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William Hansell

Former county exec dies

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Recently resigned Lehigh County Executive William Hansell succumbed to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma June 4.

Hansell, 76, was appointed to finish Don Cunningham's term last August, but tendered his resignation last month to commit his full efforts to combating his illness.

County Chief of Staff Frank Kane said in a statement, "With the experience of over 50 years of outstanding public service, Bill was an incredible source of knowledge and guidance and was singularly focused on doing what was best for the citizens of each government entity he managed."

"Bill clearly had his favored political views and would relish a lively discussion with those of differing opinions, but was always the consum-

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END OF THE TERM



PRESS PHOTO BY CAROLE GORNEY

"You need a lot of energy to keep up with the kids," says retiring Liberty band director Greg MacGill. "You always want to be at the top of your game."

'I've been very privileged'

MacGill retires from teaching, but not music

By CAROLE GORNEY
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

It was 8:30 in the morning at Liberty HS, and members of the Grenadier Marching Band had already started rehearsing "Taps - Eternal Father," an emotional piece it was to play at the nearby cemetery on Memorial Day.

"Can you play this without your music?" band leader Gregory MacGill challenges the young musicians. "Turn your music stands around and let's see."

A few sour notes later and MacGill waves his hands in the air to signal "stop" the music. "Turn your music stands back," he says while laughing.

The smile never leaves his face. It doesn't take long to realize that



Only the third director in the history of the Grenadier Band, which began in 1926, MacGill has added much to the quality and status of the group.

this is a man who really loves what he is doing, and he's been doing it at Liberty for the past 35 years. Sadly for the 265 band members, MacGill retired at the end of this school year, leaving behind a legacy that will be extremely difficult to match.

MacGill began his career at Liberty in 1978 - right out of Mansfield State College - as assistant band leader. When Ron Sherry retired after 30 years in 1990, the baton passed to MacGill. The rest, as they say, is history.

A graduate of Williamsport Area HS, MacGill played in the band there, but he says it didn't have the same atmosphere. "Liberty is unique. Members are valued and respected; not seen as geeks," he

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NORCO

Council: 'Don't sell the airpark!'

By CAROL SMITH
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Council plans to make every effort to keep Braden Airpark in Forks Township operating as an airport.

At their June 6 council meeting, many council members spoke out against the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority's plans to sell the airport to raise revenue and pay off the Airpark's and the authority's debt.

LNA, which oversees the airport's operation, purchased the airport in 1999 for \$2.4 million. The Airport Authority sees selling the airport as a way to reduce its debt. In addition to a \$16 million judgment from a lawsuit, the airpark is operating in

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Raymond Greene, former VA director and himself a disabled veteran, can get services without climbing a hill.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Centralized services construction begins

By BERNIE O'HARE
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

On May 17, before a crowd of about 70 people, Northampton County officially broke ground on a new centralized human services building at 2801 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem Township. This project was approved by a 8-1 County Council vote in February, as a 15-year lease for a three-story, 66,375-square-foot building on 5.36 acres, with 256 parking places, at a cost of about \$1 million a year in rent. After five years,

the county will have an option to buy the property.

Polaris Properties, which owns the tract, expects to have the steel installed by July and to complete construction by next March.

County Executive John Stoffa calls the building a commitment to 18,000 Northampton County residents "who did not choose to get a mental illness; citizens who did not plan on being born with an intellectual disability;

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How would you feel if you found out the National Security Agency was monitoring your personal telephone and Internet use?



"I feel it should be private. I don't think they should know who you are talking to unless it was something serious."

Brittany Woods-Turner
Roselle, N.J.



"I would be okay with it, but I'd want to know why. Unfortunately, in today's world there's a price to pay to pay for freedom and part of that price is losing some privacy."

Tony Dragoni
Williams Township



"We feel fear because we don't like this kind of monitoring of private communication."

Luciano Giorcelli
Philadelphia



"I would be very upset because they are infringing on my privacy."

Linda Groff
Bethlehem



"I don't like the idea, but it looks like it's been going on for some time. It's like Big Brother."

Robert Cascone
Pequanock, N.J.



"Our freedom is not what it used to be, and we have to go to these extremes to keep the freedom we have."

Clifford Both
Bethlehem Township

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Continued from page A1 explains. "We have a lot of athletes in the band."

Ultimately, it's about having well-rounded students, MacGill adds. "We have quality, but the band isn't something that totally consumes the students' lives," he says.

Only the third director in the history of the Grenadier Band, which began in 1926, MacGill has added much to the quality and status of the group. The band has played twice at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and in January 2014 the band will repeat one of its crowning achievements - marching in the New Year's Day Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

"We're batting 1000,"

MacGill brags. "We applied twice and were accepted twice." It's no wonder that next year's band enrollment will hit a record 308 members.

So why retire now? MacGill has a lot to say about that.

"You need a lot of energy to keep up with the kids," he says. "You always want to be at the top of your game. I'm getting older and I thought maybe I'm beginning to wane a bit."

He says retirement will also give him more time on his horn - the saxophone - and the opportunity to play more gigs.

He adds quickly that he is leaving the band in the good hands of Kevin Long, one of his former students.

"I feel like we're still on top, and it's going to keep going up."

The question is, how

do the students feel about MacGill's retirement?

Exchange student Nico Thurow from Germany played the tuba in the band this past year with his host brother. He calls MacGill "a great band leader" and says "his retirement is a great loss for the band."

Freshman Sam Topp says of MacGill, "He's sort of like a father figure. It's upsetting to see him go."

Drew Donaher, the band's sergeant major, doesn't hold back on how he feels about MacGill: "He's one of the greatest directors in the state, and even the country. He's also one of the greatest men you will ever meet."

MacGill, in turn, says the thing he will miss the most are the kids. Because band is both a class and an extracurricular activity that

usually lasts four years. "We get to know them better," he says. "It is more like a family, not just a class that lasts one semester."

Stressing the importance and uniqueness of music, Macgill explains that it is an esthetic experience, as well as requiring a high level of thinking and physical stamina, especially for the marching band.

Is he concerned about the future of music at Liberty HS with his departure?

"The community embraces music, and the administration has been adamant about wanting it to continue," MacGill answers. "The parents group here also is outstanding. When we travel, it's not on the school district's dime."

Finally, when all the questions are asked and answered about his 35 years of teaching at Liberty HS, MacGill sums up his feelings in a few simple words: "I've been very privileged and blessed to be here."

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Summer Story Time, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room, 511 E. Third St., Room 403.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help carnival, 6 to 10 p.m., ride special until 9:30 p.m. 3219 Santee Road. Call 610-867-8409. through the 15th.

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society's free talk by Civil War historian Jeffrey D. Stocker, 7 p.m. Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lower Saucon Township. Call 610-625-8771 or visit www.lutzfranklin.com.

Gluten-Free/Celiac Sprue Support Group, 7:30 p.m. Lower level board room of St. Luke's - Warren Hospital. Call 610-865-3543 or 732-207-6666.

Thursday, June 13

Salvation Army Women's Ministries, 10:45 a.m.; followed by lunch (donation). Father's Day program. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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Bethlehem Area Public Library SouthSide branch book sale, 6 to 8 p.m. 400 Webster St. Visit www.bestbooksale.org or call 610 867-7852. Not handicap accessible.

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2013 Vacation Bible School benefit rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bethany U.C.C., 600 W. Market St. Breakfast / lunch items, baked goods. Call 610-691-8709.

Downtown Bethlehem Matchmakingfest, 6 p.m. Visit www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com.

Saturday, June 15

Annual Southside Film Festival, 23 E. Third St. Call 610-882-4300 or visit <http://southsidefilmfestival.com>.

Children's Film Festival, 23 E. Third St. Call 610-882-4300 or visit <http://southsidefilmfestival.com>.

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, registration starts 7:45 a.m.; walks at 9 and 9:15 a.m. SteelStacks. Visit walkforahealthycommunity.org.

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Downtown Bethlehem Matchmakingfest, all day; special events begin at 8 p.m. Visit www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com.

Sunday, June 16

Holy Family Manor, Auxiliary's Father's Day pancake breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Mary's Hall, 1200 Spring St. Eat-in or takeout. Tickets at the door. Call 610-965-5595, ext. 522 or 610-997-9409.

Monday, June 17

VIA Golf Classic, 7 a.m. Northampton Country Club, 5049 William Penn Highway, Easton. Call 610- 317-8000, ext. 489.

Wednesday, June 19

The Salvation Army Women's Ministries, Bible study, 11 a.m.; Avon party, 12:50 p.m., 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, gtaylor@tponline.com or fax 610-625-2126. For additional local news items not in our print edition, check out www.bethlehempress-aroundtown.blogspot.com

MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, June 12

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Thursday, June 13

Bethlehem Water Authority, 3 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Bethlehem Planning Commission, 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Monday, June 17

BASD Finance and Human Resources, 6 p.m., East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

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

Fountain Hill Zoning workshop, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

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

Historic Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Banana Factory, 25 E. Third St.

Tuesday, June 18

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

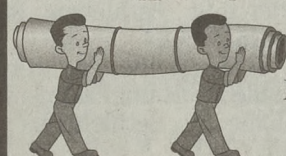
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Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Hellertown Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 685 Main St., Hellertown.

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persons who never expected to become addicted to drugs or alcohol; children who did not ask to be sexually abused or physically harmed by their care-

takers; and all of us who are aging, one day at a time, to the point that someday we will need someone to help us dress or eat."

Bethlehem Township

Manager Howard Kutzler, along with commissioners Paul Weiss and Marty Zawarski, attended the groundbreaking. Weiss pledged to make the process "as smooth and

seamless as possible ... I think we're all looking forward to you all being our neighbors. We look forward to that."

NORCO

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the red by about \$47,000 a year.

But county council wants the only airport in Northampton County to be saved.

To accomplish this goal, council has authorized its solicitor to examine the county's charter to determine if the Airport Authority has the legal right to close the airpark and to sell it off.

Council members also agreed that a letter be resent to each LNAA representative stating their opposition to the sale and the reasons for their want-

ing to keep the airpark operating. An earlier resolution was sent to just LNAA's director and its chairman.

Council President John Cusick said, "I don't mean to say \$47,000 is not a lot of money, but if Braden is sold, it will become a strip mall and condominiums."

Councilman Ken Kraft said the Airpark served many public uses and definitely should not be sold. There was a flight school that leased the facility, and it served as an emergency refueling station for police helicopters.

The airpark, which is

located across the street from Merchants Bank and near Weis Markets on Sullivan Trail, provides the community with a facility for everything from training young aviators to hosting Young Eagles events.

While Council members Lamont McClure and Peg Ferraro said trying to convince the LNAA to reconsider its plan was probably not going to be productive, a strong stand needed to be taken.

Ferraro said taking the time to research ways to make the airpark more viable would benefit every-

one.

"Don't sell it! What's the hurry?"

County council solicitor Phil Lauer cautioned council members that any action to prevent Braden's sale must originate with the county's administration. Council would not be able to take any legal action against the LNAA.

Because of the July 4th holiday council's next regular meeting will be 6:30 p.m. July 2. Council meets on the third floor of Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monocacy projects get approval

By CAROL SMITH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Two Northampton County Open Space projects received unanimous approval for funding.

At Northampton Coun-

ty Council's June 6 meeting, council authorized a \$58,800 grant to remove the Johnston Park Dam in Bethlehem's Historic Colonial Industrial Quarter, along the Monocacy Creek and \$119,789 to reha-

bilitate the creek at Illick's Mill Park.

The dam removal grant is also funded by a matching \$58,800 DCNR grant and \$33,500 from the City of Bethlehem.

The \$151,100 project will remove a 50-foot-wide, 6-foot-high dam and stream, stabilize the stream bank and establish a riparian buffer zone. Riparian buffer zones play an important role in soil conservation and also in restoring plant habitats and communities along the river margins.

In addition to installation of a riparian buffer zone at Monocacy Creek

at Illick's Mill Park, work on the creek will also include prevention of erosion and sedimentation, removal of inadequate buffers and excavation of the existing stream bank. The project's total cost is \$252,258. The county's grant will be matched by a DCNR grant and \$12,680 from the City of Bethlehem.

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mate gentleman, committed gentleman, committed to working differences out in favor of the citizens he served."
Hansell had served as executive director of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities and the International City/County Management Association. He was a Lehigh County commissioner, manager of Catawqua and South Whitehall Township and Allentown business administrator.
County Director of Administration Thomas Muller is now acting executive.

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Robert "Bob" James Donaldson Jr.

L.V. Harmonizers member

Robert "Bob" James Donaldson Jr., 87, of Bethlehem, died May 21, 2013, at St. Luke's Hospice House. Born in Dayton, Ohio, he was a son of the late Robert James and Mildred Miles Donaldson. He was the husband of Dorothy "Mickey" S. Donaldson of Bethlehem.



He joined the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet while still in high school in 1943. He entered active service the next year. He earned a degree in zoology from the College of Arts and Sciences, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

He worked for Burmah-Castrol, from which he retired in 1989 as technical department manager. He joined the Barber-shop Harmony Society in 1953, performing with various chapters in Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Harmonizers since 1991.

He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

He was a member of the American Legion and the National Rifle Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Barbara of Herndon, Va.; a son, Warren and his wife Cheryl of Louisville, Ky.; a stepson, James Wilcox of Chatham, N.J.; a stepdaughter, Robyn and her husband Peter Ahlers of Summit, N.J.; a stepson, Keith and his wife Teri Wilcox of Summit, N.J.; a sister, Judy Nelson of Crumpton, Md.; a brother, Miles and his wife Freda Donaldson of Marion, Ind.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Hale and Terry Donaldson.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's VNA Hospice, Development Office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 or to the church, 2700 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Shirley M. Borger

Bethany U.C.C. Church member

Shirley M. Borger, 88, of Bethlehem, died May 31, 2013. Born in Duryea, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Rena (Scheatzle) Renfer. She was the wife of the late Franklin R. Borger Jr.



