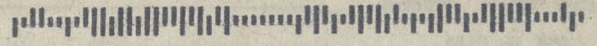


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CITY Council relieves longtime solicitor

By DAWN OUELETTE
 NIXON
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Christopher Spadoni's 17-year run as city council solicitor was terminated at Feb. 18's city council meeting. In a 6-1 vote, Bethlehem attorney Jonathan "Jack" Spirk Jr. was appointed the city's new solicitor.

Council members said the decision to terminate Spadoni, who was appointed solicitor in 1996, was a difficult one. "This is not political, it is practical," said council member Karen Dolan. "I would prefer not to go into the details as to why. I really like Mr. Spadoni, and love him as a person. When Mr. Spadoni was appointed, not one person here was on council, and some who appointed him have passed on. It's time. He had a great run for 17 years. We believe if we can make a better council, we have a responsibility to bring attorney Jonathan Spirk aboard. Jack is a brilliant lawyer, with decades of experience with Pennsylvania law."

Newly appointed council member Cathy Reuscher requested to abstain from the vote, explaining she has not worked with Spadoni and did not feel comfortable voting. Council President J. William Reynolds informed her that she is required to vote.

Dolan was quick to say, "New members are required to vote. It is the law. It takes integrity to make strong decisions. This is not political, it is practical. It is an employment decision."

In the final vote, only

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Students inspire each other as they energize the auditorium during the first few hours of the MiniTHON. Coverage continues on page A2.



Kaytie Zangari and Ali Check applaud the performance of the band Sandlot Heroes.



Bethlehem Catholic students Katie Rose Dwyer, Gabby Duffy, and Florencia Dayan pose for photographer Meaghan Hudy who donated her time. Meaghan is a Becahi graduate.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

Oh, what a night

Becahi MiniTHON
 tops \$60,000 goal

By LINDA ANTHONY
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Energy and excitement filled the Bethlehem Catholic HS gymnasium Friday evening as the school's third annual MiniTHON took center stage. Students, former students, parents and staff were on hand for the event, which coincided with Penn State's THON to benefit children with cancer and their families.

Student chair senior Mackenzie Bento sees the MiniTHON as a great way for the school community to come together for a great cause.

"It was an unforgettable experience," she said. "Our goal was to raise \$60,000 and we raised \$63,614. We couldn't have done it without the support of coordinator Mrs. Bedics and the entire student body, especially the seniors who led our committees. We are thankful and we appreciate everyone who supported this great cause and made the night a success."

The biggest challenge this year were the days lost to snow in the days leading up to the event. Despite that the students managed to reach their goal.

The money will be sent to the Four Diamonds Fund at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. From there the funds will go to pediatric cancer research, with a percentage going directly to patients, providing emotional and financial support.

BASD Board moves on sub contract

By AMY HERZOG
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

During the Feb. 10 Human Resources Committee meeting of the Bethlehem Area School District the proposed contract with Substitute Teacher Services (STS) was revisited by the BASD board after being tabled at a previous meeting.

Human Resources Director Russell Giordano addressed concerns expressed by the board during a meeting at which they were to vote on approving the contract with STS.

Giordano informed the board that he sent a letter in January notifying substitute teachers in the district of the intent to present the STS proposal to the board. He also said that he and his assistant, Jane Fisher, had reached out to school districts the same size as BASD who use STS about their experience with the company.

"What we attempted to do was fill in the gaps you indicated in the previous meeting. Put a Q and A in (the packet given to board members) and posted to web on Friday so the substitutes should have it," said Giordano.

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Brown blasts NorCo's failed leadership

By BERNIE O'HARE
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

After six weeks of ignoring emails and calls from the media, Northampton County Executive John Brown conducted his first news conference Feb. 17. He needed to "settle in" first, he explained. He pledged regular access and greater transparency.

He called reporters in response to the public outcry over his proposal to spend \$715,200 on outside business consultant Deana Zosky over the next four years. He defended the idea, insisting it would more than pay for itself. He also predicted that the measure would get the five votes he needs from council. But he said the biggest problem facing the county is a lack of leadership.

"For the past 16 years, the county has been a drifting ship without direction," charged Brown, in a slight aimed at former executives John Stoffa and Glenn Reibman. "The challenges we

face today are a direct result of the failure of leadership over the last eight years - and certainly the eight before that."

"I will not dignify a comment like that with a response," retorted Stoffa, who supplied Brown with an office and county resources immediately after Brown was elected to aid in his transition.

Brown claimed poor leadership has led to problems like serial structural deficits, including a \$13 million deficit in 2013, coupled with an attitude that budgets do not matter. He pledged "to restore fiscal sanity" to county government. "I have grabbed the steering wheel and have begun laying the groundwork to redirect the county away from the past and into a new future" he said.

After proclaiming his transparency and willingness to work with council, Brown disputed the claims of some council members. According to one reporter, some on council say they were

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PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE
 Northampton County Executive calls his first press conference.

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How have you been taking advantage of this recent winter thaw?



"When it's sunny like this, we come outside. My husband and I took a walk yesterday. Everybody's mood just changes."
Lydia Turtzo
 Bethlehem



"Ice fishing, hanging out by a nice toasty fire and I had a chance to change some tires."
Jack Nemf
 Belfast



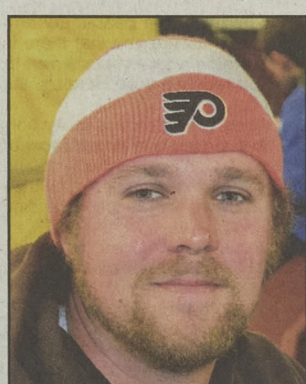
"Spending more time outside and walking the dog."
Chelsey Williams
 Bethlehem



"Wearing fewer layers of clothing. We've been more active getting out to the stores."
Dan Merkel
 Bethlehem



"Getting outdoors, ice skating and walking. We can actually walk on the sidewalks now."
Emily Dawley
 Bethlehem



"It hasn't changed one bit for us. We've been outdoors all winter. We enjoy it."
Nick Smith
 Bethlehem

OH WHAT A NIGHT



Lead singer of Sandlot Heroes Dan Kastelnik, along with guitarist Chris Morrison and Ans Gibson on drums play to the delight of the mini-

THON crowd. Kastelnik is a Bechahi graduate and he and his band donated their musical talents.



CITY

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council member Eric Evans voted against terminating Spadoni and appointing Spirk.

At the end of the meeting, Bethlehem Mayor Robert Donchez responded to Reynolds' questions regarding the city's efforts to remove the snow from the streets during the course of this year's especially snowy winter.

"We have had 20 inches of snow in the past week," said Donchez. "We declared a snow emergency and have had men out working 12-hour shifts to remove the snow from the streets. We bring the removed snow to Sand Island, where the snow is now larger than a football field and 15 feet high. We have spent \$300,000 dollars in just one week on snow removal."

Sheila White, a Bethlehem resident, addressed council on the topic of snow removal and remarked that if the city had better communication to residents during extreme weather events, that residents would be better prepared. She proposed that the city use social media more to get the word out during snow emergencies.

FAR LEFT: The blue bucket says it all as students wait their turn for haircuts.

LEFT: Manny DeJesus of Clean Cuts Barber-shop gives a haircut to student Andrew Kueser. Proceeds from the haircuts benefited the Mini-THON. DeJesus volunteered his time.

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Great Decisions Foreign Policy lecture series: Islamic Awakening with Hussein Ibish; 10:30 a.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Call 610-867-4669 for information.

Thursday, February 27

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and over, 10:45 am. program, Bram Rader in concert, followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Saturday, March 1

Governor Wolf Historical Society sixth annual antique show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 6600 Jacksonville Road.

St. Andrew's nursery school's First Saturday story, craft, and snack time for young children, 10 to 11:30 a.m. 1900 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Monetary donations for local homeless and hungry missions benefit accepted for admission. RSVP to 610-882-1415.

Portuguese American Club ethnic dinner, cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., entertainment, 9 p.m. Silent auction. Call 610-730-4111 or 610-837-7188.

Sunday, March 2

Governor Wolf Historical Societysixth annual antique show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath, exhibitors, food, lectures, auction. Visit www.govwolf.org or call or 610-837-9015.

PEAK TV on DrTV, 6:30 p.m. WFMZ, Channel 69 or view past episodes anytime at www.ThePEAKTV.com.

Monday, March 3

Hi Neighbors, First Presbyterian Church, 10 (TBA) and 11:15 (TBA) a.m., 2344 Center St.

PEAK TV on DrTV, 3:30 p.m. WFMZ, Channel 69 or view past episodes anytime at www.ThePEAKTV.com.

Veterans Harry F.W. Johnson Post #379 American Legion meeting, 7 p.m., followed by the United Veterans of Bethlehem meeting, D.A.R. Log Cabin in the Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and West Union Boulevard. Call 610-866-3835.

Tuesday, March 4

Traditions of Hanover, senior bus trip to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Perkiomen Tours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Coffee and donuts 8:30 a.m. 5300 Northgate Drive. Reservations by Feb. 28; call 1-800-222-4434; use trip code TRAD03042014.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, February 26

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 730 p.m. public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.

Monday, March 3

Bethlehem Township Commissioners, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Hellertown Council, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

Fountain Hill Council, meeting, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Hanover Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Hellertown Borough Council meeting, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

Tuesday, March 4

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Freemansburg Council (as needed) 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.

Wednesday, March 5

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

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Thursday, February 27

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Friday, February 28

My Favorite Year, 7:30 p.m. Moravian Academy, 4313 Green Pond Road. Call 610-691-1600.

Saturday, March 1

My Favorite Year, 7:30 p.m. Moravian Academy, 4313 Green Pond Road. Call 610-691-1600.

Sunday, March 2

My Favorite Year, 2 p.m. Moravian Academy, 4313 Green Pond Road. Call 610-691-1600.

COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College

Schneck appointment CBI specialist

NCC has appointed Jeffrey Scheck as client development specialist for its Center for Business and Industry (CBI). He earned bachelor of arts degrees in journalism and sociology from Rider University and worked for Victaulic and Camelback Mountain Resort.

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Bethlehem Press and The Press LVP advertisement with contact information and subscription rates.

Life lost in Hanover Township fire



PRESS PHOTO BY MIKE LUBERTI JR.

A fire engulfed this house located at 1930 Mark Twain Circle, Hanover Township, Feb. 17, resulting in the death of resident James Cenchitz. Local fire companies were dispatched around 9:37 p.m. to combat the blaze. According to official reports, three firefighters were injured in the fire. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Semi-truck street parking argued

FOUNTAIN HILL

By LEO ATKINSON Special to the Bethlehem Press

Most of the debate at the Feb. 19 Fountain Hill Council work session centered around large vehicles, particularly semi-trailers, parking on borough streets.

Police Chief Ed Bachert said there have been numerous complaints about the trucks. He said he had "counted three semis around Hoffert [Street]" along with two campers.

The concern is that non-residents are "dropping off these cabs here and coming back" because other communities do not allow these vehicles to be parked on public roads, according to Council President Larry Rapp.

Council member Carolee Gifford expressed concern for residents who make their living driving trucks.

She said people may have moved here because they could park on the street.

Rapp said the borough might be able to offer permits for residents, but no one else to prevent non-residents leaving their trucks in the borough.

"That does not help when people start [their trucks] up at 3 a.m.," said council member Fred Capuano.

Paul Irzinski, of Wiley Street, spoke up, saying, "I am looking at a quality of life issue." Irzinski said he was concerned for safety, saying the trucks do not offer the visibility or maneuverability of regular vehicles.

which could pose a safety hazard to pedestrians. He concluded by asking, "What benefit does the majority of taxpaying citizens get from allowing the trucks?"

"That is not the way we legislate," interjected Gifford.

"We also try to protect the minority," added council member Norman Blatt. Rapp concluded the discussion, saying council would seek advice from borough solicitor Donald Lipson.

Borough Executive Rick Prill brought up drafting an ordinance to require borough residents to clear the snow obstructing fire hydrants.

Rapp said there had been something in place in the past but, "Somehow it got off our books."

He said the House & Ordinance Committee would discuss it at their next meeting.

A motion to waive the electrical permit fee for the Barry J. Hoffman Co. work on the Long Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project was passed without dissent. "We'd just be charging ourselves," remarked Blatt.

Before adjourning for the night, Rapp thanked the public works, police and fire departments for their efforts during the recent storms, saying many workers had worked "sixteen-hour days, four or five days in a row."

Council member Helen Halleman and Mayor Jose Rosado were absent.

BROWN

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blindsided by Brown's proposal to hire a \$715,200 business consultant. He said he made his intentions known two weeks ago, but apologized to any members who were unaware.

Asked how he would pay for this business consultant contract with Zosky, which he agreed does include unspecified IT costs, Brown said he has already saved \$100,000 in the solicitor's office.

Though critical of the \$13 million deficit, Brown said he was unsure whether he would have agreed to a tax hike. "I would have preferred that they control costs," he said, adding that he bit his tongue as council approved several new positions.

Not all have been filled. Brown is requiring department heads to meet with him and justify the added cost.

He cited the new hires as an example of a habit, presumably a bad habit.

New hires in the Stoffa administration were actually something of a rarity. First, he imposed a two-year hiring freeze on vacant positions, under which slots were filled only if both he and council agreed they were critical. Second, he instituted a voluntary furlough program, an unpaid vacation exercised by about 20 county employees annually. Third, he refused to appoint a director of community and economic development or replace Vic Mazziotti after he resigned as director of fiscal affairs.

In an effort to control costs, Brown agrees with Lamont McClure's proposed performance audit of the \$5.5 million Community Education Center program at the jail, which is designed to treat inmates and keep them from re-offending.

"We get a sound bite," he said of claims that the program reduces recidivism. "We don't get the whole story."

Brown stated he is addressing the \$5.5 million deficit at county nursing home Gracedale by conducting weekly meetings with Administrator Dee Freeman. "We're handcuffed in some ways," he said, referring to labor issues.

In addition to the proposed business consultant contract, Brown has already approved a public works consultant and is considering a communication consultant. But he denied plans to engage in government by consultant.

He conceded that he is having trouble finding people willing to work at the salaries paid by local government.

Though Brown himself shut out the press until yesterday, he nevertheless criticized prior administrations for their lack of transparency. "We don't communicate well with our own employees," he said, adding, "They do such a good job."

After stressing the importance of communication and transparency, media consultant Kim Plyler brought the conference to an end after about 20 minutes.

"There's time for one more question," she announced.

BASD

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He also said he beefed up the executive summary with more detail and added cost avoidance to it.

Concern about substitutes having to redo their clearances if the board chooses to enter a contract with STS prompted a lengthy discussion among board members and Giordano.

"One of the things I'm concerned with is teachers have to redo their clearances. Is that a state thing?" asked Board President Michael Facinetto.

Giordano said that clearances are regulated by the state. If clearances are more than a year old, the teacher would only have to redo them once to work wherever STS has a job for them, whether in the BASD or another local district.

In order to join STS, substitutes would have to pay out of pocket to redo

their clearances if they are more than a year old.

Facinetto then proposed possibly negotiating with STS for STS to pay to cover the cost of teachers redoing their clearances the first time.

Superintendent Joseph Roy said, "There are going to be times going forward with collective bargaining that will cost the employee. Sometimes changes cost the employ-

ee in some way. I would be cautious in setting a trend that way."

The board voted 8-1 with director Basilio Bonilla voting against to take the possible contract with STS off the table and put it on the agenda for a vote at the next meeting Feb. 24 at East Hills MS.

"We can't get into the habit of outsourcing everything," Bonilla said. "What's next, teachers?"

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Pastor's Comments advertisement for Northampton Assembly of God with contact information.

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Something More! advertisement with religious text and contact information.

It began upstairs at the YMCA



Karen M. Samuels
Columnist

On a sunny February day 57 years ago, the dedication ceremony of a new church on Center Street in Bethlehem Township was celebrated. The First Presbyterian Church was designed by the prominent New York City architectural firm McKim, Mead & White. The firm was responsible for Penn Station, the New York Public Library and the west and east wings of the White House. This was the third church for the congregation and three short years later they would need to expand to add a north wing. The cost of building the new sanctuary and education building was \$1.25 million.

