

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Nearing summer's end

Giant hibiscus flowers catch the attention of sisters Tealyn and Tyleigh Boyle, who were recently visiting their grandmother Terry Iasiello at her Elm Street home in Bethlehem. The large perennial flowering plants grow in Iasiello's yard. The delicate pink blooms like the summer sun and warmth, but shrivel up and fall off at the end of the summer growing season. Sept. 23 is the official first day of fall. The sisters are the children of Sean and Christen Boyle, a Bethlehem native, now of New Tripoli.



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CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

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



Dollar is energetic, happy-go-lucky and overflowing with personality. He has lived with children and other dogs. He is quite the little spitfire and likes attention.



Heather is under a year old, sweet and would make someone a wonderful pet. She is spayed, current on shots, litter trained, microchipped and ready to go.

MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.
Bethlehem City Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m., 10 E. Church St.
Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Thursday, Sept. 24
Hanover Twp. Board of Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Monday, Sept. 28
BASD regular board, 7 p.m. East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.
Northampton County Gaming and Economic Redevelopment, 5:30 p.m. third floor, room 3116, Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

The Bethlehem Press calendar listings are, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of printing. We are not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of information submitted by external parties.

VOLUNTEERS

ARTSQUEST, Bethlehem, needs help on Sept. 26 to build 25,000 hygiene kits for people who can't afford to purchase these necessities or lack access to these basics. To sign up, visit www.BethlehemCTW2015.eventbrite.com.

BETHLEHEM SPECIAL OLYMPICS is looking for volunteers every Saturday in October from 6-10 p.m. for Haunted Woods. Sign up at www.bethlehemhsopa.org or contact Dana Lindsey, bsd.dana@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY, Bethlehem, is looking for volunteers to coordinate drives for empty shoeboxes to be used for the annual "Holiday Hope Chests" program. Contact Sandie Kelly, 610-807-0336, skelly@volunteerlv.org.

HOLIDAY HOPE CHESTS is a great project for large or small groups, clubs, classes, families and individuals coordinated by the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley. Volunteers are needed to donate shoeboxes filled with age appropriate items for Lehigh Valley's less fortunate children. To participate, go to www.volunteerlv.org and fill out a Holiday Hope Chest Donation registration form.

CEDARBROOK NURSING HOMES - Fountain Hill and Allentown need volunteers to help residents in wheelchairs get to in-house programs and the beauty shop. Contact Kerry Magliane, 610-336-5684, kerrymagliane@lehighcounty.org.

COMMUNITY BIKE WORKS, Allentown, needs "Earn-a-Bike" instructors for children ages 9-17. Contact James Williams, 610-434-1140, james@communitybikeworks.org.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER needs canteen attendants (age 18+) in the Bethlehem and Allentown locations. Contact Janice Brown, 610-691-5850, jbrown@giveapint.org.

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY, Schnecksville, is gearing up for fall baseball games and needs volunteers to help children with special needs play baseball. Contact Jerilyn Kronstad, 610-769-2096, jerilyn@miracleleaguelv.org.

DAVINCI SCIENCE CENTER, Allentown seeks enthusiastic, curious people to be exhibit floor volunteers. Volunteers engage visitors in hands-on-exhibits and exciting science experiments. Contact Jen Pors, 484-664-1002, jen@davincisciencecenter.org.

DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR INC., Easton, needs docents. Volunteers will receive resource materials and appropriate costumes, which they are responsible to clean. Contact Dennis Scholl, 610-923-3548, ext. 225 or 610-984-4753, dennis@delawareandlehigh.org.

EASTERN PA DOWN SYNDROME CENTER, Trexlertown, is holding its 16th annual Lehigh Valley Buddy Walk Sept. 26 at Valley Preferred Cycling Center. Volunteers (age 13+) are needed to assist. Sign up online at www.lehighvalleybuddywalk.org or call 610-402-0184.

LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES, Allentown - Help end hunger by participating in the Annual CROP Hunger Walk Oct. 11. Volunteers (age 16+) are needed to assist. Contact Laura Rowe, 610-433-6421, ext. 6101, lrowe@lehighchurches.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY SCORE, LCCC-Schnecksville seeks experienced business professionals to offer in-person and online counseling and advice to start-ups and owners of small businesses and nonprofit organizations. Contact Tracy Damiani, 610-266-3000, tdamiani@lvscore.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, Allentown, is looking for volunteers (18+ years) to do grocery shopping for homebound seniors and adults with disabilities. Contact Lindsay Fly, 610-841-7132, lfly@mealsonwheelslc.org.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL, Allentown, needs reliable, friendly volunteers for hospital gift shop. Contact Beth Fogel, 610-776-5413, bfogel@shh.org.

THE GRESS MOUNTAIN RANCH, Orefield, is hosting an Open Gate Farm Tour Oct. 18. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up/take-down, do parking, run bake sale and raffle, and handle the animals. Contact Kathryn Gress, 610-398-2122, gressranch@gmail.com.

Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: vc@volunteerlv.org. Visit our website www.volunteerlv.org for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

PRODUCE JUNCTION

PRICES GOOD THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH • NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

BANANAS 4 lbs. / \$1.50	8" HARDY MUMS \$8.02 / 3 pots
STRAWBERRIES 2 / \$3.00	CORN STALKS \$3.30 BUNDLE
RED DELICIOUS APPLES 8 / \$2.00	10" TROPICAL PLANT \$8.49 EACH
BARTLETT PEARS 8 / \$2.00	ROSES \$3.77 DOZEN
CANTALOUPE 2 / \$3.00	5" PHALAENOPSIS ORCHID \$5.66 EACH
CHINESE EGGPLANT 2 lbs. / \$2.00	GREEN SQUASH 3 lbs. / \$1.50
GREEN BELL PEPPERS 3 lbs. / \$2.00	RED BLISS POTATOES 5 lbs. / \$1.50

CASE SPECIALS

SPRING MIX \$7.50 CASE	SPANISH ONIONS \$16.50 CASE
LOOSE CARROTS \$13.00 CASE	TOMATOES ON THE VINE (11lbs.) \$10.50 CASE

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