She was a member of Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem.

She is survived by three daughters, Beverly and her

husband James Check of Pleasant Mount, Barbara Maholick of Bethlehem and Nancy and her husband John Holzwarth of Stow, Ohio; a sister, Betty Weiskerger of Williamsport; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the church, 600 W. Market St., Bethlehem 18018, or to the VNA Hospice of St. Luke's, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem 18017.

Arrangements were made by James Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Bethlehem.

Joyce M. Humma

registered nurse

Joyce M. Humma, 80, of Bethlehem, died May 29, 2013, at Gracedale Nursing Home. Born in East Orange, N.J., she was a daughter of the late Stanley Phelix and Catherine Marie (Beers) Miller.

She was a 1951 graduate of Little Flower Catholic HS and Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing.

She was a registered nurse in local nursing homes.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathy Humma of Pottstown; two sons, Stephen of Bethlehem and Michael of Oregon; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Margaret "Peggy" Butz

office worker

Margaret "Peggy" Butz, 98, of Bethlehem, died May 20, 2013. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Wendell and Katherine (Nemeth) Unger. She was the wife of the late Harold Butz for 63 years.



She worked for Laros Textiles in the sales office. She worked for Bethlehem Steel during World War II. She was a parishioner of Notre Dame Catholic Church. She was a former

parishioner of St. John Capistrano Hungarian Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Peggy Butz of New York City and Kathy and her husband John Reinbold of Bethlehem; and a granddaughter, Emily and her husband Anthony DeFeo of Wilmington, Del.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Wendell, Francis and Joseph Unger; and three sisters, Agatha Rednagle, Rose Unger and Irma Wasylow.

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

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem

Irene A. (Korpics) Gerber

store clerk

Irene A. (Korpics) Gerber, 97, of Bethlehem, died June 5, 2013, in her home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph C. and Theresa R. (Horvath) Korpics. She was the wife of the late Norbert J. Gerber.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Business College.

She was a store clerk for the former Korpics Clothing Store.

She was a member of the University Parish of Holy Ghost, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a niece, Theresa and her husband Barry Bowman of Bethlehem; and a grand

nephew, Matthew Bowman of Bethlehem.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Theresa R. Kercsmar and Irene Korpics; and three brothers, Leo, Lewis and Joseph Korpics.

Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, 417 Carlton Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or to Hospice of the VNA of St. Luke's, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015. The family would like to express gratitude to the Angel Helpers, who provided in-home care.

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Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Downey

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Downey died May 24, 2013. She was the wife of Robert Downey.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters, Laurie, Mary Kate and her husband Frank Schweizer; Regina Farage and her husband Ric Dauria and Elizabeth

Downey-Burdo; and four grandchildren, Michael Burdo Jr., and Frank, Katie and Sean Schweizer.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Jennifer Downey.

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

Marjorie M. Nemes

Merck researcher

Marjorie M. Nemes, 91, of Wyndmoor, died May 22, 2013 in her home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Evan and Ilona A. John.

She was a 1939 graduate of Liberty HS. She received a diploma in nursing from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, bachelor's degrees from Lebanon Valley College and Lehigh University and a Ph.D. in biology from Lehigh.

She was at the Rockefeller Institute and taught at the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia. She was a bio-medical consultant to hospitals and nursing homes. She was a supervisor and research scientist for Merck and Company. Upon retiring from Merck, she counseled troubled youth at Northwestern Hos-

pital, now N.W. Institute of Psychiatry. She made bi-annual trips to the Amazon and Peruvian rainforests to collect plants for medicinal purposes and to study prehistoric birds.

She was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower Societies, Lehigh University.

She is survived by four cousins, Robert J. and Stephen Nemes, Marion Smeltzer and Gertrude Austin.

Contributions may be made to the Marjorie M. Nemes '51G Endowed Fellowship Fund, Lehigh University, Development Office, 27 Memorial Drive West, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

William Howard Hansell Jr.

Former Lehigh County executive

William Howard Hansell Jr., of Lower Macungie Township, died

June 4, 2013, of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Alice and Bill Hansell. He was the husband of Concetta "Connie" (Raiti) Hansell for 51 years.

He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and earned a bachelor of science in economics from the Wharton School and a master of governmental administration from the Fels Institute).

He was a local government manager in Catawqua, South Whitehall Township and a business administrator for the City of Allentown. He was executive director for the Pennsylvania Municipal League. He was a vice president for business management at the University of Scranton and director of the Management Studies Program at Cedar Crest College. He was executive director for the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in Washington, DC. He and his wife were the owners of Hansell Enterprises and producers of the Shepherd Hills Dinner Theatre. He was president of the National Newman Club Federation, a trustee of the Financial Accounting Foundation and a board member of the National Academy of Public Administration. After his retirement, he was a consultant, a Lehigh County Commissioner, and a Lehigh County Executive. Hel was instrumental in

developing the Center for Public Administration Service Partnership.

He was on the boards of the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, the Allentown Symphony Association, the Lehigh County Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Stage Company and the Arlington County Commission for the Arts. He was the recipient the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute, the Distinguished Service Award from the International City/County Management Association and the Public Administrator of the Year from Brigham Young University.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, William Howard III, a daughter Jeanne and her husband Michael Decatur Robertson; a daughter-in-law Ursula Grogan; four grandchildren, Katharine Leigh Robertson, William Howard Hansell IV, Lauren Grace Robertson and Connor Michael Robertson; brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Susanne Hansell, Raymond and Mary Sue Hansell, Frank and Stephanie Raiti and Joseph Raiti; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father-in-law, Joseph Raiti; and his sister-in-law Marie Green.

Contributions may be made to ICMA Hansell Fund, (checks payable to the ICMA Fund with in memory of Bill Hansell in the memo line), 777 N. Capitol St, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202), or to a charity of choice.

Arrangements were made by J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home Inc., Allentown

Elvira Eva Mingora

floor lady

Elvira Eva Mingora, 82, of Bethlehem, died May 31, 2013, at Holy Family Manor. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Rudolph and Julia (Aguilar) Amelio. She was the wife of the late Edward Mingora.

She was a floor lady for South Manufacturing.

She was a member of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish.

She is survived by a son, Thomas and his wife Marie of Bethlehem; a brother, Robert R. Amelio; three sisters, Julia Kuruc, Aurora Kundrik and Angela Stralo;

and four grandchildren, Nicholas and Lucas Panick and Christina and Matthew Mingora.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Donna Mingora Panick; a son-in-law, Robert Panick; two brothers, Rudy and Arthur; and two sisters, Sophie Gutierrez and Sara Alonzo.

Contributions may be made to the church and/or to Holy Family Manor, 1200 Spring St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Mary J. Soffera

N.D. of Bethlehem Catholic Church

Mary J. Soffera, 86, of Bethlehem, died June 2, 2013. Born Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Theresa (Korpics) Repnyek. She was the wife of the late Francis A. Soffera.

She was a parishioner of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Rita Fogle and Christine and her husband Sean Bullinger, all of Northampton; a son, William A. and his wife

Lynne Bedics of Emmaus; and five grandchildren, James, Joseph, William, Mary Lynne and Robert.

She was predeceased by a sister, Josephine Capuano; and five brothers, John Lutseo, Steve, Frank, Harry and William Repnyek.

Contributions may be made to ManorCare, c/o Activities Dept., 2029 Westgate Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Michael R. Baron

prisoner of war

Michael R. Baron, 94, of Bethlehem, died May 31, 2013. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Joseph and Agnes (Bartos) Baron. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth (Demko) Baron and of the late Kathryn (Goida) Baron.

He was in the U.S. Army for five years. He was in the infantry in the South Pacific, where he was a prisoner of war for three years.

He retired in 1979 from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation after 33 years.

He was a member of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem.

He was a member of American Defenders of the Bataan and Corregidor

Club; Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He is survived by nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; and many cousins.

He was predeceased by seven brothers, John, Joseph, Andrew, Francis, Stephen, Charles and William Baron; and three sisters, Anna Pribulka, Sophie Kresge and Agnes Lipsky.

Contributions may be made to the church, 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Richard P. Rohrbach

NCLL coach, manager

Richard P. Rohrbach, 82, of Bethlehem, died May 22, 2013. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Elizabeth Pollinger. He was the husband of the late Agnes Hydro for 49 years.

He served during the Korean War with the U.S. Army security agency.

He worked for more than 21 years for the former Retail Credit Company. He later worked for PNQ Wholesale.

He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and the former St. John Capistrano Catholic Church.

He was a life member of

the former Hungarian Catholic Club. He was a coach and manager in the North Central Little League for 16 years.

He is survived by five children, Richard and his wife Jane, Michael and his wife Dawn, Carol R. and her husband Roger Danner and James and his wife Junnys and Joseph; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Phoebe Richland Health Center, 108 S. Main St., Richlandtown, PA 18955.

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

Louis Mollo

Took part in D-Day

Louis Mollo, 93, of Bethlehem, died June 1, 2013, at the Hospice House of St. Luke's. Born in Roseto, he was a son of the late Anthony and Anna (Realo) Mollo. He was the husband of Madelyn (Colletta) Mollo.

He was in the U.S. Army during World War II and was involved in the D-Day Invasion on the beaches of Normandy.

He retired from the Bethlehem Steel Corp. as a section foreman of PBNE Railroad after 23 years.

He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, where he was a member of the OLPH Senior group.

He was a member of the St. Anne's Shrine, MORA Club, Roseto Legion and

both the Heights and North East Wanderers Athletic Associations. He was a Boy Scout and was an assistant scoutmaster of Roseto Troop 36.

He is survived by a son, David N. and his wife Theresa of Bangor; a grandson, Nicholas and his wife Valerie Mollo, and a great granddaughter, Tanya.

He was predeceased by a sister, Theresa and her late husband Nicholas Renaldo.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 80 Ridge St., Roseto, PA 18013.

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

Raymond V. Achey Jr.

painter

Raymond V. Achey Jr., 79, of Bath, died May 19, 2013, at ManorCare Health Services, Bethlehem. He was the husband of Dolores K. (Richter) Achey for 58 years.

Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late Raymond and Grace (Bersch) Achey Sr.

He was in the U.S. Navy. He was a painter for Bethlehem Steel Corporation until he retired after 37 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Kathleen P. and her husband Larry Marshall

of Lynn Haven, Fla. and Susan and her husband Glenn Fatzinger of Allentown; four grandchildren, Melissa and her husband Eric Bush, Elizabeth and her husband Joshua Farris, Brian and his wife Nadine Fatzinger and Justin Marshall; three great-grandchildren, Alexander and Haley Bush and Allyson Fatzinger; and a nephew, William and his wife Jeanette Mitman.

He was predeceased by a sister, Lorraine Mitman.

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

Lucy A. Babos

Christ Lutheran Church member

Lucy A. Babos, 85, formerly of Bethlehem, died May 30, 2013, in Valley Manor. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late William and Lucy (Cope) Getter. She was the wife of the late Joseph Babos for 61 years.

She was employed at Magnetic Winding, Easton, for eight years before

retiring. She belonged to Christ Lutheran Church, Free-mansburg.

She is survived by a son, Joseph Babos Jr. of Bethlehem Township; and a grandson, Joseph Paul Babos.

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

CITY POLICE

Homicide arrest

Police arrested 17-year-old Lucas Joseph Cabassa, no specific address, for the homicide of a 25-year-old city man June 4.

According to police, the victim and two juveniles were involved in a physical altercation in the 800 block of Argus Court around 3:30 a.m. June 2, during which a third juvenile, Cabassa, stepped in and shot the victim once in the head.

The suspects fled the area and the victim was pronounced dead at St. Luke's University Hospital about an hour later.

Police issued a warrant for Cabassa June 3, and began working with U.S. Marshall Service to track the young man.

The following day Cabassa, with an attorney present, surrendered himself at police headquarters. He is charged as an adult with criminal homicide and has been remanded to Northampton County Prison.

Anyone with any information relative to this still-ongoing investigation is encouraged to contact the Bethlehem Police Department at 610-865-7187, Bethlehem detectives at 610-865-7162, Det. Christopher Beebe at 610-997-7681, or Det. Lt. Mark Diluzio at 610-997-7672.

DUI-fleeing

Police arrested a man on numerous charges following an attempted traffic stop around 2:30 a.m. May 29.

According to police, Walter Chisholm, 32, of Bridge Street in Catsaqua, failed to stop for a red light at Stefko Boulevard and East Broad Street, and then also failed to stop when they attempted to pull him over.

Chisholm did finally stop when he crashed his car in the 2700 block of Easton Avenue.

Chisholm is charged with traffic signals, speeding, inspection required, DUI, careless driving and fleeing and eluding.

Hit and run

Police arrested a 61-year-old man for hitting two pedestrians with his car, severely injuring both.

Police said around 12:30 a.m. June 7 Willie Brickhouse, of Cherokee Street, hit a 21-year-old man and 18-year-old woman on Broadway and continued driving.

The victims were transported to St. Luke's University Hospital for treatment.

Witnesses identified the car, which officers found nearby with heavy front-end damage.

Brickhouse is charged with two counts of accidents involving death or personal injury.

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Rejecting arguments that the proposed expansion would have an adverse impact on the neighborhood, Judge Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter noted that the market existed before many of the homes surrounding it.

State court sides with market

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

A four year-old zoning dispute, pitting a popular Bethlehem produce business against North Bethlehem residents, appears to be drawing to a close.

On June 7, a three-judge panel of the Commonwealth Court ruled that an embattled Zoning Hearing Board had it right all along. Elias Market, located on Linden Street, will be allowed to expand its warehouse and loading dock, replacing dilapidated outbuildings with a new, clean, modern and functional structure that will actually reduce the number of daily deliveries made to the busy business.

During hearings before the Zoning Hearing Board, co-owner George Azar testified that the loading dock, as it exists, is unsafe and exposes his workers to injury.