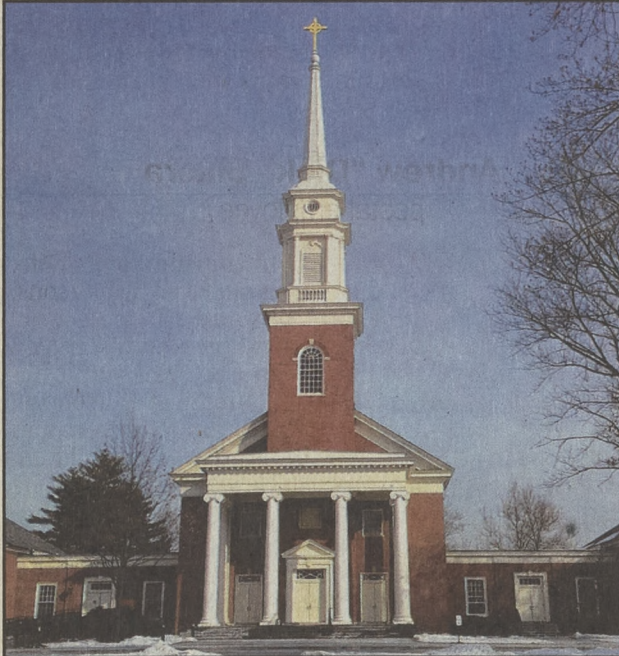
On the day of the dedication, Feb. 24, 1957, 850 people filled the spacious sanctuary and balcony to hear Rev. Dr. Elam Davis remember the congregation's 82-year history. Stoddard Smith, organist, played the new \$54,000 organ. He was backed by the 42-member chorus.

Like many Bethlehem churches, the congregation's beginnings can be traced back to South Bethlehem in 1869. The earliest Presbyterian congregation built a church at West Fourth and Martel streets. Presbyterians living on the north side decided to organize a church closer to home. On Nov. 14, 1875, the group of 22 members began worshipping in the YMCA on Main Street, in a second floor room. Next, the group moved to a former United Brethren meeting house on Union Street.

In 1878, a visiting clergyman from Philadelphia, the Rev. George Musgrave gave the congregation \$2,000, more than one-fourth of the cost, toward the construction of a chapel at Center and North streets. The new chapel was named "Musgrave Chapel" in appreciation. The Rev. Alexander D. Moore served as minister during the years 1876 through 1891.

As the membership continued to grow, the congregation built a new church on the same site in 1913. A Sunday school building and gymnasium were added in 1921. By the end of World War II, membership included more than a thousand and the congregation had outgrown the church buildings once again. In the 1950s, 52 acres of land was purchased further north on Center Street. In 1957, the new church was dedicated. By the 1960s, membership numbers had reached 2,000.

Today, Head Pastor Rev. Alf Halvorson oversees a comprehensive program that includes local and international service ministry, such as building Habitat for Humanity houses in Bethlehem. The "Hi Neighbors" program is a popular lecture series and the music program is appreciated by members and non-members alike. The founding congregation would be proud of how their church has grown.



The First Presbyterian Church on Center Street on a sunny February day in 2014.

PEOPLE

Martin takes part in choir tour

Samuel Martin of Bethlehem, a senior performance major in the School of Music, Ithaca College, will perform in the 36th annual Ithaca College Choir Tour this spring. The tour, "Ithaca, My Ithaca," will feature works by Lizzie Alohikea, Johannes Brahms, H.T. Burleigh, Bob Chilcott, William Dawson, Dominick DiOrto, Dan Forrest, Christopher Harris, Franz Joseph Haydn, Moses Hogan, Sten Kallman, Michael McGlynn, Allan E. Naplan, Feodosiy Rubtsov and Giuseppe Verdi.

Alderiso in Wilkes production

Jamie Alderiso of Bethlehem, a senior English and theater arts major, performed in Wilkes University Theatre's production of "The No Frills Revue" Feb. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Originally conceived by Martin Charnin, author of the musical "Annie," the revue incorporates sketch comedy and song.

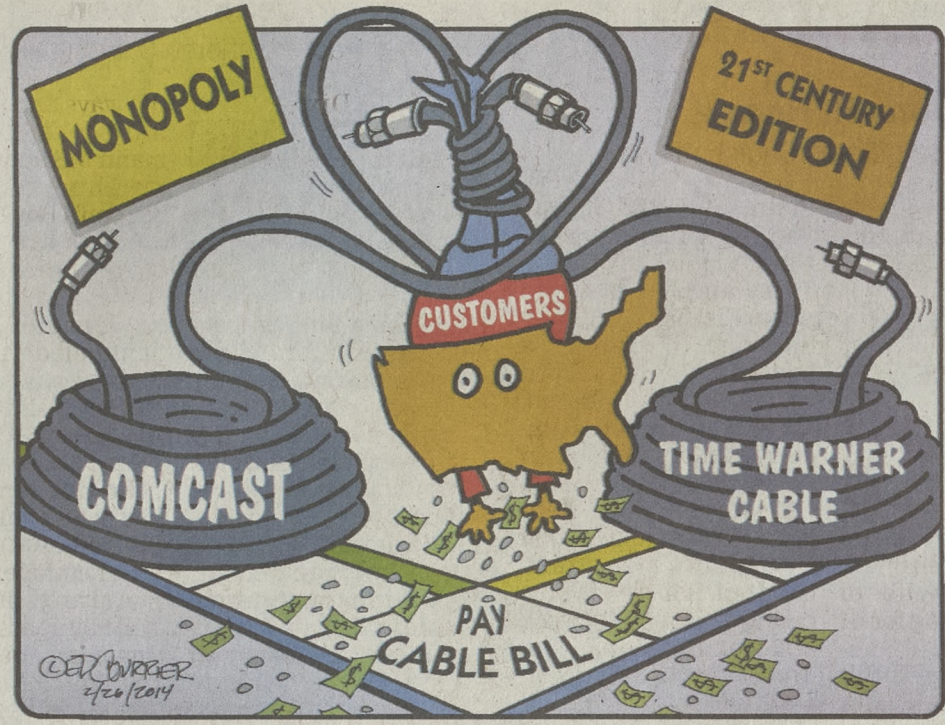
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Benol bashes valley media for journalistic malpractice

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At the end of the Feb. 20 Northampton County Council meeting, Mat Benol lashed out at the media, warning the public not to rely on what they read in the newspapers. He added that if they have questions, they should give him a call.

Benol is a newly elected member of council, one of five Republicans swept into office in November's election. He has never held government office before, though he ran and lost in the GOP primary against Congressman Charlie Dent in 2010. He is also a past chair of the LV Tea Party.

Firing pin
What set him off was the public outcry that followed Executive John Brown's proposal to hire Deana Zosky as a \$715,200 business management consultant. That contract required council approval. Somebody leaked it to the newspapers on Feb. 14, two days after it was provided to council. The Morning Call broke the story, quickly followed by The Express Times and a local blog. Benol was angry that when

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he returned home from work that day and received a call from a reporter, he knew nothing about it.

Benol informally suggested that council members impose a 48-hour news blackout on communications from the executive, although the Zosky communication was already 48-hours old at the time it was leaked.

"I can't sit here the next four years and let the media dictate what we discuss," he complained.

Malpractice
Benol, who supported the Zosky contract, insisted that there were inaccuracies in the media coverage, though he failed to specify what those were. He also objected to the depiction of the contract as a \$715,200 contract, calling this "journalistic malpractice." He explained that the annual price is much cheaper.

All reporting concerning this contract, both here and in the two dailies, specified the contract price year by year, as well as a 30-day escape clause. But it is a \$715,200 contract, and that price could be much higher because the county also agreed to pay

unspecified IT costs for the implementation of dashboard software.

While denying that he is "trying to end transparency," Benol complained that stories that just happen on Friday are now appearing in the paper on Saturday.

Council blogger
He went on to chastise a council member, without naming him or her, for participating in a blog discussion of the proposed contract. He did not explain why participating in a public discussion is improper. In addition to stating, "I don't trust the media anymore," Benol expressed some suspicion of fellow council members.

"How do I freely express myself?" he worried. "I shouldn't have to be hesitant to reach out to fellow council members."

Benol then argued that he and other council members "should be able to have private conversations behind the scenes," which they would disclose after they vote on a matter.

Council supporter
Glenn Geissinger, another newly elected council member and supporter of the Zosky deal, echoed Benol.

Lamont McClure remembered that he and other council members were forced to go to "Sunshine Act camp" some years ago in a settlement deal reached in a suit filed by a local blogger. He suggested Benol read the packet of information that was supplied to him at that time.

"There are no secrets in politics," added council President Peg Ferraro.

Keeping secrets
After the meeting, Benol claimed that marking this \$715,200 proposal "confidential" should have been enough to keep the public from seeing a matter being voted on in the next six days.

"I have lawyers working on it," he said.

According to the express language of the Sunshine Act, "secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government and the public's effectiveness in fulfilling its role in a democratic society." That act, with very limited exceptions, requires that even deliberations must occur out in the open. "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants," noted former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

McClure wants prison program audit

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In December, Lamont McClure was the sole vote against a \$5.5 million plan to reduce recidivism at the Northampton County jail by treating inmates instead of just warehousing them. He opposed a five-year contract with Community Education Centers to provide substance abuse programs called the Future Foundation program for men, Sister to Sister program for women and the West East-on Treatment Facility program. Now he is asking Controller Steve Barron for a performance audit to determine whether the program really works.

"We've invested millions of dollars and have committed to millions more without any definitive evidence that any of the programs are returning any benefit to the county taxpayer," he said at a Feb. 6 County Council meeting.

"I know it feels good," he acknowledged, but he questioned whether this is the "kind of program that should be going on at our

ANOTHER VIEW

Objectivity questioned

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Disputing whether substance abuse programs used in the county prison really reduce recidivism, Northampton County Council member Lamont McClure has argued the focus should be on educating inmates, ensuring they have GEDs. Now he has asked to work with County Controller Steve Barron to conduct a performance audit to determine whether the program really works.

According to the Gov-

ernment Accounting Office, a performance audit is an "objective and systematic examination of evidence to provide an independent assessment of the performance and management of a program against objective criteria ..."

Though McClure was the sole vote against this contract in December, he appears to be using a performance audit to defeat it now. This report will be prepared by a controller who supported his executive race and introduced him when he announced.

Whether this report can really be objective is questionable, to say the least.

McClure repeated most of the arguments he made when he was the sole dissenting vote against this contract.

McClure told council members that he would work with the controller to come up with parameters for the audit. "I don't think we need a resolution," he

assured council members.

That argument was disputed by council members and the controller himself.

Barron said he'd prefer to have a resolution from council setting the parameters, which was also urged by council members Scott Parsons and Hayden Phillips. Barron also advised council that he will render no opinion on the efficacy of the program, calling it a legislative and executive matter.

"I'd like direction from council," Barron said.

Council member Bob Werner questioned whether Barron is qualified to do a performance audit. Barron responded that his office does them for programs and contracts quite regularly.

"My staff is very, very intimately involved or knows the inner workings of the prison," Barron assured Werner.

McClure agreed to work on a resolution himself, based on the input of council members. He indicated that the matter need not be heard first by Mat Benol's Courts and Corrections Committee.

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lamont McClure's plan for a performance audit of the success of treatment programs at the jail sailed through Northampton County Council at its Feb. 20 meet-

ing. Unanimously, council approved a resolution requesting Controller Steve Barron audit the treatment programs offered by Community Education Centers, Inc. Those programs, designed to reduce the number of offenders who return to jail for new offenses, will cost \$5.5 million over

the next five years.

"Where is the evidence this program is working?" asked McClure, who cast the sole vote against this contract last year. He conceded there is anecdotal evidence the program works, but noted that the actual

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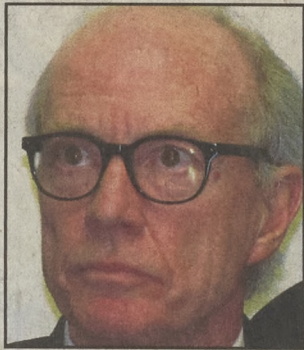
Matos welcomes treatment program audit

Feds foil hit against homicide witnesses

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The FBI, acting in concert with the Bethlehem Police Department, has foiled an assassination planned against witnesses to a 2012 Southside shooting that killed one person and wounded five others. Sonia Panell, 37, wife of accused murderer Rene Figueroa, wanted to eliminate three witnesses scheduled to testify against her husband, but unknowingly hired a federal informant for the job. She's been charged with using interstate commerce facilities to solicit and assist in murders for hire. In federal detention, she faces up to 25 years in prison.

Northampton County DA John Morganelli announced these charges at a Feb. 21 afternoon news conference. His office is prosecuting the most bloody episode of the Southside's history since the 1910 Bethlehem Steel strike. Yolanda



BERNIE O'HARE
Ass't DA Terry Houck

Morales, 23, died in a hail of gunfire during the early morning hours Dec. 2, 2012. Five others were hospitalized with gunshot wounds. One man will be paralyzed for the rest of his life. An argument inside the Puerto Rican Beneficial Society, a club located at 205 E. Third St., spilled over into the streets and became a 30-bullet fusillade.

Rene Figueroa, age 32, faces homicide and related charges, including the use of a stolen .45 caliber pistol. Javier Rivera-Alverado, 38, has also been charged with attempted

homicide and aggravated assault. The trial in this matter was supposed to start March 3. It has now been postponed, and Morganelli made clear he wants this matter tried soon.

"Our office is going to do everything we can to oppose any further delays in this case," he declared. First Assistant DA Terry Houck, lead prosecutor in this matter, stated, "very early on, we received complaints from victims and witnesses who thought they were being followed." Bethlehem police were able to confirm that victims were, in fact, being stalked.

Panell's hitman was, according to Houck, a family friend contacted in Ohio. He was offered a car, gun, unspecified sum of money and even night vision goggles to "take care of" two of the victims and a witness. She created a false Facebook profile to gather information as well.

One of the three intended targets, Angel Figueroa (unrelated to Rene) is already paralyzed as a result of the shooting. Another, Shajuan Hungerford, is a woman who slapped Rene Figueroa.

"[S]he done touched Rene's face. She's gotta pay for it!" Panell is quoted in federal documents as having said.

Will this make witnesses less likely to testify? Not at all, according to Houck. "This sends a clear message that we're not going to stand by. We're going to be all over this."

Morganelli added that, even in small cases, witnesses are often fearful. "The message here is that law enforcement does take this seriously," he said.

Houck said there is no evidence of any organized crime or gang-related activity. But he believes this plan was very real.

"She had enough moxie to go out of state and bring that person here," he concluded.

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DEANS LISTS

Central Penn College

Two Bethlehem students have been named to the Central Penn College dean's list for the summer 2013 and for the fall 2013 terms. Daphne Gombosi, an accounting major, and Melissa Sebring, a business administration major, qualified by carrying six or more credits and earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or better for the term.

Also named for the fall 2013 term is Bethlehem resident Jasmine Robinson.

Clarkson University

Samantha L. Barrett of Bethlehem, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Clarkson University. Dean's list students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Clemson University

Brian Peterson of Bethlehem, a pre-business major, has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the fall 2013 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

Cornell University

Two Bethlehem residents, Alexis Ferguson and Abhinav Rangarajan, have been named to the Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences' dean's list for fall semester 2013.

Keystone College

John A. Mahan, of Bethlehem, was named to the Keystone College dean's list for the 2013 fall semester. Full-time students who complete 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of 3.70-3.99 are named to the dean's list.

Marist College

Shalyn Baum and Daniel Nesfeder of Bethlehem have been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester.

Rensselaer Polytechnic

Several Bethlehem residents were named to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. The students maintained grade-point averages of a minimum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C." The students and their majors are Kevin Gallagher, chemical engineering; Matthew McGivern, business and management; Ryan Muhl, architecture; and Eric Zhang, computer science.

Rochester Institute of Technology

Four Bethlehem residents were named to the dean's list for fall 2013 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology. The students and their focus are Jacob Claudio, chemical engineering; Kate Gleason College of Engineering; Danielle Labelle, mechanical engineering; Kate Gleason College of Engineering; Colleen McNally, illustration, Imaging Arts and Sciences; and Kevin Meehan, computer engineering, Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their quarterly GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

St. Lawrence College

Drew M. Parton of Bethlehem, a senior psychology major, has been included on the dean's list for academic achievement for the fall 2013 semester at St. Lawrence University. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have completed at least four semester units and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

TCNJ

Bethlehem resident Samantha Nader, a senior English major, has been placed on the dean's list at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for the 2013 fall semester. To achieve this honor, a student must carry 12 or more credits that semester and have a 3.5 grade point average or above.