"We're basically working two or three times what we should be doing," he testified. "We're working like it's 1950."

Judge Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter, speaking for the court, noted that Elias has a constitutional right to expand, reasoning that an "ordinance which would allow the housing of a baby elephant cannot evict the animal when it has grown up, since it is generally known that a baby elephant eventually becomes a big elephant."

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proposed expansion would have an adverse impact on the neighborhood, Judge Leadbetter noted that the market existed before many of the homes surrounding it.

"Elias Market is not proposing to increase the size of the store to attract more customers. The proposed expansion will enable Elias Market to buy goods in bulk, thereby reducing the number of deliveries made to the store, and will no longer need to store goods at its Allentown facility and transport them daily to Elias Market. In addition, the access to the lot from S.R. 191 [Linden Street] will be eliminated."

Zoners have approved this expansion three times following four hearings, a judicial remand and 14 hours of emotional testimony before packed houses. Bethlehem City Council intervened in the dispute, on the side of neighbors Al

Bernotas, Walter Ward and Guishu (Sue) Fang. These neighbors were represented by Hellertown attorney David Backenstoe.

Bernotas declined comment on the ruling.

"I am going to save all my pertinent comments for the courts," he said. "Nothing I say to the newspapers matters."

Gus Loupos, chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, stated he was happy the board was upheld. "Everyone had their day in court," he said. "It's time for the Elias' to get on with their lives."

Zoners imposed numerous conditions on the expansion: use of the warehouse for wholesale distribution is banned; idling by any vehicles or storage of any buses or trucks not already owned by Elias is prohibited; no refrigerated trucks may run on the property; compressors must face Linden Street, away from residences; buffering and landscaping is required; no expansion in hours of operation; no additional retail space is permitted; no future expansions of the warehouse will be permitted; and no trash pick-up before 8 a.m.

Neither the Elias family nor its attorney, Joe Piperato, were immediately available for comment.

Neighbors can petition the state Supreme Court for review, but that court has no legal obligation to consider the matter.

Hamilton Crossings TIF vote deferred

By **ANDREW CASS**
Special to The Press

The Lehigh County Commissioners deferred a vote on whether to approve a tax increment financing plan for the proposed Hamilton Crossings shopping center at its May 22 meeting.

Director of Community and Economic Development Cindy Feinberg recommended the deferral because the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has not had a chance to look at the traffic impact of the proposed project,

which was a concern to some commissioners.

"The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission is scheduled to discuss this at their May 28 meeting and then they will review it at their board meeting on the 30th, so I felt it was more appropriate to defer to get the information [the commissioners] were asking for," Feinberg said.

The proposed Hamilton Crossings shopping center is located along Krocks Road between Route 222 and Hamilton

Boulevard in Lower Macungie. The shopping center would include a Target and a Costco. The developers have said the project would not happen without the TIF, which will be used to help pay for infrastructure upgrades such as road improvements, stormwater improvements and utility upgrades.

The TIF was approved by the East Penn School District at its May 20 meeting, but must be approved by the county and Lower

Macungie Township before the project can move forward.

Commissioner Mike Schware again expressed concerns about the county's involvement in the project.

"There are no county issues being addressed here," Schware said. "Yes, there's problems with the roads or the drainage or the utilities that need to be addressed, but that's not really a county problem. Just because the problem is in the county does not mean county taxpayers

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CITY POLICE

DUIs

Police made several alcohol-related driving arrests the early morning of May 27.

Omer Aci, 27, of Rosewood Drive, was arrested for driving while intoxicated around 1:30 a.m.

Police said Aci crashed his van into the concrete wall in front of the Perkins restaurant on the Route 378 onramp at Second Street. When officers responded they determined Aci was drunk, and charged him with DUI.

At virtually the same time, 51-year-old Miriam Acevedo of Pennsylvania Avenue crashed into a fence near her home. Fence pieces went through her windshield, injuring her. She is charged with DUI and careless driving.

Around 3:20 a.m. officers on East Fourth Street observed two people passed out in a car at the intersection of South New and East Fourth streets. The driver, Jonathan Torres-Casiano, 21, of East Fourth Street, is charged with DUI, careless driving and driving under suspension.

BRIEFLY

CAHW

Car wash, Artzy set for June

The Artzy Dog House exhibit to benefit the Center for Animal Health and Welfare (CAHW) will be held through June 11. There will be an auction of the displayed doghouses and fun, food and drink in the evening of June 12.

Winning bidders must transport items from the building that evening. The events will take place at the Phillipsburg Mall, U.S. Route 22, Phillipsburg, N.J.

The Father's Day weekend car wash benefit will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 15 at Grooming by Lisa Lutzi, 1214 Pembroke Road, and Pet Supply Plus, 4403 Southmont Way, Easton.

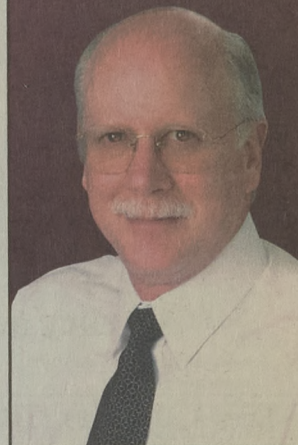
The animal shelter is located at 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. Visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org or facebook.com/CAHW1.

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LEHIGH VALLEY
Leader program set for September

Leadership Lehigh Valley (LLV), which identifies and trains emerging leaders from the region, is now accepting applications for the September 2014 program.

The group will explore personal and community issues and broaden their knowledge of the greater Lehigh Valley during the monthly one day sessions.

LLV graduates find placement on a broad spectrum of the region's nonprofit boards, providing strategic direction, financial oversight and philanthropic support in health care, education, social services, environmental and arts organizations.

Class size is limited and applicants are accepted on a rolling admission basis. For information / application, call 610-861-5431.

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should have to pay for it."

Attorney Jonathan Hugg called the TIF fundamentally unfair.

"It's inappropriate for the county to be picking winners and losers in the local economy, which is exactly what this county bill does," Hugg said. "The effect of this is to cannibalize the local retail economy."

Hugg said his clients, Trexler Plaza and Trexler Center, could lose tenants to the new shopping center if the TIF passes.

"This is an advertisement against my clients' shopping centers and against all shopping centers in the area," Hugg said.

The currently vacant land brings in about \$57,000 in property taxes for the East Penn School District and Lehigh County. The proposed \$140 million shopping center would significantly raise the real estate taxes on the land. Under the TIF, 50 percent of the tax revenue from Hamilton Crossings over the next 20 years will be used to help pay for the project. In that time frame, the East Penn School District would receive about \$570,872 in tax revenue annually. Lehigh County would receive about \$135,000 annually. After the 20-year TIF ends, the school district and county would receive the full tax revenue.

The bill will be voted on at the June 12 commissioner meeting in the public hearing room of the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown.

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LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE 4

'We embody the power of a hurricane'

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
njastrzemi@ttonline.com

With its typical pomp and flourish, the orchestra rolled out a thrilling performance commemorating the Liberty HS graduation of 605-student 2013 class at Stabler Arena June 4.

The ceremony's theme honored the old British World War II slogan, "Keep Calm, and Carry On," and speakers urged their massive audience, and especially the graduates, to heed the spirit of that phrase as they pass beyond Liberty's halls and into the future.

Faculty speaker Meridith Guro said the simplicity of the five-word message has helped it withstand the test of time.

"As we transition from students to alumni, from children to adults, it is how we act in this time of adversity and not the adversity itself that will define us."

Quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson, Guro added, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Guro also detailed her thoughts on the student body nickname, "Hurricanes."

"Our mascot is an upper-level disturbance. Haven't they heard of a lion or an eagle?" she asked. "Upon further reflection, I decided being a hurricane is perfect for our school."

"We embody the power of a hurricane through our hard work and motivation. Yet at our core, at the eye of the hurricane, we are at our best. Without this calm center our power would turn to chaos."

"Today we are at a pivotal point in our lives. We are leaping into the unknown ... into the future." Guro said whatever challenges life throws them, as long as they remain calm in their centers, the Hurricanes will carry on.

Speaker Andrew Rodriguez began his laugh-inducing speech by revealing his mobile phone and snapping a photo of the audience.

"Smile, you're on Instagram!" he said. He then produced a litany of in-jokes and references that sent his fellow seniors into fits of merriment.

"At Liberty HS, we celebrate our triumphs in the form of family," Rodriguez said. "A family that is sports, family on

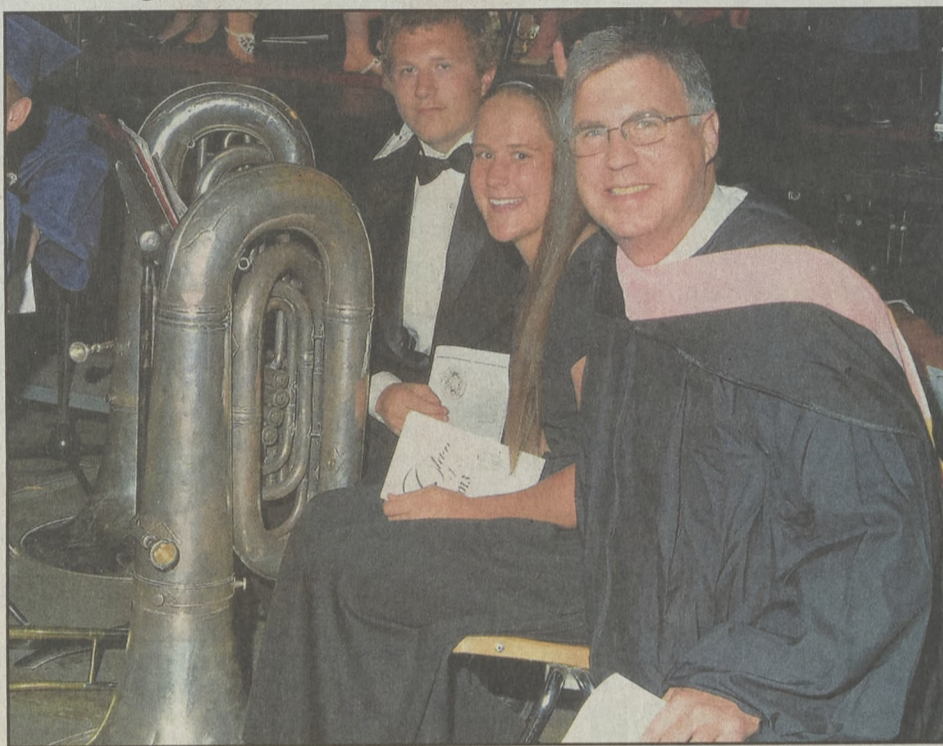


PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Tyler J. Scriven and others planning to join the Armed Forces got special acknowledgement. Scriven plans to join the Army.



James Sheplock had the highest grade point average at a perfect 5.0 and was designated as "The Liberty Scholar." He had the honor of being the first student to enter the auditorium.



Gregory MacGill, retiring director of the Liberty HS orchestra, with some of his musicians.



Director of Student Services Dr. Dean Donaher congratulates students after they receive their diplomas.

stage, family in music, family in an academic setting. We are all connected in the way we handle our peers no matter the setting."

Rodriguez said they will now take the next step together.

"As soon as we walk out those doors, we walk out as adults. Men and women. We graduate tonight and abandon our adolescence, not fight, but because life demands that we mature."

Rodriguez said part of that maturity will be to take hold of their own lives, not be passive vic-

tims of circumstance. As a final point of Hurricane pride, he said, quoting a song by Drake, "We started from the bottom, and now we here."

And on that note, heralded for his great accomplishments over 35 years leading the school's band, was Gregory MacGill. School Board President Michael Faccinetto lauded the retiring band leader for helping to shape the Grenadier Marching Band into the successful and famous body of performers it is today.

MacGill's vision for the band will outlast him and the graduating students too, Faccinetto said, and he challenged the seniors to develop enduring visions of their own.

"How will your life inspire others?" he asked. "Look beyond the next 40 years and try to change the world."

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy said being a Liberty HS alumnus bears a responsibility to carry on the traditions and accomplishments of the alumni who came before.

"We have confidence that you, too, will make a difference in your community and your school. In your accomplishments in the classroom, on the stage and on the field, the Liberty HS class of 2013 has much to be proud of."

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LEHIGH VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 7

'Approach next point in life with confidence'

By MARK RECCECK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The rain outdoors did not dampen the spirits of the 29 graduates of the Lehigh Valley Christian HS during the class of 2013 commencement ceremony held the evening of June 7 at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown.

The graduation began with the slow toll of a bell and the graduates proudly proceeding down the middle of the church aisle in rows of two, with men adorned in black caps and gowns and women in red.

Class President Emily Barry welcomed the graduates, staff members of LVCHS and family and friends to the graduation.

"Thank you for coming to celebrate this milestone in our lives," she said.

Barry also gave the salutatory address. She asked the new graduates to reflect back on the past four years of their high school careers and be thankful for all God has provided to them.

"What has God given you through LVCHS," she asked. "Whatever you have taken through LVCHS, continue to cling to that."

Although the new graduates will branch out into different directions in life, Barry suggested that each student make decisions based on their faith.

"Does what I'm doing honor my creator," she asked. "Search for your passion and look for God's will."

Class valedictorian Molly Yandrofski shared with the graduates the Bible story of Hagar, particularly speaking on the uncertainty of the future and relying on the provisions of God.

"We can call out not to a distant God, but to a God that sees us," she said, in times of difficulty. "Keep your eyes



Lehigh Valley Christian HS's 2013 graduating class.



Twins Rochelee Monica Salib and Jessica Giselle Salib of Bethlehem flank Emily Colleen Barry for a photo op before the ceremony.



Rebecca Hope Springer accepts her diploma from her mother Gillian Springer, director of marketing for Lehigh Valley Christian HS.



Molly Yandrofski delivers the valedictory address.

open and be encouraged by God."

She also offered two recommendations to the class of 2013: to "approach the next point in life with confidence" and to "live a life that delights God in public and private."

LVCHS Principal Bob Brennan provided a highlight of the class of 2013. He said 19 students attended all four years at LVCHS, 10 began their Christian education in kindergarten or firstgrade, 97 percent will go onto college, 66 percent will attend a four-year college, six will attend a two-year college, one graduate enlisted in the Marine Corps, 18 percent are headed to Christian colleges and 10 percent are attending college outside of Pennsylvania.

"Quite a class and blend of people from all over," he said of the graduates.

Giving the commencement address was Pastor David Kochsmeier of the Steel City Mennonite Church and father of class of 2013 graduate Daniel Kochsmeier.

Kochsmeier noted most of the educational years of the class of 2013 were spent in the shadows of worldwide terror. He told the graduates, however, to use their faith to meet future challenges.

"As you cross over into the wilderness of academia, you're going to cross into your promised land," he said. "But God is faithful ... He will give you courage to meet those obstacles and challenges."

Diplomas were then presented to each graduate by Kochsmeier as Brennan read a short scripture passage selected by each student. After receiving their diploma, each graduate then delivered a rose to a family member sitting in the audience. Photographs of the graduates in their younger years were also displayed on a large screen.

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BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 6

'How we lead our lives'

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

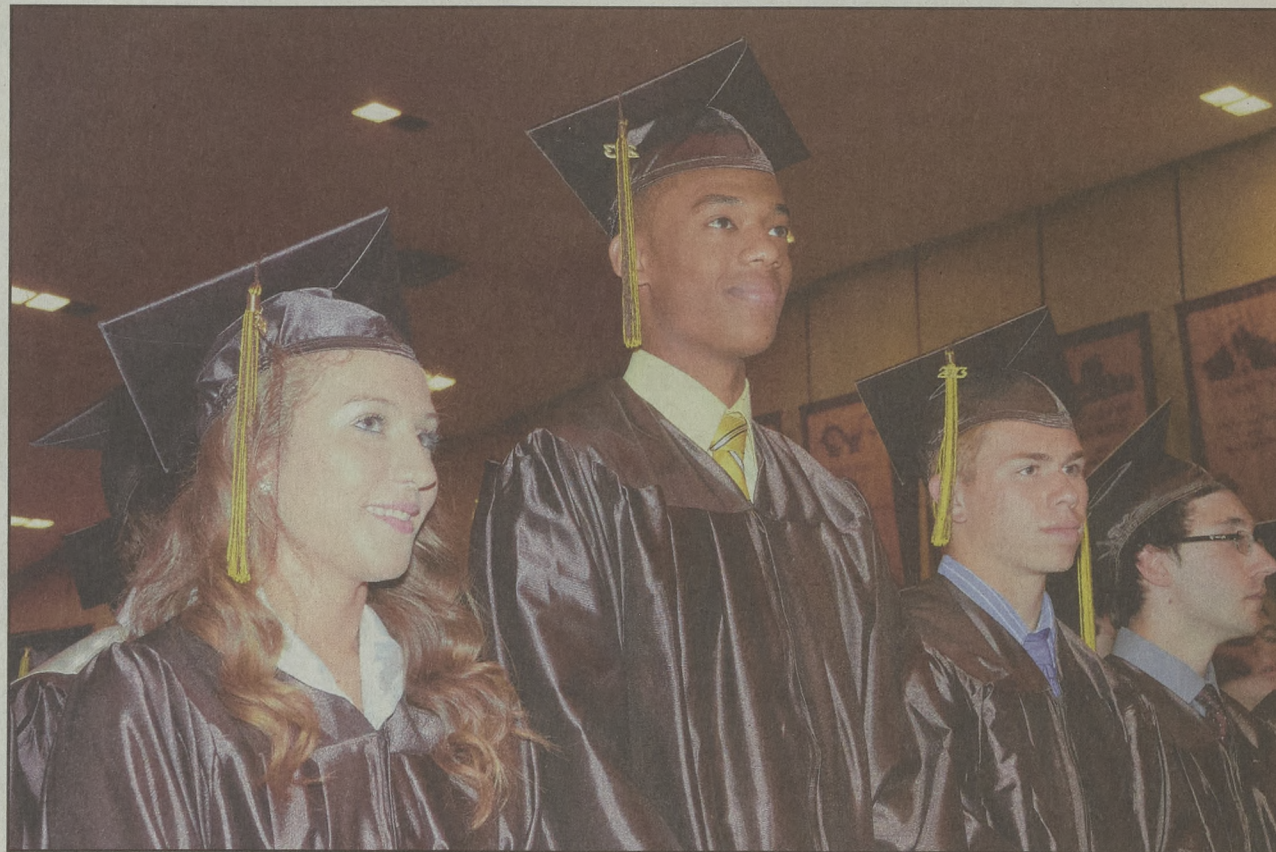
Although 193 seniors graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School June 6, Principal John Petruzzelli awarded 194 diplomas. The last one was for Kasey Roman, who passed away after a sudden illness her freshman year.

Before that, as each graduate's name was announced, moms and dads and other family members strained to maintain decorum. But when Eva Rodic's name was called, a small tot shouted, "Hi Eva!"

Salutatorian Maria Spirk, on her way to Bryn Mawr College, took the time to thank her parents for setting a "fundamental example of how we lead our lives."

Valedictorian Bridget Smith was also named the top female athlete. In soccer, she set a school record of 71 goals. Called a "warrior" in basketball, she helped lead the Golden Hawks to a District XI championship this year.

Smith joked that her uncle, who never quite made it, still proudly wears a "I survived Catholic School" T-shirt. She claimed that despite the "Go Home Freshmen" taunts she took in her



After filing into the Bethlehem Catholic HS auditorium, seniors graduates await commencement.

first year, she was able to meet all kinds of interesting people from China, Korea, Spain, Germany "and even New Jersey."

The top male athlete honored was two-time state wrestling champ Darian Cruz, who will take his 153-8 record to Lehigh University.

Another senior wrestler, Connor Hedash, has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Principal Petruzzelli stated that more than \$12 million in scholarships have been awarded to the Class of 2013.

"They left quite an impression," he remarked.

Although agreeing that "you're each on your own

journey now," Petruzzelli concluded, "always be proud. ... We love ya."

Bethlehem Catholic HS is a private co-educational community of the Diocese of Allentown, with approximately 760 students in grades 9 through 12. Established on the Southside in 1925 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, the school is currently located at 2133 Madison Ave. Children of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome, but students are required to participate in faith-based activities.

Of note: This year's graduation ceremony was Skyped to Afghanistan as one of the graduate's parents is currently stationed there.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB



"Bethlehem Catholic has given me us all the opportunity to be who we are today," says valedictorian Bridget Smith.



Referencing the Bethlehem Catholic school educational environment, salutatorian Maria Spirk says, "I have been changed for good by Bethlehem Catholic."

LEFT: Alexandra Wildman moves her tassel to signify her official graduation, after receiving her diploma.

St. Luke's Healthline calendar advertisement for Spring/Summer. Includes sections for Seniors' Health, Neuroscience, Kids Korner, Support Groups, Diabetes & Thyroid, Cancer, Hope and Healing Newcomer Orientation, and Your Family Tree. Features event details, registration information, and a location key.

LEHIGH VALLEY ACADEMY - JUNE 6

'Take responsibility for your actions'

By JOSE ROMAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"Ladies and gentlemen, it's an honor to present you the Class of 2013." With these words, Lehigh Valley Academy regional Charter School CEO and Principal Susan Mauser proudly sent the small class of 34 students out to the world to continue the journey they began at the academy some years ago.

Just as happens at any commencement ceremony, Mauser's presentation of the class took the Fifth Annual Commencement of the Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School to a cheerful culmination.

Although a small class, these young adults had great dreams and aspirations, which they to fulfill at Penn State University, Lehigh University, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and other well-known colleges in the region and throughout the state.

But accomplishing additional academic dreams and fulfilling careers are not perhaps the biggest tasks the LVA class of 2013 is expected to achieve. The students were reminded of the promise they made to be exemplary citizens, a promise that goes well beyond excelling in science, technology and mathematics.

"We expect you to be principled and take responsibility for your actions," Mauser reminded the class during her welcome commencement address. "We expect you to be caring, reflective, open-minded and accepting by respecting and appreciating diversity." These are some of



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

Graduate Jessica Holdorff reacts to the senior video that she, along with graduates Erin Hock and Brittany King, presented to the class. She will attend Northampton Community College to study biology.

the expectations any LVA graduate must meet by the time they leave the academy. Expectations which, according to Mauser, years of study in the academy have prepared the students to fulfill.

Appropriate for the class of 2013 was the address by LVA alumna Asia Huertas who graduated from the academy in 2009 with high honors. She has just completed her bachelor studies in interior architecture and will begin graduate studies in August. Huertas shared with the students what the academy did for her and encouraged the graduates to always remember what the academy has done for them also.

"LVA taught me not only to take on college but the world," she said. Fur-

ther during her address she told the class, "LVA has prepared you for greatness."

Other commencement speeches reminded the students that their journey is not over but continuing. And for the few students who might still feel a little fearful about what is to come, words of wisdom from student speaker Erin Hock: "You are almost there. Don't give up now." Although they've completed just half the journey, there is no reason why these young adults should not feel proud of their achievements so far.

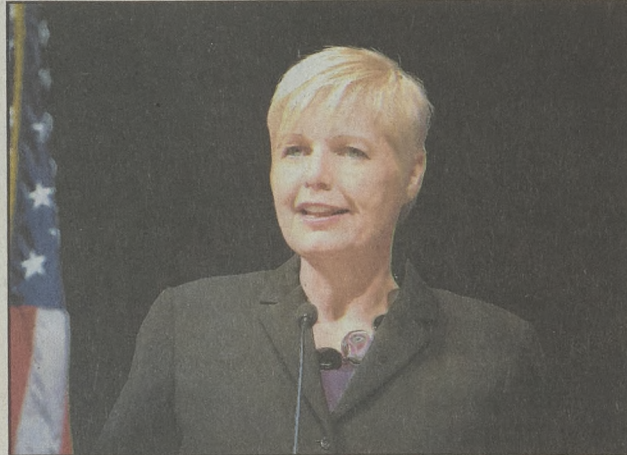
"We can finally say we have accomplished something truly great," said student speaker Samuel Rakowski, who is pursuing security and risk analysis studies at the Pennsyl-

vania State University.

How about thanking those behind-the-scenes heroes who are not seen every day in the school halls but are sometimes as responsible for the academic achievement of the students? One of the class speakers, Matthew D'Almeida, did just that.

"Thank you Mom and thank you Dad," said D'Almeida at the beginning of his address.

The graduation ceremony, held June 6 at the Lehigh University's Zoellner Arts Center, could not be complete without a special moment for remembering the now gone high school years. The students captured on photos and videos some of the funniest, goofiest and silliest moments of their years in the academy. The montage,



Principal and CEO Susan Mauser addresses parents, family and friends during the Welcoming Address.



Graduate Matthew D'Almeida, student speaker, thanks his parents during his opening remark. He will attend Millersville University for biology/pre-veterinary studies.



Graduate Samuel Rakowski moves his tassel to signify the completion of graduation after receiving his diploma. He will attend Penn State University to study security and risk analysis.

put together by the students themselves, drew laughs from the crowd, making the viewing of the video a highlight of the night.

There was one more task Principal Mauser put in the hands of class 2013:

"Please remember to keep a special place in your hearts for the Lehigh Valley Academy and to continue to make us proud as you embark on the next chapter in your life. Please come back to visit ... but not tomorrow."

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The Becahi softball team walks on to the field following the final out of the game last Thursday afternoon in Lyon Station.

STATE SOFTBALL

Season ends for Becahi



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Leadoff hitter Lauren Visconti is hit by a pitch later in the game.

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's quest for a state softball championship came to an end last week when the Hawks fell to Nazareth Academy, 2-1, in the Class AAA PIAA state quarterfinal at Lyons Field in Hamburg.

Becahi scored first in the top of the second inning when Joelle Morey's courtesy runner, Ann Li Dietrich, touched the plate on close play on an RBI by Jean Markovic.

But, Nazareth Academy, the District 1 champion, scored two runs in the third inning to take the lead for good. Tamara Jennings' two-run double scored Madeline Miller and Taylor Lichtenhahn

and would end up resulting in the victory for the Pandas.

The Hawks had seven hits in the game and certainly had their chances. The girls made contact off Panda pitcher Emily Shellenberger, who registered just one strikeout, but the Nazareth Academy defense didn't commit an error and overall played very well.

Becahi would threaten one last time in the top of the seventh, but the defense of Panda right fielder Molly Scullion perhaps saved the game. After nine-hitter Marissa Meriman singled, Scullion made a shoestring catch on a ball slicing away from her near the right

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LEGION BASEBALL

Bath aiming to repeat

By PETER CAR
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Bath is looking to replicate a memorable 2012 summer this time around with another crop of talented players on their legion roster again.

Following a 28-5 season a year ago, which saw them win the NORCO title and reach the Region 2 finals last year, head coach Gene Sostarecz expects his team to be in similar position this season, as the team is off to a 2-0 start following wins over

Northampton and Nazareth.

"We want to repeat as league champs and go further than we did a year ago in regionals," said Sostarecz, who enters his second year at the helm. "A lot of the guys we had a year ago are back and we should be a very good team again this year."

Back in the fold for Bath includes a large contingent of Liberty players including Pat Donnelly, Jake Tone, Ed Albertson, Tommy Epsaro and Matt Leon.

Bethlehem Catholic has three representatives in Pat Mergel, Dave Derkits and Connor Ryan.

With all the returning talent back for Bath, there is no reason that they shouldn't lead the charge this summer in NORCO.