AUDIT

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recidivism rate at the jail has remained steady.

"We welcome the audit," said Corrections Director Arnie Matos, who added that a parallel study is being done by a local college.

Controller Barron told council he will render no opinion, and instead perform an audit addressing 12 points, including what is paid by other jails with similar programs and whether treatment graduates end

up in jails somewhere else. "I don't want this to be used as a warrant for anyone to go out on a witch hunt," cautioned Hayden Phillips.

Barron assured council that, contrary to concerns raised that he was doing the bidding of a political ally, he would be fair. "I come from treatment myself," he said, referring to his previous employment in group homes.

BRIEFLY

LEGION

New members sought for band

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| One | (1) | person for Governor (4 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Lieutenant Governor (4 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in Congress in the 15th Congressional District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Senator in the General Assembly in the 16th Senatorial District (4 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Senator in the General Assembly in the 18th Senatorial District (4 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 22nd Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 131st Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 132nd Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 133rd Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 134th Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 183rd Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| One | (1) | person for Representative in the General Assembly in the 187th Representative District (2 Year Term) |
| Three | (3) | persons (one male, one female and one person regardless of sex) for Member of the Republican State Committee – At Large, in the entire County (4 Year Term) |
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| Two | (2) | persons (one male and one female) for Member of the Republican State Committee in District 2 of Lehigh County (4 Year Term) |
| Two | (2) | persons (regardless of sex) for Member of the Republican County Committee in each Election District in the County of Lehigh (2 Year Term) |
| Seven | (7) | persons (three males, three females and one person regardless of sex) for Member of the Democratic State Committee from the County of Lehigh (4 Year Term) |
| Two | (2) | persons (regardless of sex) for Member of the Democratic County Committee in each Election District in Lehigh County (4 Year Term) |

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K.J. FENSTERMACHER
LIBERTY WRESTLER

▼ **BRIEFLY**

VIA BANQUET

James Worthy, named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Via All-Star Banquet.

The event takes place Wednesday, March 26, at the Sands Event Center in Bethlehem, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Price per person is \$100.

For tickets or information, visit vianet.org or call 610-317-8000, ext 459.

VIA SUPER SATURDAY

The Via All-Star Basketball Classic Super Saturday event will take place Saturday, March 29, at the Northampton Community College Spartan Center Gymnasium.

Come see the best and brightest face off. Tickets available at the door. For more information visit vianet.org or call 610-317-8000, ext. 459.



PRESS PHOTO BY MIKE FEIFEL

Becahi once again won the district team title thanks to crowning seven individual champs this past weekend.

Hawks pile up hardware

Capture title with seven champions

By PETER CAR
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The District 11 2A wrestling championships over the weekend were a clear indicator of the distaste that many in the Lehigh Valley have against Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling program.

The raucous and deafening roar that ensued following Tri-Valley's Sammy Hepler pinning Jake Riegel in the first championship bout of the night may have produced the loudest roar the tournament has seen in recent memory, but there wasn't much more to cheer about by the opposition, as the Hawks racked up seven gold medals out of 10 finalists and crushed the field to run away with the team title.

The Hawks pushed 12 wrestlers into this weekend's Southeast Regional 2A tournament and hushed the crowd for the most part of their method-

ical title wins. Senior Zeke Moisey capped an illustrious district run, winning his fourth straight district championship with a fall in 3:29 over Pius X's Dante Albanese in the 126-pound title bout to become the second Becahi wrestler to ever achieve that feat, joining Duane Peoples as the only Hawks to ever win four district championships.

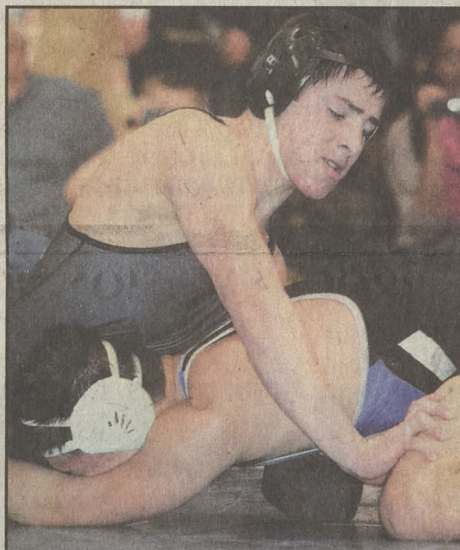
"It's a great privilege to win four district championships," Moisey said. "I'm now looking to win another regional title [going for his third] and keep things going full throttle."

The Hawks earned district championships from Luke Karam (113), Joey Gould (120), Mike Labriola (138), Adam Soldridge (160), Jose Ortiz (182) and Andrew Dunn (220), but it was the ones they lost that had head coach Jeff Karam wanting more.

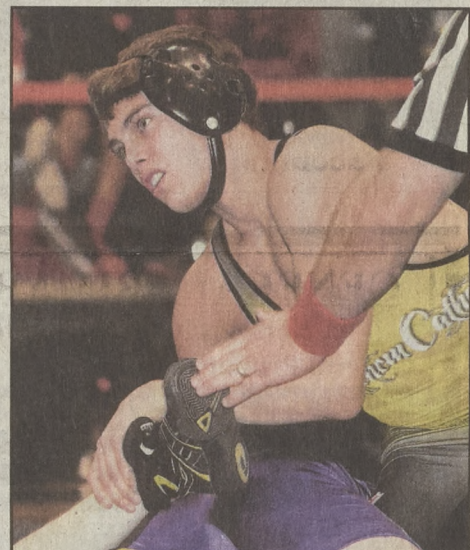
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For Zeke Moisey, this was district title number-four.



Mike Labriola took gold at 138.



Luke Karam was golden at 113.

Fenstermacher makes history

First LHS freshman to win district gold

By PETER CAR
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On a night where Bethlehem Catholic's Zeke Moisey won his fourth district wrestling title, Liberty freshman K.J. Fenstermacher got his first one.

Fenstermacher ran through the 113-pound category with ease, as nobody came within five points of him, concluding his dominant stretch through the tournament with a 9-1 decision over Pottsville's Luke Gardner in the championship finals Saturday night to become the first Liberty freshman ever to win districts.

As he's been a staple at Memorial Gymnasium over the years watching districts since his youth, winning his first district title was a special moment, which was coupled with him winning the outstanding wrestler award too.

"During the parade of champions it was really cool because I've been around here since second grade watching this every year," Fenstermacher said. "I just hope that this is first of many titles. I really do envision myself winning four of these [dis-

trict titles] and it's just a great feeling to get the first one."

Fenstermacher did all of this with two broken hands, as he needs three pins in his right hand after the season. His left hand is fractured as well, but that won't need surgery.

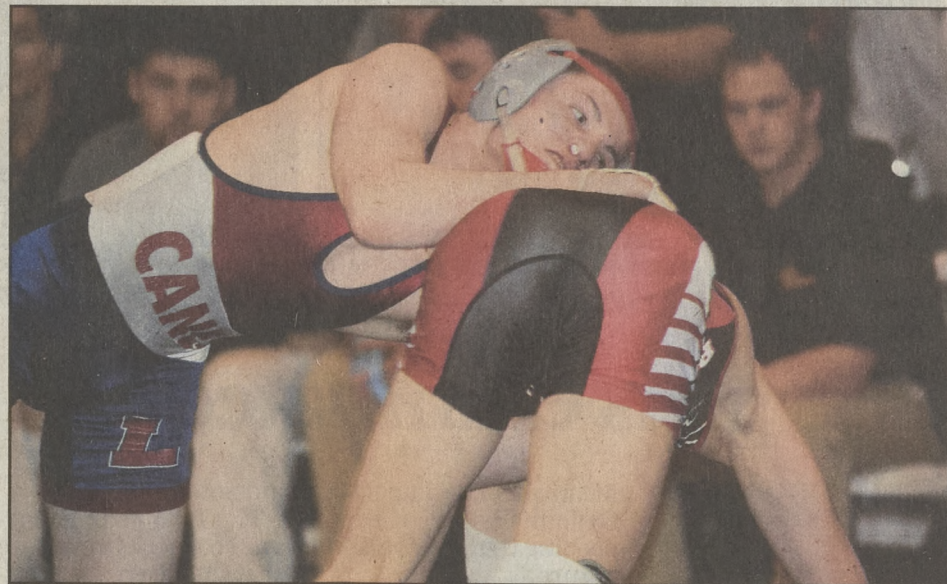
"I have my hands taped during matches and it really doesn't hurt so much," he said. "[Mike] Scheetz was really pulling back on my hands [during an 8-3 semifinal win] and I could feel it then, but for the most part, when you have the adrenaline going through you in a match, it doesn't hurt."

Fenstermacher wasn't the only hurricane to land in the finals, as senior Jake Gunning won his first district championship as well, topping Parkland's Omar Haddad 1-0.

Gunning rode out Haddad in the second period and earned the only point of the match in the third period with an escape, to transform a once 0-23 freshman into a district champion his senior year.

"We knew this match would come down to a point or two and for the past couple weeks I've

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K.J. Fenstermacher became the first Liberty freshman to bring home a gold medal from districts.



PRESS PHOTOS BY MIKE FEIFEL

Jake Gunning also captured gold for Liberty at the district tourney.

Hurricanes stay alive

By PETER CAR
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Liberty's basketball team has proved again that the Hurricanes are always a force to be reckoned with when it comes to playoff time.

The Hurricanes, who qualified for the postseason in their final game of the season, have now put themselves in position to possibly continue to the state tournament after upsetting top-seeded Pocono Mountain West 79-73 Saturday night.

DeShawn Oyeniya led the 'Canes with 29 points, but was helped along the way with another stellar performance by Ludwin Gonzalez, who added 18 points to push the Hur-

ricanes into tonight's semifinal contest against Emmaus.

After blowing out Whitehall 58-38 in the first round of districts, the 'Canes (13-11) reversed a 26-point regular season loss to PMW over the weekend to score the biggest upset of the district tournament so far.

"I am a little surprised about what we've been able to do," said head coach Chad Landis. "I knew we were capable of doing this, but before districts, we haven't played well in a while.

"You usually like to being playing your best around Christmas time and for us, it took us until the end of the season to finally get things clicking."

Gonzalez has been a major factor in Liberty's success, as he scored 17 points against Whitehall and his 18-point effort against West helped tremendously.

With the absence of KJ Williams during the post-season, Gonzalez has thrived, providing balance on the perimeter, while Oyeniya wrecks havoc in the interior.

"Ludwin has been really good," said Landis. "He's been huge for us, as well as DeShawn and Jaevan [Dobbins]. Those three have really been the offensive catalysts for us."

That must now continue against the fourth-seeded Hornets tonight at 6 p.m. when both teams tip-off the action at Allen.

The 'Canes and Hornets split their season encounters, with Emmaus (17-6) registering an 80-70 win on Jan. 27 at Memorial Gymnasium.

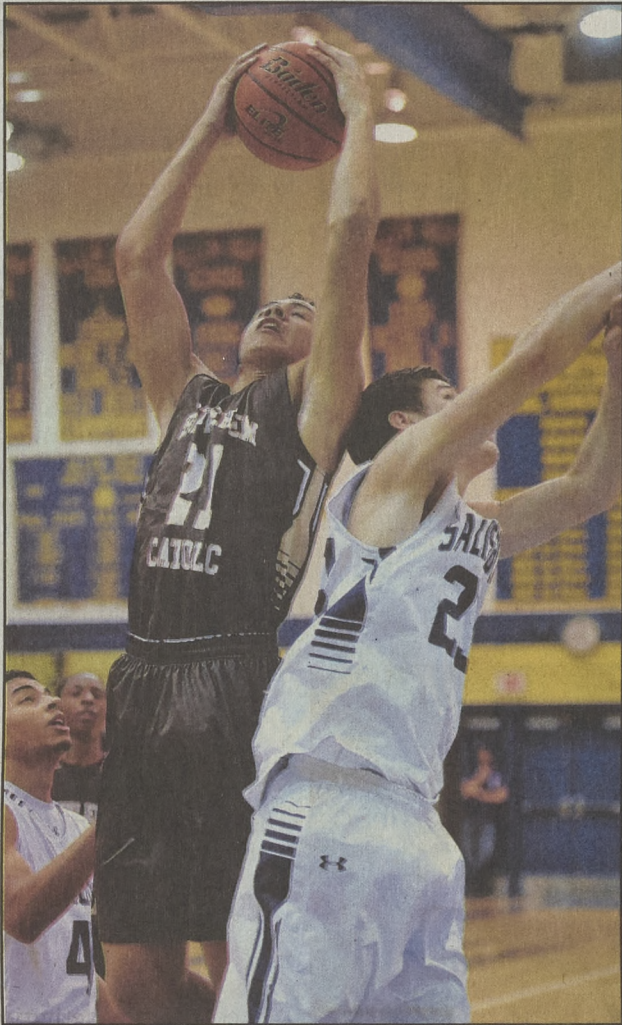
Should the ninth-seeded Hurricanes keep the upset streak going, they'll solidify another trip to the state tournament, but Landis knows there's plenty of work to do against Emmaus before they can think of that.

"They do a very good job of running their offense to get the shots they want," he said of the Hornets. "They play fundamentally sound defense and we're going to have to make them uncomfortable if we want to win."



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB BRANDMEIR

Ludwin Gonzalez and the boys have won two district games and find themselves in the semifinals against Emmaus.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

E.J. Fineran and the Hawks survived a late Salisbury rally and took on Central Tuesday night.

Hawks survive against SHS

By TODD KRESS
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Head coach Mike Frew saw his Golden Hawks boys' basketball team let a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter disappear during Friday night's District XI AAA quarterfinals against Salisbury.

But while the Falcons went on a 16-6 run to start the final frame and pull to within five points with 20 seconds remaining, there was never any sense of panic on the Golden Hawks' bench.

The No. 5 seed Golden Hawks (12-12) held on down the stretch, earning a 73-66 win over the No. 4 seed Falcons (15-9) and advancing to the semifinals for the second consecutive season.

"Not nervous, but a little bit upset at our execution," Frew said of the final quarter. "Those aren't typically mistakes that we make. It was a little bit uncharacteristic of us."

"I didn't feel too panicked. Our guys had con-

centration, and I knew that we would come out on top."

The win also snaps the Golden Hawks' three-game losing skid to end the regular season.

"To get back on the winning track is big for us to get our confidence back," Frew said. "And we did it tonight with a lot of different guys that haven't seen a lot of varsity minutes so far this season. I was really proud of the way these young guys rose to the occasion."

The Golden Hawks allowed the Falcons to score 33 points in the final eight minutes. Justin Augst made three-three pointers and scored 17 in the fourth to give the Falcons a fighting chance.

However, the trio of Eddie Hudak, Jamal Aziz and Justin Lenzer proved to be the difference makers when all was said and done.

Hudak scored a game-high 24 points, Aziz scored 11 in the fourth, all coming at the foul line, and Lenzer added 13 for the

Golden Hawks.

"He [Hudak] was great tonight," Frew said. "He was poised. He ran the offense. He really took what the defense gave him all night and didn't force a lot of stuff."

After the Falcons took the lead at 15-14 with 6:20 to play in the first half, their only lead of the game, the Golden Hawks put on an impressive run over the next quarter and a half.

Becahi ended the half on a 20-6 run after going behind by a point. Lenzer hit a three-pointer from the right corner with two seconds to play in the half that made it 34-21 at the break.

"Our pressure gave them trouble," Frew said. "We held them to 21 points in the first half that was a pretty good defensive effort. We had a couple breakdowns when we had to sub and play some younger guys. But that's learning. We played a bunch of sophomores and juniors tonight."

The third quarter

began just like the second ended with a dominant effort from the Golden Hawks. Becahi scored nine of the quarter's first 10 points and took a commanding 54-33 lead into the final eight minutes.

Hudak had 21 points through three quarters, making nine of his 10 field goal attempts. The Falcons had no answer for the Golden Hawk senior in the paint, as Salisbury's Austin Uhl was held out of the starting lineup and played limited minutes.

"I'm glad that we were able to extend all of our seniors' careers," Frew said. "We're guaranteed two more games. They deserve it, this class. They've really helped turn our program around and get us back to a competitive level."