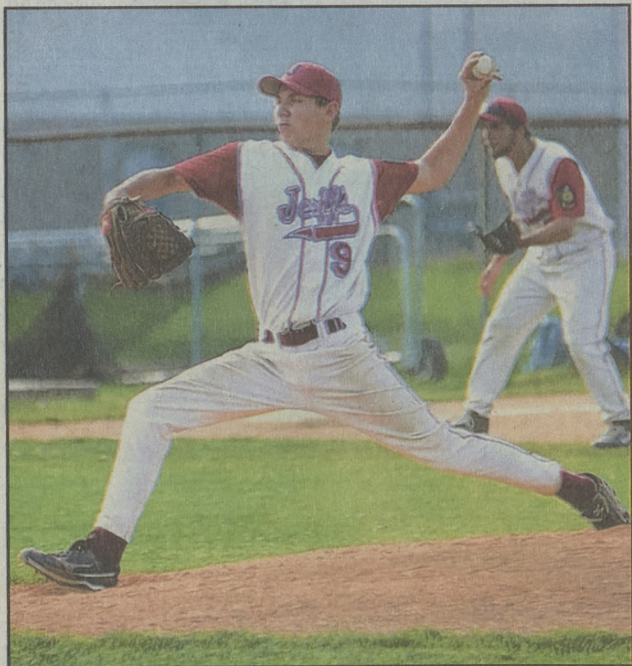
That's why having higher stakes this season is expected for this group.

"We went 4-2 in regionals last year and we feel like things got away from us in the final," said Sostarecz in reference to a 5-4 loss to Doylestown

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Patrick Donnelly, right, is back to help lead the Bath Legion baseball team.



Zach Kantor and the rest of the Jeff's Legion team is looking to get out of an early 1-3 hole.

Jeff's look to get above .500

By PETER CAR
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It's been a battle of close matchups thus far for Bethlehem Jeff's in the NORCO legion campaign this month.

Jeff's currently sit at 1-3 through the calendar, with most of their contests being within striking distance of varying results.

Outside of a 14-1 loss to Freemansburg, Jeff's have been in every contest, losing 8-7 to Hellertown, 5-4 to Northampton before salvaging their first win of the season, a 2-0 victory over the Wanderers.

Head coach Paul Henning wants to make the playoffs with this group after coming up short last year following a 9-12 finish.

He'll look to three key players to help dig the club out of their current hole, led by Zach Kantor (Liberty/pitcher), Seaver Hoyak (Notre Dame/SS) and Abner Santana (Liberty/catcher).

"We need to improve our defense and hit the ball better if we want to reach that goal," said Henning. "Pitching is pretty good and we want to make the playoffs."

Jeff's contest on Monday against Nazareth was postponed due to rain and

they were scheduled to play Bath on Tuesday.

They battle the Birches on Wednesday, followed by Saturday's tilt with Big Pocono.

Henning knows that a quick turnaround will be needed for his team to avoid a deeper hole in the legion standings, but working through the various legion obstacles of the summer are always highlighted.

"Biggest obstacle is putting a team together in a very short period of time," he said. "Working around high school schedules, vacations and boys work schedules are all things we have to deal with."

So, as the Lehigh Valley enters their opening contest against Delaware-South next week, it's fair to say that they'll be favorites in the opener of the single-elimination

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CARPENTER CUP BASEBALL

Lehigh Valley announces its 2013 roster

By PETER CAR
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The Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup team is set to take the field next week when they open up tournament play and seek their fourth championship in their 21st campaign.

The franchise is set to take the field June 17 at 12:30 pm against Delaware-South at Ashburn Field in FDR Park in Philadelphia.

A victory next Monday would land them with a contest against either Olympic-Colonial or Sub-

urban One National-Bicentennial on June 21 at 9:30 am at Ashburn Field.

Parkland leads the Carpenter Cup contingent with six players, while Whitehall and Stroudsburg each have four participants to lead the ranks. In 20 years of the tour-

namment, Lehigh Valley holds a 29-17 record, with their 17 losses being the least of any competitor in the tournament.

They've only lost five times in the opener of the tournament in the history of the franchise, three of which came in the first

four years of the tournament.

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The Bethlehem Stars competed

at the state meet earlier this year.

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PAUL HENNING
 JEFF'S LEGION
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NY/NJ COMETS TO KICK OFF SEASON AT COCA-COLA

The NY/NJ Comets are kicking off their inaugural season this month as the newest member of National Pro Fastpitch (NPF), and the only member of NPF in the entire Northeast. A special outreach series will be played at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown on Wednesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. and Thursday June 20 at 7 p.m.

"I am excited to bring women's pro fastpitch to the Coca-Cola Park," stated Owner/GM, Michael Neuwirth, who recently brought three Comets players to meet fans at an IronPigs game. "When you see the admiration in the eyes of the young girls who meet these athletes, you understand why this is so important. The Comets mission is to showcase softball at its most competitive level through these elite athletes and provide female role models, which I think is very important - and these women are role models on and off the field. Now it's up to local communities to support these women athletes. We hope to have a big showing at the Coca-Cola Park for our two outreach games there."

For more information about the NY/NJ Comets schedule, players, and to order game tickets, visit www.cometsprosoftball.com.

Cecchini, Iasiello make Carpenter Cup roster

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Liberty High School softball players, Emily Cecchini and Nicole Iasiello, have been named to the Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup softball team roster for 2013.

Comprised of 16 sophomores and juniors from the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas, this is Cecchini's second consecutive year on the team and Iasiello's first.

Iasiello said, "I was a little nervous at first, but I had a good try out, so I was hoping."

Coached by John Eyer, Iasiello's primary position will be second base, and her secondary position will be outfield, while Cecchini's primary position will be third base, and her secondary position will be catcher.

"I'm excited to work with him. I play on summer teams with Janae [Matos of Catasauqua], and Katie [Thompson of Nazareth], and I know Aristina [Barry of Saucon Valley]," said Iasiello.

The Lehigh Valley team will face opponents from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware throughout the double-elimination tournament, which also serves as a showcase for college coaches.

"I think it will be good exposure, especially for the juniors, and I want to play softball in college," Iasiello said.

With a practice scheduled for this week, and a possible scrimmage scheduled for next, the team could have a small but significant challenge.

"The first day, to get into the rhythm could be a challenge, but after two practices, we should be fine. We should do well because we have a good mix of girls, and we have girls from Pen Argyl who were district champs," said Iasiello. "I'm looking forward to seeing how all the girls come together and perform as a team [at practice], and to seeing how well we perform



PRESS PHOTO BY SCOTT W. PAGEL

Liberty's Nicole Iasiello made this year's Carpenter Cup team.



FILE PHOTO

Emily Cecchini returns to this year's Carpenter Cup softball team.

against other teams and getting to the championship."

The rest of the roster is made up of: Emmaus's Olivia Marcks, Salisbury's Jenna Keet and Meghan Williams, Northampton's Hanna Peters, Catasauqua's Janae Matos, Northern Lehigh's Amber Thomas, Saucon Valley's Aristina Barry, Nazareth's Katie Thompson, Pleasant Valley's Jordan Meckes and Madison Shaneberger, Southern Lehigh's Krystyna Elsner, Pen Argyl's Emily Smull and Alyssa Weaver, and Notre Dame's Sam Curcio will compete in the double-elimination tournament scheduled for June 24-27 at FDR Park in Philadelphia.

This is the ninth season

for Carpenter Cup softball, sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies, giving college coaches the opportunity to observe sophomore and junior softball players from the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas.

Last year, the Lehigh Valley team took second place against teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. In 2006 and 2008, the Lehigh Valley team was crowned Carpenter Cup Champions, and in 2007, Lehigh Valley placed second.

Coach John Eyer, who is Emmaus' head softball coach, will be assisted by Scott Bortz and Blake Morgan.

"We are looking forward to more success this year," Eyer said.



Swimming

Bethlehem YMCA Stars swim team competed at the YMCA states meet held the last weekend in March at Penn State University. Coaches were: Reik Foust, head coach; Jeff Matyus, assistant coach; Diana Kocon, assistant coach. Pictured are (left to right): top row - coach Reik Foust, Jase Smith, Robert Negron, Theo Bissell, Brice Kessler and Cameron Bell; middle row - Jonathan Drago, Tommy Madigan, Alasdair Bell, Stephen Hoyer, Sabrina Krotzer, Anna Lehr; bottom row - Tavian Cavanaugh, Patrick Gilhool, Sophia Hoyer, Maria Donahue, Caroline Madigan, Kayla Drago; missing from photo - Sarah Cecchini, Alexis Calderon, Kristian Olsen, Jessica Becker, Anthony Delcorso, Emma Luchetti, Ava Luchetti, Samantha Taylor, Sydney Straka, Avery Besz and Michael Krents. Three swimmers placed in the top-six at state: Emma Luchetti in the 10-and-under 50 free with a time of 29.57 (6th), Robert Negron in the 11-12 50 free in 26.07 (5th) and Anna Lehr in the 11-12 50 fly in 28.68.

Softball

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field line for the second out, which came off the bat of leadoff hitter Lauren Visconti. Scullion then raced into the right-center gap to snag a well-hit ball from shortstop Emily Brandstetter to end the game.

Earlier last week, Becahi defeated District 3's Donegal, 5-2, in the first round of state playoffs at

Pates Park.

Neither team scored until the fourth inning and fifth innings, getting one run apiece in each.

Kate Yanders' sacrifice fly scored Dietrich, who was running for Morey, and Jackie DeSarro's RBI scored Visconti.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Julia Madison scored on Brandstetter's double to give the Hawks the lead.

Becahi pitcher, Joelle

Morey, finished the season and her high school career by tying the school record for pitching victories in a season.

Coached by Rich Mazza, the Hawks ended the season with a record of 24-3 and will graduate six seniors, Morey, Jackie DeSarro, Courtney DuPont, Marissa Merriman, Kate Yanders, and Lauren Visconti.

Scott Pagel contributed to this article



Marissa Merriman hauls in a catch in right field.



PRESS PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. PAGEL

Second baseman Jackie DeSarro fields a ball and throws to first for an out.



Third baseman Kate Yanders throws to second base.



Joelle Morey tied the school record for wins.



Courtney DuPont looks to get a jump off second base.

Munion will continue her career at Nova Southeastern

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2013 Freedom graduate, Brooke Munion, has signed a letter of intent to continue swimming at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Munion had been a swimmer for the Patriots since her freshman year, most recently swimming the 100 fly and the 500 free.

"I picked Nova Southeastern because it had marine biology, and the swim team was competitive. They did well this season, and I thought I could contribute to their team," Munion said.



Brooke Munion will continue her career at Nova Southeastern.

Munion took a recruiting trip to the university for three days in December.

"They were on winter break, but the swim team was still there," said Munion.

Coach Holly Bonewit-Cron told Munion that she would like her to swim mostly distance and the butterfly events.

"I really liked how everyone seemed like a team there. They are all close, but they're from different places. The coaches care about training, and they care about you in the pool and out of the pool," Munion said.

Munion had also been considering Clemson University in South Carolina and Westport, in Florida.

"[Nova Southeastern] is beautiful. It's like a resort almost. I'm looking forward to getting down there. The Fort Lauderdale beaches are 15 minutes away, Miami is 30 minutes away, and the Bahamas are only an hour away," she said.

Munion will begin her college career in late August.

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Sonic off to slow start

By PETER CAR
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It hasn't been the type of start that FC LVU Sonic were hoping for to kick off their 2013 NPSL season, but it's also not the end of the world.

The Sonic shrugged off an 0-2 start to the season to last week when they defeated the Pocono Snow 3-0.

Head coach Dave Weitzman has seen his team miss six penalty kicks in league play and in open competitions thus far this season and hoped to iron out the details as they try to defend their league crown from a year ago.

"We really just need to get everyone to gel together at this point," said Weitzman. "There's 12 games left, so there's a lot of time in the season. But we certainly have

had missed opportunities that we haven't capitalized on."

The Sonic lost to Reading 2-0 in their US Open Cup contest to start the season, which eliminated them from that tournament, which pits every professional club in the United States into an open tournament format against teams from every professional league in US Soccer.

They then lost to Binghamton 2-0 in their NPSL opener and then fell to the Carolina Dynamo 3-2 in penalty kicks in the US Amateur Championship held in North Carolina on May 26.

Weitzman's crew then suffered another 1-0 loss to Reading in their second league contest last Saturday, missing two penalties in that loss to add to their early struggles.

"The guys are down a

little bit, but I think we were all excited to play our first home game [last week]," Weitzman said. "Having two home games now, I hope that can start to change the direction of our season."

12 players return from last year's Sonic team, which finished last season as the top ranked team in the country for NPSL and PDL squads, have only lost three league since 2010. To lose their first two contests of 2013 is certainly different territory for the club, but Weitzman knows that his team can rebound.

"If the guys keep playing like they have, we're going to turn things around," he said. "We've been playing good, but we've gotten into some trouble on counters and have had some mental lapses at key moments."



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

Steve Homoki, a certified police firearms instructor, reviews safety rules before the WITO line begins shooting.

OUTDOORS

WITO outing a success

By NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

Saturday's Women in the Outdoors (WITO) held at Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club in New Tripoli, was another successful outing for the National Wild Turkey Federation Association, the title sponsor of this national program.

WITO is a program dedicated to women ages 14 and older who would like to try various outdoor pursuits and develop some competence in outdoor skills like fly-fishing, archery, kayaking, handgun and trap shooting. The program offers a series of workshops on these and a host of other topics that include outdoor cooking, self-defense, crossbow shooting, craft making and more.

According to Dana Krisko, committee volunteer who is in charge of registration for this their 10th anniversary, "We had 215 gals registered for the one day program, which is down slightly from last year when 250 women participated. Each woman, she explained, can pick four out of the 19 workshops of interest to participate in and WITO does its best to fulfill those requests provided there aren't too many for one particular station where there may not be sufficient instructor's to go around and as a safety precaution in firearms training."

Of this number, Krisko said that participants come from local and dis-

tant areas of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and ironically, New York City who has the most anti-gun mayor in the country.