The Golden Hawks faced Central Catholic in the semifinals, however, results were not available at time of press. Their season will continue in either the championship game or third-place game on Friday.

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Nicole Amann and the Hurricanes lost in the opening round to Bangor.



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Danielle Griffin and the Hawks opened with a win over Saucon Valley.

LHS girls eliminated; BC plays on

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls basketball season ended with a 47-35 district playoff loss to Bangor last week at Liberty High School.

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Meanwhile, Becahi got by Saucon Valley in their opening round game from Saturday.

Hurricane coach, Becky Soto, said, "Of course it's disappointing. You want to keep going, but the opportunity slipped through our hands. A lot of sophomores were coming into a high pressure game, and the seniors are counting on them. I was proud of them."

The Hurricanes stuck with the Slaters through three quarters, even going to the locker room with a 23-18 lead.

In the fourth quarter, however, Bangor went on a 16-point run, ultimately scoring 21 points to Liberty's eight.

"This was closure for us. I feel like we improved on picking up the pieces. People doubted us, but I could see what they were,"

said Soto.

The first-year Hurricane coach could even see what they were after losing senior all-star, Kali Shumock, to an injury that sidelined her for the season.

"People doubted them, and everybody brought their A game against us. That's pressure," Soto said. "In the last five games, it clicked. They believed, and they were unstoppable."

The Hurricanes had 15 plays all season, and Soto called every one of them until she decided to relinquish that role to sophomore guard, Kay West.

"The key was point guard, Kay West. I wanted to give her that freedom. She really matured this year," said Soto.

Soto also noted sophomore, Maddie Capuano's, impact on the team. Known for her three-point

shooting, Capuano developed her game, even when she was double and triple teamed.

"I asked a lot of them this year. Trust. Expectation. There was pressure on them to excel at districts. They needed to have something to believe in," Soto said.

Regarding Soto's first year as head coach of the Hurricanes, she said, "I had so much fun. We bonded quickly. I guarantee we were like a family."

The Hawks won 51-34 and face Southern Lehigh Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Northern Lehigh.

Kalista Walters led the way with 16 points going 8-for-14 from the field.

Both Daniell Griffin and Maggie Melhem added 11 points, including a 3-for-6 performance for Melhem from beyond the three-point line.

DIVING

Steiner takes 4th

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty senior, Rachel Steiner, took fifth place with 343.05 points at the Class AAA District XI Diving Championships on Feb. 22 at Emmaus High School.

Easton's Kelsey Jehl placed first with 392.2 points. Placing just ahead of Steiner was Whitehall's Kailyn Beil, who scored 345.10 points.

"Throughout the meet, we went back and forth a lot, and with [Emmaus's] Anna [Oberholts] too, and then they would get ahead of me and drop down,"

said Steiner.

Steiner relied on her inward dive as the first of her 11 dives and received a high score of 8.0.

Another high-scoring dive for Steiner was her front one-and-a-half.

"I got a good hurdle and got good height, and my pike was tight," she said.

Steiner's final dive was a back one full twist, a relatively new dive for the Hurricane senior.

"It went better than last time. I got higher scores," she said.

Steiner also showed improvement on her front

dive full twist.

"It sometimes doesn't score very well because I over twist, but it was pretty good yesterday," said Steiner.

Overall, Steiner was pleased with her final diving season at Liberty.

"I was happy with it. I got a lot more first places in dual meets than before, and being my senior year, it was good," she said.

Other local finishers were: Brenna McCornac of Liberty 7th, Rachel Finn of Liberty 8th, Kaycee Stoudt of Freedom 11th and Madison Young of Freedom 12th.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Rachel Steiner was fourth at the district diving meet this past weekend.

Football banquet to be held

The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Lehigh Valley Chapter is holding the Football Scholar Athlete Banquet on Sunday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the Northampton Community Center.

The main speaker this year is Lehigh coach Andy Coen.

The following are nominees from Liberty, Bechahi and Freedom.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC
Marco Anthony Blasco

A 5-9, 200-pound fullback and line-backer, he ranks 36 out of 194 students. He is an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society and student government. He serves as the editor for the school's newspaper. He is the head of the Bechahi Mini-THON Committee and serves on the LVIAC Sportsmanship and Character Council. Among his community activities is a summer service trip to Germany.



FREEDOM
Brandon Scott Gubich

A 5-8, 180-pound fullback, he ranks 70 out of 474 students. He is an honor roll student, a member of the National Honor Society and earned all-conference honors. He participates in varsity lacrosse and the NHS tutoring program. His community activities include serving his church youth group, volunteering as a student youth sports coach.



LIBERTY
Andrew Phillip Morgan

A 5-8, 165-pound defensive back and running back, he ranks 90 out of 655 students. He is an honor roll student and class president in student government. He is a captain on the football and lacrosse teams. He is also a member of the Bethlehem Area Youth Council and the LVIAC Student Athletic Character Council. His community service includes volunteering with The Miracle League and organizing Liberty's mentorship program for Special Olympic athletes.



McGinty finishes fifth

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School sophomore, John McGinty, took fifth place with 317.75 points at the Class AAA District XI Diving Championships on Feb. 22 at Emmaus High School.

Parkland's Josh Anderson won the district title with 403.9 points, and Emmaus's Matt Bussiere placed just ahead of McGinty with 327.75 points.

"I was happy," said McGinty. "My first five dives were really good, but I didn't finish strong."

McGinty began with a forward dive straight, followed by a reverse one-and-a-half with a half twist.

"I got a good hurdle on the reverse one-and-a-half with a half twist. I usually don't twist enough or I under rotate, but I threw it really hard and lined it up, and I knew it was going to be a pretty good score," he said.

McGinty also did an inward one-and-a-half, a front one-and-a-half, and a back one straight during the first half of the 11-dive meet.

"After the first five dives, we took a break,

and we got to practice during the break. I was doing the dives all right, but in the competition, I didn't do them too well. I started getting tired," McGinty said.

McGinty's final dive of the day was a front one somersault with a half twist.

"It was good, but it didn't get the scores I wanted," he said.

Overall, McGinty was pleased with his second season as a Patriot diver.

"I improved a lot. I'm getting more height and lining more dives up, so I'm happy with this season," said McGinty.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

John McGinty took fifth among the boys at last weekend's district diving competition.

Hawks

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Riegel, the seventh-seed, started things off in an electrifying match against the top-seeded Hepler and was close to pulling out the win in regulation with a near takedown that was never delivered. That allowed the overtime drama to unfold, as he was pinned in 37 seconds.

Pen Argyl's Andrew Sutton gave the crowd another opportunity to cheer against the Hawks, as he turned a 4-0 deficit against Stephen Maloney in the 132-pound title match into a 5-4 victory, following a five-point move to bring the gymnasium to their feet.

Nick Cortopassi (170) was the other Hawk to fall by the wayside, losing a 3-1 decision to Auston Hummel of North Schuylkill.

"Going into the tournament if you would have asked me if I was happy

to get seven champs, I'd say yeah," Karam said, "but when you look back at the matches we lost, we were in position to win each of those. Jake had a chance to win with a take-down late, Stephen got hit with a five-point move and then Nick gives up a late takedown near the edge of the mat. I feel for those guys that didn't win."

Karam may have been the only person in the gym, outside of people associated with Bechahi's program, to feel for any Hawk wrestlers that lost, as the crowd clearly would have been happy to bring more vocal displeasure if the Hawks lost.

Becahi scored 302.5 points, compared to second place Tri-Valley, which totaled 127. Getting seven champions was outstanding as well, while advancing 12 to regionals was expected, but Karam wasn't pleased with Moisey getting snubbed for the outstanding wrestler award.

That was shared by guess who: Tri-Valley's Sammy Hepler and Pen Argyl's Andrew Sutton.

"Zeke became a four-time district champion and totally dominated the competition," said Karam, as Moisey pinned three of his four opponents and tech failed the other. "I understand that people may not like me or our program and the two kids that got the award are great wrestlers, but I felt bad for Zeke because he did something that's rarely been done."

Moisey took the snub in stride, even though he's arguably the best wrestler in the entire district.

"Sutton and Hepler had great matches," he said. "I think it shows how much District 11 doesn't like Bethlehem Catholic."

Mason Angstadt (145, third) and Paul Aaroo (HWT, fourth) also advanced to regionals. Jody Crouse took fifth at 195 for the Hawks as well.



PRESS PHOTO BY MIKE FEIFEL

Dylan Brown fell in the finals at 106.

Gold

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been practicing my work on top and bottom," Gunning said. "It's a big win, but with regionals next week, I want to win that and on top of that I want to win a state title too. It's all about the next step for now."

Liberty finished second in the team standings with 158.5 points to trail team champion Nazareth (242.5), but the Hurricanes advanced seven wrestlers to regionals, including Luke Werner (106, fourth), Kevin Knox (160, fourth), Noah Klingborg (170, fourth), Orlando Miller (195, third) and Andrew Gunning (HWT, fourth).

Freedom advanced three wrestlers to regionals, as Dylan Brown (106, second), Jonah Zych (120, fourth) and John Callahan (182, fifth) medaled.

Brown lost to Tyson Klump in overtime by a 5-2 score in the tie-breaker to fall in the finals.

"I was trying to get out and maybe get a reversal there and then all of sudden he was getting back points," said Brown of the skirmish that cost him gold in the tie-breaker. "In the back of my mind, I always had a vision of winning [districts], but there's nothing I can do now. With regionals coming up, it's a new tournament and new things can happen."

DARTS

SUBURBAN DART LEAGUE Standings

Salem Luth	40	23	635
Bath Luth	37	26	587
Dryland	37	26	587
St. Paul's	36	27	571
Christ UCC	35	28	556
Ebenezer	34	29	540
Farmersville	31	32	492
Salem UCC	30	33	476
St. Stephen's	29	34	460
Emmanuel	23	37	383
Messiah	23	40	365
Trinity Luth	20	40	333

St. Paul's (12-1, 9-1) at Trinity Luth (3-2)

SP - Jennifer Erkinger 8-14, Jason Gross 7-14, Brian Gross 6-10, Rich Kern 6-14, Paul Slimmon 5-14 HR, Deb Hughes HR.

TL - Joe Smith 4-10, Larry Fehnel 3-11, Josh Hoffert HR.

Ebenezer (7-3) at Messiah (4-1, 3-1)

E - Harry Schoenberger 6-12 HR, Dan Haltzman 5-12, Rich Hasenich 4-12.

EB - Vic Pacchioni 6-13 HR, Carol Voortman 4-8, HRs - Jim Voortman, Leroy Wilcox, Ray Moretz.

Dryland (6-4, 3-2) at Emmanuel (5-1)

D - Len Siegfried 6-12, Earl Sigley 5-13.

EM - Jorge Rivera 6-13 cycle, Bruce Dany-

Salem UCC at Christ UCC (4-3, 7-4, 1-0)

C - Jarod Pokorny 7-11, Ron Wagner HR HR.

S - Bill Rinker 4-11, Derek Thomas HR.

Farmersville (2-0, 6-1) at Bath Luth (6-3)

F - Tom George 6-12, Jonathan Campbell 5-12, Ron Barron HR.

BL - Wendy Yacone 6-10, HRs - Bob Flyte, Candi Miller, Mike Thorpe triple play.

St. Stephen's at Salem Luth (9-4, 12-2, 8-6)

SL - Bryan Frankenthal 8-12, Walt Hoffert 8-13, Kyle Taylor 6-14, Jason Biggs 5-13, HRs - Jacob Hoffert, Bill Hoke Sr.

SS - Travis Beahm 8-15, John Hoysan 6-12 HR, Allan Beahm 5-12, HRs - Ryan Hoysan, Cassandra Maley.

Christ Lutheran 6 9 400
College Hill Moravian 4 8 333
Christ UCC 3 9 250

RESULTS FROM 2/17

College Hill at Bethany pvt, Holy Cross at East Hills 5-4, 6-2, 1-2; West Side-Edgeboro at Christ Lutheran 4-2, 6-4, 4-1; Christ UCC at Holy Trinity pvt; Fritz-Wesleyan at Trinity UCC 6-8, 7-3, 5-6; First UCC at St. Matthew's 3-5, 3-2, 2-0; St. Peter's at Schoenersville 0-5, 4-3, 6-4

From 2/23: Trinity UCC at Holy Cross 4-5(12), 2-3, 3-2(13)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2/17

1) RON FRANKENFIELD stars in "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down" goes 4-11 for St. Peter's! Welcome back, Ron!

2) Bob Krill 5-12 & Leroy Miller 4-8 for First UCC, who had 4 homers in match.

3) Lee Dimmick 4-11, Mike Truchan 4-10 & Jim Klutz 4-7 for St. Matthew's.

4) Brian Lauderdale 5-11 & John Bauman 6-12 for West Side-Edgeboro.

5) Susan Regalis 5-8 for Holy Cross vs. East Hills.

6) Harry Knecht 7-14 & L. Walker 7-13 for Schoenersville.

7) Matt Balkian 6-15 for Fritz-Wesleyan.

8) Bob Scholl 6-12, including the cycle, for Trinity UCC vs. Fritz-Wesleyan.

9) Matt Fullman 8-15 for Trinity UCC vs. Holy Cross.

10) Don Frankenthal 6-13 & Lyn Stryker 8-14 for Holy Cross vs. Trinity UCC.

BETHLEHEM INTER-CHURCH DART BASEBALL LEAGUE

Second half standings week 2-6

Holy Cross Lutheran	13	8	619
Bethany UCC	9	6	600
St. Peter's Lutheran	9	6	600
West Side-Edgeboro	9	6	600
East Hills Moravian	8	7	583
Trinity UCC	10	8	556
First UCC	9	9	500
Fritz-Wesleyan	9	9	500
St. Matthew's Lutheran	7	8	467
Schoenersville	7	8	467
Holy Trinity Lutheran	5	7	417

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ST. ANDREW'S
First Saturday
event March 1

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church nursery school's First Saturday story, craft and snack time for young children will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, 1900 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Monetary donations for the church ministries to people in the community utilizing the Pennsylvania Ave. Interfaith Food Pantry (PAIFP) and the Winter Homeless Sheltering Project are suggested for admission. RSVP to 610-882-1415.

BECAHI

Annual auction
set for March 22

Bethlehem Catholic HS's 12th annual benefit auction, "Keep Calm and Bid On!" will be held March 22. To donate or for more information, call 610-866-0791, ext. 323 or email advancement@bethlehemcatholic.org.

HIGHMARK

Healthy Walk
to be held May 31

Highmark's Walk for a Healthy Community to support participating local nonprofits will be held May 31 on the SteelStacks campus. Both a 5K (3.1 mile) route and a one-mile fun walk are available, and pets on leashes are welcome. There will be refreshments, entertainment and prize drawings. Register at www.walkforahealthycommunity.org

SALAVATION ARMY

New senior
activities start

The Salvation Army, Bethlehem location, has several new free programs for senior citizens age 50 and up at the 521 Pembroke Road.

The Reading Room will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., a Wii will be available to play tennis, bowling, golf or baseball or Just Dance. For information on this and other activities, contact 610-867-4681

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The Larsen family of Bethlehem, Jim, Michelle and son Spencer, participate in the Feb. 1 Hunt for History Club paper restoration and decoration program held at the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts at 420 N. New Street. Judy Cannavo, manager of Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites youth education activities, directed the program. The free event for children is held on the first Saturday of each month from noon to 4 p.m. as part of Historic Bethlehem's Pass into History program. The next Hunt for History Club program is March 1 at the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts. The monthly Saturday event from noon to 4 p.m., put on by Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites, continues with a youth educational program on paper conservation. The "free for children" activity is included in the Pass into History ticket, two children per adult, which allows access to other HBMS locations. Additional information is available at <http://www.historicbethleh.org/> and 1-800-360-TOUR.



Potato stamp design is applied by Spencer Larsen to paper during a Feb. 1 Hunt for History Club program at the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts.



Volunteer Susan Wolf displays an example of wallpaper printing from antique design blocks during a recent Hunt for History Club presentation at the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts.

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Abby Frankenfield

Liberty HS

Grade: 12
Family members: Two older brothers, two older sisters, three nephews and my parents

Favorite subject: Science because it's interesting to find out about the world around us and math because it comes naturally

Activities: Student government, tennis, Bethlehem Area Youth Council, youth leader

Next steps: College

Career goals: To become an environmental scientist and go into the Peace Corps for a few years and then work for the U.N. in the environmental program

Heroes: There are many hero qualities that I take in, but no one worldly hero I would say I model my life after.

Hobbies: Playing tennis, cooking, baking and being with kids

Current job(s): Tennis instructor, Kirkland server

Volunteer/community work: I volunteer as a youth leader and many other things through my church (First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem).



Likes: Being outside, spending time with others, road trips

Dislikes: Waking up early

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Becoming student government president of Liberty HS and earning a Camper of the Year nomination at a summer leadership camp

Advice for peers: Never take anything for granted. Enjoy every moment; you can't ever get it back.

Julie Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

As Flounder (Vivek Adury) floats by their rowboat, Prince Eric (Gabe Gonzalez) and the Ariel (Erin Baughman) enjoy the weather together on

the water with the lagoon animal chorus in the background.

Nitschmann goes 'Under the Sea'



Prince Eric's valet, Grimsby (Danil Kurtz), performs "The Contest" prior to Prince Eric choosing his bride.

Ninety cast members and crew will present Nitschmann MS's theater production of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., March 1 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and March 2 at 2 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Drama club director Sarah Hrinak is producer.



Sebastian Crab (Sammy Merwarth) tells the Little Mermaid, Ariel (Erin Baughman), "now we've got to get that boy to kiss you."

NOTRE DAME NEWS

Mini-THON raises big bucks

Snow day after snow day, Notre Dame HS lost precious days of learning with either



Danielle Betterman Notre Dame HS

delays or days off. The students and teachers must now pay the price, with extra days added onto the school calendar, most noticeably during Holy Week. Despite the long winter season and many lost learning opportunities, extra-curricular activities at Notre Dame continued to flourish and accomplish their goals set for the cold winter months.

Junior Abby Marone, number one in Pennsylvania in Speech and Debate, finished 12th out of 397 competitors in Student Congress at the Harvard Tournament. Another standout, junior Joe Wetzel, is ranked 149 out of 150 in Pennsylvania.

The most significant activity at Notre Dame was the sixth annual Mini-THON, which raises money for children with pediatric cancer. Modeled after Penn State's 46-hour THON, participants danced for a full 24 hours, only pausing to take a bus ride to and from the boy's basketball Colonial League championship game against Catasauqua. The boys won the game 60-58 with a difficult rebound shot by senior Vincent Eze as the buzzer sounded.

At the game, nearly 300 Mini-THON participants filled the Freedom gymnasium with bright colors of red, blue,

green, orange, yellow and purple. The energy was electrifying, especially after the last basket was made. After the game, the dancers returned to the Notre Dame gymnasium filled with school spirit and excitement. They danced, sang, cried, and chanted "FTK" during the dance-a-thon. At the end of the 24 long hours, signs were held up by senior dancers displaying the total amount raised for the Four Diamonds Fund - \$74,587.80.

The total continues to rise as more donations get sent in.

When school work is finished, students spend many of their free winter nights at basketball games, supporting both the boys and girls.

The boy's basketball team finished its season with an 11-9 record, amazingly going on an 11-game win winning streak after multiple losses at the beginning of the season, largely due to Eze sitting out because of an injury. They won the league championship game against Catasauqua and now continue on to play for the District championship.

Senior Tannor Reed became the 10th Crusader to score 1,000 points throughout his high school career.

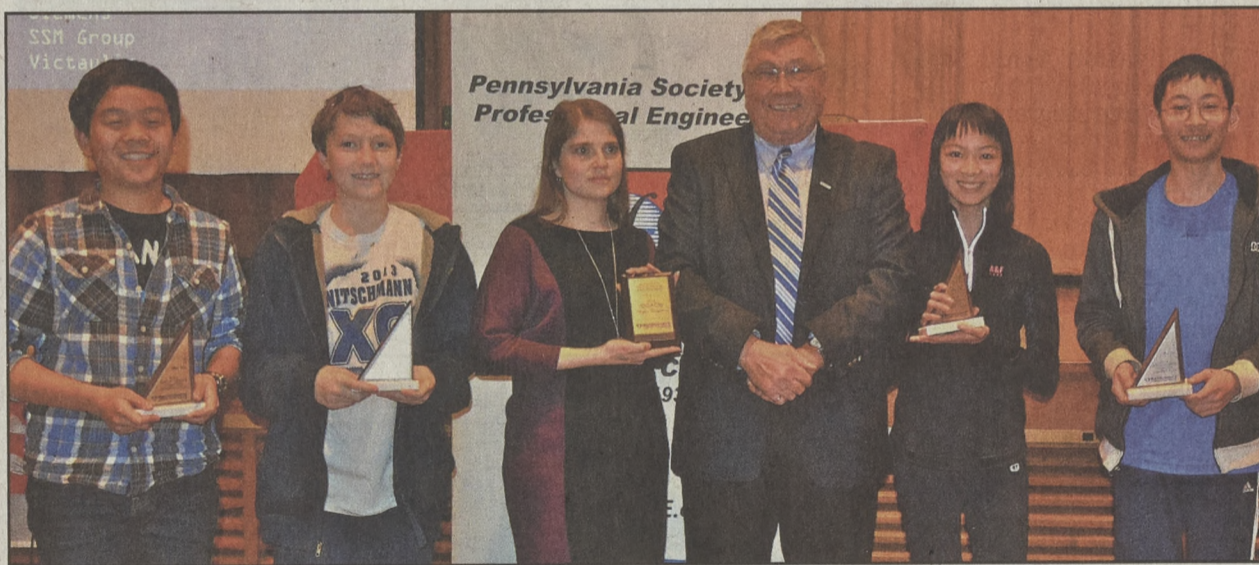
As the end of the third quarter approaches, sophomores can't wait to be upperclassmen, juniors are excited to finally be seniors and seniors experience mixed feelings as they prepare for college, leaving the halls of Notre Dame. No matter the stress that they experience during their final months as high school students, the 126 seniors are taking advantage of every last moment they have with each other.



With trident in hand, Ursula Octopus (Sarafina Schultheis) proclaims, "Finally, the ocean belongs to me."



Chef Louis (Vincent Schultheis) sings "Les Poissons (The Fish)" as Sebastian Crab (Sammy Merwarth) listens in.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Al Gruenke, P.E., center, presents third-place honors to the Nitschman MS team, coached by Nadine Novatnak.

Bethlehem students take MATHCOUNTS honors

Two teams from Bethlehem schools placed in the top four at the 30th Annual Lehigh Valley MATHCOUNTS @ Feb. 8 at Trexler MS in Allentown. Nitschman MS, coached by Nadine Novatek, placed third in a field of 25 schools from Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, Carbon and Luzerne counties. Moravian Academy, coached by Alison Overdorf, placed fourth. The regional "Olympics of Math" organized by the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers attracted more than



Justine Dell, center, from Moravian Academy, was recognized as one of the top ranking female competitors. With Justine is her coach, Alison Overdorf, and Al Gruenke, P.E., vice president of the LV PSPE.

250 sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Arayman Khandelwal, an eighth grade student at Springhouse MS and

Bruce Wu, a seventh grader at Eyer MS, took first and second place honors. Arayman and Bruce will be joined

at the Harrisburg state competitions on March 7 and 8 by third-place finisher Ishaan Lai, a sixth grader at Eyer, and fourth-place winner Linda Mao, an eighth grade student at East Hills MS. All members of the first place team from Springhouse MS, coached by Kevin Hallman, will also participate in the state championship. The four top state winners will move on to the 2014 National MATHCOUNTS @ Competition in Orlando, Fla. on May 9.

SCHOOLNOTES

Spring Garden: needs your vote
 Spring Garden ES is participating in the Jan Brett contest. The students are too young to enter for themselves; you could help them win the opportunity to meet author/illustrator Jan Brett. Visit www.janbrett.com/contests.htm and enter Spring Garden ES, 901 North Blvd., Bethlehem PA 18017. One vote per person allowed.

Freedom Club Fundraiser ends Feb. 28
 Sicily Pizza, 4460 Easton Ave., is sponsoring the Freedom HS Patriot Swimming and Diving team fundraiser. Mention sponsoring the team when ordering through Feb. 28 and generate a 15 percent donation to the FHS team.

Booster Club: Raffle tickets offered
 FHS Baseball Booster Club is selling raffle tickets to win a brand new PlayStation 4 game set. All proceeds benefit the Freedom HS baseball team and will go into field improvements for the 2014 season. Winner will be picked on the opening varsity day, March 22; winner need not be present to win. For tickets or info email ryantphealy@gmail.com or hnthealy@aol.com or call 610-882-2253. We will deliver your tickets!

Middle schools: Video voting this week
 After many hours of hard work by teachers (Jane Carr from Broughal and Rachel Shook from Northeast) and students involved in the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" video competition, the time is near for the online voting. The videos are posted at <http://dreamitdoitpa.com/students/video-contest/> and online voting is from See **NOTES** on Page A12

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Snow Possible 29 / 5 6-16 mph NW	Sunny 29 / 7 5-7 mph W	Mostly Sunny 27 / 13 8-11 mph W	Snow Possible 28 / 7 9-13 mph W	Mostly Sunny 18 / 6 11-18 mph W	Mostly Sunny 18 / 4 8-12 mph SW	Partly Cloudy 21 / 5 5-10 mph SW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 29°, humidity of 35%. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1997. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 5°. The record low for tonight is 0° set in 1936. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 29°, humidity of 33%. Skies will be mostly clear Thursday night with an overnight low of 7°. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high temperature of 27°. Skies will become partly cloudy Saturday with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 28°. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 18°.

Weather Trivia

What is the record for the most consecutive days below zero in the U.S.?

Answer: In January 1969, Mont. sank below zero for over 16 days.

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Postmasters sworn in



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

The Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton post offices have new postmasters. At a swearing-in ceremony Jan. 17, Allentown Postmaster Carrie Frankenfield and Easton Postmaster Renee' Rusyn each became the 34th postmaster of their facilities as they were sworn in before family, friends, co-workers, U.S. Postal Service managers and several elected officials. Dale Walker, central Pennsylvania district manager for the USPS, conducted the ceremonies. The Bethlehem post office's new postmaster, Joseph Manzo, was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Manzo becomes the 38th postmaster in the Bethlehem office's history. Frankenfield began her postal career as a clerk in 1998, Manzo as a letter carrier in 1993 and Rusyn as a letter carrier in 1993. Combined, the three post offices have 520 employees and deliver mail to 161,500 addresses in the Lehigh Valley region. **ABOVE:** Carrie Frankenfield is sworn in as Allentown's 34th postmaster by Dale Walker, district manager for the USPS' central Pennsylvania district. Her 12-year-old son Caiden holds the Bible on which she recites her oath of office.



Renee' Rusyn became Easton's 34th postmaster when she was sworn in. Rusyn's father, Robert Kislow Sr. holds the Bible on which his daughter gives her oath of office. Kislow is a retired postal systems examiner.

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"turing?" video competition, the time is near for the online voting. The videos are posted at <http://dreamdittoipa.com/students/video-contest/> and online voting ends today. The video receiving the most online votes will receive the Viewers Choice award.

Becahi: Bingo fundraiser March 2

Becahi's band is hosting a designer purse bingo Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. in the school gym. Bingo will feature 15 games and five special games for gorgeous designer bag prizes. A gift receipt is included with each designer bag. For tickets or additional info, such as how to reserve a table, please contact: sjw61700@gmail.com or 484-300-5449. This event is rescheduled from February.

Nitschmann: Books needed

Check your bookshelves! Nitschmann MS will be kicking off a "Share the Love of Reading" book drive to benefit the Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program. From now through Feb. 28, donations of gently used and new books will be collected and counted by the sixth grade READ 180 classes. Collection bins will be available in classrooms and outside the school lobby at Nitschmann. Share the love, share a book! For additional info contact Mrs. Dugan at ddugan@bethsd.org.

District: First Strides forming

First Strides is a 12-week program to help you comfortably progress from the couch to walking, jogging or running at a pace that is right for you. Contact Joi Deibler at jdeibler@beth.k12.pa.us.

Northeast: Students organize blood drive

Two sixth grade students at Northeast MS are working on a Leadership Project. They are sponsoring a blood drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center. The drive is at NE in the parking lot March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in participating can email Julie Braid, jbraid@bethsd.org for an appointment time, call NE at 610.868.8581, or you can go online at www.GiveaPint.org to create a donor profile and schedule an appointment. If you go online, you should use sponsor code 7348.

Freedom: Softball clinic March 15

A softball clinic sponsored by the FHS softball team and open to players of all skill levels, is set for Saturday, March 15, at the FHS Auxiliary Gym and field. Contact Coach Nora Borger at 484-547-1646 or email her at nabst4@yahoo.com. Enrollment is limited so please register early. Cleats and indoor sneakers are required.

BASD: THON set for April 26

Freedom and Liberty high schools' THON fundraiser for pediatric cancer will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 26 in Freedom's main gym. BASD's second annual Mini-THON will feature entertainment and diverse activities for 12 hours straight while "dancers" stay on their feet for the entire event.

Monies raised will go to Penn State's main THON charity, the Four Diamonds Fund at Hershey Medical Center, which directly assists families who have children with cancer and their cost of treatment/medical bills.

To get your news item in SCHOOL NOTES, send the information to George Taylor at gtaylor@tnonline.com or mail the information to SCHOOL NOTES, 308 East Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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Tax Tips from IRS.gov The Child Tax Credit May Cut Your Tax

If you have a child under age 17, the Child Tax Credit may save you money at tax time. Here are some key facts the IRS wants you to know about the credit.

Amount. The non-refundable Child Tax Credit may help cut your federal income tax by up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child you claim on your tax return.

Qualifications. A child must pass seven tests to qualify for this credit

1. Age test. The child was under age 17 at the end of 2013.
2. Relationship test. The child is your son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister. A child can also be a descendant of any of these persons. For example, your grandchild, niece or nephew will meet this test. Adopted children also qualify. An adopted child includes a child lawfully placed with you for legal adoption.
3. Support test. The child did not provide more than half of his or her own support for 2013.
4. Dependent test. You claim the child as a dependent on your 2013 federal income tax return.
5. Joint return test. A married child can't file a joint return with their spouse they are filing jointly only to claim a tax refund.
6. Citizenship test. The child must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or U.S. resident alien. For more see Publication 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens.
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Rick Levy takes it to The Limits

Lehigh Valley Music Award, reunion concerts on tap

By CAMILLE CAPRIGLIONE
 Special to The Press

The Lehigh Valley music scene celebrates its own this March.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Music Association and ArtsQuest present the 15th edition of the Lehigh Valley Music Awards (LVMA15), 4 p.m. March 9, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

Singer-songwriter-guitarist Ricky Levy, of Valley pop-rock band, The Limits, will receive a LVMA Lifetime Achievement Award. Levy is music director and business manager for Tommy Roe and former lead guitarist and bandleader for Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone.

A LVMA Lifetime Achievement Award will also be presented to Carl Snyder, a blues and jazz pianist who has worked with dozens of Chicago blues artists, including Junior Wells, Otis Rush, Son Seals and Jimmy Johnson.