Registrants must pay a \$55 fee that gives them a membership in NWTFA and includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. All ammo for the rifle, handgun and shotgun ranges was furnished by the NWTFA. The numerous volunteers for each of their respective specialties provided firearms, bows, crossbows and arrows. Participants, however, have the option of using their own gear, but for firearms shooting, the ammo provided is somewhat caliber-limited.

In the rifle range workshop, Whitey Lerch, retired Lehigh County deputy WCO, led the girls in shooting .22 rifles while Steve Homoki, retired Easton Police officer and certified police firearms instructor, ran the handgun shooting which happens to be the most popular workshop every year over the past eight. So much so that Homoki and his range assistants had to run two 13 women relays.

Krisko said the areas of most interest and participants are as expected handgun shooting, shotgun/trap shooting, archery shooting and fly-fishing. And judging from the number of gals at the first relay of handgun shooting, it's definitely the most popular, despite all the anti-gun rhetoric we see on TV.

A fly fishing school was conducted by the Hokenaqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited along with the Northampton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. And nearby a Concealed Carry workshop was run by volunteers from Hellertown Sportsmen's Club, where the most asked questions were on liability issues.

In interviewing several participants, the general consensus was that most never attended WITO before and looked forward to shooting handguns and shotguns. One lady interviewed said she has attended prior WITO workshops but wanted to try different ones this time such as handgun shooting. When asked her profession said she drives a school bus but used to be a flight attendant for an airline that went out of business.

Not being able to ask their ages (as you never ask a lady her age), my rough estimate of the gals present ranged from 16 to 60. But their perspectives were all the same. They all wanted to try something different and something that they could hopefully continue with once the program ended.

If you missed this WITO program, go to www.womenintheoutdoors.org to find another area of Pennsylvania that may have a program this year. If not, Krisko will gladly welcome you to Ontelaunee for next year's WITO program.

Cup

Continued from page A11 tournament.

With 16 teams in the bracket, Lehigh Valley needs four wins to claim another title, something that general manager J.F. Pirro hopes to achieve.

"Every team is unique and has its own set of characteristics," said Pirro of this year's roster. "We take players that can help us the best and we're confident with the roster we have this year."

With pitchers throwing for a maximum of three innings per contest, Pirro knows that having good combinations on the roster is important.

"The job of the pitchers is to always keep us in games," he said. "We've had fantastic pitching staffs in the past and this one is no different. It's

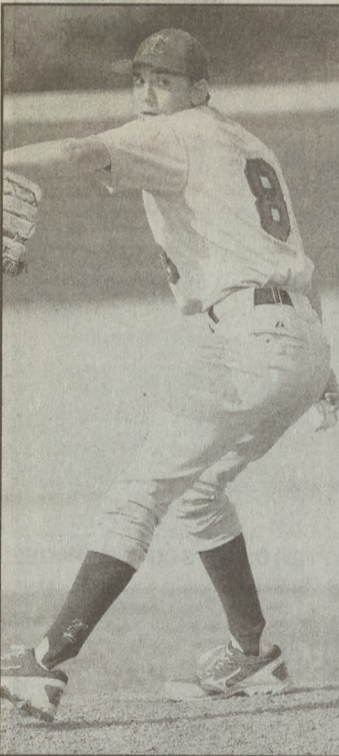
really a luxury we have when it comes to selecting players for this team.

Lehigh Valley needs to win four games to claim the crown. The semifinals and final will be held at Citizens Bank Park on June 24 and 25.

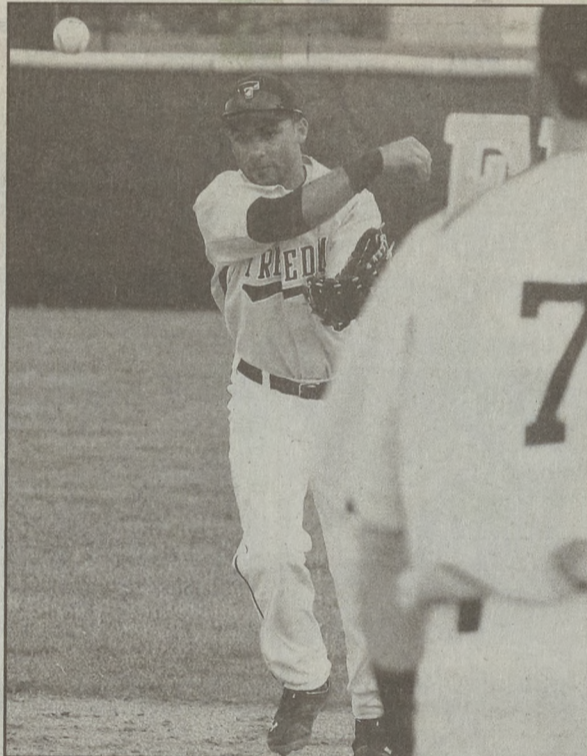
The 2013 Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup roster is made up of:

1. Sean Wrobel, Sr., OF, Freedom
2. Tyler Sweeney, Sr., 2B, Whitehall
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4. Ryan Bonshak, Jr., C-OF, Whitehall
5. Cody Kramer, Sr., C, Northampton
6. Damin Muth, Sr., C, Parkland
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8. Chris Rabasco, Soph., 3B, Parkland
10. Tyler Buskirk, Sr., 1B, Pen Argyl
11. Cory Snyder, Sr., C-

- 1B-DH, Palisades
12. Walt Roland, Sr., P, Central Catholic
13. Phil Stokes, Sr., 1B-P, Stroudsburg
15. Julian Lopez, Sr., 2B, Freedom
16. Gabriel Mosser, Jr., P, Parkland
17. Jeff Charles, Jr., 3B, Whitehall
21. Garrett Kunkel, Sr., P, Northampton
22. Pat Mergel, Jr., 2B-DH, Bethlehem Catholic
23. Tyler Duff, Sr., P, Parkland
24. Brett Kosciulek, Soph., P, Tamaqua
25. Zachary Merkle, Jr., C-OF, Parkland
30. Chris Pignotti, Jr., SS, Stroudsburg
31. Brad Vasilik, Jr., OF, Parkland
32. Matt Leon, Jr., P, Liberty
42. Mike Nikorak, Soph., P-OF, Stroudsburg
44. T.J. Backer, Soph., OF, Stroudsburg



Liberty's Matt Leon will likely see time on the mound for the Lehigh Valley.



PRESS PHOTO BY SCOTT W. PAGEL

Julian Lopez is one of two Freedom players on this year's team.



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Becahi's Pat Mergel is the lone Becahi player to make the team.

KIDSPeACE SOCCER INVITATIONAL

Registration is now open for the 16th annual Soccer Invitational on KidsPeace's Orchard Hills Campus.

The event, which will be held Aug. 17 and 18, encourages competitive soccer games and inter-

action with families and team members. This event, sanctioned by the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, is the first tournament of the fall season in the local area.

More than 60 teams participated in 2012, and about 2,200 people came to campus to show their support for the players. Pro-

ceeds from the tournament benefit two KidsPeace-supported web sites, which are: www.TeenCentral.Net and www.ParentCentral.Net.

Early registration ends June 30. For more information, to sign up online or for volunteer opportunities, visit www.kidspiece.org/soccer.

Bath

Continued from page A11 in the regional final last year.

"I feel very confident in what we can do this year with this group, especially with having five good pitchers on the staff. "As we all know, that's very important for any team during the summer when you have

so many games in such a short amount of time."

Another factor that will impact all teams is the introduction of a full-time wooden bat, which can put a damper on scoring runs on some nights.

"It's totally different with wooden bats," Sostarecz said. "Some nights you just never know how the hitting is

going to be. That's why it's even more important to have good guys throwing every night."

Bath took on Jeffs yesterday and host Wilson tonight at 8 p.m. They then hit the road Friday and Saturday with games against Wind Gap and Palmer Township respectively to round out the week.

PUNT, PASS, KICK

A Punt, Pass and Kick competition will take place Saturday, June 15, at Frank Banko Field in Bethlehem.

Check-in at 9:30 a.m., event starts at 10 a.m.

Event is for boys and girls ages 6-15, with five different age groups.

For more information, call the recreation office at 610-865-7081, or register

online at www.nflppk.com

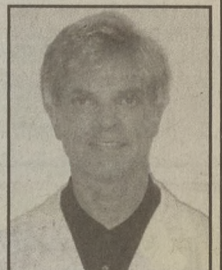
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'Once an Eagle, always an Eagle'

By JOSEPH BROWN
Special to The Bethlehem Press

"Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

These words, spoken by keynote presenter Dr. Charles D. Peters Jr., are not an original statement, but instead a lasting mantra used over the years at Eagle Scout celebrations.

It was only appropriate he chose such a longstanding phrase for the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award, which began back in 1912.

This year, 213 Eagle Scouts from the class of 2012 were honored for their accomplishment of attaining the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America May 22 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Fogelsville.

"First of all congratulations Eagle Scouts," Peters said. "You recently joined an elite group of Scouters. There are just over 2.2 million Eagle Scouts who can wear the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts.

Five percent of Scouts nationally receive the distinguished Eagle Scout award, which must be earned before their 18th birthday.

In the area, approximately 6 percent have attained the rank of Eagle Scout through hard work and persistence in the program.

"It's exciting, seeing that there's this many people in the area who have managed to become Eagle Scouts, [and I'm] realizing now how much work it actually is," Jonathan Viestich, of Phillipsburg and Troop 187, in Nazareth said.

In order to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, complete an Eagle Scout service proj-



Members of the Eagle Scout class of 2012 were all smiles at the conclusion of the Eagle Scout ceremony held on May 22 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center.

ect and pass his board of review.

It is by no means an easy task, but for the over 100 Eagle Scouts in attendance, it was one well worth the effort.

"It really means a lot. I've been given great leadership skills [and] great life tools for operating as a person, as a citizen and as a leader," Ethan Bauer of Allentown and Troop 72, in Fogelsville, said.

"It's just been a great program, [and] helps by building skills that you need not only in Boy Scouts, but throughout life," Albert Menio, of East

Stroudsburg and Troop 83 added.

The celebration began with an open reception. Parents, family, friends and all other attendees were ushered into the conference room.

The Eagle Scouts then proudly marched in bearing the United States and Pennsylvania state flags a few minutes later.

After dinner, Peters took the newly minted Eagle Scouts through his journey via a slideshow presentation on his trail to becoming an Eagle Scout, and how it has helped him be successful over the years.

Peters is a general cardiologist with The Heart Care Group, the largest independent cardiology practice in the Lehigh Valley.

He is also active in the U.S. Navy Reserve and served a stint working in a hospital tent in Kuwait while serving in the U.S. Navy.

Peters used his final few minutes to encourage the new Eagle Scouts to continue living the life of a Scout and to honor the rank of Eagle.

"Being an Eagle Scout has helped me to become successful, and being an Eagle Scout will help you to become successful if you live by the Scout Oath, the Scout law, remember the

responsibilities of being an Eagle and trust your Scout training," Peters said in his presentation.

"As I progressed through the ranks, I began to learn the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law and began to apply them wherever I could—at school, at church, at home and at Scouts. I was developing good personal character and leadership skills and my fellow Scouts, Scoutmaster and father were guiding me.

"Two years ahead of me were three boys who were almost textbook Scouts. They were the ones who the younger boys looked up to. When the three of them earned their Eagles in 1986, it made everyone work even harder.

Peters said one of the proudest moments in his life was standing at his Eagle Court of Honor with his mom and his Eagle Scout father realizing he had reached his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout.

"Each rank had been earned and each requirement had been completed in a slow but methodical manner that made the Trail both fun and educational," Peters said. "The Eagle Court of Honor is the time to reflect on the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout."

Peters compared his service in the military to being an Eagle Scout.

"The core values of the United States Navy are honor, courage and commitment which are identical to the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout (honor, loyalty and courage)," Peters said. "The Navy was a perfect fit for an Eagle Scout and I enjoyed every moment of my time on active duty.

Two Eagle Scouts were honored as scholarship award recipients at the reception.

Matthew Planer of Troop 94 was unable to be in attendance, but he pre-recorded a reading of his application essay, which was read through the speakers for the audience to hear.

The other, John Veiszlemlin of Troop 43, in Bath, presented his essay in person before receiving a check from Michael Grabarits of Step by Step Learning.

To conclude the evening's celebration, the Eagle Scouts were given the Eagle Charge by the Honorable James Knoll Gardner, U.S. district judge, and recognized for their accomplishments as members of the Eagle Scout class of 2012, the 100th class of the Eagle Scout award.

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Thrilled to call Bethlehem home

Arts charter school breaks ground for \$27 million Southside complex

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Sporting a slightly revised name that more accurately reflects its "current scope and future expansion of programs," the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts announced plans to build a new 87,000-square-foot \$27 million state-of-the-art educational facility. The announcement was made on Bethlehem's Southside at a ceremonial groundbreaking June 7.

The new structure, which will be located on an empty lot at East Third and Polk streets, will allow the charter arts high school to meet the growing demand to expand the student enrollment, which has been limited by constraints at the current school location in the former Sure Fit building on East Broad Street. Current enrollment capacity is 450 students and the new school will allow it to increase to 650 students.

Its proximity to area cultural and educational resources such as Lehigh University, Northampton Community College, Steel-Stacks, the Banana Factory and Touchstone Theatre were noted by several speakers as a plus.

It will also save the school \$100,000 in annual operating costs, according to Charter Arts Executive Director Diane LaBelle.

"The new school will be large enough in size to accommodate their dreams," said LaBelle, referencing the students and parents and acknowledging their support.

Among many features, the new building will include a 350-seat Proscenium Theatre, a performing commons area that will seat 200, rooftop performance venue and science laboratory, four dance studios, 19 additional academic classrooms, digital art laboratories, 12 music practice rooms and a recording studio.

"We are thrilled to be staying in Bethlehem and calling it our home," LaBelle said.