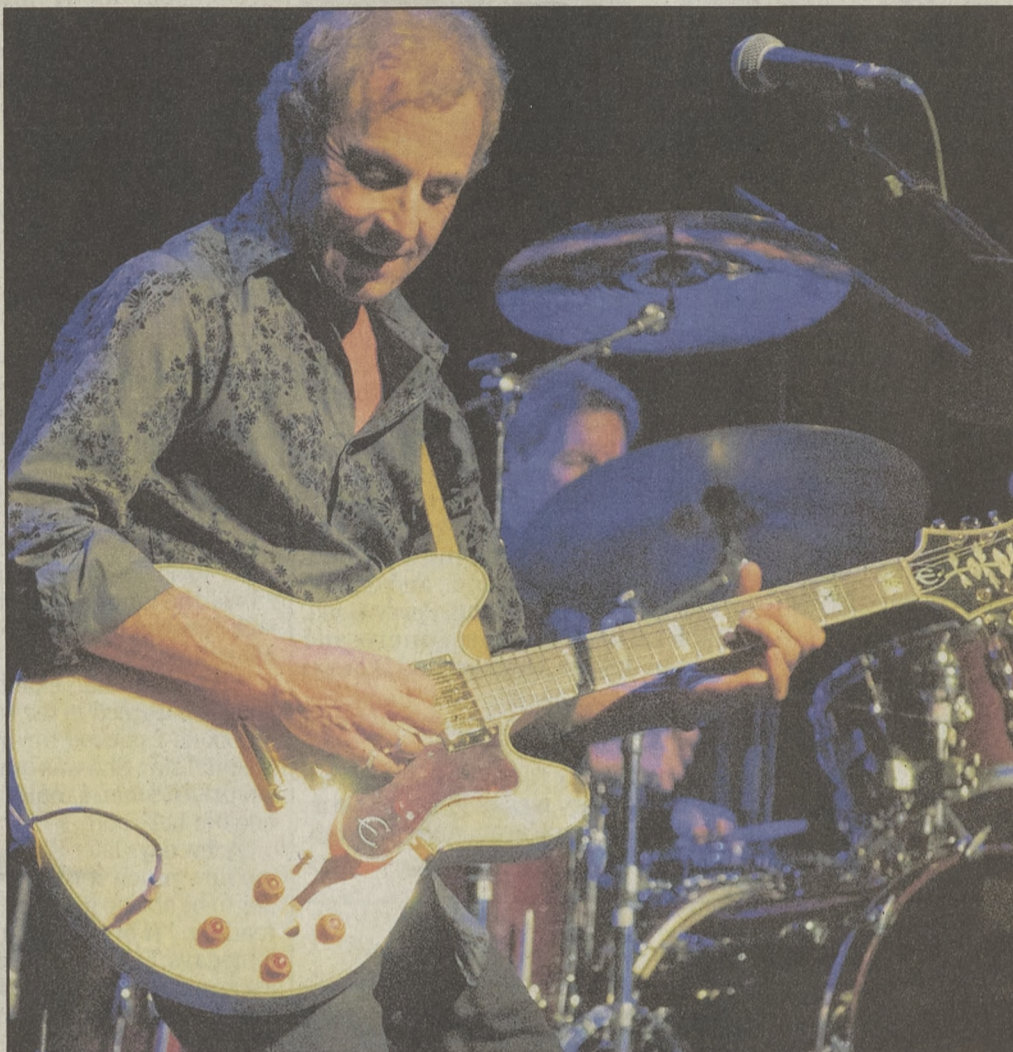
LVMA15 features performances by Levy, Snyder, King Magnetic, Geoff Houser, David Zullo, Michael Fritz, Chelsea Lyn Meyers, Dana Gaynor, Brian Berlanda, Joe Mac, Bryan Harmony, Brian Bortz, Andrew Kanas, Larry Werner, Dennis Beidler, Don Plowman and Mike Stanley.

Presenters include former E Street Band member and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Vini Lopez, Larry Holmes, The Crests founder J.T. Carter and "American Idol" contestants Tyler Grady, Jordan White and Tim Marchetto.

The Limits perform a reunion concert, 7 p.m. March 4, Molten Lounge, Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem. There is no cover charge.

At 8 p.m. March 8, The Limits also perform at the "Purple Owl Reunion Concert," The Meadows Banquet Hall, 1770 Meadows Road, Hellertown. The admission charge includes a buffet dinner.

Levy joined The Limits in 1965. For the next several years, the band wrote, recorded and performed original material. Rock icon Alex Chilton of The Box Tops referred to The Limits as "the quintessential American garage band."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ricky Levy, above, of Lehigh Valley pop-rock band, The Limits, receives a LVMA Lifetime Achievement Award, 4 p.m. March 9, Musikfest Café, Bethlehem, and performs area concerts March 4 and 8.

Of The Limits' popularity, Levy says during a recent phone interview from his home in St. Augustine, Fla.: "I've always been a bridesmaid, not the bride. Our [The Limits] destiny was not to be a huge group, but we still have a cult following."

Levy, a William Allen High School graduate, Class of 1967, went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania.

His music inspirations include The Hollies, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles. "The British Invasion led me back to the blues scene," says Levy. "Other big influences were music out of Memphis and Philly, Otis Redding, and hardcore R&B — soul as opposed to Motown."

The Internet is driving new fans to recordings by The Limits, now on the Cleopatra label. "It's good for marketing," says Levy. "It's good that people from Europe and Asia are downloading our songs."

"What's bad is that it's increased piracy by thousands of percent. This generation doesn't realize that music should be paid for," Levy says.

Levy was not completely surprised when he learned he would receive a LVMA Lifetime Achievement Award. "Some fans had alluded to it," says Levy. "I wasn't surprised, but I felt really, really humbled. Especially since I haven't lived [in Allentown in so long [a time]]."

The Purple Owl, located off Union Boulevard, Allentown, in the vicinity of City Line Avenue, was one of the first Lehigh Valley stand-alone under-21 nightclubs.

Others included The Mad Hatter, Lehigh Street, Allentown; The Mod Mill, Center Valley, and King Arthur's Court, Route 309, Quakertown.

Kenneth Bray, former owner of the Purple Owl, has been a friend of Levy's since

the 1960's. Bray has been planning the reunion concert.

Levy and The Limits, along with Tommy Zito and Uproar; another band that originally appeared at the Purple Owl, will perform at the reunion. The Large Flowerheads, a retro '60s flower power pop band with an enthusiastic following in the Valley, also will perform. A psychedelic light show, a mainstay at the Purple Owl, will be recreated at The Meadows. There will be guest appearances and a jam session.

Observes Bray, "There was a music and subsequent culture explosion in the '60's. It's amazing how people of all ages love the musical innovations of that era. That music has never died, and with the Beatles' 50th year [anniversary "Ed Sullivan Show" and U.S. concerts] upon us, it's as relevant as ever."

Pick Oscar winners

Nominations for the 86th Academy awards have been announced.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will present the 86th Academy Awards for 2013 outstanding film achievements, 7 p.m. (EST) March 2, Dolby Theatre, Hollywood and Highland Center, Los Angeles. The ceremony is televised live on the ABC television network.

The person who chooses the most correct number of Oscar recipients receives a \$50 Penn's Peak gift card; tickets to movies at the Roxy Theatre, Northampton, a Lehigh Valley Press prize package, and may have his or her photo published in the Focus section of the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and online.

Oscar Contest entry form: Page B3

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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The young Mr. Bach: The world premiere of "Young Meister Bach," a one-act comic opera by Chuck Holdeman, above, with libretto by Bill Bly and stage direction by Christopher Shorr, will be presented at 3 p.m. March 1, Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University. The Bach Choir of Bethlehem, under the direction of Greg Funfgeld, performs the work at Zoellner, as well as at 3 p.m. March 2, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the German Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and May 3 and 10 at the 107th Bethlehem Bach Festival. For the Family Concert performance March 1, Funfgeld will give an introduction to the elements of opera for young people, "Before there was 'Phantom of the Opera,' there was opera." The imaginatively staged and costumed opera is a musical telling of episodes from the life of the young Johann Sebastian Bach as he embarks on his career at age 18. Tickets: bach.org, 610-866-4382, ext. 15 or 10

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

Stories by Douglas Graves

With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals, leading up to the annual Freddy awards at the State Theatre for the Arts, Easton, the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section continues its preview series.

Northwestern Lehigh

'Footloose'

"Teenagers" starts with a "T," which stands for "Trouble" when "Footloose" opens at 7 p.m. March 6, 7, 8 and 2 p.m. March 9 in the auditorium of Northwestern Lehigh High School, 6493 Route 309, New Tripoli.

The rollicking musical directed by Bill Muttimer chronicles the teen angst of Chicago-bred dancing boy Ren McCormick (Alex Bobbyn) when he moves to small-town Beaumont where dancing is illegal.

When sparks start to fly between Ren and Ariel Moore (Haley Smith), it doesn't sit well with her stuffed-shirt father, Rev. Shaw Moore (Kurtis Reif). Soon, the whole town is in an uproar.

Other roles in the show include Chuck Cranston (Alex Fixl), Ethel McCormack (Christine McDonald), Ruffy (Emily Witt)



PHOTO BY BILL MUTTIMER

Northwestern Lehigh High School "Footloose" cast, from left, back row: Kurtis Reif (Rev. Shaw Moore) and Alex Bobbyn (Ren McCormick) and, front row, Emily Witt (Rusty), Haley Smith (Ariel Moore) and Daneen Haas (Vi Moore).

and Urleen (Melinda Lingenfelter).

"Footloose" is based on the 1984 movie of the same name which starred Kevin Bacon.

"Footloose" opened on

Broadway in 1998 at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. The musical was nominated for four Tony Awards.

Tickets: 610-298-8661, ext. 2267

Catasauqua

'Big River'

Tag along with Huck and Jim on their quintessential boy's adventure when "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" opens at 7 p.m. March 7, 8 and 2 p.m. March 9 in the auditorium of Catasauqua High School, 2500 W. Bullshead Road, Northampton.

The grand musical, directed by Robert Fahringer, recounts the exploits of Huckleberry Finn (Patric Corrocher) when he goes with runaway slave Jim (Kanyi Creppy) on a quest for freedom and adventure.

Other cast members include Vanessa Abel (Tom Sawyer), Laura Kaepfel (in the dual roles of Simon and of Joanna Wilkes) and Janelle Roth (Mary Jane Wilkes).

The musical is based on Mark Twain's classic



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Catasauqua High School "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" cast, from left: Laura Kaepfel (Simon and Joanna Wilkes), Vanessa Abel (Tom Sawyer), Patric Corrocher (Huckleberry Finn), Kanyi Creppy (Jim) and Janelle Roth (Mary Jane Wilkes).

1884 novel, "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." The musical's book is by William Hauptman and music and lyrics are by Roger Miller. Tickets: 610-697-0111, ext. 21117

Seniors and ISH

By FRED CICETTI
Special to The Press

Q. Why do they call high blood pressure “the silent killer”?

High blood pressure, known as hypertension, is very sneaky. It's called the silent killer because it usually has no symptoms.

Doctors say you have high blood pressure if you have a reading of 140 over 90 or higher. A blood pressure reading of 120 over 80 or lower is considered normal. Prehypertension is blood pressure between 120 and 139 for the top number, or between 80 and 89 for the bottom number.

The first number represents your systolic pressure when the heart beats. The second number represents the diastolic pressure when the heart rests. If only one number is elevated, you still have high blood pressure with all of its dangers.

Isolated systolic hypertension (ISH) is the most common form of high blood pressure for seniors. When you have ISH, only the top number is too high.

High blood pressure can ravage your body. It can enlarge the heart, create small bulges (aneurysms) in blood vessels, damage the blood vessels in the kidneys, harden arteries, produce bleeding in the eyes. The possible consequences are heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and blindness.

Your chances of getting high blood pressure are higher if you are overweight, don't exercise, eat too much salt, drink too much alcohol, don't consume enough potassium and endure stress for too long. Changing your diet, exercising and altering your lifestyle will help.

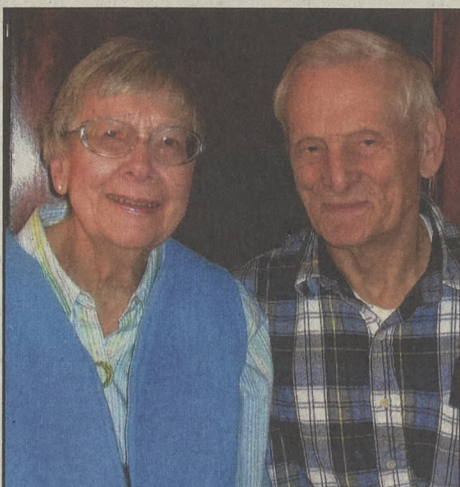
If you have high blood pressure and lifestyle changes don't reduce it, there are medications to treat the problem. Often, two or more drugs work better than one. Some drugs lower blood pressure by removing extra fluid and salt from your body. Others affect blood pressure by slowing down the heartbeat, or by relaxing and widening blood vessels.

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ANNIVERSARY



Carolyn and Lee Schleicher ... then, in 1954 ... and ...



... Carolyn and Lee Schleicher ... now.

Schleicher
Catasauqua couple celebrates 60 years

Lee P. and Carolyn R. (Snyder) Schleicher of Catasauqua celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family Jan. 24.

They were married at Neffs Church, Neffs, in 1954, by the late Rev. Weida.

Mrs. Schleicher is the daughter of the late Charles and Addie (Buss) Snyder, who resided in Schnecksville.

Mr. Schleicher's parents, the late John and Sadie (Krause) Schleicher, resided in Catasauqua.

Carolyn retired from St. Paul's Child Care Center, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Catasauqua, where she was a teacher for many years.

Lee, an Army veteran, is retired

from the Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad, Bethlehem. He is a beekeeper in the Lehigh Valley.

The Schleichers are longtime members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Catasauqua.

They celebrated the anniversary with their children: daughter, Karen and her husband, John Patton, both of Glenside, Montgomery County; son, David B. Schleicher, and his wife, Laurie, both of Sykesville, Md., and daughter, Carol, and her husband, Perry Good, both of Lititz, Lancaster County; and grandsons Joshua, Brenden and Dawson Good.

They are also the grandparents of the late Rebecca Brown.

A family party to celebrate the wedding anniversary was held at the home of their daughter, Karen, and husband, John Patton.

Little things mean a lot

Something as small as the gift of a book can considerably brighten someone's day.

I learned that while I was doing a two-week stint at a rehabilitation center.

While some of us were there just to recover from surgery, others are long-term, which probably means for various health reasons, they won't be going home.

When I was outside on the patio with visitors, a long-term female resident was nearby talking with her visiting daughter.

The daughter asked her mother if she was still reading. The woman admitted she didn't have anything to read and couldn't afford to keep buying new books.

“What I would really like,” she said, “is a soft cover Reader's Digest book. I love the stories and the soft covers are easier for me to hold.”

I realized I had exactly what she wanted in the bag of books I packed for my hospital stay. She was quite surprised when I took the book to her room.

A few days later, she told me how much it meant to her to be able to get back to reading. “It breaks up my long days,” she said. I was as pleased as she was to be able to help in a small way.

When we are able bodied, we can go to the library and load up on books. In a nursing home, that simple pleasure is gone. It's a good place to recycle books and magazines when you are finished with them. Some nursing homes try to keep a little library for residents who like to read.

I promised the woman I would come back with more books when I was out of the hospital and able to walk again.

One of the lessons I am having reinforced during my recovery is how important it is to be there for people. Small stuff means so much when you can't get out. Whether it's a visit, a card, an email or a phone call, it means a lot to know someone remembered you.

My friend Linda made me smile from a thousand miles away by sending a funny balloon and flowers in a happy face vase. And the encouraging emails I received from readers went a long way to bolstering my spirits.

How much does a simple card mean? Plenty. Especially when someone takes time to write a note, too.

I have always said we never know who are true friends until we need them. And then, who comes through for us is often a surprise, not the people we expect to be there.

I found that to be true this time, too. The people we spend the most time with aren't necessarily the ones who are there for us. On the other hand, it was a lovely surprise to see visitors I didn't expect.

I felt quite guilty when Amelia came to visit. A year ago when she went through open-heart sur-

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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gery, I kept saying we had to go see her. I never did. Shame on me.

“I learned through my own recuperation how important it is to visit people and help out whenever we can,” Amelia said.

One thing we both learned is not to call someone who is laid up and vaguely say, “Call me if you need anything.”

It's far better to be specific. Ask if you can pick up and deliver anything to them. Offer to drive to a doctor's appointment. Or, offer to bring a treat.

How many people would pick up the phone and say, “You offered to help. I can't get around yet. I sure would like a healthy meal?”

I would never do that, even if I were close to starvation. Luckily, cooking is one of the few things I can do from my wheelchair. All it takes if having Dave there to clean up the mess I make when I get as much flour on the floor as in the recipe.

My daughter Andrea makes it a standing practice to bring a casserole to anyone recovering from an illness. Often, ladies in her town coordinate their efforts to make sure they don't all bring food at the same time.

It's just a simple gesture that says “I care.”

From now on, I hope to be more faithful in doing things like that.

I also learned to be sensitive to the needs of someone in a wheelchair.

One guy told me horror stories about being cursed at in a grocery store because he wasn't moving his wheelchair fast enough. I say, have a little patience. And help out when you can.

I told you last week how much I appreciated it when two shoppers helped me reach items I needed.

Small stuff, but it means a lot.

If you help someone even in a small way, it's a double blessing — both for you and for the one you helped.