Construction of the new charter arts high school will begin this summer and it is anticipated to be open for the 2014-2015 school year. It is being funded through a variety of sources, including a \$3 million Pa. Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant that was championed by state senators Lisa Boscola and Pat Browne; New Markets Tax Credits; a \$5 million capital fundraising campaign and a 25-year mortgage. Benefactors Anne and Bruce Lawrence are contributing \$3 million toward the project, with the only stipulation being that the school name keep its student focus and not be changed.

"It takes everyone working together to do anything, especially to build a new school building," LaBelle noted.

Those interested in supporting the capital fundraising campaign may do so by contacting Debra Storm at 610-868-2971 extension 154.



Dignitaries turn a ceremonial first shovel to complete the groundbreaking. Pictured are Charter Arts Executive Director Diane LaBelle; Charter Arts school board president Mario Acerra; State Senator Pat Browne; State Senator Lisa Boscola; Eve Metzgar, who represented her parents Anne and Bruce Lawrence, major benefactors of the

project; Mayor John Callahan; student council president Tristan Shuler; Diane Wagner-Dobrowolski, artistic director theater department; Kim Maniscalco, artistic director dance department; and Mark Ferguson, Charter Arts Foundation president.



Prior to the ceremony, Charter Arts students display the specially decorated shovels used at the groundbreaking.



The new 87,000-square-foot Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts will be constructed at East Third and Polk streets at a cost of \$27 million.



Student Council President Tristan Shuler represented the student body by welcoming guests to the ceremony. Shuler is a senior theater major.



Charter Arts Executive Director Diane LaBelle spearheaded the project coming to fruition. "What better place for creative young people to discover their talents and thrive," LaBelle said.

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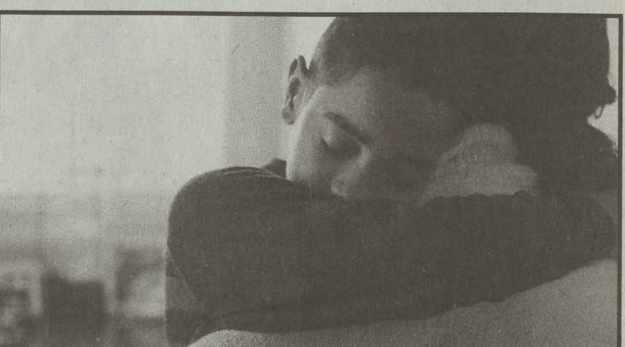
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A variety of vendors and booths at the new Arts District Farmers Market are located in a parking lot next to Loopers Grille and Bar on East Third Street in South Bethlehem.



An arts and crafts table captures the attention of Braden King. Volunteer arts coordinator Liz Magno, a resident artist at the Banana Factory, oversees the youngster who was with his mother Maria King of Old Mill Gourmet from Bally, Pa., one of 10 booths at the Saturday outdoor market.

Farmers Market opens



Semi-local greenhouse produce catches the eye of Marlene White of Bethlehem Township, who asks for a price check on lettuce from Beckage Farms, N.J., attendant Samantha Wheeler. "We love farmers markets," said the regular market shopper, who came out for the opening day June 1 of the Arts District Farmers Market in South Bethlehem. Formerly located at SteelStacks as an ArtsQuest run event, the market has relocated to East Third and Taylor streets next to Loopers Bar and Grill. Independently operated by Lorraine Torella of Bethlehem who managed the Arts Quest version, the renamed outdoor market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with an artistic twist, featuring live music and special adult and kids' activities through September. The Bethlehem Parking Authority provides the parking lot and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce DBA is a marketing partner in the Southside venture.

VOLUNTEERS

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, Bethlehem, is looking for volunteers to join in the fight against breast cancer. Contact Lyndsey Cumello, 610-921-2329, Lyndsey.cumello@cancer.org.

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THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY, Bethlehem, is looking for volunteers to walk in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community June 15 at SteelStacks Campus, Bethlehem. Walkers can sign up on website: www.volunteerlv.org. Contact Sandie Kelly, 610-807-0336, skelly@volunteerlv.org.

ARTSQUEST, Bethlehem: If you have previous retail experience or would like to learn, then volunteering as a retail assistant in the Stacks Shop may be right for you. Contact Hillary Rose Harper, 610-332-1351, hharper@artsquest.org.

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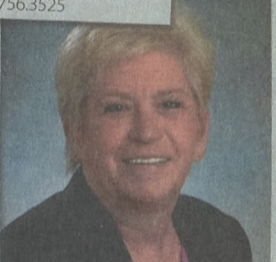
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Saving A Drowning Man

Watchman Nee was taking a dip in a Chinese river with several other men when one got a cramp in his leg and began sinking fast. Mr. Nee motioned to one of the men on the shore, who was an excellent swimmer, about the man's predicament. To his astonishment, however, **he just stood there and watched the drowning man.** Mr. Nee was agitated that he was doing nothing when he could have jumped into the river and rescued the man, **but the swimmer was calm and collected.** Meanwhile, the voice of the drowning man grew fainter and more desperate. As the drowning man went under for what looked like the last time, the swimmer was there in a moment, and both were soon safely on shore.

After the rescue, Mr. Nee chewed out the swimmer, accusing him of loving his life too much and being selfish. His response revealed, however, that he knew what he was doing. He told Watchman that if he had gone too soon, the drowning man would have put a death grip on him and they would have both drowned in the river. He told Mr. Nee that a drowning man cannot be saved until he is utterly exhausted and ceases to make the slightest effort to save himself.

Such is the case with the matter of our sin and our need of divine salvation. The Bible says, **"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of ourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works"** (Ephesians 2:8-9). Salvation is entirely a work of God that we accept by faith because of Christ's sacrifice. When the Apostle Paul was asked by the jailer in Philippi, **"What must I do to be saved?"** Paul told him, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"** (Acts 16:30-31). When we stop trying to save ourselves by our own good works and instead place our full trust in Jesus, then He will step in and save us by grace as we yield to Him.

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Flashlight, camera and a voice recorder may be brought in for individual use. Participants will be required to sign a liability and photo waiver. Call 610-866-1758 or visit www.suninnbethlehem.org for information and tickets.

SOUTHSIDE

New Farmer's Market now open

The Art District Farmers Market opened June 1. Hosted by the Bethlehem Parking Authority on their Third and Taylor streets lot, the weekly event is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 28.

Regional vendors will sell fresh produce, baked breads, locally raised meats, ethnic and vegan prepared foods, plants, herbs, honey, jams, alpaca wool products and more from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 28.

Sponsors include PNC Bank Southside Branch, Silver Images fine art printer, and the Downtown Bethlehem Association. Additional sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, call 610-334-9510 or email ltorella1@gmail.com.



PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK RECCEK

The Saucon Valley Conservancy, the Hellertown Historical Society and Lower Saucon Township Historical Society held their sixth annual Saucon Valley History Day & Open House April 28 at the Heller Homestead and Lutz-Franklin School in Lower Saucon Township and the Heller-Wagner Grist Mill in Hellertown. Those in attendance were

able to take a trip back in time and tour the Heller-Wagner Grist Mill, Heller Homestead, interactively participate in arts and crafts activities, enjoy Maypole dances, a cake walk and food and beverages. **ABOVE:** Area residents participate in a colorful Maypole dance.

BRIEFLY

VETS

June 14 flag ceremony set

The United Veterans of Bethlehem and the City of Bethlehem will hold a ceremony for the honorable disposal of U.S. flags at 7 p.m. June 14. The Flag Day ceremony will be held at Eighth Avenue and Schoenersville Road across from the Wawa market. The flags that decorated the graves of veterans and other no longer serviceable flags will be destroyed. Any one having a flag that is no longer serviceable may bring it to the ceremony for proper disposal.

VFW

Post 12099 seeks new members

The Military Nursing Corps of Pennsylvania, VFW Post 12099, is currently welcoming veterans with service in overseas conflicts.

Current members of Post 12099 have served in every conflict from World War II to active status in the Global War on Terror.

Post 12099 is headquartered in the General Charles C. Curtis National Guard Armory, 1501 Allen St., Allentown, and meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Those interested in membership are encouraged to attend a meeting or contact Commander Joe Zeller at 610-298-3254.

The veteran's discharge paper (DD214) or, if active duty, a letter from a commanding officer, is required to determine eligibility.

The National VFW is 1.9 million strong, including 75,000 active duty, Reserve and National Guard service members among their ranks. An advocate for veterans, VFW programs provide camaraderie for their members and serve the military, youth and communities long after their military discharge.

Mixing history and fun



Brothers Liam and Marc Skopal of Bethlehem Township and Libby DeLorenzo of Riegelsville write with ink and quills while Gwen Singer discusses the historical significance of the writing instruments. Singer is a volunteer with the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society and a retired Saucon Valley teacher.



Martha Sterling of Lower Saucon Township and Elaine Kantor of Hellertown work on a quilt during the Saucon Valley History Day & Open House.



Reagan Beruta of Nazareth puts the finishing touches on a birdhouse to take home with her.

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THIS WEEK IN
BETHLEHEM HISTORY

Invisible photographer



Karen M. Samuels
Columnist

In the mid-1970s, William Gale Gedney arrived in South Bethlehem to hunt for subjects to photograph. He was a slim 43-year-old with wavy brown hair. Gedney was dedicated to his art in a precise, quiet way, earning him the nickname "the invisible photographer."

He was traveling on a National Endowment for the Arts grant in photography, on his way to San Francisco and Los Angeles. However, South Bethlehem drew his attention in 1975 and 1976.

Coincidentally, Gedney found himself in St. Michael's Cemetery, at the exact spot that Walker Evans had photographed in 1935. He walked the streets of South Bethlehem late at night, creating strong black and white photos of houses, buildings, streets and cars.

Gedney never cared about adulation or approval for his art. He was already feeling the effects of a mysterious disease that no one could identify. Alone, without family and friends, Gedney bravely fought off the draining effects of this disease and traveled the world to follow his calling.

Gedney was born in 1932 in Greenville, N.Y., to William Gale Gedney and Violet May Tryon. A younger brother, Richard, arrived a few years later. His father was a maintenance supervisor for the Otis Elevator Company.

The father's work took the family to Albany, New York, where Gedney spent most of his childhood. Through a state scholarship, Gedney attended the Pratt Institute and studied photography under Walter Civiardi, a well-known Life magazine photographer. Upon graduation in 1955, he worked as a commercial photographer for Condé Nast and Glamour magazines. Within two years he left the magazine world behind to devote himself to photographing subjects of his choosing.

Gedney succeeded in following his dream with periodic graphic design jobs and grant awards to subsidize his travels. During the 1960s, he created his most famous series of photographs.

Gedney traveled to the coalmines of eastern Kentucky to stay with and photograph the Couch family, then the Cornett family. In this series, the "invisible photographer" recorded the relationships among the members of the large family. Gedney catches their natural interactions on camera as if he is not there. He remained friends with the Cornett family for many years, writing to them and visiting again in 1972.

In 1968, Gedney was hired to teach photography at both Pratt Institute and Cooper Union, which he did until he died. Over his 30-year photographic career, he traveled around the United States, Europe, Japan and India. In 1987, Gedney was diagnosed with AIDS and Kaposi Sarcoma. In his last years, he relied on the care from his long-time friends, Lee and Maria Friedlander.

Gedney died at his home on Staten Island in 1989 just as the first drugs were developed to treat the disease.

In 1992, his brother Richard and the Friedlanders donated photographic items, notebooks, diaries, correspondence to the Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library at Duke University.

Since his death, Gedney's photographs have appeared in countless magazines, art exhibits and in the definitive book on his life, "What Was True: The Photographs and Notebooks of William Gedney," edited by Margaret Sartor (1999).



Photograph of the intersection of Mechanic and Adams streets by William Gedney, in 1975, courtesy of Duke University Library.

HEALTH NOTES

St. Luke's: CIO honored

Allentown resident Chad Brisendine, vice president and chief information officer (CIO) for St. Luke's University Health Network, has been chosen as a recipient of 2013 Lehigh Valley's Forty Over 40 award produced by Lehigh Valley Business. He was selected for possessing authority for decision making within the company/organization and for being committed to making a better work environment by an independent panel of judges from business and organizations in the valley.



Brisendine

Under his leadership, St. Luke's was the first hospital in the Lehigh Valley to earn the University Health Network to Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Adoption Model Stage 6 designation, a national indicator of evaluating the progress of hospitals' EMR adoption.

The University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas, graduate was previously corporate director for new technology and delivery, CHRISTUS Health system, Texas. He was regional CIO for the system, which includes 44 hospitals and facilities in six states and in Mexico.

St. Luke's: Shurman earns accolades

Allentown physician Andrew Shurman, M.D., was recently recognized by the fourth-year class at Temple University School of Medicine to receive the Blockley-Osler Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching. The honor is awarded annually to a physician-member of the faculty who teaches in affiliated hospitals. See [Jump-Keyword] on Page [Jump-Keyword] on Page [JumpSectionName] [JumpPageNo] [JumpSectionName] [JumpPageNo]



PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

Boy Scouts of Troop 317 in Bethlehem Township joined with the families of St. John's Church of Farmersville to honor fallen members of the armed forces in a simple flower ceremony May 26. Scouts led the church congregation across William Penn Highway to St. John's Cemetery,

where a flower was placed on each military gravesite. More than 60 boys participated in the program organized by Scoutmaster Frank Olshefski IV. **ABOVE:** Members of Boy Scout Troop 317 lead the way to St. John's Cemetery.

Scouts honor fallen



After honoring the fallen, one of Troop 317's own was honored himself. Jake Sternberg was presented his Eagle Scout badge. Jake's Eagle project involved the design and installation of a large landscaped garden at the Bethlehem Township Fire Company. Jake, who has varsity letters in tennis, track and cross country at Freedom HS, will begin his pharmacy studies this August at the University of Pittsburgh. His older brother, Shane, is also an Eagle Scout. **ABOVE:** Eagle Scout Jake Sternberg with his proud parents, Frank and Pegeen Sternberg.