The same guy also said it makes him mad when he can't find a handicapped parking space because able-bodied people take them. I've heard that same complaint from many others.

“I would do anything to trade places with her,” said one paraplegic who watched a young woman take the last handicapped parking place in front of a doctor's office.

I have always believed no experience is wasted. Every experience has something to teach us.

I am still learning from experiences during my recovery.

The important thing will be to put those experiences to good use. Any experience that makes us stronger, or better, isn't wasted.

WEDDING

Friel-Auer
Whitehall native is wed

Dr. Melissa S. Auer and Dr. Brian C. Friel of Allentown were married Oct. 11, 2013, at St. Eleanor Parish, Collegeville, Montgomery County.

The bride is the daughter of Glenn and Sue Auer of Stevens Point, Wis.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and James and Susan Friel of Whitehall.

A reception was held at the John James Audubon Center, Audubon, Montgomery County.

The bride is a graduate of Sheboygan Lutheran High School, Sheboygan, Wis. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

She is serving a residency in internal medicine at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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It's not nearly as surprising as who will receive an Oscar at the 86th Academy Awards, as who has not received a competitive Oscar.

The list, to name a few, includes Alfred Hitchcock, Cary Grant and Peter O'Toole.

That said, the year 2013 is memorable for brilliant directing, brave acting and superb productions. It was a year for the ascendancy of African-American directors and actors, as well as for fact-based stories.

This year, there could even be a WeightWatchers honor in the first category:

Actor, Male: Christian Bale (Oscar recipient, supporting actor, male, "The Fighter," 2011) gained 43 pounds, shaved his head, did a massive comb-over and slouched so much he got a herniated disc as con man Irving Rosenfeld in "American Hustle." It's the second nomination (Oscar nomination, supporting actor, male, "Coming Home," 1978) for Bruce Dern, 77, as Woody in "Nebraska," who received the 2013 Cannes Film Festival acting award. It's the fourth and fifth Oscar nominations (others: "Blood Diamond," 2006; "The Aviator," 2004; "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," 1993) for Leonardo DiCaprio for his showy role as mastermind Jordan Belfort in and as producer of "The Wolf of Wall Street." In "12 Years A Slave," first-time nominee Chiwetel Ejiofor portrays the heart-wrenching Solomon Northup, a black man from upstate New York sold into slavery in 1841. For his role as Ron Woodroof, a man diagnosed with HIV, he lost 47 pounds and the first-time Oscar nominee received the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) award, often an Oscar predictor, for "Dallas Buyers Club," so the Oscar goes to: **Matthew McConaughey.**

Actor, Female: Cate Blanchett, as unflinching as ever (Oscar recipient, actor, female, "The Aviator," 2004), the weapons of self-destruction are hers in director Woody Allen's tragic-comedy "Blue Jasmine," as this year's SAG recipient repeats in the title role of Jasmine. Sandra Bullock (Oscar, "The Blind Side," 2009) is lost in space in the jaw-dropping "Gravity." Judi Dench (Oscar recipient, supporting actor, female, "Shakespeare In Love," 1999) mines her repertoire in the title role of "Philomena." As dysfunctional family matriarch, Violet Weston, in "August: Osage

MOVIE REVIEW

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County," Meryl Streep has a record-breaking 18th nomination (receiving three: "Iron Lady," 2014; "Sophie's Choice," 1983; "Kramer Vs. Kramer," 1980). She's on a roll (see "Her"), fearless as Sydney Prosser in "American Hustle," her fifth Oscar nomination (following "The Master," 2012; "The Fighter," 2010; "Doubt," 2009; "Junebug," 2005): **Amy Adams.**

Supporting Actor, Male: Barkhad Abdi was a limo driver when he auditioned for his first acting role as a Somali pirate in "Captain Phillips." The cast of "American Hustle," including Bradley Cooper as enthusiastic FBI agent, Richie DiMaso, shared the SAG ensemble award. Jonah Hill is a second-time nominee ("Moneyball," 2011) as "The Wolf of Wall Street" investment scammer Donnie Azoff. Michael Fassbender startlingly portrays brutal slave-owner Edwin Epps in "12 Years A Slave." In "Dallas Buyers Club," the sad life of Rayon is rendered remarkably by **Jared Leto.**

Supporting Actor, Female: Sally Hawkins is Ginger, Jasmine's silly but true sister in "Blue Jasmine." Julia Roberts (Oscar recipient, actor, female, "Erin Brockovich," 2000; Oscar nominee, supporting actor, female, "Steel Magnolias," 1989) is Barbara, Violet's bitter daughter in "August: Osage County." Jennifer Lawrence (Oscar recipient, actor, female, "Silver Linings Playbook," 2012;

Oscar nominee, "Winter's Bone," 2010) puts the bustle as Rosalyn Rosenfeld in "American Hustle." June Squibb, 84, is the force majeure as Woody's trash-talking wife, Kate, in "Nebraska." The SAG actress recipient in her film debut as Patsey, a young slave woman in "12 Years A Slave," will repeat: **Lupita Nyong'o.**

Director: So much to say, so little space, about: Steve McQueen, "12 Years a Slave"; David O. Russell, "American Hustle"; Martin Scorsese, "The Wolf of Wall Street," and Alexander Payne, "Nebraska." For sheer cinema perseverance, achievement and the awe that gets us out to the movies: **Alfonso Cuarón, "Gravity"**

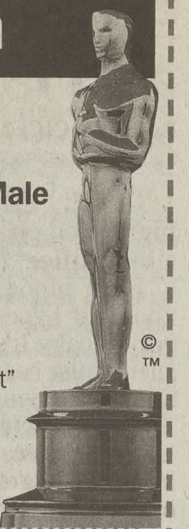
Motion Picture: "American Hustle," "Captain Phillips," "Dallas Buyers Club," "Gravity," "Her," "Nebraska," "Philomena" and "The Wolf of Wall Street" are all outstanding films. The emotional take-away, however, is: **"12 Years A Slave."**

Animated Feature: "The Croods," "Despicable Me 2," "Ernest & Celestine" and "The Wind Rises" will sing along with **"Frozen."**

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- Christian Bale, "American Hustle"
- Bruce Dern, "Nebraska"
- Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Wolf of Wall Street"
- Chiwetel Ejiofor, "12 Years A Slave"
- Matthew McConaughey, "Dallas Buyers Club"

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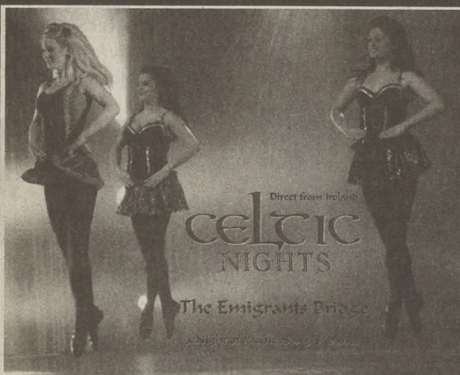
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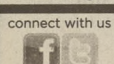
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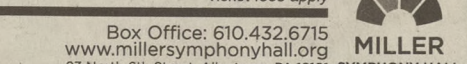
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Local church assists fire victims



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At the Coplay Fire Station, members of Trinity UCC of Coplay hosted a bake sale fundraiser. From left, seated, are Mallory and Brianna Griffith; and standing are Christine Leitgeb, James Suranofsky, Veronica Caciolo, Lisa Griffith, Jenn Fendrick and Rachel Fendrick.



Young JJ Ken-nybrew of Bethlehem stares, bright-eyed, at the table full of baked goods and treats at the bake sale. The proceeds went toward assisting two families, one in Coplay and another in Nazareth, who lost their homes to fire in January.

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9x9 grid with numbers: 6 5 7 9 1 2 8 3 4, 9 1 8 7 4 3 5 6 2, 3 4 2 8 5 6 7 1 9, 5 3 9 6 7 1 2 4 8, 8 2 6 4 3 9 1 5 7, 1 7 4 2 8 5 3 9 6, 4 8 5 1 6 7 9 2 3, 2 6 3 5 9 8 4 7 1, 7 9 1 3 2 4 6 8 5

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For locations, call 610-559-3245. Wednesday, Feb. 26: Meatball sandwich with mozzarella cheese, tossed salad with Italian dressing, chilled pears. Thursday, Feb. 27: Navy bean soup, fried chicken breast with lettuce-tomato-mayo on a bun, pasta salad, tropical fruit. Friday, Feb. 28: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad with hot bacon dressing, wheat bread with margarine, oatmeal raisin cookie. Monday, March 3: Potato leek soup, sausage sandwich in sauce with green peppers and onions, macaroni salad, green seedless grapes. Tuesday, March 4: Baked smoked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, whole kernel corn, wheat bread with margarine, glazed fastnacht. Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday. Shrimp tortellini, Alfredo pasta, tossed greens with Italian dressing, Italian bread with margarine, fresh fruit cup. Thursday, March 6: Creamed chicken over rice, garden vegetable blend, wheat bread with margarine, Mandarin oranges. Friday, March 7: Spinach cheese soup, tuna salad hoagie, potato chips, pasta salad, oreos.

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By Dave Green

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See cryptogram answer on page B7

Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals T

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

TITLE STARTERS ACROSS

- 1 Tums target, 5 Accumulates, 12 Present, as a plan, 20 Isolated, 21 Pin-on in a welcome kit, 22 Burn soother, 23 Vegetation-destroying weather event, 25 It bodes well, 26 Author Nin, 27 Shopping site, 28 Back-to-sch. month, 29 "I'll take that as...", 30 Catholic service with minimal ceremony, 33 Number one, redundantly, 37 - dixit (assertion lacking proof), 38 Hawaiian tree, 41 Actor Perlman, 42 Deal in, 43 Slow musical movements, 46 Move with oars, 48 Actors Guinness and Baldwin, 52 Hymn that repeatedly urges "come home", 58 Prefix with practice, 59 Exhibit fallibility, 60 Magazine edition: Abbr., 61 Hosp. zones, 62 Plum relative, 63 Uttered, as a farewell, 64 False identity, 66 Spills liquid, 68 Dove sound, 69 Nailed, as a test, 70 "Having planted the idea...", 75 Spanish for "this", 76 Bobby on ice skates, 77 Apartment managers, for short, 78 Dumbfound, 79 "L' - c'est moi", 80 Chick's chirp, 82 Bick's no-no, 83 French body of water, 85 Roadwork gunk, 86 "Can't Help Lovin' - Man", 87 Title for Monaco's Prince Albert II, 91 Flat, as soda, 93 Haloed woman: Abbr., 94 Solitary monk, maybe, 95 Kuwaiti ruler, 98 Sullivan and Harris, 100 Leaf-to-branch angle, 101 Racing pace, 105 Sweetly melodious birds of North America, 110 Tile in a mosaic, 112 Roman III, 113 Goes fast

19x19 crossword grid with numbers 1-129

- 114 Aloha Tower locale, 117 Polytheist, to a monotheist, 118 Alert for a 96-Down, say, 121 She scored a #1 with the hit found at the starts of this puzzle's longest answers, 124 Was next to, 125 Carrying no burdens, 126 Macpherson or Fanning, 127 Grinch's trait, 128 China's Mao, 129 Bit of a core, 1 Strong base, 2 Requiring change to be inserted, briefly, 3 Wives' mothers, e.g., 4 Salami, say, 5 Blyth of film, 6 Us, for one, 7 Boom box bands, 8 Toxin fighters, 9 Typhoon, e.g., 10 Egg-hiding occasion, 11 SFPD title, 12 Wise gurus, 13 Flees to wed, 14 Life sound, 15 Nurtured, 16 - lacto diet

- 17 Supply with a new staff, 18 Fashion, 19 Southeast Asian capital, 24 "Patience - virtue", 28 Clerical councils, 31 Fixes, as a dog or cat, 32 Heroic tales, 34 Poets' A.M., 35 Criticize brutally, 36 Every one, 39 Jeremy of the NBA, 40 Antique car, 44 "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the -", 45 Pabst brand, 47 Brand of grape juice, 49 Make unhealthily thin, 50 Virtuoso solo passages, 51 Lugers, e.g., 52 Kelp and Irish moss, 53 Weight-loss drug, 54 Italian omelet, 55 Support, as a belief, 56 Tree anchor, 57 Pope from 440 to 461, 63 When doubled, baby boy on "The Flintstones", 65 At the drop of - , 66 Emphasis, 67 Lying on one's back, 71 Pueblo people

- 72 Greek Mars, 73 Taxonomic subdivisions, 74 Opposite of day, in Berlin, 81 Fizzles (out), 83 Put a lid on, 84 Spry, 87 Pants parts, 88 Make anew, 89 Put a jinx on, 90 Company's bottom line, 92 Pants part, 96 Device that features Siri, 97 "Impact" co-star Ella, 99 Becomes ecstatic, 102 Provide a feast for, 103 Delphi shrine, 104 Utterly failed, 105 "Get out!", 106 Rust or lime, 107 Martial arts mercenary, 108 Tall grasses, 109 Jet-black, 111 Abbr. on a beach bottle, 115 Sun output, 116 Language of Pakistan, 119 Weed B - , 120 It's in bronze, 121 Daily grind, 122 A half-score, 123 "Life of Pi" director Lee

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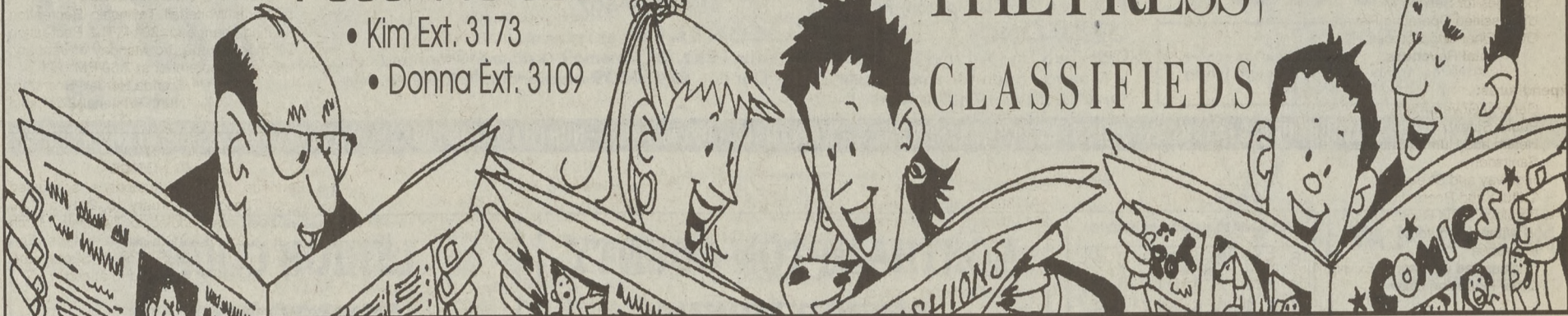
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LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
PREPARED ON A MODIFIED CASH BASIS
Year Ended December 31, 2013**

Revenues:

Taxes-All Sources (Real Estate Assessed Valuation \$342,470,200)	\$ 684,826
Licenses and Permits	\$ 54,623
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 14,932
Interest, Rents and Royalties	\$ 34,082
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 267,029
Charges for Service	\$ 92,309
Unclassified Operating Revenues	\$ 26,750
Other Financing Sources	\$ 89,250
Total Revenues	\$1,263,801

Expenditures:

General Government	\$ 181,429
Public Safety	\$ 125,061
Health and Human Services	\$ 2,150
Sanitation	\$ 18,421
Highway and Streets	\$ 525,136
Culture and Recreation	\$ 39,009
Employer Paid Benefits & Withholding Items	\$ 211,327
Insurance	\$ 15,618
Unclassified Operating Expenditures	\$ 815
Other Financing Uses	\$ 25,793
Total Expenditures	\$1,144,759

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures \$ 119,042

Fund equity, December 31, 2012:

General Fund	\$ 669,035
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 74,922
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 493,000
Trust and Agency Fund	\$ 71,580
Total Fund Equity	\$1,308,537

Fund equity, December 31, 2013:

General Fund	\$ 807,298
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 62,409
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 518,094
Trust and Agency Fund	\$ 39,778
Total Fund Equity	\$1,427,579

Note: General fund equity as of December 31, 2012 and 2013 does not include fixed assets. The value of the fixed assets shown below is based on Lynn Township Municipal Property Record 2013 and is reported under account group of general fixed assets.