Life Scout Alex Dailey honors a veteran.



Scout Shawn Higgins honors a vet with a flower.

Retired stars help honor current soldiers, veterans

By GAIL MAHOLICK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Beth Masiado has an initiative that she is hoping to start locally. The Bethlehem woman's project is reaching out locally to honor American soldiers and veterans from all over the world.

The project includes taking used American flags with embroidered stars and repurposing them. Each star is lovingly cut out, placed in plastic and handed to, given to, or mailed to an American soldier or veteran at home, on base, or overseas with a card that reads:

"I am part of our American flag that has flown over a home in the United States. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me with you as a reminder you are not forgotten."

"I have 100 flags so far," she said. "The more flags I receive the more I can do."

She noted that each worn out flag can touch the lives of 50 American soldiers.

Masiado assures everyone that the flags are respected.

"The remaining stripes are burned," she noted. "The flags are retired before they are turned over to me."

She is hoping to work with local veterans groups, such as the Legion, Sons of the American Legion and VFW.

"This project started in Florida and has been taking off," she said. "My brother was a Vietnam veteran, so I know how these sol-



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Stars for Our Troops project facilitator Beth Masiado trims an embroidered star from one of the American flags that she received as a donation. Masiado stressed that all flags are properly disposed of once she is finished with them.

diers were disrespected. Sending each soldier or veteran a star from the American flag is giving each one of them a piece of everything they fought for - everything they believed in."

She said that she began the project by collecting flags and sending them to a chapter in New York. Then she began her own chapter in Bethlehem after the New York chapter asked to

consider forming a group in Pennsylvania.

"The more flags we receive, the more lives we can touch," Masiado said.

To contact Beth Masiado, call 610-554-9111 or email her at bmasiado@msn.com.

The project is in cooperation with Gettysburg Flags at www.starsforourtroops.com.

Graduation June 17

The performances have concluded, students are nearly finished with finals, and everyone is eager for their summer vacations to begin.



Katya Hrichak
LVHSA

Even though the year has nearly drawn to a close, the arts high school is perpetually in motion, keeping busy between its recent groundbreaking ceremony and the quickly approaching summer workshops and programs.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new school building was held at 321 East Third St. in Bethlehem June 7. The ceremony was opened by the Charter Arts Wind Ensemble performing "America the Beautiful" and followed by a welcome from Student Council President Tristan J. Shuler. After the singing of the National Anthem by the Women's Choir, school board President Mario Acerra made the first speech and Executive Director Diane LaBelle spoke of her vision for the school.

Other speakers at the event included the artistic theater director, Diane Wagner-Dobrowski, the artistic dance director, Kim Maniscalco, Senator Lisa Boscola, Senator Pat Browne, Eve Metzgar and Mark Ferguson, the foundation president. The Charter Arts Art Alliance students presented the shovels and the groundbreaking commenced.

Senior send off is a ceremony unique to Charter Arts, consisting of student performances, the reading of "Oh, the Places You'll Go," and a tradition of seniors passing candles down

to juniors in their given department. Senior sendoff will take place at First Presbyterian Church June 12, and on June 17 at 7 p.m., the 107-member senior class of 2013 will gather at Packer Chapel at Lehigh University for graduation.

This summer, there will be artistic programs offered to a variety of age groups. For middle school-aged students, the programs being offered are the Middle School All Arts Academy, which focuses on dance, music, theatre, and art, and Theater Camp, which assists students in their abilities to act and work on monologues.

For teenagers, the offered programs include a Jazz & Contemporary Performance Workshop for vocal and instrumental students who would like to increase their performance skills; a Teen Audition Workshop for Commercial, TV and Film, which concentrates on work in front of the camera, directed by a former casting director, Summer Brass Chamber Music Camp, which expands students' abilities to perform in duos, trios, quartets and quintets; and Teen Improvisation and Monologue Workshop, which highlights improvisation techniques and exercises.

Programs being extended to adults include Art Appreciation: Demystifying Art, Acting Workshop for Adults for Commercial, TV and Film, and Introduction to Literary Arts. Additionally, there is a summer dance program available to middle and high school students as well as adults. The program will center around intermediate and advanced classes in ballet, modern, and jazz. For further information on summer programs, please visit charterschoolarts.org.

SCHOOLNOTES

Area students earn Gates awards

Six Bethlehem area career and technical education students were among 38 seniors honored recently with Elmer Gates Enterprise Awards. Recognized for their scholastic achievement, community service, entrepreneurial spirit and involvement in SkillsUSA were John C. Rodriguez and John J. Silver from Freedom HS; Andrew J. Kopczyński and Israwl Marciano from Liberty HS; and Carlissa A. Gross and Ethan Gaither from Saucon Valley HS. Students received a plaque, citations from national and state legislators and a savings bond from the Gates Family Foundation.

Elmer Gates, former CEO of the Fuller engineering company of Bethlehem and a founder of Embassy Bank, addressed the students and approximately 300 family members, school personnel, business and community supporters.

Broughal MS: Crain Club raises \$500

Broughal's Paper Crane Club raised \$500 through its T-shirt fundraiser. Mrs. Bothwell helped with the T-shirts and Joanne Check handled the T-shirt orders. Art teachers Ms. Zellner and Mrs. Berkenstock helped with the T-shirt logo. Sue Berkenstock, an art teacher at Fountain Hill, and Carol Kreitz, a retired school teacher from the Governor Wolf Elementary School and a cancer survivor, helped with the selling. The donation will be sent to St. Jude Hospital in honor of Carol Kreitz.

They also made 2,000 paper cranes under the organization and supervision of Mrs. Simpson. 50 of the cranes to symbolize hope, the book "Sadako" which was the inspiration to form this club, and a brief letter explaining the mission of the Broughal Paper Crane Club from Broughal Middle School sixth grade students Guadalupe and Fatima Montero and also from Michelle Leanon-Hernandez, the Paper Crane Club's founding members, will also be included with the donation.

Notre Dame HS: Debate semi-finalists

The Notre Dame Speech and Debate Team competed at the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament held May 25 and 26 in Philadelphia.

Abigail Marone won a semifinalist award in Student Congress. She was one of 54 out of more than 220 contestants in her category to qualify for semifinals. Other Notre Dame participants were Ben Borakove (Extemp), Mario D' Aniello (Original Oratory), Stella Kim (Declamation) Caroline Kurtz (Declamation) Sara Prager (Oral Interpretation), and Kelsey Rosa (Oral Interpretation).

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AREA HS GRADUATIONS

Friday, June 14

Saucon Valley HS commencement, 7 p.m., auditorium, 2100 Polk Valley Road.

Monday, June 17

Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts graduation, 7 p.m. Packer Chapel, Packer Avenue.

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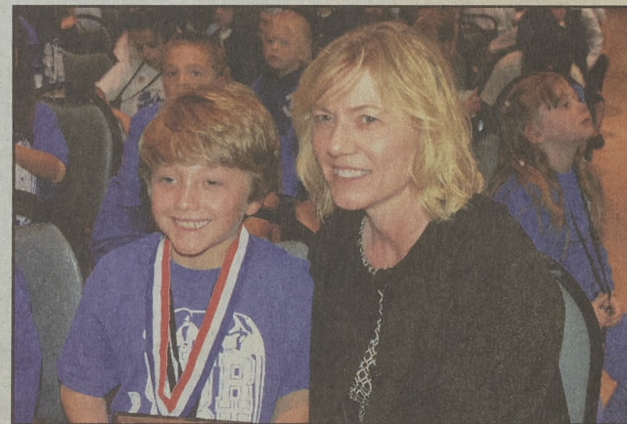
Students take math honors

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School hosted an Allentown Diocesan First In Math® award ceremony at the school May 15. More than 40 elementary schools in the diocese competed against one another, as well as against thousands of other schools and students across the nation. Our Lady ranked first in the diocese, 11th of 900 schools in the state of Pennsylvania and 20th of 5,000 schools in the nation. First In Math®, an Internet-based math program, offers game-style activities that reward students with virtual stickers for solving math problems correctly. Rankings are based on number of stickers collected. The First In Math® program can be used 24/7 on any computer with

Internet access. Suntex International, maker of First In Math®, is based in Easton. **ABOVE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Principal Harry Reese congratulates Our Lady students who placed first in their respective grades during the year-long First In Math® competition. From left: Alec Miner; Matthew Tomko; Isabella Bautista; Francesco Lanzieri; Principal Harry Reese; Nathan Estock; Braeden Farrell; Garrett Farrell; and Olivia Keller. Reese credits creative incentives like Math March Madness for the school's success. "Ultimately the motivation comes from within," says Reese. "These kids score high because they make it a personal goal, then follow through."



Sixth grade student Braeden Farrell (left) and fifth grade student Nathan Estock, both of Bethlehem, share a smile at the First In Math® Diocesan award ceremony. In friendly competition, Farrell and Estock inched back and forth in the rankings throughout the school year, with Estock finishing 41st and Farrell finishing 87th out of 1.5 million players in the nation.



Our Lady first grade student Alec Miner and his mother Danuta Miner celebrate his accomplishments at the Allentown Diocesan First In Math® awards ceremony. Miner won the award for being the top-scoring first grader of 330,000 players in the nation.

Altruistic seniors recognized

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

For Lehigh County District Attorney James Martin it was nice to hear of young people doing community service for altruistic reasons – not because a judge ordered them to do so as part of their sentencing procedure.

"It's a refreshing thing to be with students who are doing well and have a bright future," said Martin, the guest of honor at the annual Altruism Awards ceremony, where high school seniors from across Lehigh Valley were honored for performing altruistic acts in their schools or communities.

The students, who were nominated by their high schools, received \$100 and other gifts from the Lehigh Valley Travelers Protective Association Post "L" at a recent ceremony in Northampton.

"I'm tired of going out in the middle of the night seeing 17 and 18-year olds dead," Martin said.

The D.A. urged his young audience to be good influence on their friends and to be aware of who they associate with. He said gangs are moving out from the city into the suburbs and that the drug culture is a big problem.

"Be better informed as to who your associates are," he said. "You are lucky to have strong, caring parents and teachers."

Martin briefly addressed the issue of violence in schools, saying violence in local school districts have been "isolated incidences."

"We haven't seen the level of [school] violence [compared to other areas]," Martin said.

"The interest and con-



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

District Attorney James Martin urges the students to "Be aware of who your associates are."

cerns resulting from Sandyhook have waned to some degree," he said, referring to the school massacre in Newtown, Conn.

"There are not too many people in law enforcement who think gun control will end violence," said Martin, a leading figure in the local Republican Party. "The real answer is to do something about mental health."

"School safety is on all our minds," Martin said, "especially the educators here. I don't think anyone has a bromide or a solution."

He urged the 90 students, parents and educators attending the event to be vigilant, to report suspicious activity to law enforcement, teachers or to parents.

Students who were present to receive the Altruism Award were:



Robyn Campbell, 17, a senior at Freedom High School received the TPA Altruism Award. She will attend West Chester University and study early childhood education. She is the daughter of Keith and Ruth Campbell.

Gavin Sonntag, Salisbury HS; Frank Alvarado, Liberty HS; Kendra Smith, Northwestern Lehigh HS; Daniel Little, Wilson HS; Eston Deily, Saucon Valley HS; Miguel Strunk, Easton HS; Kate Polles, Nazareth HS; Lauren Pluchinsky, Catasauqua HS; Kathleen Twiggs, Central Catholic HS; Kevin Garrity, Northampton HS; Ryan Carrig, Bethlehem Catholic HS.

The following awardees didn't attend the ceremony: Elyse Kistler, Lehigh Valley HS; Stephanie Bernal, Louis E. Dieruff HS; Mary Paige Nesteder, Notre Dame HS; Maria McDonald, Southern Lehigh HS; and Chloe B. Musselman, Whitehall HS.



Frank Alvarado, 18, a senior at Liberty HS received the TPA Altruism Award. A school representative said Alvarado had done 60 hours of community service "out the kindness of his heart." Alvarado said he is undecided where he will go to college, but he plans to major in business and law. He is the son of Frank and Monique Alvarado of Bethlehem.



Ryan Carrig, 18, a senior at Bethlehem Catholic High School received the TPA Altruism Award. He said he plans of attend St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and major in criminal justice. He is the son of John and Aney Carrig.

"It's a refreshing thing to be with students who are doing well and have a bright future."

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HEALTH

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A graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, he completed his residency in radiology at Albert Einstein Medical Center and his fellowship in neuroradiology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, both in Philadelphia.

He has been teaching radiology to medical students and residents at St. Luke's University Hospital - Bethlehem for the last seven years. His clinical practice focuses on a combination of neuroradiology and diagnostic imaging.

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After donating \$500 to the Bethlehem Police Department's mounted patrol to purchase food, Masons Mark Traupman and Charlie Price scheduled a visit to mounts Pharaoh, George and Raven's home in the barn at the Burnside Plantation during a scheduled feeding of the horses. Members of the Bethlehem Lodge No. 283 F. & A.M., Traupman and Price wanted to see the Lodge's donation at work firsthand, and they brought Price's nephew Doug Mack along with them. "They do such good work that we thought it was a good cause," said Price. All three horses eagerly watched as Mack delivered feed to their individual stalls. Officer Tim Brooks, a member of the mounted patrol, observed. "It makes us feel good that there is such an outpouring from the citizens," said Brooks, noting that in addition to their normal feed, Pharaoh, George and Raven enjoy an occasional apple, carrots and peppermint swirls as treats. **ABOVE:** Masons from Bethlehem Lodge No. 283, F. & A.M., Mark Traupman and Charlie Price, watch along with Bethlehem police horse Raven as Price's nephew Doug Mack prepares to dump feed into Raven's feed bucket. The Lodge had earlier donated \$500 to the mounted unit to help cover costs of feeding the horses.

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