ASSETS:

Buildings	\$1,589,034
Land	\$ 37,334
Machinery, Tools & Equipment	\$ 945,117
Vehicles	\$ 402,951
Total Liabilities and Fund and Account Group Equity	\$4,402,015

Published in accordance with Second Class Township Code, Section 904. The municipal annual audit and financial report submitted to Pa Dept. of Community & Economic Development is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building during normal business hours, Mon. thru Fri., 8 am to 4:30 pm. Feb. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION OF
PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
INCURRENCE OF NON ELECTORAL DEBT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District (the "School District"), Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania, will hold a public meeting for the purpose of considering and acting upon a Resolution authorizing the incurrence of non electoral debt by the School District, and conducting such other business as may come before the Board of School Directors. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Administration Office, 201 North 14th Street, Catasauqua, PA.

The following is a summary of the contents of the Resolution which, among other things:

1. Authorizes the School District to incur non electoral debt pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act, as codified by the Act of December 19, 1996 (P.L. 1158, No. 177) (the "Act"), and to evidence such indebtedness by the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2014 in the aggregate amount of \$7,385,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds, as well as other available funds of the School District, will be used for and towards: (1) the current refunding of all of the School District's outstanding General Obligation Notes, Series A of 2006; and (2) the payment the costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds.
2. States that the debt to be evidenced by the Bonds is non electoral debt, and that the Bonds, when issued, will be General Obligation Bonds of the School District;
3. Directs its officers to prepare and file the debt statement required by Section 8110 of the Act, to execute and deliver the Bonds and take all other actions as may be required by the Act or the Resolution in connection with the issuance of the Bonds;
4. Contains a covenant that the School District shall include in its budget for each fiscal year, to the fullest extent allowed under applicable law, the required debt service on the Bonds; that it shall appropriate such amounts from its general revenues for the payment of such debt service; that it shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when due; and pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of the School District for such budgeting, appropriation and payments;
5. Contains the substantial form of Bonds and the terms thereof, including the purchase price of the Bonds, the schedule of principal maturity amounts and dates, the rates of interest and interest payment dates and place of payment and redemption provisions of the Bonds, all of which will be inserted in the Resolution prior to action of the Board of School Directors thereon, based upon the accepted proposal for purchase of the Bonds;
6. Authorizes the proper officers of the School District to secure municipal bond insurance or other credit enhancement for the Bonds and to execute appropriate documents and agreements in connection therewith, and provides for payment of all costs of financing;
7. Determines, after due consideration and investigation, that a private sale by negotiation with RBC Capital Markets, LLC is in the best financial interest of the School District, and that a proposal in connection with the same shall be submitted to the School District for acceptance at the meeting;
8. Provides for the creation of a Sinking Fund for the Bonds and the appointment of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company as the Sinking Fund Depository and Paying Agent, and authorizes the officers of the School District to enter into contracts accordingly;
9. Authorizes the disbursement and application of the proceeds of the Bonds and other funds; and
10. Contains various other provisions relating to the Bonds, the issuance and sale thereof.

A copy of the proposed text of the Resolution described above may be examined by any citizen in the Business Office of the School District located at 201 North 14th Street, Catasauqua, PA, on business days during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Resolution currently on file omits certain details, which have not yet been ascertained. These include the purchase price of the Bonds, its aggregate principal amount which is estimated to be \$7,385,000 (and which may decrease depending on the terms of the proposal received, but is not expected to be greater than \$7,600,000), the maturities and interest rates and redemption prices, all of which will be ascertained from the proposal to be presented at the meeting. These details, when finally ascertained, will be inserted in the Resolution prior to adoption by the Board of School Directors. The Resolution may also be amended in such other respects as the Board may deem appropriate.

If the Resolution is adopted, a notice of adoption, including a summary of the omitted details, the amount of the debt incurred and principal amount of the Bonds to be issued, the price bid, the interest rate or range of interest rates of the Bonds and any other amendments made prior to final passage, will be advertised after adoption and made available for examination by any citizen in accordance with the Act.

Duane Deitrich, Secretary
Catasauqua Area School District

Feb. 26

CRYPTO SOLUTION

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING**
The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Catasauqua will hold a meeting:
DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Catasauqua Municipal Building
118 Bridge St.
Catasauqua, PA 18032
PURPOSE: General Business
Eugene L. Goldfeder
Borough Manager
Feb. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Roller Purchase**
The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a Case 2006 SV212 Soil Compaction Single Vibratory Roller or equivalent roller at the Municipal Building at 6272 Route 309, Suite A, New Tripoli PA 18066 until 11:00am on Monday, March 17, 2014 when they will be opened and read.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the proposal, made payable to Heidelberg Township. The successful bidder, within 20 days after the contract is awarded, shall furnish a certified check or a bond guaranteeing performance of the contract with sufficient surety in the amount of 100% of the contract amount or shall have completed delivery and fulfilled the contract.

The bid packet with detailed specifications may be obtained at the Municipal Building or by calling the Township Administrator at 610-767-9297 ext. 14. The Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Janice M. Meyers, Township Administrator
Feb 26, March 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeals:**

#03 14 001 The Zoning Appeal of **Matthew S. Stephens, Stephens Funeral Home, Inc. 310 Krocks Road, Allentown, PA 18106**; for a variance from the requirements of The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance **Section § 27-306. Table of Permitted Uses by District**, to permit a crematorium as an accessory use to the principal use of a funeral home. The property is at the southwest corner of Krocks and Cetronia Roads, and is situated in the R3 Zoning District.

#03 14 002 The Zoning Appeal of **Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 8935 Breinigsville Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031**, for a variance from the requirements of the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance **Section § 27-306(B)** to permit a commercial communications tower within the R2 Zoning District, **Section § 27-402.R.(2)** to permit a freestanding commercial communications tower with a height greater than 50 feet above the natural ground level in the R2 Zoning District and **Section § 27-402.R.(1)** to permit a commercial communications tower which will be set back less than a minimum distance of the tower height to all lot lines and existing street right-of-way lines. The property is located near the intersection of Breinigsville Road and Butz Road within the Earl Adams Memorial Park (Breinigsville Park) and is situated in the R2 Zoning District.

#03 14 003 The Zoning Appeal of **Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031**, for a Special Exception as required by the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance **Section § 27-306(B)** to permit a commercial communications tower within the LI - Light Industrial Zoning District and a Zoning Appeal of **Section § 27-402.R.(1)** to permit a commercial communications tower which will be set back less than a minimum distance of the tower height to all lot lines and existing street right-of-way lines. The property is located at the south east corner of the intersection of Schantz and Grim Roads within the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building Complex and is situated in the LI - Light Industrial Zoning District.

Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Daren J. Martocci, Zoning Officer
Feb. 26, March 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board will hear the following appeals on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Complex, 18 Bridge Street Catasauqua, PA 18032.

Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting

Re-organization of the Board.

APPEAL #1-14 Appeal of Justin Bowersox of 1120 Front Street, North Catasauqua, PA for a special use approval for the property located at 16 W. Race Street, Catasauqua. The Applicant is requesting a special exception permit pursuant to Section 280-25A and Attachment 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish an auto service station/auto repair garage at 16 W. Race Street. The property is located in a GC-General Commercial Zoning District. Auto service stations/auto repair garages are allowed as special exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance.

APPEAL #2-14 Appeal of Wilber E. Hill, Jr. and Rosalind Hill of 215 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA for a use variance from the requirements from Section 280-25 and Attachment 2, the Table of Permitted Uses by District Primarily Non-Residential Districts, to establish a used car sales by internet operation on the property at 211 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA. The property is located in the DC-Downtown Commercial Zoning District in which automobile sales are not permitted.

APPEAL #3-14 Appeal of Wayne Bolt and Darlene Pinto of 4120 Bridge Street, Whitehall, PA. The applicants are requesting a variance from the requirements from Section 280-25 and Attachment 2, the Table of Permitted Uses in Primarily Non-Residential Districts, to establish an apartment on the first floor of the property at 209 Canal Street (208 Front Street, rear). The property is located in a DC-Downtown Commercial Zoning District in which apartments are only permitted if in a building which also includes an allowed principal non-residential use. The proposed configuration of the building does not include a non-residential use, principal or otherwise.

APPEAL #4-14 Appeal of Robert A. Schlegel, Sr. of 25 W. Race Street, Catasauqua, PA for a use variance from Section 280-25 and Attachment 1, the Table of Permitted Uses in Primarily Residential Districts, to establish an additional dwelling unit, an apartment, in the property at 25 W. Race Street. The property is located in the CN-Conservation Zoning District in which neither apartments or conversions are permitted. Any other business that comes before the Board. Applicants must be present for their hearing. Parties interested in a scheduled hearing may review the application and supporting documents at the municipal building during regular business hours.
Eugene L. Goldfeder, Zoning Officer
Feb. 26, March 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Whitehall Township Finance Committee will meet on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular Workshop meeting of the Board of Commissioners at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA.
/s/Dennis C. Hower
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL**
Feb. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEHIGH TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD**
The Lehigh Township Zoning Hearing Board will convene on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at six (6) p.m. to hear the following appeals. The hearing will be held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building located at 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, PA 18088.

STANLEY GEISINGER
The Appellant, Stanley Geisinger, appeals the Zoning Officers decision of operating a non permitted business in the Agricultural/Rural Residential district (180-16) A/RR, non compliance of the garage definition (180-15), and also applies for a determination that the Applicant is not in violation of the Lehigh Township Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 180). The parcel is located on 3712 Mountain View Drive, Danielsville, PA, and located in the A/RR zoning district. Automotive and autobody car repair services and industrial welding are not permitted uses within the A/RR district. Private garages may not be used for the operation of any business, service, or occupation in the A/RR district. Tax Parcel I.D. No. H3-5-10E-0516.

BILLIE JO SHINER
The Appellant, Billie Jo Shiner, is proposing an accessory apartment to the existing dwelling located at 4036 Mountain View Drive, Danielsville, PA 18038, Tax Parcel I.D. No. G3-1-17-0516. The property is located in the Neighborhood Commercial and the Agriculture/Rural Residential (A/RR) zoning districts. The existing single family dwelling is situated in the A/RR area. Accessory apartments are a permitted use by Special Exception and subject to criteria of 180-55 (Accessory Apartments) and 180-118C.

Meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to be heard.
Laura M. Harrier, Lehigh Twp. Zoning Officer
Feb. 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
ZONING HEARING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**
The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on **March 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

DOCKET # 1780 - Kaiser Pathan, Sheikh M. Ahmed, Ilyas M. Shaikh - 4451 Anthony Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020. Location: **1995 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549803441182**, the subject property is located in a R3A Special Care Community Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-73, Sec. 27-104 C, and Sec. 27-104 D (4) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding approval for the proposed use of single-family attached homes, to allow the homes on a single zoning lot and to permit a 30' separation between the buildings. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant.

DOCKET # 1783 - William W. Schneider, PE, CEI Engineering - 400 Spruce Street, Suite 400-A, Scranton, PA 18503. Location: **100 Lehigh Valley Mall, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN54971605091**, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 100 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding required frontage for lot on internal mall ringroad for proposed subdivision of lot.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact Melissa A. Wehr, Zoning Officer, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.
MELISSA A. WEHR
Zoning Officer
Feb. 26, March 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

BILL NO. 9-2014
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BENEFITS UNDER THE PENSION PLAN PROVIDED TO THE TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW CREATING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR ALL NEW ELIGIBLE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 11-2014
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR RENTAL OF AN ASPHALT MILLING MACHINE, CONTRACT NO. 14-02 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 12-2014 (First Hearing)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS OF EASEMENT FOR PROPOSED TWO (2) GENERALLY TWENTY FOOT (20') WIDE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS ALONG WITH VARIABLE WIDE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS, IN FAVOR OF COPLAY-WHITEHALL SEWER AUTHORITY UPON, ACROSS, OVER, UNDER AND ALONG PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ALONG ROUTE 22, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.
/s/Dennis C. Hower
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL**
Feb 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
The March 6, 2014 meeting of the Lower Macungie Township Budget and Finance Committee meeting has been cancelled.
Feb. 26

Buying or selling your market is in the classifieds

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING TIME CHANGES**
Notice of North Whitehall Township Recreation Board Meeting change for 2014. The Recreation Board will meet on the 3rd Monday of January, March, May and September at 7:30 PM.
Brenda Norder, Secretary
North Whitehall Township
Feb. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE**
The Emmaus General Authority's scheduled meeting for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA. The public is invited to attend.
Shane M. Pepe
Emmaus Borough Manager
Feb. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of **JEANNE E. GIFFORD**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
Robert G. Gifford, Jr.
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
or to his attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
Feb. 26, March 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF **ROBERT WASKO**, deceased, late of Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests 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:
Deanna M. Wasko, Executrix
c/o Adrian J. Wasko, Esquire
453 Linden Street
Allentown, PA 18102
or to their Attorney: Adrian J. Wasko, Esquire
453 Linden Street
Allentown, PA 18102
Feb. 26, March 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of **THOMAS A. BANYAS, SR.**, a/k/a THOMAS BANYAS, SR., deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
Cheryl Kline, a/k/a Sherry L. Kline
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
or to her attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
Feb. 26, March 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF EMMAUS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES**
The Borough of Emmaus, located in Lehigh County, PA is currently accepting proposals from prospective Insurance Brokers for comprehensive insurance brokerage and risk management services to assist the Borough Administration in protecting its assets. Formal bid specifications can be obtained at Town Hall or by emailing Shane Pepe at spepe@borough.emmaus.pa.us. All proposals shall be submitted to Emmaus Town Hall, 28 S. 4th St., Emmaus, PA 18049 no later than Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Borough of Emmaus
Shane M. Pepe
Borough Manager
Feb. 26, March 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID**
Sealed bids will be received by the Whitehall-Coplay School District at the office of the Business Manager, 2940 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, Pennsylvania 18052 until 9:00 A.M. on Monday, March 3, 2014 to remove, replace and install carpet in areas of the Steckel Elementary School and the Board Room area of the District Office. The sealed bids will be opened and read publicly on March 3, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Whitehall-Coplay School District Office, 2940 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. The Whitehall-Coplay School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, and to award the bid to the lowest possible bidder.
By Order of the Board
J. Michael Malay, Jr, Business Manager
Feb. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township will conduct a public hearing on March 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this hearing is to accept testimony and public comment related to the vacation of a portion Helen Drive (located between 156 and 168 Forsythia Lane); a portion of the westerly side of Blue Barn Road (from its intersection with Oak View Drive to Barn Swallow Lane (approximately)) and a portion of the southerly side of Oak View Drive (from its intersection with Blue Barn Road to a point approximately six hundred (600') feet west of said intersection). Said vacations being in accordance with the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. Sections 67304, 67305(a) and (b) and 67311. Residents of the Township and affected property owners may appear at the public hearing and be heard.
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Feb. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of EMMA M. GREEN, deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests 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:
Jeanette Spadt
204 First Avenue
Walnutport, PA 18088
Executrix, or to her Attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Steven A. Strack, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slattington, PA 18080.
Feb. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of GEORGE WASILKOWSKI, deceased, late of Williams Ave., Walnutport, Northampton County, PA, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests 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:
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Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
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Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
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Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at their March 10, 2014 public meeting, to be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, will be considering the following proposed amendment to the Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance.
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

BILL NO. 4-2014
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SECTION 27-72, R-3, LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; SECTION 27-73, R-3A, SPECIAL CARE COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL AND SECTION 27-74, R-4, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL REGARDING SETBACKS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL USES. (LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE)

Prepared by Charles J. Fonzone, Esq., Solicitor for Whitehall Township
Copies of complete text of the proposed ordinance may be viewed at the Township Building during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Special accommodations may be made if necessary by first calling in advance 610-437-5524.
Feb. 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 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 PORTIONS OF THE ALBURTIS ZONING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 21 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES) RELATING TO COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS BY CONDITIONAL USE ON LOTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS USED FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "FALL ZONE", TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SETBACK OF A COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FROM A PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE OR STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY MUST NOT BE LESS THAN THE HEIGHT OF THE TOWER (SO LONG AS IT IS NOT LESS THAN THE RADIUS OF THE FALL ZONE OF THE TOWER), TO PERMIT AN EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR TO BE PLACED ON-SITE OUTSIDE OF AN ENCLOSED BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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
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